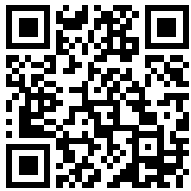
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EDITORIAL

THE YEAR 1908.

THE year 1908 is a thing of the past, and its history has been written on the pages of Time. For organized labor in general, it was a year of many trials and tribulations. The beginning of the year found the United States in the throes of a manufactured panic, the effects of which are yet felt in many industries. Many of the largest factories of the country were shut down, and as a consequence, thousands and even hundreds of thousands of laboring men were thrown out of positions, and the country was overrun with idle men of various callings. Business was stagnant in all branches. Men of means became timid and curtailed or withdrew entirely their investments where it was possible to do so.

Probably no organization has been called upon to face more trying conditions than those that confronted the Order of Railroad Telegraphers at the beginning and in the other parts of the year 1908. More of its members were out of work at the beginning of the year than at any other time in the last ten years. The financial depression was seized upon by many of the employers as an excuse for closing stations and reducing the force at others, and as a result a great many telegraphers and station agents were thrown out of work in some localities, but thanks to the fact that the railroad telegraphers of the country had had foresight enough to limit the supply to the demand during the last few years, those that were thrown out of work soon found positions elsewhere.

Shortly after the beginning of the year 1908, the National Telegraphers' Nine-Hour law went into effect, which materially shortened the hours of many thousands of railroad telegraphers.

The law did not, however, become effective until after the most strenuous efforts on the part of the representatives of the railroad companies before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the latter part of February to have it set aside, which efforts

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were just as strenuously resisted by the Order.

It is a well-known fact that financial depressions are seized upon by the employer as an excuse for decreasing wages, and never before in the history of the telegraph was a reduction prevented, but, thanks to the efforts of the Order, no reductions took place on any organized roads, although strenuous efforts in that direction were made. A group of ten railway lines joined together and announced their intention of reducing wages ten per cent early in the year, and notices to this effect were served upon the general committees interested, but the organization promptly took the matter in hand and successfully resisted those efforts. It was generally understood that the effort on the part of the ten roads was only the forerunner to a general reduction throughout the country had that attempt succeeded.

After the nine-hour law went into effect, efforts were made on many lines to reduce wages on account of the material reduction that was made in the working hours of the railroad telegraphers as a result of the operation of that law, but those efforts were also successfully resisted by the Order, and as one of the results of the labors of the Order during the year 1908, the railroad telegraphers for the first time in their history passed through a financial panic, and in the face of it had their hours materially reduced without suffering any decrease in pay, in fact, increases in remuneration were secured in many localities through schedule revisions during that period.

During the year new and revised schedules were made on the following lines of railways:

Great Northern.
Grand Trunk.
Baltimore & Ohio South Western.
Northern Pacific.
Pittsburg & Lake Erie.
Minneapolis & St. Louis.
Iowa Central.
Chesapeake & Ohio.
Erie.
New York, New Haven & Hartford.
Norfolk & Western.
Southern.
St. Louis & Louisville Lines.
Mobile & Ohio.
Queen & Crescent (North).
Queen & Crescent (South).
Georgia, Southern & Florida.
Atlantic Coast Line.
Georgia Railroad.
Central of Georgia.
Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton.
Zanesville & Western.
Kanawha & Michigan.
Toledo & Ohio Central.
Hocking Valley.
Intercolonial.
Southern Pacific.
Big Four.
New York, Chicago & St. Louis.
Bessemer & Lake Erie.
St. Louis & South Western.
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.
Norfolk & Western (second time).
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.
Missouri Pacific.
International & Great Northern.
San Antonio & Aransas Pass.

While the financial depression has to some extent effected the work of organizing, nevertheless the Order made a good showing in this direction, regardless of the things with which it had to contend. The number of new members initiated into the Order during the year by months was as follows:

January	597
February	743
March	925
April	735
May	567
June	418
July	480
August	497
September	499
October	604
November	723
December	734

Therefore, it will be seen that regardless of the fact that non-members are becoming very scarce in many localities, and regardless of the financial panic, the Order added 6,862 new members to its membership roll during the year.

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This showing, when taken in conjunction with the fact that thirty-seven new and revised schedules were secured during the year, and that the strenuous efforts of the railroads of the country to have the nine-hour law practically nullified by setting aside the date on which it became effective, were successfully resisted, and the further fact that the Order was successful in preventing any reduction in pay during the financial flurry and through the shortening of the hours of labor, shows how truly beneficial the Order has been to the railroad telegraphers of the country during the last year.

During the year the Mutual Benefit Department paid out $87,900.00 in death claims and has added more than $30,000.00 to its surplus during that period. This department has not only demonstrated that it is one of the strongest of its kind in the country, but also that it is of untold benefit to the families of deceased members.

The financial condition of the Order is better than ever before in its history. In fact, by careful management and the practice of economy in handling its affairs during the last seven years it has kept free from debt and has built up a surplus of such proportions as to be worthy of the high standing of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers or any of the other powerful organizations in the world.

The Order now represents between 85 per cent and 90 per cent of the telegraphers, station agents, interlockers, levermen and others coming within its jurisdiction in the United States and Canada. In addition to carrying on its usual work during the year 1909, the Order and its members will devote their efforts towards bringing into the fold the few that remain outside who are worthy of membership.

It seems hard for a person of reason to understand why it should be necessary to devote any time to bringing in the small per cent of eligibles that now remain on the outside, as it would seem to a person of intelligence that its accomplishments have been such as to warrant and entitle it to the support of every railroad telegrapher in North America without solicitation.

Through the efforts of the Order, the nine-hour law was enacted; also through its efforts the attempt of the railroads to prevent the law going into effect was prevented from being successful and still further through its efforts, the attempt to reduce wages when the law went into effect was successfully resisted.

Through the further efforts of the Order, a general reduction in wages throughout the country during the late financial depression was prevented, which, as before stated, is the first time in the history of the telegraph that a reduction of wages was prevented during a financial disturbance.

If the Order of Railroad Telegraphers had never done anything in its whole existence except to secure the enactment of the nine-hour law and successfully resist a reduction in wages when the law went into effect, it would merit the support of every railroad telegrapher and others who are eligible to membership in it in North America, but it has done more. It successfully resisted a reduction in pay during the late financial stringency, therefore every railroad telegrapher in the United States and probably in Canada, are drawing 10 per cent more pay and have done so for the last year than they would have drawn had it not been for the strenuous and successful resistance of the Order to the proposed reduction.

It has put millions of dollars annually into the pockets of the railroad telegraphers of the United States and Canada as a result of its various schedule negotiations. It has materially reduced their working hours both by negotiation and legislation. It has given the railroad telegraphers protection by furnishing the means of adjusting their grievances in case of unjust dismissal. It has, through its efforts, put a premium on faithful service by inserting a seniority clause in its various schedules, which, in brief, guarantees to the old and faithful employe the preferred positions. It has provided protection for the wives and children and others dependent upon deceased members by establishing the Mutual Benefit Department, which department has not only proven an eminent success, but has in every way fulfilled the mission for which it was organized. These accomplishments have not been the work of a few days or a few

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months, but of many years of arduous labor and the expenditure of a great amount of money. The railroad telegrapher who has been benefited by the Order, and every railroad telegrapher in North America has been, who still persists in enjoying those benefits, and fails or refuses to lend his support to the organization that has proven such a benefactor to him, puts himself in a most unenviable position. He must either be so grasping and greedy as to be willing to reap many dollars a month benefits through the labors of others and be unwilling to contribute a few cents a month to the welfare of himself and his fellow-workers through the payment of dues to the Order, or he must be lacking in that power of discernment which enables a human being to know right from wrong. The time has come for them to show their colors. Hard luck stories are long since worn threadbare.

That the wonderful accomplishments of the Order during the last year, in the face of the most adverse circumstances, may be better appreciated, the following item from *The Cincinnati Times-Star* is reproduced:

Commenting upon the past year and speculation upon the next, as to railway affairs, Warren J. Lynch, passenger traffic manager of the New York Central lines, said to the *Times-Star*:

"The New York Central system, in common with the other railways of the country, enters the year 1909 much more hopefully than it entered the year 1908. Perhaps the new year looks bright to railway men as much because the past year affords such a dark background for it as because the future is really full of promise.

"The year 1908 was the worst in the history of the railways of the United States, since the panic of 1893. In round figures it is estimated that their gross earnings were $2,300,000,000, against $2,600,000,000 in the previous calendar year, showing a decline of $300,000,000. The loss in net earnings is estimated at about $100,000,000. The loss in net was held down to this amount only by rigid economies that will have to be dearly paid for when the good times return. The small orders for equipment last year show how these economies were made. In 1905, 1906 and 1907 the railways ordered 811,000 freight cars, an average of over 270,000 a year. In 1908 they ordered only 62,000 freight cars, or 208,000 less than the average for the three years before. A freight car costs $1,000. Therefore, if they had ordered as much equipment in 1908 as they did on the average during the three preceding years, they would have spent over $208,000,000 more than they did for freight cars alone, and their net earnings would have been reduced over $300,000,000, instead of only $100,000,000. Other repairs and replacements have had to be proportionately foregone. What could not be done in hard times will have to be done in good times; and every business man knows it costs a good deal more to make repairs when a plant is considerably run down than when they are first needed.

"Because of the very small amount of buying by the railways last year, the manufacturers and dealers in equipment and supplies did only about 30 per cent of their normal business. They were as hard hit as the railways. If the effects of the curtailment of railway purchasing power could be traced in all their ramifications it would be found that everybody in the country has been more or less hurt by it, for everybody is directly or indirectly in the railway supply business.

"The rigid economy the railways practiced was necessary to keep many of them out of bankruptcy. Even then twenty-four lines, having a mileage of over 8,000 miles and a capitalization of $600,000,000, went into the hands of receivers. One has to go back fifteen years, to 1893, to find a showing as bad as that. In 1907 the roads that went into receiverships had only 317 miles of line and an aggregate capitalization of only $13,000,000. When railway men look back on the stormy year 1908, and see the coast strewn with the wreckage of $600,000,000 worth of railroad property, they are glad to turn their eyes to the seemingly much brighter future.

"Both freight and passenger business suffered from the industrial depression.

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The receipts from freight business dropped from $1,820,000,000, in 1907, to approximately $1,550,000,000, in 1908. The receipts from passenger business, it is estimated, were about $550,000,000, as against $564,000,000 in the year ended June 30, 1907. A considerable share of this loss was, of course, due to the two-cent fare legislation which was enacted in so many States. Although passenger receipts decreased 14,000,000 dollars, the number of passengers hauled increased about 9 per cent. The railways, in a year when many were struggling to keep out of bankruptcy, and when a number did become bankrupt, had to incur the extra expense and risk of hauling many more people, and got less money for it.

"The most gratifying feature of last year's transportation business was the large decrease in the number of railway casualties. The number of passengers killed was much less than half what it was the year before, although the traffic was larger, and it was only a little more than half of the average in the preceding three years (1905-1907). There was a decrease of 36.5 per cent in the number of employes killed in train accidents, while the fatalities to passengers and employes in all kinds of railway accidents was 25 per cent less than in the previous year, and less than in any year since 1902, although traffic has increased over 50 per cent.

"Railway receipts in November and December were less than they were in the same months in 1907, although those months in 1907, came just after the heavy blow struck by the panic had fallen. But while earnings are not yet satisfactory, there is no doubt that the corner has been turned, and that if commissions, legislatures and other public bodies will give the roads relief from certain hasty and overdrastic forms of regulation, and will refrain from putting new restrictions and burdens on them, they will enjoy their share of the returning prosperity that everyone anticipates, and will contribute their share toward making the country even more prosperous than it was before last year's panic."

NOTICE.

THE attention of correspondents is again called to the fact that all matter intended for publication in this journal should be in the hands of the Editor, on or before the 28th day of the month, in order to insure its insertion in the following issue.

The attention of correspondents is also called to the fact that line-ups will not be published. The practice of publishing them was discontinued several years ago, and notices to this effect have been published from time to time, but several articles of this nature have been sent the Editor, in the last two or three months, which were not used. It is proper to chronicle any changes that occur on a line, but line-ups should be avoided. They furnish outsiders with too much information concerning the business of the Order.

MEXICO.

A LOS miembros de la O. R. T.—En mi articulo publicado en el Journal de Diciembre ultimo, per una distracion se me obvido hacer mencion que de los miembros o' organizadores a que hago mencion no me referia al trabajo de nuestro buen organisador y hermans A. L. Bruni. Pues el hermano Bruni ha sido por muchos anos y es ala fecha el non plu altra organisador que nuestra order en Mexico ha tenido, que par sus grandes esfuersos y honorable trabajo en pro de la orden ha llegado a capturarse las mas cordiales simpatias can los oficiales de nuestra respectable orden.

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The C. T. U. A. has been experiencing a slight boom, as a result of the individual effort of its membership and our railroad brethren, which is going to increase with the return of prosperous conditions. Our

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O. R. T. brethren realize that the interests of all telegraphers are mutual, and that one branch of the service can assist the other. In the absence of one organization for all, the next best thing is a fraternal feeling among the members of the two Unions.

With the advent of the telephone in the railroad service and automatic telegraphy in the commercial field and kindred improvements of the past five years, thorough organization of all telegraphers is a greater necessity than before. Not to oppose the improvements, but to see that the progress of our craft it not retarded.

A great many members of the craft find it hard to believe that the changes put into effect recently have been in the minds of the employers for the past decade, but are prone to attribute their adoption to the activity of our Unions.

Improvement is the order of the age, and every improvement has been hailed as one which will revolutionize the industry which it affects. This has not always been the case, but we do know that the labor organization which keeps abreast of the times and is prepared to meet new conditions will be successful in advancing the cause of its members.

With the Commercial telegraphers fully recovered from their reverses of the past eighteen months, and the railroad branch of the service organized effectively, we have a splendid future before us. One is essential to the other, therefore do not hesitate to enlist members for either organization, realizing that in so doing you are assisting yourself. We do not anticipate that this work can be accomplished without some knocking being heard. That is to be expected. If there are any real misunderstandings as to our policy, we will be glad to hear of them.

The $1.75 rate has been extended to March 31st, and will not be renewed after that date. Former members will be readmitted upon the payment of this amount.

We wish to repeat our request that Certificates of Honor shall be ignored unless accompanied by an up-to-date card, if presented as proof of a Commercial Telegrapher's present standing.

Yours fraternally,

S. J. KONENKAMP.

THE INJUNCTION.

GOMPERS, MITCHELL AND MORRISON SENTENCED TO JAIL.

DURING the late political campaign, the labor leaders of the country who were abreast of the times called attention of their respective constituents to the abuses and dangers of the injunction, and pointed out the way by which they could relieve themselves of this most infamous writ. Whether the laboring men were not interested in being ridded of the writ of injunction, or whether they allowed themselves to rest under a false feeling of security, or whether they believed they were in a better position to judge of events than their leaders, matters not so far as the present is concerned, as they failed to take advantage of the opportunity and as a result, will, no doubt, from time to time, be in a position to better appreciate the earnest efforts of the leaders of organized labor in endeavoring to point out to the rank and file the importance of standing together and ridding themselves of this most damnable of all court proceedings.

A decision was recently rendered which shows that the writ of injunction is to be used, probably to a greater extent than ever before.

On December 18th, 1907, the following decree of injunction was issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, on application of the Buck Stove and Range Company directed against the American Federation of Labor and its officers:

"This cause coming on to be heard upon the petition of the complainant for an injunction *pendente lite* as prayed in the bill, and the defendants' return to the rule to show cause issued upon the said petition, having been argued by the solicitors for the respective parties, and duly considered, it is thereupon by the court, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1907, ordered that the defendants, The American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison, John B. Lennon, James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell, Max Morris, Denis A. Hayes, Daniel J. Keefe, William D. Huber, Joseph F. Valentine, Rodney L. Thixton, Clinton O. Buckingham, Herman

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C. Poppe, Arthur J. Williams, Samuel R. Cooper and Edward L. Hickman, they and each of their agents, servants, attorneys, confederates, and any and all persons acting in said aid of or in conjunction with them or any of them be, and they hereby are, restrained and enjoined until the final decree in said cause from conspiring, agreeing or combining in any manner to restrain, obstruct or destroy the business of the complainant, or to prevent the complainant from carrying on the same without interference from them or any of them, and from interfering in any manner with the sale of the product of the complainant's factory or business by defendants, or by any other person, firm or corporation, and from declaring or threatening any boycott against the complainant, or its business, or the product of its factory, or against any person, firm or corporation engaged in handling or selling the said product, and from abetting, aiding or assisting in any such boycott, and from printing, issuing, publishing, or distributing through the mails, or in any other manner any copy or copies of the *American Federationist,* or any other printed or written newspapers, magazine, circular, letter or other document or instrument whatsoever, which shall contain or in any manner refer to the name of the complainant, its business or its product in the 'We Don't Patronize' or the 'Unfair' list of the defendants, or any of them, their agents, servants, attorneys, confederates, or other person or persons acting in aid of or in conjunction with them or which contains any reference to the complainant, its business or product in connection with the term 'Unfair' or with the 'We Don't Patronize' list, or with any other phrase, word or words of similar import, and from publishing or otherwise circulating, whether in writing or orally, any statement, or notice, of any kind or character whatsoever, calling attention to the complainant's customers, or of dealers or tradesmen, or the public, to any boycott against the complainant, its business or its product, or that the same are, or were, or have been declared to be 'Unfair,' or that it should not be purchased or dealt in or handled by any dealer, tradesman, or other person whomsoever, or by the public, or any representation or statement of like effect or import, for the purpose of, or tending to, any injury to or interference with the complainant's business, or with the free and unrestricted sale of its product, or of coercing or inducing any dealer, person, firm or corporation, or the public, not to purchase, use, buy, trade in, deal in, or have in possession stoves, ranges, heating apparatus, or other product of the complainant, and from threatening or intimidating any person or persons whomsoever from buying, selling, or otherwise dealing in the complainant's product, either directly or through orders, directions or suggestions to committees, associations, officers, agents or others, for the performance of any such acts or threats as hereinabove specified, and from in any manner whatsoever impeding, obstructing, interfering with or restraining the complainant's business, trade or commerce, whether in the State of Missouri, or in other States and Territories of the United States, or elsewhere wheresoever, and from soliciting, directing, aiding, assisting or abetting any person or persons, company or corporation to do or cause to be done any of the acts or things aforesaid.

"And it is further ordered by the court that this order shall be in full force, obligatory and binding upon the said defendants and each of them, and their said officers, members, agents, servants, attorneys, confederates, and all persons acting in aid of or in conjunction with them, upon the service of a copy thereof upon them or their solicitors or solicitor of record in this cause; *Provided,* The complainant shall first execute and file in this cause, with a surety or sureties, to be approved by the court or one of the justices thereof, an undertaking to make good to the defendants all damage by them suffered or sustained by reason of wrongfully and inequitably suing out this injunction, and stipulating that the damages may be ascertained in such manner as the justice of this court shall direct, and that, on dissolving the injunction, he may give judgment thereon against the principal and sureties for said damages in the decree itself dissolving the injunction."

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Later, President Gompers, Vice-President John Mitchell and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, were cited for contempt of court for alleged violation of that injunction, but the hearing of the contempt proceedings was dragged along until after the November election, although strenuous efforts were made to secure a decision before that time. On December 23d, Judge Wright announced his decision, holding President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison to be in contempt of court, and sentencing them to one year, nine months and six months respectively in jail. The severity of this sentence and the vituperation heaped upon organized labor in general has caused a stir in organized labor circles in general, as well as in various other quarters.

This, what is considered as an abridgment of the right of free speech, has been commented on editorially in nearly all the leading dailies of the country.

The *San Francisco Star* publishes an able article written by Judge James G. Maguire, wherein the legal phase of the question is fully covered. It is as follows:

"The decision of Judge Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in the Gompers' contempt case is the most far-reaching step yet taken to undermine and destroy the freedom of speech and of the press guaranteed by the Federal Constitution. Primarily it is intended to curb the growing power of organized labor, if not destroy the labor movement; but it can not be limited to that purpose. If finally upheld, it must ultimately lead to the general censorship of speech and of the press. If a court may, by injunction or otherwise, determine, in advance, what subjects may or may not be discussed, or what may or may not be said in a laboring paper, why may it not, in like manner, abridge the freedom of all other publications? The fact that judges, nearly all of whom are appointed through influences unfriendly to labor and are out of sympathy with the labor movement, may deem it inexpedient or undesirable to abridge the freedom of other publications, is no answer to the proposition that the assumption of power to do so in any case places the entire press of the country at the mercy of an irresponsible power, as great and as arbitrary as the Russian censorship, to be exercised at will. If the courts can enjoin the publication of any statement in *The Federationist*, they can certainly enjoin the publication of the same statement in any other paper; and, if they can enjoin the publication of one statement, or the discussion of one subject, their power extends to all statements and to all subjects.

"The truth or falsity of the enjoined statement is wholly immaterial, and is not considered by the court, either in granting the injunction or in determining the guilt of the publisher when cited for contempt of court. The publication, contrary to the injunction, constitutes the crime, though the statement may be, as in the Gompers' case, absolutely true.

"The Constitution of the United States provides that 'Congress shall make no law. . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press,' but Judge Wright says that this provision does not guarantee the right of anybody to print or publish anything; that it is a mere inhibition upon the direct action of Congress, but leaves Congress free to create courts with power to abridge such freedom, by writs having the force of statutory laws. This is arrant nonsense and neither deserves nor needs discussion.

"But, says Judge Wright, the defendants are charged with having conspired among themselves and with others to make the publication in question for the purpose of injuring the property (the business) of the Buck Stove Co., and that, as the publication was but an incidental overt act in execution of the conspiracy, the court had a right to enjoin it, although an individual, not conspiring with others, might not be subject to such injunction. This involves the absurdity of holding that an individual citizen may lawfully and rightfully publish an article in a newspaper which it would be unlawful for several persons, having the same object in view, to publish in the same newspaper.

"What property of the Buck Stove Co. were the defendants seeking to injure by the enjoined publication? Its business, of

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course. And how were they attempting to injure its business? By inducing the members and friends of organized labor to withdraw their patronage from the company during its controversy with the unions. But the Buck Stove Co. has no property right in the patronage of its customers. If there is any property right in such patronage, it belongs to the customers and not to the company with which they may, at any time, choose to deal, and may be withdrawn by them at will, either with or without reason. What possible property, or property right, of the company can be injured by requesting a customer to transfer his patronage to another? None. Yet an injunction can be issued in such cases, only to prevent injury to property or property rights of the complainant?

"Another argument of Wright is that the enjoined publication was, and was intended to be, an interference with interstate commerce, and was therefore a criminal act in execution of the alleged conspiracy. How did, or could, the publication interfere with or obstruct interstate commerce, assuming, although we deny, that it might be properly enjoined upon that ground? If every person in every State of the Union should, as a direct result of the publication, refuse to purchase any stove or other article manufactured by the Buck Stove Co., that fact would not in the least interfere with interstate commerce. The company would still be perfectly free to ship their wares into every State in the Union. They might find no purchasers in any of the States, but that is a matter entirely beyond the scope of the interstate commerce laws, and beyond the jurisdiction of the federal government itself.

"Judge Wright, as a further basis for his decision, appeals to the higher law of necessity, 'the argument of tyrants.' He contends that, if such injunctions can not be issued and enforced, there is no adequate protection to the citizens against false and libelous publications injurious to his business. Of course, he does not find that anything published by the defendants was false or libelous. It was manifestly true, and its truth or falsity was legally immaterial in the contempt proceeding. It was true that the Buck Stove Co. had been placed upon the 'unfair list' of the American Federation of Labor, and it was true that members of the Federation 'do not patronize' the company. These were the enjoined publications, for publishing which they were found guilty of contempt, of course.

"Injunction is not, and never can be, a remedy for libel or slander, but, if it were desirable to adopt such a remedy, the judicial department of the federal government has never been commissioned to legislate upon the subject."

The *Coopers' International Journal* covers the matter quite fully from an organized labor standpoint in an editorial in its last issue, as follows:

"THE CONVICTION OF GOMPERS, MITCHELL AND MORRISON.

"At the time of going to press, dispatches from Washington announce the verdict of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in the Buck's Stove and Range Company contempt case against President Samuel Gompers, Vice-President John Mitchell and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor. The verdict of the court is that President Gompers shall serve a term of one year in jail, Vice-President Mitchell a term of nine months, and Secretary Morrison a term of six months. The defendants were all in court when the verdict was rendered and heard the sentences pronounced. Though feeling the humiliation keenly, it can not be said that the defendants were taken by surprise. They had been warned by their attorneys several weeks ago to prepare for an adverse decision, and in fact they had every reason to know that a verdict of guilty was to be the outcome.

"The facts in the case are substantially as follows: The American Federation of Labor had placed the Buck's Stove and Range Company of St. Louis, Mo., on its 'We Don't Patronize' list, which, prior to the issuance of the injunction, was published in the *American Federationist*, of which President Gompers is editor. The Buck's Stove and Range Company brought

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suit in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for an injunction restraining President Gompers from publishing the Buck's Stove and Range Company in the Federation's 'We Don't Patronize' list. The injunction was granted by Justice Gould. The injunction, as in the case of all labor injunctions, in addition to the main feature, prohibited a great many small things which are lawful and which every citizen in the land understands that he has a right to do, and, as in the case of all labor injunctions, it was made applicable to all officers and members of unions throughout the country. Among other things, President Gompers was forbidden to mention the name of the Buck's Stove and Range Company in any manner whatsoever. Such useless and ridiculous commands in labor injunctions make it almost impossible for a self-respecting man to obey them to the letter.

"When this celebrated case came on President Gompers recognized in it the climax of labor injunction abuses. He realized that he could not obey it to the letter without sacrificing both his inherent and constitutional rights, and that barrels of money were back of the National Association of Manufacturers to be used, if need be, in making this one the final injunction, which was to sweep away the very foundation of the labor unions. President Gompers realized from the very beginning that unless the constitutional guarantee of free speech and free press could be maintained in court the movement of which he has for years been the president would be swept out of existence in the suits to follow. President Gompers decided, therefore, that as far as he could reasonably do so, he would obey the court's order, but that the constitutional right of free speech and freedom of the press, he would not surrender even temporarily. He resolved to stake his all upon these fundamental and constitutional rights. This being the stand taken by President Gompers, he discontinued the publication of the 'We Don't Patronize' list, as per the court's order, and advised all other labor papers to do the same, but he proceeded to refer, as any other citizen would do, to the Buck's Stove and Range Company, both editorially and in speeches whenever he chose to do so. For thus daring to believe that the constitution of the country was greater than the court's order, Mr. Gompers now finds himself confronted with a jail sentence.

"We will now consider briefly the principle involved in the suit. The question involved is the right of men collectively to withhold their patronage from a person or firm. The right of an individual, so far as we know, to withhold or bestow his patronage at will has never been abridged. The labor unions can not understand why a lawful act of an individual becomes unlawful when done in concert by a number of individuals. The right in question has been exercised by the labor unions since time immemorial. Until the National Association of Manufacturers raised the fund of a million and a half dollars some years ago for the purpose of fighting labor unions, no one thought of interfering or denying the labor unions that right. The practice of withholding and bestowing their patronage at will had been going on among the labor unions of the United States for more than half a century, and in the old world for a much longer period. Suddenly, however, it becomes a crime in the eyes of the court without legislation by any legislative body making it such and for which the labor leaders must be made suffer.

"Fully cognizant of the extent to which the rights of the labor unions were being swept away by court injunctions, President Gompers realized that something must be done or the movement over which he presided would be rendered powerless. Through a mighty effort on the part of President Gompers and his associates the injunction question was made the issue in the recent national election. The general officers of practically every trade union in the United States realized the importance of the issue, and strongly supported President Gompers in his endeavor to have it settled then and there on the political field, but lack of knowledge as to the real issues and partisan prejudices of long standing among the rank and file could not be overcome in a campaign of only a few months.

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"There is little comment to be made on the verdict of the court except to say that we believe it to be the greatest miscarriage of justice and the most undeserving sentence ever pronounced by a court since the nation began. Labor's true and tried leaders may be sent to jail, but our confidence in them will not be shaken. On the contrary, it will be strengthened. The men of organized labor know these men, Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, to be honorable men. We know them to be honest and perfectly sincere in their efforts in labor's behalf. A term in jail, therefore, if it must come, will not make criminals of them, for they have committed no crime. If the court carries out its order, President Gompers, "the grand old man of labor," who is well up in years and accustomed to activity, may not survive the ordeal, but he will not suffer for anything that loving human hands on the outside can provide. The order of the court, if carried out, will make martyrs of the three men to the great cause of human liberty. The lives of these three men have been honorably devoted to the great cause of humanity. They have fought the battles of the oppressed and fought them well, and their names will live in the history of labor's struggles long after this incident is forgotten.

"In rendering its decision the court went far beyond the simple issues involved in order to give expression to its animous, its contempt for labor unions.

"Another phase of the case which seems significant is that while the decision in this case has been withheld for months, it is now handed out three days before Christmas, at a time when executive clemency is the rule throughout the nation instead of judicial severity. While every one is striving to make everyone else happy by expressions and tokens of good cheer, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia casts gloom over the hearts and minds of two millions of working men and women.

"The end sought by the bringing of this suit is the dissolution of the labor unions, because they obtain for working men and women conditions which they could not otherwise obtain, but it will fail of its purpose. It will serve only to enlighten those who are still in the dark as to abuse of injunctions in labor disputes.

"The case will be carried up to the Supreme Court of the United States for a final decision."

The *Typographical Journal*, the official organ of the International Typographical Union, in which organization Secretary Frank Morrison holds membership, under the caption "A Judicial Outrage," has the following to say concerning the decision:

"The decision rendered by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, finding Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, officials of the American Federation of Labor, guilty of contempt of court in violating an injunction order, was not much of a surprise to those who have observed the trend of events in this respect. But the severity of the sentence imposed—one year in jail for Gompers, nine months for Mitchell, and six months for Morrison—was unexpected. The court's delay in disposing of the case augured ill to the interests of organized labor. It will be remembered that the federation officials petitioned the court to render its decision prior to the national election, but without avail, though months had elapsed since the trial of the case.

"Nevertheless the decision is opportune. It comes at a moment when the injunction process is under review, and when earnest efforts are being put forth to remedy what is conceded by leading jurists and eminent statesmen to be a defect in our present judicial system. And it emphasizes the contention of organized labor and its friends, that in a government such as ours even the humblest citizen should not be convicted of crime and penalized, or deprived of liberty, or both, without a trial by a jury of his peers.

"If alleged violation of a court's restraining order is to be considered from a criminal standpoint in the eyes of the law, is it not reasonable to ask that the following constitutional provision relative to trial by jury shall be observed: 'The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury?'

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"The decision also accentuates the tendency on the part of some of our judges to make laws by issuing a mandate forbidding certain acts, and then punishing those who may, in the court's opinion, disobey any part of those orders. The legality of such mandates does not appear to receive any consideration at the hands of the issuing power—the parties interested must do as the court says, regardless of the legal aspect of the case, or they must suffer the penalty.

"The Washington contempt case originated in an injunction suit filed by 'Buck's Stove' Van Cleave against the federation officials, to restrain the latter from publishing the name of the Buck's Stove and Range Company in the 'We Don't Patronize' list appearing in the *American Federationist*. A sweeping temporary injunction was issued, which was later made permanent. The court not only decreed that the federation officials must discontinue printing the 'We Don't Patronize' list, but in effect restrained them from mentioning 'Buck's Stove' Van Cleave or his company in the *Federationist*, or discussing the matter in any manner. In short, this injunction prohibited the defendants from mentioning the unfair 'Buck's stove' in a public address, or through the issuance of circulars to organized labor, and it was extremely doubtful whether it was safe for them to confer with others on the subject. The federation officials—though maintaining their right to keep their membership informed as to unfair products by means of the 'We don't Patronize' list—discontinued its publication in obedience to the court's order. In the firm belief, however, that certain portions of the court's mandate were in contravention of inherent and constitutional rights, and an abuse of the injunction power on the part of the court, the federation officials sought eminent legal advice on these points, and were governed by this advice in dealing with this phase of the subject. And it is for their action—or lack of action—in this respect that the Washington jurist finds them guilty of contempt of court, and hands them a Christmas gift in the form of a jail sentence.

"What does the court say in support of its decision? A copy of the finding is not at hand, and *The Journal* is perforce obliged to depend upon the press dispatches. According to these reports, the decision is a mass of abuse and innuendo, directed not only against the federation officials, but against organized labor as a whole. Personal bias toward organized labor is plainly apparent, and unwarranted assumption, misrepresentation, distortion of facts and palpable error permeate the decision. The judge assumes to be fully posted as to the aims and objects of organized labor, and asserts that coercion is used by labor officials to prevent members of organized labor from buying non-union goods; he declares that the workers are ignorant and blindly follow orders issued by their officials; that they (the labor unionists), 'have been betrayed, hoodwinked into the stand of an enemy of law and of social order;' that, though announcing freedom to purchase what and where one will, they (the labor unionists) deny that right to him himself; proclaiming the right of all men to labor, they restrict it to the holders of a union card; declaring the right to enjoy full earning capacity, they limit his daily earnings to a stated sum.'

The foregoing is only a sample of the assertions contained in the decision under review, but it is sufficient to demonstrate ignorance of labor conditions and prejudice against trade unions. The worst enemy of organized labor would fail if he attempted to go further than this tribunal has gone in attacking organized labor and its friends in a judicial decree. It savors of the fulminations of the sage of Battle Creek.

"A reading of the published reports will also show that the court did not confine itself to a consideration of the evidence before it in determining the question of guilt. References are made to speeches of Mr. Gompers during the recent political campaign—addresses delivered months after the expiration of the time for the submission of evidence—in order to support the court's contention that Samuel Gompers is now and always has been a lawbreaker and a criminal. And statements contained in 'Organized Labor,' a work compiled some

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years ago by John Mitchell, are also referred to with the same object in view.

"One portion of the decision is especially significant. In discussing the question of error on the part of the court in determining a cause, the judge holds that the order must nevertheless be obeyed, using this language on that point. 'And I place the decision of the matter at bar distinctly on the proposition that were the order confessedly erroneous, yet it must have been obeyed.'

"In other words, according to this decision, a court has the right to issue a confessedly erroneous and illegal order, and deprive law-abiding citizens of their property or liberty, or both, if they fail to obey such a confessedly illegal order. This is refreshing news. A large majority of the citizens of the United States have had the impression that laws that have been upheld by the courts, and especially criminal laws, were as binding upon the court itself as upon the common citizen, but it seems that they have been laboring under a delusion in this respect. This ruling may be intended as a notice that 'The king (the court) can do no wrong,' even though it issues an admittedly illegal order and administers punishment for violation of that order. The theory, so far as kings are concerned, was exploded many moons ago, and if matters have come to such a point that judges are above the law, and can set aside the law at will, and found their decisions upon personal bias and prejudice, then there is need of a radical change in legal procedure.

"Speaking of free speech and the freedom of the press, the judge asserts that the constitution 'nowhere conferred the right to speak, to print or to publish. It guarantees only that in so far as the federal government is concerned its congress shall not abridge it.' In this connection comparisons are made that indicate a begging of the question and an attempt to befog the issue. Every one knows that libel and slander are punishable under the law, and that the law provides a specific method of procedure in such cases. But no slander or libel was charged in the case under review. It was a question of the violation of an injunction, where the defendants emphatically disclaimed the performance of any illegal act, and challenged the legality of the mandate directed against them. It would appear from the record, however, that the court persistently evaded the issues presented, and rebuked defendants' counsel for having the audacity to raise such issues, and then proceeded to bolster up his decision by delivering a tirade against the defendants and the union labor movement.

"Pause and listen to what the court says in pronouncing sentence upon the federation officials: 'It would seem not inappropriate for such a penalty as will serve to deter others from following after such outlawed examples; will serve physically to impose obedience, even though late; will serve to vindicate the orderly power of judicial tribunals, and establish over this litigation the supremacy of law.'

"We are taught to have respect for and confidence in the courts. But courts, like individuals, are only entitled to respect and confidence when they prove worthy of such respect and confidence. We may obey a court's mandate, illegal though it be, and yet have the utmost contempt for the judge who issued it. A court which disregards the law, and gloats over it, as in this case, is certainly not entitled to the respect and confidence of any one, much less of those whom it goes out of the way to wilfully malign. We have been taught to expect dignity on the part of the court, but no dignity is manifested in the decision under review. If the judge in question has not a deeper and clearer knowledge of the laws of his country than he has of the aims and objects of organized labor, as demonstrated by his decision, then his fund of information of this character is limited. Decisions of this nature, couched in unwarranted and vituperative language and demonstrating absolute ignorance of organized labor's purposes, tend to create a feeling of contempt for the judiciary.

"Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison are not in jail, notwithstanding the desire of this judicial light to send them there. They are out on bail, and the case will be appealed to the United States Circuit

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Court, and from there to the Supreme Court of the country, if found necessary.

"At the time of the decision, Walter Wellman, the well-known newspaper correspondent, wrote the following:

"'Throughout the reading of this powerful philippic against labor leaders and methods the defendants sat silent, motionless. When Judge Wright had finished he asked the defendants if they had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon them. A painful pause followed. For fully a minute none spoke. Then Samuel Gompers rose, almost timidly, took a step forward, and in a low tone began to speak. It was apparent he was making a valiant, a steady effort to retain his self-control, to speak without excitement, with moderation. He realized the importance of the moment. On his left John Mitchell, his face colorless, looked up at the chief with eager gaze. Morrison, on his right, was manifestly much agitated. As Gompers began speaking the courtroom was strangely still. For a time the leader of the greatest labor organization in the world expressed himself in a calm way without gesture or raising his voice. Warming to his subject, he delivered that which must be regarded by friend and foe alike as a remarkable address under most extraordinary circumstances.

"'President Gompers' address was as follows:

"I am not conscious at any time during my life of having violated any law of the country or of the State in which I live. I would not consciously violate a law now or at any time during my full life. It is not possible that, under the circumstances which I am before your honor this morning, and after listening to the opinion which you have rendered, to say that which I have in mind; but, sir, I may be permitted to say this: That freedom of speech and freedom of the press has not been granted to the people to say the things which please; but the right to say things that displease, even though they do a wrong. There is much that I would like to say, but I can not do it now."

"'At this point Mr. Gompers said he had said all he cared to, but, after a short pause, said he would like to make a few more remarks. "I may say," he added, "that this is a struggle of the working people of our country, and it is a struggle of the working people for right.

"The labor movement does not undertake to presume to be a higher tribunal than either the courts or the other branches of the government of our country. It is a struggle of the ages—a struggle of the men of labor to throw off some of the burdens which have been heaped upon them; to abolish some of the wrongs and to secure some of the rights too long denied. If men must suffer because they dare speak for the masses of the men of our country; if men must suffer because they have been raised to meet the sordid greed—even to grind the children in the dust to gain dollars—they must bear the consequences.

"But," continued Mr. Gompers, "if I can not discuss grave problems—great issues in which the people all over our country are interested; if a speech made by me during a political campaign, after the close of this case; if the speeches in furtherance of a great principle or a great right are to be held as against me, I shall not only have to, but am willing to bear the consequences. I would not have you believe me a man of a defiant character in disposition or in conduct. But in the pursuit of honest conviction and in the furtherance of the common interests of my fellow man, I shall not only have to, but be willing to submit to whatever your honor may impose."

'"Then John Mitchell stepped forward. All he had to say was that he heartily endorsed every word that Gompers had spoken. Morrison followed Mitchell's lead, saying Gompers had expressed his opinions entirely.

'"Mr. Gompers, when asked after the adjournment of the court if the sentence was a surprise to him, replied:

"A surprise; indeed it was.

"But all I can think of to say at present has already been said. When I spoke to the judge I expressed all that I could, properly, at this time.

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"I wish, though, that I had said something about the extracts from the political speeches which he quoted in his opinion. They were speeches made after the evidence in the trial was taken, and were not in any way brought into the evidence.'"

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DURING the month of December the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

G. E. Aikman (2), Ira R. Attebery (5).

J. E. Bobbitt, B. E. Bailey, Wayne S. Barner, W. E. Blow, J. P. Brown (5), J. E. Boyd (3), C. S. Byrd, F. A. Boswell.

J. C. Cherry, H. M. Clay (7), E. G. Carter, C. Campin, H. G. Clemens, G. E. Chance, E. C. Compton, R. B. Cobb (5), W. J. Currie (4), J. J. Collins (8), J. A. Cross (5), Sherman Correll (10), E. B. Coons.

Thos. W. Denn (5), C. J. Deedrick (4), D. R. Dunning, E. R. Derrickson (4).

J. C. Ewing (2), G. D. Eddy (2), C. M. Evans (2).

F. O. Fairbanks (2), V. E. Fraven, C. H. Fitch (5).

Joseph Gleisinger (2), A. M. Garrick.

A. E. Haley, R. M. Hall, H. C. Hamm, J. J. Harding, J. R. Hefner (6), W. H. Husted (10), C. E. Hosler (10), D. A. Hubbartt, Z. R. Hook (7).

R. H. Jones (2).

E. G. King, J. F. Karl.

C. F. Loring (3).

G. W. Malone (2), J. P. Meehan (2), J. T. Maddox (3), J. J. McCabe (2), W. P. Mansell, R. R. McInroy (11), C. H. Meador, W. J. McDonald (2), Carl Martz.

C. F. Norton (4).

John P. Osgood (2), J. H. O'Brien (5).

H. R. Pigg (3).

W. W. Quinn (2), W. M. Queen.

H. G. Robinson, S. L. Rugman (6), R. C. Rudy, A. F. Ritter (2).

F. D. Sanderson, W. A. Schwartz, C. R. Shuler, Thos. Sasser (3), E. W. Smith (2).

J. G. Tarvin, L. R. Taylor (2), Thos. Truitt (2), W. N. Thornton (5), A. O. Talbot.

W. R. VanDeusen (2).

F. O. Wille, C. D. Williamson (3), P. H. Willem (3), W. L. Wilmarth (3), C. M. Wurzbacher (6), E. B. Wilcox (7). Wm. Wood, Jr.

A. G. Youst (3), O. C. Yocum.

PRIZES.

THROUGH the individual efforts of the membership, the number of non-members in the country have gradually been reduced and the membership of the Order has been correspondingly increased. A further continuation of these efforts on the part of the membership should result in practical thorough organization by June 30th, if each member lends his assistance along these lines. In order that efforts may be rewarded, the member who secures the greatest number of new members between January 1st and June 30th will be given a diamond ring to cost $150.00. The member securing the second largest number of new members will be given a diamond ring to cost $100.00. The member securing the third largest number of new members during the period named will be given their choice between a diamond ring or a watch to cost $50.00.

In this contest general chairmen on salary, secretaries and organizers will be barred, also all who receive salary or expenses or both for their services.

The member who secures five or more new members during the period named and who fails to win one of the prizes, will be given an emblem ring or a watch-charm, as they may prefer.

Members, in order to compete in this contest, should notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer as fast as new members are secured, so that they can receive proper credit.

The publication of the Roll of Honor in which the name of each member who secures a new member is published will be continued.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

No card, no favors.

Seven hundred and forty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of December.

The Mortuary Fund of the Mutual Benefit Department continues to grow, and will soon pass the quarter of a million dollar-mark.

Since the last announcement a revised schedule has been secured on the International & Great Northern Railway and a new schedule on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway.

The Editor recently received an O. R. T. emblem design for cushion from J. A. Lukanitsch, a member of Division 54, located at Ramsey, Idaho. The design is very pretty with the wreath and sounder thereon in colors.

The member who has not secured a new member during the past year should turn over a "new leaf" with the new year and secure at least one during the present semi-annual term. A little exertion will accomplish the desired result.

The mail train on the Chicago and Alton Railway was damaged by fire on the evening of December 22. The Grand Secretary and Treasurer has received letters, a great part of which were destroyed in that fire, and no doubt others were entirely destroyed. Members who made remittances from that section about the date named who have failed to receive receipts, should take the matter up promptly with the general offices, so that duplicates of money orders can be secured in cases where the original remittance was destroyed.

The Interstate Commerce Commission recently rendered the following ruling regarding the giving of transportation to ex-employes: "Under the recent amendment to the Anti-Pass Provision of Section 1, held, that a pass may be issued to bona fide ex-employe of any carrier subject to the act, who is traveling for the purpose of entering the service of any such common carrier, whether such service has or has not previously been arranged for."

The annual election of officers in local divisions, which includes the election of delegates and alternates to the coming session of the Grand Division, will occur at the first regular meeting of the division in February. The biennial election of system divisions is also held in the month of February, at which time local chairmen for the various districts and delegates and alternates to the Grand Division are elected. Voting on system divisions is done by mail ballots.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of November, 1908, shows that there were 37,076 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 625 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 2; imbeciles, 4; feeble-minded, 9; epileptics, 3; insane, 13; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 170; professional beggars, 5; likely to become public charges, 258; mentally or physically defective, 23; contract laborers, 51; accompanying aliens, 12; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 5; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 6; polygamists, 4; prostitutes and procurers, 27; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 30; other causes, 2. The number of aliens landed at the various ports of entry during the month of November, 1907, was 117,476.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Burrowes, of Chetopa, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, at Warners, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Hefner, of Monticello, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. G. Marlin, of Woodstock, Tenn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Dunn, of Lenoir, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Denslow, of Churches Ferry, N. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry W. Mason, of Fairmont, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Hutchison, of Pittsburg, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. Spinbarney, of Barnum, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. A. Mead, of Keene, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Fred Meili, of Cochrane, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Beale, of Emlenton, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Carberry, of Brookville, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. McKnight, of Melvin, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Snethen, of Dakota City, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. G. Marsh, of Jackson, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ed. Smith, of Davisville, R. I., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. D. Stewart, of Lafayette, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Eddie Dalton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, of Belspring, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, of Ada, W. Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. L. Hovey, of Glenora, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Roy Jacobs, of Continental, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Queen, of Wheeling, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. Alleman, of Libertyville, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. Wilcoxen, of McDonald, Mont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. K. Kendig, of Middleburg, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. S. Jenkins, of Gloster, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. P. Fahnestock, of Nokomis, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. Chambers, of Worden, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Brinkman, of Sunman, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. A. Truitt, of Saverton, Mo., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Berton, Va., Bro. A. H. Williams, of Div. 14, to Miss Leta Durham.

Bro. J. P. Linton, of Div. 46, to Miss Dora Alyce Mills.

Bro. A. C. Eikers, of Div. 130, to Miss Jessie Cash.

At Harriman, Tenn., Bro. E. W. Shadoan, of Div. 62, to Miss Bertha C. Tate.

At Ohio City, Ohio, Bro. C. C. McClelland, of Div. 2, to Miss Clara Rhodes.

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At Bowes, Ill., Sister Daisy O. Sikes, of Div. 97, to Mr. F. J. Seigler.

At Graveland, Ga., Bro. W. B. McGowan, of Div. 97, to Miss Warnell.

At Hennessy, Okla., Bro. J. Koppenburg, of Div. 126, to Miss Minnie M. Thompson.

At Mifflin, Pa., Bro. J. T. Hock, of Div. 3, to Miss Laura Depew.

At Leesville, La., Bro. L. Alford, of Div. 5, to Miss Ollie Holton.

At Doylestown, Wis., Bro. M. L. Tracy, of Div. 23, to Miss Josephine Johnson.

At Kosciusko, Miss., Bro. W. M. Hale, of Div. 93, to Miss Margaret Gwin.

At Durant, Miss., Bro. M. P. Marshall, of Div. 93, to Miss Bitae Mays.

Bro. D. F. Lee, of Div. 59, to Miss Bell Beamguard.

Bro. G. W. Chitty, of Div. 59, to Miss Annie McIlroy.

Bro. R. C. Woodruff, of the Grand Division, to Miss Unabelle E. Herod.

At Georgetown, Ind., Bro. T. M. Fouts, of Div. 59, to Miss Katie Curby.

At Lakeland, Fla., Bro. J. H. Lord, of Div. 132, to Miss Tolar.

At Laclede, Mo., Bro. V. E. Hogsett, of Div. 76, to Miss Sally M. Piggott.

At Richmond, Va., Bro. W. L. Alston, of Div. 132, to Miss Edith G. Robinson.

At Durham, N. C., Bro. W. H. Clark, of Div. 14, to Miss Flora G. Cutts.

At Winnipeg, Man., Bro. Arthur E. Lucier, of Div. 104, to Miss Francis K. Gibbons.

At Hammondville, Ky., Bro. Thos. M. Lively, of Div. 49, to Miss Edith N. Gaddie.

At Lewisburg, Pa., Bro. W. H. Heimback, of the Grand Division, to Miss Norma Clifton.

At Bordentown, N. J., Bro. M. Walter Maitland, of Div. 84, to Miss Ellie E. Kelly.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Vancouver, B. C., Bro. Allan Fraser, of Div. 7.

At Vaughans, Miss., Bro. C. A. Ross, of Div. 93.

At Duckhill, Miss., Joe, son of Bro. T. E. Winburn, of Div. 93.

At Negro-Arm, Va., Bro. C. C. Worsham, Jr., of Div. 97.

At Ninnekah, Okla., Bro. B. F. Maxfield, of Div. 126.

At Reno Junction, Okla., son of Bro. T. F. McPherron, of Div. 126.

At Payne, O., Bro. C. W. Hudon, Local Chairman, Div. 18.

At Lake Providence, La., Esma, daughter of Bro. J. E. Lewis, of Div. 31.

At Stony Point, Pa., Bro. C. E. White, of Div. 33.

At Weston, W. Va., mother of Bro. Chas. W. Coburn, of Div. 54.

At Paintlick, Ky., mother of Bro. W. M. Hunt, of Div. 137.

At Barton, O., Bro., J. H. Sutton, of Div. 33.

At Milan, Ga., infant of Bro. W. H. Mulkey, of Div. 97.

At Kalona, Ia., father of Bro. A. A. Varner, of Div. 126.

Bro. R. L. Harris, of Div. 59.

At Chicago, Ill., wife of Bro. O. T. Anderson, of Div. 91.

At Ft. Madison, Ia., Bro. D. E. Webb, of the Grand Division.

At Cold Springs, N. Y., Martin Gallagher, father of Bros. F. J. and E. R. Gallagher, of Div. 8.

At Batavia, N. Y., father and brother of Bros. Frank G. and Harry Perry, of Div. 8.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of Ernest N. Lundell, formerly of Cambridge, Minn.

C. W. PARMETER, Alborn, Minn.

Present address of Geo. F. Barry. "Geo." if you see this write me at once. Must hear from you if possible.

BERTHA BARRY MATTISON,
New Auburn, Wis.

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Present address of Tom Brophy.

JAMES BROPHY, Junction City, Kan.

Present address of C. M. Reeves. Last heard of in San Francisco, September, 1905.

G. W. MALONE,
580 E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.

Present address of S. J. Dunn, last location Oskaloosa, Iowa.

W. E. HADLEY,
1129 West Myrtle St., Independence, Kan.

Present address of C. D. Carnes. Last heard of in Jacksonville, Fla., in September, 1907. Write me.

GEO. S. GRIFFIN, Bremen, Ga.

Present address of F. E. Trap. At one time worked for Rock Island, at Waurika, Okla. Last heard of at Sacramento, Calif.

W. E. JACKSON, Bison, Okla.

Present address of E. J. Worley. Last heard of at Andersonville, Ind. "Dutch," if you see this write. Mrs. W. F. Worley, Marietta, Pa., his mother, is anxious to hear from him. "SY."

Present address of John Q. Adams. Last heard from was at Gainsville, Tex. Your father lives in California. "John," if you see this, write me.

E. M. ADAMS, DeLong, Ind.

Present address of F. N. Monahan. Last seen leaving Pasco for Spokane, Wash. If you see this "M," let me know your whereabouts.

C. S. DAVIS, Pasco, Wash.

Present address of Wm. F. Wolff. Last heard of working in auditor's office, Erie Ry. "F," write your old friend Bruce, care W. V. Ry., Binnewater, N. Y.

BRUCE MISNER.

Present address of Chas. H. Prescott, last heard of was working for Long Island Railroad, at Lynnbrook, L. I. "Charlie," if you see this, write me.

H. W. PLETCHER,
50 Pennington St., Newark, N. J.

Present address of John J. Brown, formerly of Dinsmore, Pa. "John," if you see this, write to mother or to me at 952 Tenth St., Denver, Colo.

ELIZABETH T. BROWN.

Present address of B. V. Elzbeck; left home last April, and has not been heard of since. Anyone knowing his whereabouts will confer a favor by addressing his father.

ROBT. A. ELZBECK,
5639 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Present address of Robt. Badsky and Wm. Burel. Last heard of at Westville, and Sallisaw, Okla., on the K. C. S. "RB" and "DV," if you see this, write me, care Chief Dispatcher's Office, O. S. L., Salt Lake City, Utah. I. M. RATHBURN.

Present address of E. K. Dunaway. Last heard of with Western Union, at Memphis, Tenn. "E. K.," if you see this, write your old Pal. Have some news for you. "J."

Information concerning G. W., Geo. W., G. Winston, or Winston Patteson, an old-time telegrapher. Worked during the early nineties at Olympia and Tacoma, as telegrapher. Later as laborer in West McLennon Co., Texas, for M. K. & T. R. R., and in Houston, for International & Great Northern, about yards and depots. Last heard from in hospital department of I. & G. N. R. R., Palestine, Texas. Telegrapher's paralysis of right hand; medium height, blond, fair; about middle age; native Virginia; went West from Ohio about 1886.



L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

W. Ray Walker, Clinchport, Va.

John Wojciechowski, 260 Grafton Ave., Woodhaven, N. Y.

R. G. Minnegerode, 1129 West Myrtle St., Independence, Kan.

W. E. Hadley, 1129 West Myrtle St., Independence, Kan.

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LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 28,168, Cert. 1,568, Div. 7, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 32,887, Cert. 2,612, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 30,701, Cert. 2,215, Div. 7, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 3,343, Cert. 427, Div. 126, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 31,000, Cert. 419, Div. 96, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 2,740, Cert. 2,018, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 516, Cert. 2,162, Div. 31, for term ending June 30, 1909.



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GLEANINGS

Pay your dues.

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Has your relief a card?

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Get all desirable nons.

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Solid organization is what brings better schedules.

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The history of unionism is the history of freedom.

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Talk as a union man, act as a union man, *live* as a union man.

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Have you a grievance? Tell it to your chairman, not to the public.

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A shorter work-day, better conditions, higher salaries, happier families are fruits of organization.

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That which is not for the interest of the whole swarm, is not for the interest of a single bee.—MARCUS AURELIUS.

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The more society is improved and education perfected, the more equality will prevail and liberty be extended.—ARISTOTLE.

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Don't forget that the sanitary conditions enforced by the bakers make the bread bearing their label more palatable and better in every way.

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The Order of Railroad Telegraphers has increased your salaries, shortened your hours of service, and raised you in the estimation of the public, your employer and yourself.

Labor has a large measure of patience. It knows itself to be in the right, and to be right is to have all eternity and all the forces of omnipotence with you.

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The Montana State Federation of Labor is initiating a petition for submission at the next general election for the employers' liability act, and an act exempting labor unions from injunctions.

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There is a bill in Congress that confers upon employes of the Government the right to sue the Government for damages in case of permanent disability due to injuries received while in the discharge of duty.

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The best guarantee for the maintenance of good will and friendly relations between employer and employe, is to be found in the establishment of a reputation for fair dealing, and in the proper consideration of the rights of others.

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Every member should be proud of the high position occupied by our Order in the organized labor movement. Our organization is today one of the acknowledged leaders among labor organizations, and has a record of which it may well be proud.

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The universal interest taken in trade union affairs is not strange, the union is endeavoring to deal with the greatest subject of the ages, the magnitude of the undertaking of organized labor is unparalleled, and it has made more headway toward the accomplishment of its object, has added more to the happiness, independence and well-being of mankind, than have all the other institutions of the world put together.

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Fifty-one cases of violation of the New York factory laws were tried last month.

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The recent Scottish Trades Union Congress passed resolutions in favor of old-age pensions, and in favor of compulsory intervention in labor disputes.

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"Who is the best union man?"

Answer: The man who hires union labor himself.

But how can a man working for a daily wage himself hire union labor?

By always purchasing goods that bear the union label.—*Cincinnati Chronicle.*

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The courts enjoin the unions prohibiting the advertisement of the product of firms unfair to organized labor. The members of the unions should purchase only union-made goods, manufactured by fair firms. The unfair firms will then cease to interest them.

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The Indianapolis labor organizations have recently leased a farm of thirty acres west of the city, which they intend to improve and use for picnics and outings. A park committee has been formed, with a view of raising funds for the purchase of the beautiful natural park.

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Boycotting is prohibited by law in Colorado, Illinois and Indiana. Blacklisting is prohibited by law in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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When the real purposes and high aspirations of our movement and the legislation it seeks at the hands of the law-making power of our country shall be better understood by all our people, and the great uplifting work which we have already achieved shall find a better appreciation among those who now so unjustly attack and antagonize us, our opponents will be remembered for their ignoble work and course.

Labor protests against the issuance of injunctions in disputes between workmen and employers, when no such injunctions would be issued when no such dispute existed. Such injunctions have no warrant in law and are the result of judicial usurpation and judicial legislation rather than of Congressional legislation.

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The Ft. Worth (Tex.) *Union Banner* gives the information that sixteen members of the Farmers' Union and fourteen trades unionists will answer the roll call in the lower house of the Legislature at the next session. At least two union men will be found in the Senate.

The Texas unionists are following the right path, and if unionists will support the present political policy of the American Federation of Labor, there is an excellent opportunity to break the ice toward a national workingman's political movement in this country. The start must be made some time and this seems to be the proper time.

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"Attacked and denounced as scarcely any other institution ever has been, the unions have thriven and grown in the face of opposition. This healthy vitality has been due to the fact that they were a genuine product of social needs—indispensable as a protest and a struggle against the abuses of industrial government, and inevitable as a consequence of that consciousness of strength inspired by the concentration of numbers under the new conditions of industry. They have been, as is now admitted by almost all candid minds, instruments of progress. Not to speak of the material advantages they have gained for working men, they have developed powerful sympathies among them, and taught them the lesson of self-sacrifice in the interest of their brethren, and, still more, of their successors. They have infused a new spirit of independence and self-respect. They have brought some of the best men to the front, and given them the ascendency due to their personal qualities and desirable in the interests of society."—*John K. Ingram, LL. D.*"

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King Edward VII is a firm believer in union labor. When he was yet the Prince of Wales he sympathized with the cause of unionism. Since he became King he has allowed no work to be performed for his household that is not done by union labor, and he has informed the Lord Chamberlain if any case was brought to his notice of any firm serving the royal household declining to recognize trades unions and pay the union scale he should take steps at once to have them do so or transfer the royal household business to firms that were fair to union labor.

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The Signal Service wireless stations in Alaska have removed all doubt as to the feasibility of sending wireless messages overland. Fort Gibbon, several hundred miles inland, is receiving messages from Nome and St. Michael, five hundred miles distant, with many ranges of hills between the two stations. A message sent by the steamer Northwestern, eleven hundred miles west of Cape Flattery, to United Wireless station at Cordova, was copied. The message traveled about twelve hundred miles in an air line, over two ranges of mountains, capped with snow.

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The majority of the labor organizations, like all other fraternal organizations, rest on the hearty endeavors of a few of the members who realize the need for constantly keeping at it and who hold their organization to its field of operations. If there is danger, then there is a rallying around the flag and a hard effort to get up to the fighting standard in a hurry. How much better it would be always to be ready! The defenses of the organization can not be substantially repaired in a day, nor can an offensive action be followed if the organization has allowed its interest to wane and new employes not brought into the organization. Always be ready to fight, and you will not have to fight. To be ready enough merely to make a fuss and either back down or get licked is not the way to carry on the work of an organization successfully. The price of peace is preparedness for emergency.

One division of the U. S. Supreme Court has just decided that we have a right to indulge in peaceful picketing. This is a right that no one questioned until the "injunction judge" got in his little work. The decision just rendered grew out of the case of the iron molders' strike against the Allis-Chalmers Co. The judge issued the usual injunction restraining the molders from doing anything except to return to work, and especially against peaceful picketing. The case was appealed with the result stated in the foregoing. Small favors thankfully received. It's sometimes refreshing to be told by the courts that we have certain rights even if we and everybody else already knew it.

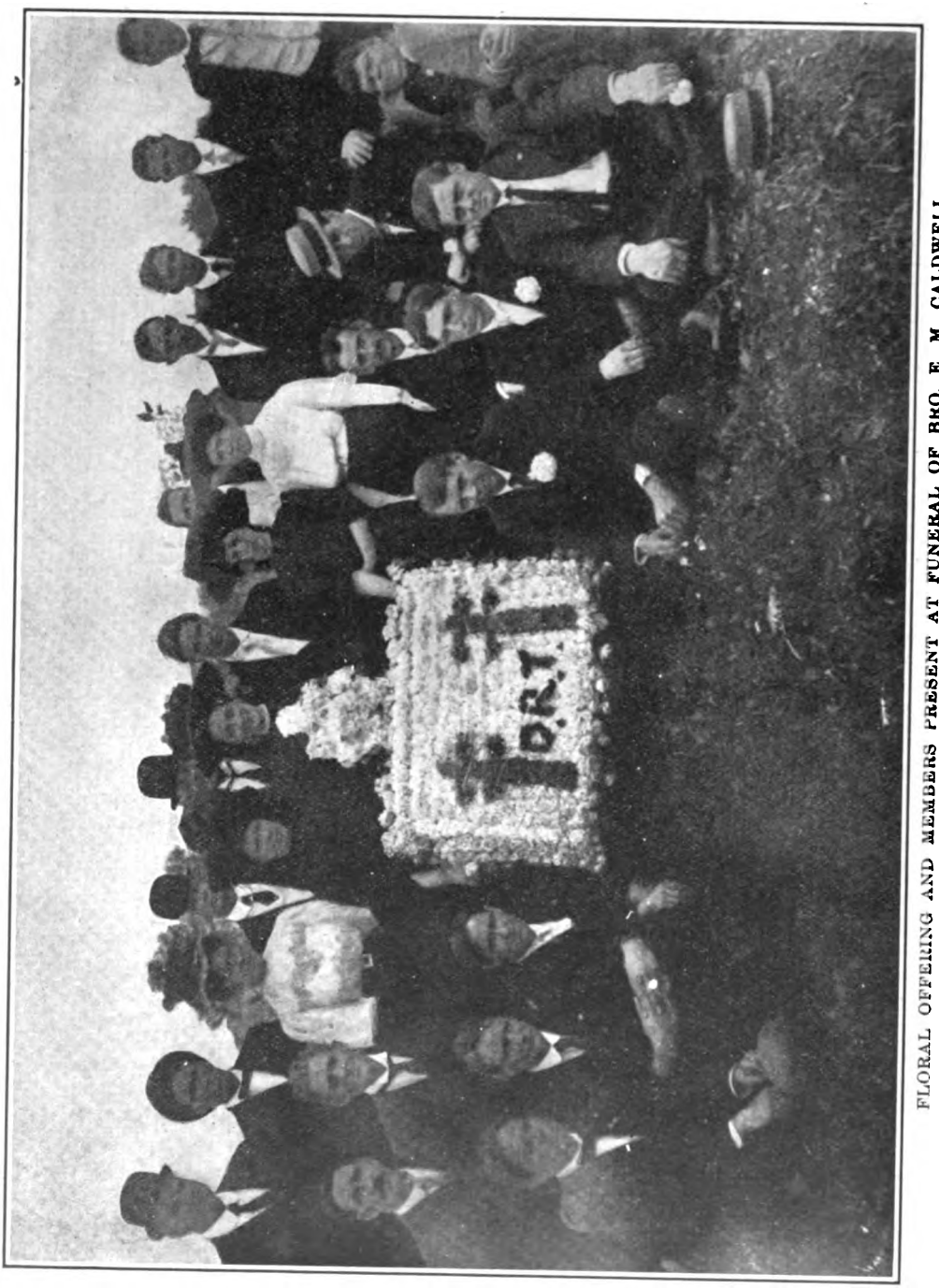
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It is sometimes said that during good times trade unions run themselves. This may be partly true, but by no means so in all respects. There, however, is no question but what during dull times the unions require more thought and attention to keep them right side up and intact. Men's loyalty, courage and devotion to our great cause is often put to the severest tests during periods of commercial and industrial depression. And it becomes the duty of the steadfast and strong to encourage and lead the faltering. Those who have passed through similar trying times know by experience that a brighter day is not far ahead and should encourage the less experienced members to remain steadfast.

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Labor expects nothing from non-unionists but low wages and servile conditions. Non-unionism is without purpose and is possible only from a too often to-be-disappointed hopefulness that the necessity forcing work upon the individual may be transitory. So, nothing is to be expected in the way of improving and protecting labor's condition from the non-unionist. He is helpless from the very nature of his non-unionism, no matter of how good intentions. I make this point to illustrate that the political conditions that so seriously menace the interests of labor, like other distressing influences that afflict labor's prosperity, are severely up to organized labor to seek a remedy and enforce it.

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FLORAL OFFERING AND MEMBERS PRESENT AT FUNERAL OF BRO. E. M. CALDWELL, Former General Secretary and Treasurer Queen and Crescent Route (North) System, Division No. 62.

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Every effort should be put forth to organize the yet unorganized and bring them within the beneficent fold of organized, united labor.

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Why the idea of designating the organizations of the men and women who work every day as trusts? Trusts are formed for the purpose of squeezing out the largest number possible and conferring benefits upon the smallest number. Why, you can not break into a trust with an axe, using a common expression. The labor organizations, the organizations of men and women who work, their very success and permanency depend upon their extension to the largest possible number.

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The best people on earth are the union men. The fruits of their labors are enjoyed by all working people, in and out of unions. All advantages are gained by the union men through their own efforts. The non-union man reaps where he sows not, being in reality a recipient of the charity of the union workers. You can see evidences of this all around you, and new evidences crop out every day. Best people on earth—that's all.—*Trade Union News.*

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The labor movement is not only born of material hunger, but it helps to satisfy the physical appetite and thus gives room for better things. Hungry for bread in the beginning; hungry for better food; hungry for shelter our workers become hungry for better homes; for light; for love; for books, for poetry, for music, for the arts; hungry for the affection of our fellow men; hungry for humanity. May the day never come to blunt or stultify the spiritual hunger for better things instilled by the organizations of labor in the hearts and the minds of the working people of our country.

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A bill has been passed in Oklahoma which provides for a penitentiary term for any employer who refuses work to an employe on account of the latter belonging to a labor union. The bill also prohibits Pinkerton detectives from working in the State. The legislators of the new State are evidently alive to the interests of the people who work. The removal of the blacklist and the Pinkertons is about all that is necessary to make the lot of labor secure in this country.

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A large majority of the organized miners in England have voted to pool issues with the other trade unions in politics. This policy, when adopted at the October conference, will carry 380,000 miners into the United Labor party, and affect the relations of the sixteen Radical or miner members of Parliament, who are now independent of the leadership of Arthur Henderson. It is an indication that the trade unionist forces will be massed under their own standards for political action.

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Organizations of labor outlawed? Driven out of existence? Is it possible that our wiseacres, men misnamed statesmen, who are merely politicians, men who are judges, and yet without knowledge of the true principles of justice; men who regard themselves, and, in many instances, are regarded as the best lawyers, because they have their heads turned back to the past more than any class who might have been born as far back as the time of Methuselah, and who could not then know anything about modern conditions? Is it possible that such as these think they can outlaw labor organization?

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We seem to have reached the crisis perdicted or feared by Thomas Jefferson, when he said that the Federal judiciary, with its life tenure in office, was one of the gravest dangers that this government would have to face. Of course, Thomas Jefferson don't cut much ice when we have so many able-bodied corporation lawyers ready to put their paws into everything that promises to yield coin. But let them rest assured that there is an avenging Nemesis at hand. The descendants of the men who made this country are not going to sit supinely down and turn the country over to a lot of moral perverts. There will be a day of reckoning, and it will be according to law, too, and perfectly peaceful.

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No movement can maintain its place in social and industrial life unless it is based upon a moral principle. In this day and generation might does not make right, either on the side of the boss or the workman. It may seem like good policy to force an issue because one has the whiphand, but no question is ever settled until it is settled right. More and more men are insisting that social questions must be dealt with in absolute fairness. There can be no other way. In view of this it is an easy matter to prophesy who is going to win out in the end.

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Brakeman A. W. Brown, formerly employed on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, was discharged for permitting a tramp to ride over a section of the road. It appears that the tramp tipped Brown with forty cents for his kindness. The tramp proved to be a spotter. Brown was blacklisted, and in consequence sued the company for $5,000 damages, and received judgment by jury for $300. The case has been appealed to the Kansas Supreme Court. The charge of conspiracy and blacklist has been fully established against the railroads in this case, but it is doubtful whether Brown gets his $300 damages by the time the case has gone through the various courts. It is likely that some court along the line will be found by the defendant company who will declare that it has a right to blacklist Brown and any law to the contrary is unconstitutional. The case will be watched with some interest. It is evident that the only institution by which labor can deal with such questions is organization, where retaliation for the blacklist can be met by the boycott.

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Never think yourself too wise to listen to advice or suggestions. Don't get puffed up and think that your ways and ideas are the only ones that can bring success in the labor movement. And above all things don't imitate the schoolboy and say you won't play because your opinions are not given preference over all others. Such conduct might leave the impression that you are not sincere or that you care more about yourself, the recognition of your opinions and the adoption of your ideas than you do about the success of your organization or the labor movement.—*Shoe Workers' Journal.*



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MISCELLANY

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

RETRIBUTION.

By EDWARD I. PHILLIPS.

THE door of Doctor Pembroke's office opened slowly to admit a soft-footed servant, who, after depositing a telegram on the physician's desk, withdrew as softly as she came. As the door closed behind her Pembroke turned from his sterilizing work, tore open the yellow envelope and slowly read the contents:

"NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 1, 18—.

"DR. JAMES PEMBROKE, Pinehurst:

"Am coming to Pinehurst tomorrow. May I dine with you? Will stop at the Surry. JUSTIN HEMINWAY."

As Pembroke finished reading he mused aloud:

"Heminway, eh! Then he isn't dead. Let me see, where did he die, or rather where was he supposed to have died? Kimberly was it, or some other outlandish place. Well, at any rate he is coming back, so I suppose I must ask him here, much as I dislike to. Wonder what he wants; can't be money. He always appeared to be a good fellow, but somehow or other I can't seem to shake off the idea that he would talk if he got the chance. But it can't be! 'Jus' is a good chap. I suppose I wrong him." He stopped abruptly, as though dismissing the matter from his mind, and resumed his labors.

The friendship of Heminway and Pembroke dated back to college days. Pembroke, the only child of an over-fond father (his mother dying when he was yet an infant), went to college to take up the study of medicine, as it was his father's wish that he take up the practice where the elder Pembroke should leave off.

At college Jim made the acquaintance of Justin Heminway, who was being educated by a wealthy uncle, his father and mother being both dead. The friendship which sprang up between Pembroke and Heminway resulted in Jim becoming the latter's room-mate, and later drew him into the company of a fast set of young men with whom Heminway chummed. Soon gambling and drinking were indulged in, first on a small scale and for pastime, but later for stakes that soon began to assume large proportions.

Pembroke drew on his allowance to the limit, and on several occasions had to resort to his "uncle" to tide him over until his next allowance should fall due. Things went on in this manner until some of Pembroke's companions held his notes for large amounts and he began to look around for some means of relief. To apply to his father he knew would be useless. He had been told quite plainly to stay within his allowance or go without. It now reached a point where his creditors were becoming insistent in their demands for a settlement, and in order to keep the matter from the faculty something must be done.

Heminway, apparently innocent enough, pointed out the way. He was engaged in telling a story to a group of young men, one of whom was Pembroke, of how a young man of his acquaintance overcame his financial difficulties by signing his father's name to a check.

At first the idea appalled Jim, but the more he thought of it the more feasible the plan seemed. "Why not?" he reasoned. The worst his father would do would be to reprimand him! "Why not?" With Jim to think was to act. In a short space of time the check was forged and cashed. Not until he turned from the bank did the

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full force of the deed strike him. "Forger! God, what have I done?" he exclaimed. He turned to retrace his steps to the bank but stopped. "It will never do to ask for the check now; suspicion would be aroused and I'll probably be arrested. No, I must face the music now. Oh, why did Heminway tell that story? It seemed so reasonable and so easy to accomplish. God! what will father say? I'll write to him and confess all and hold the money until I hear from him." With this resolve he returned to his room, wrote the letter, mailed it and composed himself to await the summons he knew would come, and come it did the next day. Jim went home to face his father.

It will be well to pass over the scene with his father, as it has no direct bearing on this story. Only to say in passing that though at first the father was obdurate Jim finally won him over by his pleading and returned to college with a promise to never again step out of the straight and honest path.

Two years later Pembroke, Sr., died, and after the will was read Jim was found to be the sole heir. After his father's funeral Jim returned to college and discovered in some way Heminway had become possessed of his secret. At first this information filled Jim with a vague alarm, but he was reassured by Heminway, who swore he would never breathe a word; but in spite of this assurance he was never fully trusted by Pembroke, and although the friendship was apparently as strong as ever there was a decided coolness when the two met.

During the first year of his practice Jim married the girl of his choice. The announcement caused considerable comment at the time, as it was generally understood that Justin Heminway was the favored one with Mary Huntley.

Shortly after the marriage Heminway left the vicinity for parts unknown, and several years afterwards Pembroke received an unconfirmed report of his death.

The coming of the day following the receipt of Heminway's telegram marked the advent of the man himself. He was cordially greeted by Pembroke in spite of his misgivings, and after renewing acquaintances with Mrs. Pembroke the party adjourned to the dining-room.

Old times were gone over, and after the men were left to their cigars college days came up for discussion, but no word was said of the subject most dreaded by Pembroke. As a result he took heart ,and when Heminway took his departure he chided himself for his fears.

Heminway became a frequent visitor at the Pembroke home, and so heavy had the practice of Dr. Pembroke become that he found very little time to give to the many social functions which he and his wife were called upon to attend, and in Heminway he found a willing substitute as an escort for his wife.

So marked had the attentions of Heminway become toward Mrs. Pembroke that society began to talk, but absorbed in his work and now thoroughly trusting Heminway no thought of suspicion entered Pembroke's mind, and to further remove his attention from the subject his boy had become seriously ill.

On the 23d of December Pembroke was called upon to perform a serious operation in Templeton, and much as he disliked to leave his son at this time the case was urgent and go he must. Leaving directions with the nurse for the care of little Jim, together with his address in case anything serious should occur during his absence, he departed to return the next day.

It was late the next night when he returned, and although the snow was falling quite heavily and the night was bitterly cold he could see the shoppers hurrying hither and yon, their arms loaded with happiness for some one. The cab stopping at the curb, Pembroke alighted. The house seemed strangely dark and quiet for the night before Christmas, and with a cold chill at his heart for his son, Pembroke rang the bell and was stamping the snow from his feet as the nurse opened the door.

"Well, nurse, how is little Jim?" he inquired, as he removed his overcoat.

"He isn't so well, Doctor; he appears to be worse, if anything," replied the nurse.

"Mrs. Pembroke is with him?"

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"No, sir; Mrs. Pembroke went out this morning with Mr. Heminway and has not yet returned."

For the first time since their marriage Pembroke was angry with his wife.

"How could she go out knowing little Jim to be so bad?" he thought, as he ascended the stairs to the child's bedside.

The little chap lay on the snow-white bed, the little cheeks red, the eyes bright from the fever. A short examination and Pembroke's worst fears were verified. The child would die.

"Where is mamma?" sobbed the little chap.

"Mamma will be here presently, little man, she has gone out. There, keep quiet now and drink this," replied Pembroke, as he administered a sleeping draught.

"Mamma don't come to sing Jimmie to sleep any more. Will she sing me to sleep tonight, papa?" asked the child.

"Yes, dear; go to sleep now."

Pembroke paced the room. "Where could she be? Could anything have happened? But maybe she had returned unknown to the nurse and being tired had fallen asleep?"

So thinking, Pembroke started for his wife's chamber. The room was empty and the bed showed no signs of having been occupied. As he turned to leave the room his attention was attracted to an envelope pinned to the pillow of the bed bearing his name in his wife's handwriting. Hastily tearing open the missive, he read:

"JIM:—

"Justin has told me all. When you receive this I will have gone with the man I should have married at first. It will be needless to follow me. I would rather die than return to a forger. MARY."

"Forger!!! The word struck Pembroke like a bolt from a clear sky, his face turned ashen, the room seemed to whirl about him, he sank to the bed, the paper still clasped in his hand.

How long he remained in this position Pembroke never knew. He was aroused by some one calling his name. He awakened; the nurse was standing over him bathing his head. "What was she saying? Wrong? Why, there was nothing wrong; what happened? Where am I?" For a moment he forgot, then his eyes rested on the paper still clasped in his hand, then he understood.

"Doctor, the child is growing worse," the nurse was saying. "I'm afraid he is going to die. He cries continually for his mother. I think you had better send for her, sir."

Pembroke with a supreme effort pulled himself together and started to the bedroom of his boy. The child was breathing feebly, and as Pembroke looked down on him his brain cleared, his medical instinct took possession of him. Calling to the nurse he started the battle for the life of his child.

All night he labored, but to no avail. With the rising of the Christmas sun the little heart ceased its beating and little Jim's soul sped home.

The news of Mrs. Pembroke's flight and the death of her son was soon public property. Sympathy was expressed for the husband who sat by the little casket, broken in spirit and with ambition gone.

Through it all no thought against his wife entered his heart, only a deep hatred against the man who ruined his life and the seed of revenge was sown deep.

Society has many things to claim its attention, and after the burial of little Jim, the usual nine days' wonder held sway, then the "Pembroke Affair" was forgotten.

Pembroke had left with "nowhere" as his destination.

Christmas Eve a large touring car was seen to draw up before the home of Sylvester Morton, Governor-elect, who was seen to alight and enter the palatial residence.

Handing his great coat to a servant, he dismissed him with a nod, entered the well-appointed library, seated himself before the glowing fire-place and gave himself up to thought.

"Well, it's Christmas Eve," he mused aloud. "Fifteen years ago who would have picked me as a likely man to fill the position of Governor of this State? Well, stranger things have happened, I dare say. This should be a happy Christmas for me, but somehow or other I can not shake off that depressing spirit that seems to have en-

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veloped me for the past day or so. I feel as though something was going to happen; but pshaw! what can happen? Oh, the thing is impossible; the only man who would care to look me up is dead. But is he dead? Is Jim Pembroke really dead? Sometimes people come back from the dead. I did once," with a grim smile.

"Even if I met Pembroke on the street I doubt if he would recognize Justin Heminway in the person of Sylvester Morton, Governor-elect of this State. No, I've been far too careful for that.

"Lord, I'm full of doubts and misgivings tonight, but—" He stopped abruptly, a slight movement at his elbow causing him to turn only to look into the muzzle of an automatic revolver held by a hand that never wavered.

"Sit down!" the intruder commanded.

"W-who are you, sir, that comes here like a thief?" demanded Morton.

"Sit down!" again commanded the stranger.

"What do you want, I say? I shall call the police." Morton's hand reached for the bell on his desk, but stopped as the revolver moved an inch closer.

"Will you sit down?"

Morton dropped into his chair. "What do you want, I ask?"

"All in good time, sir," replied the stranger, as he dropped into a seat opposite that of Morton.

"Who am I? What do I want? you ask. Why, you should remember me and my errand above all things. If you should cast back your memory, say fifteen years ago tonight"—

"God! it's Pembr— No! it can't be; h-he-he's d—," stuttered Morton.

"Dead, eh? No, not yet; it's me, Pembroke, all right, or rather what's left of me. The climate of India plays havoc with one's health at times.

"It's getting to be quite the thing, this coming back from the dead, I mean; first you, then myself, only our positions are reversed now; it is I who comes to renew old acquaintances. Ah! you don't seem to relish the idea?"

Heminway's eyes were starting from his head. As the unwelcome visitor ceased speaking he attempted to rise, but fell back as Pembroke again brought the revolver into view.

"Don't move again or attempt to cry out, or I may be tempted to be less lenient than I first intended," threatened Pembroke.

"I suppose," he resumed, "that it has occurred to you 'ere this the nature of my errand, so I may as well set your mind at rest on that point now. I do come for the revenge I imagine justly mine, and to deal out justice in a manner that eminently fits your case.

"I will not kill you like the cur you are. I will allow you to choose whether you die or live."

While Pembroke was speaking he drew from his waistcoat pocket two small vials of some colorless liquid. Holding them towards Heminway, he said:

"Here is life or death for one of us. One of those vials contains common water, the other a deadly poison which in twenty minutes paralyzes the nerves of the heart and leaves only the trace of ordinary heart disease.

"Fifteen years ago tonight you wrecked my home, ruined my career and left me the physical wreck you see before you. Many years I've waited for this opportunity, waited until you should reach the height of your ambition, so that the fall would be the greater, and at last the time has come; either one of us will never leave this room alive."

He approached the now cowering Heminway and held out to him the two vials.

The man in the chair seemed turned to stone, only a few unintelligible words escaped the ashen lips.

"Choose!" commanded Pembroke.

"Mercy!" gasped his victim.

"Choose before I count ten or I'll blow out your cowardly heart!"

With a despairing look at the determined man above him Heminway put out a shaking hand, chose one of the bottles and swallowed its contents; the vial fell to the floor from his nerveless fingers.

Pembroke quickly uncorked the remaining bottle and as quickly tossed off the colorless liquid and resumed his seat.

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Five, ten minutes passed; neither man spoke. Pembroke took his watch from his pocket and broke the silence.

"I see you have selected the fatal draught, In eight, or, at the most, ten minutes, you will have expiated your crime. You are now suffering as I have suffered for fifteen years, only yours will soon be over while mine was a living death.

"Ah! I see it begins to pull at your heart-strings; another pull or so like that and it will be over.

"Ah! it comes, eh?"

The man in the chair half rose, the face turned livid, the eyes starting from their sockets as though at some unseen horror, the hands grasping at the throat, the veins in the neck standing out. With one final gasp for breath the inert body dropped back in the chair.

Pembroke rose, replaced the two vials in his pocket and stood looking down on the body of the man who ruined him and ruined himself. Suddenly he straightened, raised his eyes heavenward and muttered, "I'm coming, little Jim, and my hands are clean of blood," and he silently went the way he had come.

The glow from the fire grew duller and threw ghastly shadows around the silent figure in the chair. Outside somewhere a cock crowed and a distant clock boomed out midnight, Christmas morn.

The papers the following day were full of accounts of the death of the Governor-elect; the doctors agreed that it was due to heart disease.

In a corner of the paper appeared the following:

"MAN FOUND DROWNED IN THE RIVER.

"The body of an unknown man was found floating in the river near the wharf of the Ocean S. S. Co. this morning. The man was about 55 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighed about 160 pounds, and was clothed in a suit of some dark material. The only articles found that may lead to identification were a small locket containing the picture of a beautiful woman and child, and a physician's medicine case containing six glass vials, two of which were empty. The body was removed to the morgue, and the medicine case turned over to the city physician for analysis of the contents of the bottles."

Retribution had indeed overtaken Justin Heminway, but the man was a victim of his own imagination.

The two vials contained nothing but *common water*.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

THE TOURIST EXPERIENCE.

By R. W. CROSS.

"GENTLEMEN, I see you all wear the button. How about the card?"

The speaker, a stockily-built, red-bearded, carelessly-dressed, middle-aged man, of worldly mien, had been standing in the background of the hotel lobby for some time, watching a group of his fellow men of much more youthful appearance, who had been indulging in a spirited, and evidently a very pleasant, conversation. As he spoke he drew from his pocket and held up for their inspection a card-case containing an up-to-date railroad telegraphers' card. This was closely inspected by each of the four constituting the group, after which each in turn presented a similar card, followed by a hearty handshake. This little ceremony admitted the stranger to the group and acknowledged the brotherhood of craftmanship at the same time.

"We have been run in by the wintry elements tonight," said the leading spirit of the original group, by way of admitting the stranger to the conversation, "and have sought to while away a portion of our all too few leisure hours by reciting some of our experiences as telegraphers. The brother here," pointing to the man at his right, "has just about exhausted our store by telling us of an experience he had with what he claims to have been a ghost down in the coal-fields of Virginia, along the Norfolk & Western. Although the brother is a most estimable and honorable gentleman, and vouches most strongly for the credulity of his story, I very much fear it has fallen upon stony ground tonight. It is supposed to have occurred at that ex-

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treme youthful age at which we all, too often, begin our career as telegraphers. We fear he was, at the time, under the influence of an over-wrought imagination, possibly superinduced by the reading of a bad detective story or the over-indulgence in raisin-pie baked a week previous by some economizing boarding-house mistress. Let that be as it may he has proved himself a splendid entertainer, and the conclusion of his story leaves us thirsting for more, ghost or no ghost, credible or incredible. Possibly you have something to contribute."

The stranger, in token of assent to the suggestion, took a look behind him for a vacant chair, and, finding one near, drew it into the circle. Cigars were passed around and lighted, and everybody settled themselves for the occasion.

"Speaking of ghosts," said the stranger, "I, too, was for a long time an unbeliever in such a thing as a ghost; but should it ever become your good or ill-fortune, I know not which, to come in contact with them on a first acquaintance as suddenly and vividly as I did, you will doubt no longer. You see by my gray hairs I am a boy no longer, having passed my thirty-eighth milestone just a few days ago. For twenty-one years I have followed the calling of a railroad telegrapher; during this long period I have traveled the United States from east to west, and from north to south many times. I have worked for every railway system in the country and for many minor roads. I have also worked in Canada and in Mexico. I tell you this that you may be better able to judge as to the credibility of my story; whether or not, think you after so long and varied an experience, I would be likely to burden my memory with it and to vouch for its truthfulness unless I had substantial facts to give it substance? Never but once during this long career did I meet with a circumstance to justify my belief in ghosts; but that experience was sufficient.

"It was late in the fall of '98 that I left the B. & A., having worked all the previous summer in the New England States, and started to join the summer birds, who had already sought a warmer climate in the southland for the approaching winter. I intended to travel a little more leisurely than they, in order to take in several sections of the country I had not as yet visited, and to earn my transportation and livelihood as I went as well. Telegraphers were rather plentiful at that time, and it was not until I reached Cumberland, Maryland, that I was able to secure work. Here I went with the Baltimore & Ohio. The first night I was sent to a little four by eight box office, known as McMillan, located at the foot of Cranberry Grade on the Third Division, seventy-five miles west of Cumberland. The Third Division of the B. & O. covers the most mountainous section of its system, and the point where I was located was right in the mountains and one of the most lonesome I have ever struck. Indeed, my three nights' stay there failed to reveal a single inhabitant; not a single human being did I see save the trainmen passing back and forth on their runs. The nearest town of any size is Rowelsburg, about five hundred inhabitants, more than a mile distant. From Rowelsburg all trains are shoved or double-headed up the grade, fifteen miles or more in length, to Terra Alta, the summit of the mountain. The first night of my stay at McMillan was spent with the regular operator posting up on the work, he having been granted a fifteen-day vacation, and I was to have filled this post until his return. The second night I assumed charge myself and everything went off smooth enough. Duties were light here, as it was nothing more than an O. S. (report and block) station. Indeed, my greatest task was fighting sleep.

"The third night everything moved along with the same old monotony until about 3:30 in the morning. At this hour I was lying back in a big rocking-chair, the only office I have ever struck similarly equipped, my feet cocked up on the table, and had fallen into a half dose, when I was suddenly aroused by the operator at Rowelsburg calling me vigorously on the block wire. On being answered he reported that the fireman, on helping engine 1878 west, thought he saw a man lying between the tracks with his head cut off about three hundred feet east of my office; would I

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please go up and see? This was sufficiently startling to arouse me thoroughly, and I immediately procured permission from the train dispatcher to be out fifteen or twenty minutes. I took my lantern and started up between the tracks.

"Now, let me here interrupt my story to ask you not to think for a moment I was afraid; no such thing as fear ever entered my head. I left the office, expecting to find a dead man, and had mentally planned to carry or drag the body back to the office, where I could guard it from vermin until it could be picked up by something and taken to a morgue. Hence there was no need of fear. Had I felt any don't you think I would have remained at my office rather than venture out on an errand that was purely optional on my part?

"Very well, to continue: Save for the existence of a dense fog, indeed a half mist, the night was perfect. So dense was this fog, however, that the full-orbed moon, shining in all its splendor, seemed unable to penetrate it beyond a certain depth. From this point its rays seemed to glance off directly into my eyes, half blinding me, making my progress exceedingly difficult. I knew there was a trestle about twenty-five or thirty feet in length somewhere in advance of me, and was fearful lest I fall through it. I struggled on up between the tracks, located the trestle, crawled rather than walked across it, and reached a point about fifty yards beyond. Thinking I had gone about as far as necessary I halted here to take a last look around and to indulge a feeling of thankfulness and gratification that my mission had proved a fruitless one.

"I was just on the point of turning to return to my office when I caught sound of a distant, dragging footstep. I stood for a time listening and peering into the dense fog. The sound of the tramping approached nearer and nearer with each step. Putting my hand over my eyes to shade them from the glaring moonbeams, I noticed just emerging into view some upright figure with a peculiar, jaggling stride coming directly toward me. A few strides more and it strode into the small circle of light my vision was able to describe in the fog. It was the headless body of a monster dog walking upright. It was dressed in the uniform of a freight brakeman, a striped suit of overalls and blouse much bedaubed with grease and coal dirt, and a pair of heavy, coarse shoes. The latter fit badly and the dragging, shuffling sound of the footsteps was soon accounted for. It carried its monster head under its right—well, I shall call it arm, in the forepaw of which it held a badly battered railroad lantern, from which issued a sickly blue flame. My first impulse, after fully determining the nature of the traveler, was to turn and run; but before I could act I seemed to have been influenced by an opposite impulse. The general air and attitude of the dog as it strode up to me and stopped at my side was that of unmistakable friendship; the big, kindly eyes of the severed head were squinting and snapping their friendship, too, while the big tongue, licking and lapping from side to side, was making this silent speech eloquent by every means a dog knows so well how to employ. While approaching it began holding out its left paw; this it continued to do as it stopped at my side, with the unmistakable meaning that I take it. I hesitated a moment or two, then offered my right hand, thinking he wanted to shake. He took my proffered hand, seized it firmly, and immediately started to lead me down the track toward the office. The most singular thing about this adventure is that the moment he gripped my hand I seemed to lose all power of resistance, all desire to know or to question where and by what I was being led. On down between the two tracks we went, I with considerable difficulty keeping step with the long, awkward, but rhythmic, strides with which he set the pace. I do not recall recrossing the trestle that had caused me so much trouble on going up. Just a short distance beyond the office a rough mountain path or road leads off to a lumber camp located somewhere back in the mountains. On coming to it my companion led me from the railroad to this path, which we began to follow without a break in step or stride. I was not a stranger to this path, having explored it for a half mile or more on the

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previous morning. It was full of stumps, rocks and wagon ruts.

"It was not until after we took to this path that my companion exhibited any qualities of a bad disposition. Whilst his outward manner was still that of enticing friendship, he was absolutely selfish in choosing where to walk. He invariably chose the smoothest place in the road for himself, walking around the stumps and rocks; but when one came in my path he kept me close at his side, and I was compelled to walk around, when I could get around, if not, to scramble up and over it as best I could. We continued thus for at least a mile, when he suddenly left this road and struck out through the bushes and briers heading directly for a high, bleak cliff in the mountain. Here my difficulties of travel increased tenfold. I not only had stumps and rocks to contend with, but briers and brambles as well, all to the tune of that merciless stride.

"We at last came up to the cliff, which, at the point of approach, was an almost perpendicular wall of solid rock at least a hundred feet in height. As we came to a halt here a peculiar, half-brute, half-human whine or shriek issued apparently from the headless body, its echo and re-echoes bounding and re-bounding from mountain to mountain. As they grew fainter and fainter with each succeeding rebound, I began to feel my companion relaxing, and finally he dropped my hand. The moment he did this a large panel or section of the wall of rock began to move slowly back, apparently of its own accord, making an arch-like opening, about a wagon track in width, possibly thirty or forty feet in height and reaching entirely through the mountain. The top and sides of this apparently natural tunnel were beautiful beyond description. Innumerable massive columns of a stalactic formation of many colors hung from them. A brilliant and powerful light shining over and through them made a picture, the dazzling radiance and beauty of which you can better imagine than I describe.

"As soon as this passage opened, indeed, while it was yet opening, I felt half-conscious that my companion was endeavoring to attract my attention. I know now he wanted to say a mute good-bye. But so taken up was I with this marvelous scene here so magically unfolded that I was half-conscious of anything else in the world, even my own existence. It was not until he began to move away from me, and with his old familiar stride to tread the floor of the tunnel, that he again drew my attention. Once my eye fell on him I was then apparently unconscious of everything else except him. With a feeling almost of regret I saw his stooped form grow smaller and smaller as the distance between us grew greater and greater, the reflected light from the vari-colored top and walls changing the color of his apparel at each step. He finally disappeared around the edge of the tunnel and was lost to view.

"My attention was now attracted to a scene beyond this. My gaze fell on a section of beautiful landscape that reached as far as the eye could see, and on which a sultry sun beat with scorching power. This was peopled by every description and kind of dog apparently I had ever seen and many I had not seen; there were small dogs, medium dogs and large dogs; some dressed in frocks and petticoats and others in male attire. Just inside the mouth of the tunnel an intelligent-looking canine in male attire and wearing nose glasses, which he took off and put on repeatedly in a nervous manner, was standing chatting to a smartly-dressed, thickly-veiled and heavily-hatted companion in frock attire, evidently representing a class similar to the lawyers, doctors and professional men in our world. All around and beyond them gamboled and played all other sizes and manner of dogs one could imagine.

"In the near distance I observed a railroad; a passing train laboring heavily up a stiff grade; engineer, fireman and brakeman dogs in suitable attire engaged in their necessary labors; a group of section men leaning on their picks and shovels beside the track awaiting the train to pass. All this I observed in much less time than it takes to tell it, for the sliding panel of rock had begun slowly to close the mouth of the tunnel; directly my headless friend disappeared from view. Before I was aware

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that my view was being cut off I stood gazing up at the solid wall of rock as it was when I first approached it.

"It was now for the first time that I thought of neglected duties and responsibilities. Before, or apparently while these thoughts were taking form, I was seemingly transported through space, and, with a roaring, rushing sound, landed on my feet in the ballast between the tracks not thirty feet from my office. My lantern was at my feet. I picked it up and hurried to my office, much surprised to find that only thirty minutes had been consumed to accomplish a journey it appeared to have taken hours to perform. I reported "nothing found" to Rowelsburg. The scenes of this experience passing in review before my eyes, got the better of my nerves, and before I left the office that morning was compelled to wire Cumberland for relief.

"A few days later I reported at Cumberland for my time and resumed my flight southward. I did not care for any more of McMillan in my share, although I have only one reason to regret my three-night stay there, and that one reason is the assuring fear that my visit to the portal of the next world of dogs is only an omen that I am at some future time destined for the same place as the dead brakeman.

"Once, when I was a little codger, possibly seven or eight years old, I inflicted a thoughtless, merciless cruelty and torture on a little dog that was my especial property. My mother inflicted on me the most severe punishment she could have chosen by reminding me that maybe in the next world I would be a dog, and suggested that I should reflect how I would feel when some bad boy inflicted similar treatment on me. This little dog lived to survive my cruelty and for years after I had grown to be a thoughtful boy in long breeches. Its many acts of sincere loyalty, devotion and companionship inspired in me a love I have known for few other living creatures, while its little crippled and deformed body, the result of my thoughtless cruelty, remained a constant reminder of the deserved punishment my mother predicted might be in store for me. Could I have chosen the place to spend my next existence I should not have chosen the next world of dogs, but if such is the decree of fate I submit cheerfully and acknowledge its justice.

"Gentlemen, you have my story, and my word of honor for its truthfulness. If you do not now believe in ghosts, either I lack the power to tell a convincing story, or it will require an actual experience to convert you. I am southward bound again tonight and notice I have only ten minutes to make my train. I must, therefore, bid you each a hurried good-bye."

The stranger shook the hand of each of his listeners heartily and was gone.

If there were any remaining skeptics on the subject of ghosts, either the lateness of the hour or the earnest, sincere manner of the stranger had produced such a profound respect as to forbid so soon taking advantage of his absence. At any rate, after a general good night, each wended his way homeward.

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A MIDNIGHT HOLP-UP.

By L. E. S.

"HELLO there, Clark!"

As I spoke I stuck my head in the ticket window of the dingy little railroad office, which had a double door leading to the waiting-room, also a door leading to the freight room.

"Hello yourself," came the reply in a cheery voice. "Where bound, old chap?"

"Nowhere," said I, in a tone of disgust. "Been trying to work off the blues in this little dead-and-alive mining hole. How on earth do you stand it?"

"Oh, I've got used to it," returned my friend with a laugh. "A man can get used to anything, you know. Come in and rest a bit, won't you?"

"Don't care if I do."

I swung myself over the lower half of the door, which had a counter on it to receive and deliver express to patrons into the office, and dropped into the chair which Clark pushed towards me.

He did not speak to me for a few minutes, being occupied with the clicking of his instruments and hastily transcribing the orders it brought upon the blanks.

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The date was a hot July night and the spot a small station called Adelia on the Toledo or the A. B. C. Ry., in the mining district of Eastern Ohio. The place is now a thriving town of 2,000 inhabitants; but then it was the most lonesome and dullest place in which business ever held me captive for a whole fortnight.

I watched my friend curiously for a few minutes, as with a brisk, business-like dispatch he moved about the little office absorbed in his work. When he came back to his chair and wiped the perspiration from his brow, he remarked:

"Suspiciously warm, isn't it? I hear thunder, too. We'll get a storm before morning."

"Lew," said I, without answering his prophecy, "are you ever troubled with tramps or hold-up men in this lonely place?"

"Well," said Lew, filling his pipe for a quiet, comfortable smoke, "I had one experience here which I shall remember as long as I live.

"I was sent here to relieve the former night man, who was discovered asleep on duty by the railroad detective who was going over this division watching the night operators, and consequently he was found asleep and discharged from the service. I was here only a short time when the experience I am about to relate occurred about one o'clock in the morning in the month of December along in 1890 or 1891. As I knew I would have no trains for a couple of hours I arranged to take a little nap. I pulled the blinds on all the windows, including that ticket window you see there, locked the office door and turned the office light very low; I also placed the stove poker over that crack, between the upper half and lower half of the office door, so that if the spotters happened to be around this night in question they would be unable to see into the office to tell whether or not I was snoozing. I had removed my shoes, also opened that door leading into the freight room, which I always opened when the office got too warm for comfort.

"Well, I had been snoozing for about an hour or so, when I was suddenly awakened by some one whispering out in the waiting-room. I listened again and heard them quietly try the office door, which was locked. I then came to the conclusion that they were robbers and intended to hold me up. I quietly took the money sack in which I kept all of the company's money at night, so that when I desired to leave the office for a few minutes I could hide it or put it in my pocket, and noiselessly put it in the freight room behind some freight. I then came back into the office.

"In the meantime they were trying to work the lock on the office door, supposing that I was asleep. I crept over to the telegraph table and told the dispatcher that robbers were trying to get into the office and rob me. I had only told the dispatcher partly when bang against the door they came; as the lock on the door was a very poor concern, they broke the lock the first attempt.

"As the door flew open I was confronted by two very large-looking revolvers held by two masked men, who demanded that I throw up my hands and not to again touch the telegraph instruments. They demanded that I tell them where all the valuables were kept by the agent. I told them that there were no valuables in the office at all; that the agent took everything home with him at night.

"After ransacking the office and searching me they found nothing of any value except a watch presented to me by my father when I completed the profession, which I carried. They being convinced that nothing of value remained in the office, bound me hand and foot in this chair, so that I could not arouse the town or tell the dispatcher, which they thought I had not done. It was not necessary for them to gag me, as I could holler all night and would be unable to get any one in town to hear me, as you see it is quite a step over to the nearest house.

"In the meantime, while all of this was going on, I could hear the dispatcher calling 'J,' 'Johnstown,' the next station on the wire. After getting him he told him that I was being held up and asked him if he had a 'phone to Adelia. The operator replied that he had a 'phone and would try and arouse the citizens and have them come to my rescue.

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"In a few minutes I again heard the operator at Johnstown tell the dispatcher that the telephone was out of order. It was thought by several citizens that the robbers had cut the telephone wire, as it was found broken near here. I then heard the dispatcher tell the operator at Johnstown to arouse some of the citizens and marshal at that point and have them come to the depot. He then sent a message to a freight train which would be at Johnstown in about half an hour, instructing them to cut off their engine at Johnstown, pick up the men that the operator had collected and come to my assistance soon as possible, but when they arrived, an hour later, the robbers had got a good start. I tell you I was glad when that engine arrived and released me, as my hands and feet were getting very sore from being bound so tight to the chair. It was then 2:50 a. m., and the men that were sent to rescue me aroused the town. A posse was hastily started in every direction, but they were unable to locate the robbers, as they had a good start, and on account of the dense thickets and hills they could not locate them. The police at Wheeling were notified to look out for them, but as I could not give a very good description of them they were never captured. From that time on I have carried a revolver, and if I hear any suspicious noise around or about the depot during the night, I get Mr. Revolver ready for action."

After Clark narrated the above experience I bade him good night. I sauntered back to the hotel, thanking my lucky stars that I was not an operator and cooped up in such a lonely place, night in and night out.

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SUBSTANCE AND SHADOW.

By WM. T. BYRNES.

MRS. LOUISE DALTON sat with lowering eyes in a train on the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad, which rushed along through town and village, past farm and hedge grove, and wondered to herself why she had chosen this fast express, when a slow train would have done just as well.

Her head ached and she looked forward with a feeling of intense dislike to her going home. Behind her lay all the things that made life worth living; before her were only stagnation and dullness unspeakable. Of course, there was Dan.

Here she sighed. But then, John was dull, too; all of her home life might be classed under that heading.

There would be the cart to meet her, instead of the handsome brougham which she had been used to while in New York City.

There would be the sluggish Thomas to drive her, and the keen wind blowing from over the fields, cutting through her veil and wrap, brought tears to her eyes. Then there was the farm in its sheltering hollow, with the wind tearing around it and trees swaying and sighing on three sides; and the smell of the cows and the stable as they drove in; shabby old room and Dan in an arm-chair with his feet on the fender, an unspeakable old coat on his back.

Oh, she had seen it so often, she was deadly sick of everything!

She shut her eyes and cast herself back into the past four weeks that she had spent in New York City, living over again every delightful moment, crowded with excitement and pleasure. She heard the pleasant throbbing of the violins and the thunders of applause.

She saw the women in their beautiful gowns and jewels; the men, so different from the dull creatures she saw at home, and slow tears forced their way down her face. She had buried herself alive in a little old country town in western New York. That's what the women told her; and the men—well, she was young and pretty, had a ready wit, so what could you expect?

There in the depths of the country, where turnips were more plentiful than people, she might as well be old, ugly and stupid; there was no one to appreciate her except Dan, and he hardly counted, for, like a poor relation, he was always with her; and it is a true saying, "Familiarity, in some cases, does breed contempt." Some of those gay, happy folks said they were sorry for her; once she heard a sneer, and she had

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hardened her heart against her quiet, peaceful home, and thought only of what she had missed, all the things making life worth living—which were not found on the farm among the mountains.

The train slowed down; she looked out of the window. They were just coming into the junction, where she must change for the crawling little branch line that ran within five miles of her home. The other train was waiting. There she sat for a while wondering why it did not go on, yet she dreaded the end of her journey, the settling down at home after her four weeks of enjoyment and gaiety.

Half an hour later she was driving along in the teeth of an October wind behind the dun-colored mare, who stepped it gallantly, but a trifle clumsily. Her discontented eyes rested for a moment on the worn-out harness, tied together with strings, and in disgust her delicate nose sniffed the odor of stable which Thomas carried about with him.

Everything was, as she had thoroughly realized a week ago, hopelessly common and dull; and as she came in sight of the farm, nestling among the trees, smoke rising from the chimney, her heart sank lower and lower.

Dan had not even thought it worth while to come out and meet her; he was not at the door. The iron gates swung back on their rusty hinges with a scream of welcome as they passed through and pulled up at the porch, where her pet flowers were drooping and withering. No one had cared for them, she supposed, during her absence.

The hall was dark and silent when she entered, but her imperious ringing of a bell which stood on the table brought a fresh-looking Irishwoman running from the kitchen. She gave a startled cry at the sight of her mistress.

"Thank God ye are here, ma'am!" she said. "We thought you mightn't come in time."

Her mistress stared at her.

"In time," she said, coldly; "and for what, pray? Where is your master?"

"Didn't you get the doctor's telegram this morning, ma'am?"

"No; what is wrong? Speak, woman!"

"The master met with an accident yesterday evening—thrown from the back of his horse. He was riding that black divil, Maud. They said, ma'am—it's a sad blow for you!"

"Well, what does the doctor say?"

"He said he wouldn't last the night, but he did. He's alive now. Will you go up, ma'am? The doctor is with him."

She turned and went up the shallow stairs in silence. On the landing she paused, looking sorrowfully at a closed door which faced her. Behind that Dan lay dying. The words beat themselves into her numb brain, and a spasm of fear convulsed her cold, haughty face. Her hand groped for the door-knob, but before she could turn it some one from the inside opened the door and stepped out. It was the doctor.

He read the unspoken question in her eyes and shook his head slightly.

"There is just a hope. I can't say more," he said, in a low voice. "Yes, you can go in. Nothing can hurt him now, poor fellow! You got my wire?"

"No; I heard nothing until five minutes ago,"

"Poor soul!" muttered the doctor, and then stood aside for her to go in the room, where Dan lay in the dim light, his face turned to the window, his unseeing eyes wide open, his lips babbling hoarsely of her.

She never knew how long she stood there, dumb, tearless, blind and deaf to everything but that still figure, that hoarse, broken voice.

The doctor stood on the other side of the bed; waited and watched.

Once his quick eye caught the flicker of light in the wide-open eyes. He swiftly passed around and whispered in the woman's ear:

"If he can be dragged out of that stupor he may do," he said. "There is just that chance. But at present he is drifting away fast. Perhaps—God knows!—you might drag him back, even yet, if you would. He didn't want to live when they brought him in, but"—

She nodded and sank on her knees, catching in her cold hands the hand twitching at the sheet.

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Her vain and foolish thoughts had vanished; her cravings for excitement and her distaste for her home were things, surely, long since forgotten. She only remembered, with bitter remorse, the cold letters which had been all that she gave Dan to make up for her long absence; for, from the delirious murmurs that fell from his lips, she was able to understand, if only but dimly, what pain they had given him. And she strove, surely as no other woman had ever striven before, to bring him back from that mysterious borderland through which he was swiftly drifting.

"Dan!" she cried. "Can't you hear me, dear? Come back! I am sorry! Only come back to me, Dan! I could not bear to lose you, Dan, my dearest!"

The doctor stood there, waiting and watching, 'till presently that hoarse, delirious voice stopped. The man turned his head slowly on the pillow, and, for the first time, faint recognition shown in his eyes. He tried to move, but a pain caught him; only his hand moved in hers.

"Why, Louise," he whispered; "you've come back!"

Then, turning to her, he closed his eyes —and fell asleep.

The doctor stepped forward and looked at him.

"He'll do now," he said. "He's asleep. The danger is over."

During the next few days Dan improved nicely, and Louise remembered that day as a tender, salutary, unforgetable part of her life. She realized that, in striving vainly after a shadow she had almost lost the substance, without which her life would have been barren and dreary.

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FORESHADOWED, OR A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

By LEO DAVID WILLIAMS.

SUNDAY night along the tracks, or Sunday night anywhere, is generally pretty quiet, and half-past ten, as I finished some of the evening's copy work, was no exception.

At the time of this story I was working in the dispatcher's office with Bob MacDonald as night chief; and, by the way, without egotism, I considered myself an experienced chap; yet never in all my recollections do I remember of meeting such a cool-headed, cold-blooded man as my immediate boss. He was master, and so recognized by a host of admirers. He had both the will and the way of doing things that surpassed everything I had ever seen; therefore, I was rather surprised when later on he told me of a previous mishap that had befallen him.

"No. 4 just left Baxter's," I casually remarked, preparing to follow Bob's example of indulging in a quiet smoke. "It will meet the express at Fairview. I have given Perkins at "FA" a hold order for that train, therefore, they ought to be there in about an hour."

"Could you raise that new fellow at the junction?" asked MacDonald.

"No," I replied. "He'll probably give the old-time excuse of being out to lunch, but I'd bet any money what troubles him is tired eyes, drooping lids, drowsy head, etc. In a man's first night at the owl stunt he does not need a prescription for insomnia. At any rate, if that should be the case, he shares the same fate as young Halliday. They bounced him for it, you know, and I guess he says good-bye to the junction for a while, anyhow, for he's going East on the express tonight."

"Being in a mix-up one time myself, I know just what it is to fight sleep," said Bob; "and since then anybody in like circumstances has my heart's sympathy."

"Do tell me about your lover's quarrel with Mother Nature's gentle nurse," I cried, for really it was difficult to think of him losing his head.

Slowly and contemptuously Bob turned to look at me; then, with the resigned submission of a martyr, murmured, "For your benefit, sir," and I prepared to give undivided attention to his startling narration.

"A little over fifteen years ago I started on my first job as night operator at the little town called Cobden on the Montana Central. Of course, I felt shaky at the beginning, for I was a very, very poor telegrapher then; indeed, I often glance backward and wonder how it was that the

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dispatcher I worked with did not land in the booby-house. Positively, I did my best to send him there, also to land a couple of train crews in Kingdom Come; but defeat was the reward of all my attempts, the only benefit derived being a life-long lesson to keep awake while on duty. But, to come to the point, I had been there going on six months when one Sunday morning, if I remember correctly the 13th of September" (rather nervously I glanced at the calendar, noticing that it was also the present date), "I was invited to a country picnic some twenty miles away," continued Bob, "and went, most foolishly staying all day, returning in time only to go to work.

"Everything went O. K. up to midnight, when I was so sleepy I could not hold my head up. Oh, I thought, this is the dull hour; forty winks will refresh me and nothing can possibly go by in that short time. Instead, however, of forty I took several hundred, and it was only at the end of two hours that in a dazed manner I stretched forth my cramped arm to answer the dispatcher, who was literally burning a hole in the wire calling me. 'I, I, DN,' I answered. 'Well, about time you woke up,' came back; 'I've been holding a fast stock train at Pembroke for the last twenty minutes.'

"Mr. Dean was raging. Presently he ripped out, 'Say, did you see anything of a freight train there yet?' I rushed to the door, looked up and down the tracks. There was nothing in sight, but how on earth did I know whether it had passed me or not?

"Back to the key like a streak of chain lightning I ran, while Mr. Dean had kept up a continued pound. 'No,' I answered. 'Are you sure about it?' 'Positive,' I replied. The dispatcher then gave me an order, which the operator at Pembroke copied also, for No. 456 west to meet extra 1978 east at Huguenot, a small office, which was closed nights.

"I had just finished repeating the order when one of the pumpers from a nearby creek poked his head in at the door. 'Hello, Jim,' I said; 'see anything that looks like a train of freight cars on your way up?' Jim drawled, 'Wall, now, I guess I did, knowin' as I had to jump in the ditch up to my neck in prickly bushes to let it go by.' 'How long ago?' gasped I. 'Hum, wall, now, I reckon it's just 'bout a half hour ago, and now—' I had waited to hear no more but jumping to the wire wildly called the dispatcher.

"According to the order extra 1978 should be pulling out of Pembroke now. My God! Will I be able to stop her, or will half a dozen lives be sacrificed on account of my negligence? You may believe me I was very much awake now; I even wondered how I ever could have been sleepy with such responsibility resting on my shoulders.

"Clutching the key I ticked: 'Freight No. 456 passed here half an hour ago. Hold the stock at Pembroke until she arrives there.' Dean immediately rattled the news to Pembroke, who answered that he would try and hold the train at the semaphores.

"In those times they did not have the convenient block system of today, and to successfully manage one of those semaphores required no small amount of ingenuity.

"There was not a sound along the wire whilst we awaited a response from Pembroke. Every one had heard the news and every one listened with rapt attention for results. Would the operator be able to stop the stock, or would she go along at break-neck speed, expecting to meet the freight at Huguenot, while the engineer on the freight, being wholly unaware of the existence of the stock and also hitting the iron for all he was worth, collide with it in a headlong crash?

"Visions of prison bars and the gallows danced before me, while cold perspiration burst forth from every pore in my body. At length, after it seemed to me as though ages had passed, in reality probably only a minute or so, Pembroke came in on the wire with 'It's O. K.; I've backed her up on a siding.'"

Bob stopped short; he was breathless. Beads of cold water stood out all over his forehead at the mere recollection of the almost dreadful calamity.

I had been deeply interested during the recital; nevertheless, I also had been on

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the *qui vive* for a report of the arrival of the express at Fairview.

Clikity-click, br-r-r-r, ticked the sounder; "Express by at eleven forty p. m. "FA."

I looked at MacDonald. How could that express have gone by when I had given orders to Perkins, the operator, to hold it there until No. 4 had passed him?

Bob gave a wild yell and made a dash for the key. "FA, FA," he called. "FA, FA!" Why don't that idiot answer?"

"I, I, FA," came flying back. "Where is the express?" snapped Bob. The wire jerked spasmodically as it sounded: "Great heavens, the express has gone by; I forgot about that order to hold her!"

No. 4 was almost due at Fairview now, and we fully realized that nothing short of a miracle could avert a head-on collision. Moreover, to make it almost a dead certainty, there was a sharp curve in a great deep cut where the section gang had lately been blasting, and I figured that it was in all probabilities there they would meet.

The minutes dragged slowly and heavily. Every nerve fibre in our bodies was tensioned to its highest pitch as we sat there counting every tick of the old-fashioned time-piece.

"No use in reprimanding that poor wretch at Fairview," said Bob. "I guess he's got enough trouble as it is. But it is about time now that we heard either one way or the other from him."

I called "FA." No answer. Again I tapped "FA, FA." I tried it very slowly, "F-A, F-A, F-A." "Well, what the dickens ails that fellow now?" roared Bob. "Why the mischief don't the —."

"Wait a minute," I cried; "there's someone on here now." In a second I was adjusted.

"Is this the dispatcher?" came in a firm, steady hand. I replied in the affirmative. "Well, this is Halliday; I am up a pole near the curve and have cut in on the wire with a pocket relay. Everything is all right. I happened to be in the cab of the express with the engineer; we were running slowly on account of the recent blasting, when I saw what looked like the reflection of an arc light around the other side of the bend. The engineer saw it also and immediately applied the emergency brakes, while I, with all my might, tugged at the whistle. No. 4 heard our scarecrow noises; fortunately she had been running slowly, too, so that we stopped just within sight of each other. We will now back the express up to Fairview and No. 4 will follow us."

I can not describe the relief we felt as I thankfully ticked back "O. K." Then I added, "You may call at the office just as soon as convenient and resume work."

Twenty mintues later "FA" called: "Just arrived. This is Halliday; Perkins is dead. We found him on his knees in front of a chair. I thought at first he was praying, but when I touched him on the shoulder I found the poor fellow had 'cashed in his checks.'"

I glanced at Bob as I answered, "Send his body in on No. 4 and work out the night there."



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POETICAL

A Toast.

Here's to the man whose hand
Is firm when he clasps your own—
Like a grip of steel
That makes you feel
You're not in the world alone.

Here's to the man whose laugh
Puts the sombre clouds to rout—
The man who's fair
And kind and square
To the one that's down and out.

—*The Milwaukee Sentinel.*

Back to the Country.

I want to get back to the country,
Where forests forever are green,
Where meadows are frequent and fragrant,
And shimmering shadows are seen;
Where mosses are moist in the woodland,
Where the mullen stalks grow by the way,
Where the leaves of the sumach are crimson,
And sweet is the scent of the hay;
I want to get back to the barnyard,
To the bridles and saddles and stock,
Where it always is "dinner" at noontime,
And "supper" at six o'clock.

I'm tired of racing and chasing
All over the streets of the town,
Pursuing the dollar athletic,
As nimble and quick as a clown.
I'm weary of gaudy theaters,
Of summer resorts and the like,
And, I tell you, I secretly hanker
Afar from the city to hike,
And journey 'way back to the farmhouse,
Where there's never an openwork sock,
Where it always is "dinner" at noontime
And "supper" at six o'clock.

I'm weary of "lunch" and of "luncheon,"
Whether costly or low-priced or free,
And the thought of a "six o'clock dinner,"
I own, is repellent to me.
I want to sop bread in the gravy,
I want to eat pie with a knife,
And make the same use of a saucer
That I learned very early in life.
By George, I am sick of the city,
And I want to get back with the stock,
Where it always is "dinner" at noontime
And "supper" at six o'clock.

—*By a Young Woman in St. Louis.*

A Creed.

It does no good to worry over what is past and gone—
The stream that turns the water wheel must hurry ever on;
And neither time nor tide regards the pleasure of a man,
So look for joy in everything and do the best you can.

It does no good to weep and wail, no matter what the cause,
And for the flood of human tears the world cares not two straws;
So lift your daily burdens and in spite of sorrow's dart,
Keep purpose burning in your soul and courage in your heart.

The wisest men who ever lived were helpless when it rained,
And never yet has fortune smiled when plodders-on complained.
The one best bet for each of us—take the tip from me—
Is not to be surprised at all at anything you see.

And still to say when trouble comes, "It comes to all of us—
No need for any chap to kick or try to make a fuss.
One thing is very certain, which nobody will deny,
Hard luck can't last forever—'twill be finished by and by!"

—*Paul Cook, in Birmingham Age-Herald.*

Just a Change.

It is good to be at leisure, when the days are long and hot,
In a camp beside the river, in a cool sequestered spot;
Or away up in the mountains by a plunging waterfall,
Where the nights are cold, and mornings you don't have to rise at all
'Till you're ready, and the music of the plunging, laughing stream
Coming in to where you're sleeping weaves itself into your dream;
And the city is so distant from your city-weary eyes,
That the smoke of all its chimneys doesn't even smudge the skies.

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It is good to lie at leisure underneath the summer sky,
Where the perfume of the birches and the spruce goes drifting by,
And forget—a week or fortnight—that there is a world off there
Where the little children labor, and where people drink and swear.
And where women greet your passing with a brazen, leering look—
Oh, the rivers and the mountains! it is good to wade the brook,
And to hear the birds of mornings sing their thrilling litanies,
Far away from smoke and rumble, and the city's stunted trees!

But the river and the mountain, and the woodland solitude
Pall and weary one, and where the wild kingfisher rears her brood,
Has its limits, and the birches and the spruce trees and the fir
Finally grow unresponsive till the heart longs for the stir
Of the town where men are struggling from each rise to set of sun,
And each minute of the workday sees some battle lost or won,
And where, each day's working ended, there are cozy chairs that wait,
And glad groups of babies always wait for daddy at the gate.

—*Judd Mortimer Lewis, in Houston Post.*

Just Keep On Keepin' On.

If the day looks kinder gloomy
And your chances kinder slim,
If the situation's puzzlin',
And the prospect awful grim,
And perplexities keep pressin',
Till all hope is nearly gone,
Just bristle up and grit your teeth
And keep on keepin' on.

Fumin' never wins a fight,
And frettin' never pays,
There ain't no good broodin' in
These pessimistic ways.
Smile just kinder cheerfully,
When hope is nearly gone,
And bristle up and grit your teeth
And keep on keepin' on.

There ain't no use in growlin'
And grumblin' all the time,
When music's ringing everywhere,
And everything's a rhyme.
Just keep on smiling cheerfully
If hope is nearly gone,
And bristle up and grit your teeth
And keep on keepin' on.

—*Copied from Gospel Herald.*

The Way to Win.

Strike while the iron is heated;
Pause, and the iron gets cold.
If you strike too late on a hardened plate,
The weld will never hold.

Seek, and success will follow;
Wait, and it passes by.
Be quick to grasp, then hold it fast,
And trust for a better try.

Work, and the world works with you;
Loaf, and you loaf alone,
This strenuous world's a continuous whirl,
It offers no room for the drone.

Life is an undertaking,
Death is a silent thought;
So let life's light illumine the night
With the deeds which you have wrought.

—*By P. Gordon Mills.*

The Long Ago.

There are no days like the good old days,
The days when we were youthful!
When humankind were pure of mind,
And speech and deeds were truthful;
Before a love for sordid gold
Became man's ruling passion,
Before each dame and maid became
Slave to the tyrant fashion!

There are no girls like the good old girls—
Against the world I'd stake 'em!
As buxom smart, and clean of heart
As the Lord knew how to make 'em!
They were rich in spirit and common sense,
And piety all supportin';
They could bake and brew, and had taught school too,
And they made such likely courtin'.

There are no boys like the good old boys—
When we were boys together!
When the grass was sweet to the brown, bare feet
That dimpled the laughing heather;
When the pewee sang to the summer dawn,
Or the bee, in the billowy clover,
Or down by the mill the whip-poor-will
Echoed his night song over.

There is no love like the good old love—
The love that mother gave us!
We are old, old men, yet we pine again
For that precious grace—God save us!
So we dream and dream of the good old times,
And our hearts grow tenderer, fonder,
As those dear old dreams bring soothing gleams
Of heaven away off yonder.

—*Eugene Field.*

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Taking Her Pick.

The following was told at a smoker recently, and it is not so bad, either: The narrator told of another little feed he once attended, where eight men were sent home in one hack; and the driver simply rang the door-bell, and when a feminine voice called from an upper window, "Who is there?" the Jehu replied: "Missus, will you be so kind as to come down and pick out your baby?"—*Lippincott's.*

How He Proposed.

Mr. McDooley—"Faith, an' it do be a question Oi have fer yez, me darlin'."

Miss Clancy—"Pfwat is it, Pat?"

"Whin it comes toime fer me funeral, how would yez loike t' be th' Widder McDooley?"—*Chicago News.*

Why the Actor Was Sore.

An actor without funds managed in some way to get a second-class ticket on a line of steamers running between Seattle and San Francisco.

The voyage between these two points consumed the better part of three days, and in view of the fact that his finances were at a low ebb he solved the question in this way: The first day out he slept all day to keep from eating and remained up all night to keep from sleeping. The second day he took physical culture exercises. On the third day he could not stand the strain any longer and went down in the dining-room and ordered the best meal on board the boat. While eating this meal he could see in his mind's eye a picture of a cell in the bastile in San Francisco.

After finishing his meal he said to the waiter, "How much do I owe you?"

"Nothing," replied the waiter; "your meals are included in your ticket."—*Birmingham-Age Herald.*

His Investment.

Old Lady (who had given the tramp a nickel)—"Now, what will you do with it?"

Hungry Hobo—"Waal, ye see, mum, ef I buy an auto, there ain't enough left to hire a shofur. So I guess I'll git a schooner. I kin handle that meself."

No Place For Her.

It was a small town in the sunny South. A lyceum entertainment was billed for the evening, and as a magician and sleight-of-hand performer was advertised as one of the principal features, an old colored lady presented herself at the door of the local opera house early, insisted on a seat in the front row of the part reserved for colored folk, and got it.

When the magician appeared he first placed a piece of red flannel over a newspaper and read the news through the flannel. The old colored mammy began to squirm about. Then the magician doubled the flannel and read the paper through the double thickness. The old mammy was heard to say to her neighbor: "Lor', chile, I got to git out o' dis." Her neighbor assured her, telling her the magician wouldn't hurt her.

"I knose dat," she said, "but dis hain't no place fo' a 'spectable cullud lady wif only a calico dress on."

Telegraphic Brevity.

Some recent notes from Europe remark that the word "Eisenbahnbetriebstelegraph-eninspektionassistenten" would suggest German humor were it not recognized in the census of all the professions, trades and occupations which were covered in the German Empire in June last. The calling in question is that of assistant inspector in the railway telegraph service.

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Consistent.

In a certain town are two brothers, who are engaged in the retail coal business. A noted evangelist visited the town and converted the elder brother of the firm.

For weeks after his conversion the brother who had lately "got religion" endeavored to persuade the other to join the church. One day, when the elder was making another effort, he asked: "Why can't you, Richard, join the church as I did?"

"It's all right for you to be a member of the church," replied Richard, "but if I join who's going to weigh the coal?"—*Argonaut.*

"I am going to see your father about you," said a teacher to a boy who had exhausted her patience.

"If you do you'll never come back."

"Why?" demanded the teacher.

"'Cause pa's dead."

The Joke Was On Her.

A woman member of the bar in New York gives to our correspondent the following correspondence with the reservation that no names shall be quoted:

"I am one of the few women," she says, "who can see a joke even if aimed at myself. I do not feel that in this case I came off first best."

The first letter was from a man lawyer and was as follows:

"Dear Miss Blank: We agree to the compromise as proposed in your favor of this date. Not because your client has a just right to such settlement, but from the fact that we do not care to open a contest with a woman lawyer."

To which this reply was sent:

"Gentlemen: I note your agreeing to a settlement, although I can not congratulate you on your gallantry in begging the question. Like the original Adam, you seem inclined to hide behind a woman's petticoat."

And the following letter closed the correspondence:

"Dear Miss Blank: If you will turn to the early pages of Genesis you will discover that Eve did not wear a petticoat."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

Just as Good as Ever, Too.

An old physician of the last generation was noted for his brusque manner and old-fashioned methods. One time a lady called him in to treat her baby, who was slightly ailing. The doctor prescribed castor oil.

"But, doctor," protested the young mother, "castor oil is such an old-fashioned remedy."

"Madam," replied the doctor, "babies are old-fashioned things."—*Exchange.*

Not Enough Slack.

A switchman and a brakeman were once beating their way across the country. Both were without funds, but the switchman had nerve and managed to feed both of them. However, he finally became dissatisfied and told the brakeman he must make an effort himself. So the next house they decided to hit the brakeman advanced, knocked on the door and asked the lady of the house:

"Could you give a poor man a bite?"

"Certainly," said the lady, and kicks a bulldog out.

The brakeman started round the house with the dog behind. Meanwhile the switchman stood outside the gate. Round came pursued and pursuer.

"Open the gate!" yells the brakeman. Around they went again.

"Open the gate!" cried the brake agent, but still the switchman stood.

"Why in h— don't you open that gate?" panted the discouraged man.

"Can't do it, pal," he said. "You'll have to give me more slack if you want to make a drop of that bulldog."—*Ex.*

Information at Hand.

A lady who had gained quite a reputation in her own community because of her strict regard for the quietude of the Sabbath, had occasion on a pleasant Sunday afternoon to walk by a vacant lot on the outskirts of the town. There she perceived a crowd of boys and men playing "scrub" with great vim. She accosted the nearest boy, who was playing centerfield, and asked him, "Little man, what would your father say if he saw you playing ball on the Sabbath?"

"I dunno; there he is over there playin' first base; go ask him."—*A. W. T.*

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Our Correspondents

GLORIFYING MEN APART FROM GOD.

THE writer happens to live in the wealthiest country town in the nation except one. We refer to wealth on a per capita of population. Early in December the wealthy city of Brooklyn, part and parcel of Greater New York, sent us one of its principal D. D.'s, at the head of one of the largest, most important and aristocratic churches there. That D. D. gave a two hours' address to a few hundred well-perfumed ladies and gentlemen of our town in one of our most elegant church buildings. The address was principally a rehash of the sad events in England about 250 years ago. Our readers must remember that the period in question gave humanity one of the most deplorable displays of class and sectarian movements in human history.

Our clergyman orator did not manage to give us a single hint about the lessons we today should derive from any of the many class and sectarian struggles with which humanity has crucified itself without learning any of the important processes through which alone we can develop a healthy civilization. Our friend sang the glories of men as they have marched from one set of social blunders into another in that crazy progress of ours, forever leaning on wealth, never leaning on righteousness. He could not give to his audience any sound ideas for a sound progress. He considered the present conditions of modern nations about perfect, or marching towards perfection in fine shape. He could not see any especial social sin, or crime, or deformity that needed to be rapidly suppressed. He gave us the idea that this land and other lands were already so beautifully provided with saints and heroes as not to need being in a hurry about any social improvements for the present. Our perfumed ladies and gentlemen left the church building in high glee, with their conscience admirably soothed and narcotized.

We can hardly blame the D. D. to whom we have referred. With a salary of $8,000 one can no doubt afford to be a first-class optimist. Why to trouble ourselves about the millions upon millions of families in this nation alone, whom we force to live through greater or less relative poverty, through harsh forms of labor almost always? Yes, why to bother ourselves about it? And still we all know that all wealth, in small or large heaps, has to come from the millions of bottom, positive workers, only able to retain a small fragment of the wealth they produce. Is that absurdity the product of God's laws in the universe around? Of course not. It is the product of the miserable legislation that we, fine people, call *"a glorious progress."*

Now, we don't wish to be misunderstood in our longings for a healthy social reconstruction. Let us then establish some clear ideas through the classification of natural, ethical wealth-earners, or people entitled to have their due share of the grand total wealth produced.

In this nation today we have about 60 per cent of the workers engaged in actual and positive direct wealth production, raw and finished products. We have, then, about 20 per cent engaged in services needed by the wealth producers, in transportation and distribution, as well as in useful professional activities and as honest, useful wealth managers. As such all those workers are entitled to as much income as the actual wealth producers, each in relation to the importance for good universal of one's personal exertions through brain or muscle. The other 20 per cent balance of our workers, they would be useless or outside of the law, and hence actual criminals, under a progress respecting the morality and equity

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of the "All High." They could not exist, such criminal or useless workers, under sensible laws, any more than peaches without peach trees.

The classification of workers we have made applies, with variations, to all the previous ages in historical development. If anything, the useless and criminal workers have increased under our modern progress.

Return now to the D. D. we have mentioned. What magnificent lessons he could have imparted to his audience, from the excesses and crimes in England during the central and later decades of the seventeenth century! All those crimes proceeded from one of the most idiotic and aimless class movement possible. There we had a double division between the middle classes and the upper ones, each section of the middle being in favor of one of the upper class and against another section of the middle class. Such a miserable and inconsistent class struggle could bring no possible improvement to the bottom classes or to any other class in the nation.

Bad as they are, the class antagonisms of our modern nations, they possess at least a certain logic. They at least offer us the priceless choice of standing by the natural rights of the working masses. The divine from a Brooklyn church of the aristocratic type did not even dare to indicate the choice in question. He placidly, even if silently, remains standing by the pharisaical rights of wealth. The prince of darkness himself could not do anything worse if he happened to be alive anywhere. The audience in the indicated country town did not object to feel themselves glorified because of taking no interest in the inalienable rights of men as children of the heavenly Father.

To glorify men apart from God! Is not that what we all do when we think ourselves better than other fellows, our generation better than the others in the grave? God alone can measure the merits or demerits, the goodness or badness of different generations or groups of men.

All good is more or less negative and injurious to all which only benefits some, and only transiently so. That is what is bound to happen under a progress which discards the brotherhood of men in all the essentials of human development.

Doing good by the pound in some incidentals, allowing evil by the ton in all fundamentals, that intensifies and eternalizes the kingdom of wrong over all men. That is the situation all over the earth as much as ever, through the same laws of monopoly and injustice in each national compact. Yet we have today far more knowledge than ever in all that apertains to the possibility of rapidly placing humanity in peace with divine law.

The organized labor movement of modern nations is the only sign, rudimentary as yet, for a possible advance of a postive character on the face of the earth. Outside of that movement all is rapidly marching away from God faster than ever.

JOSE GROS.

"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI."

By the REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

It has long been acknowledged that "the voice of the people is the voice of God." The undiscerning may hear in the people's voice only a great roar of discontent, or the mutterings of the misguided mass. But he who has understanding will hear the "still, small voice," which speaks the will of God.

The statesmen in every age who have accomplished the things which have produced the greatest good for all the people, got their inspiration because they kept close to the masses. Rarely does the vision come to the man who spends all of his time in the seclusion of the study. His touch on life is so slight, and his understanding of the needs of men so inadequate, that his outlook extends only to the limits of his own life and his own narrow experience. It is only as a man comes into contact with others that his own life becomes larger and fuller, and it is out of this fullness that he is enabled to speak concerning the greater problems of life.

No class of men have a broader experience than the "common people"—no class knows quite so well what it means to toil and to suffer and to sacrifice. None have higher aspirations and none exhibit deeper

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consecration. It is because of this that God speaks through them.

Sometimes their expression of God's will is crude. Sometimes it comes as a shock to men who have become accustomed to things as they are, who, quite satisfied with present conditions, are unwilling to be made uncomfortable by a change which may mean a readjustment in their method of living and in their way of doing business. But to stand in the way of progress is futile. It may be that it is necessary to oppose certain features—man-made and man-inspired—which have crept into the plans which the people present, but back of them all and beneath them all will be found the hand of God.

This has been proven in history. In every great fight for the right and for progress, the leisured classes, the so-called upper classes, have been on the wrong side of the battlefield. The common people—the men of uncommon sense—to these the world owes a debt of gratitude.

If you would hear the voice of God, keep close to the people.

AN ENIGMA.

Q. When is an operator like a jackass?

A. When he requires frequent prodding-up to maintain the dignity of his obligations, lives in a stupor, loses the forced ambition in the solitude of his little job, and kicks at those laboring for his welfare, without provocation or consideration.

Well, I suppose you are right. That must sound a little hard, and several other things to those in one of those stupors. But is it?

After taking control of our brains and compelling them to act for us, in genuine thought, it does not seem so harsh.

Operators, as a body, are jolly good fellows socially; so much, so good. but there are among us those who permit themselves to slouch along without any end in view.

They become happy-go-luckies, and let-her-slide-it-will-all-come-out-in-the-wash enthusiasts.

You do not have to admit it, and you are privileged to twist your face in any degree you wish, and make any remarks your mind may spontaneously fall upon, but we who are not only organized, but living true to our principles, know what the matter is. Your nice actions, nor your old-timer remarks will not shield you, for *we see you all the time just as you are.*

If you are not a member of the union of your class, don't think because you act nice and the real union man treats you decently, that he is wholly contented with you, for he certainly is not. He, possibly, yet holds out hopes for you, and is only waiting, withholding his final decision of you in the hope some day soon you may join him in his efforts for better things.

Be thoughtful and earnest, kind hearted and true. Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

How familiar those words ring in my ears, as I look back upon those faded years of childhood, by mother's knee. It is the first line that I would direct your attention to, the pleadings are most sublime. First, be thoughtful, think for yourself, control your mind, not drift in dreams. Second, be earnest, shove ahead and up; don't wait for the others to do for you. Third, Be kind hearted, entertain love for your fellow beings; that is what we are doing in working for the good of all. Last, be true to your fellows, yourself, and your families. Which you are not who persistently refuse to associate yourselves with a movement intended to and which has accomplished wonders for their whole benefit, as well as yours.

Our advancement, if any, or the retaining of what we now have most assuredly, rests with us. These things must be cared for in the manner that we reached our present circumstances, *organization.*

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers carries at present a membership of 43,000. These 43,000 are united in a struggle to obtain and maintain better wages for all. Why? To install in the home more necessities and means of pleasure; more clothes for them and theirs, and better food on the table, thereby living a life of higher and better proportions. To secure more reasonable hours of toil. Why? That they may be at more liberty to enjoy the pleasures at home, and add to the happiness of their families by their presence.

These things have been accomplished to a remarkable extent by our organization;

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all that has been accomplished has been through its influence.

What, as a non, have you done? What are you doing to maintain what has been gotten you, and what will you do to assist in advancing our welfare, *and when?*

Yes; when will you display to the world that mark of distinct manhood in associating yourself with your benefactor.

There is scarcely an operator in the land today, who is in the business, but fully realizes the common good that organization has accomplished; if there possibly is one his ambitions are very low and dull, if he is satisfied; if he is not, it is his business to investigate. We must blame him just as much as those who understand but will not admit. All nons, insistently remaining as such, look to us just as they are (alike).

For he is a *drone;* either too much of a sluggard to consider, or he don't care. He reaps the benefits of the seeds others have sown.

Some of you fellows seem to have a natural knack for working long hours and for working for small pay. You never do anything to raise yourself. Still, you rake off all the advantages us fellows get that you can. *How do you figure it, anyway?*

If you do not give your thought to this, carefully considering your attitude, it is because you are like the jackass, in a stupor. If you do understand and do not heed, it is because you are greedy.

Next issue I shall deal with the operator of every type. That gets you all, the lazy member, the always non, the natural backslider, who is worse than any, and the boys who once so bravely fought on the firing lines and are now out, and the comparison of the relay men with those on the "OS" jobs.

We know your every excuse, and I shall take each one of them and make a direct reply, showing them to be utterly without foundation or reason of any kind in the least.

Not because you don't know, but to demonstrate to you that we know, and that you can not deceive us, for I shall explain the very cause of your particular attitude when approached upon the question. "EZ."

MORE ABOUT A HOME.

I would like to say a few words in regard to Bro. Nelms' suggestion in October journal about "A Home For Aged and Disabled Operators."

I think it a good suggestion and am in favor of the plan. But it will have an advantage and also a disadvantage:

First. The advantage would be that we will receive many new members that would not have otherwise joined, thinking it a good plan to have a home to go to when too old to work.

Second. The disadvantage being that many old and disabled operators and agents would join when they find they can not work much longer, and would receive the same benefit as members of long standing.

So I would suggest that if such a home be founded, that every operator going there must at least have been a member for five or ten years, which I hope is not saying too much.

Now, boys, let us follow Bro. Nelms' suggestion and provide a home of peace and comfort for our old and incapacitated members. F. J. A., CERT. 752,
G. T. R., Div. No. 1.

FROM THE SOUTH.

That organization is a business proposition, no thinking, fair-minded man can deny. A great railroad corporation is an organization of capitalists for the purpose of operating their property in a manner to make the greatest gain therefrom, and to keep the scale of wage-workers as low as possible, even unto starvation. It matters not for the laboring man who accumulates the capitalists' immense fortunes, whether he (the working man) has anything at the end of the month or not; its chief point in view is to keep him as tightly bound to his position as possible, by holding his nose to the grind-stone. There is no charitable consideration connected with such an organization. Make money, make money, is their slogan. The component parts of such an organization are too numerous to conduct its affairs individually, therefore it has officials, through which to conduct its affairs. Those officers, when placed in charge

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of this property, are expected and required to make money for the stockholders. Raising of wages, voluntarily, is not a part of their duties; in fact, raising wages under any circumstances is out of their line of business, except it be absolutely necessary. Such a thing as an individual telegrapher, or any other one employe, attempting to cope with this organization of capitalists is entirely out of the question. It takes force to counteract force. It takes an organization equally as strong as the railroad corporation to cope with it. That the telegraphers of this country realize this fact furnishes the keynote to the great success of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

It is the purpose of the Order to organize to make better wages and obtain better working conditions, this fact having been well demonstrated within the past two years here in the Southern States. The Order of Railroad Telegraphers has not been alive here very many years, and I think that it has made a wonderful showing for itself since kindling its fires again, considering the fact that it had to start from the ground, the work of thorough organizing is being pushed with greater force now than ever before in the history of the fraternity.

There are still a few telegraphers who are outside of the fold, who must be placed in one or two categories, either of which are selfish. They are either willing and desirous of continuing to reap the benefits obtained through the organization, without contributing anything to aid and foster the principles of the Order, or they are "dupes" of some official who has succeeded in making them believe that to stay without the Order they will stand a better show for some official position.

The fact that officials have positions which they must protect must not be lost sight of. Probably there is not an official in the employment of any railroad who would not be willing to admit, if it were safe for him to express his opinion, that the telegraphers are underpaid, and that thorough organization will be their only hope of bettering their conditions, yet officials can not do so, for the reason, were they to do so they themselves would be deemed antagonistic toward the railroad corporation, and be fired out of their high positions, which they had worked these many years to secure.

It should be the chief aim of every telegrapher to belong to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. If you are going to be a man at all, be a union man, it matters not what trade you may afterwards choose to engage in. In these days of unionism it is the duty of every man, as well as every woman, who is engaged in a man's occupation, to belong to one of the two opposing armies. Either the capitalist or the laborer. Which side do you prefer, as applied to your case?

Just here I wish to say a word in regard to the weak-kneed telegrapher, who we find drifting to the surface during a dispute or strike between the two factors, capital and labor. We find him, in time of peace, a very stout-boasting union man, with his credentials always at hand, a great advocate of the rights of labor, and an ever agitator against the oppressions wrought by the capitalists, admonishing his fellow-workers to stand for your rights, boys, we will one day secure what is really and justly ours. In this light we find him solid in every particular. We only see him as he appears in the outer man, but with the inner man there's something wrong. Beware of this weak-kneed craftsman, because here we find him again in time of trouble, when there may be a strike on, when the opposing side is flourishing their silvery dollars in the face of these dwarfy, pretending union men, and he "tumbles," and where is he? Beneath the slimy surface of the "slough of scabbery" forever more; "for once a scab, always a scab."

My fellow workers, do not let yourselves be decoyed by the cunningness of the opposing tribe; be ye always on your guard, lest you are caught unaware, and are thrust into that state where even your own brother would feel ashamed to recognize you before his fellowman. Having become branded with the ever famous word "scab" by his own acts, he becomes a detested and avoided being, more despised than the dreaded diseases. For my part I would a thousand times rather have a dreadful disease than be branded as a scab among workingmen.

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We find many of the old-timers who made themselves so remarkably famous in the 1900 strike, still trodding the road of loyalty," accepting the many improvements achieved by the fraternity. I have heard, more than once, those petty objects of "loyalty," a few of which I have the misfortune to number among my acquaintances, having met them in my travels, express themselves as having a clear conscience in everything that he or they have been called upon or did in their lives. It is a strange brain, seemingly, to me that can go ahead, blindly ignoring his fellow man, and scab, and take the bread even from the mouths of babes, and then have a clear conscience that he has won honors by his conduct. I dare say if I were ever to stoop so low as to sneak into the lines of the opposing foe and take from them the bribe price of my service, I never could have another moment's peace of mind. My conscience would never cease nagging me for my desertion and proving myself a "traitor" to my fellow-workers.

We find many traitors now traversing this universe, having made themselves known during the late commercial strike in 1907, by their greed for the silvery coin, so lavishly offered by the commercial companies. Though their money looked very good, and, no doubt, would have caused a great many of us a degree of cheer, could we have honorably secured a few of the bright dollars to jingle in our jeans. But we are made glad by the fact that we have yet many that have borne the trials of the past year and are still at the wheel to turn aside the traitors who wearily seek favors at our doors, and are passed on to wend their way to their loyal reward, among the dregs of scabbery. We do favor them with a "run ahead" order to the boys up the line, that there is a scab coming their way.

As the old year, 1908, passes out and we are ushered into the new year of 1909, let us all take for our slogan, "Organization," and everybody push forward with their every energy to make the new year, 1909, far better to all concerned, more especially to the fraternity to which we belong. May we hope that this coming year may be a year of peace and prosperity. With the end of the old year drawing nigh, let's bury the troubles of the passing year and take up our task of making the coming year one to be remembered, in working hard to increase the comforts of ourselves and families; by organization only can we expect to do this.

Now, as prosperity seems to have again ventured from its long since hiding place, we should all, who have not yet did anything toward the bond question, begin with the new year to arrange to take stock in the bond company, and lift from our shoulders the worst wrong we suffer to exist. The bond companies have, in many cases, hounded good men almost to desperation for some little, trifling matter. Do you think that this is wrong?

This is one of the worst wrongs ever perpetrated on the employes of a railroad, and a wrong our organization should take up and have righted as soon as we possibly can, and from the outlook I have on the fields covered by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, we should soon be able to do so. Its progress has been somewhat handicapped for the past year on account of the "panic," but we are coming again and are here to stay, and, in my opinion, will in a few years rival any organization under this beautiful canopy of ours, if the members will, one and all, take an interest in the work as they should, and as all other organized working people do, we will, in the course of a few years, be paid reasonable, living wages, and have reasonable privileges that other pilgrims have who have gone this way and made personal exertion toward the betterment of their own conditions.

Fraternally,

COTTON-TOP.



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FRATERNAL

St. Louis Div., No. 2.

At the last regular meeting of St. Louis Division No. 2, speeches were made in different languages. Bro. Finnan spoke, at some length, in Irish; Bro. Reynolds in French, and Bro. Lindenmuth in German; Bro. Perham used plain English.

First Vice-President Bro. J. A. Newman has been shaking hands around headquarters. He may have lost his mustache, but his avoirdupois and geniality are undiminished.

Bro. E. T. Ellet, of the Relay office of the Frisco, at Springfield, Mo., stopped at headquarters long enough to say hello, lighten his pocket and get a "pass" for the first half of the year 1909.

Division No. 2 has added four hundred and twenty members to her roll for 1908, and the secretary says there is still something doing on the Wabash, Cotton Belt, C. & A. and M. & O.

Bro. Wm. Murphy, general chairman of the Wabash, has been doing some good work west of the river, such as getting new members, collecting dues and adjusting grievances. Bro. Murphy claims the distinction of bringing in one member of forty years' experience.

From time to time, we hear of cases where officials are going over the lines telling the operators how much better off they will be without the Order. Various methods are used: Salve, intimidation and the pat on the back.

"The Lord helps those who help themselves." Remember that the interest of these petty officials and your interests are diametrically opposed, regardless of all they tell you to the contrary. It is to the interest of the official to get the work done in the most efficient manner, at the lowest cost, while it is to our interest to get the best salary we can. Officials are not handing us anything on silver platters. They will pay us the much talked of $75.00 minimum when they have to, and not before. It is up to us to see that they "have to."

DIV. COR.

The following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted by St. Louis Division No. 2, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, at its meeting on December 7th, 1908:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, We learn with much satisfaction of the election of the Father of the Telegraphers' Nine-hour Law, Brother A. P. Murphy; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the valuable service rendered the telegraphers of North America, by our esteemed friend and brother, therefore, be it

Resolved, That St. Louis Division No. 2, in meeting assembled, tender its sincere congratulations to Brother Murphy, on his election to Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Brother Murphy, a copy spread upon our minutes, and a copy published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

L. W. QUICK,
Chief Telegrapher.

J. W. LAFEVER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Mid. Division—

The meeting of Division No. 3, at Harrisburg, December 3d, was a surprise to those who are regular attendants at these meetings, as the brothers seemed to have an awakening, the division room was filled to its capacity. A number of very important subjects were discussed, everyone taking part, but owing to the limited time between trains, the consideration of some of the business was cut short, however, everyone displayed the old-time enthusiasm, and it was noticeable that everyone is up and doing, and if the suggestions are carried out that were decided on at this meeting the 'nons," on this division, will be very scarce by the first of January, 1909. There never was a large number of "nons" in No. 3 territory, but among the new men that have been employed, are a few. We are glad to find that the old members have been loyal to the cause, and while great pressure was brought to bear, false statements made to them, and every discouragement possible offered them, they remained with the old ship, until the real facts would be brought out, and now that they know the real facts, they must surely have a feeling of great satisfaction; we will always remember their loyalty and good judgment, and we are glad to find that our division does not have one operator who is under any banner except the old tried and true.

"QX" block station, one of the offices which was closed on account of the recent business depression, was opened up for service on December 12th, and it is reported that another one of the three that were closed, will be opened in the near future.

Operator H. B. Kelley, of Mifflin, has returned to duty, after returning home from a trip to New

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York and other eastern cities, accompanied by his wife and son.

We are glad to note that the men are very well pleased with the new roster of the employes in the telegraph department; there was some delay in getting this roster out, but we have been told the delay was not the fault of our officials, and was unavoidable.

We find there are a few of the brothers who have not, as yet, paid their dues for the past term; now there are but three or four in this class and while it is a small number, yet we do not wish to lose you, and you know that we can keep the good work going without you, but some day you may need our assistance and then you will see your mistake, you know what has been done for you, and it is a duty you owe, not only to yourself, but those of your craft, that you belong to the union of your class.

A few days ago a traveling man came into the office where I was working, to send a Postal, and as I was very busy at the time he had to wait a few minutes before I could attend to his case; finally after having his wants attended to, he said to me, "My dear fellow, this work would shatter my nerves in a very short time, I simply would not accept a position of this kind for $100.00 a day, I suppose you receive a salary of at least $100.00 a month." And after telling him my salary he was surprised, and said, "Well can it be possible, why the porter in our office receives $18.00 per week, and to think that you men handling the number of lives you do, and the responsibility that is yours, only receiving $15.00 per week." Yes, I said, that is the case.

Now men, does that not make you feel cheap? It did me and you are in the same boat, and who is to blame, no one but ourselves; the company is in business to make money, and they are not going to pay us $100.00 per month when we will work for a great deal less; that is business pure and simple, now then, why do we not apply business principles in our own case, and have our salary increased to where it should be; it all lays with you Mr. Operator, is it going to take a life-time to wake the operators up, and show them wherein there strength lies?

Changes in the Harrisburg yard recently have effected Bros. Leyder, Spink, Melchoir, Stine, Eppler, Wright, Robinson and others.

Attend the next meeting and hear some good news as to who you may expect for assistant general chairman of your general committee. From what we hear, there seems to be an extra amount of enthusiasm exhibited, and nons will be finding their way into the fold.

Great stress was laid on the attendance at the Harrisburg meeting, in January, at which meeting nominations will be made, and the following February meeting, election. A good corps of officers is expected for the ensuing year.

Representative to the next convention in the south will be chosen.

We expect to be quite busy for the next few months to come.

Bro. Skipper was a visitor in Harrisburg.

Jones and Robinson are doing extra duty in the superintendent's office.

Read the Journal for up-to-date items, and keep posted. Your circular letter only gives you slight information, urging you to attend meetings. Come around, doors opened at 9 o'clock.

Bro. Wertz, first trick at "VO," is about to take his vacation; he is going to visit eastern and southern cities, Harrisburg, York, Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C.

The boys on the P. & N. W. and Tyrone branch are sending in for blank applications. Something doing.

Bros. Smith, Weaver and Hunter, at "RN," are in their new station, and they are proud of it, as it is a nice one to what the old one was.

Bro. Frampton, at "Q," was off on his vacation; did not hear where he was. Relieved by Bro. Bratton.

With odds and ends against us, we close the year's work with success.

Bro. Davis, at "K," was off on his vacation. Relieved by Bro. Bratton.

Local Organizer Bro. Hall, agent at "MC," is off on his vacation. Bro. Bratton is doing the relief work.

Now boys there are some students that were sent to us and if we do not give them any encouragement, they will soon see they are not wanted and quit. I notice this is not done in some cases, but you are helping them. Now brothers do not do this, as you are only hurting yourselves by so doing.

Requests from branch lines are being made frequently for applications.

Would like to say a few words to the boys about sending in items for the Journal, no matter how small, send them in, and when you get your vacation let us know where you have been. I have heard some of the boys say they never see anything from the P. & N. W., and who is to blame for it? If every brother sends in a few items, no matter how small, we can have lots of news from P. & N. W. "CON AMORE."

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

Our regular meeting, December 21st, was called to order at 10 a. m., by our worthy chief Bro. McCracken; much business was put through, which we must withhold from these columns. Brothers come to the meetings, and find out the important business that is being transacted. The meeting was well attended, about twenty-five being present, and two visitors, brothers from Division No. 24, and there would have been many more, if they had been able to get passes. Some were told they had received twelve passes this year, and could not be given any more, while others received as high as sixteen and eighteen. Everybody ask for a pass in time for the next meeting, it is going to be a very interesting one.

There are a few on the delinquent list; these men who have not paid up would yell their heads off if the company reduced their wages, and the

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O. R. T. would get the blame for not "doing something."

Let me say to these, if you expect conditions to remain as they now are, or to be improved, you had better help keep the organization in first-class condition as to membership. If our membership is allowed to fall off, we can expect nothing but poor working conditions, your wages would soon be reduced more than it takes to pay the O. R. T. dues for six months. A word to the wise is sufficient. There is no operator working on this division who is so stupid as not to see the importance of this matter. This includes non-members as well as members; it is beyond my understanding how any operator can afford to be a non, you all know what the O. R. T. has done in the past, how it has raised the wages, given us a nine-hour day and greatly improved our working conditions in many other ways. Now just think, if we succeeded in doing all this when only partly organized, it is very plain that we could do much more if we had the support of all the operators.

This is the beginning of a new year, a time when you resolve to do many good things that you did not do last year; here is a very good thing, resolve now to join the Order that has worked so faithfully for you, and always remain true to the good cause. Do this at once, if you do not have an application blank, ask some brother for one.

Brothers, we have just received copies of our By-laws from the printers. I would like to call your attention to the importance of reading these thoroughly, giving special attention to sections 19 to 22, inclusive. I hope every member has received his copy; they are mailed together with receipt for your dues.

Business is very brisk, but I am sorry to say I am not receiving assistance from the different divisions, that I should in order to get a good write-up together. I am sure you all like to see a good write-up in the journal. Why not send me a few notes of the changes that you know about? Hope you have not forgotten my address, A. R. Johnson, Catawissa, Pa., send them so they reach me about the twentieth of the month.

Bro. G. E. Minemier has bid in and is working third trick at "HO" tower.

Bro. C. E. Kline has bid in first trick at Buttonwood, made vacant by Bro. C. E. Hummel resigning.

Relief schedule No. 2 is now vacant and up for bids; we are all sorry to lose Bro. Kline, and would like to see another good brother bid it in.

Bro. J. J. Murray has been lucky enough to get his relief day this month, the first he has had for three months.

Mr. Ed. S. Breisch, first trick at "AG" tower, off one day attending poultry show at Scranton, Pa.; relieved by Bro. A. R. Johnson, second trick at Bluf, who was relieved by Mr. John Schuster, a new man on the road.

Bro. B. F. Williams, who worked second trick at Wolverton, off on vacation visiting Niagara Falls; relieved by Bro. J. W. Engle. When Bro. Williams returns he will do some extra work in "SB" office.

Bro. G. O. Stahl working extra in "SB" office.

Bro. C. W. Kase, our chairman, of Lewistown Junction, is in Philadelphia, looking after our interests there.

Bro. J. W. Sigler, second trick at McClure, is off duty on account of typhoid fever. At this writing he is improving; relieved by Mr. C. E. Schell.

Bro. O. C. Bowersox, of Beaver Springs, bid in Selinsgrove, second trick.

Bro. J. C. Thoman, of "MY," third trick, bid in Beaver Springs.

"MY" tower, third trick, up for bid.

The relief schedule was broken when Bro. W. W. Boyer reached the west end of the division; he relieved Bro. C. W. Kase.

Our regular meeting, for January, will be held at Nescopeck, at 3:30 p. m., instead of at Sunbury. This change on account of it being more favorable to attend meetings at Nescopeck for some of the members who could not attend the Sunbury meetings without reporting off. Everybody come, you will never be sorry for what you learn in the meeting room. DIV. COR.

Ottawa Div., No. 15.

Have noticed that some of our brothers on west end, have started the ball rolling, so guess we had better continue the good work. We have some good men on the west end, but they get no chance, as they are mostly all out too far to attend meetings, when there are any.

Well boys, we are not all quite dead, and when prospects look a little better we will rise to the occasion and get at least a living schedule, which we need very badly.

There have been a few changes on this division, but it is difficult to get just the men who are on their holidays.

Bro. Fair, former agent at "CQ," Atter Lake, has accepted the agency at Uno Park, for the T. & N. O. Ry. Says Commercial Traveler: Business N. G.

Agent Kelly, of Whitney, off on three months' leave of absence, understand he has gone south to a warmer climate. Relieved by Relieving Agent Falonde.

Bro. Beaton, agent "RS," Rose Point, off on holidays; relieved by Operator Thurston.

Bro. Marchand, "HR," Depot Harbor, nights, off on a few days' holidays, on account of his brother's accidental death; relieved by Operator Thurston.

Understand most of the night operators have been laid off on west end, on account of slack business, and of course, that gives our agents some three or four hours' more to their already long day.

Bro. Armour, agent, Algonquin Park, took a few days holidays, and returned to work running

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a double header; he evidently thinks boarding out no good. Relieved by Operator Jaynt (can not say if he is up-to-date).

We understand some of the boys spent a very enjoyable evening at the B. & R. T. ball, held in Depot Harbor, December 11th.

Operator Otto, Wilno, off on holidays; relieved by Operator Jaynt.

Agent Freeman, of "BU," Brule Lake, on holidays; relieved by Bro. Parent, former agent at Casselman; understand he is to go to "GU," Edgington, to relieve Bro. Gallagher for a few days.

Bro. F. A. Parent, relieving dispatcher, is back on the old stand again, at "CU," Casselman.

Bro. Leduc transferred from "RA," Carlsbad Springs to S. St. Louis.

Operator Kibbie appointed to Carlsbad Springs.

Operator Verner, appointed agent "ST," Polycarpe, vice Mr. St. Armour, resigned.

Now boys, suppose you all know about our bill for a nine-hour day, to be brought up in next parliament. It is up to us to do our very best in support of it, and give Bro. Campbell all the assistance in our power. You all know we will not get it unless we put forth a mighty effort.

I am very much obliged to Cert. 95, and another brother on west end, for notes. Don't forget the next time, boys. CERT. 85.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

Baltimore Division No. 17 held an open meeting, at York, Penn., in the Grand Army Union Hall, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The York entertainment committee, of which Bro. H. E. Jacoby was chief, assisted by Bros. Lowe, Farcht, Watson, Smith, Ellsesser, Herbst, Harbold and a host of others, deserve great credit for the perfect manner in which all the details were arranged for this meeting, and we would not be surprised to hear of many nons, and some of the old ex-members of Division No. 17, casting their lot with us, as a result.

Our worthy Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Wm. M. Skinner, introduced our second Vice-President, viz.: Bro. T. M. Pierson, who made a most commendable address. As we stood amidst the shot and shells that were used during the great battles of Gettysburg, and heard Bro. Pierson firing his best shots we could not refrain from assuring him that in this conflict we were with him. As we heard the fatherly advice of our vice-president, we were reminded of a scene that occurred years ago; a noted artist desiring to paint a beautiful picture, but failed in this, his life's work. He attempted again, this time to paint an angel, and seeing a most beautiful lady he asked her to pose for him; she agreed, and for weeks the artist worked diligently upon the picture, until finally it was completed. He pays the lady her price, and asks her if she would like to see the picture, and she is shown the same; as she looks upon it she says, ah, that's not I, but what I might have been. So today with many a telegrapher, who has let opportunity pass and failed to make the best of the conditions surrounding him, and as he looks at the advancement of some one, he can honestly say, that's what I might have been. In this day of Phillips Code—telephone and exactness, in the movement of trains—there seems to be no let-up on the telephone operator, and our best of service is demanded at all times.

By the time that you read the above, you will want to be laying your plans to attend the annual meeting, or rather the election of officers, and now boys, you who have been staying at home and kicking, because you did not get just what you wanted, either through the local division or headquarters, now you can help elect better men to fill your offices, your Chairman of the L. B. of A. and your Representative to the Annual Convention. If you can come to this meeting and do not come remember it is up to you, if the men of your choice are not elected; the very best of results can only be attained through the best of officers.

The Entertainment Committee is laying its plans for a gala time. Bro. J. B. SeBastian assures us that it will be the best yet. Keep your eye on the date, it will likely be about the latter part of February.

Bro. C. E. Henry, of Smyser, has been appointed first trick man at Hanover Junction, and Bro. H. O. Gladfelter, the third trick man.

Bro. A. Beck, the O. R. T. hustler, has been assigned regularly to the second trick at Brillhart.

Bro. C. E. Harbold is again working the second trick at Brillhart. MAYFIELD.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

The Lock Haven meeting, with Bro. Grieb acting in Chief Hepler's absence, was the usual success. However, owing to the hunting season being at its height, we had to get along without Bros. Bob Grugan and Jack Loy. Bro. Clyde Bitner was also bagging large game in the mountains.

It was decided at the Lock Haven meeting to continue, during 1909, holding the meeting as we have been during 1908, i. e., second Friday of every month, at 8 p. m., at Williamsport; fourth Friday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 8 p. m., at Lock Haven, and fourth Friday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December, at 10 a. m., at Sunbury. Now don't gorget this schedule, keep it in mind. Every one can surely spare one night a month. Come around, get acquainted, you'll meet some good fellows, there are transfers being made right along. It's been so long since some of the brothers were to a meeting, that the old guard would hardly recognize them.

Bro. Aber has bid in first trick at "AQ."

Bro. Chas. Bastian has taken third trick at "SQ," on bids. This brings Charlie home again.

"WD" station, Master's office, Williamsport, put on eight hours. Bro. Staver still retains first trick; Bro. Clark Diffenderfer bid in the second, and Bro. Steiger has the third.

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Bro. Bill Brown, from the extra list, has been assigned to second trick at "OJ," on bid.

Our Williamsport meeting was well attended, considering the weather. Chief Hepler, on account of the trick he is at present working, was unable to attend; the chair was ably filled by Bro. Klingenberger.

One man rode the goat, and it's now Bro. C. C. Fenstermacher.

Bro. Staver gave us quite an interesting talk, which clearly shows that Rodger is keeping read up, and knows the situation the world is in at all times.

Bro. Johnson, from "X," spent his relief day with his parents at Mongtomery last month.

Bro. Gurtner, "DY," off a few days; Bro. C. R. Miller relieving him.

Bro. Wenzel, of "BQ," nights, was off some time sick, is once more on the job.

Bros. Jno. Frank and Beller have traded tricks for a time.

Will some one kindly hand Operator Shoop, at "KY," an application?

If we are to believe all the promises, we should be flooded with applications at the January and February meetings. Let 'em come, we can handle all of you, and handle you well.

Bro. Ira Grugan has been assigned first trick at "BG."

Bro. Sam Gilbert, "GO," has us all beat to a frazzle. "SA" has an up-to-date auto, also an up-to-date card.

Bro. Joe Deegan has taken up his residence in Watsontown.

Bro. Tom Grady off to attend the annual dance at Montgomery.

Now brothers, start the New Year proper, make this the banner year for old 24. Let there be no drones, every one be up and doing, and a year hence you'll be surprised at the progress we have made. Turn out to the meetings, take an interest, and if you can't boost, don't knock.

MACK DUFF.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

Friday, December 4th, at 8 o'clock p. m., it was pouring rain, and resulted in a small attendance at the regular meeting of Division No. 29.

As this meeting was dedicated to the ladies, it was intended as a social function, but this was far from realized; being the last meeting of the year, it was hoped that it would be a record breaking one, and thus mark the closing of the year with a real red-letter meeting night; but in this we were disappointed. The elements were against it. Those that appeared made up for those that were absent, in the read good time that was generated.

At the business meeting matters of importance to the general craft were disposed of; many applications were read and taken care of. Letters from various sources were read and a general line-up of the organized world was deduced therefrom.

The telegraphers have much to be proud of, and happy over with the close of one more year in their Order's activities. The enumeration of the benefits would be as difficult as tedious; each one engaged in the calling can call up his individual gains and will, in retrospective, see a train of benefits that would reach from coast to coast.

The whist tables were surrounded about 9 p. m., and the players at the word from Bro. O. S. Culver, who was "charge de affairs," started the "game," which lasted, with unabated interest, until about 10:15 p. m., when ice cream and cake was brought in to cool the temperature heightened by the common desire to beat at any cost. Of the ladies manifesting "whist-attainments," Mae E. Parish and Nora Manion quit even, and resorted to "a-cut-ogluck" to determine upon whom chance looked more happily; Miss Manion won the "toss," and carried off the first prize for the ladies' class; for the gentlemen, Bro. L. W. Nolan proved the one best bet, and Mrs. Geo. F. McCormack won the consolation prize, and Mr. Geo. F. McCormack won the "booby" prize; thus ended a pleasant time.

Hartford Terminal—

Bro. Kingsland, of "HO" tower, off sick. Bros. Generous and Murphy are working twelve hours for a day or two.

Bro. Gough, of East Hartford yard, is relieving the agent at Vernon for ten days, and Mr. Hubbard is relieving Bro. Gough at East Hartford.

Our good Bro. Dowd, from Burnside Junction, comes over to church every Sunday.

Bro. Normandin, of Burnside Junction, expects a month's vacation during the holidays.

The Norwich and Worcester message wire No. 27 has been connected with No. 20 wire, at Plainfield, with repeaters at that point, and is now being used at "SK," which makes quite a little extra work at "SK," but relieves the second district dispatcher from message work.

Bro. Fogarty expects to spend the holidays at home, up in Northern New York.

Our dispatchers say the operators give excellent service, and we are glad that everyone takes interest in his work, and we hope that every one will continue to give them the best of service now that we have only eight hours each day to work.

There has been some talk of having a smoker, some evening in Hartford, if someone will push the subject along we might pass quite a pleasant evening in town.

Some of the brothers are enjoying the good skating in the parks about the city.

Bro. Kane who was working third trick at "AD," and who did some extra work at East Hartford and Hartford "Branch," has been transferred to the Western Division, and is now working third trick at Brewster, N. Y.

I think our brothers in the Terminal are showing up very good meeting nights, but, of course, we should like to see all that can get away present at the meetings. We have not far to go, and you know it is very easy to get a pass.

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Midland Division—

Bro. Costello, at Vernon tower, had quite a strenuous time recently, owing to some cars being derailed and tearing out quite a bit of interlocking, and caused Bro. Costello considerable extra work, as it took several days to repair the interlocking, but he kept trains moving in good shape.

Bro. Kelly, of Willimantic, is taking a few days off.

Sister Barrett, of Danielson, spent a few days in New York, recently.

Sister Leahey, of Plainfield, off one day; Mr. Generous, of Baltic, relieving sister Leahey.

Bro. Connors and Bro. Milburn, of Steeles, took a trip to Hartford, recently.

DIV. COR.

Providence Div., No. 35.

The December meeting of Division No. 35, the last of the year, was of the kind which all who have the best interest of the division at heart, would wish to see each month—large enthusiastic crowd. A bunch of applications that made the brothers set up straight and take notice, together with five initiations, was certainly "going some," and no mistake. While not posing as an oracle to the extent that the December record could be kept up throughout 1909; I do think that the attendance part could be met with little or no sacrifice upon the part of the brothers each month.

Now that all the "nons" in our territory have been approached by the proper one, and the chance given them to "make good" their oft repeated promise of joining the Order, and doing their share towards adding to what we have got through the efforts of the O. R. T., it is up to the loyal brothers to put in force in the strongest possible manner, and in a way that there will be no doubt in their minds as to what the real meaning of our watchword, No Card, No Favors, stands for. For years we have borne with them, have treated them in every way as our equals; went out of our way to do them favors; have laid ourselves open for dismissal through shielding them, and covering their poor work; and in short using them in some cases even better than brother members, until the most of them have the idea there is no necessity of coming into the Order. That we will always love and care for them. Will the brothers continue to be such "easy marks?" I for one will not, and right here I give notice that from January 1st, 1909, until such time as I am called to that land where all is song and gladness, and "nons" are not admitted, that my daily life will be patterned in the strongest possible manner upon the principle of No Card, No Favor. No, not even a pleasant look for them. How many of the brothers will do likewise?

It is hoped that the contest for the $20.00 in gold will result in a good sum being secured for the sick brother. The case is certainly a deserving one.

Bro. Seavey, first trick, Wickford Junction, was off several days with an acute attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Bro. Charley Blair, of the B. & O. system, is visiting his many friends in Rhode Island.

General Chairman Bro. Manion went over the division the fore part of December, visiting all who were in need of that consolation which he knows so well how to proffer. While his success was not as great as could be desired, it was sufficient to show us who our true friends were.

Bro. A. G. Abbott has bid in the agency at Tarkiln, Conn.

Bro. Campbell has bid in second trick at Midway tower, west end.

Bros. Masterton and Hardaway, "the twins," are back from their month's vacation.

The many friends of Sister McInerny will be pleased to know that she is on the gain, from the very serious illness which she was taken down with while preparing for her vacation; and all hope to soon hear her familiar "M" again on the wire.

DIV. COR.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

The six tracking on the Harlem river division was completed November 30th. This work has been in operation since March, 1905, at an expense of nearly ten million dollars. At Oak Point a six track main line cross-over has been installed the only one of its kind in the country.

The railroad officials have petitioned the Public Service Commission, for the purpose of installing the overhead Westinghouse trolley system on this district.

Electric automatic signals will be used on this district, abolishing the towers at Bartow, Vannest, Bronx River and Port Morris. Two large switch towers to be erected at Oak Point and West Chester yards.

An article written by a prominent member of a railroad organization, on the Santa Fe R. R., in the *Employes' Magazine* of that railroad, in the December issue, on the "Safe and Expeditious Handling of Traffic," should be of great interest and education to our members. He is of the opinion that every railroad organization should bring the subject of safety before the members in their lodge rooms, that a portion of the time of each meeting be given over to discussion of the means and of the necessity for safe operation. He says, "When railway brotherhoods place the bright shining jewel of consistency above them in their lodge rooms, to light and guide their work, safety will then have one of the strongest links welded in its chain, and brotherhoods will receive from official and the public the respect and fair treatment which are willingly given to those who endeavor to benefit mankind by methods that are conscientious and just." We heartily agree with this writer, we should set apart some of the time at our division meetings to this subjust; under the head Good of the Order we should give the matter good and careful dis-

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cussion, thereby bring out any good points that our members may have.

The New Haven railroad has just made public the returns for traffic from the Harvard-Hale foot ball game, at New Haven, last month (November). The figures show that the railroad carried 39,777 passengers. On the day of the game, sixty-six foot ball trains ran into that city. This army was handled without an accident, which speaks well for the operating officials and employes.

There are at least ten to fifteen operators on the New York Division who do not belong to Division No. 37. Some of these are non-members, and the others belong to foreign divisions. Brothers, you all should make a special effort to have all these telegraphers take out a card in this division.

Members of Division No. 37 should remember that Division No. 8, Electric Zone, New York City, will hold their annual reception and ball, at Majestic Hall, 115 East 125th St., New York City, February 11th, and try and be in attendance. Their affairs in the past have been of a first-class order, and we can safely say a good time is in store for those who attend.

F. R. Fero has bid in and been appointed to the position as day telegrapher at Rye, vacated by Sister Miss Katherine Hughes, whose marriage took place a few months ago.

Third trick, Cabin 27, Bridgeport, has the nerve to tell some of the boys that the O. R. T. is no good, etc. The gentleman referred to is working under one of the best schedules in the east, having come to these parts a few years ago from the Goose Creek R. R., to take advantage of better conditions, which organized effort has made possible.

Dues for the current term, January 1st, 1909 to June, 30th, are due. The tardy ones should try and be a little more prompt in paying up. Thus saving our worthy secretary and treasurer considerable extra work.

Bro. Knapp, formerly who worked at "BD," Bridgeport, and "BS," New Haven (twelve-hour stunts), thought an eight-hour trick looked better and bid in Fairfield, third trick.

At the next regular meeting, second Friday in February, election of officers takes place. Those of you who can, turn out to this meeting, at least, and do your duty to Division No. 37 by exercising right of franchise. SCRIBE.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to remove from our midst, our esteemed brother, Geo. F. Bronson, be it

Resolved, That in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, we extend to the family of our deceased brother, our heartfelt sorrow for the great loss they have sustained, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy spread on the minutes of the Division, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

DANIEL KENNEY,
MICHL. F. CARROLL,
JOS. A. HANNAN,
Committee.

Boston Div., No. 41.

The decision of Justice Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in sentencing to jail President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, for one year, nine months and six months, respectively, for alleged contempt of court, is likely to render even more celebrated an already celebrated case.

It brings sharply before the public mind the whole subject of injunctions in labor disputes, and it can hardly be doubted that labor unions everywhere will take up the issue. No less can be expected, for it must be admitted by everyone, no matter what their opinion of the underlying merits of the case, that these men have not acted as individuals in their defiance of the court's injunctions, but rather in their official capacities as officers of a great organization of American labor, representing over two million men. Therefore, it is not unnatural that these labor leaders will be regarded in the light of martyrs by a considerable section of the American people, and that in their desperate plight they will have the sympathy and support of their followers and even of many people who may doubt the wisdom of their conduct.

On the important question as to whether the power and procedure of the court's injunctions should not be modified and restricted by statute law, there is a strong and growing sentiment in favor of such action. President Roosevelt has repeatedly proclaimed his conviction that, as the matter stands, frequent injustice is done to members of labor unions engaged in laudable efforts to improve their conditions in life, to increase their incomes, to shorten their hours of labor, to better their working conditions, etc. President-elect Taft has taken similar ground, and there has been of recent years a significant growth of such sentiment among publicists generally. Such a movement should crystallize into a law, which should remedy existing abuses, and the enactment of such a needed measure should not be delayed.

It should not be necessary in this age of the world that men should feel it incumbent upon them to defy the law and go to jail, in order to emphasize the need of a reform in court procedure, a reform that the executive head of the nation has repeatedly and emphatically urged.

The old saying, "Now is the time for all honest men to come to the aid of his party," might now be very appropriately changed to read, "Now is the time for all honest men to come to the aid of his union."

The open letter of our worthy general chairman in the November TELEGRAPHER, and the

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stand taken by him, in the matter of individual effort, on the part of the members, should have a very careful reading by all of the members, and a few ideas suggested by the ceremonies at the December meeting might not be amiss at this time. A large majority of the membership are too prone to leave the matter of increasing the membership to our general committee, or to the local organizer, this is wrong; every member should take an individual interest in increasing the membership of their respective divisions, and taking an active interest by attending the meetings, we should all remember the difference between the two classes of members, and how much more desirable is a member who took an active part in everything pertaining to the order. Most of us know of some nons with whom we could talk and explain to them the advantages of belonging to an up-to-date Order, but for some reason we hang back and leave it to the local organizer to do that work, this won't do; if a member knows of a non working at same station with a local chairman or local organizer, don't be afraid to talk to him, and get him in if you can; don't be afraid that that officer will take offense, he will be glad if you can get a new member. Again there may be some one near your own station, if you can not prevail upon him, or explain to him what advantages he will gain, then write to your local chairman, and he may have better success; explain all matters, but we don't believe in making all sorts of promises. Appeal to his judgment, and between the individual member and the local organizer, in showing the advantage of membership in one of the strongest unions in our nation, we can secure a new member. This is the way to increase our already large membership, we want every desirable non to become one of us, and it is this kind of work that encourages our general committee; they like to know that the membership is growing steadily, that new members are coming in at every meeting, and that they have the support of their division individually and as a body. We should each and every one of us follow out the plan of individual effort, follow out the suggestion given in President Perham's circular read at the meeting a short time ago, and each one try to bring in at least one new member. Attend the meetings if possible, this is something that is not lived up to; it is only one evening in each month, but members forget it; the meetings are interesting, and those who are regular attendants enjoy them. It is noticed that some who have been unable to attend meetings until lately find it much different from what they expected, and are now enthusiastic in matter of attendance. Our December meeting was very interesting, and there is no reason why we can not have something of this kind right along if the members will only take an interest individually. That word "individually" crops out quite frequently, but it fits the place and idea in this letter. Let us read the letter of the general chairman thoroughly, profit by it, be on the lookout for new members, and attend our meetings, back up our committee in every way, show them that we have every confidence in them; and above all, if we can not convince a non, then simply remember "No Cards, No Favors."

It looks like good work on some one's part to get four new members on a short line like the Cheshire branch.

Operator Simpson, first trick at Gardner, spent a few days in Maine, visiting relatives; Bro. Hammond, second trick man, filled in; Mr. Laimdry relieving Bro. Hammond.

Operator Thompson, third trick, at Gardner, has been away on a vacation; Bro. McDermott filled in.

Bro. Lang is now agent at Raymond, having recently bid in that station.

Bro. Cooney has been transferred to Woburn, relieving Bro. Owen, who has left the road to accept a position on the Maine Central. Mr. Morse has been assigned to Winchester to fill Bro. Cooney's place.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, our highly esteemed and beloved Bro. J C. Williams; be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, By Boston Division No. 41, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. J. LEBAN,
H. F. CUNNINGHAM,
J. H. ECCEKTON,
Committee.

New York Div., No. 44.

Last regular meeting well attended, and lots of business transacted. One new brother rode the goat, and he knows how he got in No. 44 all right.

The entertainment committee have made arrangements for many pleasant evenings during the coming winter.

There will be three of the so-called ladies' nights, dates to be named later. As soon as it can be learned when the hall can be had. Suitable program will be arranged to suit each occasion.

'Tis said that Mr. L. Huey will soon leave Vandeveer Park for California. He will be relieved by Mr. F. A. Carman; funny both of these men look so much apart you can not tell them alike.

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Bro. A. H. David has resigned as agent at Cold Spring, and will go into other business. He was relieved temporarily by Bro. J. D. Webster, who in turn was relieved by J. M. Madden, who has been installed as permanent agent.

Bro. H. S. Dupuy, formerly operator at Westbury, has accepted the agency at Hollis, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. A. E. Tibbals.

Sister H. E. Palmer, of Murry Hill Flushing, met with a very serious accident, falling off a bicycle and severely injuring her limb. Bro. Van Nostrand relieved her for a couple of weeks, he in turn was relieved by Freddie Karsh, who will hold the position until Sister Palmer is able to return.

Mr. Higgins, of 34th street ticket office, has gone home to father at Southampton.

Prizes for the best kept stations on Long Island for the year 1908, were awarded as follows: First Class—First prize, Far Rockaway; second prize, Great Neck; third prize, Oyster Bay. Second Class—First prize, Roslyn; second prize, Smithtown; third prize, Central Islip. Third Class—First prize, St. James; second prize, Setauket; third prize, Elmhurst.

The agents at stations on the so-called second and third class are to be congratulated, particularly Bro. Brennan, of Smithtown; Bro. Wells, of St. James; Bro. Jones, of Setauket, and Bro. Hawkins, of Elmhurst. These stations won their prizes on their merits, the others have men paid to do the cleaning, and should not be considered at all. Understand Oyster Bay got a lemon handed to the force.

Lots of changes taking place on the Atlantic Avenue Division. Ticket agencies are being established at the following suburban stations: Dunton, Morris Park (west bound), Claranceville, Woodhaven Junction (west bound), Woodhaven Village, Union Course, Rail Road Avenue, and East New York (west bound).

Bro. A. L. Bougher, who has been confined in the St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, for the past three months, with a broken knee cap, is about to leave that institution.

Cedarhurst station is again up for bid. Mr. T. F. Raidy didn't like it there and left for parts unknown. Relief Agent Bro. Jim Robinson is holding down the job until some other good man comes along.

Mr. A. Broughton, superintendent of stations, enjoyed a few weeks' vacation, traveling through lower California and the West.

Be sure and attend the next regular meeting, when election of officers takes place. Come out and vote for your favorite candidates.

Bros. Curran, Hunt and Martin took in the six-day bicycle race. They are pretty swift, but the pace was too fast for them.

No tower news this month, for the reason that all things are quiet. Everyone contented and no one seems to have anything to say.

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Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Regular meeting of Division No. 58 was held Wednesday evening, November 18th, with Bro. Trent, chief, in the absence of Bro. Kennedy, who was working middle trick on Wilmington train sheet.

Quite an enthusiastic meeting was held, and matters of importance were discussed. Meeting adjourned at eleven o'clock.

An invitation was extended Division No. 58, by The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, to attend their twenty-fifth anniversary, on Wednesday evening, November twenty-fifth, at Lu Lu Temple, Broad and Spring Garden Sts., Philadelphia. Some thirty-five members of the division responded, were met at Broad St. Station by Bro. Sammons, master of ceremonies of the evening, and were escorted to the Temple. We were given a hearty welcome by the B. R. T. boys. The two front rows of seats were reserved for our special use. Owing to the late arrival of our train, we missed the first part of the entertainment. The anniversary was indeed a success. A special feature of the evening was an address by the Grand Master of The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Bro. H. P. Morrisey, who extended a cordial welcome to us, as well as to all legitimate railroad organizations.

Lieutenant I. T. Parker, of Delaware, representing the Order of Railway Conductors, following Grand Master Morrisey with an address along the Good of the Order lines. At the conclusion of the speaking, we were treated to a fine vaudeville entertainment.

Owing to our having to leave to catch the midnight train, we all regretted we could not enjoy the dancing that followed the vaudeville entertainment. We certainly owe the B. R. T. boys a vote of thanks for courteous treatment accorded us as members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Several vacancies are bulletined, as follows: Bellevue, 4 p. m. to midnight trick; "CU" Tower Bridge No. 3, cut off 4 p. m. to midnight trick; Peach Bottom, 4 p. m. to midnight trick; Charlestown tower will shortly be reopened. All three tricks to be filled.

We have some six applications to begin the new year with. Now all get busy.

Sorry to learn of the illness of Bro. R. H. Lipscomp, of Wilmington office.

Hope to soon hear "Bob's" familiar touch on the key.

Bro. E. L. Robinson is also on the sick list.

Delaware Division—

"A Merry X-mas and a Happy New Year to you." May you live to see many more of the same.

Quite a number of the agents have had their annual vacation, and the relief agents have been moving around pretty lively in the past month or two.

Bro. Quillen, second trick at Bridgeville, "B," took a ten days' gunning trip, from November

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15th to 25th. Mr. Wainwright, third trick at "B," relieved him; Mr. O'Neal relieved Mr. Wainwright.

Bro. Jenkins spent his relief day with relatives at Wyoming.

Bro. "Bob" Windsor spent two days with his mother at Georgetown, recently.

Bros. Jones and Scotten enjoyed a week's vacation in November.

Agents at Harrington and East New Market, respectively, relieved by Mr. Roe.

Bros. Jump, Jarman and Taylor, agents at Cheswold, Berlin and Snow Hill, respectively, enjoyed their annual vacation, during the latter part of November and early part of December; relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Allen relieved Mr. Hodgson at Townsend, and Bro. Holmes at Massey, in November, for a week.

Bros. C. C. Lewis, F. L. Smith, Mr. J. T. Gough, and Bro. S. L. Richards were off on their annual vacation, in November; relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bro. A. V. Register, of "WI," worked at "BI" several days in November. Bro. Morrison working the third trick, relief.

Messrs. Webb and Onley, two of our popular dispatchers, went over the main line together one day in November, stopping at several places. We think that a personal talk with our dispatchers once in a while, is very beneficial in many ways, it makes better service and establishes a more friendly feeling among the boys; we hope they will call again soon.

Bro. Richards now visits his friends in an auto, and we "13" that two more of the brothers contemplate riding in a "Red Devil," in the near future.

Bro. Prettyman, agent at Stockley, off on his vacation in November; relieved by Bro. Allen.

Bro. Van Sant, of "DR," spent his relief day with his parents in Millington.

Bro. Freeny spent his relief day in the city.

Bro. Butler, of "DR," spent his relief day in Philadelphia.

Bros. Atkinson and Stein were doing extra work in "X," in November.

Our old friend "RC" Clifton and wife were on a two weeks' vacation in November.

Quite a number of the boys spent a day or two gunning in November.

Bro. Whitlock, "WI," spent a week gunning in November; relieved by Mr. Fleetwood.

Now that another year is almost gone, would like to ask you to look back over the past twelve months; we have now had the eight-hour law as an actual fact for about ten months, and we see that it is so much better than twelve that we hope all of you will begin the new year with the resolution that you will give perfect service. We have an unexcelled set of dispatchers, and we should endeavor to give them all the help we can, assisting them in every way possible. Begin the new year with the idea of securing new members for our Order; don't become discouraged, take an optimistic view of things, look on the "sunny side" of life. Let every brother strive to do his work for the company as near perfect as circumstances will permit, show them that an O. R. T. man is quick, sure and reliable.

We trust that the brothers will not allow any trifling, fancied grievances toward any particular members of the Order, due to want of forethought, to in any way have any influence whatever on the principle of the Order generally. Boys, do not think that any unpleasant remarks on wire, ever come from a loyal member's heart, but are made on the spur of the moment, and are soon forgotten. Would be well, however for all concerned, to have some consideration for the man in the box.

We must not expect to bait for flies with vinegar.

Mule drivers are out of place, save on canal boats. DIV. COR.

Levis Div., No. 64.

Regular meeting called to order at 2 p. m., Thursday, December 10th, at Riviere du Loup, P. Q. Chief Telegrapher A. Dion in the chair; Third Vice-President D. Campbell also present. There was a good attendance; the brothers between Levis and St. Flavie showed up well; the brothers on Drummond section could not easily attend, but will be given a chance to do so at the next meeting, as it will be held at Levis (the most central place for all of us).

Our meetings are interesting and lively, as the question of schedule revision is being agitated and will be seriously considered at a very early date.

After routine work had been disposed of, Grand Officer Bro. D. Campbell addressed the meeting with very appropriate and well chosen words, and if every member could have attended and heard what our worthy brother had to say, it would have done them a lot of good. Bro. Campbell never forgets the Intercolonial railway boys. Every chance he has to visit us he shows up; it is to be hoped he will continue to do so, as it is always a pleasure and an honor to Division No. 64 to welcome him.

Several members have not yet paid in their half of the first month's increase to the general committee. Brothers, this is a debt of honor, bear it in mind, and therefore it should be paid; the treasury should be in a healthy condition financially at all times, so do not delay any longer, as they need the money.

Now a warning to the contraband student teachers. Any member found guilty of illegally teaching the art of telegraphy, will have charges preferred against him, and will be brought before the division.

Nominations for local chairman will be announced at the next meeting; let us have a big attendance.

The current term expires in a few days; the treasurer is ready at all times to accept our dues.

A Merry Xmas and a Very Happy New Year to all, and long live the O. R. T. CERT. 78.

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Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Again: No card, no favors.

Bro. E. R. Urbine just back from a two months' vacation, spent in sight-seeing in the West. He is at present doing relief work at Rockwell, but says he is going back to Union in a few days.

A change of night men at Hampton and Mason City. Can not say who supplied the changes.

Bro. McSpaden, agent at Hampton, has been on the sick list for some time; every one hopes for his quick recovery. Bro. Clawson is day operator and "agent," with all the titles that go with the jobs.

The boys at Ackley have moved into their new depot, and say it is much better than the old one, which was little better than a cattle barn. There are more stations that could use a new depot on this pike.

Bro. A. P. Walker, of New Sharon, met with an unfortunate accident recently, when he slipped and fell, as No. 96 was passing the platform. His left arm fell across the rail, and the head truck crushed it so badly, that it was necessary to amputate it between the wrist and elbow. He is up and around, and will soon be at work again. All the boys will be pleased when that time comes. Bros. C. T. Hardin and H. E. Clark doing the relief work.

A new time card is to go into effect January 3d. We are told, an important change of two of our passenger trains is scheduled for this new card.

Our secretary reports only one member of Division 71, now in the service of the Iowa Central, as behind with his dues for six months, ending December 31st, and we hope before the year is gone, this man will have squared himself. This certainly speaks well for No. 71.

There are a couple of desirable nons on the north end that we should get after, and get them lined up. "Grab a root and growl," everybody.

Bro. Harry Boughton, formerly of Rockwell, is now with the Southern Pacific. Was at Oregon City, Ore., last we heard, and seemed to like his new place. Harry is one of the boys that never need look long for a place, and the Iowa Central was very short-sighted when they let him go. For some time, the boomer has received preferred attention on this line, and a great many "old heads" turned loose. However, we hope to see a change under so many new officials.

Bro. H. A. Vannoy, who you will remember as former agent at Ackley, is secretary of a trainmens' insurance order, located at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Probably by the time this gets into print, our committee will be holding "pow-wows" with the general manager, for we understand they are getting ready as fast as possible to ask for a revised schedule. We are satisfied of one thing; unless we get better pay and better working conditions, there won't be enough of the old agents and operators here to wad a shot-gun. How can you expect a man to have the responsibility of an agent and work twelve (?) hours here for less money than he can get elsewhere for eight hours' work, as an operator?

Our old friend F. E. Martin is back on the east end as chief dispatcher. The boys are glad to extend the "glad hand" to Frank once more.

Here is a sample of some of the changes the Iowa Central find it necessary to make: Agent R. Mason transferred from Cramers to first trick, Farmington; relieved by H. H. Adamson. Adamson resigned, relieved by J. A. Logan; Logan relieved by Mrs. C. S. Weldon; Weldon transferred to Mason City, days; relieved by C. F. Ream. It didn't take so awfully long for all these changes to occur. What can you expect at the price?

Bro. J. W. Howard and family, of Olds, is spending part of the winter in Florida. We hope Jim will return, as he is one of the few "old heads" we have left. So many changes at Olds, since Jim left, that we can not begin to name who has been there.

Third trick man has been put on at Elrick Junction, and second and third trick men added at Keithsburg. It's a bitter pill to swallow, this third trick, but it must come. Probably it would have been a good thing for the Iowa Central if they had used three men in some places where they have made such good (?) use of two.

The "shingie" operator, at Keithsburg, came very near being an expensive luxury for the Iowa Central. When trains meet between stations, looks like something was wrong. Of course, it was shoved onto the shingle operator, but every one has been trying to figure out how the dispatcher cleared himself. There may be another chapter added about the shingle man later on.

Reports on the stocks of the Iowa Central, show a great increase in value, compared with the past. They have ranged between 30 and 40 cents, compared to 13 to 18 of the past several years. Newspapers attribute the raise to Rockefeller, and his associates. If they get hold of this pike, there will be something doing, one way or the other.

When changes are as few, and business as dull as it has been the past month, don't look for a very big bunch of items from No. "71."

CORRESPONDENTS.

Camden Div., No. 84.

By the time this goes to press we will be entering the new year, so let us be thankful for the good work that our Order has accomplished during the past year, and let us hope our efforts toward helping to complete thorough organization, for the good of the Order, and for the members thereof in general, may exceed any and all things that have been done in the past.

Bro. C. F. Van Culin won first trick at "MS," Manasquan, and Bro. H. T. Woertz bid in first trick at "MJ," East Burlington. Mr. Claypoole, from "JN," Medford Junction, secured the position at "FH" yard master's office, Camden.

Bro. H. G. Austin, second trick at "JN," Medford Junction, won first trick at that place.

Bro. M. J. Van Zandt is holding down first trick at "SW," Stanwick.

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Bro. G. H. Nunamaker landed first trick at "NA," Englishtown, but has not been transferred, at present he is working second trick at "FD," Freehold.

It is very gratifying to hear that some of the commercial men that expect to stay on our division are going to fill out application blanks the first of the year, and come into Division No. 84.

Quite a number of the boys have been off on vacations. Bro. J. H. Thorne, first trick at "Q," has been off a few days; Bro. L. A. Page, our general chairman, has taken his annual vacation; Bro. Z. P. Wells, agent at "GR," Edgewater Park, spent his vacation with his parents in Medford. Several of the agents have not been relieved yet, and it looks as if they will not all be able to get their vacations until after January 1st.

Bro. J. W. McNinny, first trick at "RA," Kinkoro, has been off a week; relieved by Bro. Le Roy Havens.

Bro. B. M. Elfreth, second trick at "CB," Pavonia, off on a gunning trip.

Bro. M. W. Maitland, "CB," first trick, and his wife, are on an extended wedding trip to Niagara Falls, Albany, Boston and Fitchburg, Mass.

W. L. Ballinger, agent, "KI," Riverside, a former member of No. 84, had the misfortune to get shot in the shoulder by a highwayman recently, breaking his collar bone also; he is recovering as rapidly as can be expected. Bro. J. T. West, first trick operator, is working as agent in his place, and Bro. H. M. Smith is working in Bro. West's trick.

The boys on the C. & B. branch are receiving their relief days regularly each month now; we are pleased to note this, as they can depend on getting off on certain days, where heretofore they had no relief men, and had to take their time whenever it could be given them.

We are advised, by good authority, that "CX" tower, South Amboy, will be reopened shortly and operators installed. It will be remembered this tower was closed a few years ago as a telegraph office, and telephone was placed in service, and has been running that way ever since. No doubt the company realizes this place can be worked to a better advantage by telegraph operators than by use of the telephone.

The block system has been placed in service from Manasquan to "JG," Jamesburg, also between Monmouth Junction and "GY," Old Bridge. This makes Bros. H. M. Snediker, first trick man at "JG," and C. M. Kennedy, second trick, hustle some to keep up with the extra work this makes for them.

The bench committee reports some changes among our division officials, to take effect January 1st, 1909. Mr. J. W. Warwick, formerly a train dispatcher, and who has been working in division operator's office for the past year, is to be assigned to special duties in General Manager Atterbury's office, while Mr. H. W. Kunzie, at present second trick dispatcher, is to be appointed assistant division operator, to fill vacancy made by Mr. Warwick.

Another report from above committee states, M. C. Baker, one of the first trick operators in "CF" superintendent's office, and a former member of our Order, has been discharged for selling "passes." Understand the Interstate Commerce people have taken Mr. Baker in charge, and from the outlook at present it will probably go pretty hard with him, by the time they are through with their investigation. COR.

Trenton (N. J.) Div., No. 85.

The regular monthly meeting, in December, was well attended; a great deal of business of much importance to all was transacted. One new member applied for admission, and the usual committee appointed to investigate same and report at next meeting.

Next month, January, will be nominations for officers for the ensuing year, and also a representative to the convention in Atlanta, Ga., in May. It is hoped all who can possibly do so will come to this meeting, as it is the most important of the whole year.

The membership of this division is to be congratulated on the excellent gain in membership during the past year. We all know that to make the gain in membership, that we have during the year 1908 under existing circumstances, is something to feel exultant over. To anyone who will study past events and give themselves time to think the situation over calmly, they can only come to one conclusion, and that is, that we must be favored with something, and that something is "Right." You know the old saying that "Right is greater than Might," and will eventually triumph in the end. For any other result would be an evolution of history in matters of this kind. So brothers we have reason to feel proud of the excellent showing made by all in the building up of the organization which should be so dear to the heart of all telegraphers who have their future welfare at heart.

Before this is in print there will be some changes on the New York Division over in New York at "B" office, and at Trenton; at the present writing we are unable to say what will be the good fortune of those who will be fortunate enough to come under the official hammer.

Bros. Cutler and Shepherd, at "DO" office, Trenton, have their hands full these days trying to do the work of two men, since they took the levermen out of there. This is certainly one of the most unjust moves the company has made in many a long day.

Bro. Carty has been a sojourner in Philadelphia, but from last account he has made up his mind to move back to Herringtown.

Belvidere Division—

"13" the new block towers at Warren, Niece and Flemington Junction, will be put in service in a few days.

The business on this division has increased so much that one dispatcher can not handle it, so

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they have taken the copiers away and have added another dispatcher on a trick, one dispatcher handles business from Manunka Chunk to Phillipsburg, and the other from Phillipsburg to Trenton.

Have so many new men that it is hard to keep track of them, but I am glad to hear that several of them are brothers.

Boys, get after the nons, if you have a non working with you keep at him until you have his application; and remember it will soon be time to pay your dues again. Let every one of us be prompt in this, for you know the only way to get anything is to stick together.

Brothers, come out to the meetings; most of the first trick men could come out every month, if they would, you can, most all of you, get back on No. 524; what is the loss of a little sleep when you can learn something that will benefit you by losing it?

I am very glad to say that there are no ham factories on this pike.

Bro. G. M. Wharton, second trick at "X," Wilburtha, bid in third trick at "WC," Washington's Crossing. Mr. N. S. Bayard, third trick at "WC," Washington's Crossing, bid in second trick at "FJ," Flemington Junction.

"13" Mr. H. Harbourt has accepted a position with the L. V. R. R.

Bro. Geo. Cochram is sick with typhoid fever. "13" he is doing nicely.

Bro. A. C. Hoffman, manager at "MS," Coal Port, is working third trick in dispatcher's office, at present writing.

Bro. E. V. McKelvey, third trick at "BI," Raven Rock, bid in first trick at Nice.

Mr. W. P. Maloney is back with us again, and says he is going to get a card in January.

Bro. A. T. Palmer, first trick at "P," Phillipsburg, is back with us again, after a spell of sickness.

UNCLE SI.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The December night meeting of Division 89 was called to order at 8 p. m., December 5th, by Worthy Chief, Bro. Ross. All officers were present. The brothers turned out to the tune of seventy, which is the largest attendance for a long time.

No applications for membership were received. This was no doubt due to the fact that it is so near the end of the semi-annual period, the prospective ones deciding to wait until the first of January. Understand there is a bunch coming in then that will make up for the non appearance of any at this meeting.

The first business of importance that came before the meeting was the resignation of our secretary and treasurer, Bro. J. W. Finn, who has filled the chair for the past three years. As Bro. Finn is now working in the dispatchers' office at Tarenton and lives in Dorchester, he finds it impossible to give the business proper attention.

A special election was conducted and Bro. J. H. McDermott, of Mansfield, was elected secretary and treasurer, to succeed Bro. Finn. "Mac" has had considerable experience in this line and things should run along smoothly under his regime.

The auditing committee rendered a very interesting report, which shows a balance of $529.19 in the treasury. This is the best balance Boston Division, No. 89, has been able to show for a long time, if not in its whole history. The exact figures of the committee are as follows:

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Balance from 1907	$ 39 07
Local division dues	1,381 34
Grand Division dues	1,437 06
Total	$2,857 47

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Grand Division dues remitted	$1,437 06
Local division expenses	290 22
Remitted to general committee	601 00
Cash on hand Nov. 17, 1908	529 19
Total	$2,857 47

The auditing committee also brought in ten recommendations, of which nine were adopted by the division. They are as follows:

No. 1.—That an auditing committee be appointed as follows: One for one year, one for two years and one for three years.

No. 2.—That the accounts be audited every three months, viz.: March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

No. 3.—That the secretary have a working fund of $50.00 to meet incidental expenses, this amount to be withheld from deposit in the bank.

No. 4.—That all other funds of the division be deposited in a bank, in the name of Boston Division, No. 89, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

No. 5.—That all checks drawn be signed jointly by the chief telegrapher and secretary.

No. 6.—That the auditing committee do not allow the secretary credit for any vouchers unless the same has been approved by the division and endorsed by the chief telegrapher.

No. 7.—That the secretary be required to furnish the chairman of the auditing committee on or before the first of each month a statement of all money received by him, other than semi-annual dues and initiation fees.

No. 8.—That the minutes of each meeting show an authorized account of all bills approved at that meeting.

No. 9.—That the secretary's bond be raised to $1,000.00.

Bro. Wood was elected chairman for Boston Terminal.

Bro. E. J. Manion, general chairman, was present and addressed the boys for a few minutes.

Two delegates from Boston Cigar Strippers' Union asked permission to address the meeting for ten minutes, which was granted. I am afraid that if some of the boys had to work under the

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conditions that these girls work they would be discouraged. The delegates outlined the existing conditions and also told of the hardships some of the members are subjected to on account of their employers not taking them back, as they agreed upon the settlement of the Cigar Strippers' strike a few months ago. They are going to have a social on December 30th, the proceeds to go to their needy unemployed. Tickets are 25 cents each. Bro. Manion passed the tickets among the boys and sold sixty for these loyal girls. It is needless to say that when they went away with the $15.00 and the glad hand we gave them they thought the members of Boston Division, No. 89, O. R. T., "the best ever."

Midland Division—

Bro. Murphy, second trick at Franklin, was off two days recently.

Bro. Carrigan, Elliotts, bid in third at Plainfield, made vacant by Operator Ottenheimer leaving the service a couple of months ago.

Mr. J. B. Burke bid in Elliotts. This man will wear the button after January 1.

Bro. H. F. Miller has resigned second trick at Plainfield. Mr. J. B. Plant from extra list to second trick at Plainfield.

Bro. W. E. Moon from Milford to third trick at Newport Road tower. Bro. J. A. Silva from extra list to Milford.

Bro. J. A. Willard, of Chickering tower, left November 21 for a week's tour of New York, visiting relatives in Hastings-on-the-Hudson and Tarrytown.

The daylight meeting, on Saturday, December 19, was called to order by Chief L. J. Ross, with a good attendance. One candidate was initiated. Bro. Brady, past chief of Division 35, was present and favored us with a talk full of good advice and suggestions. Bro. Manion spoke under the head of "Good of the Order" for nearly an hour, defining our duties as good Order men, and urging each member to not only pay his dues, but to endeavor to get all desirable nons into our ranks.

DIV. COR.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

Elmira Division, No. 100, held a regular night meeting on Tuesday evening, December 22. Owing to the near approach of Christmas but few of the boys were in attendance.

Bro. Fuller, third at "D" tower, has traded tricks with Bro. Campbell, and is now working second trick at "CG."

Several changes among the telephone offices have taken place, and, owing to the bulletining of these places, more changes will follow.

Sister Ward is now working first trick at Ennerdale.

Miss Johnson goes to Ennerdale second trick December 26th.

Sister Miller is doing the twelve-hour stunt at Glenora, assisted by Sister Edington. It is said that Glenora will be placed on eight-hour basis soon.

Bro. U. G. Watkins, first at "G" tower, is off for two or three weeks; relieved by Bro. H. H. Pierson. Bro. Watkins has taken to himself a better half.

Mr. Craugh is still working the relief stunt.

Bro. Tipton, relief agent, is now holding down a job in the "sanctum" at "QO" Elmira.

The bulletin lately issued, changing the personal "signs" of about ninety per cent of the operators, brought out some wrist-wrenchers, and there has been a great scramble to secure different "signs."

If any one on the Canandaigua Division is looking for excitement, he can find it by asking Tim Brewer how he likes the dollar-a-day expense account which has been granted the relief agents. Tim bid in the agency at Bellona just in time to escape the raise.

Bro. Joe Brewer is now working as relief operator on the north end.

Dispatchers are now allowed two days off each month, with instructions to cover the division and keep in touch with the situation.

Miss Ethel Fredericks, third at Milo, has resigned, having been bid out of that position. The reappointment of 'phone operators older in the service was the reason.

Bro. Snyder, of Ennerdale, goes to third at Milo, commencing Dec. 25th.

Some curiosity is manifested by the employes concerning the new time card, which goes into effect January 4th. It is said that some radical changes in the running time of the varnished cars are contemplated.

Division 100 now shows on its rolls the names of over 90 per cent of the total number of operators employed on the E. & C. Division, which is "going some," considering the time we have been doing business. Not many dead ones on this end.

DIV. COR.

Philadelphia Div. No. 102.

Division No. 102 is larger than ever before, The meetings are largely attended, and brothers who have heretofore only attended a meeting once in six months are now taking an active interest in our division, and they can be seen at every meeting, which is encouraging, as the work does not fall on a few now, but a large number.

Division No. 102 has members in good standing on the following P. R. R. D. and P. & R. divisions: P. R. R., Schuylkill Valley, P. T. and Phila., P. & R., New York, Philadelphia, Reading, W. & C. and Atlantic City divisions.

Division No. 102 being one of the largest divisions this side of the Mississippi River, continues to grow in membership as well as financially.

Brothers who miss our meetings miss a treat, taking in consideration that Division No. 102 starts about 8 p. m. and adjourns about midnight on their meeting nights, which are held regularly each month, you can realize there is something done besides consuming the perfectos our S. and T. hands out to us at our meetings.

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Philadelphia and Reading Ry. telegraphers on the New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City divisions are enjoying a minimum rate of pay of $60.50 per month, and the friendly feeling between the officials and these telegraphers are of the most pleasant nature, in fact, not a thing to complain of.

Our big S. and T., Bro. Mennig, is getting in trim for his trip to Atlanta, Ga., next May, to represent Division No. 102.

To say Division No. 102 is progressing beyond expectations is only putting it in a mild form.

Bro. Hill, of Division No. 33, and member of the B. & O. R. R. O. R. T. general committee, occasionally delivers the goods to us in an eloquent fashion, and we certainly appreciate Bro. Hill's oratory. BILL.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The western district meeting was held at Corry on December 2d, and was well attended. It is very gratifying to note that the members of the western district are taking a lively interest in the affairs of the division and great credit is due them for so doing.

The eastern district meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Emporium, December 16th. Among those present were Bros. Perry, Russell, Edwards, Mann and Confer, and Bros. Goodwin and O'Leary. Bro. Goodwin acted as S. and T. in the absence of Bro. Getchell, the regular S. and T. Chief O'Leary occupied his own seat, and Bro. Edwards, L. C., gave a very interesting talk on subjects of interest to the division.

We understand that Mrs. A. B. Geary, of Kane, will be one of us ere this write-up appears, and we extend her a warm welcome. There will be several more applications for next meeting.—Watch us grow.

Among the changes that have taken place during the last month we note the following:

Bro. Longphere from third trick at Ludlow to third trick at Sheffield.

Bro. Lindquist from third trick at Sheffield to second trick in same office.

Sister McGraw from second trick at Sheffield to first trick at "WY" tower, Kane.

Operator Green from third trick at Clarendon to third trick at "FN" tower, Warren.

Bro. Zeeb is working third trick at Ludlow at present.

On account of the fourth man being taken off at "JN," Emporium, Bro. Griskey has been transferred to "WY" tower, Kane, third trick. The folks on the east end hate to lose Bro. Griskey from among them, but what is our loss is the western district's gain. Bro. Griskey is very popular and is a strict O. R. T. man.

Our worthy S. & T., Bro. H. S. Getchell, is at present suffering from another attack of acute gastritis and is confined to his bed. It is feared that the disease has become chronic, as it makes its appearance about the same time each month. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

Operators Bretzin, Carroll and Jenkins and Bro. Reese dropped in on us for a few days or weeks and tried their hands at "Pensy" work, but have all gone again, seemingly not liking our working arrangements here.

Mr. Carlson is working the second trick at "RM" tower, Emporium, while Bro. Getchell is sick.

Operator Chatham, of Driftwood, has been promoted to extra dispatcher.

Bro. Schroff, of "PR" tower, Kane, is on the sick list.

Bro. Geswender, of Rathbun, who has been enjoying a week's vacation, has returned to duty.

Sister Baird, of "KS" Sinnemahoning, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Operator Gakle.

Bro. M. L. Fleming, of "MS" tower, is on the sick list; relieved by Operator John Schell.

Agent P. J. Holland, of Keating, who has been on the sick list for the past month, has returned to duty much improved in health.

Sister Helen Floyd, of "KS" Sinnemahoning, has taken a three months' leave of absence and has departed for points west of the "Rockies."

Sister Neylon, of "RA" office, Renovo, is rapidly regaining her health and is looking fine. She has had a severe time of it and we hope she will now enjoy the best of health.

Operator Peabody, of Ridgeway, is working third trick at "CH" tower, Renovo.

Bros. Perry and Botsford, of Keating, have decided to close their hunting camp during the cold weather, and Bro. "Bill" Russell has induced them to put in their spare time hunting nons and rounding them up in the fold. Judging from their hunting successes, they will make the P. & E. solid O. R. T. in short order.

It is hoped that some of the delinquent members will pay up and get into line for 1909. We will not mention names, but some day these parties may need the help of a brother and will regret leaving the union.

Since the day force at "JN" tower, Emporium, has been cut to two men, Bro. O'Leary's job calls to mind a cartoon that appeared in a Philadelphia paper some time ago, which showed a "Reading" agent doing ten jobs all in one. Bro. O'Leary has the advantage over the P. & R. brother, as he can tie the broom to his foot and sweep the office while he is manipulating the levers. What a wonderful man our operator is, anyway—twelve wires to answer, thirty-two levers to handle, besides answering two telephones, handling train orders and blocking trains.

Members receiving applications for new members should be sure that the applicant is A No. 1 before recommending him. If he sleeps on duty and makes trouble for the company, he need not apply. If we do this, we will show our superior officers that it pays to have up-to-date organized operators. Our obligation to the Order insures good service to the company, and if we live up to our obligation we can not help but give the best of service.

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We are glad to say that a good deal of young blood is and will be infused into our Order. This is just what we want. Let us make the year of 1909 the banner year. We can do it if we try.

Mr. J. W. Robinson, of Emporium, is working third trick at "HY" Huntley.

Miss C. V. Eddy is relieving Sister Floyd while the latter is away.

The correspondent takes this opportunity to thank Bros. Russell, Goodwin and Barner for their contributions to this write-up. It gives me a little encouragement to work, and we all like to see the division appear in the columns of the journal. Bro. Quick is glad to print everything in the way of news we may send him, and we are assisting him in maintaining the reputation of THE TELEGRAPHER, which is now considered to be the best fraternal magazine printed. Attend the meetings, give us the news, round up the nons and pay your dues. There it is in rhyme and all in a nutshell.

The entire membership wishes to extend hearty Christmas and New Year's greeting to the officers and members of the Order of R. R. Telegraphers throughout the country and best wishes for their future, one and all.

"We hope that you may all enjoy the very best of health,
That you may find prosperity and happiness and wealth;
May you live long upon this earth with those whom you hold dear,
A Merry Christmas to you all, and a bright, happy New Year.

DIV. COR.

Buffalo Div., No. 135.

Still a few dead ones left.

Are you thinking about getting yourself a card?

If you are not a union man, should you not feel that you are a traitor? I would never feel like a free man, either at home or at work, I would feel that I was not only doing my fellow-workers an injustice, but myself also; and if you will only study the matter over, you will see it in the same light.

Our regular meeting, held at Olean, Tuesday, December 15th, was not as largely attended as was expected, but most of the good old members were very much in evidence. Kindly remember and turn out better next time, it's for your welcome as well as for the ones who always attend. Do not leave all the work for a few, do something yourself.

Bro. D. F. Cain has bid in first trick at Deep Cut.

Bro. Carl Smith bid in "CH," nights.

Bro. R. R. Wilson, second trick at Chaffee, was off two days last month, visiting relatives in Pittsburg.

Bro. Mathewson will relieve Agent Burt, Machias, during his three months' of absence.

Operator Huntington, second trick, Holland, was visiting friends at Buffalo, a few days last month.

Bro. Farnsworth was relieving Agent Keating Summit, a few days.

Bro. Leet has resigned and accepted a position with the N. & W. Ry.

Bro. Cook, of Sizersville, is batching in a private car; he extends a kind invitation to all brothers to call on him, whether in need of grub or not.

It's queer about some nons. I tried to get one in line the other day, the reply he gave was "going to quit soon." It's the same old song this man has sung for the past two years. Wonder when he is going to quit? CERT. 23, DIV. 135.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

Six new members voted in at our December meeting, which cleans up the nons with the exception of two or three who will receive an invitation to join, before these items reach the press, and who we hope will see their way clear to do the right thing. We put the name brother to the following: Ross, agent, Johnsonville; Allen, agent, Hoosick Junction; Turner, second trick, Hoosick Junction; Burns, third trick, Eagle Bridge; Charles Andrew Brown, extra, now second trick, Eagle Bridge; Lawrence Towerman, Shelburne Junction.

This brings our membership above the highest mark since the organization secured a schedule. Our secretary and treasurer, Bro. Cook, reports our finances the best in the history of the Order. Let the good work continue.

A few changes since our last write-up:

Bro. Quick from "JO" to "JU," Mohawk River Bridge.

Bro. Van Wort from "HJ" to "PI" third trick.

Bro. Brown, extra to second trick, "BR," Eagle Bridge. Bro. Colton away on account of sickness in family.

Bro. Albert Nesbitt from "XN" to "HJ," third trick.

Bro. Wickham from acting agent at Hoosick to "XN," third trick.

Bro. Powers from "NR" to "HA," Schaghticoke.

Bro. Burt from acting agent "SR," South River, to "NR." Mr. Chapman, agent South River, away on account of sickness, returned.

Local Chairman Potter off on committee work, and sickness; back at Hoosick.

Understand Mr. White works as operator at "JD" two hours, then as clerk to Chief Bourne the balance of the day.

Mr. Callahan, third trick, "HF," Hoosick Falls, is on the sick list. Mr. Murphy, sub.

Your correspondent was honored by being selected to represent our division with the general committee in Boston, December 8th and 9th, in place of Local Chairman Potter, who was indisposed. After consultation with Chief Powers and other officers of our Order, the lot fell to me. I wish to thank the brethren, for it was surely a treat to gather with the several chairmen and General

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Chairman Bode, to confer together in the interest of their fellow-men. It would hardly be right to advise you at this time what was done, as a report is to be published and sent to each member of our Order in the near future. Vice-President T. M. Pierson was with us, also General Chairman Manion of the N. Y., N. H. & H., who is on a salary to look after the interests of the employes of the road.

New plans for interesting our members, and to canvass for the few nons were perfected, and at this writing is being carried forward to success.

Pittsburg Junction, third trick, bulletined.

It is the desire of our secretary and treasurer that the semi-annual dues be paid promptly. The privilege of payment on or before February 28th is given, but should not be left for the later date, as you may forget, and if not paid it will be necessary to make application same as a new member.

A general write-up of the remaining nons will be made in our next number. We are led to believe that publicity is necessary to get those fellows to thinking. It would be unfair to those whom we have mentioned in previous issues, unless we used all alike, and would appear that we have personal grievances, which is not so; but we are interested in the welfare of our Order.

If the rank and file of the O. R. T. could know, or would take time to inform themselves of the continued efforts put forth in their behalf for better working conditions, and a larger share of their labor products, it would not be necessary to keep up the pumping work in order to interest them. Let's get down to business. Work together, be mindful of our obligation to one another, and respond to the call of our leaders. It's the desire to increase our Order to the 50,000 mark this year. We can and must do it. Get after the non next to you, and don't let him rest until he has the goods.

Economy as practiced in leaving off numbers and class lights from engines, may result seriously in case of single track movement of trains. About four out of ten engines fail to observe rule No. 17. My belief is that an operator would be justified in refusing a stop displayed, if he was not sure of what trains had passed, of course as long as everything runs smooth it's like a canal. But who can say when a wreck will take place, which will necessitate the knowledge to a certainty as to what trains have passed. A recent item from a local paper, The D. & H. Co., to reduce expenses laid off a crossing tender. The day following a woman was killed on the crossing. While we agree with our employers in economy, let it be practiced where serious results will be impossible.

Bro. E. J. Girdan has an "NX" at "XN," in the shape of a long needed place to clean signal lamps. Heretofore it was necessary to do the work in the storm outside.

Remember election of officers January 9th; installation February 13th. CERT. 117.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Second District—

Let us wake up and see if we can not bring our division up to the standard, before our committee presents the petition for shorter hours to the members of Senate and House of Commons. Get the public interested in this matter. No doubt you have all received a petition from Bro. Campbell, third vice-president, requesting you to get as many electors in your locality to sign it as possible, and return to him sometime before January 1st, 1909. Wouldn't it pay us for all our trouble, if we could get an eight-hour working limit, and we must go at it in this way if we ever get it. Let us get interested at once and try to push this thing along.

Unless there is an interest taken among the boys, we can not expect the nons to join our ranks, and there is lots of them along the line. We must be up and doing at once. Get after them and bring them in.

Our present schedule expires soon, now, why not begin to think about doing something towards getting a raise. We certainly can get it if we go at it in the right way, and each and every member does his part.

Let us all get busy now and make the coming year a successful one.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. S. Y.

Clover Leaf Ry.

Operator J. G. Adams, formerly of the Santa Fe, has accepted the third trick at Marion, Ind. Mr. Adams is not a holder of an up-to-date card, but has given his word that he will come in, in the near future.

Bro. Ford Russell, second trick man at Marion, Ind., was off over Xmas, visiting his home at Grand Rapids, O. COR.

Wabash Ry.

Decatur Division—

Bro. B. K. Cannon, who has been holding down the agency at Lodge for the past few months, has resigned. Bro. C. has bid on agency at Campus. Miss Grace Lanier, daughter of Bro. Lanier, first trick man at Lodge tower, accepts the position of agent at Lodge.

Bro. Somers, of Gibson, desirous of change. Tryed to land agency at Strawn, but as we understand it, a little shy on seniority. Wells, second trick man at Gibson, landed instead.

Agent Folrath, of Cerro Gordo, off a few days on account of business; second trick man, Wingate, acting as relief man. Extra man Reinhart relieving Wingate in meantime. Later we learn that Reinhart has left for Los Angeles, to take position with the W. U. at that point.

Jolly, first trick man at East Decatur, back to old stand again.

Bro. McKinley, of the Wabash, more recently with the I. C., is employed at Tolono.

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Bro. Davis, second trick at Lodge, off a few days on account sickness; relieved by extra man Maxen.

Bro. Litchenberger, first trick man at Forrest, has resigned, and accepts position with the T. P. & W., at Peoria, as dispatcher.

Quite a number of the boys are endeavoring to get off during the holidays, but as usual too many are asking for the same thing, at the same time, hence, disappointments are the lot of not a few.

Operator Schrer, of "XD," days, assigned to "H" office, in place of Bro. Harwood, second trick; Bro. H. to "XD."

Bro. Jerry Smith, of Foosland, off on account of sickness; Bro. J. H. Tomlinson relieving.

Agent Brock, of Shumway, Altamont branch, has resigned. Mr. B. has accepted a position in a bank at that point.

Somewhat shy on news for this issue, for the reason that a brother or two, who have been assisting us heretofore, has forgotten to write.

HARTE.

Peru Division—

We have just had the pleasure of canvassing the Peru Division, and calling on the boys, both members and nons, as well as a few who are hovering on the narrow margin between membership and non-membership, on account of their dues for the term not as yet being paid. Some of the delinquent brothers fixed the matter up with me, and I feel certain the remainder will do the same before it is too late, as they promised me they would.

We bumped up against the usual excuses from a few of the nons as to why they are nons, yet it is a satisfaction to see the different reception accorded us by even those who heretofore seemed proof against anything. Just think only one is left of that class who trys to appear as if he were trying to think what the O. R. T. is whenever you mention it; that, seems-like-I've-heard-of-something-like-the-O.R.T.-before sort of an air, and who smile and wink over your shoulder to some one behind you while you are speaking with them. You know the kind I mean. Well, there is only one left. Quite a curiosity, eh?

The Open and Closed Shop, as well as the right of the "independent worker," were touched upon in our different discussions with both members and nons. These questions concern more directly the mechanical trades. Ourselves it concerns more in an indirect way, yet since they concern unionism, and since they were touched upon more than usual it may not be amiss to say a little along those lines.

In the first place the "Open Shop" and the "Closed Shop are terms used more by the enemies of organized labor as subterfuges for the terms non-union and union shops. It is nothing but an attempt to convey the idea that a great wrong is being perpetrated by trade unions when they insist upon all workers in a shop joining the union. It is easy to understand that a Closed Shop, literally speaking, means a shop closed against some one or more persons.

If a proprietor refuses employment to men because they are union men, which is done every day, this would be a closed shop; closed against union men, but the enemies of union labor call this an "Open Shop." A shop in which union wages are not paid, in which unionism is not recognized, one in which the workers are made to understand that they must labor at non-union wages, under non-union conditions, and which is closed against everything for which unionism stands. This is the kind, that for reasons, our enemies are pleased to call the "Open Shop."

The terms "Closed Shop" and "Open Shop" are attempts to evade the issue by using misleading phrases. Why not call them by their right names, the Union and Non-Union Shop?

It is asked sometimes why unions insist on the so-called "Closed Shop?" It is because they desire peace and not strife. They believe in wage agreements, being opposed to a loose method of dealing with employers, making it possible with a surplus of labor for them to cut wages and force the acceptance by the men who then hope to get even when there is again a scarcity of labor. Unions are opposed to a "get even" policy. Under the present system trade agreements brings peace and prosperity, temporarily at least, to both sides, and these agreements are only possible when labor is well organized, hence the demand for union shops. A trade union can not sign a trade agreement for workers who are nons. This does not mean, however, that where agreements or schedules exist in instances like ours, where there is not a Union Shop rule, that nons do not benefit by them, on the contrary they benefit by our schedules almost the same as members. In some instances such as grievances should they feel they are not getting their rights (?) under the schedules they must fight it out as individuals, independent of boards of adjustment. Here is where the parasite finds it a little bit different than before, when he was having the good things brought to him on a silver tray.

Under Union Shop conditions you will hear some say that the rights of the "independent worker" are infringed upon. No such thing. What is an independent worker? Is he one who remains out of the union because he wishes to assert his independence? Brilliant (?) idea that. The independence lost by membership in the union is as nothing compared with the losses sustained by one who submits himself or herself individually to the mercy of employers whose aim is always for dividends. The only right, if it be called a right, that a working man loses by joining a union is the right to undermine his fellow-workingmen.

Perhaps this independent worker is one who remains out of the union, because he conscientiously opposes some rule of the union. He should remember, however, that the union is here to stay, and the best way to remedy such things is from within rather than from without. The workers

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who formed the union and who are today keeping it alive, are conscientious. If the so-called independent workers' conscience tells him that he must not associate with his comrades in a union, then he should not complain if at some time their conscience tell them he is standing in the way of progress, and in turn refuse to work with him in the Union Shop. All have the undeniable right of following the dictates of conscience, but should our conscience dictate that we disassociate ourselves from our fellows, we are victims of folly or deception or both, and sooner or later we must suffer the result of a mistaken conscience.

In other organized walks of life association, co-operation and the like are very much in evidence. For instance, to practice law in a legal workshop or a law court, it is necessary to belong to the Bar Association. A diploma which is nothing more than a Working Card, is necessary if we prcatice medicine or the medical association will use all their power to prevent one from working in this line of business. Even the ministers of the gospel must have a license (working card) to preach, or he is not recognized. Doctors call their unfair workers "Quacks." Lawyers call theirs "Pettifoggers." Florists, Undertakers, Pharmacists and many others have their unions, and are sticking together, and the independent worker or non gets very little comfort, because of such independence or non-membership in the association or union of his kind.

To be sure all history shows that there has always been a class distinction made in viewing things, and any move by labor has always been looked down upon as insignificant, and every effort made to crush anything that may tend to raise labor above being anything else than the menial or legitimate prey of the ruling class by said ruling class. Even our Saviour was looked upon, by the ruling class of his day, as an agitator and a part of the Rabble. The glasses through which present-day ruling class society view things gives the savor of business associations to these other unions, putting them in a different class than the associations or unions of the workers who are still agitators and a part of the rabble as they see it. However, there has been a steady advance made by "the despised of earth," and some of the harsh things they would utter against us is now deemed best unuttered. The cause of this advance is that labor is awakening to its interests. A proof of this is very manifest even on the Peru Division among the brothers of the O. R. T., as out recent trip over the Division shows. The fraternalism and brotherhood shown me in the welcome I received by the membership on the division and between the brothers among themselves appeared more pronounced than ever.

Gradually labor of all the different crafts is being drawn closer and closer together within the respective crafts; gradually, labor of the different crafts is being drawn closer and closer together in the great federations; and gradually and just as surely the calloused, but honest hands of toil are being stretched across the seas to clasp the equally welcome hands of the workers of every land, and labor is being drawn closer and closer together in international brotherhood. What does it mean? Simply that the day of the independent or individual worker is past. Evolution has done away with the small individual tool of production, and ushered in the great machine to operate which requires the co-operative labor of many workers, instead of the individual worker. Evolution has produced, instead of the individual owner of the individual tool, the trust and these trusts which at first may have only affected comparatively small vicinities are now national, yea international in their scope. Labor is therefore becoming conscious of the fast that to cope with these "bodies without souls" it must unite. It is foolish to attempt it individually, and these bonds of unionism of the different crafts and national and international federations speak plainly that labor recognizes its position, hence this gradual closing up of the lines into closer co-operation. Already the gentle and endearing words of "Brother" or "Comrade" touches a responsive cord in every honest and true workers' breast, the world over, which proves that unlike the other product of evolution that "body without soul," ours is a body that is All Soul. Which must be the ultimate victor? Indeed, is such a question necessary? The Soul is Always Triumphant. Workers, Brothers, Comrades never forget your duty to yourselves and your kind. "Unite, we have nothing to lose but our chains, we have a world to gain."

Yours Fraternally,

W. P. SHUTT,
Local Chairman.

M. & O. Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Business is very good.

Bro. John Hudson bid in Ruslor, on bulletin. Relieved at Shannon temporarily by Mr. R. E. Sanders, from the N. & C. Bro. Paseler will go to Shannon, regular second trick, and we suppose Mr. Sanders will go to Ruslor, second trick.

Mr. J. E. Armstrong, second trick at Corinth, off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. K. Somers, an old-timer, of Union City.

Night office has been opened at Selmer, temporarily, with Mr. John Stovall, of Bethel, in charge.

Bro. Hemphill, third trick at Bethel, off on vacation; relieved by Operator Stovall.

Bro. Sommers is working third trick at Union City during Bro. Bailey's absence at Berkeley. Bro. Bailey is acting agent at Berkeley during Bro. Beadle's absence on account of sickness.

Mr. J. F. Hatley checked in as agent at Laketon, relieving Bro. Reynolds. I am unable to say where Bro. Reynolds went.

Bro. Hodges has returned to Hodges Park again, after being off for quite a while.

Mr. J. D. Wilson checked in as agent at Red Bud, relieving Bro. Nolan. Mr. Wilson was one time a member, but dropped out. I have written him several times, but can not get a reply.

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I am unable to give any account of the north end. I wish some of you fellows would come on with your doings? I write from one to twenty letters every day pertaining to the O. R. T. It does look like you boys could write one a month?

We have hatched out quite a lot of nons. Look after them, boys. If the company can work them we can take them into the O. R. T. If you have one working with you or next door to you, get him. If we all would make more efforts to secure members we would have a much better line-up. It is your duty to get them. Why don't you go after them.

I have the promise of about twenty of our thirty-two nons for January 1, 1909. This is encouraging, and I don't think they will go back on me. At most of those places where nons are working there is from one to two members working with them. Why don't you fellows do your duty and line those nons up. It would be very easy if you would get right in after them.

We have a few still that will not join on account of tough luck. I will agree with you that tough luck is bad. I have experienced some of that myself this year, but I still stay lined up. I can see where I have been benefited through the O. R. T. Can you? That $10 extra on my pay-roll looks good to me. I can't afford to drop out, "scared I would starve." Have you ever thought seriously over this? Better get on your thinking cap.

Remember, the time is now ripe for new cards. I have secured my 1909 card. They are beauties. Get one right away. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

K. C. S. Ry.

Southern Division—

It has been some time since the Louisiana lines have appeared in the journal, but now that Division No. 5 is undergoing a thorough reorganization let each and every one lend a helping hand to make the Southern end show up the best.

Bro. E. A. Compton, formerly "E" at "J" office, relieved Bro. Alford while "OX" is on his honeymoon.

Sister Ida Patillo, of "MO" office, Leesville, took a run down to Beaumont to spend Christmas at home and visit with relatives.

This is the beginning of a new year and all should have their new cards by this time. If you have not already remitted, do so at once, and let us be up and doing, and be as near solid as possible, for we hope to have something doing when William takes his seat in Washington.

Bro. E. A. Compton, who was located in the dispatcher's office at Shreveport last summer, and went north for the benefit of his health, has returned and says he likes farming in Iowa nearly as well as working the wires, but has decided to stay with us indefinitely, at least as long as he can give the sanitarium a clear track.

Bro. Weston, for several years our local chairman, is again with us, after several months off, selling oil lands around "KY." DIV. COR.

Union Pacific Ry.

Eastern District, Kansas Division—

Have you a new card?

Bro. Stoddard is senior applicant for Bonner Springs nights.

Did you notice that Mister Morrell, at Loring, was suspended five days for carelessness, and that Mr. Robt. Stepp was discharged for unsatisfactory service, failure to make out reports, and inattention to duties in general? In fact, every thing in the calendar, with the exception of violation of Rule G, which was probably covered by the "unsatisfactory service." When a man nearly breaks his neck getting out of the way of a lightning bug, supposing it to be a locomotive, it is time something happened.

Thos. D. Wright, ex-helper, from Perry, is relieving Bro. Stoddard at Bonner Springs.

Bro. Klasse, relief agent, is relieving Bro. Haney at Lenape. Understand Bro. Haney is intending to take charge of a farm in Nebraska.

Bro. J. J. Gleason is senior applicant for Tonganoxie. Bro. Gleason comes to us from Division No. 130.

Lawrence is solid O. R. T. once again.

The Hon. Charles Grover Cleveland Folsom, a protege of "Mother" Seiver, once of St. George, later of Delia and later yet of Yocemento, at which place he lasted three days, has retired to Emmett to take another course in the art of "telegraphic dispatching," and to recuperate from the hard knocks under the watchful eye and kindly care of Nurse Seiver. Poor Charles Grover.

Bro. T. B. Stine, formerly of Emmett, senior applicant for Marietta. Mr. Mann, formerly of Garrison Crossing, is relieving Bro. Stine while he takes his Christmas vacation.

Understand Bro. Armstrong, Wamego nights, is senior applicant for relief agent on the west end.

C. P. Autry, who relieved us while we partook of the Thanksgiving bird over in Missouri, touched us for a second-hand overcoat that Bro. Caldwell left in our possession and left town after sunset. He also left Bro. Leger a board bill to settle. Since then we have learned that we were not the only suckers, which is some consolation.

Bro. Hinrichs, who bid in Delphos, is to return to Randolph, owing to the reinstatement of Bro. Ford, Bro. Webb returning to Garrison Crossing and Bro. Wyatt to Belvue.

Mr. Ross, a brother of Bro. J. O. Ross, of Wamego, extra at Ogdensburg a few nights, Bro. Meierotta senior applicant.

Bro. G. T. Temple relieved Bro. Batchelor at Wakefield. Bro. Temple is also senior applicant for Concordia.

Bro. E. L. Rhodes, from Burlington extra, at Ft. Riley a few days.

Glen Bowker is relieving Bro. Farrell at Perry. We are unable to say what, when or why, owing to the fact that Glen's vocabulary consists of the one word, "yes."

Understand Bro. H. G. Focht was assigned Salina nights, Bro. C. A. Lunsford assigned Beloit days and W. D. Kirby Bunker Hill extra.

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Bro. G. E. Payne, manager at Ellis, spent Christmas week in Manhattan.

The poor, deluded boys who have been gathered together from the ham shops, farms, etc., to fill $35.00 jobs, seem to have fallen in bad ways. On December 17 the Seiverite at Chapman, Kan., Mr. A. Peterson, was let out of jail at Abilene after serving thirty days, for picking up a set of furs at Chapman. About the same time Bro. Batchelor, at Rossville, began to check up short each day, and as a result of the watch on his helper, another Seiverite, named Herbert K. Kerswell, he secured a written statement from Kerswell that he had taken about $25.00. In addition to this, Kerswell signed his pay check over to Bro. Batchelor to cover the amount. Gladsome George immediately appeared on the scene, saying that he had come down from Omaha thinking there would be some technical point on which he could clear him, and that he was very, very sorry that he (Kerswell) had owned up to it and signed the statement—that it would now be impossible to help him out. "Forsooth I know not why I am so sad," and, like my esteemed contemporary on the Nebraska division, methinks I hear across the stillness of the night the voices of Mammy Sievers and his two deluded and misguided helpers chanting the refrain of "The jingle of the guinea helps the hurt that honor feels."

Bro. C. R. Allen, one time local chairman of the Burlington, who has, in company with his brother, been attending law school at Lawrence, passed through Manhattan recently, on his way to California with his sister, who is in poor health. We were glad to renew an old acquaintance with Bro. Allen, since the latest decision of the court is liable to put us all in jail, in which case the services of Bro. Allen as a lawyer will be greatly appreciated.

If any of you have an idea that things have not been run right for the past two years, you will soon have an opportunity to change the order of things, and if you want to take a whirl at the glory, get your name on the official ballot in February.

Bro. McNeil, of Havensville, is relieving Bro. Daily, at Holton. This is about the best we can do for the L. & W., owing to the absence of any reporter over on that line.

Seven new members on this district for the month of December. Suppose you take a hand at the game of rounding up just one non-member this year. We have a choice stock to select from and guarantee you your money's worth in rounding them up.

If you believe you are being used to violate the nine-hour law; if you believe you are working overtime for which you are not being paid; if you believe you are being forced to violate the schedule, then take the matter up. It is our business and our pleasure to look after these matters for you, and if you will only take interest enough to look the matter up you will soon be on the right side of the fence. Get a little ambition about you.

"HO."

First District, Nebraska Division—

We are sorry to note that there are six members on the first district who have not paid up this quarter's dues yet. Sisters and brothers, this is not right; you have had the protection of the Order, and you should stay by it, although there may be something you do not like. The O. R. T. is what has made you what you are today.

We have about a dozen nons on the first district. I have personally (and also know that our local chairman has) written every one. Some of them I have written three or four letters, but so far I have failed to get a reply from any of them—it seems they have not enough manhood about them to answer. One of them promised me over a year ago that he would fill up the blanks, but up to the present time he has failed to do so. Another has been promising that he would come in next pay day—that has been six or seven pay days ago. One of the best telegraph jobs there is on this district is held down by a non. Brothers, just stop and think for a while. Who is getting the benefit out of this? Isn't the non that does not pay towards the O. R. T. getting the same as you and I? It makes me sick when I think of it. I could write all day about these nons and not say half that is due them and do justice to myself and you, my brothers. I am strictly union and I do not buy anything that is not made by union labor. If I can get union made goods I buy them in preference to nonunion goods every time. How about you, my brothers? 'Nuff said.

There has been quite a stir up on this district within the past thirty days. Mr. Brown, agent at Columbus, was relieved from duty and C. A. Martin, day operator from Fremont, was appointed agent.

Bro. Jones, from the N. P., we understand, is working Fremont days.

Bro. Frank Vibyral got second trick at North Bend on bulletin.

Bro. Hennigan, from "GD" office, spent Christmas day at Columbus.

The working hours at Central City have again been changed, using only two operators there now, the office being closed from 10 p. m. until 3 a. m.

CERT. 771, DIV. COR.

Western District, Nebraska Division—

The O. R. T. expects every man to do his duty now.

Start the new year right.

You who have such ideas of how to do things, we need you.

Your position in relation to the work must be considered before we can determine your usefulness.

The old hen don't break the egg that hatches; it's the tiny chick pecking from the inside.

There's your cue—it's up to you. If you are on the outside you are a non-conductor, interfering wonderfully with the circuit. It's your move.

Not all the non-conductors are on the outside, but all who are on the outside are non-conductors.

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One ampere in the magnet is worth several ohms of resistance.

More energy is expended getting some telegraphers to do their simple duty than in procuring the craft better condiditns.

When open contempt of labor's work reaches the point that officials are sentenced to imprisonment for doing what the laboring class instructs them to do, it is high time you were making a noise at least.

It is customary for men to fight the battles of the women; invalids and weak minds are excepted. What class are you in?

We do not hesitate to condemn one who professionally fights us nor to less emphatically show up the one of our own craft who sacrifices the welfare of the body of workers to his personal aggrandizement.

Some men will plaster you with mud and if you scrape a little of it off and throw it back at them, they invoke the "Supreme Court" at once. If I were not able to fight my own battles, I should quit rather than want every advantage my way.

The doctrine of the brotherhood of man is fully established and unionism is an expression of that doctrine. Some men have not recognized any one but themselves in the world yet.

The following conversation was heard lately on the wire between a dispatcher and one of our nurslings whose only fault is that he was picked before he was ripe—hardly weaned, in fact. This at the end of fifteen minutes similar conversation:

Dispatcher (in his Sunday Morse)—Where's the operator?

Nursling (in his student Morse)—On the main line.

Dispatcher—31 copy 4 * * * will meet at Markel.

Nursling (repeating)—Will meet at Brady Island.

Nothing incompetent about the boy—just a little deaf is all. Mr. Boyles spent too much time serving a fine Thanksgiving dinner for him and turned him out too soon.

C. E. Cole bid in first day operator at "GE" Grand Island, and celebrated by putting his 200 pounds avoirdupois to the O. R. T. wheel of progress. Bro. G. H. Smith bid in second days and Grant Hix second nights in same office.

Do you make it a point to see that your office and all with whom you come in touch are solidly lined up for us? If not you are hurting your own interest.

Mr. B. M. Buskirk, of Miller, was off a few days on account of the death of his father, in Omaha. He was relieved by Bro. A. W. Gard who has transferred to us from the Santa Fe division.

Mr. W. G. Moore bid in first operator's position at Watson's Branch. Bro. C. E. Ford bid in third trick, but is laying off for Xmas. Relieved by a Mr. Sharpe. If he is a brother we ask his pardon.

Bro. Horne, at Maxwell, is off on his vacation. Relieved by M. D. Wright.

Mr. C. R. Haines, Josselyn nights, may now be hailed as brother.

Several of the boys are coming in just now. Let's all pull together and help them feel they have aided in something for their benefit.

W. F. Brinkmeyer, who bid in the relief agent's job on this district, is one of the new members. Treat him as a brother when he comes to relieve you.

There is possibly more news this month, but I am unable to give it to you as I was too busy to hunt it up and wish to thank the boys who gave me items this month. Come again.

Some things are expected by all in the coming year. Let me sound as a warning that you have one of the hardest places in this work—that of seeing that every one is kept in line. Let me urge on every member to see to it that he comes up promptly with his dues this coming term, and sees that all in his territory do the same.

It is very fitting that at this time of the year, when every one's thoughts are turned toward the birthday of Him who has been the instigator, perpetrator and guiding power of the great ehtical movement for the uplift of mankind, of which unionism has the honor to be one of the strongest auxiliaries, that we proceed to interest all around us in the work we are doing. To do this we must recognize that the union movement is only a part of the great scheme. We must enter into the spirit of the work around us. How can we expect to interest others in our work if we take no interest in their's when they are also trying to do the same work, or different phases of it? When you treat their pleas lightly, can you then feel hard towards them for not informing themselves of your work and assisting in it? You can not simply be a good union man by keeping the up-to-date card. You must take a stand for everything that is for the betterment of mankind, and as you take part in this work more fully, your mind will broaden to the great scope and meaning of unionism, and I guarantee that you will be a more thorough union worker than ever before. The body of workmen can only be uplifted by the uplift of the individuals. You and I are the individuals. What are you doing for yourself and them? I should like to put that question to every non. It is true that dollars and cents concern us very closely and are great stimulants to our endeavors, but there is a great principle back of it. Are Gompers or Mitchell willing to go to prison for their salary? Then are you in this work for money? Are you not willing to do everything in your power to aid this great movement. The first step is the necessary blanks, which can be furnished by your local chairman. Who will get in on the land-slide?

With best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year for us all. CERT. 765.

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N. Y. C. Ry.

Hudson Division—

A Happy New Year to you all, and let us hope a prosperous one, but the above is an ideal quotation and will net no results unless we (which means you) direct our energies to that purpose. Our prosperity, and incidentally happiness, depends on our ability to induce and if necessary insist upon a fair remuneration for our services. What we accomplish this present year, as in years past, will be through the effort of our organization; therefore, it behooves each of us to pay our dues promptly, and not be satisfied until we are assured that those we are working with have also paid their dues; or if it be a non, try and have him fill out his papers. There are a few, and only a few, nons on the Hudson division that have taken out a life membership in the "Free Graft Club," and of course this membership gives them the privilege to do the "sponge" act, and, brother members, it is your duty to righteously apply our motto, "no card, no favors," to this unprincipled type of man, that is only distinguished from the hog by his physical contour.

Bear in mind that next month (February) you elect your local chairman for two years. This is of vital importance to each of you, and you should see that your best available man be nominated and elected, and all that is necessary to place your choice in nomination is to have three members sign it and forward same to A. E. Blim, Chili Station, N. Y., before January 31st.

Bro. G. C. Hyatt, our genial shortstop, is radiating a broad smile on account of his new card and landing steady at 54.

"Homerun" Riley, who caused the downfall of the Hapso's, made another safe hit, landing third at "BS-44."

New faces were in evidence at our last meeting, Bro. Keck, from 19, being one of the prominent ones, and also, although a little late, Bro. Reddish, who has a sinecure on the New Haven at Hopewell Junction.

Bro. Haug from third at 62 to first at 64.

Bro. Williams, at 62, recently gave a jollification to a party of friends at his cosy little home at Hyde Park, the occasion being the anniversary of his arrival on terra firma thirty years ago. Among those to assist in entertaining were Bro. Frost, night agent at "BS-61."

DIV. COR.

To Members of Division No. 8:

We desire, through THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, to extend our sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation to the brothers and members of System Division No. 8 of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, N. Y. C., Hudson Division, for their kindness shown us during the time of our sad bereavement occasioned by the death of our beloved father, at Cold Spring, N. Y., on December 15, 1908, and also for the beautiful floral O. R. T. design presented.

BRO. F. J. GALLAGHER AND FAMILY.
BRO. E. R. GALLAGHER.
MR. D. GALLAGHER.
MISS A. E. GALLAGHER.
MR. AND MRS. F. L. JOHNSON AND FAMILY.
MR. AND MRS. R. W. DEVER.
MR. J. HOLDEN AND FAMILY.

New York Central & Hudson River Ry.

Mohawk Division—

The nons on this division have been dining at the O. R. T. table for a number of years past, without as much as thanking us for what they received, and you should give them to understand that they are very unwelcome guests and will continue as such until they decide to pay their board.

It is reported that Bro. J. Ward, who has held second trick at "BS30A," has been reduced to extra list.

Bro. Fritz is another victim of unjust discipline, having been forced to lose fifteen days on suspicion of making false statements in regard to two trains getting in a block on clear signals. Bro. Fritz is a faithful as well as truthful man, and we hope that he will succeed in being relieved of the charges against him and receive full pay for time lost, under the circumstances. The local chairman is assisting Bro. Fritz in his efforts towards vindication.

Bro. C. J. Bauder is reported quite ill at his home, with smallpox.

Bro. F. J. Wohlgemuth recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. Late reports are that he is getting along finely.

Before this appears in print, no doubt, your general committee will be convened before the managing officials for the purpose of adjusting grievances and revising the working rules, etc.

Let us start the year 1909 by rigidly enforcing our rule, No Card, No Favors. It is high time we let the nons know that so long as they are persistent in being too stingy to contribute the small amount of dues required of members, that they need expect no favors at our hands. I find that with very few exceptions the nons are willing to admit that they are desirous of having the committee represent them, but when it comes to their supporting the Order they have a very weak and threadbare excuse to offer.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has deemed it wise to remove from this life, the father and brother of brothers Harry and Frank Perry, and

WHEREAS, Our brothers and fellow-workers have been recently called to mourn the loss of their beloved mother,; be it hereby

Resolved, That Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to our bereaved brothers

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our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, commending them to Him who doeth all thing well, for guidance and strength to bear this double bereavement; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brothers, and a copy forwarded for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER.

F. B. HUFF,
T. J. MCDONNELL,
E. F. SCHNEITER,
Committee.

Buffalo Division—

Committees have been appointed and everything is moving smoothly in connection with our Sixth Annual Ball, which will be held at Post Office Hall, North Tonawanda, Wednesday, January 20th. A little effort on the part of each member will make this dance as successful as our former affairs have been.

After an absence of about two years, O. A. Siehl has returned to his first love—telegraphing. When with us before Bro. Siehl was an earnest worker for the good of the Order, and we believe that temporary absence has not cooled his ardor.

Bro. J. Dugan, who has been working in the Canadian Northwest, is back on the extra list.

Agent Williams, of La Salle, has bid in the afternoon trick at Tonawanda Junction, vice G. D. Kingdon who goes to "BS," Erie 3.

The action taken by the general committee, in granting the Buffalo Division a local chairman and a delegate to the next grand division is one that will give much satisfaction to the membership. Election to fill these places will be held in February.

Lampmen are suspended one day for each light that fails. How would you like to be the lampman?

Bros. Blim & Egleston, on the main line, Bro. Graham on the Rochester Division and Bro. Groat at "BS47," East Buffalo, will be glad to furnish tickets for the dance to all who apply. From Buffalo to Suspension Bridge—ask any member you meet.

Local Chairman Egleston covered this territory during the latter part of November. While he found the conditions fair, they are certainly not such as should be found among a class of men who claim, and rightly so, that they are as intelligent as any other in the service. Bro. Egleston ran up against the same old gags that have been worked off on members of the Order for years—next pay day, a friend of mine did not get justice from the local chairman, the organizer who was on the Belt Line six years ago did not play square, etc., etc.

When you read this, the new year will be close upon you and good resolutions will be in order. The lapsed member and the non might find it to their own benefit to cut out the school-boy practice of hunting for excuses to save the few dollars that our dues cost. No one believes the tales you hand out, they are too fishy. Neither does the fact that you are a non increase your standing with your employer, as experience has shown during the past few years.

"Be a man, a mouse or a long-tailed rat."

CERT. 57.

Western Division—

Division No. 8 held their regular meeting Saturday evening, November 21st, and those of the brothers present were very much interested in the remarks made by Bros. Egleston and Blim. The regular routine business was transacted and a number of questions threshed out. Motion was made and carried that the balance of money left over from the ball, given two years ago, be turned over to Treasurer Blim, to be used for the benefit of the Order.

Now brothers, although we had a fair attendance at this meeting, it seems as though we could do better. The schedule on the Western Division is so arranged that it gives you three trains to come to Syracuse, on Nos. 70, 28 or 72, and return on No. 77, at 11 p. m., giving sufficient time to attend lodge and help make these meetings interesting as well as instructive. Now, please remember this, and the next meeting let us all make an effort to be in attendance.

Chairman Egleston was in Syracuse, November 27th, looking up a few things pertaining to the good of the Order.

With the ending of the year 1908, how many brothers are in good standing and have an up-to-date card? Are there any delinquent ones? We hope not, for our Order was never in better condition financially, and otherwise than at the present time. True, there are things we have not accomplished which we have looked forward to, but when we take into consideration the chaos that this country was thrown into a year ago, we should feel gratified that things are in such good condition as we find them at the present time.

The company has recently equipped block stations 5, 6, 18 and 20 with magaphones to communicate with train men in the West Shore; as this is quite a distance across, no consumptive will care for these positions, only strong lungs needed. The question is, will all trains be equipped likewise? If so, the sound wave will be kept busy, and foggy mornings the language floating back and forth will make an East India skipper wild with envy.

A great many of us are a little rusty in regard to signs, and could and would cause us some trouble in working our way into lodge, but a certain brother attending our last meeting gave a signal which caused some surprise at first, in regards to interpretation. Some took it for the sign of the "Golden Ibece," others for a cross between the Eagles and Elks, while a smile of pleasure lit the faces of the old Western Division men, as they took it for the high and dry sign, but it went just the same.

Bro. Heath, from Jordan, is working second trick at "BS2A." Mr Brown transferred to third trick.

Bro. Potter, formerly relief agent, has settled down on the third trick at "SX" tower, Salina.

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We understand Bro. Cains, at "BS6," has resigned, to accept a situation as mail clerk. Good luck to you Bob, we will miss men like you.

Mr. Bateman, at "RW" tower, laid off December 5th and 6th; relieved by Bro. Miles.

We were promised some items from up the road, as well as Dewitt, but they failed to materialize. Now brothers, I am not gifted with second sight, and without that, or your help, I am afraid our place in THE TELEGRAPHER will be vacant again. Send us the news, if only an item or two, and keep things moving.

Thanks to Sister Gorman and Bro. Derby for items received. DIV. COR.

Grand Central, Terminal and Electric Divisions—

The Third Annual Reception of the Electric Division and Grand Central Terminal will be held at Majestic Hall, 115 and 125 East 125th street, New York City, on Wednesday evening, February 17th, 1909.

The committee asks the members to help them in making this reception the best ever held in New York City.

There is a hard race going on for the honor of selling the most tickets. The score, up to date, is: Bro. J. H. Smith, "MJ," 75; Bro. F. H. Lester, "MD," 50; Bro. Tom Noon, "MO," 25; Bro. Otto Berghorn, "D," 20.

The coming election in February promises to be the best contested ever held on the Electric Division, and in the Grand Central Terminal. The Grand Central Terminal elects their own delegate and local chairman, and the Electric Division also elects their own delegate and local chairman this election. So far there are five candidates on the Electric Division for delegate, and two for local chairman. Nominations open to January 31st. We urge our members to see that their ballots are properly filled out, and mailed in time to the General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. A. E. Blim, Chili Station, N. Y., as every one will be needed for your candidate.

There is a demand for application blanks, which shows that our members are going after the nons for January pay day. How about the nons near you? Now is the time to get busy. Start with the beginning of the new year.

Our day meeting, December 16th, was the best one held during the year 1908. After the business meeting was over, Bro. Festermacher entertained the members, reciting from Shakespeare; Bro. Geoghegan gave an organ recital and sang old time songs; Bro. Leon Williams, piano and songs; Bro. Alrutz, poems, and Bro. Rube Donovan, short stories. Refreshments and cigars were dispensed. Our next day meeting will be in March, 1909, same place, but probably a new lodge room.

During November, three telegraphers were displaced at "VN," Harlem, Drawbridge and Tower 5 Morris Heights closed. Four men were placed and one resigned.

Bro. Lou Thaler is still off sick. Dan McQuade is in his place.

Bro. Jack Lutz "YD" tower, off sick. Mr. Kingwell is in his place.

Dispatcher Stegman off sick. We hope for their speedy recovery and hope to see them on the job again, soon.

Will someone get after the station men, and get them around to the meetings.

Rumor has it that the Electric Division will be extended to North White Plains, in January. Welcome brothers, among us, you will now travel some.

Three best bets: Sell your ball tickets, vote correctly, attend your meetings and get after the nons.

Bro. Madigan, 106 street, is going to spend Christmas week at Penn Yan, N. Y.

Local Chairman Neumuller at general committee meeting during Christmas week. Hope we get vacations restored for next summer.

Mr. Airlie gets "MJ," leverman job, first trick; Bro. Hopper, second trick, until awarded.

Bro. Folmsbee is back at tower 4, from "MJ."

Several new men among us. Have they cards?

Bro. J. H. Smith, "MJ," Mott Haven, has added an Italian team "The Cangro Dancers" to his Bronx pony ballet. Jack promises to bring all the pony ballet to our ball.

The division correspondent wishes to announce it is Bro. Mohrback at "JO," Woodlawn Junction.

We hope to see the telephone operators, especially the young ladies, at Mott Haven Central, at our coming reception.

Bro. "Old John D." Hartwell, 50 street, won his Xmas expenses, when Longboat defeated the Italian, at Madison Square Garden, recently.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The third annual reception, System Division No. 8, Electric Division and Grand Central Terminal, New York Central Railroad, will be held at Maestic Hall, 115-125 East 125th street, New York, Wednesday evening, February 17th. A good time is assured all members of No. 44 who may attend. DIV. COR.

Norfolk & Western System.

In the first issue of our 1909 TELEGRAPHER, I want to thank the assistant correspondents on the N. & W. system for the able and creditable manner in which they have carried on their work in the past year, and I am also mindful of the many good brothers, who have so kindly given, of their time and talent, to the very interesting pages of our journal, which has grown to be recognized as one of the best labor journals in our country. Brothers, your work has been very much appreciated, not only by your general correspondence, but by the entire membership, and I want to urge you to keep up the good work with even more zeal and enthusiasm through 1909.

The Radford Division has just elected a chairman to fill the unexpired term of our esteemed Bro. W. E. Dungan, there were so many good men on this division, it was rather a difficult matter to decide who should have the honor, how-

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ever, by a majority of three, Bro. W. A. T. Overstreet, of Vicker, Va., was elected. Bro. Overstreet has appointed Bro. C. S. Baber, of Park street office, Roanoke, Va., and Bro. W. T. Duncan, Ripplemead, Va., as his assistants.

I am sure that nothing will be left undone, which would advance the interest of our organization, by these efficient gentlemen as our officers; and I want to urge the membership, as a whole, to give to them their support in every way possible, see that those who have not lined up do so, make it your special business to get them, and give them to understand that they are expected to support the organization that is giving them benefits every day.

We have only a very few who are so selfish that they will not contribute their part to the support of the organization that has done so much for them, and if we will only apply the individual effort plan to these few, we will soon drive them in line or drive them away. The boys don't realize what an influence they have, and if every man will go right after the nons, we will get every one of them; call them up on the wire every day, and write them letters until they simply can not take what belong to us without giving something in return. If the men on the Radford Division will do this our non list will soon look like "thirty cents with a hole in it," inside of thirty days, now let all of us get busy from the very day you read this, and see what the result will be. I want our non list to be a scab list, and have nothing on it but scabs and undesirable men whose applications we do not want.

M. G. HARPER,
General Correspondent.

Pocahontas Division—

I am glad to know that a lot of the luke-warm members are pledging themselves to us for the next term, and are going to see to it that a new card is one of the Christmas presents they will get for themselves.

So we are going to have nice new 'phones soon, at least, so says one of our high officials; within three months too.

Then the telegraph will be a thing of history on the Pocahontas Division. The following questions are being asked: Is it the telephone, graphophone or megaphone?

It matters not what it is, they (the officials) say it works fine on the Burlington.

Will it not seem funny to see our stern dispatchers, who are always busy, converted into hello girls, and seem rather awkward when we find it necessary to have a vocal confab every time we "OS" get the block and etc.?

We are not having a great many changes now. Bro. Robinett is looking for some one to kick, as Cooper, third trick, has been closed.

I sympathise with Bro. Jennings, as 6 a. m. is rather early rising.

Delinquent Bros. Woodburn and Heast have bid in Finney agency and Switchback, third trick, respectively. Woodburn is from Coaldale, third trick, and Heast from extra list.

Bro. Pippin, Flat Top, third trick, is at home in sunny Tennessee, eating Thanksgiving turkey.

Bro. Ellison, second trick at West Vivian, is well pleased with his new location.

Bro. Speed, on the west end, advises that everything is moving along nicely over there.

Several of our up-to-date brothers and sisters are looking forward to the time when they shall have the opportunity to vote for the seniority clause, to be changed back as it was previous to March 1st.

I notice that the operators on the Western General Division are not making the good record they did some time ago. Can't we do this again and hold to it? DIV. COR.

Radford Division—

Some of us, when we write something one time, try to console ourselves with the thought that we have performed our full duty, even though we contribute nothing again for a full year.

Our men are being disciplined as never before. Operators are receiving five and ten-day suspensions for trifling offenses that in former days would have gone unnoticed. Operators have certainly got to be on the alert and in full possession of all five of their senses in order to keep out of trouble. One thing in particular we would like to impress upon our boys, is the importance of receiving acknowledgment of all train reports, and especially is this true at offices where block system is in effect.

The writer has endeavored to carry out the rules in regard to this against a great many odds. He has found that the majority of operators with whom he has blocked trains do not approve of being called upon to sign for each and every report made to them. To use a slang expression, he has been "cussed out" many times for insisting on an acknowledgment for such reports.

According to the writer's understanding, to transmit an "OS" and receive no acknowledgment of it from the office to which it is intended is practically no report at all; to say the least, it is incomplete, for we find that Rule 720 reads as follows: "Reports of trains made on block wires will not be considered complete unless operators making such reports receive O. K. and office call for same."

The fact that an operator transmits an "OS" is not sufficient evidence that it was received by the operator for whom it was intended, and will not excuse the transmitting operator in case a delay is caused to trains.

It is practically impossible for an operator to hear each and every report that is made the first time it is made. Especially is this the case with agent telegraphers who have numerous and various other duties to perform, and it is of the utmost importance that every operator making train reports will see positively that it is acknowledged in accordance with the rules. On the other hand, any operator to whom an "OS" is transmitted

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should promptly acknowledge same in every instance as soon as heard, and if an operator persistently refuses or neglects to sign for such reports after reasonable effort has been made to get him to do so, then the matter should be brought to the attention of the chief dispatcher, and if the transmitting operator neglects to call for an acknowledgment, the same redress should be taken. If these rules were rigidly enforced we believe that numerous small delays to trains would be avoided.

We are very anxious for the service bulletin to make a better showing for our department. We believe that the failure of our men to carry out the block rules to the letter has been responsible as many discipline records as any one thing, and it is hoped that in the coming year these small suspensions may be materially reduced, and, better still, give such service and carry out the rules so perfectly that there will be no discipline for our department. Nothing could give your committee more pleasure and encouragement and be more appreciated by the company than for our department to show a continuous clear record over the system.

That our assistant correspondent, Bro. Williams, of Burton was not heard from last month is explained by the fact that he was too busy arranging for his wedding. We pardon him, for his excuse is a good one, and he has sent a good write-up this month. We are still waiting for the other boys to send in their news, but as yet it has been in vain, and trying to get them to write anything for the journal is like drawing blood from a turnip. As the time for making good resolutions is at hand we hope that you will resolve to write something for THE TELEGRAPHER during the year.

Now, brothers, resolve to try to make the Radford Division news interesting for the coming year, and don't let it all fall on two or three.

Business has improved wonderfully during the last month, but there have been no telegraph offices opened. The company seems to have a spite at the operators for being benefited by the national nine-hour law, and that we do not want to work twelve hours per day, with no Sunday or holiday off, for less wages than any set of men in the service. They are installing the automatic block signals and will do away with every operator they can. They will find that they can not run trains without men and that they will have to put on more operators instead of cutting them off.

Bro. Wilson has sold his farm at Singer and is preparing to move to his home in Salem. He was recently assigned to third trick at Glen Var.

Bro. Broderick, from Lurich, assigned to second trick at Christiansburg.

Bro. Nunelly, agent at Ada, assigned to second at Wytheville.

Bro. Woodward, third at Ada, to first trick and agent at Ada.

Bro. Suthern, second trick at Wytheville, has accepted the cashier's place at Christiansburg.

Bro. Gilmer, from Belspring, assigned to first trick at Pembroke Tank.

Bro. Stafford from Pembroke tank to third at Eggleston.

Bro. Chas. Parrish took third at Wills in preference to second at that point.

Bro. Riley, third at Ripplemead, accepted second at Wills.

Mr. Stuart assigned to second at Lurich from third at Wills.

Bro. W. A. Vest has been having a great deal of sickness in his family this season. His wife is just recovering from a serious attack of pneumonia, and one of his children has had a hard spell of tonsilitis.

Bro. Gardner's wife has been on the sick list for some time and is now away from home, hoping to be benefited by a change.

Bro. J. B. Williams has returned from a visit to his family in Tennessee. DIV. COR.

New River District—

We are glad to note that business has been improving rapidly in the last few weeks, and we are in hopes that it will still improve. We have a large number of extra men now and you can seldom find one idle, only some of them are letting time fly by without the good old O. R. T. card. Why don't they get in? I am sure they are idle along this line. It's for their benefit more so than ours, for I don't believe we have one operator on the division, member or non-member, that would scab on us in case of trouble. What is their plea? This is it: "I am going to get up-to-date first of the year or right away." Right away is always here and the first of the year is very near, now let's see how many of them will come in and join us in the grand old Order of strength and prosperity.

I know of an extra operator or two that promised one of our worthy brothers, C. S. Baber, if he would send him an application blank that he would fill out same and return it to him, and this good brother was kind enough to fix this blank up and mail it to him and he is still a non. And these men are working now, and I will go as far as to say that almost every extra man has in the past few months made more than twenty days out of each month.

My brothers, the trouble with most of us is that we don't look far enough ahead of us; so let's get right up and hustle.

We have asked Bro. Layman to give us a meeting at East Radford, which I think he will do, and that will be better than for some of us to go so far.

Now, the next question is, what is our committee going to ask for this time? That will be next. We are quite sure that he won't lose anything. COR.

Norfolk Division—

Before this article reaches you we will have turned over another leaf in history, and doubtless many of us will look over the past and ponder over the experiences, difficulties, etc., through which we have passed, and we hope, too, that many

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are the sweet recollections, pleasant moments, etc., of the past year.

We, of course, have many things for which to be grateful, still, owing to our peculiar positions, we are not permitted the liberties that some have.

Owing to the panic of last fall, many of our brothers are suffering hardships, and as we approach this eventful day, we want to let our brothers know, through the columns of the journal, that we deeply sympathize with you who have suffered from lack of work, or reduction in forces. We want to say to those of you that have undergone these hardships and still hold an up-to-date card, "you are made of the right kind of stuff," and so long as you hold up for your rights you shall never suffer. Those of you who hold positions and have never paid a penny toward the support of the O. R. T. need to be ashamed of your action in accepting the improved working conditions, vacation, shorter hours, annual passes, etc., at your brother telegraphers' expense and labor. Why will you persist in accepting something not due you and plead "I'm broke, and can't join?" Are you a man? Then be manly and do the right thing. Come join us and lend your personal influence toward bettering conditions of your craft.

We have too, lived through nearly one year under the new seniority clause, which created some little dissatisfaction, but today there are many who would not exchange the new clause for the old, prior to 1908. Before this article reaches you, you will have had a vote on this question, which shall govern the next agreement with the company. We hope that all of our members thought seriously on this question before casting their vote. It is right that each brother should have a vote on all questions, but I fear that there are many who will not realize the breadth of this question and vote for a clause that would result in many hardships upon our membership in the event a point is abolished at which one of our older brothers worked, he, of course, would pull a brother from a good position, that brother pull another one, and so on, moving families, separating friends and relatives, causing all to suffer more or less in the loss of property, etc. It seems to me it is the true spirit of unionism that we would not wish to pass our misfortune to another brother, and if there is any hardship placed upon a brother, he should have that spirit shown in the golden rule: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them;" this being the right spirit, you would not want your misfortune to become the misfortune of many. While on this subject, I want to say that I find that many of our membership think they should have been consulted and given a vote at the time our general committee were in session last year when this new ruling was adopted. This is all wrong, brothers. Did you not by your vote elect these men to represent you? Did you not have confidence in their ability to handle all questions to the very best advantage to the membership? Would it not show a lack of confidence to even say that they should have at the time submitted this matter to you for a vote? When you elect a representative in legislature, or in Congress, would you expect that representative to write back home or wire to ask your opinion on certain questions before taking action? I dare say, no.

A solution of these little dissatisfactions could easily be found and overcome if the membership would attend the meetings and take more interest in the questions that affect the working conditions of our telegraphers, or if you can not attend, express your sentiments by letter to your local chairman. Brothers, we need to get together on many of these questions, feel a personal interest in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and do not complain when things do not go just as you think they should, when your committee has never had an expression of your views on any of the questions. Now, you try this plan of taking a personal interest in the Order, and you'll see that things will be settled right.

Since our last article, the automatic one-mile block signals have been extended from Montvale to Thaxton, completing this form of blocking trains Roanoke to Thaxton, which has resulted in this last extension cutting off the second and third man at Montvale, placing Bro. Ford on duty twelve hours. This does not look good, brothers, and we must look after our one-man stations and see that they are protected from long, unreasonable hours.

Your correspondent has the pleasure of a visit from our worthy local chairman, Bro. Lane, last month. The object of his visit was to go over the station list and see how we might reduce the non list and stir those who were behind into paying up their dues. The result shows the Norfolk division in pretty good shape. At least 50 per cent of those now out of the Order will be in good standing by the time this goes to press. Bro. Lane has counted many of the cross ties in reaching our men, from Norfolk to Roanoke, including the Durham Division, and his work has been quite a success, reaching many of our non-members who paid no attention to the many appeals made to them through your assistant local chairman.

Personal effort, boys, is the real thing, and a personal call means more than many letters; still, the letters must go in the absence of the ability to call upon the men personally; so keep it up, and lay the foundation for better results, even if you do not reap results personally from your labors. Bro. Lane, our local chairman, deserves the praise for doing great work for this organization, and I must say here, that we can, through hearty co-operation from the membership, bring about the best results; so, boys, don't hesitate to co-operate with your chairman in his labors, which will encourage him in his work.

Crewe "K" office—Understand Bro. R. L. Burke, third operator, is figuring on leaving the service to accept a position in the bank at Appomattox.

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Nottoway—Sister Davie, second trick, off one day; relieved by Mrs. Carter, and off again; relieved by C. E. Poole, extra C. T. U. of A. man.

Blackstone—Bro. D. H. White off on vacation; relieved by L. C. Cook, extra.

Wellville—Bro. W. H. Rogers off, sick, having chills; relieved by W. A. Nesbitt (Bro.), regular third trick from Wilson. Mr. E. E. Robertson has been quite sick, but understand he is better and hopes to be out soon.

Wilson—Bro. T. C. Coleman was off one week, hunting; relieved by Bro. W. A. Nesbit, regular third trick, he in turn being relieved by C. E. Poole. Bro. P. O. Rux, second trick, off one day, moving from Wakefield; relieved by C. E. Poole, extra.

Ford—Bro. A. S. Vaiden was off Thanksgiving day to see the game of foot ball in Richmond; relieved by C. E. Poole. Mr. Poole is up-to-date in C. T. U. of A. to Dec. 31st.

Church Road—Entire force off one day "on the carpet;" relieved by Bros. Nesbit, Williams and Byrne, respectively.

Sutherland—Bro. Jack Meade was off three days; relieved by ——Rose, extra. Bro. R. V. Jackson has been assigned to the agency at Sutherland, this being the third time it has been advertised since it was opened.

Addison—Bro. Adams is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Rose.

Now, brothers, be active. We want the largest delegation possible at out next convention in Atlanta in May. This depends upon the number of members we will have at the close of this present term. Do not forget to put up your man as delegate and push for him.

Norfolk—Bro. Fitzgerald, regular second trick telegrapher, off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook, extra.

Suffolk—Bro. Bartley, regular first trick telegrapher, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Bailey, regular second trick telegrapher; Bro. Bates, third, relieving Bro. Bailey; Bro. J. Carmack, extra, relieving Bro. Bates.

Windsor—Bro. Z. C. Johnson, regular second trick telegrapher, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra, Petersburg.

Dwight Coaling Station—Bro. Bales, regular first trick telegrapher, off on vacation, visiting relatives in Florida; relieved by Bro. Jackson, extra on second trick; Bro. Williams, "VN," extra, relieving Bro. Jackson on second trick until it can be advertised. Understand Bro. Jackson will return to his old position at Sutherland in a few days.

Ivor—Bro. J. A. Mahoney, agent and telegrapher, on vacation and hunting with Mr. D. W. Richards, electrical engineer; relieved by Bro. V. C. Johnson, first trick, Waverly.

Wakefield—Bro. Ware, regular third trick telegrapher, worked first trick at this point first of November, and was sent to Prospect, on his request, to relieve Bro. Mann, Bro. G. W. Collins relieving Bro. Ware, and still holds first trick at Wakefield on account of it not being filled by advertisement.

Waverly—Bro. Chas. W. Waters, Jr., regular second trick telegrapher, off two days, visiting relatives in Blackstone; relieved by Bro. Shannon, from west end. Bro. V. C. Johnson, regular first trick telegrapher and assistant agent, relieving Bro. Mahoney at Ivor for fifteen days, relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra. The Southern Ry. and N. & W. Ry. interlocking plant, with twenty-four working levers, was completed on December 7th, and will be quite a saving to the N. & W. in delay at this point on account of trains not having to stop.

Poe—Bro. R. C. Hardy, regular first trick telegrapher, off one week the first of November, hunting and visiting relatives near Ford; relieved by Bro. Eudy, second trick, Mr. A. C. Johnson relieving Bro. Eudy.

Petersburg Yard Office—Bro. M. W. Gates, regular first trick telegrapher, off a few days, to visit his mother and hunting; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra. Business pretty good here at present. Yard being improved and extended west, and plans being made for new station, which will be an improvement over the present one.

Yadkin—Bros. Edwards and Presnell, second and third tricks, respectively, off on their vacations; relieved by Bro. E. H. Williams and Mr. W. P. Williams, extra men from Wellville and Disputanta.

Dwight—Mr. G. W. Collins worked third trick here all month of October till the 25th, when he was relieved by Bro. E. H. Williams on account of sickness. Both men extra. This trick is Bro. E. C. Horton's regular, but he is working the second until it can be filled. Understand Bro. R. V. Jackson will go on second regular as soon as the change can be made at Wilson, as he is now working there in place of Bro. W. A. Nesbit, who is doing the relief agent act.

Ivor—Mr. W. P. Williams relieved Bro. L. G. Barnes on third for one week visiting relatives in Blackstone.

Wakefield—Bro. Walker, from the west end, relieved Mr. J. J. Bailey on third extra, on account of sickness, October 9th, and has been on the job since. The regular man, Bro. E. F. Ware, is working the first trick until it is filled on advertising. Mr. W. W. Carson not taking this on assignment some weeks ago. Bro. Walker has been shown on our monthly minutes as a non, but he holds an up-to-date card in Division No. 59, and has been recently transferred to Division No. 14.

Waverly—Bro. J. H. Tucker, regular third trick, off on a vacation October 14th to 30th, inclusive, visiting friends in North Carolina, and also made a trip, visiting New York, Chicago, Columbus, Portsmouth, Williamson, Bluefield and Roanoke; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, from Petersburg, extra man.

Sutherland—Agency here has been regularly filled by Bro. A. J. Bland, from third trick at Burkeville, who relieved Bro. W. A. Nesbitt, extra relief agent, but regular third at Wilson.

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Church Road—Bros. Hardy and Talley, second and third trick men, off one day each on personal business; relieved by Bros. Rose and Pressnell, from Addison and Yadkin, extra and regular men.

Ford—Bro. Vaiden visited Richmond Fair one day; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, from Petersburg, extra man. Bro. R. J. Dewsbury, regular third trick man, returned to duty on October 20th, after several weeks' sickness in Richmond; relieved by Bro. Rose, from Addison, extra man. We are glad to welcome Bro. Dewsbury back with us again.

Wellville—Bro. W. H. Rogers, agent and telegrapher, who has been shown as a non in our monthly minutes, holds an up-to-date card in Division No. 92, but recently transferred to Division No. 14.

Some of our boys have been shown in our monthly minutes as non-members, while they held up-to-date cards in other divisions. To you brothers, holding up-to-date cards in other divisions, who have not already notified our secretary and treasurer, you can get transferred to Division No. 14, by notifying our Secretary and Treasurer Bro. T. H. Lankford, Cloverdale, Va., who will gladly make the transfer. All that is necessary is to notify him of your certificate number and division you hold card in. This notification will make a better showing for our division, and also show you who are holding up-to-date cards in other divisions.

This division is now in better shape than it has been for many years, but we still have a few old men out, who are seeing their error and promise to unite with us again, and be among many.

Our non list practically composes the extra men and some few new men who have not been transferred to this division, and who have not notified us of their membership in other divisions.

T. O. M.

Shenandoah Division—

Noting the monthly bulletins of discipline applied. I see that there are still a few suspensions against the agents and operators of this division. Brothers, as we are now starting on the new year, let us all try and keep the old Shenandoah clear from suspensions. We can do it by keeping our eyes open and attending strictly to business. I am sure that all concerned would feel proud to see our division clear of those black marks. If we all try we can make a record, not only for ourselves, but the entire division for this year.

I hope that every brother and every sister will feel it his or her duty to assist in making Division No. 14 solid, by talking to the non-members and explaining to them why, if not for their own future benefit and protection, they should for their families become members and assist the ones now working for the betterment of the craft.

Every non-member should realize that by staying out of the Order, they are not only holding back the progress of the Order, but are doing everything that is detrimental to their own future welfare and advancement.

The non-members are always glad to accept the increase of salary and shorter hours of service, both of which are secured through the efforts of our various committees. They would kick like Texas steers if for any reason they were left out when it came to increases, etc., which by the way, they should be. They should be left to kick for themselves, and not helped by the Order, for when it comes to helping to pay something towards financing our committee, so that they may be kept up to look after these things for us, they are not men enough to come up with their portion, but come around with the time-worn cry that the O. R. T. has never done anything for them, or that they do not have the money. When at the time (and they know it) they are receiving from ten to twenty dollars (and in some cases more) per month, through the efforts of the Order, than they would have been otherwise receiving.

Brothers, let us make our "Motto" No Cards, No Favors, and live up to it at all times. For when a man accepts an increase and concessions gained through the efforts of our Order and does not have the principle, after being requested, to join should not be entitled to any consideration or favors at our hands whatever.

We have plenty of good, hard work before us in the near future: One of the most prominent evils of the present time, and one from which we should have speedy relief, is the inequality of the hours of service, so well described by "Live Issue," of the Shenandoah Division, in the November journal. The brothers of Division No. 14 should not fail to read it.

What we need is a natural eight-hour law for all offices.

Just because an agent does not have many trains, or handle many train orders at his station, there is no reason why he should not be entitled to the same hours as the telegrapher. For while being mixed up in a bunch of other nerve-racking duties, he is more liable to overlook an order than the operator who handles nothing but train orders.

Bro. "Live Issue" in his eighth paragraph says: "When the so-called nine-hour law became effective, the inequality was so glaring that Article VI of the agreement, which provides 'Twelve hours or less' for one trick positions, was liberally construed by the dispatchers, and much valuable relief was accorded the men whenever practicable, and this was highly appreciated by the men. For some reason, however, this privilege has been summarily withdrawn by a ruling which denies even twelve-hour men more than ten minutes absence except for meals, which must now be gotten in one hour. Whereas, formerly a longer time, if practicable, was allowed. The purpose of this change of policy is not clear, unless it be to emphasize the present inequality, and impress it upon the less fortunate portion of the men."

I hardly believe that the company intended to use the rule referred to for this purpose, but am inclined to think that it was done with a view to reducing the delay to messages, etc.

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The valuable relief of which "Live Issue" speaks, is as he said, very much appreciated by the men, but there are always a few who abuse these privileges, which I believe in connection with not clearing up message business on hand before asking out, was the principal factor in bringing about the present ruling (which denies the men more than ten minutes out at a time except for meals).

Brothers, do not fail to read the first paragraph of the article written by Bro. Harper, in the November TELEGRAPHER, relating to the Mutual Benefit Department. It should interest all, especially the ones who have dear ones depending upon them, they should always be provided for, because as Bro. Harper says, "We do not know at what time we may give up the struggles here and pass over the Great Divide." And there are many who would be greatly in need, in case we were to be called away suddenly, where a thousand dollars insurance would be a great help to them.

The United States Mail question is another great evil which we should be rid of. This question has been discussed by us a number of times, but without apparent success. It is now time that we are doing something for relief in this direction. The post-masters have a great deal more time to handle the mail than we have. Their position is one of handling mail, where ours is one of handling trains. Anyone should be able to see who is the proper person to trot the mail from the station to the post-office.

Although I do not handle mail, I have a number of times, and know how it interferes with the other duties of the operators, and the agents. One station in particular, which I have in mind, where the transfer from one train to another is very heavy, sometimes having as high as thirty to forty sacks of mail to be lugged in the station, and then hauled out again and put on the train. You shoulder anywhere from two to four sacks of mail and then hit the ball for the post-office, where you have to wait sometimes as long as twenty to twenty-five minutes on the post-master, to get two or three sacks ready for you to bring back with you. All the while the dispatcher is fuming, because you are not there so he can get trains moving, you hardly open your key before he wants to know where you have been, and why it took you so long, but when he gets "I have been after the mail and had to wait on the post-master to get it ready," you get a mild "OK," but why do you not hurry them?" The most of the brothers know with what success you meet when you try to hurry a post-master.

The case mentioned is only one, we have lots more just as bad. Brothers, we should take this up again and stick to it until we are rid of this nuisance, as we are telegraphers and not mail carriers.

The new N. & W. bridge, across the Potomac river at Shepherdstown, is being rushed through. The concrete piers anl the grading is completed. Contractor Flickwirs' tools and machinery will soon be moved elsewhere, as his work there is done.

The piers are said to be as good as can be found anywhere, and are said to be the highest in the world with one exception, those of the New Virginian Railway, across New river, which is about 97 feet. The highest pier of the N. & W. bridge is 89½ feet from the bottom of the river to the top of the pier, and the distance from the top rail to the bottom of the river will be about 115 feet, or a dozen feet higher than the old bridge.

The first grinders were swung in place by the great traveling crane about the first of December.

A large force of men are working on the site of the new station to be built at Sheperdstown. The new station will be a great improvement for Shepherdstown, as it will not be necessary to climb over freight on a narrow platform to get to and from the waiting room, which has to be done at the old station now, when one of the locals get there just ahead of a passenger train.

The freight business has been picking up considerable in the last month, and we soon expect to see some more offices opened up.

The following positions are on bulletin: Price, agent and operator; Glasgow, third trick operator; Starkey, second trick operator, and Front Royal, agent and operator.

Bro. C. P. Harris bid in third trick at Glasgow.

Bro. C. W. Alwin, first trick at Glasgow, relieved Bro. H. L. Burks, agent at Buffalo, for a few hours, one day the first of the month, so Bro. Burks could attend the wedding of his sister. Bro. C. B. Bear, agent at Glasgow, did the telegraphing during Bro. Alwins absence.

Bro. P. G. Parrett worked the second trick for a few days, during Bro. H. H. Burk's absence.

Mr. J. B. Moffet lit out for parts unknown again, can not keep "QT" away, he'll bob up again soon.

Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. H. A. Fix, second trick at Stanley, for a few days, while he was relieving Bro. H. O. Ringle, first trick at Shenandoah.

Bro. J. W. Milton, second trick at Buena Vista, went to Pine Hall to relieve Bro. F. S. Shultz, agent at that point. Mr. K. A. Painter, third trick at Loch Laird, to second trick at Buena Vista, and Mr. C. S. Bragg is working the third trick at Loch Laird. We had Mr. Bragg quoted as brother last month, that was a mistake, as Mr. Bragg is not a member, but he has promised to become one in the near future.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler relieved Bro. P. Grove, agent at Antietam, for a few days.

We are glad to hear Bro. H. H. Burks working second trick at Glasgow again. Extra man Bro. P. G. Parrett is taking a few days rest, until something turns up.

We now hear Relief Agent Bro. H. J. Probst is at Front Royal.

Bro. C. P. Harris, third trick at Glasgow, is taking fifteen days; relieved by Mr. Brugh.

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Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. R. C. Weaver, agent at Bentonville, for one day this week.

Bro. C. B. Bear, agent at Glasgow, is taking his vacation; relieved by second trick Operator Bro. H. H. Burks. Bro. Burks in turn being relieved by an extra man by the name of Bush, think he is a brother.

Bro. P. G. Parrett to third trick at Shenandoah Junction to relieve Bro. Smith for fifteen days.

Relief Agent Bro. H. J. Probst at Front Royal, was on the sick list for a few days, being relieved by Bro. H. A. Bickers, third trick at Shenandoah. Mr. J. M. Brugh relieved Bro. Bickers.

J. H. B.

TO THE NON.

I must confess that I am at a loss to understand why any operator or other employe eligible for membership in the O. R. T., who cares anything for the welfare and success of his fellow-craftsmen, should not associate themselves with an organization that has done, and will do so much for us all; an organization that is now paying two thousand per cent interest on every dollar invested in it. This would seem, at first thought, to be exorbitant figures, but I believe that statistics will show that it is literally true. Where could you go to find another investment paying such handsome returns? We think if we can get ten per cent on an investment that we are doing well, but here is an investment that for every dollar invested in it, returns to us twenty dollars, and the cash returns are only a beginning of the many benefits to be derived from this investment. This is only a beginning to what the O. R. T. has done and is doing, and will do, for every operator on every organized railway in the United States. You, Mr. Non-member, are with us reaping the harvest of our efforts and money paid out, but you are not sowing the seed. You are retarding our progress toward still greater achievements. With your co-operation and help we could present a solid front and be financially and numerically equipped to meet any situation that might confront us in the future; accomplishing still greater things than we have already accomplished. You not only stand in the way of the progress and success of your fellow-craftsmen, but in your own way as well.

Do you think it is the fair thing? Do you think it is right? Do you think it is just?

We have only to go back a few years to the time when the O. R. T. was in its infancy; struggling for existence against overwhelming odds; against circumstances that threatened to completely annihilate the babe before it had discarded its swaddling clothes. Behold it today! See the wonderful transformation! It has grown from an infant to a full grown and mighty organization, second to none, and today stands as a mighty and powerful monument to the faithful efforts and earnest work of a few of the faithful. Every operator, both members and non-members, owe them a lasting debt of gratitude; to those faithful few who stood for our rights against odds that we cannot now conceive of, be all honor and praise forever, Amen!

And now Mr. Non-member, these faithful few only ask of you, that you join our organization in return for all they have done for you. This is all they ask. This is their greatest desire. This will make them happy, and will throw a ray of sunshine across the pathway of their declining years. They only ask your co-operation; only ask that you come in with us and be one of us, and go forward, hand in hand, with us to still greater victories. It is no more than right that they should expect this. It is no more than just. They have a right to expect it. Won't you allow them to realize it?

Ten years ago we were working twelve long hours a day, and frequently making thirty-six and forty-eight hour doubles, with no dream of overtime for forty dollars a month. No dream that the day would ever come when we could take a vacation without loss of pay; no dream of an increase in salary; no dream that the time would come when we would not have to lose the time when a suspension should be recorded against us; no dream that our seniority rights should ever be consulted or respected; no dream that ourselves and wives would ever be in possession of annual passes good over two thousand miles of railway every day in the year; and lastly, but not leastly, we had no dream of the day when we should only work eight-hours a day, and receive for this eight hours from 50 to 100 per cent more than we received for twelve hours work, not taking into consideration the numerous other benefits which we now enjoy. What has brought about this miraculous change in such a short space of time? I answer that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers' has accomplished all this, and with your co-operation will accomplish still greater things. My friend, in view of all these facts, won't you come over and help us? How can you withhold yourself from such a grand and glorious institution? Come on, lay aside any little grudge, malice or immaginary grievance that you have against us, and get on the band wagon with us. If this article will be the cause of someone joining our ranks, I will be fully repaid, so if anything has been said that will cause anyone to connect themselves with our beloved Order, I will deem it a special favor if you will let me know through our general correspondent, so that I might know that my efforts have not been entirely in vain.

"BABY BOY, CERT. 34.

Michigan Central Ry.

Canadian Division—

By the time this gets into print the year of 1908 will be a thing of the past; her record, so far as the laboring masses are concerned, has been anything but a brilliant one. The Railroad Telegraphers would have taken a toboggan slide with many of the other classes of labor, had it not been for the splendid organization behind them, which prevented that ever-grasping hand

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from wresting from them the fruits of their labor. We should all wear a sunny, June smile, and slap each other upon the back, to think that we have passed through the worst of fight and come out without a scratch.

Our division is in a flourishing condition, a good membership and a healthy treasury. The general committee met in Detroit, November 16th, and drafted a proposed set of rules and rates of pay, and asked for a hearing for the 19th of January; the conditions warrant a change so that we can enjoy a more equitable proportion of our earnings; our present schedule fitted the conditions very nicely at the time we registered it, but the conditions have changed so rapidly in the past two years, that the schedule, as a whole, is entirely out of harmony with conditions as they now exist. The long hour offices particularly must be considered, in preference to all others, to compensate them for the additional hours over the short trick offices; our minimum must also be raised considerable to correspond with competing lines who have been paying a higher rate for the past year, while our company has been reaping the benefits through the long period of time our schedule ran before it expired. Yet, with all the odds in their favor, they were not satisfied; but discontinued paying commissions on commercial telegraph business, which resulted in a direct reduction in our earnings of from three to eight dollars per month, a nice item to add to the already large profits of the company. The most astonishing feature of the case, that it came at a time when the prices of everything we consumed was abnormally high. Before they discontinued the commissions there should have been some arrangements made to reimburse the men on the pay roll equivalent to the loss sustained, which would have manifested a spirit of appreciation of the services of the men who are responsible for getting and holding the business for their company against keen competition, and through whose hands practically every cent filters.

If you have not paid assessments in the M. B. D., you should pay them as promptly as you do your dues; the protection that this department gives to you and your dear ones is worthy of your just consideration. None of you know how soon we may be deprived of our earthly existence, would it not be a great relief to us as well as those dependent upon us to know that we have left them well provided for? Pay your assessments and dues as promptly as you can.

The telephone scare has not subsided yet, occasionally we see in the great press of the country glowing accounts of how many telegraphers it has put out of business; it is nothing short of cruelty to animals to frighten a lot of poor, defenseless fellows, such as us.

Bro. J. W. Martin, owl, at St. Thomas, is now working for the C. R. R., at Winnipeg.

Bro. W. C. Francis, who did the extra work on the Canadian Division, is now working for the Canadian Northern, at North Battleford Sack.

Bro. O. E. Baker, who did the owl act at St. Thomas for the past three years, has left the service to teach music.

Bro. McNamara, owl, at Suspension Bridge, is spending Xmas with his parents at LaSalette; he is relieved by Mr. Bruce Lang.

Bro. Dickson, owl, at Bridgeburg, has resigned; don't know where he is going. The position is bulletined.

Bro. M. Handley, owl, at Junction yards, has opened up a cigar store in his home town, St. Thomas, Mo.

Bro. James, day operator at Willard, is spending Xmas at Waterford, with Mrs. James' parents; he is relieved by Mr. Geo. Jackson.

Bro. Belton, agent, Oil Springs, is enjoying a holiday with his parents; he is relieved by Bro. J. H. Reck.

Bro. Patterson bid in the agency at Charing Cross.

"DOOLEY."

Valley—

Bro. John Clissold bid in, and now is the whole thing at Vanhorn.

Bro. Renwick, from the Grand Trunk, is the new man at "HI," Hastings freight house, vice Bro. Loukes, who has gone to second trick at "X," Hastings.

Your general correspondent wishes to thank the brothers that are interesting themselves in furnishing items. This month we should be more thankful than ever, as a worthy brother has sent in something from the "West End." I would kindly call the attention to all to the necessity of including a note or something to show who wrote the items.

Bro. H. F. Mead, of Dowagiac, is doing second trick, as relief, while Bro. Loukes is paying his best respects to "friends" at Schoolcraft, this week. Relief Operator F. L. Carpenter, who recently passed examination, with headquarters at Hastings is sick with appendicitis, but is improving slowly and hopes to be out in a few days.

Bro. Bennett, at Fabius, was relieved by Operator Carpenter, while he attended the stock show at Chicago.

Bro. Ells was called away, to attend a funeral several days ago; relieved by Carpenter.

What has become of our "East End" brothers that started in so nicely a few months ago with just bunches of news? Come on fellows, no one has said that they did not like to read your news items, on the other hand we certainly enjoyed them.

"G."

Main Line, Jackson to Niles and Air Line—

Bro. Enright, second trick at Lawton, off a few days; Bro. Miles relieving.

Bro. Dine, second trick at Kalamazoo off; Bro. Miles relieving.

Bro. Sandberg, third trick at Three Rivers, is back from his vacation, and is hitting the ball again.

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Dispatcher Wicks, of Kalamazoo, off one day recently, visiting at Niles and South Bend; Extra Dispatcher Cummins relieving.

Chief Dispatcher Whitcher has been off duty a few days; Night Chief Gardner relieved him. Dispatcher Wholihan and Extra Dispatcher Frank Allen did the other relief work.

Extra Dispatchers Carter and Cummins are now working in Jackson, "SF," office. Extra Dispatcher Allen is back on third trick, night operator's job at Jackson, "SF," office. Don't know where Operator Sweeney went.

Understand the instruments in "XN," Jackson Junction, are to be rearranged so the operators can work to a better advantage.

Bro. Pierce, second trick at Marshall, was off a few days recently, on account of the serious illness of his father; Bro. Groves, third trick man, relieved him, and new man, Bro. Brewer, from Division No. 91, relieved Bro. Groves.

Bro. Brewer went to Findlay on Battle Creek Division, to work the agency there.

Bro. Groves off on vacation now, and Bro. Eagle is relieving him.

Bro. Spencer was off a couple of weeks recently, sick with La Grippe, but is now back on his job, second trick at "VE," Niles; Bro. Eagle relieved him also.

Bro. Mack, third trick man at Hill yard office, Niles, returned from his vacation, which he spent in Marcellus, Mich., with his parents. Operator Griffin relieved him. Griffin was mentioned as a brother last month, but I was mistaken. He claims he used to belong, but went to work on a road that was not scheduled, so dropped out.

Niles has seven O. R. T. men, and all up-to-date, too, instead of six, as our ticket agent here is Bro. M. S. Hatch. Sam has been out of the telegraph service four years, but still stays up-to-date. That is the true union spirit for sure. Let's all work hard for our dear old Order, and "keep up-to-date." Each member should consider himself an organizer, and try and secure his neighbor operator's application. Remember "No Card, No Favors." Any man with a steady position can afford to join, and no operator worth while, should work without the card. When we smoke, why not insist on the Union Label cigars and to'acco, "it's the best." Our shoes and clothing should also bear the label! (When we buy "scab" products we are working against ourselves.) We can get everything with the label, if we insist, and union goods are always better made than sweatshop products.

I wish Bro. Wilson, of Middleville, would start his blood hounds on the West Division. I am sure they would do some good. All the fellows need is a good man to work among them awhile. I think one could get most all the desirable ones.

Bro. Eggleston, third trick at L. S. & M. S. tower, is off a few days; Brother Fred Miller relieving him, and Operator Hilt is working for Bro. Miller's trick at Haires tower.

Bro. Haage, second trick at Cassopolis tower, is off one night to enable him to eat Thanksgiving dinner with his folks in Charlotte.

Bro. Shea bid in third trick at Union City, and Bro. Clissold got Van Horn, days, on last bulletin.

Bro. Charles Potter, third trick at Lekonsha, is off on a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. Middleton.

Does anyone know where Bro. White, who worked at Cassopolis about a year ago, is? Would like to get his address.

"Everyone get your new card, now."

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all the boys. Fraternally, "A. D."

West Division—

It does not seem that the boys on the west end realize that our schedule has run out, and they should be up and doing. We expect a report from our committee soon, and as there will probably be a meeting either in Hammond or Michigan City to let us know all the particulars, why not get busy. Let us all, every good member, endeavor to make the next meeting a record breaker for attendance. There are only a few nons (yes we spell it with a small letter now) on the division, but there is still a chance of someone having their name in the "Roll of Honor." Get after the nons and get them lined up.

What seems to be the matter, old comrades, isn't the salary good enough to warrant at least a small part of your energy, even though you be an up-to-date with a card. There is certainly something wrong somewhere. Let us have a good write-up every month, and keep the good work going. Of course, there are a few nons that seem to be bullet proof, but I think that continual firing will tell on the best of them.

Mr. Dryer, third trick at Galien, is back at work, after two months' sickness with typhoid fever. This reminds us that Galien would be a good place to start, as there is no possible excuse whatever for the men there staying out in the cold any longer. Three nons, just think of it.

We now have the pleasure of calling Mr. Kluge, at "TY," Mich City, "Bro." Glad to give you the glad-hand "KO," hope you will never regret it.

Bro. Quance, at Michigan City, has been relieving the dispatchers, while they were on their inspection trips.

Mr. T. F. Murphy has been working at Michigan City yards, nights, relieving Bro. Murphy, who in turn filled the temporary vacancy at "TY," nights.

Temporary office at Summit is filled by Operator Baldwin, a new man on the pike.

First and third tricks at "GN," Gibson, are filled by Bros. Lantz and Carlson; second trick by Mr. Wills, whose promise to join us for the past year is all a joke.

"JI," Tolleston tower is now solid as a brick, glad to hear it.

Third trick at Joliet was opened by Operator Burnstein, who is a non, but was only open a

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short while; we wonder why? Well, that is the way the nons all go.

There are several new men on this division, but they seem to be kept busy most of the time. We should be able to have a write-up each month, and if we will all help out by sending in a few items to Bro. Lewis, we will have. Let's get busy. CERT. 156.

Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—

Bro. Swan, second trick, Owosso Junction, off for two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Griffin.

Bro. B. T. Smith off ten days; relieved by Bro. Gamble, from the Middle Division. Bro. Smith visited several offices on the "GT" and "PM," and found them all taking a new interest in the Order, since the Murphy bill went into effect.

Bro. Clements is back from his hunting trip.

Bro. Mayer, third trick at Mason, reports seeing a large bear, while making his usual Sunday night trip to Holt.

Bro. Trumble, third trick at Mackinaw City, is off sick, and has gone to his home in Toledo; relieved by Bro. Sell, from Roscommon.

Bro. Porter, who has been on the D. S. S. & A. for the past eight months, is home, at Saginaw, on a vacation, and says he may come back to the old Michigan City Railroad to work again.

Bro. Granger, first trick at Mackinaw City, was off last month, about ten days, with the committee at Detroit.

The boys are coming forward with their next year's dues in fine shape, but there are two or three laggards who are behind for the last half of 1908, yet.

Bro. Moffitt, ex-dispatcher, who is now making good on the road, selling flour, still carries an up-to-date card, and says the Cheboygan Milling Co. makes good O. R. T. flour; try it boys.

CERT. 89.

The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Third District—

Bro. Fling, second at Payne, off for one day attending court at Paulding; relieved by Bro. Erringer, from the Big Four.

Bro. Erringer also relieved Bro. Jacobs a couple of days, and myself one day, on account of illness.

Bro. Bechtold, third at Oakwood, laid off Nov. 24th, on account of ill health. He was relieved by Mr. Dimmitt, a new man.

Operator Davis is working first trick at Payne until it is filled by bulletin.

Bro. Baker, from Bellevue, passed over the third district the other day, carrying a bunch of application blanks. Likely he has got a lot of them filled out, so if I do not call any one brother who is entitled to the name, don't get sore, but drop me a line.

Mr. C. B. Woolpert, first trick at Green Springs Junction and Mr. J. C. Holman, third at that place, have both filled out papers and by the time this is in print will be up-to-date members. This makes "GR" solid O. R. T. now.

Some of the members think I did Mr. Woolpert an injustice in a recent write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER.

I am always ready to right any wrong I may unintentionally do, and in this case several of the members are equally responsible with myself. I hope that all the boys who send me items that are detrimental to any one will first be sure that they have all the facts in the case. I am not infallible and I have to depend upon you fellows to furnish me with the exact truth. If you are not absolutely sure of anything, tell me so, and I will take steps to find out the truth. "HIX."

Buffalo Division—

A few changes have taken place on the Buffalo Division during the month of December.

Bro. H. J. Emmerling bid in third trick at Wallace Junction, and, we understand, Bro. C. R. Misener will succeed Bro. Emmerling as first man at West Seneca.

Mr. Weatherup is installed third trick at Westfield.

Mr. Todd has bid in third trick at North East, but is now doing extra work at "MX" Conneaut; Bro. E. B. Groves filling out at North East.

Our committee has started a personal canvass of the entire line, each local chairman covering a district. General Chairman Bro. E. M. Mulcahy completed the work on Buffalo Division on Dec. 8th, and Local Chairman Bro. C. F. Mayer, of Cleveland Division, finished about the same time. The Third and Fourth Districts have not been covered as these items go to the printer, but we expect the work will be completed by Dec. 31st. This work will cost the division considerable, but it surely is money well spent. Bro. Mulcahy interviewed nearly every telegrapher on the Buffalo Division, and if they carry out their promises, this month will see a solid east end, with the exception of about four hard-shells, whom we expect will hesitate to the last. We don't want booze-fighters, so we leave them out of the count altogether, should any of them show up on the road. There is no excuse for a man, working at the business, and especially those working in a scheduled position, not becoming a member of our organization. I would be ashamed to work at the business in these enlightened times, unless I could show an up-to-date card at all times. The hard-luck story don't go; all loyal brothers have to pay the increased cost of living, and they manage to keep in line. It comes just as hard on them to pay dues as it does for the fellow to keep up who is continually whining about not having enough money to meet anything. Can not you see, my non friends, that it was only through the efforts of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers that schedules were first secured here, and from time to time revised; that the eight and nine-hour laws were secured through the same medium, and that your

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wages and mine were not cut last spring, simply because members of your craft were organized, and lastly, that many of you are working here through the hard times because more jobs have been created on account of the eight-hour regulation. Be men, and do not continue in the business with the finger of scorn pointed in your direction. There is no good excuse.

Bro. Bolhagen is working as relief dispatcher at Conneaut.

We have only one more non-member in Conneaut office after this pay day.

Bro. C. W. Hudon's death, at Payne, on Dec. 7th, cast a gloom over the entire division. He was sick only a few days with typhoid pneumonia. Bro. Huron has served well and faithfully as a member of the general committee from the third district for the past four years, and his loss will be felt for many a day.

On account of Bro. Hudon's death and the fact that Bro. Smith has so many duties to perform, the western division canvassing has been delayed.

The matter of giving good service should be given serious thought, and each and every member of the Order should make it his special aim to see to it that no complaints materialize.

Another thing should be given serious consideration, and that is keeping the offices in a clean and orderly condition. Do the best you can with the conveniences at hand, and when the proper time comes, this matter will be taken up, and I am sure the company, when it sees that the telegraphers want clean and healthy surroundings and are willing to do all they can towards that end, the few offices that need improvement will be improved.

CERT. No. 6.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother and friend, Charles W. Hudon, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; and,

WHEREAS, We deeply feel the loss of our brother and esteemed friend, his wife and children have lost a devoted husband and father, whose words of counsel, cheerful presence and untiring devotion to their welfare can never be replaced, we feel that our loss is his gain eternally; therefore, be it

Resolved, That to the sorrowing wife and children we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Division No. 18, O. R. T., a copy to be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

O. S. SMITH,
E. M. MULCAHY,
C. F. MAYER,
Committee.

N. Y. O. & W. Ry.

Members remitting their dues will kindly return notice of same with remittance.

Bro. W. S. May, of Hancock, has resigned. Bro. Lewis, of Starlight, takes Hancock. I am unable to say who will get Starlight.

Bro. Parks, of Carbondale, had quite an experience with a bunch of the Jesse James type from Murky River. We were glad to see Bro. Parks come out on top.

COR.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

Wisconsin Valley Division—

Business on this division is much better than we expected it to be presidential election year, and to our surprise many new operators are showing up on our division.

"13" a new man, Bro. Cornick, is holding down second at Merrill. Very glad we can call him brother.

A. W. Warner is working first trick at Merrill while Harris is taking a lay-off.

Bro. A. P. Case, second at Tomahawk, was up and down the division Saturday, looking for those fellows they call nons. Good luck to Bro. Case.

Our local chairman, Bro. Schultz, is just over his trouble with his eyes and is at work again.

Dan Ryan, a former Valley man, being taken off on account of causing a little mix-up between Nos. 75 and 76 while at Babcock, says, "I have quit railroading for good."

Bro. E. DeLong, first at "W" Junction. E. Manthey was transferred from third at Woodruff Junction to third at Tomahawk. No doubt we will soon be able to call him brother. We will leave it all to our chairman.

A new man third trick at Woodruff.

A BROTHER.

Milwaukee Terminal Division—

The members who failed to put in an appearance at the meeting which was held in Milwaukee, November 22d, missed a treat. And really I fail to understand why so little interest is shown by some of you in matters of so great importance to men of our class. We had with us First Vice-President Bro. J. A. Newman, our general chairman, Bro. O. W. Renshaw, and G. S. and T., Bro. G. E. Soyster; Local Chairman Ed Derrickson, C. and M. Division; W. N. Upham, Lax. Division; T. L. Pagel, P. D. C. Division, and eight or ten brothers from the P. D. C. and Lax, and the meeting was interesting and instructive from start to finish, as all had an opportunity to express their views on topics which seem to me should interest every one of our craft.

Bro. J. A. Newman gave us a splendid talk, sound, sensible advice to those who are engaged in the telegraph service. The years of experience, both as a telegrapher and officer in our organization, has fitted Bro. Newman with a fund of knowledge, which makes his talks exceedingly interesting and instructive.

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General Chairman Bro. O. W. Renshaw, in his customary smooth and graceful manner, called attention to several facts many of us lose sight of, and pointed out a way for us, as individual members, whereby our conditions could be improved in many ways, if we would keep better posted as to our affairs and boost a little, instead of knocking. Bro. Renshaw's talks are always interesting and right to the point. Why not make more of an effort to show our appreciation for his good work. No one man can do everything and our co-operation is essential at all times.

General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. G. E. Soyster furnished "facts and figures" to show where we stand, numerically and financially. We should feel encouraged by the good showing made, but by no means satisfied, for his remarks, supported by facts, he wisely called our attention to only shows what good results we might accomplish if a little more interest was shown by all of us. The many good things obtained in the past five or six years on this line has been a surprise to a great many, and if the proper support is given at all times we will go ahead. We seem to get discouraged every time any one looks cross at us.

It is up to us, as members of this organization, to make our future. We seem to be too much inclined to leave everything for a few, then complain because things don't come out as we imagined they woud.

The proposition mentioned in the notice sent you some time ago of consolidating with the La Crosse or Northern Division (providing they would accept us) does not seem to meet with general approval by the Terminal men.

So let us remember in future that whenever we become dissatisfied in remaining at the same place, year after year, with practically no outlet or chances for promotion from our present positions, that dear old Lake Michigan is ahead of us, with plenty of deep water not far from shore.

CERT. 200.

La Crosse Division—

We are now starting the new year, and one we can feel proud of in all respects. We are solid in membership, nearly to a man. We have a couple of rusty ones, whose names have been on the blackboard for years, and one that lives on excuses and reaps the benefits of our Order.

This year finds the division, as well as the entire Order, the strongest it has been in history. Let one and all do the best they can to push things along. Do all in your power to lead some of the absent-minded to the road to success.

Our local chairman has been over our division and called on all the boys, also secured a great many applications, two delinquents and one transfer.

We see our old brother, Bill Jones, is going into the dispatcher's office for a couple of weeks. Bro. Marg Evans relieved Bro. Jones.

Bro. Fred Rohde, first trick man at Camp Douglas, off on a month's vacation, getting married. Bro. Rohde relieved by Bro. A. W. Steinbach, second trick and Mr. E. L. Johnson holding down second trick.

Bro. Williams, agent at Mauston, now has a crossing tender, who assists in office work, which makes it more like a job than it was.

Lyndon night office closed. Bro. Tangney put on extra list by this deal, he being the youngest regularly assigned operator.

In our journal for October an error was made regarding two brothers killed by train No. 56, Bro. Rosa and Bro. Kardisch, this being an error in write-up. It was stated they were delinquents, both were up-to-date brothers. DIV. COR.

Third District—

Bro. S. A. Lass, of Belmont, "AM" days, spent a month's vacation in Colorado seeing the sights.

Bro. F. J. Corcoran worked days at Belmont, "AM," during the month, and a Mr. Gustave Bonett worked nights.

Bro. Hoganson, of Forest Glen, was off a couple of weeks last month; relieved by a Mr. Willin.

Bro. T. J. Ryan, of tower "A 13," first trick, is off at the present writing, spending a vacation in Omaha and Kansas City; relieved by Bro. Haack, of third trick, and Bro. Geo. Brown, working third trick.

Bro. Corcoran, of Everett, off a day or so, looking up Santa Claus.

Bro. C. M. Reed, of Rondout, "RX," is spending a couple of weeks at home among the best people on earth (Hoosiers); relieved by Bro. E. R. Derrickson.

Mr. Altice, of tower "A 68," third trick, off a few days, did not learn the relief though.

It is understood that there are but nine nons on the C. & M. and Janesville line now, but the local chairman says he believes all but four will be in line in January. The Turks need a lot of missionary work done, though quite a bunch receiving the same benefits as the rest, are not paying their share.

The new application of the old clause in the schedule about bulleting appointments seems to be meeting with universal approval among the boys.

CERT. 1129.

Superior Division—

A few new jobs will open up in a week or so, viz., Amberg, first and second trick; Greenleaf, first and second trick, and second trick at Elkhart Lake.

Bro. Foley, who took a vacation during the hunting season, is again with us.

Bro. Court is now working third trick at Green Bay yard office.

Bro. C. G. Wallace now has the day operator job at Wausauka landed.

Bro. Duquoine is doing the owl stunt.

I am the Mayor and Chief of Police, but nevertheless, I can't get a meal in town, and as I begin to feel faint I will bid you all adieu and start for the next town. CERT. 1253.

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James River Division—

We had a meeting at Aberdeen, Friday evening, December 17th. Owing to the weather conditions there were not very many present, but what were there enjoyed themselves very much, and we learned several facts that all the members of the James River Division should know.

Bro. Renshaw was present and gave us a good talk also.

The trains all being late cut our meeting a little short. We did not get all the business transacted that should have been accomplished. We intend to have another meeting in the near future and, boys, if it is possible for you to get in, for your own benefit come. A number of the boys could just as well have come as not to the last meeting, especially from the Linton Line and from points on the south line, and I was surprised not to see a single soul from the Mobridge lines, where they have night operators and no excuse whatever to offer for not coming. I tell you, boys, you missed something; the address Bro. Renshaw gave us was certainly educating, and put some of us in a better light as to the benefit derived from the organization.

It seems some of the boys have not been given their rights, but it is not the fault of the officials of the division, it is only their own fault. The James River Division is composed of a bunch of good O. R. T. members, although they are not interesting themselves as much as they should with what is going on on the division. Let me tell you we have as square a superintendent and chief train dispatcher as ever ran a division of the C., M. & St. P., or any other line of railroad.

Applications for vacancies are sometimes mislaid, lost or in other ways not given the attention that would be given them if an investigation was made as to who was most entitled to the places. You will understand that ability counts as much as age. You could not ask the operating officials to give you a job which you are not qualified for.

We were very fortunate in securing the quarters where we held our meeting, it being the office of the P. T. Burns Land Co., the manager was formerly an old-time telegrapher, who gave us a hearty reception and treated us to cigars. We impressed upon Mr. Burns that his favors were greatly appreciated by the Order. He is also glad to see us so thoroughly organized, and in so good a shape to protect ourselves.

Bro. Collins is doing the night stunt in the dispatcher's office, relieving a Mr. Allen, who is laying off and has gone to Minneapolis.

Bro. Meyers has returned to work at Roscoe, after taking an extended vacation; relieving Bro. Hopkinson, who will take a visit to the East.

Bro. Kirby, at Ipswich, was subpoenaed to appear at Leola, being relieved a couple of days by Bro. Meyers.

Bro. Cole, at Linton, has been allowed a helper.

Bro. Crandall, of Edgeley, has been laying off for a few days.

Bro. Ayers has been laying off the past week, canvassing the division and trying to increase the membership. He was very successful; in several instances landing some old heads that wouldn't talk to you about joining the Order.

The train dispatchers are taking their annual lay-off. F. McCormick is laying off at present.

The flanger went over the Edgeley line yesterday and scared some of the people nearly to death. Very seldom have an extra over that line.

Business is very slack just now, but we hope it will pick up soon.

The big engines make business slack on the Mobridge line, as they haul a mile of cars and as much as two or three ten-wheel engines could handle. They just go by one station and are coming at the next.

Mr. Bunker has returned to work and was given his old trick back, 12 p. m. to 8 a. m.

Bro. Mitchell relieved Bro. Collins at Ipswich, while Allen is laying off.

Has everybody remitted for the new card. Now is the time to do it. DIV. COR.

Vandalia Ry.

Middle Division—

Let us each start out the new year with a resolution that we will never let our dues run over, and that we will pay them as soon as they are due. I think this would be a good one if we lived up to it, there is no excuse for members letting this go like they do. We do not intend to neglect this, I am sure, so let us try after this to have our dues ready to send them in just as soon as they are due.

I am glad to see that our noble Order is still on the increase on the Middle Division; and I hope that it is doing the same on the other divisions. Let us do all we can to help out in this work.

I expect that you all will have the new card by the time this TELEGRAPHER reaches you. If not, you want to get your name in at once, and don't let the other boys get ahead of you.

There have been a number of changes around Terre Haute the last month or so, cutting down the force in "SO" office. C. F. Ward, extra dispatcher, was given "DS" office (Union Station); Mr. H. B. Morse, second trick, "DS," was given second trick at "KR" (East Yards); A. Valentine has accepted second trick, regular, at "IG" (Liggett); Bro. J. F. Soeder, transferred.

Bro. V. Q. Benson, first trick at "MK" (McKeen), has been off a few days; Bro. S. W. Icher relieved Bro. Benson.

Bro. W. H. Fuller and wife, spent Thanksgiving at his old home in Vandalia, Ill. CERT. 68.

West End of St. Louis Division—

Bro. C. N. Jones, formerly of "RY," Rose Lake, was the successful one to secure the first trick at "MC," St. Elmo. As was announced last month this change was to be made on December 10th.

Mr. A. P. Munie, third trick at "FD," Stubblefield, is back again, after a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. W. A. Johnson and Mr. W. A. Siddons, second and third trick men at "V," Vandalia, found it necessary to double over one day this

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month, on account of Mr. J. T. Middleton, first trick man, being sick.

Several of the third trick operators are spending some of their spare time in the study of shorthand; we think, however, that if they are not fortunate enough to secure a position in the superintendent's office, when their course is completed, they will at least be able to secure one in some good livery barn (taking down hay for the horses).

We recently had a case on this division of a freight conductor losing his position on account of allowing an operator to ride with him on the train. The operator going so far away from his work that he was unable to get back in time to protect the work on his trick. In the first place, it is strictly against the rules of the company for any conductor to allow any one to ride without having tickets or a pass. If you wish to make a pleasure or a business trip, write for transportation and you will receive it, provided you do not make your requests too often. Don't ask a conductor for a free ride, for you are asking a favor of him that will compel him to violate a very important rule if he gives his permission.

Get after that non you are blocking trains with. Remind him quite often of where he stands. Don't be too hard on him. Just make it forcible without getting too strong. As for myself I regard him in the light that the Irishman did the celebrated American bed-bug. He said he didn't have anything particular against the bed-bug, only that he didn't approve of the way he got his living. That is the way with me, I don't hate the non personally, but I do object strenuously to the way he gets his living.

A change is rumored to take place soon in the location of the telegraph office at Greenville. I have learned from a conversation with Mr. T. E. Smith, that they intend to move the telegraph instruments from the tower into the depot. This will necessitate a change at the depot, but at this time have not learned just how the work will be arranged, but, doubtless similar to the way it is being done at Highland and St. Elmo, where the operators have been placed in the depots. The freight work will all be handled from the office at the freight house, now being occupied by Supervisor Byrkit. An office will be fitted up in the depot for Mr. Byrkit.

Altamont has been quite a lively place the last few nights, for the third trick Operator Mr. Munday. A few nights ago a man was found on the right-of-way, near the tower almost dead, and who died a few minutes after being found. He was an operator and carried an up-to-date card, and from the condition of his wounds it was at first thought that he had met with foul play. But the Coroner's verdict was that the operator was killed in attempting to get on a train.

Well, what did you find in your sock on Xmas morning? A conductor on No. 76, on Xmas eve, reports that every operator between Rose Lake and Effingham had their socks fastened on the semaphore pole. There were large socks, small socks, old socks, new socks, red socks, black socks, gray socks, etc. In fact, all the colors of the rainbow were represented in the display. Nearly all of them were remembered too. But it was a singular fact that no one except members of the O. R. T. were remembered. The non's socks were left empty, same as when they hung them up the evening before. Presume that Old Santa thought the nons were getting enough off of the brothers; that they were not entitled to any of the good things that he was handing out. Served them right too. CERT. 125.

East End, Main Line—

Bro. J. E. McCracken, from "EY" tower, is off on his vacation, and was visiting friends in Eagles. Bro. O. M. Snyder, also of "EY" tower, is taking a vacation. Do not know who are relieving the brothers.

Bro. C. A. Wilson has taken the first trick at Schoyer, since returning from his vacation, in Mississippi.

Bro. G. B. Honneter has been doing the extra stunt at Brazil and Knightsville.

We understand that Bro. D. F. Wilson has first trick at Knightsville now, and is learning to sleep nights again, since having worked nights for such a long time.

Bro. W. A. Vaughn, first trick at Greencastle, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Siddens, from Almeda.

A Mr. Vance is working third trick at Almeda.

Bro. G. B. Honneter, with a bunch of his club friends, made a flying trip to Terre Haute, Sunday, p. m.

The new bridge at Reelsville has been completed, and trains are having no trouble making their time now.

The passenger trains are all carrying full coaches, which indicates that the company's traffic is on the increase instead of a decline.

We are glad to hear that Mr. C. G. Taylor has filled out the necessary papers, and will soon be carrying an up-to-date pasteboard.

As usual, when the semi-annual dues come due, some of the brothers drop out. Brothers, this is not the thing to do. Surely you will make this a Merry Christmas after seeing what the noble Order has done for each and every one of us. Let us make the new year of 1909, the banner year of the Order. We can do this if we will put our shoulders to the wheel and make an individual effort.

We kindly ask the co-operation of all the brothers in getting news for the journal each month. Let us have a write-up in each issue.

We are now glad to say Bro. A. Valentine.

I wish to call your attention to the division operator's circular letter No. 320, of July 3d, 1908. There are still some of the operators not doing as this circular says they should. I have worked for several different roads, and I think I can truthfully say that the Vandalia is one of the best roads to work for in the Central States. We should all try to give them the very best of

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service, keep our towers neat and clean, not leave the office without permission, give attention to our lamps and keep them in good condition, and at all times try to show the officials that we appreciate what they have done for us.

Bro. C. R. Shortridge, of Coatesville, was off a few days, first of December; relieved by Mr. F. A. Vance.

C. C. Orrel, agent at Amo, was away Xmas, for a few days; relieved by Mr. W. C. Gilbert.

CERT. 157.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Hoisington to Pueblo—

News this month is short and sweet. Short, because correspondent is new at the writing business, and sweet, because most, if not all the new men are good up-to-date O. R. T. men. As far as I know they all are, and if I do not know, whose fault is it? Out of the twenty some letters I wrote asking for items for this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, only one took effect. Have only heard from two offices along the line, if somebody don't go after that man at "J," and show him the error of his ways, and that if the old pike can not do business without him doing his regular stunt on the railroad wire, it is time for him to be sure his monthly check calls for at least the minimum salary for that kind of work, then I see where somebody is lame.

Bro. J. W. Hartman is relieving Bro. Pierdon, at Haswell, nights. Bro. Pierdon goes to Hereford, Texas, but don't know what his business there is going to be.

Bro. C. H. Hardy, agent and first trick telegrapher, at Horace, comes to us from the D. & R. G. Third trick men at Horace are poor stickers, and it is hard to keep tab on them. A one time Bro. Mr. Hartsell is now at Horace, and understand he is going to quit December 31st.

Now brothers, let us try and have a few lines every month. All you have to do is to drop a line to yours truly, and I will try and get it to St. Louis on time.

Certificate No. 3382, Division No. 2, wants a station with us. If you see one running loose, notify Bro. J. W. Hartman, at Haswel, Colo.

CERT. 1736.

St. Louis District—

Bro. Sitzman, 7th street, on vacation; relieved by Bro. Sitsche, from "GR," 23d street; Bro. Sitsche relieved by Bro. Glynn, from Kirkwood, and Bro. Glynn relieved by Operator Welch.

Understand Operator Cromer, formerly of this district, is working for the Frisco.

Bro. J. T. Waugh, of Union Pacific Division, is working at Valley Park, temporary.

It is now Bro. W. C. Buente; he has been relieving at Bonnots Mill, and at present is on third trick at Washington, relieving W. H. Davis, who relieved Bro. Williams, on second trick. Bro. Powell, third trick, laying off.

R. E. Best is now working at Myrick, as clerk.

Bro. Snider bid in New Haven, nights; relieving Vanlandingham.

"Red" Hunt relieved Bro. Cook, nights, at Dundee, and in turn was relieved by Raymond Davis. Hunt going to Blackwater, nights.

F. J. Dale, who has been working at Boles, nights, has left the service.

Bro. Snoddy, agent, Bonnots Mill, off several days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Brown, nights. Brown relieved by Bro. Buente.

Bro. Williams worked several days at Cole Junction, during the holidays.

Raymond Davis worked a few nights at Blackwater during the holidays. CERT. 243.

Southern Kansas Division—

Who was the fellow that said we could not make the good old 31 solid? Did you read what Bro. Holman's report says 31 left on Dec. 1st? I guess that is going some. The good work is going on in splendid shape. At this writing (Dec. 15) we have the few remaining nons on the run; they don't want their names on that public list. Let the words be stronger than ever. "No card, no favors." Report every non to your local chairman, so he can put the fellow on the grind. Talk to the non, write to him and give him no peace until he surrenders. Never let up on him. Time for action is at hand. Don't be afraid to answer letters. I have written letters two and three times to certain brothers and no replies received. Don't do that; answer promptly; take an interest in the work; wake up; show that you are alive, then watch the results.

Your bulletin cards have been sent out regular—every office and position bulletined. It certainly is a big improvement over the old method. I want to, right here, assure all the boys of the entire fairness of your chief dispatcher, Mr. Kirk, and your superintendent, Mr. Buck. We can ask nothing of them but what is straight and on the square, and by staying on that basis I am sure our claims will always receive consideration from them.

In the next issue I will give you the name of every non on the division. Please notify any you may know of so they will be able to save themselves.

Election time is at hand. Let every man get ready and vote for your choice, whoever he may be. Don't forget this—it's your duty.

Bro. Chas. Larned is back at work after sixty-days' lay-off.

Bro. R. S. Wilson bid in Hudson.

Bro. Farmer, of Mt. Ida, bid in Rose.

On last bulletin Bro. W. C. Ramsey bid in Garnett, Kan., agency. Eight other brothers after the same agency. Bro. Ramsey's eighteen years seniority could not be overcome. But for the last '88 schedule Garnett would not be in the schedule and therefore not open to bulletin. Bro. R. A. Stine, of Turon, gets Bro. Ramsey's Greeley job.

Bro. T. G. Howard bid in Conway Springs.

Bro. Bandy, extra man, bid in third trick at Deering.

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Bro. P. P. Haney bid in Garnett nights.

Bro. Collins at Penalosa agency.

Many changes being made, but all for the best as far as the Order goes.

Bro. Jno. Keller goes to Hooser; Bro. B. F. Teals goes to Sycamore; Bro. Geo. Raby goes to Silverdale. Last two from Santa Fe at St. John.

Brothers, much of the good work done is due to Bro. Howell—"Old HO," as most of you know him. He is a tireless worker, and I only wish we had a few more workers like him.

I will give you a review of the work, June 1st to January, in the next TELEGRAPHER.

Write your local chairman often—you are not any more busy than he is. You have time if you only think so. Send in the news not later than the 15th of each month.

Hoping we have membership to send ten good strong delegates to Atlanta next spring, I am

Fraternally yours,

H. J. MOHLER, *Local Chairman.*

Sedalia District—

Now that the charts with instructions how to manage the switchboard have been sent out to all offices, the boys should study them carefully, and be in a position to render Bros. Lampkin and Thomas all assistance possible in case of wire trouble.

Bro. Scott, extra at "CD" Kansas City, left the service to accept a trick in the South.

Bro. J. O. Jones, who is a brother of our old friend and brother, J. D., is working third trick at "CD" and Bro. Warden second.

Bro. W. R. Martin secured Tipton nights on bid.

C. W. Cole, Barretts, has resigned; relieved by Joe Huernon.

Bro. D. L. Duden, agent at Centertown for several years, has resigned and gone to the farm. Bulletins for the vacancy have been issued.

Bro. R. M. Crockett, agent at Blackwater, enjoyed a forty-five-day leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Oman. Bro. Crockett reports killing the full limit of ducks, besides dipping his feet in salt water on the Gulf.

W. C. Olney, who will be a brother in a few days, relieved Bro. J. K. Hobbs while Bro. Hobbs took in the South on his honeymoon trip.

Understand Bro. Greer has resigned and returned to his former home, Cumberland, Ind.

The third operator having been put on at Little Blue, the positions there are a trifle better, and it will not be quite so hard to keep operators at this point in the future.

Bro. McClure, agent at Nelson, was on the sick list a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Williams, of Lake City.

J. H. Pryor relieved Bro. Williams at Lake City, and I immediately got into communication with him, but it was a one-sided affair, and I was compelled to do all the writing.

Bro. Gunn has been doing extra work at Centretown until the bulletin is closed, but understand W. C. Olney has relieved him.

Election day is near, and it is the duty of every member to take an interest in the election, voting for the good of the Order, regardless of the man.

It has been the custom of some of the brothers to lay the ballots away when received and neglecting to send in their vote.

Every member should vote one way or the other, and I hope our general secretary will be able to show a full vote this time. W. L. W.

Joplin District—

As no one seems to care how things go on the Joplin Division of the Missouri Pacific, and having traveled over the entire division and met most of the boys, and also believing that a write-up every month would make lots of our brothers pay up a little more promptly, I will endeavor to write what I have seen and heard on my rounds.

Some time ago one of our old brothers dropped out of our Order and I met him and he said he didn't intend to go back to the fold, for he had a grievance and no attention had been paid to it, and as he was an exclusive agent, the schedule did not affect him; the Order had done nothing for him, and all this kind of stuff. This man was drawing $84.50 that the Order got for him. I met this brother the other day and he had a new card and a smile on his face, and said that Bro. Nance and Bro. Sawyer had made him feel quite cheap after they had explained a few things to him that he did not know.

I met one well-known agent and operator that has been doing relief work, and he said, "I am one of the old soldiers and don't have to pay up now. I fought for the Order when you were a baby." Brothers, this man has one of the best jobs on the division, that pays $65.00 per month. Does any member of this division think this is right?

There has been quite a little changing during the last few weeks.

Bro. Tifphony left the service. Do not know where he went.

A Mr. Williams went to Cornell to act as owl, but did not like the looks.

Mr. D. C. Jones relieved Bro. Chas. Rouse for a few weeks. Charles got hungry and went home.

Bro. Trascott is now agent at Fleming, having resigned at Pittsburg. Mr. V. C. Johnson is doing the second stunt there permanent. Don't know if Johnson has the card he sent for yet or not.

Bro. Hutchinson went all the way up to S. Dak. to get a farm and then did not get it. He is back at "G," looking fine.

Quite a little changing at Carthage. Bro. Burrows relieved Bro. Perkins, third man. Bro. Walz had a death in his family. Bro. Richey relieved him for two or three days, Operator Blake, from the Santa Fe taking third, Burrows going to second. Blake is a fine operator and ought to have a card.

Mr. D. C. Jones takes third at Carthage permanent.

Bro. Kuhne, at Webb City, off for turkey-eating, Burrows relieving.

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Bro. Crystall is still at Connell, doing the first. Can not find out who the other men are, but they will come around if they stay around Roy.

A little more fraternalism would help the division. Seems as if some of the brothers think every time a brother shows up "he has an axe to grind," and if this division would have a write-up every month, there would be less backsliding.

There are some nons here that are the limit—ask the brothers to help them and never think of joining the Order and helping the brothers. Hang on to the old motto and don't get your hammer out until you have something to kick for, or have it taken up with your local chairman. Remember, he is not a mind-reader and does not claim to be. No card, no favors. NON DE PLUME.

Omaha Division—

Numerous changes have taken place on this division since the new schedule went into effect, and the new bulletin arrangement seems to be giving general satisfaction. The railway officials seem to be pleased to have the burden of bulletining vacancies removed from their shoulders. We would suggest that you fully decide as to whether or not you desire a position before filing your application for it, as it does not simplify matters for you to be assigned to a position for which you have applied and then decide you do not wish to make a change.

Following are some of the changes that have been made:

Bro. J. P. Ellis to Crete.
Bro. H. M. Swartz to Louisville.
Bro. F. S. Stringfield to Verdon.
Bro. H. E. Kessler to Hickman.
Bro. H. G. Calhoun to Cook.
Bro. D. N. Chiles to Julian.
Bro. C. V. Densmore to Dunbar.
Bro. A. E. Dappen to Panama.
Bro. H. L. Thomas to Ft. Crook.
Bro. E. E. Marr to Falls City.
Bro. D. O. Schrader to Talmage.
Bro. O. Leffell to Oskaloosa.
Bro. J. T. Liston to Elmwood.

Changes among the straight telegraphers too numerous to mention.

Sister Hequembourg has returned to Nearman after a few weeks' absence on account of her son's death.

Sister V. R. Kessler has been reinstated and is now located at Virginia. It is safe to predict that train orders will receive proper handling by her in the future.

General Chairman Nance spent a few days on this division recently, with good results.

Do not overlook the fact that you are entitled to overtime when you fail to secure your meal hour as specified on your hours of service notice.

Out of one hundred and eleven positions on the Omaha Division, only ten are filled by nons. We feel very proud of the Omaha Division. Keep her to the front, boys, and do not forget to send that five-dollar william to William Holman on time and secure your new card. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.

Central Division—

Operator R. J. Farris, night man at Lenapah, was the only one to make application for the agency at Inola. He has the papers and will be checked into the O. R. T. about the same time as he is checked in at "NA."

Bro. Harris, of Oolagah, has sent in his resignation. He thinks he will retire from railroad work.

Bro. Hayse, third trick at Wagoner, is off on a vacation. Unable to say where he spent it. He was relieved by McCrainer, an ex-dispatcher. Bowman and McNew all nons. This is where Bro. Pope got 25. McNew has his papers in. It is hard to be a non and stay around Wagoner.

Bro. Neal, at Sallisaw, says the trouble has begun again. The Midland Valley are detouring their trains between Sallisaw and Ft. Gibson.

Operator Bronson, of Sallisaw nights, had the misfortune to get his hand mashed pretty badly in delivering a 19 order to 156 the night of the 9th, but at this writing is geting along fine. Relieved by P. D. Phelps, a non, but has requested the papers.

Bro. Maddox, extra man, has been moving around lively for the last two weeks, relieving Bro. Kelton at Ft. Smith twice and telegraphing for the bridge gang at Ashby. He says this job is certainly a pension. Bro. Maddox came from the Kansas Division of the Mo. Pac and is true blue. This is the kind we welcome.

Bro. Kelton has been relieving Operator Bruns at Van Buren for a few days.

Bros. Ridenour and McKee took in the sights at Ft. Smith the 15th.

The day operator has been put back at Denning Yard; held by Operator McCartt. Operator Hattendorf is working nights.

Operator Blakely has been assigned the day job at Spadra and Westmoreland the night.

There are still a few that have not paid their dues for the term ending Dec. 31. I can not see why it is, as they are holding the best positions on the division. Brothers, come on with the money, as the time is about up and you do not desire to lose out at this stage of the game.

It has been suggested to me that I have published in the journal monthly the names of the nons on this division, which I will do, beginning the first of the year, so the nons will not have any excuse to get into line so their names will not appear; but they will be surprised when the conductors present them a card showing their names and excuse for not belonging to the Order. This new system goes into effect the first of January. All conductors will be supplied with cards showing same.

There is a certain class on this division, when asked about joining, put up an excuse, saying the "O. R. T. neved did anything for me, and I don't see why I should join something that would not benefit me." Others say "I have made investments in property and it takes all my money to meet payments." They never once stop and think

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if it had not been for the O. R. T. giving them raises they would not be able to have made these investments. They will meet another surprise when our committee goes up next time, which will not be long, to find out that they have been placed in a class to themselves and let the company pay this class as they please. I have figured the company can save $2,400.00 yearly if they put their salary at $50.00 per month and no overtime. Perhaps it might be lower, as they have no one to fight their cause and they will be compelled to take what they can get. The I. M. is not the only road that is to establish this system, but all organized roads. We have been carrying the burdens of these dead-beats long enough by coughing up our hard-earned cash for their benefit and only getting "the O. R. T. never did us any good." This is your last chance if you desire to do the right thing to those who have treated you fair.

In closing, I wish to say there are some few operators not paying any attention to the nine-hour law. They work as many hours as the dispatchers request. This law was made for your interest and you should see that it is lived up to.

I trust some one will help me on the write-up question.

Mr. James, agent at Conway, and Mr. Furniss, agent at Greenwood, can now be called brothers, as they have invested in the goods. It will not be long until we can make this division solid if we will all pull together.

Here is hoping that Santa Claus will not fail to give each non an O. R. T. card for a Christmas present. L. C.

Frisco Ry.

Birmingham District—

Wonder what is the matter with the boys on this pike; can't hear from any of them. I guess they have all they want and more, too. Brothers, we should have a good write-up each month. We are almost solid on this division and still can't get a write-up. I am certain there are a number of you who have time and could give a note now and then if you only would. I believe that all of you will agree with me when I say that there is no other single thing that will make a member take more interest in the work of the Order than a monthly write-up. We have no excuse to offer. Now, let's get together and let the fur fly.

Bro. C. G. Kelso, our general chairman, was with us last week and succeeded in landing eleven new members and several transfers. Still there are five or six remaining "dummies" on the line, also a few "put-it-offs," who are not up-to-date. We must get these men in our ranks, so get busy.

Understand there is an ex-member on this line who is opposed to the nine-hour law, still he clings to one of the nine-hour jobs. What do you think of him? He is also out with the Order, simply because he does not like a certain member. Of course, we consider this merely a petty excuse for not paying his dues and being up-to-date.

Operator Morgan, first trick at "CK," Dora, has left the service of the Frisco and gone to Illinois, where he will engage in other business. Bros. Kenneman and Smith have moved up a notch, with Mr. Hudson, an extra man, doing the third stunt there.

Bro. Holt, from third trick at "AS," has been transferred to second trick at freight yard junction; relieved at Jasper by Bro. Hadaway, from Winfield, third trick.

Bro. Hadaway relieved at "FD" by Bro. Pless, from Atlanta Division, Southern Railway.

Bro. C. R. Wilburn has just returned from St. Louis.

Bro. J. H. D. Smith, agent at Cordova, has accepted the appointment of local chairman of this district. We should all do our best to help Bro. Smith.

From all the dope obtainable this line is solid from Jasper to Amory, with one exception. Bro. Kelso's visit has, seemingly, had the effect of a live wire.

We should not overlook the fact that we have a splendid man for chief dispatcher, Mr. J. F. Liston, who hails from the Seaboard. Let us all try to make him feel at home and, above all, give good service and answer your call promptly.

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Red River Division—

Boys, get "25" and let us hear from each division. It would take but little time. You are only working nine hours and could find plenty of time to write a word or two once a month, and a word or two from each man would make a good showing for Division No. 32.

Bro. Gordon is back at "FZ," Francis, for a few days.

Bro. Rogers is doing the relief act at "M," Isabell.

Bro. Plat is laying off.

We have only one twelve-hour night office on our division; that is "JX." New man on road working the owl shift there; no one in the daytime.

Bro. Lumpkin, from "AJ," "RJ," "JN" at "CH" for a few days, since "JN" to "RF," and a new man at "AJ."

Who is going to write this division up next month? Well, I will watch and see if any one can take a tumble to themselves and say a word or two. Spend about ten minutes of your loafing time in writing items for the journal. G. E. B.

Southwestern Division—

We regret very much to hear of the death of Mr. Fred Rice, near Sapulpa, December 14th, in a train accident. Mr. Rice was a conductor on the Southwestern Division, and was well known by most every one.

Mr. G. R. Crawford, new third trick man at A. V. and W. Junction.

Mr. W. H. Pasley, former agent at A. V. and W. Junction, has been transferred to the agency at Mansford, Okla., on the A. V. and W. branch.

Man by name of Brown on Tulsa, A V. & W. Junction.

New man at White Oak nights, but am unable to give anything definite about him yet.

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Mr. C. T. Pyle, an old-timer off the C., R. I. & P. here, now agent at A. V. & W. Junction, relieving Mr. Pasley. Geo. Rogers on the first trick at that point.

The new time-table, which came out on the 13th, made but slight changes on this division.

Chelsea and Claremore are now three-men jobs and all solid. MONK.

The Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

P. and W. District—

The traffic on this end seems to be coming back to the old standard, but they are sadly in need of power. There is some talk as to opening a few of the offices they closed last fall, but can not say as to when this will happen.

On the night of November 29th, at a point known as Wilson's, one-half mile east of Valencia Station, No. 5 was wrecked, killing Fireman Geo. Sidell, of Painesville, Ohio, and slightly injuring Conductor Henry Fout. It is supposed to have been caused by an air hose bursting in the middle of a train of empties, with two helping engines on the rear caused the train to buckle, and throwing cars onto the westbound track No. 5 running into it before a flagman could stop them. Engine on No. 5 went into the ditch, demolishing baggage car. How baggage messenger escaped without injury was a mystery. Both tracks blocked seven hours.

The work done by our efficient lineman, Benjiman, in restoring the wires after the accident, is worthy of mention in these columns.

Bro. Stoops, late of Kane and Marienville, relieved Bro. Dannals at Zelienople. Can not say where Bro. "Dan" has gone.

Bro. Wagenman has taken the agency at Clarion Junction, H. B. Snyder relieving him at Ribolds.

Sister Magee has returned to duty at Allegheny, Miss Rhoades going to Elfinwild, third trick.

Bro. Showalter has returned from his trip through the Southwestern States and parts of Mexico, and has taken up his duties in "DS" relay office.

Bro. F. W. Carleton, of Division No. 59, posting up at Callery on the interlocking and block system.

Bro. Grada Crites, third trick at Gorsuch, has left us and returned to the C. & O., from where he came last spring; relieved by Bro. L. W. LeBorron, of Division No. 18.

Bro. J. A. Johnston, to Wyland on the W. & P. District relieved by Elmer Ayers at Downieville.

Bro. Wm. Taylor, of the W. & P. District, is now located at Ribolds, third trick, which he got on November bulletin, but just recently placed.

In December journal the writer referred to Sister Corts at Karns as Miss Corts. I trust that this sister will overlook the error.

In November TELEGRAPHER an oversight was made by me in the line-up of the stations on this end which are held by nons. I am sorry we overlooked our brother, C. K. Holverstott, agent at Sharpsburg, and heartily apologize for the error.

The time is fast approaching when we should elect our officers for the coming year. Great care should be taken in selecting these men. There is some good timber in these woods and it should not be very hard to select.

It seems that there are only three brothers in the race for delegate to the convention from this district. Bros. Will Carr, "Jack" Lanning and Safford, and possibly Bro. Williams are in the swim. All are good men and no mistake will be made in voting for either one of them.

Relief agent, Bro. Posteraro, has been relieving at Shippenville and Petrolia recently.

The P. & W. was not represented as it should have been at the last meeting. Boys, get next to the date and figure out going, a month ahead, if necessary. If there is any kick you have coming, don't make it to everybody you meet, but come to the meetings and put it to the lodge straight. You will only have to do it once. Those that do not attend can not imagine what they miss. Come in and see for yourself. SHORTSTOP.

Monongah Division—

Bro. W. P. Cline, of "GR" office, made a flying trip to Philadelphia, Pa. relieved by Bro. Locey.

Bro. Ogden bid first trick in at Clarksburg depot.

Bro. Nuzum, of "GR" office is off sick; relieved by Bro. Locey.

Bro. W. W. Powell off a few days; relieved by extra man. Did not learn his name.

Bro. Hostler was in Fairmont looking after the interests of the M. R. District.

Bro. R. W. Bevans, accompanied by his mother, went to Meyersdale, Pa., to attend the funeral of his cousin.

Bro. A. E. Shingleton landed second trick at Monongah and moved his family there.

They have opened a night office at Glen Falls and Shinnston, day and night. Do not know at this time who the fellows are that are holding them down.

Our division operator, Mr. Greene, has been issuing a good many circulars in regard to the handling of train orders. Now, boys, you want to be very careful in handling orders and see that they are properly sent, for the dispatchers are just as liable to overlook something as we are. We must watch this closely and in case he sends it wrong call his attention to the fact, so he can remodel it before anything happens. There are a good many new boys on the line. Hope they are all good members.

Looks like business is coming back normal again. Lots of eastbound freight now.

Wheeling Division—

A joint meeting was held at the Peabody Building, Wheeling, on December 19th, with eighteen members present.

Several important questions were discussed, especially the student. There are a number of students along the line.

On last notice, Bros. E. E. Holloway and Queen bid in "WR" tower, Wheeling, first and second

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trick respectively. There is a new interlocking plant to be placed there, which will greatly increase the work.

Very few new men have been on the division for some time, as Glen Easton, second and third tricks; Barton, second and third tricks, and Barracksville closed altogether, made a surplus of extra men.

Since last writing Glover Gap has been cut down to three men again.

Telegrapher Poinderter spent a few days with his parents during the holidays, near Charleston.

Bro. C. L. Hall and wife are spending the holidays at Huntington, with Bro. Hall's parents.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Almighty Father of the Universe to remove from our midst our worthy brother, J. H. Sutton, thereby proving the uncertainty of life; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who will miss his presence most and consign them to the loving care of the Great White Chief who governs all things. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be put upon the minutes of B. & O., Wheeling Division, No. 33, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy forwarded to the parents of our deceased brother.

H. A. SCHULTZ,
E. E. HOLLAWAY,
T. L. ELLIS,
Committee.

Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

Meeting December 27th, and in spite of the disagreeable night there was a fair attendance. I am sure all present enjoyed the cigars that Bros. Safford and Williams set up, and every one felt that the night was well spent.

Where were the brothers on the "River" all this time? Why do not the first trick men attend? It is no wonder our local chairman gets disgusted, when the brothers take no more interest in attending meetings than this. Now, let us all see how many can get in the room at Hotel Wilson next meeting night.

There are seven or eight non-members who promised to be with us by the first of the year. Time is about up. Watch them and see if they make good. Those who do not make good are liable to see their names in the journal next month.

While in one of our business towns, east of Pittsburg, I met a young man wearing a gold O. R. T. button on his coat, and six months behind with his dues. We hope this man will see fit to get a card with a color that will correspond with the gold button this year.

Election is close. Pick out the man you think will serve the Order best, and vote for him. There will no doubt be several candidates for all three positions.

The students are increasing. Have you considered the matter any? They will have your job next. We had better lock the stable before the horse is stolen.

Bro. Kleisinger, at Reduction, has an apology coming to him from a couple of his fellow workmen, on account of the notes last month. This information was given to the correspondent by a non-member, and was published for a fact. We now find that this was untrue, and the only way for this non to apologize is to take out a new card. Will he do it?

The following appointments were made, as per last month's bulletin: Bro. C. W. Reichard, first trick Second avenue; Mr. P. C. Getz, second, and Mr. S. C. McCoy, third trick at Lavenia. Third trick at Bessemer "for sale."

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"YERAC RELBATS."

Newark Division—

I wish to announce to the members of the Newark Division, through the Fraternal columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, that "By a motion passed at the meeting at Newark, Nov. 23d, each member on the Newark Division is asked, voluntarily, to contribute 5 cents each month to create a local division fund for the purpose of purchasing flowers for deceased brothers, assisting deserving brothers in paying their dues and insurance assessments, in case they become delinquent through sickness, etc. This fund to be placed in the hands of the Division Treasurer Bro. McNees, subject to the will of the local division.

"Those members who are unable to attend these meetings, can give this money to their local chairman, who will turn it over to the treasurer, who will credit them with same."

We kindly ask you to make these contributions every month, as it is for a worthy cause, and we now have some brothers on the sick list who are in very needy circumstances, and wholly unable to keep up their dues, on account of not being able to work. And if any of them are called away from us, we will have something to show our respects, in burying a deceased brother.

Commencing with Dec. 21st, we will hold regular monthly meetings in O. R. C. Hall, Newark, O., at 8 p. m,, the third Monday of each month. These meetings will be held alternately, afternoon and evening, for the benefit of both day and night men. The members will be notified of these meetings, both afternoon and evening, by their respective local chairman. We earnestly request all members that can to attend these meetings, as they will be quite interesting and beneficial.

Bro. W. B. Anderson, of "MO," who had the misfortune to break his arm, while alighting from a street car, is able to be around again.

Bro. Murchland, second trick man at "KS," is now doing extra work in "WF" relay office; relieved by Bro. Kelly.

Bro. Moore, of "WF" office, who has been quite sick, is improving but very slow.

D. H. MORIARTY, *Local Secretary.*

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Baltimore Division—

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th, Baltimore Local of Division No. 33 held its first meeting, at its new lodge rooms, 609 North Fremont street, with a large number present.

Sorry to learn that there were not more present from "GO," surely if the men on the division can ride miles to attend the meetings, there seems to be little excuse for those in the general office, who are located in the city. It was very encouraging to see the large turnout at our previous meeting, and I trust the men will not lose interest in the matter.

Several brothers from Division No. 17 were present.

I trust that we will some day be able to reciprocate for the kind treatment we have received from Division No. 17, and hope to see more of them present at our next meeting.

If the brothers on the division will furnish me with articles of interest for the journal, I shall appreciate it, and try and see that they are published from time to time.

Hope to see a good turnout Wednesday, January 13th.

Only a few changes were made on this branch since the last write-up. All three operators of Boyds, "MD," were off during the Christmas holidays. Bros. J. W. Williams and Lewis, and Miss Harrington, a non, being relieved by Operators Remsberg, Fisher and Spaulding.

Bros. Warfel and White, of Barnesville, spent December 19th, in Baltimore City, purchasing toys for the little ones.

I am glad to see so many of the boys forwarding their dues so promptly, and I "13" several nons will make application for cards on January 1st. Let's try and clean out the nons this year, if possible. We are now entering a new year, which has been promised to be prosperous to all. Hope we will receive our share. Did Congress or Legislature ever stop to think, when making laws, what great responsibility rest upon the telegraphers of this country.

First. They work many hours at a time, 365 days out of a year, handling any number of trains, copy hundreds of messages and orders during the year.

Second. If in case of a slight error, probably hundreds of lives, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and loved ones are sent into eternity without a minute's warning. My dear reader do you realize these lines to be the real truth, and now don't you realize the grave responsibility of the railway telegrapher; and I dare say they receive less compensation than any other skilled labor upon this earth. I have a proposition to make, or rather suggest, and I trust that every member of our organization will agree with me. And through the efforts of Bros. Perham and Quick this may be taken hold of at once. That is each member assessed $2.00 per year, for three years, 1909, 1910 and 1911, for the purpose of purchasing four farms and building homes for the old and disabled telegraphers of our organization; having these located East and West, North and South. Taking our 43,000 members each paying the small fee of $2.00 per year, would amount to very large figures, $86,000 for the first year, enough money to buy four nice $20,000 homes. and then the next two years' fee would amount to $172,000. Which would support hundreds of old and disabled telegraphers for years and years. In my opinion this would be the most charitable work that any organization ever did. Many of you will throw $2.00 away each month for some little trifle. Just think what this little $2.00 a year would amount to, less than a cent a day, how many hearts would be made glad; and I am sure not a member would refuse this insignificant sum of $2.00 for the great good it it will do. You may be one that would in time have to have such a home to go to. Many suggestions have been made through our journal, but they have been passed by. I hope Bro. Quick will take interest in this suggestion, or proposition, and place it before the members of our organization, and have a vote upon same, and start on this good work at once. I trust my efforts in writing this article will not be fruitless.

Main Line—

Bros. Shawen and Loeber visited Annapolis one day this month, to march in the Fraternal Parade.

Two new men at Hallofield, J. H. Omahaney and G. F. Hammond; get after them boys and get them in line. Also new man at Ellicott City, keep your eye on him.

Washington Branch—

Bro. Hobbs, Relay tower, near Baltimore City, first of December, had a battle with a negro tramp. Bro. Hobbs was beaten about the head and body, and bitten in left arm several times, but captured the tramp after stabbing him in the neck and knocking him senseless.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. G. W. C.

Ohio River Division—

We had a very well attended and interesting meeting at Parkersburg on December 12th, at Commercial Hotel parlors. Quite a number of visiting membes from Monongah Division were present. In the absence of our local chairman, Bro. Rathbun, who was unable to obtain relief, Bro. H. S. Smith acted as chairman. Matters of interest were discussed and a letter from General Chairman Van Atta was read, giving us some important information. Some two or three from this division failed to show up, and understand they could have attended had they so desired.

Bro. Harpold, agent at Spencer, has been off for several months; relieved by Bro. D. M. Brown. Bro. Harpold was looking after his store during the holidays.

Some three or four of the old standbys have been behind in their dues since last June. However, this is more than overcome by over a dozen new members. Still we need them and they need

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us, and we hope that they start the new year in the usual way with an up-to-date card in their jeans.

Bro. Dowell, copier at "RA" Parkersburg, is out learning the road and will soon be a full-fledged dispatcher.

Operator C. L. Edelen bid in second trick message wire at Parkersburg.

Bro. Curtis, third at "MS" Parkersburg, resigned December 20th. Understand he has a position with the A. C. L. Relieved by Bro. Edelen, from Monongah Division, with an up-to-date. We will expect him to line his brother, C. L., up soon.

Bro. Blackburn, of Huntington, second trick, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Townsend, who has been off duty several months on account of sickness.

Bro. C. T. Moore, first trick at Sistersville, is spending the holidays with his parents at Guyandotte.

Bro. H. Parker, Belleville, is again unable to work; relieved by E. L. Taylor. Unable to say whether a brother or not.

Bro. "Bowser" Rankin, at "MS" Parkersburg, is spending the holidays at home with his parents.

Local Chairman Rathbun spent a few days around Letart and on the south end lining up the boys for the new year.

Bro. L. D. Newhart, from Brooklyn Junction third trick to Williamstown first trick. If each of us would get as many new members as this brother, a non would be an unknown animal on the B. & O. system. Understand he now has seven to his credit and another one ready to fall in his basket.

Bro. B. C. Lewis, first trick at St. Marys, is relieving Bro. Williamson, who resigned to try his fortune in the West. Bro. Chapman, third trick at "S," also resigned. Understand he went back to his old love, the C. & O.

Operator Duncan, former member C. & O. Division, is working second trick at Kenova.

Now, boys, don't lay around like drones; because we are enjoying the eight and nine-hour tricks it is no reason we should lose all interest in the journal and the advancement of our Order, which gave us the shorter hours.

Let's get together and do something. Every one that has not a card should make a special effort to get one at once. What I mean is an up-to-date card. There are a few left on this division that have not got one, not because they do not believe in the O. R. T., but because they have carelessly allowed the time for payment of dues to pass by.

It seems to be the policy of some members to drop out of the Order as soon as they get a few good things, thinking that we have got all we can ever get. Now, let me say this is a progressive and growing organization, and we have not yet received near what is due us. Unless you give your support along with the others you are blocking the progress and making it impossible to get what is still due us. Do not be a backslider, but lend your assistance in the future as in the past.

Am very sorry to see some of our members giving the students too much freedom, this should be stopped as they will get you into trouble.

Operator Allen is working New Martinsville, days.

Bro. McPeek is working first trick at Pine Grove, and Operator Myers got second trick by bulletin. They change so often on the Short Line it is impossible to keep track of them.

Bro. Newhart got first trick at Williamstown, by bulletin, and Bro. Hall has resumed his duties on second trick.

Operator Self is relieving Bro. Sid Brown on first trick at Ravenswood.

I think it is about time for our general committee to get busy and get a new schedule, as we have not had a change for two years. Have not even had a meeting for eight months.

Now boys, let's all get together and have a big meeting and let everybody try and attend, that possibly can, so we can talk over with our local chairman what we need and want. Think we should be able to get something soon.

CERT. 595.

New Castle Division—

We are going to try monthly meetings for awhile, and see if we can work up any interest on this division; it will soon be time for the committee to get together and close up negotiations, and we should be ready at all times and know just where we are at, and the only way to be in a position to do business is for the members to show an interest and help along with the work. We hope to have a larger attendance next time.

Bro. J. O'Connor, third trick at "XN" tower, is off for Xmas; relieved by Bro. Etter.

Bro. Brown, third trick at Ravenna, back on duty. Bro. Barrett who relieved him has gone home a for month,

Bro. Green, first trick at Ravenna, is sick in hospital; relieved by Bro. French. We hope to hear Bro. Green blocking the Peanut run again soon. Bro. French has been holding State Road, days, for some time, but is now on the extra list, as State Road has been closed for the winter.

Bro. Jones, first trick at Newton Falls, has been resting up for a month; relieved by Bro. Post. We are glad to hear that Bro. Jones will return to work the first of the year, much improved in health.

Bro. Needler, first trick at "KN" tower, is off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by T. L. Siering.

Bro. Robinson, first trick at "NC" Junction, is away on his wedding trip; relieved by Bro. Fisher.

We have made a gain of 69 per cent in membership in the last two years, but still have a number of nons on the line, all desirable with one or two exceptions (Ham factories don't apply).

We would be glad if the members would make a great exertion, to the extent of sending in news that we may have a complete write-up of the whole division; one or two can not keep posted

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on all that is going on over the division. If you would send items to the local chairman, he will see that they reach the correspondent in time; get them in by the 18th of each month.

To those who are back in their June dues, we would say, wake up and see where you would be at, in less than a year, if none of us paid dues; of course there are times when a brother can be excused for a month or two, but let's have no backsliders, as between a backslider and a non we have but little choice.

Bro. J. J. Kehres, third trick at Niles Junction, now, account Painesville office being closed, and telegraphing at that point being handled by L. S. & M. S. men.

Bro. T. W. McCannon, third trick at Baughtonville, is spending his holiday vacation at Buffalo, N. Y.; relieved by G. O. Cobb. DIV. COR.

Columbus and Newark Divisions—

We are not dead ones on this division and don't you ever think it. We are not represented in the journal each and every month, but we have not been laying off. Every month brings us one or two new members, and they will come faster than that when the boys see that we mean business. There is no reason on earth why we should not be a solid division, but several reasons why we should be, and every fellow that has any brains at all knows what they are. I am glad to state that some of the boys that allowed themselves to become delinquent are coming back to the fold. Now, ask them why they are coming back. There are some nons on this division who would like to join the Order, they believe it is a good thing, at least they say so, but they haven't got the money to spare this pay day to go in, and others are too stingy to eat three meals a day. We can not expect them to join us.

Bro. Townsmeyer is off a few days to recruit up.

Bro. Smith has returned to "VA."

Bro. McClurg attended the meeting held in Newark, also Bro. Huffman.

Bro. Horch was off a few days to attend a turkey dinner with his father-in-law, Bro. Rustler, at Summit.

Bro. Watson off two days to get a good meal from his father at Trinway.

Bro. Artz filled the vacancy at "BW."

Bro. Rowe is working the third trick at "BR" tower.

Bro. Grutch resigned; he will seek gold in Southern California.

Bro. Lameck has returned to Big Walnut, third trick, after a visit of two weeks with his aunt in Port Washington.

Bro. Gaines is back to the key again, after being sick for a few days.

Wishing you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year. DIV. COR.

Chicago Division, East End—

Operator Morarity, second trick "WN" tower, made a trip to Toledo recently, and was a caller at Mr. Kendall's office.

Bro. E. Renz, of The Bend, was a caller in Defiance, Saturday, December 12th.

Bro. T. J. Eiler, third trick, Defiance, will make an extended trip through the East during holidays.

Bro. Durk, second trick, Defiance, is in his home town, on a regular job now.

Bro. B. A. Miller will spend the holidays with "friends," and enjoy a good old-fashioned Xmas dinner.

Operator J. J. Fleck, who has been doing the extra work in "G," Garrett during the past eighteen months, has bid in third trick at Attica, and is now located at that station.

Operator G. E. Foley, who has been doing the extra work in Chicago Junction during the past ten months, has bid in third trick "G," Garrett, and is now located there.

Bro. Walters, "RX," Chicago Junction, was confined to his home the first part of December, for several days, with the La Grippe.

Operator G. R. Wilson, who has only been on the extra board since July, bid in third trick at Galatea.

We have several nons on our division. I would suggest that the brothers who are working at the stations where these nons are working, get after them and get them in line. There are also a few backsliders, a few pretenders and some old hard shells that might be induced to thaw loose. We must get busy and keep busy on the nons, etc., or we will lose out as an organized division. Thanking the brothers for sending me items, I will close. BILL.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the members and officers of the Cleveland Division of the B. & O. System, Division No. 33, for their kind remembrance, in the form of financial aid, on account of sickness.

We can not find words enough to express our gratitude. It is a Godsend to us. May the O. R. T. receive its full share of prosperity forever, as a reward for its kind and charitable deeds.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." (41 Psalm, I verse.)

C. A. GOODEN,
MRS. C. A. GOODEN.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Chicago Division—

Bro. Lanquist, third trick at "BX" tower, has been off since December 2d, visiting his folks at Knobview, Mo.; relieved by Operator C. J. Shotts. When Bro. Lanquist returns he is to relieve Bro. Johnson, first trick at "BX" tower, for a week's vacation.

Bro. Aikman, agent at Bismarck, has been trying to get a rest, but no relief agents on hand at present.

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Bro. Smith, from Rossville Junction, was in Danville on business last Saturday.

Bro. Goudy, at Danville yard, third trick, wants to spend a few days loafing, if he can get relieved.

Bro. Worrell, first trick at Hoopeston, is spending his vacation at his home in Indianapolis, Ind.; relieved by Bro. F. L. McDonald.

Operator C. H. Terry, formerly agent at Jamesburg, now permanent at Coaler, second trick.

Bro. W. J. Paddock, third trick at Woodland Junction, is spending a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. F. L. McDonald.

Business is picking up in the last few weeks and we hope it will continue so, as they may have to open some more new offices, thus giving more men work.

Now, brothers, the time is here for paying your dues. Be sure and not neglect it, and get after that non next to you, and have him send in same time you do, and let us all flash a card in 1909.

DIV. COR.

Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburg.

To All Members:

According to Section 69, page 76, of Statutes, we will in February elect representatives and alternates to the convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May next.

It is necessary that nominations of candidates be signed by at least three members. In order that ballots may be sent as early as possible please send to me at your earliest convenience the name of any brother whom you wish to represent you at Atlanta, together with your choice as alternate. Please have two brothers, in good standing, sign nomination with you.

J. W. BURCH,
G. S. and T., Div. 36.

Erie Ry.

Meadville Division—

Mrs. L. A. Woodin, first trick operator at Buck Tooth, has had to leave the service on account of failing eyesight. She was the daughter of Robert Knight, who was for many years an agent and operator on this division. Mrs. Woodin commenced work on the Erie, November 1, 1888, and was our oldest lady operator, and for a long time the only lady operator on the Meadville Division.

First trick at Buck Tooth and second and third tricks at Red House advertised until December 22d. Have not heard yet who bid them in.

Bro. J. N. Hayes took first trick at Waterboro, bumping Bro. Rexford back to second trick there. This on account of a reduction of force at Jamestown.

Mr. B. S. Lewis, one of the oldest men in the service, formerly agent at Concord, has taken third trick at Falconer Junction.

Jamestown is now one of the busy places since the fourth man has been taken off. Plenty to do there now, with blocking trains at "JN" tower by 'phone, getting train orders and block, and keep messages cleaned up at their own office, and only one man on duty at a time.

Lakewood is making great plans for a big season next year. Things are looking up there at present.

Ashville and Watts Flats have got settled down in new positions on new line, and all is going smooth again.

Bro. A. N. Crane has resigned as agent at Watts Flats, and has gone on a visit to his old home in the South.

Work is progressing on interlocking plants at "NE" and "CM" towers, where the old and new line come together.

Venango has been closed nights and one operator taken off at Saegertown. Geneva, on second division, has also been closed nights.

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N. Y., S. and N., and W., B. and E.—

Owing to the boys not sending any notes for the last two months our division has not been represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. As this is the first thing our boys look for on receipt of their journal, we should make it a point to see that our division is represented each month.

Now, as it is nearing the time to elect our officers, we should attend the meetings and show our interest by voting for the ones we want.

Much has been said about attending meetings, but the members do not turn out as well as they should; oftentimes an important question comes up relative to your position, and no one there to give the answer or assist our officers in way of information. Remember the Order is what its members make it.

We "13" Bros. Carpenter and Kannaley worked twelve hours each at Beaver Lake for a short time, owing to the third trick man laying off sick.

Bro. Carr is now agent at Maywood, Operator Courtwright being transferred to Campgan.

Mr. Boyse has been checked in as agent at Stockholm, vice Operator Wm. Fredericks, who now is working second trick at Butler. Can not say wnether Mr. Boyse is a member or not. We trust some of the boys near him will ascertain, and if not, to tell him the Order wants all the good men.

Operator signing "DO," who worked in "WN" office at Hackensack, a year ago, is now working at Rochelle Park.

Bro. Angle, second trick at Butler, is now working at Pocono Lakes.

We "13" Bro. Rosecranse, at Charlottesburg, has been busy handling several hundred cars of ore, which is transferred to W. & N. at his station.

Can't give you much of a write-up, owing to no items being sent me by the brothers. SAM.

Mahoning Division—

R. B. Barrett, of Geauga Lake, was off taking a trip through the Southern States; relieved by E. D. Marvin.

Hiram has been closed.

C. C. Fenstermaker is back at Garrettsville.

"MA" tower has been closed, H. B. Cutlip going to second trick at De Forest tower.

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W. H. Ludt, first trick at Leavittsburg, is off on a trip to New York City. This moves W. S. Lowrie from second to first trick; W. J. Holbrook from third to second trick, and A. L. Taylor, third trick at Warren, to third trick at Leavittsburg.

C. W. Mitchell, from second trick at Niles to third trick at Warren, and Extra Man G. W. Hempel working second trick at Niles.

Ray Castor, second trick at De Forest tower, bid in second trick at "VO" tower.

Sam Ridinger bid in third trick at "YO" office at Youngstown.

Bob Bell, at Hubbard, is getting a new depot.

It seems to be a hard matter to get the boys to turn out to a meeting held close to the holidays, as the meeting held at Warren Saturday night, December 19th, showed that even some of the old-timers were not there.

Make a new resolution this year. Resolve to attend the meeting at Warren once a month, and then see that you get there on the third Saturday night of the month. DIV. COR.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

Here's wishing all a Happy New Year and that the few remaining nons will see the right way before the New Year dawns.

Bro. P. T. Reddick, of Gordon, paid a flying visit to Savannah one day the past month, taking his family with him, for a visit to relatives and friends.

Bro. A. L. Thigpen, of Oconee, has been enjoying wild turkey recently.

Mr. Todd, of McIntyre agency, paid a visit to Savannah during the past month.

We are all glad to learn that Bro. A. C. Todd has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties at Toomsboro. Mr. Todd has been off for some time, suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. H. E. Holland, of Dover, can now be called Bro. Holland, his application having been sent in several weeks ago.

Bro. A. L. Thigpen, of Oconee, paid a flying visit to Macon a few weeks ago, taking his family to see Santa Claus.

Mr. N. C. Arnett, formerly at Millen, second trick, now at M. & A. Junction, third trick, and S. L. Thompson, whose applications were sent in some weeks ago, can now be called brothers.

We understand Bro. Davis, of Millen, first trick, has had a series of bad luck recently, in which he has our sympathy. Bro. Davis lost a brother some weeks ago and immediately after had a very sick child.

Mr. Winburn, of Ocmulgee Bridge, second trick, off on vacation for Christmas, being relieved by Mr. Awtry, of Millen.

Mr. F. W. Schumpert, of Savannah dispatchers' office, working at Millen, second trick, while Mr. Awtry relieves Mr. Winburn at Ocmulgee Bridge.

Some of the boys are a little slow about remitting for January 1 to June 30, 1909. This should not be overlooked, as all will want to visit Atlanta during the convention period, and the sooner dues are remitted the better.

Bro. J. E. Boyd was out on the line a few weeks ago, shaking hands with the boys and looking to the interests of the convention contribution from this division.

Get right for the convention in May.

CERT. 441.

Chattanooga Division—

It will be a source of much gratification to the boys of Division No. 46 to know that the Chattanooga Division is in better shape than ever before. While we have not as many men working on the division at present as we have had, we have a larger per cent of paid-up members, I think, than ever before, and we begin the new year with bright prospects, indeed. Keep the good work going, every member get after the man next to him. If a new man comes to the road, find out if he is a member, and if not get him in if worthy, and if he is delinquent get him to pay up. Individual effort is what counts.

Sammons, at Lindale, and Greene, at agent's office, Chattanooga, may be called brothers when you read this. They are both good men and we are, indeed, glad to welcome them into our ranks.

Bro. Murphy has returned to Whitesburg from his vacation.

Bro. Bledsoe, of Sargent, was off a week, going over the road in the interest of our grand convention in Atlanta next May, and here let me add that the boys are doing nobly in helping making the convention the best that ever happened.

If any of you failed to receive a copy of the circular sent out by Bros. Travis and Livsey, will state that each member is assessed 1 per cent of one month's salary to entertain the delegates in true Southern style, and if any one has not already remitted it it is not yet too late to send the amount to Bro. Travis, Route 68, Atlanta.

Bro. Bledsoe was relieved by Mr. Battles, from Moons.

Battles went from there to Brooks to relieve Bro. Wilson for the holidays.

Bro. King, of Trion, was off a few days attending court; relieved by Bro. Housch. Bro. Housch is now relieving Bro. Low, at Bremen, who is visiting his folks during the holidays.

Understand Bro. Jeb Martin, formerly at Raccoon and Fort Oglethorpe, has accepted a position with the Southern.

Bro. C. W. Bolton is relieving Bro. Powell, at Lyerly, a few days.

Mr. Reeves, our chief dispatcher, has been given a trick again, throwing the other two dispatchers back a notch.

We are glad to note that Bro. C. W. Bolton has been working as extra dispatcher and made good, which was as expected.

No card, no favors. Let us do all we can for our friends, but we have no call to help and do favors for those who are continually doing all in their power to pull us down. A man who will train up students to take your job at half your pay can not be called your friend. CERT. 266.

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The Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

First Division, Denver to Pueblo—

Bro. Brannan, recently Castle Rock, third trick, received third trick Union Depot, Denver, on bulletin, and relieved Bro. Gordon, who will resume second trick, after enjoying a Christmas vacation.

Bro. Cuthbert, agent at Littleton, was off two days recently, on account of sickness. Bros. Dye and Duncan doubled and ran the stations on account of shortage of men.

Bro. Lorton, after being relieved at Sedalia, spent a two weeks' vacation in the East, before taking his regular position at Echo.

Mr. Connors, third trick, Castle Rock, just arrived from Alaska, where he spent three years in Signal Service, and he promises to make good as soon as possible.

Bro. Boavers, of Division No. 128, second trick at Larkspur, relieving Mr. Elliot, who secured Orlando, on last bulletin.

Bros. Kelley and Hoffman, of Husted, drove by one day last week in their "Jackobile," in search of new hills to climb.

Pikeview now continues with Bro. Helber, recently of Huerfano, as regular second telegrapher.

Bro. McCloskey, of the "PA," rides the office chair to destruction, from midnight to 8 a. m.

Bro. Kemp, second trick, Colorado Springs, is enjoying a Christmas vacation; relieved by Bro. Johnson, a new arrival.

Bro. Hatch, first trick, Buttes, was shopping in Pueblo during Christmas week.

Eden recently made continuous, and Bro. Frank Rogers is now the happiest man in the "Garden."

Mr. Deshara, second trick, promises to join us as soon as he meets Mr. O'Conner next month.

Bro. Kearney, third trick, is a new arrival in Eden, and very fond of fruit. Better watch your prize apple tree "Roge."

Mr. Claar, recently of Pikeview, is back in "SB," Pueblo, last trick.

Bro. McCarty considered Pueblo too slow and resigned, to seek a new location.

Dispatcher Woodward has left the south end, and is now working second trick, this district.

"BROWNIE."

Second Division—

Business was pretty brisk on this division during the past month on account stock and fruit moving East. The ice plant at Pando is now working full blast. Understand the First District will be supplied with ice from Pando this year, which will cause the work there to continue longer than usual.

Bro. Miller from Paonia to Malta agency, on bulletin. Bro. Miller is right at home at Malta, having presided over that domain before.

Bro. Keck, of Red Cliff, has quit the railroad service, and is going into the grocery business at Grand Valley. Here's wishing him the best of success in his new venture. Bro. Spivy is doing the agent stunt at Red Cliff temporarily.

Bro. Cole returned to work at Avon, letting Bro. J. T. Coffey go to his "Haven of Rest" (Tenn Pass, second trick.)

Bro. Merril, from "S" office, was off several days sick. Glad to see him well and back to work again.

Bro. Howlett, of Minturn, under the weather a few days, but managed to stay with the office.

A reduction of force in Grand Junction caused Bro. Hickey to ramble. He has been doing the extra stunt in Salida lately.

Received a letter from Bro. C. C. Vaughn, now at New Castle, Wyo., on the "Q." He sends "73" to all the boys.

Bro. Bourne returned to duty at Glenwood, having spent a month visiting home folks in Penn.

Two freights met on the main line near Belleview recently, blocking traffic for a few hours. Am glad to know that no one was hurt, but sorry to see any of the boys lose out over this. This is seemingly a case of an inferior train encrouching on the time of a superior train.

General Manager Ridgway made several trips of inspection over this end lately. Were your floors and windows clean?

The New Year will soon be here. Want all you nons to get out your resolution book and make the first item in it read as follows: "Carry an up-to-date always." Then get the card and start the New Year right. It's the only system.

Wishing all the brothers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bro. R. D. Giddings, Echo, First Division, who went to the Salida Hospital a short time ago, with an attack of pneumonia, has returned to work.

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Third District—

Bro. Helber, second trick, Huerfano, bid in second trick at Pikeview; relieved by Bro. J. M. Norris.

Bro. Norris, who was working the new twelve-hour box car job at Orlando, bumped by A. R. Elliott, he getting the job on bid. His papers are made out.

Bro. L. G. Whitney is working the new twelve-hour box car job at Dresden, nights.

Bro. R. L. Beecher, third trick, at Graneros, is laying off for thirty days, to visit home folks in Old San 'Tone, Texas. COR.

B. & L. E. Ry.

H. L. Hicks went to Coolspring, second trick, after he got through at "VE" tower. Hicks relieved Mr. E. Genske, who went back to Pittsburg, to work at the commercial business.

C. A. Callahan, extra telegrapher, has done the right thing, and will be a member when this item is read. Bro. Callahan worked second trick at "HX" tower, while Bro. P. R. Williams was taking a vacation.

Bro. E. B. Minnis, who worked third trick at Henlein, in the summer, is now working second trick at Houston Junction. Rather lonesome for

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a brother around there and Mercer Junction; $65.00 both offices, too, on the last schedule.

J. C. Clark, who formerly worked at "SA" tower, Pardoe, and later second trick at Houston Junction, has engaged in the grocery business in Grove City.

A. J. Jacobs, formerly third trick at Henlein, is working third trick at Coolspring. Mr. Jacobs worked for the Western Union, and was of the men who went out and stayed out.

D. W. Jones, agent and operator at Annandale, has left the service. Bro. C. L. Campbell, temporary agent at Platea, in the absence of W. E. Wright, bid in the agency at Annandale.

H. E. Rothhause, who was relieved at Houston Junction, by Bro. Minnis, is working second trick at Pittsburg Junction, at this writing.

We hear Bro. C. M. Newell's "fist" quite often on the Middle Division. Cliff is a good train runner, and the men like to work with him.

Bro. C. F. Sahm, first trick at "RX," Albion, was off last month, on account of an attack of malarial fever. Bro. Sahm has had more than his share of sickness, and he has the sympathy of the division. He was relieved by T. R. Keep, a new man from the P. & E. Unable to say as to his standing.

Mr. Fitzmartin, an agent from the Erie R. R., appointed agent at Platea, filling the vacancy caused by Bro. C. L. Campbell going to Annandale.

C. H. Barney has recovered from his recent illness, and is back at work at Summerville, second trick. W. D. Carr, who relieved him, went to Kremis, second trick, filling the vacancy caused by the dismissal of Bro. E. J. Sweigard.

December 11th, Bro. E. J. Sweigard got engaged in a dispute with the notorious non, F. M. O'Brien, better known as "Mickey," and they undertook to settle the matter with a boxing contest; which resulted in the utter rout of "Mickey." Both were dismissed. While it is a relief to have the road purged of the presence of this non, think that it is an injustice on Bro. Sweigard, as he always has had a good record. O'Brien is an old offender, and other men have had trouble with him. A man by the name of McCarney, working third trick at Kremis, until vacancy is filled. Unable to say as to his standing.

Bro. D. A. Reese has returned from Colorado, where he was employed on the D. & R. G. for the past three months.

Bro. Harry Wigton took a hunt in Clearfield County for big game the first of the season.

A rousing banquet is being planned for the February meeting, 25th inst., with one of the grand officers present as speaker of the evening. Arrangements, etc., will be decided upon in due time. It is hoped that all members, and also those of our craft who are not members, will endeavor to be present. This will be a rare opportunity for all, and a time long to be remembered.

December meeting was dispensed with on account of meeting night coming on Christmas eve.

"H. D."

Southern Pacific Ry.

Shasta Division—

We were honored with a visit from Local Chairman F. E. Walters a few days ago. Bro. Walters made a tour over the division in order to stir up the nons.

U. L. Hakes, agent at Hilt (a new station just opened), has papers, and says he will fill them out.

S. J. Smith, agent at Hornbrook, says he is going to leave the service.

W. V. Lippincott, agent at Edgewood, has papers and will send them in.

Townes, at Castella, had a card on another division, and was transferred to Division No. 53.

Ager station closed and Bro. Foster goes to Castella to bump Bro. Townes.

The following vacancies are now up for bid: Assistant agency at Cottonwood, second operator at Kennet, agency at Pitt, night operator at Smithton, agency at Castella, clerk and operator at Montague, and agency at Hilt.

Was unable to get the write-up of the C. & N. E. branch, but will try to get it in the next journal.

DIV. COR.

Western Division—

Bro. E. H. Roe, third trick at Elmira, is visiting relatives in New York. He expects to return after Christmas. A. R. Thompson is relieving Bro. Roe.

Bro. L. L. Mullins, second trick at Track, is spending Christmas in Ozark, Ala.

I. W. Heilig, agent at Winters, is very sick and may not be able to return to work. Mr. Heilig is relieved by Bro. G. M. Fowle.

Mr. Gallagher, from Suisun, who was just recently married, has returned from the East, and is again doing his share of the work at "FD." His application is on the way.

Understand Bro. Spurgeon, from Suisun, bid in second trick at Port Costa, and Bro. Nichols, from Tracy, bid in the split trick at "Q," West Oakland.

Bro. P. E. Grady, from Stockton, is acting agent at Dixon, on account of his father being very ill.

Bro. E. M. Sanford, extra at Port Costa, bid in Arsenal nights. Bro. Spurgeon bid in Port Costa.

Bro. C. R. Sillers, who relieved our local chairman, Bro. D. W. Koppikus, when he was on a tour of inspection over the division, returned to Florin, but was taken sick and compelled to lay off a few days, but is now all right again.

Our local chairman canvassed his entire district, except the Mendota branch, and reports that, with a very few exceptions, there were no complaints to offer. He succeeded in gathering in a goodly number of nons, together with transfers and dues, and the balance that were left have promised to come in the first of the year. It is sincerely hoped that every member will constitute himself as a committee of one, and do all in their power to further the interests of the division as well as the Order.

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Los Angeles Division—

The Southern Pacific System Division, No. 53, enjoys, to say the very least possible, one of the best schedules ever granted to any bunch of railroad telegraphers, and the Los Angeles Division certainly has no cause to be envious of her sister divisions. For this, or at least the greater part, and all recent additions and improvements, we have no one to thank but our little organization, the O. R. T., and yet, although we all know this, I fear that we are not by a long ways as grateful as we could and should be. There are over thirty men on this division, included within the meaning of our schedule, as telegraphers, who are not members of the Order; some lest it will lessen the possibility of further promotion, some for fear that they will not much longer remain in the telegraph service, and some plead poverty. Any one of these reasons is a poor excuse, which, in a case of this kind, I think are worse than none. Just think, boys, over thirty nons, and only two or three of our members doing anything to bring them in. We have not yet arrived at the point where the Order ceases to be a benefit to us, and we can not afford to let it drop like this. Get busy, boys, and help gather them in, or we may lose what we have worked so hard to get. When one turns up who hasn't got an up-to-date, don't let him rest until his application is filled out and sent in. If we all keep after them like that we'll get them. *Don't give up.* COR.

REDLANDS, CAL., December 15, 1908.

I notice in the October issue of the journal an article in regard to Mr. Riddle, of Edom, and his little shooting affair last July, in which a Mexican was "perforated" with bullets, which perforations proved to be a slight flesh wound in the calf of the left leg. For this he was arrested, taken to Riverside, and after a hearing, was released without bail until his trial, which is now set for the 5th of January. I wish to say for the benefit and enlightenment of those who are not personally acquainted with Mr. Riddle, that he is not the blood-thirsty brute that this article would lead one to suppose.

On the contrary, he is quite as much a gentleman as one could expect to meet anywhere, regardless of the fact that, on account of his health, he has isolated himself on the desert for more than seven years. Not only this can be said for Mr. Riddle, but also that, although he is not now a member of the Order, he is heartily in sympathy with us, and has openly expressed himself as willing and ready to join as soon as he has cleared himself of the charge which now hangs over him on account of trouble in which he was implicated last July. There has also been considerable misunderstanding in regard to the testimony given by him at San Francisco, prior to the adoption of our present schedule. While it is true that he was called as a witness for the company, his testimony related to nothing else than the weather conditions on the desert, and I do not believe was, in any way, damaging to our cause. For this he has suffered a great deal of abuse at the hands of some of the members on this division, and for some time after his return from San Francisco found it almost impossible to accomplish any work on the wires. Yet in the face of all this he is willing to overlook all these things, and has promised to join the Order as soon as he has cleared himself of the trouble which he is now in. If he has made mistakes he is willing to apologize, or to correct them in any way he can, and we should certainly be willing to do the same. I, for one, will be glad to welcome Mr. Riddle as a member of our Order, and sincerely believe he will be a good member and one of those on whom we can depend. (Signed) A. C. GOODELL.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Providence to call from our midst Mr. J. C. Lester, father of our esteemed general chairman, W. H. Lester, of Weimar, Tex., and of Bro. T. C. Lester, of Beaumont, and L. P. Lester, of Schulenburg;

WHEREAS, Our general chairman and brothers sustained an irreparable loss in the death of their father, and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Division No. 53, sympathize very deeply with these, our brothers, and share their loss; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to them our tenderest sympathy and assure them that we mourn with them; and be it, further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brothers, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

HENRY BURR.
W. J. HADDON,
J. D. WALKER,
Committee.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Yellowstone Division—

The recent effort on the part of several members on the division to stir up a little interest among the other members to furnish material for our write-ups, has not been very productive of results. I am writing this on the 24th and, so far, have only received three contributions for this write-up. There has been enough said on this subject, if enough interest is shown by assisting in this matter we will have a write-up each month, if no interest is displayed I fail to see how we are going to have one.

A slight reduction in force again this month, but I believe that nearly all reductions are made now that will be, as the number of positions are very near as low as they can be and have enough left to secure the right kind of service.

Quite a few brothers are taking advantage of the lull in business to go home for Christmas, among whom are: Bros. Paul, Gough, Mars from Glendive, Bro. Pope from Mandan, Bro. Fredicks from Beach, and Bro. Peck from Hodges.

I am advised that answers to bulletins are not received promptly by the chief dispatcher. Whether these positions which are bulletined are not

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wanted, or whether the chief dispatcher is expected to do a mind-reading stunt in the satisfactory filling of these vacancies, is not known. If positions are desired which are under bulletin they should be promptly applied for as soon after the bulletin is issued as possible. It should not take over one day to decide whether you care for the position or not.

Two requests for application papers received since issuing my membership list. I think the good showing made thereon surprised quite a number who have seen it.

Let us have all the assistance possible for the biggest write-up we have ever had, in the March TELEGRAPHER. M. A. SMOOT, *Local Chairman.*

Pacific Division, First District—

The meeting in Tacoma, December 10th, was called to order at 2 p. m. by Bro. Sam Johnson, general chairman, twelve members being present.

Bro. Kingsmill Commander, of Wyuaco, was elected division correspondent for the Pacific Division. The meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

Bro. D. W. Williams, third trick at Auburn, is taking six weeks' lay-off. He is relieved by Bro. F. L. Kruger, second trick at First street. Bro. Kruger's hours are being worked by Bro. Otto Rockway, second trick at Kanaskat. This puts Rock in his home town.

Bro. J. S. Maddox, second trick at Ravensdale, was away for a few days, but is back again. Bro. R. A. Hamilton is once more working third trick at same place, after an extended vacation.

Mrs. Jones, at Kanaskat, is laying off. Mr. Amspoker is working first hours.

Second trick at same place, Mr. H. V. LaDow.

Bro. C. V. Eddy, third trick at Palmer Junction, laying off; relieved by a Mr. Wood.

Bro. E. S. Curtiss, at Humphrey, is taking a lay-off; relieved by Bro. J. H. Mazure, of Weston.

Bro. W. F. Kenny, from Borup, bid in second trick at North Portland on bulletin. Finding it an undesirable place to live, he resigned, and is now working in dispatcher's office of Astoria & Columbia River at Portland.

Bro. A. M. Calvert, agent at Easton, is laying off. Bro. U. G. Calvert, first trick at Easton, is handling the agency. This puts Bro. John L. Brimberry, from second trick to first trick there. Second trick worked by Mr. J. A. O'Reilly.

Bro. Schofield, of Elma, bid in third trick at Cle Elum, taking possession about December 9th.

Dudley and Teanaway, which have been operated nights only, as one-man positions ever since March 4th, were closed permanently December 13th, and about the same time Bristol and Thorp were changed from twelve-hour one-man day stations to continuous service, with three men. Mr. Mounce, of Teanaway, and Bro. Owens, of Dudley, took second and third tricks respectively at Thorp.

Bro. Carr, from Lemolo, bid in second trick at Bristol. He was relieved at Lemolo by a Mr. Wold, who was in turn relieved by Bro. Brandon, who had been temporarily filling in second trick at Bristol.

Mr. E. F. Feldman, an old-timer, formerly days at Bristol, but since resigned, is again with us, working third trick at Bristol.

Bro. Kruger, from Auburn, worked ten days or so in chief dispatcher's office, Tacoma, on account of sickness of Manager Floyd. K. C.

Pasco Division—

Bro. Riedel returned to work at Fish Trap from a long vacation, and has left again for the East. I "13" he has left the service now for good.

Bro. Johnson is back on west end at Satus.

New man at Fish Trap, named J. H. Williams. Don't know how he stands at this writing.

About six inches of snow outside makes old Washington look queer to the old-timers, but looks just like home to the Michiganders.

Bro. Lippold, working at Glade, was up to Lind, November 20th.

Bro. Oliver, at Lind, was a Spokane visitor to meet his sister from the East.

Bro. Fanning was a Prosser visitor. "13" on a land deal. Says Sunnyside land looks good to him.

Bro. Oliver, at Lind, took in the apple show at Spokane; says it was grand.

Bros. Hadsell, Mitchell, Shoemaker and Voigt went to Spokane to make Christmas purchases just after pay-day.

Operators appear to be short again. Operators at Mesa and Glade working twelve hours on account of the sickness of Agent Mesa and Bro. Lippold.

Bro. Farrell, at Hatton, on sick list for a few days. Took in sights at Lind, December 16th.

Bro. Lippold brought his wife to Lind, sick, December 14th. Report says Mrs. Lippold is better.

Bro. Fournier, off for thirty days, now back to work, second trick at Glade.

Mrs. F. L. Bowen and daughter came from Battle Creek the 18th to join her husband, Bro. F. L. Bowen, at Glade, but has been compelled to stay at Pasco until accommodations can be fixed up some at Glade.

Dues for the term ending June 30, 1909, are now due and every member should make an effort to pay up at once, and not have to go to the expense of rejoining later. CERT. 497.

Montana Division, West End—

Bro. Hoover, at Hoppers, is visiting in the East; relieved by Operator Nicholas, from the Minnesota Division.

Bro. Chambers, third trick at Muir, left for Portland; final destination unknown. Relieved by Bro. Fuller, from Belgrade.

Bro. Fuller's stay at Muir was short. After working two nights he was sent back to Belgrade. Relieved by Operator Howard. Howard was later relieved by Bro. Millikin.

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The Staff system is being installed through Bozeman Tunnel between West End and Muir, and is expected to be in operation by Dec. 15th.

Operator Reynolds, third trick at Bozeman, has resigned and gone back East. Understand he headed for the Santa Fe. Relieved by Bro. Winterstein.

Bro. Cranville, second at Muir, was off for thirty days, visiting in Illinois. Relieved by Bro. H. W. Jessee, of Division No. 130.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Montana Division, East End—

Yeager now open nights only, with Operator Veitch, from "SX."

Foster, a one-man job, open days only. Bro. Preston, from Yeager, is doing this stunt.

Three men at G. N. Junction. Bro. Smith, from Butte is on second. Do not know first or third men.

Park City is now filled up to three men. Operator Burwell is on second and Bro. Morgan, from Dakota Division on third.

Youngs Point Pit now opened up with one man. Have not learned his name.

Agent Cook, of Columbus, is spending a vacation in Iowa and Missouri. Relieved by Bro. Logan, first trick operator; Bro. Morrow to first and Operator Scott from M. & St. L. to third.

At Springvale Mr. Kesch is relieved by Bro. Winterstein, who has been relieving Bro. Howarth at Central Park. Bro. Winterstein is now at Bozeman, and Bro. F. J. Ball once more doing the second.

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Rocky Mountain Division—

On December 5th the Manual block system was inaugurated between Dixon and Trout Creek, giving the Rock Mountain Division a complete block service on both of its districts.

Mr. and Mrs. Dimmett assigned to second and third tricks at Olive. Unable to say at present whether they are sister and brother.

Dispatcher Guy Lytle is taking a vacation for a few days. On his return to work, Dispatcher G. D. Pring will take two weeks off.

Bro. Geo. Snyder, who has been East for the past thirty days, will assume his trick on the C. D. Alene dispatching table in a few days.

Bro. E. H. Showalter, who has been working second trick at Olive for the past few weeks, has been appointed second trick operator at Garrison.

Bro. W. J. Cuthbert, second trick operator at Turah, visited in Missoula for a few hours. While there he purchased his winter's supplies for his bachelor quarters.

Bro. Dahl has been installed at Florence to temporarily succeed Bro. Nagle who is ill in the hospital at Missoula.

Ticket Agent Dickson, of the Missoula ticket office, spent a ten-day vacation on the coast.

Operator Burnette has been appointed second trick operator at Bearmouth, relieving Operator Sullivan. "13" Mr. Burnette is off the Montana Division. Can not say whether he carries a card or not.

Assistant Superintendent of Telegraph Dildine left for St. Paul after spending a day in Missoula. Mr. Dildine is returning from a two weeks' visit on the coast.

Bro. Sorrels, third trick at Missoula west yard, Operator G. A. Ford, of Missoula message room, and Mr. Walter Albreck, stenographer in chief dispatcher's office, expect to leave soon for St. Paul, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Bro. Estep, first trick at Nagos, visited in Missoula for a few hours, on business.

Agent C. N. Brady, who has been on a leave of absence for two months, was checked in as regular agent at Deer Lodge. Mr. Brady was formerly at Drummond.

On the morning of December 5th, Operator J. W. Jolly, of Missoula west yard, came very near losing his home by fire, the roof catching fire from a defective stovepipe. With the assistance of Bro. Seifert and a number of switchmen, the fire was extinguished before the arrival of the fire department.

Mr. E. D. Krebs, an old-timer on the N. P. Ry., who worked on the Rocky Mountain and Montana divisions for a number of years, is now employed at Snohomish, Washington, for the Great Northern Ry.

Mr. E. L. Harrigan, general chairman for the B. of R. T., is spending the holidays with his family at Missoula.

Sister E. A. Westberg, White Pine to third trick at Perma, relieving Allen North, a non, who, "13," said he could not join because he promised a particular friend of his on some eastern road that he would not join the O. R. T. Beat this if you can.

Perma office is now solid, with Bro. and Sister J. H. Carr first and second and Sister Westberg on third. Bro. Carr has been off duty for two weeks, attending the Keeley and Mitchell trials at Thompson Falls. Relieved by Bro. L. W. Green.

Mr. G. D. Pendray, agent at Ravalli, is wearing a big smile since they have given him another operator, which gives him an exclusive agency, with H. E. Nelson first trick, H. C. Smith second and W. J. Beck, Jr., doing the third trick stunt. Can not say if these gentlemen are brothers or not.

Bro. A. R. Snyder transferred from Drummond to second trick at Dixon. Operator M. J. Johannes working third trick.

Operator L. R. Crane, of Nine Mile, in Missoula for a few days on business.

Bro. Starkey, who has been working at Paradise, has been assigned as second trick operator at Silver Bow.

Bro. L. B. Mowery, agent at Austin, resigned and will leave for the East soon. "13" Bro. Mowery resigned on account of ill health.

C. T. U. Bro. Brindley, second trick operator at Arlee, off on a ten-day vacation.

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Mr. F. C. Thompson, who was recently appointed agent at Austin, was taken ill with diphtheria and has been relieved. He was taken to the company hospital at Helena.

Operator Lownsberry, of the Pasco Division, is in the N. P. hospital at Missoula, suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Bro. and Sister J. H. Carr, of Perma, were in Missoula for a few days, doing their Christmas shopping.

Operator H. A. Yowell has been added to the station force at Thompson Falls. This additional help has been granted on account of the vastly increased business at Thompson.

Dispatcher Harry Thompson is off on a two-weeks' vacation.

Agent T. A. Murphy and Bro. F. H. Paige, of Bearmouth, are taking treatment at the company hospital in Missoula. They are supposed to be suffering from typhoid fever. Bro. Johnson was sent from Silver Bow to take temporary charge of Bearmouth, while Operator Stevenson, recently released from the infirmary, will relieve Paige.

Bro. J. Manley assigned to third trick at Dixon. "13" Manley is from the Southern Pacific.

Operator E. P. Malone, first trick at Olive, is in the company hospital at Missoula, suffering from a high fever.

Bro. McCullum and Operator McGill, second and third tricks at De Smet, have resigned. "13" they are going back East.

Bro. E. P. Larsen, third trick at Avon, are off on a vacation.

Bro. Lenderson, second trick at Clinton, to second trick at Missoula west yard, relieving Bro. Sorrels, who is taking a vacation. DIV. COR.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

The meeting at Valdosta on Sunday, December 20th, was a success. Large attendance and a lot of business handled. Rub up now, boys, and come out to these meetings. You don't know what you are missing.

Bro. L. L. Slaughter, agent at Pinehurst, is laying off on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. O. H. McWhorter. Understand "PZ" is getting along nicely now and hope to soon see him back at his post.

Bro. R. S. Wilson, from the Central of Georgia, is working second trick at Union ticket office, Cordele, during Xmas, on account of some of the regular force taking a vacation.

Bro. J. M. Wooten is doing the stunt as agent at Jennings, Fla.

Understand Mr. J. B. Austin, agent at Genoa, Fla., was traffic chief with the W. U. Tel. Co. at Jacksonville for several years before the strike.

Opened two night offices over here Dec. 20th (twelve-hour tricks), Findlay and Bonaire. Unable to learn who went to Findlay. Mr. Wilis A. Hair went to Bonaire. Boys, keep your eyes on this fellow; he will bear watching.

Macon yard office opened days again, Bro. Crawford handling the wires. No. 31's copied at "Q" in day-time.

Understand Mr. W. J. Clark, from some point in North Carolina, has been appointed agent at Palatka, Fla.

Those who have not already paid their dues for the next six months will please do so at once. Get yourself a new card—the change will do you good. CERT. 5.

Southern Ry.

Washington Division—

The old year of 1908 is about past and gone, but she will be long remembered by many a twelve-hour telegrapher, that the blessing of shorter hours began in her existence, which is desired to remain shorter and adjusted better at some of the stations.

We are certainly grateful and rejoice to see Bro. A. P. Murphy returned to Congress. He is the man that deserves a great deal of credit and praise. We need more men like him, he has pounded brass, and knows what the life of the telegrapher is and what he needs.

Calverton, second trick, was bid in by Mr. Prince instead of Bro. Sullivan, as stated in last month's journal.

Bro. W. R. Connelly gets third trick at Calverton on bid.

Bro. R. F. Abbott gets third trick at Nokesville on bulletin.

Bro. W. T. Bower gets third trick at Weyburn on bulletin.

Bro. S. H. Jacobs is working first trick at Brandy; Mr. Humphries, second trick.

A good many of the boys have been off for Christmas, and a good many more trying to get off.

We had a snow of about fourteen inches in these parts on the 22d of December, but traffic was not delayed a great deal. It was kind of hard on the interlocking plants, at least the manipulators of the apparatus, pulled the kinks out of the muscles.

Bro. Shelhorse is off sick again; Bro. Newlon is working first trick, and Vaughan second trick.

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Louisville Division—

Business is picking up now a great deal, and we expect things to be in a rush again soon. And with it we must make things "Boom" in the way of organizing, and getting things in condition on this division, so we can take steps in the near future to make an operator's time worth his while over here.

Bro. Watson is making efforts now to get everything solid, but if you are a non he can not do so unless you come in, or if you have let your card run out, it is your duty that you get a new one at once.

Now, boys, do the necessary, and do what you can to get the new men at "VN," "HR" and "FI" lined up.

What about "Ham learning?" Boys, that's worse, and worse ain't it?

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Let's all get in line and help the Order, and thereby help ourselves and our profession; read Bro. Watson's letter over and think about it long, and there will no doubt about your coming in.

Our present agent at "HR" was with us about a year and a half ago, when he resigned to take a position on the L. & N., however, we hope he finds his old "stand by" more agreeable than on the L. & N. DIV. COR., CERT. 397.

St. Louis and Louisville Lines—

Bro. Gibson, who has been off several days with typhoid fever, is getting along nicely, and we hope to see him back to work soon.

Mr. Tyler is still doing second trick at Milltown; Bro. Gibson's place.

Bro. T. M. Fouts is back from the West.

Bro. Miller, third trick man at Huntingburg, went to Princeton to work in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. J. Ellis, the first trick man from English, has gone to Huntingburg to work third place, while Bro. Fouts works first trick at English.

Mr. Head is doing second trick at Huntingburg.

New man at New Albany doing second trick. Have not learned his name, but we hope he has the proper stuff along.

Our agent at Birdseye was relieved of some Christmas money a few nights back; better close his windows at night.

New time card out December 6th, but no great change on east end.

Seems like someone would show what is doing on west end. CERT. 2011.

Murphy Division—

Bro. Killian resigned as agent at Clyde, N. C., and the vacancy was filled by Bro. West from Canton, who I understand is a younger man than some who bid for the place.

Early in the fall Mr. John Tabor launched his political ship and entered the race as candidate for the office of Register of Deeds on the Democratic ticket. Now, I have no objections to a man being a Democrat, that is his business and privilege, but I have objections to a man who has reaped the benefits of the labor organizations, and would not become a member and support the Order, and then appeal to the men for their support in an election. He was defeated, not because he was a Democrat, but because of the stand he took towards the O. R. T..

Bro. John Delozier has a gravy (?) train now, and all for starvation wages; in addition to his regular work he has about seventeen miles of the new road to handle. He took a long vacation of one day to go home, to see his widowed mother; being relieved by our relief boy, Mr. Woodard.

Bro. G. C. Ward of Almond, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for his health. Bro. Ward is relieved by Mr. Tabor.

Bro. McHan had a one day vacation, Sunday, and went to see his parents.

Bro. Bailey Jones from the Toxiway Division, late a part of the Ashe Division, was out on a visit.

How would all the brothers on the old Divisicn No. 59 like to work under the following hours at stations named? Almont, N. C., from 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., and from 7:30 p. m. to 10 p. m., without overtime; Topton, N. C., from 7:20 a. m. to 5 p. m., and from 8:30 p. m. to 10:50 p. m., without overtime; Agent at Andrews, N. C., from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.; Operator at Andrews, N. C., from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., and from 9 p. m. to midnight, without overtime; Agent at Murphy, N. C., from 6:20 a. m. to 6:20 p. m.; Operator at Murphy, N. C., from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m., and from 9:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m., without overtime; Nantahala, N. C., from 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., and from 8 p. m. to 10:30 p. m., without overtime.

I ask you brothers, in the name of justice, is it right that we be worked in this manner, is it according to the rules, is it according to the law. Will the Commerce Commission stand for it, if taken up and explained?

FAR-AWAY-MOSES.

Q. & C. Ry. (North).

All Members Division No. 62:

Notice of dues for January to June term, 1909, will be mailed to all members of this division on December 10, 1908.

It is probable that several members who have not notified me have changed their addresses and will not receive the notice, and others may lay aside the notice with the intention of remitting "tomorrow." I am, therefore, taking this means of urging you to remit promptly your semi-annual dues of $5.00 to my address, thus enjoying the holidays more fully in the possession of an up-to-date card with which to start the new year aright.

Wishing all a merry Christmas and happy New Year, I am, Fraternally yours,

K. C. GARDNER, G. S. & T.

Box 333, Williamstown, Kentucky.

A. G. S. Division—

Turn over a new leaf and start the New Year, 1909, right by having an up-to-date card. Only costs you a small amount.

I am glad to note the boys on our division have wakened up and are taking some interest in the O. R. T. Keep the thing hot and it will be a matter of only a short time until nons will be as scarce as feathers on a hog. There is plenty of room for all to do good work and always will be. Don't stop when you think you have the wagon moving; it is liable to hit a grade and then it will stop. Same way with this matter.

I find that we have some good O. R. T. men that always had an up-to-date card working in the same office with a non. Did you ever think that this man is getting the same salary you are, getting the same protection, and not putting one penny of his money in the O. R. T. to help the cause? You are keeping your dues paid up to help him.

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I believe if you think over this a little you will change your way of living around this man. I know I would. You show him the same favors you do any one else. The man that will accept a favor from a member and accept everything he can grab is nothing but a *hog*. There are a lot of the nons who will join by a little pushing, and I hope they will get pushed good by all of the members. If all concerned will get after them, it will only be a short while until we are solid, as there are but a few left now.

Several changes on the line recently and some new men.

The local chairman advises us that owing to the numerous changes he has lost track of some of the boys, and will appreciate it very much if the boys will give him a line-up on their stations, as to how they are working, and especially give him the name of every non you know of. He wants this in order to get his books straightened up again and keep a record of the nons so they can be looked after from time to time until we get them all. Don't fail to do this now as it is very important.

Operator Platter, known as "P" or "03," from "SG" office Cincinnati, is working the day job in "BG" at present, and he says it is much better there than at "SG." Hope we can get him lined up soon and help the good work along.

Bro. Grimes, of "A," has been transferred to "SG" agency. He called on the local chairman at "CS" a few days ago and reports everything in good shape. He was relieved by Bro. Monroe, from the Southern Ry., Bingham Division.

Bro. Thompson, of Valley Head, bid in third trick at "HM" and is now working there.

The fact is that the "HD" agency was too hot for any one man to hold and deliver the goods as it should be done. On account of the panic the operator and porter were cut off there and the agent had to do all the work. You know what that means for the agent. However, the matter was taken up with Mr. Baker by Bro. A. B. Willison, G. C., and the porter was put back on. That will help considerably and should be appreciated, as it was very hard for Bro. Willison to show them that there was too much work.

Bro. Thompson was relieved at "HD" by Mr. Keith from Trussville.

Mr. Keith was relieved at Trussville by Mr. Morris, from Springville.

Wish all the brothers in this vicinity would put him on the right road before he goes too far to be saved.

"MC" in "BG" office has been made Mr. Winston's chief clerk.

Some of the boys promised to send me a line-up from the south end this month, but I have not received it. Hope they will not overlook this next month.

Bro. A. B. Willison advises he is having a letter printed to send all members on Division No. 62; also to all the nons. When you receive this don't fail to read closely and act.

Am sorry to say that our worthy General Chairman Willison has been under the weather for the last three weeks, but understand he has about pulled through and is hard at it again, working for the boys' interests. DIV. COR.

Chattanooga Division—

As good as this eight-hour law is, it has its failings. We can not get together as we used to and have a good meeting. We have too many nons on this pike for us to prosper as we used to. Backsliders and nons, remember that you are not only detrimental to yourselves, but to us as well. Remember that old, but true saying, "A house divided against itself can not stand." Come in and join us and let us unite in one common cause. It has done too much good for us to let it drop. It is so easy for us to drift downward. We will have to push and push hard to go forward in these strenuous times.

I "13" that one of our Winfield boys is going to try his hand at running the big jacks from the North to the sweet sunny South and back again. Home talent and foreign product mixes well and are making us a nice set of dispatchers to work with, and I believe, from the looks of the letter some of the third trick boys got, they are pleased with our goods. The third trick has the sleep trick, but you can not catch them in the hay or on the semaphore these frosty nights, and they keep cut in and adjusted well.

From the looks of that last bulletin we have got to do business. Well, they pay us for working eight hours, and they have a right to demand honest work. When I used to work out on the farm I did not see any newspapers or periodicals, neither did I see any checkers or dominoes, but I kept moving just the same.

Bro. Vallandingham is doing the third act while Bro. M. B. Dungan is on his monthly vacation.

Bro. Gasteneau, of "FS" Cumberland Falls, was relieved for ten days by Geo. Bell.

Bro. D. Gooch has resigned to go into the tie business with his brother. At the present writing can not say whether he is going to tramp, tamp, stamp or buy.

C. T. Fisher got the third trick at "SY" Somerset.

Hieatt and Addington went to Danville the other night to bring the division back, but don't think the call boy would honor their requisition.

Bro. Jno. Howe bid in third trick at "UN" Oakdale.

G. I. McCarthy, third at "GF" tower.

C. X. Smith day trick at "KJ" Harriman Jct.

E. P. Allen worked extra on third trick at "EG" tower; Bro. McCarthy off for ten days.

Bro. Jno. Howe was off for the Christmas holidays; relieved by Bro. E. P. Allen.

Bro. Krank McIntire got second trick, relieved by Mr. J. W. Ishmael, who is working third trick until job is bulletined.

Bro. G. W. Sharp, first trick at "RD" Rockwood, off on a ten-days' hunt; relieved by Mr. M. W. McCarty.

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Night Towerman J. B. McCartt, "KJ," has sent in the required document and is now a full-fledged brother.

Bro. Fred Carleton, first trick at Emory Gap, has just returned from a much-needed vacation at his old home, somewhere down in Arkansas.

Mr. Gillman is working second trick at Emory Gap.

Mr. M. M. Fitzgerald is working in Mrs. Kirby's place at Lorane. Do not know whether it is Sister Kirby or not, but am hoping. Do not know whether I have got the Mr. and Bro. mixed up or not; but it seems to me that we have too many Mr.'s in our writings. Brothers, we must get after these nons some way. Let us hope that in their New Year's resolutions they will resolve to become true and loyal brothers.

Wishing you one and all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. CERT. 25.

Cincinnati Division—

Mr. "Dad" Walsh, agent at Walton, has been confined to his home in Covington for several weeks as the result of a stroke of paralysis. Bro. H. A. Wise is relieving him until his recovery and return.

Bro. H. O. Kirby, who, I "13" is from the Canadian Pacific, in Quebec, is relieving Bro. R. E. True at Blanchet. Do not know where Bro. True goes.

Bro. L. M. Triplette, former third trick operator at Sadieville, has been assigned to "QA" office, Eighth Street, Cincinnati. He is relieved by Bro. W. C. Nelson, from the Southern Ry. in Georgia.

Bro. H. A. Wise, who is at present working in Walton, is relieved by Mr. Dean at "SJ" tower.

Miss Julia McGinnis worked second trick at Williamstown Thanksgiving day, while Bro. Kelly relieved Bro. Gardner. Bro. Gardner went hunting and returned with a full game bag.

These are truly days of prosperity (?). The section men have been cut down an hour's work per day, which means an hour's less pay, effective December 1st. Right here should be an object lesson to every man on this road who is inclined toward non-unionism. Now, why don't every one have to suffer this decrease? You know! the answer is simple; in fact there can be but one logical answer to this question, and that is the principles and foundations upon which the labor union is built, has always stood for and is maintained, viz.: protection, fair wages and recognition; all of which is embodied in the meaning of either. I believe those men will awake to their situation soon, and I long to see the day when they can reclaim that which is honestly and justly theirs.

I regret very much to learn that there is one on this diviison who would condescend to the position of telegraph instructor or professor. I use the title of professor here merely to explain the position; but really, I do not think that a suitable title for the man that would do such a thing, inasmuch as that a professor should be a learned person, who would have some interest, pride and foresight as to his future, and not degrade himself in the eyes of his fellow craftsmen by working against them and tearing down that which they have so persistently, yet patiently, endeavored to build upon a higher plane, financially, morally and to a higher standard of efficiency.

In conclusion, I wish to call your attention to that membership blank that you found with your dues card. You got it all right, eh? Yes, I see the smile that played on your face the moment you opened that letter. What did it suggest to your mind? That there are a few more nons that are traveling the road of non-unionism that should be enlightened on the benefit and duty he owes his fellow workmen by joining the O. R. T., did it not?

Bros. Willison and Gardner want you all to do your best to get the nons to join us. So let's begin a bombardment agaist the nons with renewed vigor, and we will make the convention in Atlanta next May the greatest in the history of the grand old O. R. T.

There is another thing of equal importance that all should consider; that we should every one pay our dues promptly, thereby making a stronger treasury, which means that we will be a stronger body. "SKYGACK."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty has deemed it wise to take from our worthy brother, R. H. Baldwin, of Arthur, Tenn., his beloved sister, Miss Cardiella; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 59 that we extend to the bereaved brother and his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and family, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. D. REDMOND,
V. E. FRAKER,
O. B. MAY,
C. B. GRAY,
Committee.

Great Northern Ry.

Butte Division, Fourth and Fifth Districts—

Owing to the fact that I was called upon to do a relief stunt at Stockett for the past two months, I have not been able to keep in touch with the boys, and could not find time to get in a write-up for November and December. However, will be Johnnie on the spot from now on, and wish every member in these districts would send me a few items, along about the 10th or 15th of each month, and I will see that we are there with the candy each month. You can easily reach me by U. S. mail at Lavina, Mont.

I was relieved at Stockett by Earl Ledger. Helper also put on at Stockett the same day I was relieved.

C. W. Lemon, formerly agent at Conrad, bumped E. S. Warner at Cascade.

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A. Hopper goes from Stockett to the agency at Conrad.

E. S. Warner is now doing the relief agent stunt.

F. D. Forney, formerly relief agent, has taken the agency at Rainbow, and settled down to the simple life.

Bro. Greene, formerly in the Helena freight office nights, now on days at the Great Falls freight depot.

Major Hamm, working the second trick at Conrad, contemplates trying a different climate this winter.

Herman O'Neal, formerly second trick man at Conrad, is now visiting in the East.

Mr. Whiting, after taking a fall out of the relief agent's job, has bid in the agency at Collins, relieving F. C. Helibaugh, who has left the service.

Bro. C. H. Frame, formerly agent at Vaughn, has also left the Great now and Then, being relieved by a Mr. Matson. Unable to say whether Matson carries a card or not.

The office at Gerber has lately been put on an eight-hour basis. Smock handles first trick, Manley second. Unable to say who has the third.

Bro. Frelick, who has been acting as handy boy in relieving several of the agents and who worked in the Great Falls ticket office last, relieving Elmer Rink, has been assigned to the new station at Broadview on the Billings line.

Bro. W. S. Hunt relieved at Cuchman when the new agency opened up.

Judith Gap now has three operators, F. Barrett, H. Cruse and J. A. Hosier. Understand Agent Boulter has a hard time keeping men on the job at the Gap, as $40 per for board does not appeal to the average ham.

Office at Buffalo closed and agent and operator put in at Windham.

Understand agencies will be established at Hedges and Sand Coulee just as soon as men can be found for the places.

In closing, would like to impress upon one and all the importance of paying up your dues promptly. If you have not a card, get one. I will be only too glad to furnish you the blanks at any time. You all understand the reason we have not better working conditions on this line; simply because we are not strongly enough organized. Get busy and do so at once.

Yours fraternally,

E. C. SKINNER, *G. S. and T.*

Minot Division—

Bro. R. R. Patterson enjoyed a few days' vacation at Duluth this month.

Bro. Fred Anderson, at "DX," was sick with the mumps and was relieved by Bro. Patterson.

Mr. N. L. Greer has gone to Tioga as agent; relieving Bro. Peterson. He has also promised to do the right thing.

Ticket Agent Bager was laid up with a rupture for a few days last month, but is back at his post again.

We understand that Mr. W. L. Dodds, ticket agent at Williston, is now doing the stunt alone, they having taken off the baggageman.

Bro. W. A. Post is away on his vacation and also looking after his interests in Texas and California.

Bro. C. W. Hamblin was called home on account of sickness, but has now returned to his old stand at Lignite.

Bro. Ward, one of the old boys, was a pleasant caller the other day while on his way home to South Bend, Ind., where he will visit for a time before going to work again, he having decided to resume work on this divison.

Dispatcher Banks has been away on a vacation; relieved by O'Connor.

Mr. M. B. Mathews has gone to White Earth as agent, vice Bro. Farr, transferred.

Parties who belong to the Independent W. U. T. Co. don't seem to be faring very well of late, and, by the way, when you check them up they are all 1905 men who stood pat. Funny, isn't it?

I don't wonder that the G. N. has to trace their letters three and four times for replies, by the promptness I get replies to mine.

Bro. J. E. Probst is doing third trick at Ray, and Operator G. B. Valentine, first trick there. No second trick, as office is closed six hours each day.

We had a touch of real winter weather for a few days again lately, and trains began to be very tardy, especially from the East.

Bro. Smith, at one time manager, was working in "AD" for a while, but has now gone to Everett as manager again.

Agent Caruthers, from Deering, was over to Minot the other night, taking in the sights.

Agent Merritt, of Williston, has gone to the traffic department, being relieved by Agent Du Puis, of Rugby, who was in turn relieved by Agent Blaisdell, he having returned to the operating department.

Bro. Wolf, at Stanley, has left the service; have not learned who relieved him, as yet. CERT. 61.

Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

Indiana Division—

Second No. 98 and No. 97 met head-on at Anderson's Ferry, December 19th, going at full speed, killing Engineer Wells, of No. 98 and the fireman of No. 97. The error was due to Wells thinking he had eight hours and twenty minutes on No. 97, Storrs to Cochran, when the order read only Delhi to Cochran. Traffic on both the B. & O. S.-W., and the Big Four roads was impeded in consequence, and all wires down for a number of hours. It was one of the worst wrecks in the history of the road. Wells received the fatal order at Cooks tower.

Bro. Perry Kerr, of Delhi, and wife, have returned after a sojourn in Colorado.

Addyston was opened up as an exclusive night office, with Mr. Chapman, from the Big Four, in charge. The job is open to the oldest bidder. There will not be a mad scramble for the office,

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which is a lucrative (?) one, paying the munificent salary of $50 per and work eleven hours.

Bro. John Young, of Cochran office, worked at the wreck at Anderson's Ferry while Bro. Will Johnson and Bro. Will Flanagan (who is relieving Bro. Richardson while he is laying off) doubled up. Bro. Flanagan's regular job is Culloms nights, but as "no one else" could hold Cochran he was transferred there to relieve Richardson. He received a dollar a day extra while at Cochran, which is not so bad, on account of being taken from his regular job.

Bro. Leo Hicks, formerly with this division of the B. & O. S.-W., is working second trick for the B. & O. at Ravenswood, W. Va.

Dispatcher T. P. Flanagan, formerly with this road, is now working a trick out of Harrisburg, Ill., for the Big Four.

Bro. Doran, second trick at New Albany, swapped jobs with Bro. Burton, Osgood.

The B. & O. S.-W. has, probably, fewer three-trick jobs than any other line of its length in the country. They are being maintained only at terminals and registering stations where it is absolutely necessary. All other jobs are "work eleven hours and close one." More offices are badly needed, while the trainmen and enginemen, in the interum, are raking in the overtime by the scoopfuls, much to the officials' discomfiture.

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Minnesota Division—

Business continues to stand some below normal. It is not what it should be, but it is better than was expected, so take it all around we on the Minnesota Division have no kick coming. All the regular night offices are open and have their full force of men at work.

Either the boys are so very busy that they can not hand me anything to write about, or they are too tired. I lay the blame to the fact that there is nothing much going on in the shape of changes, etc.; still, I do know that there is more going on than I hear about, and I do wish some of you brothers would wake up and get busy. I am here on one end of the division and what little I hear is very limited as to its newness.

Zumbrota upon the dock; applications received up to 6 p. m., December 26th. Here is a chance for some older man in the service to get a nice little position for the balance of his life. From what I am told, it is a good job.

Dispatcher Jordan returned to work the first of December, relieving Beynon, who goes back on first side table job. Rice relieves Kohlhase, who goes back to second at Sleepy Eye. Was unable to learn what kind of a move was made at Sleepy Eye following this shake up.

G. F. Boyce, first trick Rochester, enjoyed a few days' vacation this month, being relieved by H. Sorenson, who in turn was relieved by A. McDonald.

F. W. Mosher, first trick at Mankato, relieved by A. F. McCarty for a few days in December.

T. C. Ferris secured Owatonna, third trick, by bulletin, and took charge the first of December.

J. W. Kneer was to be heard at Sanborn while Brockway was away on a visit. Understand Kneer has gone to Eau Claire for a few days, but expects to be back to get in some of the holiday relief work.

D. J. Brockway relieved G. P. Skeels, second trick at New Ulm, for a few days, while Skeels rested up.

Operator Boomer secured Eyota, third trick, but later landed Lamberton, third trick. Second trick at Lamberton open and up for applications. G. W. Hunt, being somewhat under the weather and unable to stand it any longer, retired and returned to Winona the second week in December.

R. H. Krause, agent at St. Peter, was on the sick list for a week; relieved by F. C. Evans, regular third trick man at Sleepy Eye. A. McDonald filled in at Sleepy Eye.

G. F. Goodmanson was absent a few days from Springfield; relieved by A. F. McCarty.

Second trick at Lamberton and third at Eyota now on bulletin.

O. Ellert, who has been at Janesville for the past few years, has resigned and entered the railroad mail service. Understand J. P. Banks secured this position by bulletin.

Telegrapher Middaugh, who has been working second trick at Sleepy Eye for some time, has resigned and departed for greener fields in the far West.

Operator Daskoski, formerly of Whitman on the C., M. & St. P. Ry., gets Minnesota City, second trick, by bulletin. Operator Alleman, who has been working second there for some time, goes back to his own trick as third telegrapher. Bill Zepp takes one step up the ladder, and is working in the ticket office at C., M. & St. P., Winona. These are all Milwaukee positions, but as they are a joint office there, no doubt such news will be of some interest.

Just received notice to pay up again. No doubt by the time this is seen in print all the brothers will have paid up. *Don't forget it.*

There is not much doubt but what the time is near when we will do all our handling of trains over a telephone. Don't let this worry you in the least. The Madison Division are using it now and, while I don't think much of the system, I will say it works, and better than that, it works good. Of course mistakes can be made and more of them will be made over a telephone than over the telegraph. As long as they have old telegraphers handling the train work everything will run smooth, but as soon as inexperienced men get hold of it there is going to be trouble; cant' help it.

What is the matter with Bro. A. P. Murphy, of Missouri? G. W. C., *Div. Cor.*

Dakota Division—

Bro. G. J. Berry, of Blunt, took a month off and visited relatives in the State of Washington. On his way out he took a side trip to Northern Wisconsin, to look over some timber land which

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he owns. Bro. Bert Laity, who has been off the division for some time, returned in time to relieve him.

Bro. A. F. Daugaard, who has been with us for the past two years, resigned from the service and left for Omaha, Neb., where he visited with relatives a short time, and then went to the Northern Pacific to accept a position there. Art had been thinking of leaving the C. & N. W. for a year or so, but it was hard to break away.

Third trick telegraphers have been taken off at Balaton, Arlington, Centerville and Sioux Valley Junction. Second tricks have been discontinued at Highmore and Lake Benton.

Some of the Eastern men who have transferred to this division seem to think our semi-annual dues are too high. They may be, but after taking everything into consideration, I do not think they are. For instance, our semi-annual dues are $5.00, and we have a $52.50 minimum. One Western road has a $45.00 minimum, and its semi-annual dues are $4.00; an extreme Western road has a $70.00 minimum, and its dues are $7.00.

The Douglas Shoe Co. had been making parts of shoes in the union factory, then taking them to a non-union shop and finishing them in the union shop, and demanding the label on them. Under an agreement that the shoe workers had made with the Douglas Co., they did this, but took it up with an arbitration board, but no settlement could be made and as the contract expired November 1st, the shoe workers refuse to label the shoes with the union stamp. The union stamp has done a great deal for the Douglas shoe, and the Douglas shoe has helped the union workers, and it is hoped that the agreement will be renewed.

Bro. E. A. Nohlgren is enjoying his vacation in New Mexico. He expects to return to Estelline about the first of the year. He says that although the wages are much higher down there, he hasn't seen anything that will keep him there.

Bro. E. A. Wagler found it necessary to take a trip to the hospital. Mr. Duderey relieved him.

Bro. Holbrook is now holding down Verdon.

Bro. A. N. Spradling returned to work at Iroquois, third trick, after spending a few weeks in Sparta, Wis., with his mother.

Walter C. Gordinier, of Arco, Minn., is now a member of the Order.

Bro. J. T. Carl, of Wessington, is now agent at Clark, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Evans being elected to the office of Treasurer of Clark County. Bro. Bert Laity relieved Carl.

G. F. Stow, of Tyler, second trick, took a few days off and visited relatives in Wisconsin. Bro. Klingelhofer, of the Omaha, relieved "FS."

B. E. Donley received Broadland on the bulletin, and Bro. House took charge of Verdi, until the bulletin for that station is settled.

Night telegrapher in Huron dispatcher's office has been taken off, and Bro. Holmes went to Doland to relieve Bro. Moriarty, who is proving up on his claim. The day telegrapher in Huron will also be taken off about the first of the year.

Jno. Callahan, a C. T. U. A. brother, is holding down Sioux Valley Junction, second trick, relieving Mr. Joyce.

Undoubtedly "there will be something doing" before this reaches its readers. The committee intends to go to Chicago as soon as the nons are lined up. The Eastern Divisions are holding the game just now, but it is thought that the telephone operators will be lined up before 1909. We are now stronger than ever on this division, and with the applications in sight and the transfers of foreign members, we will be very close to the goal for which we are working, 100 per cent solid.

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Madison Division—

Bro. J. H. Meirer has charge of tower "EA," second trick, vice Mr. J. A. Richardson, who is taking a vacation at the request of our official.

Bro. C. B. Adams, first trick at Caledonia, is on a vacation, visiting relatives at Trempealeau. Mr. M. M. Zeches is relieving him.

Mr. B. S. Mitchell was called home by the death of his sister. Mr. R. J. Starry relieved him at Leyden

Bro. E. F. Luckfield, second trick at Afton, was called away on account of death in his family. Mr. Browne relieved him.

Bro. A. E. Johnson, cashier at Evansville, makes Sunday visits to Oregon.

Bro. "Nic" Charlson has established a record, by making a flying trip to Evansville the past week.

Bro. E. H. Durkopp, third trick at Madison, has been off enjoying a fifteen days' vacation. Bro. Duprey relieved him, and R. J. Starry relieved Bro. Duprey, third trick at Oregon, until he had the misfortune of having a trunk drop on his foot, which laid him up for a few days. Mr. A. C. Elkington, a 'phone operator from Devils Lake, then had charge of Oregon until Bro. Duprey resumed work.

Bro. M. H. Hansen and wife, of Evansville, took in the sights of Janesville before Xmas.

Bro. C. R. Fisher, agent at Oregon, was off, enjoying a vacation and visiting relatives at Spring Green. Bro. Elsner had charge of the station meanwhile.

Bro. Cain, second trick at Oregon, took a trip to Evansville and Janesville to see his folks. Bro. Duprey relieved him.

Mr. J. T. Gething, for many years agent at Madison, is sick and in the hospital. He has resigned, and Mr. Reid M. Worthman has been appointed ticket agent, the position Mr. Gething resigned.

Mr. G. D. Brandt has been appointed agent at Galena, vice Mr. Worthman, and Norwalk agency is now on bulletin.

Bro. J. J. Schleck, third trick at tower "PD," was off on a vacation, going to Dodgeville, Mt. Horeb and Milwaukee. Mr. E. J. Adams, who hails from St. Paul, relieved him.

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Bro. J. F. Gannon, agent at Mendota, was called to Waunakee, by the death of his wife's brother. He was relieved by Bro. Meirer.

Bro. Meirer went to Wonewoc, second trick, and relieved Bro. Rucker, who was off a few days.

Telegrapher Starry held down Mendota, third trick, vice O. C. Evans, for a few days, and was then relieved by Huebble, a 'phone operator.

Bro. D. C. Babcock is at Kendall, third trick, at the present writing.

Telegrapher M. M. Zeches went to Reedsburg to relieve Bro. Crogan, who was called away by death in the family.

E. R. J. Heiners is now holding down the third 'phone trick at Devils Lake.

Bro. Cottingham is relieving Bro. Lippolt, at Cuba City. Henry is getting along nicely with his broken leg, and expects to be back on duty in the near future.

Bro. Main is at Benton, vice Cottingham.

F. E. Warner, of Baraboo, "B" office, has been perambulating part of the time in Jefferson, Madison and Dane.

Bro. C. C. Hinners has been holding down "B," while Warner was on the cross line, and on his vacation.

Telegraph wires have been cut into the superintendent's office at Baraboo, the call is "SD." Mr. V. R. Harding is holding down this position, taking care of the over, short and damage messages.

Bro. P. M. Keeffe is on the car tracer job, vice Harding.

We can see no reason why the nons here (all of them enjoying benefits through the O. R. T.) can not be added to our lists as up-to-date members. If anyone is in your office or next to you, just find out why they object to the O. R. T. Maybe we can explain the matter so they will see it in a different way.

Most of the exclusive telephone men are now up-to-date members; this is what we have been trying to get before our committee goes in. As they, as well as other new members, will be called upon to pay local dues, we will say this is an assessment made on the members on the Madison Division; this money is to pay local expenses, such as hall rent, flowers for deceased members, postage; the local chairman and local secretary and treasurer also get $5.00 a month salary; and we can state from the experience on this division that if every division on Division No. 76 would do likewise, we would soon see where the membership is benefited.

Since these officers have been placed on salary, the members have a right to look to them to do something; the result with the co-operation of the members, we have nearly a solid organization on this division, that means that where we formerly paid into our general treasury our semi-annual dues, we only had a small amount in it, and every time our committee was called in it was necessary to make a special assessment. Now with our large membership we have a treasury that is in splendid shape, and it will not be necessary to make any special assessment, but if other divisions will get in the same shape as our division is, it may not be long before they may be reduced, although there is no investment that we have made that has given us as large returns as the money we have put into the O. R. T. This we should remember, especially at this time when we are called upon to remit general and local dues. Remember the O. R. T. is effective only as much as the members make it. If you do not like the way things are run, and think you could do better, now is a good time to show it, as we will have an election of local officers in February. I am sure our present officers would not object, but would be glad to have someone else try it awhile. But do not fail to pay your dues. DIV. COR.

L. S. Division—

Since the big storm of a week ago we have not been sure when we came on duty whether we would have a wire to work or be without. We have had to patch three wires together in order to work at all. The company has had a large force of men working between Sheboygan and Manitowoc, making repairs, and expect within a few days now to see them in good condition.

Since the last write-up the following positions have been bulletined: Second trick at Port Washington secured by Bro. Tidke; second trick at Gillette secured by Bro. Holland.

At last the two third tricks at Calumet yard and Montrose Junction have been bulletined. This has been a grievance for months but has been straightened out at last. The time for the bids to close is December 26th, so do not know who secured them as yet.

We have a few nons left yet, but it is not because they have not been invited to join, and the most of them time and again. It is the same old story, "no funds," but we are inclined to think it is simply a "hog-it-all" system. I want to bet my little wad though, that of anything should occur, that we would lose our present schedule, they would be the first ones to holler. Some of them put up the spiel that they are not going to stay at the business long, but each time you go by you can see them doing business at the same old stand; in fact they have no intention of quitting or joining, and the sooner the membership learns the names of these men the better it will be, so every non may expect to see his name in THE TELEGRAPHER next month, showing the stand he has taken and the different excuses he has offered. This may enable these fellows to see themselves as others see them.

Bro. Rindt is again back at work after a three weeks' vacation, and while he was away we see that his position was advertised by mistake, but there was no trouble about it. He bid on it and went back to work.

Bro. Mierswa, we understand, keeps a year ahead of the game. That is the way to do business. Wish we all could do that act.

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It was but lately that we heard that Bro. D. M. Larsen has been sick and not working.

Bro. R. L. Wall is about to take a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Provits has at last got his helper.

Bro. W..lard laid off a few days this month, on committee work; relieved by Bro. Nelson, formerly from the P. Division.

Bro. O. J. Early, who was in our midst for a few days, has transferred from Division No. 91.

Bro. Smith is back with us again after spending a few days at the hospital.

Wish the branch line boys would send in a few items. It does not take but a few minutes to send in a few, and we can not tell what is going on up in the wilderness unless we hear from some of them.

The south end boys have not got so much to do since the street car line has been built and now perhaps can manage to get out to the meetings better than they could formerly. CORNER.

I. & M. Division, North End—

Have you got your tariffs all filed? If you have not, you had better get busy, for that three thousand dollar fine will be rather hard for some of us to pay on our limited salaries; and they are so short of men we could not get a lay-off to go to the pen, so it begins to look as if we would have to get busy and fix them up as the only way out of the difficulty.

We got our checks two days earlier this month (December). It was highly appreciated, and all shot in, in my case, before Christmas.

A few of the night men change once in a while. Holbrook got Welcome on bulletin, and Evans gets Triumph. Engelmann got Triumph, but went back to What Cheer days.

I see they have soaked Mr. Gompers with a year's time and a fine because he is sticking for his rights as an American citizen. It is getting pretty fierce when a paper can not be published and run as the owner wants to run it without sending him to jail. However, they can not make us buy their scab goods by injunction just yet, although that will be about the next thing they will be trying, I suppose.

Freight business seems to be dropping off a little up this way. Guess most of the range stock has gone in, and there is not much grain moving. The express business has been good, though, and there seems to be good ticket business. CERT. 476.

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Wisconsin Division, Northern District—

The month of December not only marks the closing of the year 1908, but also marks the close of another year in the history of the railroad telegraphers' organization. It has come to stay, brothers, and is the only means whereby the craft can better their conditions and secure better compensation for their labors. I think it is needless to say why all should be members of the O. R. T., the telephone operators, as well as the station agents and telegraphers, because I am satisfied, if we will look back to the time when the O. R. T. was not in existence, we will all have to admit that organization has been the only way of advancement of all railroad men. The fact that our craft has been divided into classes, namely, the station agents, telegraphers and telephone operators, should not be looked upon as a change that will weaken us, but should convince us of the absolute necessity of thorough organization.

Business is daily improving, and with the heavy crops in most all of the localities it is reasonable to believe that business will be better than the ordinary on our system, and prosperity to our employers means the same for the employes; so let us now make efforts to bring our organization to the highest possible state of efficiency and continue the onward march toward better conditions and wages for all station employes represented by us.

The time for semi-annual dues is at hand and I trust that all members will give this matter their attention.

Let us enter the new year with the firm resolution that we will better our services for our employers and co-operate with our organization to increase its membership. By doing this a prosperous new year is certain to be ours.

Following is the result of the November bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, E. B. Jacobson; Merrillan, third trick, C. W. Wahlquist; Hudson, third trick, F. C. Kotke; Solon Springs, second trick, A. B. Crowell; Chippewa Falls, second trick, F. Gray; Elmwood, agent-telegrapher, J. A. Mullhollam.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain, your DIV. COR.

Wisconsin Division—

A great surprise was handed the employes of this railroad on December 1st, when notice was received that Mr. S. G. Strickland had left the service of the Omaha to become assistant general superintendent of the C. & N. W. at Chicago. Mr. Frank R. Peachin comes to St. Paul as general superintendent of the Omaha. Mr. Peachin was formerly superintendent of the Wisconsin Division of the C. & N. W. While we are all heartily pleased to see Mr. Strickland go to the front and wish him a full measure of success in his new field, we feel somewhat depressed at losing one of the best friends the telegraphers ever had on the Omaha Ry. He was a man to whom we could always go with our troubles and were always sure of a sympathetic listener and a speedy adjustment of our troubles. He was one of our own and we certainly hate to lose him, but now that he has gone, we will dig in and give our earnest support to his successor, Mr. Peachin, and put forth our best efforts to keep the Omaha Railroad up to the high standard it has maintained in the past.

The following are the assignments on the November bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, E. B. Jacobson; Merrillan, third trick, C. W. Wahlquist; Hudson, third trick, F. C. Kotke; Solon Springs, second trick, A. B. Crowell; Chippewa

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Falls, second trick, F. Gray; Elmwood, A. T., J. A. Mullhollam.

The regular time for the biennial election of officers and delegates is now approaching and every member should realize the importance of placing our very best timber in the offices.

The period of depression is now passing away and it will be only a short time until we are again asking for consideration at the hands of the officials. How soon this time will be rests entirely with the members themselves. When they evince a disposition to act, the committee will be glad to carry out their wishes. If, however, the membership feels disposed to remain apathetic and allow the nons and delinquents to work with them without making an effort to secure their membership, the hands of the committee are tied. It is all up to the individual member, and this includes YOU. A word to the wise is sufficient. Remember, we want the telephoners as well as the telegraphers.

DIV. COR.

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Ry.—

It can not be said that Xmas will be celebrated this year on bare ground—the old earth is now covered with about eight inches of the beautiful, which makes sleighing very good.

We received a few notes last month, just after we had sent in the items, and will give them below. We are thankful for them and hope some of the boys will take pattern by them, even though they were a little late.

Mr. R. C. Harrington, a new man at the business, is doing the stunt at Blakeley, Bro. Brady having gone to his assigned position at Brewster.

Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan relieved Bro. Levering at Windom a few days the early part of December.

Telegrapher Schulte, lately from the G. N., has severed his connection with the Omaha, leaving for parts unknown.

Bro. Schneiderhan relieved a few days at St. Peter, allowing Bro. Deiterman an opportunity to go to his assigned position at Pipestone, later going to Blakeley to wear the official cap, vice Bro. Klingelhofer, who was laid off.

We understand Bro. Klingelhofer has taken work with the C. & N. W. Ry., and is at present located at Huron, S. D.

Bro. Sudmeyer, late from the I. C. at LeMars, but now a member of Division No. 76, is relieving at St. Peter.

Bro. E. E. Stolte relieved a few days at Northrop on account of Bro. Crandall being called to Wisconsin on account of his father's sickness. Later, Bro. Watson, of Fairmont relieved him, and Bro. Stolte was rushed to Hartford to relieve a few days, Mr. Chenoweth being called to the sick bed side of his parent.

We beg to correct an error in last month's items, in which we said that Bro. Burdick had left for a few months' visit in a warmer climate. Bro. Burdick and wife left on Saturday, Dec. 19th, for Seattle, Washington, where he expects to be for a few months. Bro. Jansen has turned the official cap over to Bro. Tabbert, who fills that office now.

A new night office has been opened up at Carnes, Iowa. Mr. Hagerty, of Mendota, is the present incumbent.

Bro. Liddane was called to Chicago on Dec. 19th to confer with President Perham, General Chairman Troy and G. S. and T. Kempkes.

Mr. James Harum, of Minneapolis, a brother-in-law of Local Chairman Tenney, is visiting with Bro. Tenney.

The Windom meeting, Sunday Dec. 13th, was not very largely attended, but those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it was a very enthusiastic meeting, and it is safe to say that much good will result from the gathering.

Bro. R. A. Westbrook is temporarily relieving Bro. Robt. Jamieson, at Beaver Creek. Bro. Jamieson has been ailing for some time past and has at last deemed it best to take a vacation.

Bro. Tenney was absent from his position the week commencing Dec. 14th, which time he put in looking up delinquents and soliciting new members. He reports the delinquents, with the exception of one, all in line, and has received a good number of new applications. Bro. A. P. Jamieson relieved Bro. Tenney, and Bro. C. R. Williams relieved Bro. Jamieson, later going to Madelia for a few weeks. Bro. Lourie is taking his vacation.

We are pleased to report that the two children of Friend Christenson are better. We made mention in last month's items that they were sick.

On account of—we don't know what—the bulletins were late this month, and presume the assignments will necessarily be late.

Our old friend, "Ted" Hale, we understand, is working for the C. & G. W. and at present is located at Rochester, Minn.

It was clearly demonstrated at the Windom meeting that these fraternal meetings were the life and light of the Division, and each contribution that you make in the way of your local assessments are a great boost for the organization; so let the good work go on, and if you have not yet done so, you should remit your quarterly dues of 50 cents to the custodian, Bro. W. A. Wagner, Garden City, Minn.

We are pleased to learn that we can now properly speak of W. J. Ross, of Heron Lake, and J. H. Meyers, of Westbrook, as brothers.

At this writing the eldest son of Bro. C. H. Cooper, of Currie, is quite sick with pneumonia. We sincerely trust he may rapidly recover.

Tariffs, tarIffs, tariffs—if there is anything, the boys claim, that will drive a man to drink, it is the continual juggling of these tariffs. If we call a man long and ask him why we can not get him, his answer is, "I've been trying to get my tariffs straightened out." We believe, after we get our tariffs in their proper pigeon-hole now, though, we will have them better than heretofore.

Bro. Turnbull has just returned from Rochester, where he underwent an operation. He is regularly assigned as brakeman on Currie Line, but keeps up his membership in the O. R. T.

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Station Agent Smith, of Bingham Lake, was absent from his office a few days the early part of December. He was relieved by Bro. E. E. Stolte.

Bro. Morrison, of Worthington, transacted business in the Twin Cities the 21st inst.

The hospital-pension meeting that was to be held at Lake Crystal Dec. 6th did not materialize on account of Mr. McCabe being unable to attend. About fifteen interested parties were unloaded at Mankato, and while waiting to return on No. 4, we understand expressions which would not look well in print were quite frequent.

Bro. Vincent, of Merriam, was absent a few days from his office; relieved by Bro. Westbrook. Bro. Vincent returned the 13th.

Bros. Wagner and Tenney were at Mankato the 18th and incidentally called upon Bro. Kehrer for a few minutes' chat.

Bro. Himley, of Magnolia, says he has a plan that beats batching all to pieces. He has his sister staying with him this winter.

Too much stress can not be placed upon the dire necessity of paying your dues and assessments at this time and keeping your membership up to the highest notch. Now is the time to take active steps in this direction and start the new year right.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. CERT. 251.

Nebraska Division—

Changes have been coming thick and fast, and it is nearly impossible to keep the correct run of them, so if your name does not appear, if you have made a change, do not be disappointed, for I will do my best to get them all.

Positions bulletined in November as follows: Second trick at North Yard, Bro. C. K. Hutton; second trick at Blair, Bro. L. S. Wise; day telegrapher at Tekamah, Jas. Mathews; second trick at Oakland, Bro. W. L. Wright; day telegrapher at Lyons, Otto Kragscow; third trick at Emerson, Bro. Dygert; day telegrapher at Wayne, Bro. B. E. Crouch; agent at Jackson, G. W. Smith.

Positions bulletined December 10th, and filled as follows: Agent at Hubbard, W. D. Whitaker; agent at Coburn, Bro. B. C. Buchanan; agent at Fordyce, Bro. L. S. Wise; first trick at Emerson, J. T. Hallisey; second trick at Emerson, Bro. R. B. Hatcher; third trick at Blair, Bro. D. B. Thompson.

Bro. Dygert relieved Bro. Crouch at Tekamah, while the latter moved to Wayne.

Operator Mathews, days at Tekamah, spent a few days on his claim near Underwood, S. D., relieved by Bro. Thompson.

Bro. Whitaker, agent at Newcastle, was off a few days and relieved by Bro. Wright.

Bro. Hedges, second trick at Wakefield, took a vacation of a couple of weeks and was relieved by Bro. Foutts, of the G. N. Division, who will transfer to Division No. 70.

Bro. Hedges took a trip to the West.

Bro. Schrumpf, agent at Laurel, was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Operator Mathews.

Agent Anderson, at Winside, is taking a vacation of a week or ten days, and Bro. Hutton, formerly of Coburn, is doing the busy act there. He then takes up his duties as second trick at North Yard, where he has a happy home.

Bro. Jones, days at Bloomfield, visited over Sunday at Coleridge.

Bro. Mike Halpin, agent at Sholes, was shopping in Wayne one afternoon and took home enough bundles to fill a wheelbarrow.

Bro. Coyle, agent at Claig, was sick a few days recently and was relieved by Operator Crinklaw, from Pender, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Thompson.

Bro. McGuire worked at Oakland, second trick, until Bro. Wright could take the job off his hands.

We understand Bro. Wallahan, formerly day telegrapher at Wayne, is now working for the Burlington at Emerson, Iowa, second trick, and is well pleased with his change.

Hope all will be prompt in remitting the semi-annual dues and getting one of those new cards. They are the proper thing to have, and all should be proud of them. Send me any items you hear of. I will see that they are taken care of all right.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with lots of prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

DIV. COR.

Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Ry. Co., Ann Arbor Ry.

We used to see the brothers of this division represented in the journal every month, but lately we hear nothing from them. Why don't you wake up and let others know we are awake and want to be among the live ones.

Now, boys, come to yourself and see if you can't assist in making Division No. 48 one of the first.

As long as we pay our dues we are paying for something that is beneficial to ourselves as well as the telegraphers at large.

Every month I look for the A. A. Ry. items and find none. Where is our regular correspondent? If he has laid down, why don't he say so and let some others take it up?

Why can't we get together again and enjoy another meeting? These meetings are the whole stay of the O. R. T.

The agency at Durand is open.

Agent at Conoctah off on account of illness.

Bro. Geo. Wright, operator at Howell, was the wise guy at that station during the absence of Agent J. D. Hamilton.

Bro. F. F. Randolph, who is second trick dispatcher on the D. & M., north of Bay City, was in Owasso for a few days, calling on old friends.

J. S. Geaghan, our new chief dispatcher, is doing finely.

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Let each and every one have a word for THE TELEGRAPHER to start the new year.

Take one evening and write a few words and every one will feel that we are awake.

Understand the baby of Bro. A. J. Herrick, agent at Vernon, was badly scalded.

Bro. R. A. Bates is doing the stunt of day telegrapher at "DI" office, Owasso.

Mr. Healy is now at Ampere.

We have several nons on the road now. Why can we not land them in the fold?

Understand there is a man on the D. G. H. & M., between Durand and Owasso, who is teaching students. Gets $10 per month from them to teach them telegraphy. Such men are below the intelligent class.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. YOUR UNCLE DUD.

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Ry., Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern Ry.

How many of you try and assist in getting news for the journal. From appearance, I believe they are few. Boys, get your pen and, if it is only a line, it will help to make our space look as if we were really in earnest.

Do not forget to pay your dues for 1909 next pay-day, before you go bankrupt again.

A few months ago we spoke of Bro. Riche, formerly from the G. N., as being the second trick man at "X." We regret to say that this man, although he wears a button and spreads a lot of soft soap, is not a member. He should either get up-to-date or discard the emblem.

Business has decreased in the past two weeks.

Ridge sand pit closed December 10th. This puts Bro. McGowan out of a job.

Griffith was the scene of something almost equal to the C. T. U. of A. strike. The Erie lost three of their best men when the agent tried to give them some clerical work, so as to allow him to look after his saloon and pool room. Matters are not settled, as yet, but the boys are showing the right spirit and the boys of the G. T. and E., J. & E. and C., L. S. & E. are watching, so there will not be any non slip in and spoil the job.

Bro. Gary, a victim of the C. T. U. of A. strike at Chicago a year ago, is now working the bug on the second trick at Cavanaugh.

Several new offices have opened up on the New Gary High Line. Unable to say whether they are equipped with "air" or not. ZOA.

North End—

Bro. C. R. Weaver has resigned as operator at "WA," and has accepted a position in the freight office as rate and bill clerk.

Bro. Lewis returned to Waukegan ready for work, November 16th, after being home, sick, for several weeks.

Operator Schwarm, at Waukegan, for a few days, discharged.

Bro. J. P. Malone, a new man from Pennsylvania lines, holding down third trick at "WA," at present. CERT. 455.

Coal & Coke Ry.

Some of the boys on this line have failed to pay their dues for the current period, and say they are not coming back in until we "do something." Now, brothers, this will not do. You all know that we have to hang together to "do something," therefore, get busy and send in your dues.

Since the death of Bro. Skidmore, Mr. H. E. Woodley has been assigned the agency at Gassaway. Mr. Woodley was formerly on the dispatching force.

An extension is being made to the station at Strange Creek, which will provide living rooms for Bro. Holt.

Bro. L. S. Moles, since being closed out at Blue Creek, has been doing relief work on the Southern Division. Bro. Moles took a vacation in November and spent three weeks at his home in Kentucky. He is now back on relief stunt, at present handling the joint work at "BC," Dundon.

Bro. Arthur, at "CH," Clay, enjoyed a short vacation this fall and filled in the time hunting.

Mr. Park, non, formerly at "WD," Upper Leatherwood, has been released from the service, being relieved by Mr. W. L. White, operator from "GY" office, Gassaway.

Bro. J. H. Clemmer, Cert. 1192, is now doing the owl stunt in "DI" office, Charleston. You will recall an article in a late issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that Bro. Clemmer wrote, headed, "A Warning." We are glad to see Bro. Clemmer back in the service.

Mr. Carpenter, day man at Charleston, promises to fill out the papers the first of the year, and necessary blanks have been sent him by Bro. Arthur.

Bro. J. Moles passed down the line Wednesday on the way to his home in Kentucky, for a short vacation, being relieved by Mr. Moore, from Crawford.

New man in "GR" office, R. C. Junction. Have not been able to learn his name.

Bro. Shawver, at Walkersville, off first week in December on account of sickness.

Hardly any news from north of Gassaway, as the boys have failed to send me any items as per my request the 1st of the month. Boys, send me a few items about the 15th of each month and let us have a write-up each month. CERT. 11.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

"13" the boys up Aroostook way are kept pretty busy now billing out the "Aroostook spuds." It is not an uncommon sight to see seventy-five or eighty cars of potatoes roll into Northern "ME" Junction in one train, hauled by one the "hogs."

Considering the frequent falls of snow, business in all the commodities ought to pick up pretty fast.

Remember, boys, that your dues are now due, pay up and keep in line, and all lean the same day, towards thorough organization, and get every member you can. That's the only way.

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Bro. J. Lorin Clark, for a number of years dispatcher in Bangor, "WB," office, has left the service and accepted the secretaryship of the Bangor Y. M. C. A.

On account of Bro. Clark's resignation, Bro. Cutler is now handling the first trick berth on dispatching District No. 1; with Mr. Parker, second, and Bro. Curtis, third.

Bro. Connelley is back at "G" tower job at South LaGrange again.

Bro. Heal is doing the third trick at "G" tower.

Bro. Snowman has "GO" office at South La Grange, all to himself.

Mr. H. S. Hall is relieving at "HI" now.

Bro. Buchanan is running the whole thing at Milo Junction, at this writing.

Bro. Ingalls, from C. P. Ry., is doing second trick at Northern Maine Junction, at this writing, although Mr. Kelley has bid it in.

Bro. Harper, second trick at West Sebaais recenty, has left for parts unknown.

Messrs. Robertson and Wilson doing second and third thicks there now.

Bro. M. W. Flynt is now doing the operating in "CD" office, Bangor, under former Bro. J. H. Cavanaugh, who has been appointed car distributor.

Bro. Kearney is doing the operating in "DA" office and spare dispatching.

Bro. Newcomb, local chairman of Div. No. 1, spent a few days hunting, the first of December.

Who knows where Bro. J. P. Whitmore is? And why Stockton and K. I. Works have not been up for bid?

Bro. Bond has left the service, and has gone into the potato and starch business, with his father, at Goodrich, Maine.

Bro. Leighten, at Stacyville, is at the old stand again, after being off three weeks on account of illness (December 15th); Mr. Burnett (?) relieved.

Bro. E. N. Tapley is doing the third trick at Ashland Junction.

Bro. McKay from Presque Isle to Ludlow agency.

Bro. Van Allen has taken up his duties as agent at New Limerick.

Bro. Crocker, at Schoodic, recently received a card from Bro. Whipple, at Bay Point, N. Y.

Bro. Eli Bartlett is doing the operator stunt in "HF," Houlten, and filling in at "OX," while "JN" is taking his time out.

Bro. Gerrish, at Greenville, spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Brownville.

We would like to see business pick up, so we could have our committee go in this winter and get us a few things.

Well, brothers, why not send your correspondent a few notes each month, so that they will reach him by the 22d, or send them direct to Bro. L. W. Quick, so that they will reach St. Louis before the 28th of each month.

With best wishes for the future.

CERT. 90.

MR. L. W. QUICK,

G. S. and T., St. Louis, Mo.:

Dear Brother Quick:—I note in the November issue of the magazine, from our correspondent, that they are running a Ham Factory, at the dispatching office of the Northern Division. I have made due inquiry, and find that Bro. Crocker has been misinformed. It is to be very much regretted that such a thing should have been sent to our correspondent, for publication. The facts are these, as I have been able to gather from investigation: Our Superintendent Mr. McMann, hired a young man, who claimed to be something of an operator, and asked the boys at "KX" office, days, to allow him to copy from the wire, and assist him in becoming familiar with the office calls, which I believe he had a right to do, at least the dispatchers would not be justified in refusing the request of their superintendent. I am told they did as requested and nothing more, for a short time; the young man now holds a position on the road, and could not have learned the business in so short a time, even if the write-up were well founded. I trust this will be accepted by the brothers in "KX" office, as sufficient apology, for the unfortunate, unintentional injustice done them, for they are brothers of the Order, and we can not afford to offend in this manner.

Fraternally yours,

A. W. SHERBURNE,

General Chairman.

I. C. Ry.

Freeport Division—

The following positions were bulletined in the last thirty days: Third trick at East Junction; agency at Red Oak; agency at Kerrick; agency at Buena Vista; second trick at Haldane, nights, and Blanchardville agency.

Bro. Peterson was the successful applicant for third trick operator at C. G. W. Crossing.

Bro. B. E. Melloan, who has been visiting a few weeks in the South, at his home, came back, and relieved Bro. Peterson on second trick at C. G. W. Crossing, while the same was on bulletin.

Bro. Steele received C. G. W. Crossing, second trick, on bulletin, the transfer has not been made at this writing.

Bro. C. W. Knapp is at present holding down the agency at Cloverdale, relieving Bro. Wilson.

Bro. A. H. Brodeur, Coleman, third trick, is taking a thirty days' vacation.

Bro. Westbrook and Mr. Morrison are running a lunch counter, at Coleman, on their tricks; serving hot coffee, sandwiches, doughnuts and pie to the traveling public and railway employes.

In railroading, as well as any other business, there is of course a good many unjust dicisions in regard to reprimanding and dismissal of employes, but one of the most unjust dismissals that has come to my attention for some time, was the case of the deal at East Junction, where Bro. Wm. R. Keister was taken out of the service. As there has been all kinds of stories circulating as

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to the cause of this dismissal, I thought that it would be proper to give you the facts regarding the case; on the morning of November 5th, Bro. Keister lined up for No. 5, or as far as he knew he lined up for them as soon as they were reported by Evarts (Evarts always reports all trains in to us, so we can be prepared for them), but for some unknown reason the board failed to come down, and of course No. 5 stopped, and Mr. Bridenbaugh, traveling engineer, came into the office and asked Bro. Keister what the trouble was, and he told them nothing; that he was lined up for No. 5 as far as he could tell. Bridenbaugh then told him to give them a high-ball and they would go, so he did, but in the meantime, Bro. Keister had a "31" order for No. 5 to wait at East Junction until 5:30 a. m., and at 5:33 a. m. Bro. Keister filed this order without the proper annullment from the dispatcher. No. 5 not arriving until 5:38 a. m.; he was first called on the carpet some time later for the stopping of No. 5, and a statement made to the superintendent by Bridenbaugh to the effect that Bro. Keister was asleep when he came in the office, and after going over things it was found impossible to prove that he was asleep, they then took up this deal of filing the dead order and dismissed him from the service for this.

We are all aware of the fact that the filing of the dead order was against the rules, and aware also of the snapping you get from the dispatcher if you ask him for an annullment of a dead order.

Bro. Keister is at present working for a grocery house in Chicago, having taken the local managership, and if any of you brothers are in need of groceries of any kind, I can assure you that Bro. Keister can sell you them at a saving of 10 cents on a dollar, on anything you wish to buy; just call up this brother on the second trick at "CG," and he will see that you get particulars regarding the system.

Bro. W. C. Boltd, a new man on this division, relieved Bro. Keister at East Junction, while the same was on bulletin.

Bro. Lynch, of Red Oak, has left the service.

Bro. Maske, of Buena Vista, was the successful applicant for Red Oak on bulletin.

Bro. Collins, of Panola, is laying off for a few weeks, being relieved by Mr. Campbell (non).

Mr. Fluer, of Kerrick, resigned; he was relieved by a Mr. Schrader, a new man.

Bro. Layton, of Minonk, has made an observation coach, and an electric engine; he has it displayed in the window of one of the leading drug stores at Minonk. The one coach and engine is 6 feet in length, the price asked for it, is good evidence of the workmanship ($75.00).

Bro. Aufdenspring has been "Courting" in the interest of the company. Special Agent Healy captured some thieves that have been busy around Minonk for the last year; one of these thieves was certainly a "whole soled, well heeled" fellow, who didn't propose to go pegging through life on his "uppers;" he only had twenty-eight pairs of shoes concealed at his home.

Bro. Leavitte, of Blanchardville, was killed while helping a freight crew spot a car for him, December 8th, 1908. This was a very sad accident, and the Order sympathises with the bereaved family. Bro. Leavitte was always a good member of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, doing everything in his power for the good of the Order.

You are all probably aware of the fact that your semi-annual dues for the coming current term are now due and payable, and from my last report I was very glad to see that a good many of the boys had already stricken out this debt by remitting at once.

Brothers at stations where nons are located should be sure and leave their TELEGRAPHER where the non will get a hold of it, for he is sure to look up the Freeport Division if it is around, and he will more than likely get an idea of what others' opinion of him are.

I will close this write-up, hoping that the year of 1909 will bring as many more advantages to the telegraphers as has the year of 1908. Wishing you all a Happy New Year. "SHORTY."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, our highly esteemed and beloved brother J. W. Leavitt; be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endear him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, by Freeport Division No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. E. LAMBOLEY,
W. KELLY,
Committee.

Louisiana Division—

During the second week in December the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes held their convention in New Orleans. Delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada were in attendance and the Crescent City gave them a warm welcome. Several of the prominent labor leaders, notably Bros. Perham and Quick, addressed the convention, and they were enthusiastically received; they were also royally entertained during their brief stay.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Sunday night, December 13th, with a large and enthusiastic attendance. We are very glad to see so many of the boys turn out to these meet-

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ings, which is evidence of their interest in keeping this division almost solid. However, there are quite a number of old-timers who have not attended a meeting in months and one or two who have never attended a meeting. Should some of these "dead ones" put in an appearance there would be several cases of heart failure.

After an absence of two years or more, Bro. W. I. McFatter has returned from a tour around the world, and is now performing at Gwin, Miss., third trick. "ND" is going to settle down now and settle up. Sister Maggie Rivers is first trick at Gwin, and Bro. H. A. Nickel is second trick.

Mr. John J. Ott is off on leave of absence, spending Christmas at dear old Houston. As "OT" only "takes the money," we trust he will extend his leave of absence to six months twice a year.

The position of agent at Summit, Miss., has been assigned to Bro. H. P. Hungate, permanently. Sister Julia Cuming is day operator and clerk at Summit.

Bro. J. J. Fitzgerald has resigned and accepted a position with the wireless company on the steamship Rosina, plying between New Orleans and Central America. Joe says no more os-ing for him. His former position at Harahan Junction is filled by Bro. Ed Norton, late of the S. P.

Mr. A. P. Guntharp, agent at Hammond, La., does not object to taking the $10 raise the O. R. T. secured for that position. He says the O. R. T. is a good thing, but——. But in case of doubt just take the money.

The glad hand has been extended to J. H. Benbrook, third trick at Hammond. It is now Bro. Benbrook.

While out hunting, December 20th, Bro. W. D. Stanley, night operator at Manchac, La., dropped his gun while crossing the railroad and was seriously shot in the ankle. He was brought to New Orleans and is in the hospital.

Bro. Max Schrader, "M" in Chicago "X" office, was a visitor in these parts during the holidays. Says the Sunny South, especially the Crescent City, is one bright spot.

The many friends of Bro. L. H. Witherspoon, who was manager at "JD," Jackson, Miss., for a number of years, will be glad to know he is taking life easy on his farm at Tougaloo, Miss. He reports plenty of good things to eat and prosperity in the harvest fields.

Bro. Albert Gray, "AB," who has been the whole works at Greenville, Miss., for several years, has resigned and is now visiting his parents and recuperating at Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Mrs. Summers, formerly of the W. U. at Atlanta, is now working extra at Yazoo City. "AD" is a first-class operator and a true blue unionist. She will have one of those pretty O. R. T. cards as soon as the ghost walks.

Bro. J. E. Hoyt has resigned as agent at Roseland, La., and is relieved by Bro. W. E. Kelley, from Arcola, La.

Bro. Louis Grebenc, late of the Rock Island, is working extra at Canton, Miss., while Bro. Hearon is off during the holidays.

Sister Belle Foster, "FO," has been assigned to third trick at Brookhaven, Miss., on bulletin.

There are only three of our members who have not paid dues for the term ending December 31st. Two of these are enjoying substantial increases in pay, besides shorter hours, and unless they do the needful, promptly, we will have to give their names in our next write-up.

Let us all get together and make the year 1909 the banner year for the grand old O. R. T. Let each member make himself a committee of one and look after your neighbor. Show the nons what "no card, no favors" really means. Insist upon the union label at all times. COR.

Chicago and Champaign Districts—

The local division held their regular monthly meeting at Kankakee, Ill., on Friday evening, December 11th. About fifteen members were present. Various subjects were discussed, and among them the question of discontinuing the meetings at Champaign, Wis., was brought up. After fair consideration the members voted to cut these meetings out at Champaign, as the members from the south end did not attend same when they were held there. Hereafter the meetings will be held in Kankakee and Gilman. They are both good places to get to, so please try and make it a point to attend these meetings, as they mean a great deal to all of us.

There are a lot of nons here who are taking money every month that the O. R. T. boys worked hard to get, and if they have not got principle enough about them to come in and do their share everybody should know who they are.

In the February journal will appear the names of those who have not paid up their dues for the last half of the year 1908. There is no excuse for this. Brothers, please pay up, as now is the time when we must stand together.

Mr. J. F. Schneiderjon, who was relieving Bro. J. A. Brown at Alma, has taken up his regular stunt at Neoga nights.

Since last issue we have the following new members on the Champaign District: L. P. Cailey, Hayes; J. F. Schneiderjon, Neoga; L. L. Basley, Tolono.

Bro. J. F. Schneiderjon, of Neoga, was let out for reasons unknown at this time. Bro. Schneiderjon provided himself with an up-to-date card December 2d, and was let out the next day. A Mr. Russell, of Pesotum relieved him.

Bro. J. C. Broom, of Kimmundy station nights, was off a couple of weeks in November; relieved by Mr. Harrahan.

Since the last issue the following positions were opened permanently; Odin tower, second trick, November 26 to December 6; Doranus, day position, December 11 to December 21; Otto tower, third trick, December 10 to December 20; Neoga nights, December 5 to December 15; Aetna, day position, December 16 to December 26, and Cooksville, December 19 to 29.

Second trick at "HA," Champaign office, was opened permanently, on bulletin October 28 to November 6.

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Third trick at Effingham was opened temporarily, October 29 to November 7.

Bro. Kepner, of Laclede, was off a couple of days during the first week of November. Mr. Russell, of Pesotum, relieved him. Bro. Kepner's brother died suddenly of blood poisoning.

Bro. J. A. Broom, of Alma, was off a couple of weeks in November. J. F. Schneiderjon, regular night owl at Neoga, relieved him. B. Pelstring relieved Mr. Schneiderjon.

Bro. Crannell, from Tolono, relieved Bro. Zimmerman at "HA," Champaign office, while Bro. Z. was moving his table to that place. No boarding house for "Z."

J. R. Billingsby relieved night operator at Belleflower the second week in November.

Mr. Russell, of Pesotum, relieved Mr. Pestring, who has been relieving Mr. J. F. Schneiderjon, regular night man at Neoga.

B. Pelstring relieved H. T. Bradbury, Tuscola nights, for thirty days.

Champaign, third trick, was open for applications, November 7th to 17th.

Bro. Zimmerman, third trick, ran in second trick at "HA," Champaign office.

Bro. R. L. Mulberger, of Edgewood, was off a couple of weeks in November.

Cables have been placed in all offices on the Chicago Division in order to install 'phones.

COR.

Mississippi Division—

On account of heavy business and the boys having so much work, it was thought best not to hold a meeting at Grenada this month, but hope to see a big crowd at Durant the second Sunday in next month. All the good brothers should ask for transportation and make special efforts to attend this meeting.

Our local chairman, Bro. J. E. Bull, was over the division the first of the month, shaking hands with the brothers and after those who have no card, also those that are behind with their dues. How nice it would be to see the old Mississippi Division lined up solid. Let us all get together and make it so.

On account of the increase in business a third operator has been put on at Coffeeville, Duck Hill, Vaiden, West and Pickens, also day operators put on at several of the smaller stations, where an agent had to go it alone during the summer months.

At Sardis, Bro. E. H. Shomette, and at Coffeeville, Bro. W. C. Smith, both from the M. J. and K. C. Division, No. 80.

Bro. N. T. Bowles, from Mo. Pac. Division, No. 31, is now doing the telegraphing and also clerical work at Kosciusko.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, of Division No. 2, relieved Bro. Bull at Grenada or a few days while he was out on the line. He also relieved Bro. Ross, at "UC," while he was off on account of his mother's death, but he is now doing the "OS" at Vaiden, Bro. Ross having returned to his post of duty.

Bro. B. W. Robertson, for several years at Pope, is now agent at Courtland, and Bro. W. M. McLeod is now looking after the company's interest at Pope, both places having been advertised.

Bro. R. C. Jarnagin is now back at Goodman, after a ninety days' leave of absence.

On account of Bro. J. H. O'Brien, of McCool, being sick, Bro. W. M. Hale, who was off on his honeymoon, was called in to relieve him for a few days, but is now located at Starkville, his first love.

Bro. F. R. Kern, third trick man at Durant since last March, has resigned and understand he is now in Cuba.

Bro. L. M. Lindsay, a new man on the Mississippi Division, but an old-timer in Division No. 93, is now doing the second trick stunt at Duck Hill.

I understand Mr. J. N. Rhew, agent at Torrence, has filled out application blanks and will be Bro. Rhew before this goes to press.

Everybody get busy and let us line-up what few nons we have.

Mr. D. C. McMahan, agent at Batesville, Miss., has resigned, and "13" he is going on the road as traveling salesman.

Bro. W. C. Buford, at Vaiden, while out driving a few days ago, let his horse run away, throwing him out and spraining his ankle. Not serious, but understand it has put him on one side for several days. Had it been nearer Christmas it might have caused suspicion.

CERT. 540.

IN MEMORIAM.

On November 18th the Fraternity on the Y. & M. V. was inexpressibly shocked and saddened by the sorrowful news that the pure spirit of Mrs. Rosa Moore, wife of our beloved General Chairman W. P. Moore, of Lula, Miss., had winged its way to a better world. Death is sad at all times, yea it seems cruel at many times, but coming as in this instance at the very zenith of life and usefulness, when the struggle for existence had been made and life's difficulties overcome, when the future seemed a vista of peace and enjoyment, and rest from labors faithfully performed, then it is that its sting is deeper and grief harder to bear. By reason of Mrs. Moore's close association with General Chairman Moore, and the keen interest always manifested by her in the affairs of our Order, and the help she gave Bro. Moore in his work, she had become endeared to all of us who were fortunate enough to come within the circle of her personal acquaintance, and aside from our sorrow at Bro. Moore's loss, we feel a personal bereavement in her death. She was a familiar figure at all of the sessions of the Grand Division recently, and many times accompanied Bro. Moore to the meetings of our general committee, from whose future gatherings she will be sadly missed. Coming from one of the first families of Mississippi. Mrs. Moore combined in a marked degree those attributes of cordialty, gentleness and modesty, which distinguished the women of her race while

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they ruled the homes of the flower of Mississippi's manhood in ante bellum times, and whose ancestry antedates Colonial days. She was a gentlewoman, pure and simple, and any life with whom hers has been entwined, has been made the richer, the nobler, the grander, by the association. Not having been blessed with children, the affection of Bro. Moore and his wife was undivided, the love of each was all to the other. At such times the gentlest, softest expressions of condolence seem harsh; when chords of love and affection have been torn asunder, the bleeding heart quivers from the tenderest touch. And yet, in our loneliness we turn instinctively to our friends for encouragement to help us bear our burden.

The membership of Division No. 93 desires to express, through us, their profoundest sympathy for Bro. Moore, in this the darkest hour of his life, and extend to him that love and esteem which as brothers fill our hearts. Time alone can bring solace to his wounded spirit, but he can comfort his aching heart with the sweet assurance that in her life he was a tender, loving companion, and that in her death the remembrance of her pure life should be as a precious legacy, to be held in trust for yet more noble purposes.

T. D. HOWELL,
R. S. PARKER,
R. P. WALT,
R. L. MONTGOMERY.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division—

We are in receipt of a letter, from one of the boys who keep within close touch with the progress of the O. R. T. on this division, and he states that the expectations are that this division will be solid on the north end from State street to West Concord, by the time this reaches the press. Now that sounds good and should induce us all to make an extra effort to gather in the nons.

Operator Bailey, of Nerstrand, second trick, has been relieved by Telegrapher G. F. Thomas, a C. T. U. of A. man.

Operator J. W. Armstrong, second trick at Hampton, is dangerously ill. Telegrapher C. Judd is relieving him. We hope that Mr. Armstrong will enjoy a speedy recovery and soon be back at the key.

Bro. Pete Stenslin, second trick at Randolph, has taken an extended vacation, and has gone to his home in Iowa. A Mr. Jordon is relieving him.

Bro. McElrath, who has been working third trick at Randolph, has resigned to manage his father-in-law's farm. He is being relieved by Mr. O'Brien, a commercial telegrapher from Chicago.

A Mr. A. C. Demerick, from Minneapolis, is relieving Operator C. Judd, at Hampton, while Mr. Judd does the second trick stunt.

Bro. C. E. Norris, agent at Inver Grove, is taking a few weeks' vacation; being relieved by Bro. C. Rafael from Division No. 72.

Operator Holmes, of Renova, has left the service, and is at present relieved by Mr. R. Carter.

Bro. J. Larson, who has been working first trick at Randolph for some time, has left, and a new man, Mr. Craig, is relieving him.

Not very many items coming in this month. Everybody busy with their Christmas shopping, probably.

Agent G. A. Smalley, of Randolph, was absent a few weeks. A Mr. J. M. Locke relieved him.

Bro. Berisford, who it will be remembered has worked on this division at several different times, is at present working third trick at Hayfield.

No news from the south end this month. They are probably "stacking-up," and we can expect an enormous write-up from them next month.

By the time this reaches you it will be rather late to be extending to you all the Christmas "blessings" and New Years "wishings," but nevertheless, I hope you all witness a jolly Christmas and a brilliant and prosperous New Year.

C. H. K.

Southwest Division—

With the aid of generous contributions from Bro. Scott, of Blockton; Bro. Sandmier, of Peru; Bro. Falkner, of Shops, and our Local Chairman Bro. A. L. Coleman, of Kansas City yard office, we are sending the following items for the January number:

We are glad to note that Sister Van Sandt, second trick at Leavenworth, is back again after an enforced vacation. caused by being quarantined with her little girl, who had scarlet fever. Sister Van Sandt is local organizer for the Southwest Division, or any other division where she can find a non, and should be complimented for the good work she has done to keep this end well organized.

At Kansas City yard office we find our hustling Local Chairman Bro. A. L. Coleman on first trick, who is always busy, but can always find time to hand out an application blank.

Bro. E. B. McCarty, second trick, Kansas City yard office, has been off with an injured hand.

Bro. R. V. Redlingshafer drew third trick at Leavenworth on bulletin No. 40, and relieved Bro. E. A. Bertholf, who went to Blockton to relieve Bro. M. G. Smith, who was off two weeks visiting relatives and friends at Winterset.

Bro. G. T. Scott, second trick at Blockton, was off ten days the first of December, to assist his brother at Shannon with a stock sale, which he says was a success. He also took a trip to Ft. Smith, Ark., before returning to work. Bro. Smith relieved Bro. Scott, and Bro. Bertholf remained on third trick. Bro. Bertholf is a new member, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

We understand Bro. Fluke, second trick man at Afton Junction, traded jobs with Mr. A. D. Nye, at Athelstan, and on account of Mr. Nye being elected treasurer of Taylor County, this will give Bro. Fluke, Athelstan regularly, without having to bid for it. We don't believe this is

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exactly according to "Hoyle," but guess there will not be any very strenuous kick on it in this case.

Bro. H. Gee, agent at Valeria took a few days' vacation, and was relieved by Bro. J. R. Wright, second trick man of same place. Bro. Gee took in a foot ball game at Kansas City, and made his folks a short visit at Savannah. Miss McIlhon relieved Bro. Wright, and a new man named Carroll relieved Miss McIlhon. Miss McIlhon is a C. T. U. Sister, and says she is going to be an O. R. T. Sister before long.

Bro. A. L. Coleman and wife attended the funeral of Bro. A. M. Gray, of DeSota, Kan., November 13th.

Bro. Harry Nelson, agent at Sheridan, contemplates making a move about the first of the year. We understand he has accepted a position in the superintendent's office, at Des Moines.

Bro. Summers is relieving Bro. Fluke at Afton Junction, until new bulletin is closed.

Bro. A. S. Sandmeier, from the Rock Island lines, relieved Bro. C. H. Everett, on third trick, at Peru. We understand Bro. Sandmeier intends to bid in on this trick.

Bro. Chas. Tilp, agent at Peru, was off for a week, taking a stroll up into Wisconsin, looking for a good farm. Operator Edwards, regular second trick man, did the agent stunt during his absence; Bro. Sandmeier was shifted from third to second trick, and Bro. McGinn relieved Bro. Sandmeier.

Bro. J. R. Wright, second trick man at Valeria, is off for the holidays. He will visit friends and relatives at Knoxville and Washington, Ia. He was relieved by third trick Operator Sister McIlhon, who was relieved by a new man named Allen.

Bro. Gibson has returned from a six weeks' sojourn in Old Mexico, and reports a fine trip, but says the Old United States looks awful good to him after being down there. He has resumed his duties on the south end in the dispatcher's office Bro. McIlhon who was relieving him has gone on nights, which is his regular job, and Bro. Hunter has gone back to his regular job on first trick at South Des Moines.

We were all very much pleased with the outcome of the November election, in which Col. W. P. Hepburn, representative from the 8th District was defeated by W. D. Jamison, of Shenandoah. You will all remember that Mr. Hepburn bitterly opposed the Telegrapher's Nine-hour Bill.

Bro. M. T. Falkner, agent at Parnell, is off for a thirty days' vacation, but cannot say where he will spend it. Bro. Simons, regular owl man, is doing the agent act, and Bro. A. C. Crabtree is doing the owl act.

Bro. Hoyder, formerly of this division, is working for the Wabash, at Gallatin, Mo., at present.

Bro. F. W. Christy, agent at Arispe, was off a few days on account of sickness of his wife. He was relieved by Bro. C. H. Everett, who drew the night job at Fairbank, and is now located there.

Operator L. A. Howe, who was working third trick at Reinbeck, and is a son of Bro. Howe, of Green Mountain, resigned to accept a position in a bank, at Liscomb, Ia. He was relieved by a new man named Routt, who hurt his back the first night, hustling baggage and had to be relieved.

Bro. E. J. Stimm, third trick man at Marshalltown, has accepted a position as chief clerk in the trainmaster's office, at Des Moines, and was relieved by Mr. J. H. Lucksigner.

Dispatcher Vail off one day sick, and Dispatcher Baikie off two days on business. Both were relieved by Bro. H. S. Boyce.

Bro. Rokey, of Diagonal, is taking a holiday vacation, and was relieved by G. C. Perkins, a new man. Didn't learn whether he has a card or not.

Sister Jessie Smith, the night owl at Rea, is off for the holidays, and will spend them in Eureka Springs, Ark. She was relieved by Operator H. F. King, a new man.

O. O. Mullen, cashier and operator at West Waterloo, spent the holidays with his and his wife's folks, at and near Nevada, Ia.

Bro. L. Rice, third trick operator at South Des Moines, has resigned. Understand he goes to Delhart, Texas, where his folks live. His father is chief dispatcher for the Rock Island there.

A third operator has been put on at Gladbrook. This makes three operators besides the agent, and will give the agent a better chance to handle the large amount of business done at this station.

Bro. H. S. Boyce, north end operator in dispatcher's office, and wife, and his Bro. H. E. Boyce, day ticket clerk and operator, at Marshalltown, and wife, ate Xmas dinner with their parents at Shannon, the Sunday after Xmas, on account of being unable to get off Xmas day.

Bro. H. M. Thatcher, agent at Cummings, is also laying off during the holidays, and was relieved by Operator E. D. McClelland, the regular night man.

Bro. D. W. Smith, who has been working second trick at Shops, drew that trick on bulletin 43.

Bro. R. V. Redlingshafer drew third trick at Peru on bulletin 43, and is at home in Des Moines, until after the holidays.

Don't forget to send in those news items, if you want me to stick to this job. "BO."

Hocking Valley Ry.

River Division—

Bro. C. F. Moore is back again on first trick at "BI," after being away a few days on account of the death of his father.

Bro. G. W. Fultz worked first trick at "BI" during Bro. Moore's absence.

Bro. Rife, first at "CK," off for a few days on account of the death of some relative.

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Bro. Lay, second trick at Logan, was off for about two weeks, being relieved by Operator O'Leary.

Bro. D. E. Huntley, first trick at Wellston, is back again after a two weeks' vacation.

Operator Goodrich is working second trick at Kanauga.

Brothers, get up and be doing something. If you know of any nons, go after them good and strong. Try and show them where they are wrong and prevail upon them to come in. It is a shame that bright, intelligent men can't see any farther than their nose and persist in staying out in the cold. I know when some of them were working as much as sixteen hours a day for $10.00 and $15.00 less than they now get, and still, when you go after them, it is always "wait until next month," or "I am broke now." What would they be if they were still drawing the old salaries?

See the ham factory at "OX" is still grinding away as usual. Can't "13" it. The mills of the gods grind slowly but sure, and this professor will get his one of these days, and get it hard. One or two other places along the pike where you can hear the hams sending in "OS" of trains. Will publish them later on.

Wishing all a happy New Year. CERT. 302.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Fifth Division—

Owing to various circumstances, quite a time has elapsed since a meeting was held on our division. However, our local chairman informs us that a meeting will be held the latter part of January, and it is urgently requested that members make every effort to attend this meeting.

In the meantime our affairs seem to be running smoothly. Few changes and very few delinquents.

Mr. Griffin, at Hagan, has promised to "get right" and again become up-to-date.

While few men are entering the service on our division, yet attention has been called to the fact that applicants have been recommended for membership and admitted with little regard to their competency and worthiness as a member. No brother should recommend an applicant who, in his opinion, is not capable of discharging his duties as agent or operator satisfactorily to the company and with corresponding credit to the Order. Our Order is far too strong to need or accept the application of unworthy would-be members.

Semi-annual and mutual benefit dues are now due and no member can make a mistake by remitting to cover these important items at once. Do not delay this matter, but obtain an up-to-date card without necessitating the G. S. & T. begging and imploring you to "come across."

CERT. 147.

Atlanta and Birmingham—

I am just in receipt of a letter from our local chairman, Bro. Ewing, Atlanta, saying he has the promises of seven or eight new members the first of the year.

Agents and operators have considerable to do with the shaping of public opinion as regards the railroads of our country and their management. Railroad officials are beginning to take notice of this fact and to treat with us accordingly. The time is about passed when a railroad agent or operator is to be considered as a nonentity so far as the making of business for the company is concerned. We are rapidly rising above this idea and are actually about to get into the class of business men and establish ourselves as real citizens of the community in which we live. Our officials are actually asking our opinion about the things concerning our respective stations.

Let us always stand ready to do our work for the railroad company in the best manner possible. Let us all stay with our organization and show the companies that union men are the best men.

Miss "RX" has resigned the agency at Tredigar, Ala., and same is filled by Bro. Sewell.

Here is hoping a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

The professor's students have about "squitulated" and no doubt will soon be crowding some of us "hams" out of our jobs. Am sorry our last letter so offended the professor. Am told that he swears he will lick the fellow that wrote him up—so, boys, I have to request that none of you tell him who did it, as I do not wish to get licked.

CERT. 646.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

Winnipeg Division—

Have you secured one new member within the last thirty days? If not, better get busy on that non next to you and try and get him in line. We certainly have a live bunch now on the Western Minnesota Division, the way they are going after the nons, also the transfers, certainly pleases your officers. They have turned in five or six applications, also seven or eight transfers within the last month. This is what counts, so, brothers, keep up the good work.

There are a few who have not paid their current term dues as yet, but most of them have promised to send them in December pay day. A good idea is not to put this off too long, but remit them at the beginning of the semi-annual period and you will always have an up-to-date card to show the brothers.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has recently been sentenced to serve a term of one year in jail because he told the members not to patronize a scab article. This more forcibly brings us to the one point, that we should always ask for the union label; not only ask for it, but see that the goods we buy bears the union label. Brothers, if you do not do this you are working directly against your own interest. In the future demand the label.

Bro. J. O. Johnson, agent at Henning, has taken a three months' leave of absence and gone to Colorado for his health.

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Bro. Bogen, of Detroit, resigned and went with Bro. Johnson, but we understand that he has returned on account of not being able to find a suitable location, but principally because his experience as a railroad telegrapher was of too short a duration.

Bro. Lija relieved Bro. Bogan at Detroit nights.

Bro. T. E. Crandall, local chairman on the Wheat Line, took a short vacation. We are unable to say where he went, but he is back in the harness again as agent at Bisbee.

Bro. Suprey, agent at Brooks, we understand, gets Plummer on bulletin.

Bro. Taggart, agent at Plummer, has resigned and set sail for the Far South. We understand he has a position down in Louisiana on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Line.

New man filling in at Plummer. Unable to say if he carries the necessary up-to-date or not at present time, but if he remains on this division he had better get in line with the rest of the brothers.

New man also at Callaway. At the present can not say if he is in line or not.

Nons are a very scarce article on this division. We want to again call your attention to the fact that the nons are entitled to no favors whatever after they have been given a chance to join us, and trust all the brothers will so treat them by remembering that a man with no card is entitled to no favors whatever.

We have one or two nons that have been repeatedly asked to join us and up to date have failed to deliver the goods, although they offer no excuse at all. In our next we will give you their names, unless they come across and do the square thing, for we believe that the brothers should know who this class of people are and where they are located. In the cases we have reference to they have been benefited by shorter hours without any reduction in pay, but still they are willing to take all these benefits and not contribute one cent to the organization that brought them about; so look for their names unless they come across with the necessary. CERT. 212.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the brothers on the Winnipeg Division who so kindly remembered us on Christmas day, and assure them that we appreciate their kindness very much and value the presents very highly. Fraternally,

G. W. LEWIS, *Gen. Chairman.*
F. C. PAINE, *G. S. & T.*

Minnesota Division—

There has been a cut in the force at "XN" office. Have not learned the names of the remaining soldiers.

S. H. Carey, agent at Bowbells, is doing the heavy act alone days.

Bro. W. B. Conger, formerly from Lanona, is working second trick. Office is closed for part of the day.

Bro. C. H. Baker transferred from first trick at Bowbells to "RI" office third trick, relieving Bro. I. H. Munt, who went to Harvey to take the graveyard trick there.

Bro. J. P. Dutton relieved a Mr. Cunningham at Kenmore, who left for parts unknown.

Bro. J. Thorn, first trick at Minot, off the B. & O. and Bro. R. C. Crow off the G. N.

Bro. M. D. Spriggs, of Division No. 53, relieved Operator Johnson at Valley City, Johnson having relieved Operator McIntire.

Bro. Mallison, at "FH," is laying off for a couple of weeks.

Everybody try to have something to say next month, so we can make a big noise in THE TELEGRAPHER'S columns. COR.

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Bros. Ward, Holder and McDowell have repaired their residence (the box car) at Hickox, and intend to stay there after the weather gets bad. Bro. McDowell appointed cook.

Bro. Chandler, third trick at Whitmore, spent Thanksgiving at Mermille.

Bro. I. B. Underwood, third trick at Bowling Green, visited one day at Thurston.

Bro. Burdick, of Luckey, bid in first trick at Fostoria, which places Bro. Shellhouse back on second trick and leaves Operator Rinehart, who has been working second trick at that point on the extra list.

Operator Beightler relieved Bro. Alspach and Gordon first and second trick at Bowling Green for a few days, after which he went to Thurston to take charge of third trick there.

Dispatchers Harrod, Hollycross and Dudley went over the Western division and St. Mary's branch on a freight train, learning the road.

Operators Eisman, of Woodside nights, and Burke, of Morgan nights, are passing the long winter nights playing checkers by wire. The Bucyrus Evening Telegraph states this is something new. It may be for these youngsters, but not for us old heads.

Operator Rein is relieving Operator Young as copier in Bucyrus dispatchers' office; Operator Young dispatching while regular dispatchers are taking three days each learning the road.

Third trick at Clemons bulletined.

The position as relief agent is bulletined.

Agency at Ridgeway and Millersport bulletined.

Bro. Shellhouse, Fostoria second trick, was at Toledo Dec. 19th, doing his Christmas shopping.

CERT. 64.

Wisconsin Central Ry.

Third District—

A good many changes have taken place on this district since the last write-up and although we can not give all of them, will do the best we can.

Quite a little changing about in the Abbotsford offices, both in the yard and side-wire offices, on account of some of the men laying off for different reasons.

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At Curtiss, Bro. Friesner is laying off a short time, Bro. Van Alstine relieving him.

Bro. Harsh, agent at Owen, laying off on account of being on committee. Mr. Rindt is acting as agent in his stead.

Bro. Cox, agent at Albertville, laying off also, he being on the committee; relieved by Mr. Hilson.

Moore, agent at Jewett, laid off a short time; relieved by Mr. Rindt, Rindt later going to Owen.

Bro. Van Alstine, formerly third trick man at New Richmond, transferred to Curtiss as agent; relieved by Mr. Wotruba.

Both second and third tricks at New Richmond were on bulletin, but to date there has been no change on the second trick. Bro. Seldon is still holding the position.

Bro. Hunt, formerly night oprator at Somerset, has left the service; relieved by Operator Ohlson, who worked a few days at Glenwood some time ago, and was later laid off. Can't say why Bro. Hunt left, but understand he did not want to stay at Somerset any longer.

These are about all the changes I have been able to find, although there are undoubtedly some others, but no one seems to care enough to see a write-up to report them.

Since the eight-hour State law has been declared unconstitutional the boys are working nine hours or longer. All stations, except five, on this district are now telegraph offices, Withee, Boyd, Albertville, Downing and Jewett being non-telegraph offices. All the one-man telegraph jobs are working eleven to thirteen hours. Nearly all of the jobs where more than one man is employed are split tricks—some being split as much as four hours. This makes it very bad, not only for the men who work these tricks, but for trains and also the dispatchers.

The committee, consisting of Bro. Barber, from the Southern Division, and Bros. Harsh and Cox, from this division, are in session. Can not say for certain how they did make out, as at this writing they have not returned, and have not heard anything from them. I know they secured quite a few applications though while going over the line, and that helps, for if we ever expect to get a good schedule we must have a good membership.

CERT. 82.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Colorado Division—

Mr. A. P. Michell, extra dispatcher, is working during the absence of J. S. Jones, and was working third trick in place of Dispatcher Creighton, who was holding down the night chief's chair while W. A. Inwood was visiting in Canada and Eastern States for a few weeks.

Bro. M. E. Strain, Peyton, off on a two weeks' vacation, is relieved by a man named Divinity, from the Colorado Midland Ry. Unable to say whether Divinity is a brother or not.

Bro. Reichard, at Ramah, off on vacation during holidays; relieved by Bro. Allen. Through lack of information we mentioned Bro. Allen as Mr. in our last month's journal. We wish to apologize for this mistake, and would only be too well pleased if all the boys on this division were as true and worthy as Bro. Allen is.

Bro. Annuson is back at Bovina, after several weeks' lay-off.

Bro. Winnegar to Burlington for a week or ten days, relieving Bro. Falb, who has gone back East to eat Christmas dinner with the folks at home.

Bro. Riggs, at Flagler, relieved Mr. Pence, second trick. Mr. Pence, after being relieved, started in to clean up the office, we understand, but Bro. Riggs was too much for him.

Bro. Demar returned to second trick at Selden, after a week off; relieved Bro. Fugate, who relieved Mr. Hughes on third trick.

Mr. Suefert (C. T. U. of A.), Goodland, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Townsend, who is doing the extra work at Goodland.

Mr. F. Blakeman spent a few days in Denver, while the boys at Stratton doubled up and worked his trick during his absence.

Mr. Joe Quinn, from Colorado Springs, ate Christmas dinner with his folks at Flagler.

Bro. Brown, our general chairman, was over the division the first of the month, shaking hands with the boys and urging them to get in line, and has got the promise of nearly every one that is not up-to-date to do so at once and start the new year right. Now, boys, let us not make it necessary to have Bro. Brown make another trip over this division, as this is unnecessary and is very expensive to our worthy brothers.

Bro. Archer is working third trick at Norton.

Calhan is open for bids. Unable to say where Bro. Boyd is going, but hope he is not leaving us.

CERT. 186.

Cedar Rapids—

G. W. Tripp relieved Bro. A. A. Varner, of Kalona, on November 30, for a few days' vacation.

Bro. D. C. Sterrett was relieved for a couple of days December 1st, and attended court at Iowa City; relieved by G. W. Tripp.

We are glad to report that W. S. Cocayne and A. C. Akers, of Mediapolis, have sent in the necessary papers and will hereafter be recognized as brothers. This makes Mediapolis "solid O. R. T.," and I want to thank Bro. P. H. Willem, assistant local chairman at Burlington, for his good work. There are some more offices that have a few nons, and we hope the brothers working in these offices and those around them will keep right after them. Some nuts are hard to crack, but we can cinch a lot of them with some help from a near brother.

Bro. G. W. Hunter, at Barnes City, has made a couple of trips to What Cheer the last month, having some dentist work done; being relieved by some ex-operator.

Occasionally some brother calls us up on the wire and wants to know where to send correspondence for our write-ups, so I wish to again state that any matter for our correspondence please send it to J. A. Gunderson, Montezuma, Iowa, and we will see that the write-up will be as interesting as you make it.

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We have all been very busy around the holidays, and must close, wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, and must ask each brother to make a resolution to be of some assistance to our Order. We are closing a prosperous year, but every one's help makes that much more for us.

CERT. 897.

Iowa Division—

Bro. J. A. Christison, agent at Moscow, has greatly improved in health, and is again at his post. He lost his father, November 10th, and it seems that troubles never come single. The brother has our sympathy.

R. O. Clark, who has been braking for the past six months is back in the telegraph service again.

Mr. C. M. Peasley, third trick at Shelby, off a couple of days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher H. E. Peer.

Bro. G. B. Ohle is away on an extended leave of absence. Bros. Stephen, Edwards and Walker doing the stunt there now.

Bro. Peters, regular third trick at Van Meter, off on a short vacation.

Mr. G. A. Bentley, who was extra on this division a while, is now working as extra dispatcher at Indianola. Bro. E. F. McGinn, who worked on this division a while, is now working for the C. G. W. at Diagonal, Iowa.

Now you see it, now you don't. What is it? Answer: A telegrapher. This is the way it has been working on this division of late. What is the matter? Don't you know what you are going up against before you take the job? If the shoe fits you put it on. I am heartily disgusted with it.

Agent Wright, at Colfax, has returned from his vacation and relief agent has gone to Stuart. Mr. Wright thinks he will go farming down in Oklahoma before long.

General Chairman Brown was over the division a few days ago. He says it looks pretty good.

Understand Bro. E. A. Chittenden has quit railroading and gone into other business in Des Moines.

Bro. Yates, at Newton, had a round-up with a bold, bad stick-up man a short time ago, and was relieved of about $50 in cash. Seems to be easy money these days for the crooks, as there has been several cases of this kind lately.

CERT. 290.

West Iowa Division—

Mr. C. S. Meyers, a new man from the Burlington, is doing the third trick at Avoca, extra, until same is assigned on bulletin.

Bro. Ohle, agent at Walnut, is at present laying off, and Bro. Edwards is acting as agent.

A man named F. Stephens is working second trick at Walnut on account of lay-offs. Can not say if Stephens is an Order man or not.

Operator W. G. Tobin is holding down third trick extra at Anita.

It seems the fellows are afraid to give out one bit of information as to the changes. You boys all enjoy seeing a good, newsy line-up to let the world know we are not dead, but when you have to beg for news it is a hard proposition. If every brother would take a cent and drop the local chairman a postal card on every change we could have this kind of a line-up each month.

One other thing, while getting this line-up I called two brothers on the wire and asked regarding an extra man at that station, also a regular man at the other station. Neither of these brothers knew if these extra men had a card or not. One brother replied that the operator in question "used to carry a card," while the other brother "did not know." Now, boys, when an operator comes to your location "find out," and if shy the card, if he is desirable, try to land him. At least be interested enough in the O. R. T. to find out if they carry a card.

Bro. E. W. Stuart, third trick at Atlantic, goes to Brooklyn, second trick, on bulletin.

Bro. R. E. Burnes, agent at Wiota, lands Brooklyn, first trick, on bulletin.

Bro. F. C. Walker, third trick at Stuart, goes to Walnut to be checked in as agent until the regular agent, Bro. G. B. Ohle, returns from his vacation in Oklahoma. Was informed a new man, named H. E. Patterson, was sent to Walnut to work second trick extra. Do not know what this change means for Bro. Edwards, regular second trick at Walnut, and Operator F. Stephens, extra second trick at this place.

Operator F. Peters, third trick at Van Meter (do not know if brother), away on account of the death of his sister; relieved by a new man named H. E. Patterson. Patterson also relieved Bro. Peasly at Shelby a few nights.

CERT. 2061.

Oklahoma Division—

We have passed another mile post of time. Can we all say that we have made the best of every opportunity that presented itself during the year, if not I hope there will be some good New Year resolutions made.

We have gained ground in 1908, but we want to do more during the year of 1909, and make it a record breaker for the O. R. T.

This can be accomplished very easily, simply by each member being wide awake, and taking hold of every thing that he sees needing attention, and not waiting for his local chairman, or some other officer of the Order to handle, they may never know anything about it.

It is very important that you keep your chairman posted on all these things, no matter how small they may seem; by doing this we can keep everything in first-class shape. I hope each of us will realize that by doing this we will have a grand and noble Order, that we will all be proud of. Boys, make some resolutions the first day of January, and stick to them.

Our General Chairman Bro. Brown has returned to work after his vacation. He is looking hale and hearty, and intends to jump into the harness and pull as hard as usual, which is doing about all any one man could do. I fear there are some that do not realize how good a man we have in the person of Bro. Brown,

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or there would be more done to help him out in this work; but he never gets discouraged, because he failed at some certain undertaking, but goes at the next one with more energy than before. He is now on the Oklahoma Division, getting a line-up for the local chairman. Boys, this looks mighty bad, just to think that the local chairman cannot get any one to take hold and help him get a line-up of his division; this is our work and should not be thrown on the general chairman, who has more work of his own than he should be compelled to do.

We have a new chief dispatcher on the Oklahoma Division, in the person of Mr. R. C. Scoffern.

Mr. F. N. Korn, ex-chief, has been promoted to train master on the south end.

There has been a big change in the Oklahoma Division. That part of the line from Shawnee to Geary being put into the Panhandle Division, and added to the line from Chickasha to Waurika, and Waurika to Anadarko via. Lawton to the Oklahoma Division; making this division much larger than formerly, and as yet I have no line-up on the parts added to this division. Can't some of the good live brothers on the south end volunteer to help me out, by acting as assistant local chairman? Don't all speak at once.

Bro. H. F. Murphy has been reinstated as operator at Rush Springs, after being relieved by the company for some trifling charge, some time ago; thus you see the good work of the Order constantly going on. If he had not been a member of the O. R. T. he would have had to hunt new fields.

Bro. C. C. Snodgrass has given up the agency at Garber, and is now working operator at "RO."

Bro. Lee Boyd is off on a vacation, going to the Rose Bud land drawing. Suppose he will come back with a farm in each pocket, and start in the real estate business. He was relieved by Bro. Earl Hoover.

Bro. J. D. Steele, of Okarche, resigned, and has bought a general merchandise store at Reeding, Okla.; relieved by Bro. B. R. Crouch, late from Rush Springs.

Bro. Wagonseller is back at his duty at "KR," after being off on sick leave. He was relieved by Mr. M. T. Ausherman, who is now relieving Bro. L. R. Parker, of Medford, who is away on a vacation. Did not learn where he went.

A Mr. Cornett, who did relief work at Ninnekah, is now relieving Bro. Varney, at Waukomis, who was called to Seymore, Iowa, on account of a sick sister.

Bro. Dusch, of Renfrow, has bought out the Lyle Mer. Co., of Lyle, Okla., and may quit the road to attend to his stock.

Mr. Marsh, formerly of Bucklin, Kan., and later of the Panama Canal, was over the division a few days ago, he says the canal wire work is all right, but he would not advise any of the Rock Island boys to quit their jobs to go down there.

Bro. Casey, formerly relief operator, has quit the road, and is visiting his parents at Tunnel Hill, Ill.

Bro. Dusch, of Renfrow, laid off a few days, to look after his store. Bro. Meador, Jefferson, nights, is relieving him; Bro. Thompson, formerly second trick at Enid, is relieving Bro. Meador.

Bro. Kappenburg, of Heanessey, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Bullis, night owl there. Did not learn who relieved Bullis.

Salaries at the new Waurika yard office have been adjusted, and it is now $65.00 instead of $57.50; something more like it should be.

Some of the boys are advocating monthly meetings again, nothing would please me better than this. What do you think about it? Please write me your opinion, if you think we could make it go would like it.

You know the nine-hour law will not permit a man doubling, and if we can get out the crowd we will have them.

Bro. T. F. McPherron is at this time very sick at his home in Enid, stricken with nervous prostration, brought on by sorrow and worry over the death of his son.

The night office at Jefferson is closed and day office opened, making some train order work for Bro. Hill. Bro. Meador went through here today on No. 23, hunting a new field of labor, can not say where the chief will land him.

Medford telegraph office closed days and opened nights, this puts Mr. Ausherman on a night trick now.

Boys, did you see the report of Commissioner Love, of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission? He said he had just been over the Rock Island lines, in Oklahoma, found the agent and operators a very generous and accommodating set, and attending strictly to their duty, and that he also found a very large amount of improvements being made by the company, and that when this was completed the Rock Island would be the best line in the Southwest. I hope we deserve this compliment.

The agencies at Addington, Ninnekah and Temple are open on bulletin, also the position of operators at Chickasha, Kingfisher and Marlow. You boys that are not satisfied should get your bid in on some of these.

Well, will cut this out this time and try and have a better one next time.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am, Fraternally, W. E. JACKSON, *L. C.*

El Paso Division—

Kingsdown, Kan. to be opened with an operator and agent; bids should be sent in at once.

Bro. M. E. Holliday has been appointed agent at Plains, Kan., vice S. R. McCammant.

The hours of the operators at Texahoma and Narvisa have been changed.

H. E. York and E. J. Kelly, of Hutchinson, Kan., sent in their applications this month. Let the good work go on. There are several more on this division who should send in their appli-

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cations, and several who have failed to remit their dues for the last half. Boys, you should look after this at once and keep in line.

Bro. T. O'Connel, of Texhoma, off on a vacation, having business to look after in Kansas City; is being relieved by Mr. Bilton.

S. F. Mowyer, our old-time friend, is now working at the key at Bucklin, Kan.

There has been very few changes on the El Paso Division in the last six months. Bro. Brown, who was down over this division a short time ago, called on the chief dispatchers at Pratt and Dalhart, and was informed that they had the best set of men on the division now, that they had ever had. This speaks well for this division, but he says there are several who have failed to remit their dues for this last half of the year.

I hope that the boys along the line will try and take enough interest in our journal, and the El Paso Division, to drop me a few lines of news each month, so that we can have at least a few items of news in each month; other divisions have these and there is no reason why we should not be able to do as well as they. I hope to hear from several before the next isssue, so that we can make a showing and a fair start for the coming year. Let us all start in on the New Year with the right foot, and by this time next year we will be able to make as good a showing as any of them.

Wishing you all a Prosperous New Year.

E. L. M., *Local Chairman.*

Des Moines Valley Division—

A word further in regard to Bro. C. W. McCarty, Auditor, Wapello Co., Iowa, who was re-elected to that office in November. It will be a pleasure to the members of this division to learn that Bro. McCarthy is doing the Auditorship work, with the same efficiency that characterized his work in the railroad service. His work passed through the state office without a correction, and he has been congratulated from that high source for his exceptional neatness and thoroughness.

Have you paid your dues for the current term?

As predicted in these columns last month, Bro. Brown is now agent at Manson.

Bro. Stanley, late of the Iowa Central, has been appointed regular agent at Douds. Bro. Stanley will transfer to this division as soon as possible.

Bro. Chas. Copp is agent at Rossie.

Hartley is on bulletin. Cannot say who will get the position.

General Chairman Brown was over the south end of the division just before Christmas. He was enroute to the Northern District.

Bro. Warner is getting out some fine Morse by the aid of his new "Masheen."

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C., B. & Q. Ry.

As I write, this year is nearly at a close, setting like the evening sun, to rise on the morrow, as it were, to bring all a new year.

It is natural for one, at the beginning, to look back over the past year with a retrospective glance to ascertain what has been accomplished, then commence to set stakes in the new year for a more resolute and progressive undertaking. It is then that we first realize that we have not done all we could to get all there is for us.

The year has been a most prosperous one for the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, especially so on the Burlington; therefore, we must congratulate ourselves that, notwithstanding the greatest panic of the age, we have accomplished a great deal, with great things in the future within our reach.

The man who says I am with you in spirit, but will not do anything to help you, and can not join you, is like a man who is holding back while pretending to help you carry a load. There is no middle ground in this business; you are either with us or against us.

It is the combination of strength that brings results. Can we realize what a pitiful condition we would be in today were it not for those who could see a good thing and help it along? There are many who pretend to see no benefits in organization, even to this day, because they do not want to contribute to the movement, still they are quite willing to face the pay car each month and take all we have given them without a murmur, and say, "I would have got it anyway." They are like the fellow that dropped a nickel in the contribution box and took out a quarter.

It matters not what your position is—agent; telegraph operator, telephone operator, leverman, towerman or signalman, you should unite with us for the betterment of your own conditions. You can not afford to work for $25 to $50 per month. Living expenses have nearly doubled in the past ten or twelve years and wages have only increased slightly. Unfortunately there seems to be no immediate prospect of a decrease in your living expenses. You are growing older every month and year. Have you nothing better in sight than a mere living, as you are now earning? How about old age, the rainy day, sickness and the many drawbacks to this life? Is a scant living from hand to mouth all there is or should be in this world for the man who toils and earns his daily bread by the sweat of the brow, and finally ends up with nothing for old age, whilst others build up massive fortunes out of your labor and live in all the luxuries of the day, simply because we have neglected all these years to unite in our demands for a fair and just return for our labor. No man is more justly entitled to a decent living than the man who does the manual labor which builds the fortunes of the investor. There is mighty little consolation in this life if one has to work hard all the best days of his life and then when old age overtakes him he finds himself without proper means to sustain life the balance of his days. True it is that it matters not how much

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some might receive, they would never have a dollar saved up when old age overtakes them; but the great majority of men try to save up a little to keep the wolf from the door when the time comes.

It has been asked: "Why is it that railroad men, as a rule, do not save any money?" This is very simple. It takes all he earns for living expenses. Do not wait with the expectation of your salary being raised unless you first demand it. It is thus through organization that just demands are made for a better wage. It must then behoove you to join the craft that has been the means of bringing about the little increase you are now receiving.

A peculiar thing about the 'phone system is that it does not expedite station work. It will not juggle freight, load baggage, make reports, and do all the thousand things there is to be done about a station, hence is there a sufficient reason for a slash in salary? Why should a man who is using a 'phone work for less salary than a man who has the telegraph in his office?

The idea that doing a little telegraph work each day and doing two men's work in other station duties is just reason for reducing salaries $2.50 to $20.00 per month, and sometimes more, is too unreasonable to think of. The telegraph work about a station is a mighty small part of the duties required. It requires the same amount of responsibility to operate trains with a 'phone as it does by telegraph; but the idea of using school boys and young girls, as some are doing or will do, may end disastrously to some one.

I would advise all concerned to not fight the telephone. If it is a good thing, let it come, we will all receive benefits from it.

If the railroads benefit by it, we will share in its good just as sure as the companies need men to do their work. They can not operate railroads without men; and let me say to you that their most valuable men at all times are the station agents. They are the men who get the business for them and handle the station accounts. The operator does his part in the operation of the railroads. We do not wish to take anything from him, but it is the agent who is the valuable man. Do not let this be overlooked. We have been getting the membership of more old agents in the past year than of any other class, which shows the tendency is in the right direction. During the past the agent has not been given proper recognition, but in the future we are going to look more to the agents than heretofore.

As a matter of justice to all concerned let us get together in the movement for better things. It is through organizations' just demands that you have got what you have, and you would be working yet for your old wage were this not true. It matters not if you are an exclusive agent, your interest is identical with ours, and your position is not so secluded that you should not be a member of our union. It is right where you should be and where everyone will eventually have to be, in order to build up the salaries as they should be. I know of a great many large stations that are not paying what they should by at least $20.00 per month. Think of a man working at one station eighteen or twenty years and now getting the great sum of $88.00 per, and in a large station at that. A man can make that much out on a street corner vending peanuts and not have to work on Sunday, either.

The essential things to a good railroad are: good men, good work, everything done according to the latest instructions, prevent accidents, keep stations in good order, don't be back numbers, be progressive, do not wait for the auditor to tell you to clean up—do it without being told; keep things slick. The essential thing to bring about all these things is good wages—good living wages—that enables one to lay aside something for the rainy day and the wife and babies after the father has departed from this vale of tears.

We don't want the lion's share, but we want our just share. We are not getting it. Who will make a start?

M. J. JOHNSON, *General Chairman.*

Sterling Division—

Several new members added to our list this month leaves but few nons on this division.

Among the renewals and new members this month are Bros. J. H. Cuddy, of Mitchell; R. E. Cozad, Bertrand; C. L. Friddell, Wallace, and Bro. Thornbrugh, of Grover, transferred.

Bro. Thornbrugh, holding down Grover, comes from the U. P.

Since the recent changes on the High Line, there are two good men over there not yet lined up. Understand both are ex-members, and no doubt their names will soon be on our list. Write them a line on the subject.

Mr. L. B. Lyman, our division superintendent, has been given a well-merited promotion, going to the Wymore Division, being relieved by Mr. W. M. Weidenhamer.

During our recent absence on committee work four different agents undertook to do the work at Mercer, neither one of them held a card and, judging by the work they did, only about one of the bunch was worthy of one.

Several of the boys have asked about the new schedule and I hope by the time this reaches you something more definite will be known. There is no question but that some raises should be given to various points on the Sterling Division, and the only way it will ever be done is for each one to present his case in a way to show its merits. Keep up an active interest in the Order from year to year and see that others do the same. There is no other way to gain the needed increases.

J. T. MADDOX.

Aurora Division—

By the time the January TELEGRAPHER reaches us we will be fairly started on the new year. Let us strive to make the new year one of great revival on the Aurora Division. This division should rank first, at least in point of numbers.

If it were not for the better condition on the balance of the system we would fare poorly, in-

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deed. When discussing the conditions with a brother from over the river, he remarked: "I think you will find a different class of men entirely west of the river." Is that a fact? Well, so it would seem, from the manner we have let that "telephone night-mare" play havoc with us. But they, too, have the telephone and are meeting the proposition like men.

It has taken a great deal of hard work to secure the advantages that we thus far enjoy, and it is going to require as much or more to maintain them, let alone acquiring better things.

We will get whatever we, as a whole deserve. So it is up to each individual employed on the division to do *his* part in developing the whole.

The managers of railroads are alive to their interests and are to be commended for that interest. Why should we not take an active interest in the market wherein our labor is disposed of?

Business is business, and employers are not going to make concessions for which the employed make no demands, no more than would you pay fifty cents a pound for butter that you could buy for half that sum.

If we are to get prosperous we must adopt the methods of the prosperous.

Wake up, everybody! Get into the harness!

C. and I. Branch—

Bro. Schaffer, second trick telegrapher at Rochelle, is in a Chicago hospital at this writing, undergoing an operation.

Bro. Ostewig, who has been a wanderer since the telegraphers lost out at Shabbona, is relieving Bro. Schaffer at Rochelle.

Bro. Heath, first trick telegrapher at Flag Center, has resigned and was relieved December 15th.

Another lady's voice is to be heard on the 'phone at Sugar Grove, making three lady 'phoners on the C. & I. Unable to say at this writing who the young lady is. Usually the ladies are not slow to discover the advantage of carrying up-to-date cards, and we hope this case will not prove an exception to the rule.

Bro. Mades is working first trick at Flag Center since Bro. Heath resigned. Have seen no bulletin of the position, as yet, so can not say who will get it regular.

Bro. Hemingway is back working first trick at Oregon, after enjoying a few days off. He was relieved by Bro. Ostewig.

All the telegraph instruments have been cut out on the C. & I. branch, except at Rochelle and Flag Center. These are left on account of the Rockford branch, where, as yet, the men are not bothered with the 'phone.

Including Oregon and all offices west, the North American wire is still in commission, as our friend, Mr. W. W. Ryder, was unable to get it taken out. Only sorry that the North American does not cover the whole system.

A new 'phoner is working at Chadwick, and is having his troubles.

We had music on the 'phone the other night, furnished by the 'phoners at Big Cut. It was fine.

The 'phoners working on the C. & I. branch seem anxious to join the Order. We should get busy and line them up.

While waiting on the 'phone the other evening for an opportunity to "OS," I heard a 'phoner ask the dispatcher what a "19" order was. This, with several instances of the kind, has me wondering as to how some of them ever passed the "required examination?"

Bro. C. F. Horn, first trick telegrapher at Rochelle, took in Chicago after pay-day.

By the time this appears in print we will be able to see the results of the visit of the Grand Division organizers on the good old C. & I.

Streator to Wenrock and Mendota to Walnut Branches—

Bro. H. R. Whiting, day operator at Tampico, has been on a vacation the past three weeks, spending most of the time about Denver, Colo., and Kansas City, Mo. Ray Ness has been holding down the Tampico stunt.

We learn that the Kasbeer depot was robbed last Thursday night, December 17th. They got a couple of card tickets. Kasbeer to Ladd, and relieved the agent of his shotgun and a box of shells.

Since the nine-hour law went into effect and the tariff proposition so great, some of the boys on the Mendota branch find that their hours are too short for the amount of work they have to do and the insufficient help. Remedy, more help.

Helper J. A. Miller, from Walnut, now has a 'phone job at Chadwick. Bert Dunn took helper's job at Walnut.

On account of the new electric road building into Tampico, and that city putting down a great amount of new pavement, the company had to store Tampico dead freight in the yards at Walnut and Denrock, because of the blockade this caused in Tampico yard.

Fox River Branch—

Mr. Ray Ness has now returned to Sugar Grove since relieving Bro. Whiting, of Tampico.

Mr. W. L. Hendricks, of Sterling, visited relatives at Oswego during the early part of December.

Want to do a little missionary work with the good folks on the Fox River branch in the near future. Hope Bro. Pahaly, of Oswego, can render assistance with those we are not acquainted with. However, Bro. Pahaly has no trouble in finding occupation for his time since he is handling the station alone.

Main Line—

Rumor says a new tower at South Aurora in 1909. I suppose a new machine would be acceptable to the boys at "RO."

Operators at Montgomery are still letting trains onto the main line from the Fox River branch by hand switch. It has long been a mystery as to why there is no tower at Montgomery, as the peculiar conditions and general make-up of the yard there demands. Perhaps this is one of the several reported to be slated for the coming year.

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Bro. Carley, of Bristol, relieved Bro. Brundage, of Somonauk station, a couple of weeks in December. Bro. Carley was relieved by Mr. West, of Sugar Grove.

We are not out to get the 'phoner, but to get him something. To place him in a position where he will not get us, and thereby finally get himself. Once the reduction starts there is no telling where it will end. History tells the safeguard against long hours and reductions.

Bro. Stein, of Sandwich, relieved by Bro. A. J. Johnson for several days this month on account of sickness. Glad to report him back in good health.

Bros. Todd and Noack are still on the job at Sandwich. From all reports this station is outdoing her former records, notwithstanding the general business depression.

Bro. Brundage, of Somonauk station, is still on his vacation at this writing; relieved by Mr. Johnson, of Princeton.

Mr. Johnson made a hurried visit to his home Christmas night to enjoy a few hours with a brother who was home for the Christmas festivities.

Bro. Dillon, of Somonauk Cabin, is the possessor of a nice, new piano and a violin.

Hope the committee will be successful in making the proper arrangement of hours and other conditions for the boys at "D," Mendota. They are receiving instructions for the handling of trains by telephone in a manner of greater importance than the average block station. There seems no reason why this does not come under the jurisdiction of the nine-hour law.

A. J. Johnson bid in third trick at Zearing.

W. L. Crossett, from Zearing, third trick, to Altona, first trick. H. A. Abrahamson off on account of sickness.

C. E. Hade is back to Wyanet, third trick, from agency at Flag Center.

B. E. Jones, from third trick at Wyanet to third trick at C., I. & S. Junction.

Think A. W. Butterfield, formerly of Earlville, is now agent at Flag Center.

W. L. Crossett, Altona first to Buda third trick, relieving Fred Landon, who was off on ten days' vacation around the holidays.

It is now up to each and every member to get on his fighting clothes and go after those nons, operators and 'phoners alike. If you "come clean" all they can do is to sign up, and they are doing so right along. One or two can not do it all. Wake up and brace them!

Wish to hereby thank the several brothers on the different branches who have so kindly furnished items of news, and so generously given their time for the answering of questions, etc. If this spirit is continued to be manifested we should make some great progress in the near future.

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Sheridan Division—

Another year has passed and a new one begun with prospects and prosperity never any better for the agent and telegrapher, and we should wake up, realize the fact and make it a year that will be put down in history as one that no book can cover. There is quite a pile of work before us, and we should start early and get it cleaned up. The telephone has done no harm to us on the Sheridan Division, and I believe it will not.

The first thing you should remember is paying your dues and assessments in the M. B. D., and save a lot of work for the secretary. His address is W. A. Henry, Fairfield, Iowa. The dues are $5, besides your M. B. D., which you remit to L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo.

There have been several changes made since the last write-up and I doubt whether I am posted on them all or not.

Bro. F. M. Reed, from Division No. 76, relieved Mr. Sriver, who went to Crow agency.

Bro. G. E. McPherren, agent at Toluca, relieved Mr. Duke at Upton, who resigned. G. E. was relieved at Toluca by Bro. Seaton, who has been moving around considerable the last two months. Seaton relieved at Gillette by Mr. Pollard.

Bro. M. J. Fox relieved Mr. Pollard at Oriva.

Mr. Jackson sent to Osage on Sister Shaughnessy's return to Arvada.

Bro. C. W. Wright, Clearmont, third trick, has tendered his resignation, going back to Iowa. He was relieved by Operator Feldberg, from Wyola.

We can extend our welcome to H. V. Cooper, Cambria, and Miss Ada Norton, Ralston, back in the Order again.

A Miss M. R. Moore is doing the second trick at Upton, and J. B. Faulkner third trick.

Bro. G. B. Frederick and wife are holding down Osage days and nights.

Bro. E. M. Richardson, third trick at Moorcraft, transferred to Newcastle as cashier, relieving Bro. J. Vacek, extra agent. Richardson was relieved by a Mr. Ryan.

Bro. Sam Kelley, nights at Clifton, was relieved by Bro. C. P. Wilson.

A Mr. W. H. Powers is doing the night stunt at Dewey.

Sister Ollie Haatvedt is stationed at Frannie, second trick. She comes from the G. N.

Mr. O. A. Roode, nights at Verona, refused to fill out our information blank. We have lost quite a bit of sleep over it (?).

See how many nons you can scare up for this month.

No cards, no favors. COR.

Beardstown Division—

Bro. H. F. Martin, who worked at Sesser for some time, and who was always an active and worthy member of our Order, is now in the general merchandise business at Brighton, Ill., and prospering.

Rouse these nons up and get them in line. Before this reaches you we expect to have a new schedule, in which all 'phone positions are shown, and also have a great many things corrected that have been unpleasant in the past few months. On December 7th the general committee met in Chicago, and on December 12th presented their proposition to the company, and the meeting time has been set for January 5th. We certainly wish

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them the best of success and hope for many better things in this schedule.

Bro. C. K. Hanks, first trick at Hagener, is now laying off for about fifteen days. Mr. Fundel, of Alsey, relieving him.

Bro. H. L. Schaffer, first trick at Astoria, was off a few days the first of this month, having his eyes doctored in Chicago. We are pleased to learn that they are now much better, but he has to wear glasses and be very careful of them yet.

During Bro. Schaffer's absence Bro. F. C. Haist, regular third trick, took first, and Bro. R. L. Keating, third trick.

Bro. Keating is now third trick at Browning.

Bro. Schwartz, of Arenzville, was off a few days the first of this month on account of the illness and death of his grandfather at Astoria.

Bro. R. O. Willette, formerly of Adair, has resigned there and Mr. A. D. Hale is working as agent.

Now, get after those nons and show them their folly, foolishness and selfishness in not joining the Order. This is no time to quit working; we have much to gain and must keep after things and keep them moving. Now get after them and do not stop until they are all lined up.

Whenever there is any news, however likely you think I am to get it any way, please drop me a card and I will be thankful I assure you. Please try now and help me have a write-up each month. Wish, particularly, some one on the Jack Line would take upon themselves the task of giving me the changes down there.

Whenever you know of a place that becomes vacant and a bulletin is not issued at once, please tell me, and I will have same bulletined. I do not know of all these places and can not notice all the changes that are made, but must have your help.

There are a great many good promises for new members during January, and when we get our new schedule we must go after the nons harder than ever. Please go after your neighbors and work on them hard.

All that have not paid dues for the present term should do so at once. This is something that can not be neglected. We can not hope to get better wages and better conditions unless we support the Order that gets them for us. Those new cards are nice ones and are being issued rapidly; they are white and very nice to have. Am pleased to note that quite a few have them now, December 26th. W. A. S.

Brookfield Division—

Bro. Chipman, first trick operator at Monroe, off a few days.

Bro. Withers, third trick operator at Hunnewell, working as agent at Withers Mill.

Bro. Skinner, agent at Anabel, has resumed duty after a short vacation.

Unable to learn who gets the three new tricks recently created at Brookfield. Understand the salary is to be $60.00.

Mr. W. F. Theihoff, superintendent of the Ottumwa Division, spent a few hours at Hunnewell, Christmas day, visiting home folks.

Bro. T. D. Freeman is working second trick at Chillicothe. Bro. Freeman is a first-class station man, and is kept pretty busy doing the relief work. Understand there is to be a regular relief agent appointed about the first of the year. Suppose Bro. Freeman will stand a good show for the position, as he has done the relief work for several years.

Bro. H. S. Fullmer, is spending Christmas with home folks in Iowa.

Mr. C. W. Carroll, of Carrollton, Mo., is working third trick at Hunnewell, during Bro. Wither's absence.

Mr. G. N. Little, of Sumner, Mo., is working third trick at New Cambria, during Bro. Fullmer's absence.

Mr. R. B. Jordan, agent at Chillicothe, spent Christmas with his wife's parents, near Hunnewell.

Bro. Taylor, first trick operator at South Park, is spending a few weeks in Colorado, for his health. Mr. Parrish is filling the vacancy.

On account of being away we are unable to get all the news this time.

Why don't some of you moss-back kickers take the time to send me a few items? I haven't received an item of any description from anyone this month. You must not expect a thorough write-up, unless you lend a hand. Hope some of you will take pity on me, and help out with this work next month, if you don't, don't blame me if the write-up is short. L. C.

St. Joseph Division—

It is Bro. H. C. Birch, at Quitman, his application being turned in to us this month.

Bro. W. L. Bivins, at Block 36, transferred to this division also this month.

Applications are not coming in very fast lately, there is plenty of material left, boys; don't let up until they are all lined up. You that have not paid for the next term, should do so as soon as possible. Let's start off in good shape this year, and see how many of the nons we can land.

Bro. R. L. Haley, at Curzons, off a few days; relieved by Bro. H. E. Millen.

Relief Bro. P. B. Kenneth worked one night at Hintons, being called to St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. D. A. Whitmore is working relief now.

Mr. D. A. Whitmore, now relief at Hintons, gets first trick at Parkeville on bulletin.

"13" Relief Operator F. O. Boyle draws Hintons on bulletin.

First trick operator at Parkeville to get agency at Nebraska City Junction on bulletin. Parkeville open.

Bro. Henderson, second trick at Bigelow, taken ill December 12th, and has gone to Kansas City. A man by the name of Selleder doing relief.

Mr. J. P. Renfrow returned to Watson, December 7th.

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Bro. P. B. Kennett, from Watson to Hintons, as relief; Bro. A. E. Finch, Hintons to Craig, and Mr. R. R. Fields, Craig to Rushville, the latter two taken on bulletin.

Bro. O. C. Wallace returned to Parkeville, December 1st. Relief Operator Boyle going to Halls, to relieve agent.

Mr. D. W. Henderson, formerly agent at Nebraska City Junction, to second trick at Island Park, on bulletin.

J. R. Walters, agent at Beverly, has resigned. Can not say where he is going.

Now you illustrious nons, that chance to read this, January 1st, 1909:

Resolve, If you can not set the world on fire, you won't be a wet blanket. In other words a "knocker." Get one of those little paste boards that come so cheap, and then see that you always keep the proper pass-port. CORRESPONDENT.

Ottumwa Division—

Business seems to be getting pretty good, and as an indication that it is, second and third tricks have been opened up at both Cameron and Woodburn. Heretofore these have been twelve-hour positions, since the 4th of March.

Bro. Keck bids in Middletown, bumping Bro. McBride. Unable to learn where Bro. McBride went.

Bro. L. A. White, of Lacona, relieved Bro. Keck at Avery, and unable to learn who landed Lacona.

Mr. W. A. Schellmer is now located at Lockridge, second trick, permanently.

Bro. F. A. Sense was off for a week or ten days, on petit jury service; relieved by Bro. L. S. Grabow. After through relieving at Fairfield, Bro. Grabow left for a visit with home-folks in Chicago. Understand when he returns he takes Batavia, third trick.

Mr. Z. K. Sennet relieved Bro. Grabow at Afton, third trick.

Mr. Dan O'Connel, night wire chief at "CW," Ottumwa relay office for past several years, is now working days in same office as operator. Relieved by Mr. Brist, formerly second trick wire chief at Creston. This move bumped Mr. J. E. Gillespie, who has taken "UK," Ottumwa yard office, first trick. Mr. E. P. Wright taking the second trick. Mr. M. A. Swanson, in turn, bumping Sennet at Chariton.

You that have a non working with you, it is your duty to see that they make application at once.

Have received no notes from any one, and the above is what has come to my attention.

CERT. 283.

Alliance Division—

B. A. Darrow, at Mason, returned to work on December 19th, after a vacation of three weeks. Bro. Triplett relieving during his absence.

Extra Agent J. W. Thompson, from Broken Bow, where he was relieving Ed. Powell, to Dunning, the 22d to relieve I. Allstatt, on account of sickness, I understand.

R. L. Miller, an old extra agent, Alliance Division, late from cashier, Newcastle, relieving E. A. Chambers, Custer, on vacation.

Operator Cox is transferred from Alliance telegraph office to dispatcher at Deadwood.

F. M. Vincent, at Hill City, is off 30 days, went to Valentine. "13" he will make a change to the east end when he returns to work.

Deadwood line is equipped with the automatic telephone, it works pretty good; the call or gong rings continually until answered, and will wake the dead two blocks away. It will be hard on the "old-timers" (who are bald-headed), in summer or fly time on account of having to take your hat off and adjust the halter ahound your neck, over your head, etc.; and some arrangement should be made for a third hand, as an operator (?) cannot push the buttons, hold a stylus, a "31" and the various other accomplishments all at the same time. He also needs a strap attached to his foot, so the can throw the board. The machinery would do credit to a central telephone office or an electric light plant.

Bro. C. F. Cheadle, at Sweetwater, returned to work after three or four weeks' vacation. A new depot has been put up at "SR," suppose "CF" didn't hate to move out of his old home—three box car bodies. Cheadle has the distinction of being the first, last and only agent at Sweetwater, with the exception of Bro. Williams, extra agent, who relieved him while away on his vacation.

Understand Prettyman, of Hyannis, is figuring on a two or three weeks' vacation, in the near future.

"Bad Order" Jordan, at one time an operator on this division, is now in United States Signal Service. He called up some of the "old heads" from the W. U. "CM" office, the other day. Says that "Uncle Sam's" jobs look pretty nice on paper, but when you commence holding them, they are something different. He thinks he wants back to the road for his.

By the time this appears in print, we shall have heard from the committee, in regard to the revision of our present schedule.

Understand there will be a meeting held in Omaha, or vicinity, in February or March, for the purpose of selecting a general chairman and secretary of the division, by the local chairman of the different divisions. The time is also near at hand when we will select a delegate to the convention, to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, next May.

Members are paying up their dues in pretty good shape, and we have the promises of quite a number of applications, and have received quite a few already; from appearances now, unless some of the "old heads" drop out, we will be nearly solid by February 1st.

This space has been blank in several of the past numbers, and will be so again, when no items are contributed. "Too busy," is a mighty

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poor excuse, tell the truth; the best contributor we have works in a "roast." It don't take but a couple of minutes and a one cent postal card to write two or three news items, and they make pretty good reading. I'm told by the fellows who have gone to other parts, so "tighten up and come through" next month.

Time for paying dues is here again, and the great majority have already remitted for the new card, but there will be a few who will wait until the last month in the term before they remit. Boys, you shouldn't do this, it causes extra work; you are not up-to-date in case of trouble, and it costs no more to pay it right on time than it does a little later. Every organization, whether labor, fraternal, church or political requires money to advance the interests of those they represent, and the same with our own, every dollar is spent in a useful cause, and more could be used. So, boys, don't delay, please get the new card, and be among the first. Don't forget the Mutual Benefit Department dues, if those are not kept up, you will lose the benefits gained by remitting your local dues.

Mark A. Miller, night man at Orella, is a new member, also W. R. Keaton, night man at Whitman; and "Baldy Brown," of Hecla, has been reinstated. That shows a few know which side their bread is buttered on, and will start in the New Year right. If we keep up at the rate we have past month, we will soon be the banner division of the system, which we were for sometime. But the Alliance Division has been losing ground the last few years, until recently.

SLEEPY IKE.

Ashland Division—

Bro. W. E. Snethen, agent at Dakota City, off a few days last month, taking a trip up to the sand hills, looking for a King Cade farm, but found nothing that looked better than the railroad work, unless the 'phones get too thick; relieved by Mr. W. F. Byerly.

Bro. Byergo, at Burnswick, is back from his vacation. Mr. Smith, who was relieving him, went to York to work third trick.

Bro. Krudson, of Goowin, off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Droel, can not say where from.

Mr. W. W. Key, second trick operator at Gretna, is relieved by Mr. L. C. Kimball, agent at Chalco, for thirty days' vacation.

C. A. Simmons, a new man from the Union Pacific, relieved W. W. Key, second trick at Gretna.

J. C. Janak, Cert. 1696, St. Joe Division, is at South Omaha.

Bro. R. Saul, second trick man at Havelock, on a fifteen day lay-off. Bro. Martin is filling his place during his absence.

Bro. Vany was a Lincoln visitor on October 22d, and intends to make trips twice a week in the near future, to take music lessons.

Harry Likewise, third trick man at Platts, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. McGowen.

Ray Abbot, first trick man at Ashland, was a visitor at Greenwood last week.

A lineman once said that every operator that was cut out by the 'pones, it would take an extra lineman as they are always out of order.

Mr. W. Clements, first trick at Platts, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Aultz.

Bro. W. E. Aultz, second trick operator, has left the "Q." Last heard of working for E. J. and E. at Chicago Heights. Mr. Howerter is now heaving the levers in his place.

Mr. E. MacMullin, third trick at Gretna, is back at work, after a month's vacation.

Bro. L. E. Kimball, agent at Chalco, is back at work, after a month's vacation.

Bro. Mayfield, second trick, at Platts, is acting as cashier during the absence of the regular man. Bro. Mayfield relieved by Mr. Simmons.

Bro. Puryear, of Winslow, relieved by Mr. B. C. Prescott.

Bro. Puryear, formerly of Winslow, is now located at Harington, Neb., running a pool hall.

Bro. "Red" Miles, formerly of Division No. 130, is now operator for the C. N. W., at Nickerson. He spent a few days at Germantown visiting friends, and at Gretna visiting relatives.

Now, brothers, jar loose and let us always have a good write-up. If there has been nothing doing, do something to cause a little excitement and a good write-up.

I wish to thank Bro. H. D. Glock for his notes.

COR.

Hannibal Division—

Greetings to all memberss.

I wish to congratulate the members for making this division the stronghold of the Order on the C. B. & Q. Ry. Much thanks are due to the old heads on this division, for this good condition of affairs. This division, with a very few exceptions, is solid.

A non has lately been let out at "K" (a "FO" student, for taking too much "close eye" on duty; being relieved by Mr. Bush, an up-to-date settler from California. I am sure our Chief Mr. T. J. Lowrie knows the difference.

Bro. Dempsey, of "RU," layed off a few days last week, on account of his brother having been accidently shot. Though Mr. Dempsey was in a serious condition, am glad to say he is now out of danger and recovering O. K.

The noted cartoonist H. Harry Manuel, lately from the Frisco, is now doing the relieving at Clarksville, on account of Operator Blum taking to the tall timbers.

Dispatchers Sargent, Herring and Moore are doing the manipulating in "DI" office. These are all good men, and the boys ought all try to give them the best of satisfaction, by attending strictly to business. They recognize the difference between a non and an O. R. T. man.

What's the matter with Bro. D. C. McCall, our worthy local chairman? I say he is allright, and I do not doubt every brother says the same.

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Wishing all the members and officials of the grand old Order, of which we are so proud, a Happy New Year. P. C.

La Crosse Division—

We are sorry to see that some of the boys failed to fill out the information blank and return it to the local chairman, as the blanks would have been a great help to him when at Chicago; but we were thankful that so many were as prompt as they were.

Notices are out for another six months' dues. We trust the boys will try and pay up at once. If you could only realize what it meant to do this you would make no delay.

Bro. J. H. Rogers, Jr., our local chairman, was called to Chicago as a member of the general committee. They met at the Lexington Hotel on December 7th and went over the proposed schedule, which was presented to the general managers, who asked for thirty days to consider the changes that were made.

Bro. C. E. Dyer, of Alma, bid in the third trick at De Soto, Bro. Marks going from third to second.

Bro. C. E. Dodge, of Galena Junction, received the day trick at East Dubuque, Operator Groff taking the job at Dubuque "BU" office.

F. S. Clinton, who held the position for the past fifteen years as agent at Prairie du Chien, resigned on December 1, to accept a nice position in the bank at that place. Mr. O'Brien, of Hastings, was appointed to the agency. This being an exclusive agency, it was not shown in the schedule, so the right man had a poor show of getting it. Mr. O'Brien has been in the service only about five years.

A number of the boys have promised to come across the first of the year. We trust that they will remember their promise.

Bro. Chas. Bright is working second trick at Ferryville on account of the sickness of Operator Kincaid.

Some of the night operators are working nine hours intead of eight, making a lap of one hour with the agents in order to help with station work. This saves the company putting on helpers.

Bro. Burns, of Bay City, secured Alma third trick on bulletin.

Bro. Wehrman, of Prescott, spent a few days' vacation in the Twin Cities.

Bro. A. F. Retzlaff, our assistant local chairman, secured the second trick at Cochrane on bulletin, Bro. Rediske, of Stockholm, taking the third trick there.

Bro. Heitman, of Lytles, secured the third trick at Nelson on bulletin.

Operator Strache is doing the owl act as third man at Bay City.

Bro. Heinman, second trick at Trevino, bid in the third trick at Stockholm.

No doubt the boys will be glad to see some items from the north end and we trust that we will receive more from up that way for the write-up next month. If the boys would mail the news to our local chairman, it would save so much repeating, as was done in the write-up for November.

Bro. Kimball, working extra at Marcus, has gone to Curry to work for a while.

Bro. Rupp is working second and Bro. Kemp is working third at Oakland.

Bro. J. W. Ragatz is still with us. He is working at North Yard. He was on a lay-off for a few weeks, visiting with friends in Minnesota.

Glad to see that the boys are getting interested in regard to holding a meeting in the near future and trust that we can arrange for one soon. Most all that have taken it up are in favor of holding it at La Crosse.

Bro. G. L. Dederick as agent at Victory while Bro. Rogers was in Chicago, his son holding his place as second operator.

We trust the brothers will send in all the news they can for next month.

Jobs on the bulletin at the present time as follows: third trick at Maiden Rock, second trick at Grand Crossing, third trick at Diamond Bluff, and the agency at Hastings. Have not heard if any of them have been bid in at this writing.

Last, but not least, is this advice to all brothers: Pay up your dues at once and carry an up-to-date card. "UNION MADE."

McCook Division—

Bro. H. W. O'Donnell is now agent at Akron, Colo.

Mr. Frank Purvis goes from Bartley to Holbrook.

Bro. Art Beezley, of Henley, bid in Wilsonville.

Bro. C. M. Ketler, from cashier at Minden to Bartley.

Mr. Jimmy Boldman, of Indianola, is off on a leave of absence; relieved by Mr. Murray, of relay office.

Mr. Bowker, nights at Orleans, bid in Hendley.

Bro. Howard has finally shook the dust off his feet and left Traer, having bid in Herndon.

Bro. W. C. Congers, operator at Franklin, was assigned Eckley station.

Bro. O. A. Kellogg, Jr., day operator at Alma, is located at Denver Stock Yards for the present. Bro. I. D. Hatton, who did the night stunt, is now working days at Alma. E. G. CARTER.

Galesburg Division—

That storage battery that will work when the dynamo that gives the power to feed the hungry is laid up for repairs is a certificate of membership in the O. R. T.

Bro. Sample, of Graham tower, has bid for a vacation during the holidays.

Mr. Greenwalt, "B" "GT" office, spent Christmas in Michigan.

Bro. Kost relieved Bro. Adams at Barstow. Did not learn who relieved Bro. Kost at Terminal Junction. I "13" he has been away from Terminal Junction nearly two weeks now, and as yet I have not received any bulletin of that position. But I suppose the bulletin will be out in a few days.

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Bro. Adams went from Barstow extra to Plum River tower extra, but did not learn who he was to relieve there.

Since Bro. Fling left us from Barstow there is no one on the north end who seems to think we should have a write-up each month, therefore, we get no items from there, only just what we are able to pick off the wire. It does seem like some of our brothers could send us a few items any way.

Fraternalism is the best trust in the world. No rebates, no discounts, highest interest, perfect safety and value received in all transactions.

Mr. Swisegood has landed Plymouth, better known as "HF." He has the trick from 4 p. m. to 12 m. This still leaves Plymouth a solid mass of nons. Mr. Swisegood evidently had more than he could handle at Prairie City, as he said he didn't have time to fill out an information blank. You all know about how long that takes (about three minutes). I will bet he was busy when he used to work twelve hours.

Bro. Harlan relieved Bro. Graves at Abingdon a few days this month.

The operator who was working extra at "HF" Plymouth, when relieved by Mr. Swisegood, went to Prairie City extra.

Bro. Harland, from extra at Abingdon, laying off at home, later to Yates City a few days, relieving Mr. McCleary. Upon his return he went to Galesburg, and later relieved Mr. E. E. Johnson as agent at Lindon, where there are no wires.

Mr. Paugh, from 4 p. m. to midnight at Peoria yard "SY" office, bid in first trick at Galesburg yards "YD" office, but on account of sickness at Peoria yards, Mr. Fuller states that the transfer will not be made for two or three weeks yet.

Bro. Errickson is now extra at Galesburg yards. He made a bid for the position there, but on account of Mr. Paugh being two days older than he was, he lost out.

The per cent of men financially unable to negotiate a small amount of fraternal insurance is insignificantly small compared to the per cent able to safeguard those of their blood. The range of amounts to be taken up is sufficient to cover the poverty of the poor man and the richness of the rich man. Many poor men are poor because of self-indulgence, and not because of adverse circumstances and conditions. Their self-indulgences make the circumstances. Self-indulgences profit a man wisdom and lose to him standing and respect, without which the wisdom is useless. Boys, let's everybody get busy and see if we can not line up a few of the nons that are on every side of us.

Bro. H. P. Boyes, of Division No. 96, is relieving Mr. Colville at Rio.

You will be surprised to know how greatly interested so many of the men on the Division are in their welfare, but our local chairman certainly had an opportunity to observe their interest when the blanks were sent out for information to be used by our seventh general committee, who met in Chicago at the Lexington Hotel Monday noon, December 7, 1908.

Mr. Taylor, agent at Gilson, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Hendricks. Understand Taylor was not feeling very well, as the reason for his vacation.

Mr. G. E. Moore off a couple of days, attending court. Relieved by Bro. Hendricks.

Bro. M. J. Johnson, our general chairman, stopped off at Galesburg on December 6th, and spent a few hours with Bro. Malone, when on his way to Chicago, where the committee met on December 7th.

The man who delays payment of dues until the last day is generally the man who makes his wife wear her last year's hat. So, boys, let us all keep up to date and cut out this delinquent list. It is useless.

When you feel like swearing at this hard, hard world, go out and hunt up a new member. Your powers of eloquence in behalf of unionism are more forceful then.

Mr. T. R. Whray, first trick at Augusta, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Lewis, from Plymouth.

Bro. E. Adams, who has been working extra on the north end, spent a few days at Camp Point last month.

Bro. Halran from extra at Lyndon to Graham tower, relieving Mr. Jolly.

Now, last but not least, boys, I want this to be a personal notice to every one of our brothers. Let us pay up, keep off the delinquent list and keep ourselves in good standing. Every time your general chairman or general secretary or your local chairman has to write you in connection with your being delinquent, it takes a two-cent stamp, a little time and some stationery, which I think is uncalled for. We all know what the organization is; we all know what it has done for us, and we all know what there is still in store for us, and we know certainly if we all drop out, hang on the delinquent list from one six months to the other, our grand old Order can not accomplish very much. Let's keep our division to the front, and the only way to do this is to be prompt and keep your dues paid up. Remember, this means every one of you.

I sincerely hope this will be our banner year. Let us try to make it so anyhow.

I wish you all a prosperous New Year, hoping that good luck and prosperity will be yours today, tomorrow and always. DIV. COR.

A. C. L. Ry.

Jacksonville District—

Operator J. W. Dickens is relieving Bro. D. M. Bedenbaugh at Winston.

Bro. J. O. Redhead bid in Orlando ticket agency vice Mr. D. Sasser, who bid in Green Cove Springs agency.

Operator Smith is filling in at Tampa, vice Bro. V. C. Campbell, who has bid in first trick, vice Bro. Redhead.

This is all the changes that have been reported.

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Bro. H. D. Corbet, of Carters, had a thrilling experience some time ago at Lakeland. He was on a visit to some friend at that point, and in some way accidentally discharged his revolver or, rather, his Uto steel-jacket shooter, the ball striking him in the side just below the heart, and as good luck would have it, his hide or something was too tough for the bullet to penetrate and he got off with a slight flesh wound.

The local chairman has received one more application. That is not very much, but "every little bit helps."

I have not received a single item from any one this month. Now, boys, if you want and expect me to give you anything like a decent write-up each month you all must help me out, as I am located way down on the south end, and it is almost impossible for me to secure the little happenings all along the line that serve to make a good write-up for us.

"13" Mr. Smith, at Seville, has been let out on account of getting gay with the dispatcher while on the wire.

Twenty-eight boats were cleared from the Winston and Bone Valley branch in the month of November, averaging 2500 tons per boat, which, in rough figures, amounts to 70,000 tons, of phosphate rock. This is moving some rock from this old State, and if the present output is kept up for the next thousand years it looks as if the State will be shipped away. CERT. 1206.

C., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

Cairo Division, North—

Business is picking up on the division. Hauling lots of coal now, but there has been no offices opened up yet.

Our division covers 260 miles of track and to think there is not get-up enough about us to have a write-up of some size.

Let's get a move on us and bring Cairo Division up to the point where it should be.

Bro. Cochran, first trick at St. Francisville, was off a few days sick; relieved by third man, Bro. Ball. Operator Gilkison, second trick man, held down third trick, and second trick was filled by Bro. Curry, who hails from Division No. 31.

Bro. Woods, of "DG" office, Mt. Carmel, was off a few days on account of a painful "pet" on his neck; relieved by Bro. Rogers, of "GV."

Operator Cottam, first trick at Marshall, is serving thirty days; relieved by Bro. Foley, third trick man, and Bro. Foley, in turn, relieved by Bro. Berry, who just recently sent in his application and is now carrying the little piece of pasteboard.

Bro. Dix, third trick at "ON," was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Operator Ford.

Operator R. L. Davis has been transferred from "GV" to Lawrenceville depot.

The third trick at "GV" was bid in by Operator Mike O'Neil.

Operator Hal Terpening, who has been working first trick at "NY," Danville, for the past two months, has gone back to his old job, "DN," Danville third trick, on account of Extra Dispatcher Tucker having left the service.

Bro. Guy Byrd is working first trick at "NY;" Operator R. B. Hill is working second trick, and third trick is on bulletin, but is being held by Operator Fred Tingley, awaiting results.

Boys at "RS" doubled over for a couple of days on account of the wife of E. S. Pritchard, third trick man, being sick.

"13" Operator Ford has resigned on account of letting a train by a "31" at "NE."

R. W. Miller has resigned from first trick at "WG," Danville, to become repairman of the plant there.

First trick at "WG," Danville, bid in by B. D. Turpening.

Who is our division correspondent now?

CERT. 1050.

Chicago Division—

We are now launched upon a new year. What have you done toward starting the new year right? Each new year is a time for resolves. What better resolve can you make than to resolve to labor toward but one goal, "The betterment of the conditions of the telegrapher?"

To you, brother, I would say this means an awakening to the fact that you not only are to pay your dues promptly, but put forth every effort in assisting to bring about thorough organization Do not do in this year as some did in the last, pay your dues and think that you are a good Order man. I am very, very sorry to say that the past year was not a very encouraging one for the local chairman on the Chicago Division, as we certainly had the very greatest of discouragements, some of which were, not paying dues, upon writing to a brother failing to receive a reply, and a great many others.

Now, brothers, you might just as well put this down in your old corn-cob pipe and smoke it: "If you do not intend to keep your shoulder to the wheel something is going to drop and drop hard." It is certainly getting in a bad row when the brothers do not take enough interest to give their chairman the courtesy of a reply to a letter. This can be excused in a non, but in a brother, never. I would rather see you a confirmed non than to have you so disinterested, as then I could think there was some excuse, but when you pretend to be a member and then refuse to take the least bit of interest, you are doing the Order mighty little good.

Wake up! I am doing all I can to try and better things for you, but, as I said, it is certainly discouraging when the brothers take no interest at all. One man can do nothing. Possibly you think that the local chairman is purposely to see that everything goes in first-class shape. This is true in part, but, brother, you are just as essential as any officer of the Order, and the future of the Order depends entirely upon you, so let us have some live ones and stir up some enthusiasm and not have the dead division we had in 1908.

Now for the hasbeens. Have you been doing any serious thinking? If not, it is about time.

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Quite a few, I believe, neglected the dues for the last half of the past year. Is it that you think the committee did their work the first part of the year and would not need you again until the next occasion arises for negotiations to be opened with the management, or were you dissatisfied with the present schedule. Supposing that we all dropped our cards each half year, where do you think you would be? You know pretty well without me putting up any argument on this, if you will but give your mind the privilege of acting. I have just a few words to say to you hasbeens and they are these, "You had better keep an up-to-date in your pocket." A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Trusting that a few nons will get hold of this I will just spend a little time with them. A majority of the nons working on this division know what changes have transpired during the past few years in the working conditions of the telegraphers on the Big Four, hence there is no need of me citing them again. Non, what is your excuse with the beginning of this, the new year? Have not you about run out of excuses? First of all, among the line of excuses, I believe is the "Shortage of long green." You know this is no excuse. Did we not put you on a salary of $55 per the first day of January, 1906? Have there not two years expired since that time? I believe that two years at $55 per month would be about $120 in excess of what you would have received if it had not been for the Order. Now, this does not include any meal hours received. I know some of you received at least $6 per month for meal hours last year. Upon giving this careful thought does it not seem pretty cheap to give $20 of that $120 to $150 you received to those to whom it rightly belongs? No one can say they can not afford to help support us, for no one can deny that they received $120, which they know as well as any one they would not have received the past two years if it had not been for the Order. So please do not let us have any more of this ignorant excuse.

I know of some single men who say they can not afford to join owing to hard times. For the benefit of a few of those would just like to say, I noticed they had enough each pay-day to assist a beautiful jag. Who does you the most good, the brewery or the O. R. T.?

Would just like to say to some of the brothers that I notice some of them seem to, every once in a while, have a small grievance, or at least think they have, and, instead of investigating as they should, they go and do their squealing to some other operator.

Probably you do not realize it, but, brother, you are doing a great deal of harm when you do this. Any non, or possibly brother, hearing your version of an incident which you think is not just right, may take what you say all in good faith, and you may be the means of keeping several out of the Order through thoughtlessness. Now, brother, if at any time there is any thing you you do not understand in the bulletining of a job, or any other act of the Order, or the chief, please write me or the chief and find out the particulars before squealing, and in no case give out your version of the affair before thoroughly investigating, as there are a great many things that can be very easily misunderstood and look altogether wrong to us, unless we know all the circumstances connected with the affair.

Bro. Carter, at "CD," off a night or so.

Sister Van off a couple of days, presumably laying in a supply of Christmas happiness.

Bro. Dupps, at "BY," off a couple of days on a hunt.

Bro. Lang, at "WN," off a day or so, giving thanks.

Bro. Adams, at "MY," off a few days.

Now, as business is starting to prosper, we all feel better and trust that all nons may see their way clear to come over with the goods, as nearly all of them are securing regular jobs, so there should be no further delay. I have talked to several that have recently joined and think it certainly does some good to keep the matter on their minds. So, brothers, pitch in and give Bro. "B" some assistance. I shall do my share.

I thank Bro. Schaf for the interest shown and trust that the other brothers will try and do likewise.

Am unable to secure a write-up from the west end this month, but understand there have been few changes made.

Would like to thank Mr. Borchers for his prompt postings of the changes, which are certainly a great help.

All you that had an old card get a new one, and you that had none, get one. Don't forget that after sixty days you are not in good standing, and it costs no more now than in two months; hence, therefore, it does not pay to take any chances.

Brothers, the future of the Order is up to you, not your general committee, but *you;* so you may expect just what you serve.

W. O. BRINKMAN.

St. Louis Division, West End—

Bro. D. E. Rowe, "NO," Hillsboro, is laying off. Bro. Gibson, from Cairo Division, is working first trick in Bro. Rowe's absence.

Bro. Gibbons, from "NO," Hillsboro, first trick, to "MX," Mattoon, second trick.

Bro. Rowe is back at work after a short illness.

Bro. Arkabuer is back at "FR," Witt, first trick, after being off on account of a sprained wrist. Operator Welch is back at third trick. Did not learn where Operator Glaze went from Witt.

Operator Featherston, at "RI," has changed tricks with Bro. Fitspatrick, "SO." Bro. Fitspatrick is working first, and Featherston is working second tricks.

Bro. Arkabuer, of Witt, first trick, is off a few days, on account of sprained wrist; relieved by Ex-Bro. Welch, third trick man, who in turn was relieved by Operator Glaze, recently from the Terminal.

Bro. Logsdon, who used to work at Witt, is back among us again.

There is some talk of holding another meeting at Hillsboro in the near future. Let's all

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see if we can not fall in line and try to have one at Hillsboro at least once every sixty days.

We should get after that non working beside us, and get him in the Order. Anyone who can secure a member and will let the writer know, I will gladly send you a set of application blanks.

Operator Fitsgerald is working second trick at "DG," 12th street, while Bro. Cross is off a few days.

Ex-Bro. Logsdon is working third trick at "JA," at account of Operator Fitsgerald going to 12th street, Mattoon.

Bro. James Linch is working second trick at "DI" office, in Sam Howell's place. Mr. Howell is off sick.

Bro. Arkabaur, at Witt, is off a few days, visiting at Livingston; relieved by Operator Hart, who after Bro. Arkabaur's return relieved Bro. Wycoff, who is laying off sick.

Bro. Hill, at Windsor, third trick, is laying off; relieved by Operator Crawford of Gillispie.

Received items from only one brother this month. If you want news you will have to send me a few items. As I am unable to find out all the news without some help.

Operator Sam Howell is back in "DI" office again, after an absence of about forty days.

Operator Crawford, of Gillispie, relieved Ex-Bro. Montoyne Pana, third trick, for a few days.

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St. Louis Division, East—

Business is some better than usual.

The joint meeting held at Terre Haute, on the night of October 20th, was a grand success. As early as 9 o'clock a. m. members began to drop into town and assemble at Filbeck's hotel. At 7:30 p. m. quite a crowd of brothers had assembled, from Divisions Nos. 27, 34 and 138 furnished one of her old-time big crowds.

Bro. Philips, general chairman of Division No. 34, called the meeting to order about 7:40 p. m., and as he was on the floor he was the first speaker, and he spoke over an hour. His talk was highly appreciated by all. After Bro. Philips finished his talk a short recess was granted, after which the house was called to order by Bro. Edw. Whalen, general chairman of Division No. 138. A council was held among these present, and it was decided to give a banquet on the night of November 19th. And thirty-four plates went on record as sold, before the close of the meeting. The following Bros. E. A. Smith, Division No. 138; W. L. Sheckle, Division No. 27, and C. C. Brown, Division No. 34, were appointed as a committee to make special arrangements for the banquet, and it was decided to hold the bids for plates open until November 17th.

Bro. G. C. Stokes, second trick at "MA," has been off on a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Hungale of Division No. 2.

Bro. H. A. Willson, of the C. & O., has been doing the stunt on third trick at Reno. This being his first wire work for almost a year, but he carried his card just the same.

Bro. J. F. Gress, agent at Reno, has been off on a few days' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. D. B. Levy, a C. T. U. of A. man.

The interlock plants are being rushed along as rapidly as possible. Several have been placed in service at the present time. Of course, this means additional work for who? The operator.

DIV. COR.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

We still have some nons with us, too many, in fact. Quite a few have promised us their applications for the first of the year, and we hope to start the new year with the division in better shape than any time heretofore.

Brothers get together, get a list of the nons from your chairman, and go after them. Let's make the division solid.

Every member should notify the local chairman of any nons working at their stations; also if any members belonging to other divisions, and help your chairman to maintain a solid membership. He will furnish you with blanks and any other information you may need.

You should realize that it is very up-hill business for a local chairman to keep all these things up without the support of all the members. Above all things, do not forget the O. R. T. is in existence, and if you see any one without a button, find out "why."

We find that a few of the brothers have not come up with the coin for the current term. To these, I would kindly say that this is something that you should not neglect.

If you have a non working with you, try your best to get him to join, and if you fail, remember our motto, No Card, No Favors. And give him to understand that he can not expect any favors from you.

And above all do not double with him, as this is a violation of the law.

Would just like to make mention here of an instance on this division, where a non was working, had been on the division about four months, did not have a card and no one took the trouble to find out why. My first letter brought an answer, couched in the following words: This is the first time I have been asked for my membership. Please send me blanks and I will be with you January 1st.

Now do not let it be said again that we have men working in our midst, without some brother soliciting their membership.

Do not take the hard luck tale any more. That is an old sore. I have in mind a non, who says he will not join, as it would look like he had been drove into it. We do not care, if he is drove or druged in, so he gets in. His name furnished you upon request; it's up to you to do the act.

All three tricks at Silver Creek on bulletin.

"13" that there are two of Jack Devore's school products working at Silver Creek now.

Bro. S. A. Weese is laying off at "ZO."

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Bro. F. R. Lyons, of Division No. 88, is doing the relief act at "ZO."

Bro. C. G. Berry, of "GM," was off a week, hunting.

Bro. A. A. Bright made a call on Bros. Roberts, Smith and Culumber of Dover.

Mr. R. A. Ashenfelter, third trick at Enon, has sent in his papers, so we can call him brother, now.

Bro. A. A. Bright made a trip to Delaware, looking after applications.

Where is that non's application that you promised to secure?

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division held their regular meeting December 15th, at Johnson Bldg., Springfield, O., which was a grand success.

Meeting opened at 8:30 p. m., with Bro. Bright in the chair. Brothers present, 45; respesenting all districts of the division, but as it is a pretty good sized hall, there was plenty of room for those that could, but did not come. The next time that we have a meeting, do not let anything keep you away. What was lacking in number was made up in enthusiasm. The meeting was instructive as well as interesting, and there is no doubt that all present benefited greatly by same. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p. m., when all retired to the banquet room, where refreshments were served. Next meeting, January 3d, Tuesday night.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the beloved mother of our worthy Bro. and Mrs. E. E. Weber; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the membership of the C. C. C. & St. L. Division No. 138 extend to Bro. Weber and wife, our heartfelt sympathies, in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to Bro. Weber and wife, and one of THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. H. LYTLE,
C. G. BERRY,
F. G. HICKMAN,
Committee.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. Roberts, agent at Rushsylvania, is spending his vacation in Missouri. He is being relieved by Bro. L. M. Eberhard, the regular second trick man, while Bro. W. B. Elliott is working second and Mr. McGinnis is working third.

At present we have quite a number of nons working extra, but have been assured by the majority of them that they intend to join our ranks the first of the year.

Bro. Corwin, extra, was called to attend the funeral of his sister.

We would like to know if any of our dispatchers are up-to-date? I take notice that they require a great many favors, and if they are cheap, like a few more on this road, treat 'em all alike.

At present we have the following vacancies to report: Ashley nights, third trick at Ridgeway and Harper, third trick at Vernon and second trick at Harper. These stations were advertised in the course of two days after being vacated.

Our new time table shows two more trains than just the regular ones which have existed ever since this road has been known. It shows the return of prosperity.

If you are in doubt as to what you would wish for a Christmas gift, invest five of your iron men in a new card and be up-to-date at all times.

Boys, don't get lazy and let these nons eat up the earnings we have secured, but go after them and make this division solid.

Some changes on the East end, but as I have no way to find out, can not say what our brothers are doing.

If you wish to send articles to the journal and doubtful who to send them to, let the boys at "VA" know, and I can assure you that we will appreciate any news received from you.

Mr. L. B. Cunningham, recently on the extra list, has fallen into a steady job. He is doing the third trick at "WA."

Operator Corwin, who recently worked third trick at "VN," was relieved by Bro. Bogan. He has gone to Montana on account of his sister being very sick. He expects to stay out there.

Now, brothers, do not forget our new cards, due the first of the year. Try and lay a little away each month and be prepared to send in and have one of the new tickets on the arrival of the new year. Wouldn't we feel proud of our division if every man was a member and not have to work between a couple of nons?

BILL-E.

Indianapolis Division—

Business is good.

Elroy, closed last March, opened again with three tricks.

Degraff night office to be opened shortly; understand with three tricks.

The Western Union construction gang have completed their work between Bellefontaine and Versailles and have cabled all offices.

Three telegraph jobs in "Q" office are advertized. The new one, clerk and operator or copier, has been accepted by Operator Pasho. The other two not filled yet.

Third trick at "BN" yard office also open since the resignation of Operator Roach, who goes west.

Chesterfield and Taft advertised, also Union City.

Extra Dispatcher Hardy has been assigned first trick at Raleigh.

Several new members last month.

I do not believe the railroads are going to make a fight on us in Washington this winter to defeat the nine-hour law or substitute something else, but are going to use the 'phone to knock us out. If we were strong enough at Washington

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to pass the nine-hour law and keep it from being repealed, are we not strong enough again to have some legislation passed to change their minds about this telephone business? Wake up, brothers!

"CANDY."

N. Y., N. H. & H. Ry.

Western Division—

Bro. Van Deusen, at New Milford, while very modestly avoiding praise for his good work, deserves a great deal of credit. It is safe to say that no non is likely to escape him, and the brothers need not borrow any trouble over the nons that get within reach of Bro. Van, for he knows how to unlimber when occasion requires.

Bro. Osborn is laying off a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Schultz relieving.

Bro. Nutting, of Sandy Hook, recently went under a physician's care on account of throat trouble. We are pleased to learn that "KR" is rapidly improving and will soon be entirely cured.

Bro. Halsted, "HW," of Hopewell, visited his brother at Berkshire Junction recently.

Bro. Gallagher has landed third at Brewster, his home town.

Did you hear of the employment agency? Well, never mind. It would surprise you too much; but, nevertheless, we understand one exists, with one who aspires to become an instructor, in a nearby college, which dopes out so-called instruction, spending much good ink and costly paper in the issuance of flaring diplomas. No! No! Do not ask who it is as I am ashamed to tell you.

We observe that the little band of brothers and sisters between Waterbury and Hartford are doing the same old work, and that which has ever been very effective. We understand they have formed a society, binding themselves to allow no non to escape them alive. And while I have heard of no instantaneous deaths over that way, it is safe to conclude that they are living up to their oaths, and in a way that is both advantageous to themselves and the Order, and especially beneficial to the so-called non.

Do you know what you missed in not attending the December meeting in New Haven? The ladies, for one item, and the other item, watching the changing expressions of Bro. MacCormack's usually placid countenance when, by a few appropriate words, Bro. Culver, master of ceremonies, presented "Mac" with the booby prize, which, of course, signified that Bro. "Mac" could not play whist more than a little bit.

Miss Manion was the successful player for the ladies' prize for the most counts, which was a pretty mantle piece, while Bro. Nolan will smoke ten-centers from his prize box of cigars for several days to come.

Bro. Percy, of New Milford, enjoyed a few days' hunting recently.

Chas. E. Leahy, of New Britain, has crossed the line that marks the shore of enlightenment and prosperity. Henceforth he will be known as Bro. Leahy.

Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, is holding down second at Shelton.

Bro. Cassidy, of Sheffield, is working at Stormville, N. Y.

Bro. Cooper has been relieving Miss Gibbs, operator, at Kent, for a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Powell, of New Milford, visited his parents in Philadelphia, Pa., a few days ago.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Ferguson, wife of Bro. Ferguson, agent at Cornwall Bridge, is improving. Mrs. Ferguson was badly burned by an overturned lamp.

I hope and pray that each brother will at this time shake off every particle of the dust of slothfulness and start right out with a determination to think and do, and cause others to think and do. Brothers, the greatest weapon this little body of organized skilled workmen have is enthusiasm. It has been said that a cat never sleeps except with one eye open to the doings of the little prey, and at a moment of carelessness or inattention on the part of the mouse, it is trapped. It is or should be our aim to labor even harder at times when everything seems to be moving smoothly along, for when a man is partially blinded by a certain degree of contentment, falls to sleep; he must always remember that he is one man more lulled to rest, and one more obstacle removed from the path of the machinery of organized capital. Be up and doing every minute of your working hours and you will soon become awaie that you are strengthening the organization which is trying to protect your interests.

A new year is open with new opportunities and possibilities. Let us unitedly make it the greatest year of our organization. Let us make sure that we can look back from the latter end of 1909 and say that we are perfectly satisfied with the progress, that we have individually left no stone unturned that in any way may count to the advancement of our Order and ourselves. This is the resolution each man should make and keep. Have the principles for which we stand ever on our mind and ready on our tongue. Keep the local chairman posted on every new condition of affairs, every irregularity in carrying out of agreements. Plan to send a goodly delegation to every meeting, and we will have done a serious duty and in a way highly commendable to our organization and satisfactorily to ourselves.

Remember the February meeting, brothers. Election of local chairman and all officers, including representatives.

CERT. 23—"SKIDOO."

Third District—

Bro. Van Hamlin has left the service on account of lung trouble, and is going home to spend the winter.

Bros. Barnett, Babcock and Nevins are assigned to first, second and third tricks at Summit.

Operator Leahy is working third trick at New Britain until put up for bid.

"Cheese and Crackers," of Towantic, has left the service and gone to spend the winter in New

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York, among his Bowery friends. It is a wonder this non would not get next to himself and get in out of the cold.

The new tower at Bank Street Junction is in commission, and we hope to see six good brothers wrestling with the levers in this plant.

Bro. Harmon has an operator now, which lightens his work considerably.

Bro. Kellog is back again and working second trick at Towantic.

If some of the nons do not get wise to themselves there is going to be a few names mentioned in our next write-up. So brace up and get in out of the cold. CERT. 565.

Delaware & Hudson R. R.

Champlain Division—

Our meeting of December was very enthusiastic. It was opened in due form by our worthy chief, Bro. Kelley. It certainly looks good to see the attendance pick up.

Applications are coming in in good shape. Telegrapher Anderson made good and can now be called brother. "13" we can expect three more next meeting. Will be pleased to give the applicants the glad hand.

Our due notices will be distributed before this is printed and each member should see that his name is recorded on Bro. Stevens' "big book," and secure our new card for next term.

The annual election of officers, also local chairman and delegates to the convention in May, will be held at our February meeting. Post it up at your ticket window for ready reference. This meeting should be attended by all members who can possibly do so.

The G. M. & S., being a part of the D. & H. System, the members of the O. R. T. on that line look to Division No. 122 as their division. Matters are shaping themselves whereby a local chairman will be appointed for that territory. We have Bros. Sullivan and Govereau working on that end.

At our meeting it was talked of holding same at the principal stations along the line, in order to give those members who are working tricks a chance to attend our meetings. We hope this may be arranged at our annual election.

A number of positions are advertised this month, of which a majority are three tricks, and some of them are O. K. Presume some of the students will bid them in.

Port Henry and Ft. Edward have been discontinued as train-registering offices. It is up to the telegraphers now at those places to keep tab on all trains. I understand this is done so that conductors can attend to their train; one brakeman taken off of each through train and conductors helping passengers on and off.

Our road has inaugurated a new position for "19" orders. The signal for these orders will be *arm extended half way out.* Engineers will blow the whistle four times for conductors to look for these orders.

Business is picking up and a majority of stations report increased revenues. This is encouraging.

Mrs. Sleight, a one-time telegrapher on our division, who has been working at Lake George, has gone to Elizabethtown for the Western Union.

COR.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

Birmingham Division—

There have been several changes on this division in the last few days.

Mr. J. H. Morgan, agent at "BN," sent in his resignation.

Bro. C. A. Pye, at "MK," I "13," has sent in his resignation. Seems as if the boys are hunting themselves a better job.

Why don't some of you write just a few lines to THE TELEGRAPHER? I am such a poor hand to write that I am ashamed of mine. I had rather read THE TELEGRAPHER than to eat when I am hungry. I am willing to do what I can. Let us try to have something in our journal every month, to show that we are not entirely dead. This division is well organized. Why should we just let it go dead in any such way?

I don't think I will work for the road any longer than this year. I think I can make more at something else. The most of the boys seem to be satisfied with what they have, and are not trying to get anything else. It is worth, to say the least, $75 per to sit all day and listen to those little brass things knocking, even if you do not have much to do, and at places where you are crowded and sit eight long hours at your table, one "31" right after another, I don't say what it is worth, but it is worth more than we will ever get at the rate we are going now. As long as we are content to work for what we now get we will never, under the sun, get any more. We all ought to get together and ask for what we ought to have and stick out until we get it. If we were to do this we would be sure to win. We should all go to work and push together, and all push for the same thing. OLD MAC.

Colorado & Southern Ry.

Fort Collins District—

Has this division ever had a write-up in our TELEGRAPHER? Why not redeem ourselves and come to the front, we have a great many good men with us, and nearly all members of our Order. Last fall the Denver and Interurban Electric line commenced operation between Denver and Boulder, making an additional increase in operators and officers. New stations were opened at Webb, Superior, Globeville and Boulder Junction, and increasing nearly all other offices from one and two men to four and five. No increases in salary have been granted for the extra work that now falls upon us. But we wait with patience until the time comes; it is generally understood the C. M. & St. P. has taken

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control of the C. & S., and if correct we will look for many changes in the near future.

D. H. Brooks, at Longmont, recently returned from a few weeks' spent in New Mexico. J. S. Goddard is a new man working nights.

Niwot station again opened with the same old stand-by, W. T. Wilson, as agent.

E. C. Cramel, from the C. H. & D., and H. S. Reed, from the Union Pacific, are new arrivals at Boulder Junction.

Several changes have been made at Boulder union depot. J. P. Colestaff, first trick has returned from his vacation. G. E. Green has resigned, and left for his Alabama home. N. R. Madlik, from the C. R. I. & P., in Iowa, is now on second trick; third trick a new man.

R. S. Canady, who has been dispatching trains in the East, is now at Louisville, until a trick opens. D. S. Fox has just been given the first trick, with E. Z. Brennen, from Illinois, on second trick.

C. D. Patterson is tranferred from first trick at Marshall, to first trick at Louisville Junction. E. F. Doroughty from the I. C., and C. R. Connors from the B. & O., both new men, are working second and third tricks.

M. M. Valentine, for sometime agent at Farmers, is now working the twelve-hour trick at Superior, relieving E. M. Clodfelter, who is now with the D. & R. G.

Webb office opened with N. L. Carson, from the I. C., as first trick, and M. C. Miller, from the O. S. L., on second trick.

C. W. Lanier, of Wisconsin, relieves C. D. Patterson on first trick. T. F. Shea, just from the Rock Island, relieves A. H. Tubbs on second trick, who returns to Alabama. J. L. Shy, of the Cotton Belt, a new man, holding down third trick.

H. P. Sprat, of Burns Junction, spends his Saturday evenings in Denver, doing the week's shopping.

Mr. Hoover, working nights, has now fully recovered from the effects of his collision with a Denver street car, which laid him up in the hospital for three weeks.

Semper opened with three new men.

Nearly all the boys are members of various divisions of the Order, and should be transferred to Denver Division No. 77, and when we are in power make it a straight C. & S. Division.

We would all like to see something every month in our journal from this end of the C. & S., as well as the rest of "The Colorado Road."

F. O. B.

Virginia & Southwestern Ry.

Main Line—

We are certainly glad to see things moving along so nicely now, and it makes one feel good to think that they are doing a good "Biz" again. The panic certainly did hurt us a great deal, but we are having as fine a "Biz" now, as before the hurricane struck us.

The student business is getting fierce just now, and I know of some brothers, or at least they claim to be brothers, that have two and three students in their office. Now, brothers, it looks like you could see that it is against you, as well as the rest of the boys. I can say this much, I am sure that these members will not stay in the grand old Order long, if they don't stop this dirty work they are at. Boys, let's all pull together and cut this business out. Do you "13?"

Some of the brothers are not up-to-date. Brothers, get up-to-date, and see how much better you feel. If all the members would pull together there would be less of this student "Biz," and better wages, as you all can see how this business goes. Now we have one man here that is working for $35.00 per month, and I think there are about two that are working for nothing.

We can stop this if we will only try to do it. So let every man do his part and there will be a great change in less time than it takes to tell the tale.

Bro. W. R. Walker, first trick at Glenita, has been off on a short vacation, visiting Chattanooga, Knoxville and Johnson City, Tenn., while away. He came back to work on the 13th. Was relieved by Bro. Mantz, from the N. & W., a new man over here, but an old Knight of the Key. Bro. Mantz is now on first trick at "KD," relieving Bro. Bailey, who is taking his vacation.

Bro. M. L. McCormick, third trick man at Bristol yard, has left the service.

There is a second trick at Benham now, with a Mr. Young at the bat. Mr. Young is a new man here, but I think he is strictly, No Card, No Favors.

New office was opened up at Mountain, the 13th, with Bro. "Rube" Edmundson at the key.

Miss Georgia Harman, first trick at "FD" is sick; relieved by Mr. J. L. Coffey, not a new man here, but still remains a non. CERT. 6115.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

Bro. P. T. Evans bid in third trick at "DR" tower, Extra Operator C. A. Stover filling the vacancy at "ST" tower third trick.

Bro. E. A. Hudson has returned to duty at Kennerdell after an absence of several days, attending the funeral of his friend, H. L. McKean, near Pittsburg, who was an extra operator on that division.

Bro. Hudson was relieved by Extra Operator Stewart. We think all these extra operators ought to be getting into the Order soon, as they are making almost full time.

Bro. T. L. Ray is off sick at this writing, having gone West in search of a better climate.

There is much dissatisfaction over the recent ruling by the superintendent, which is to the effect that no one would be promoted into "BN" office Pittsburg, in the future, unless considered suitable material for a train dispatcher. By this ruling Bro. W. P. Burns was deprived of his

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position in this office when the force was reduced one man. This is considered a rank injustice as Bro. Burns was the second oldest man in the office.

Bro. C. H. McElhinney has been granted sixty days leave of absence, being relieved at White Rock by J. C. Ramsay.

Bro. A. L. Ritchey has been off sick for some time.

Bro. Wm. Rockwell secured "A" Phillipston first trick on last bulletin; C. H. Hilliard second trick at Wood Hill, Miss Truver second trick at Rock Run, and J. D. McNamara second trick at "BO" tower.

There are still about six members on this division who have not paid their dues for the current term, and to those I would say that if they are satisfied with present conditions and have no thought for the future, why then, of course, it is foolish to pay out money for the support of the organization; but if you would like to see better conditions prevail, and if you are thoroughly alive to your own interests, then it is your duty to yourself, to your family and to your fellow man to help build up an organization that will do in the future what it has in the past, and more, too, as its strength increases and the railroad companies realize that we are an Order composed of decent, law-abiding citizens, whose object is to increase the efficiency of the service in order to be in a position to demand a better rate of pay. Do not become discouraged. A better day is in store for us all, and it only requires patience and perseverence, a steadfast determination that right and justice will and must prevail.

Wishing you all a happy New Year, with good health to permit of your enjoying same to the fullest extent. BRIGHAM.

Belvidere Division—

Why don't some of you boys wake up on this division?

The company is laughing in its sleeve at our working for $54.45; and now the "block" will be working in a very short time, and if we don't make a good kick for more of the "necessary," I am afraid they will go into convulsions thinking over what a lot of easy marks we are. The superintendent showed us up as a lot of "jokes" when we allowed that "cut" not so very long ago.

How many of you can afford to buy Christmas presents for your beloved ones on the salary you are getting? Isn't it a question worth pondering over? I, for one, can hardly afford to buy even a box of candy as a Christmas present, simply because it takes every cent of that $53.70 to keep home and soul together. Think of it, brothers! $54.45 to keep yourself and family on.

RUAM.

Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

No meeting of the club was held for December, it being decided to postpone it until after the holidays.

Bro. Bradley, of Soo Line Junction, is laying off for a month. Have not heard who is doing the relief.

Bro. Liddane, of East St. Paul, is in Chicago at the present writing on committee work. Bro. Kanar is relieving him.

Bro. Line, our secretary, was laid up a few days ago on account of sickness. Mr. Hoagland did the relief act, as towermen were scarce.

Bro. K. A. Preston, of the Soo Line, was in Minneapolis a few days on business.

How many have sent in their dues?

The Soo Line is laying track from Soo Line Junction to Bunker Hill. It is rumored they will dig the tunnel under the Great Northern tracks this winter.

Understand contracts are let for a new interlocking plant at Mississippi Street, work to begin in the spring.

Bro. Mack is billing clerk at the new transfer depot at Worthtown Junction, instead of Park Junction, as reported in last month's write-up.

CORRESPONDENT.



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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 118 is due JAN. 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Feb. 28, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A).....20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....60 cents each

BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER, 1908.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
587	Elbert O. Wilson	Tuberculosis	40	13582	C	$ 650 00
745	Warren R. Givens	Tuberculosis	Grand	22400	C	500 00
753	Angus M. Ross	Endocarditis	Grand	16958	B	225 00
771	Jos. A. L. Page	Heart Disease	29	14723	C	1,000 00
813	Granville M. Hatcher	Paralysis	8	4523	B	500 00
814	J. A. Leonard	Accidental Drowning	118	16843	B	500 00
815	Wm. A. Blind	Killed by Engine	12	28092	A	300 00
816	J. M. Starbuck	Brain Tumor	93	11856	C	1,000 00
817	H. J. Parkhill	Carbuncle	7	812	C	1,000 00
818	B. M. Hutchins	Appendicitis	53	8446	C	1,000 00
819	B. M. Auvil	Typhoid Fever	82	18228	C	1,000 00
820	Anna L. Thomas	Heart Failure	130	19427	C	1,000 00
821	Frank L. Crivits	Tuberculosis	76	8731	A	300 00
822	Herbert R. LaSelle	Acute Enteritis	8	12628	C	1,000 00
823	H. W. Brunskill	Phthisis	43	25541	A	300 00
824	Geo. E. Bronson	Struck by Train	37	20250	A	300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to November 30, 1908	$699,410 11
Received on Assessment Account December, 1908	16,678 91
	$716,089 02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to November 30, 1908	$470,306 47
Death Claims paid in December	10,575 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,124 36
Assessments transferred to dues	184 73
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, December 31, 1908	233,898 46
	$716,089 02

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th and Keller sts., Harrisburg, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. J. S. Leyder, Chief Tel., Thompsontown, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

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No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western Div.—Meets 3d Saturday evening in July, Oct., Jan. and April, at North Tonawanda, N. Y.; March, June, September and December, at Rochester, N. Y.; February, May, August and November, at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. C. F. Loring, Local Chairman, Nelliston, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Electric Zone—Between tower 7, King's Bridge, and "VO" tower, Mt. Vernon to 56th st.—Meets 3d Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., Colonial Building, Rooms 44, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York City. Every third meeting a day meeting at 10 a. m. E. Neumuller, Local Chairman, 136 W. 167th st., New York City. H. R. Vernon, Assistant Local Chairman, representing G. C. Terminal. Chas. Armitage in charge of Station Agents, 125th st. Station, New York City. September meeting will be a day meeting at 10 a. m., and every third meeting thereafter will be a day meeting.

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No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets 3d Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCrocken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

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No. 17, BALTIMORE, M. D.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

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No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Friday evening of each month in Red Men's Hall, 112 West Fourth st., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Friday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel.; 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 2744 Eighth ave., New York City.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. L. M.. Nance, Gen'l Chairman, 3659 Russell ave., St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Holman, Gen'l S. & T., 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1368 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1368 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

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No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 8 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Art. O. Betters, Chief Tel., 216 Summer st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417 Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, chairman Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, chairman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of chairman.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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No. 45, WOODVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman, J. E. Boyd, R. F. D., No. 4, Macon, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weist, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

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No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Systems. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.

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No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B., H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis, st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond. Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, 206 W. 34th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. J. M. Peck, Gen'l Chairman, Farmingdale, Ill.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, Ohio.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Sinton Bldg., 3 East Fourth st., Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

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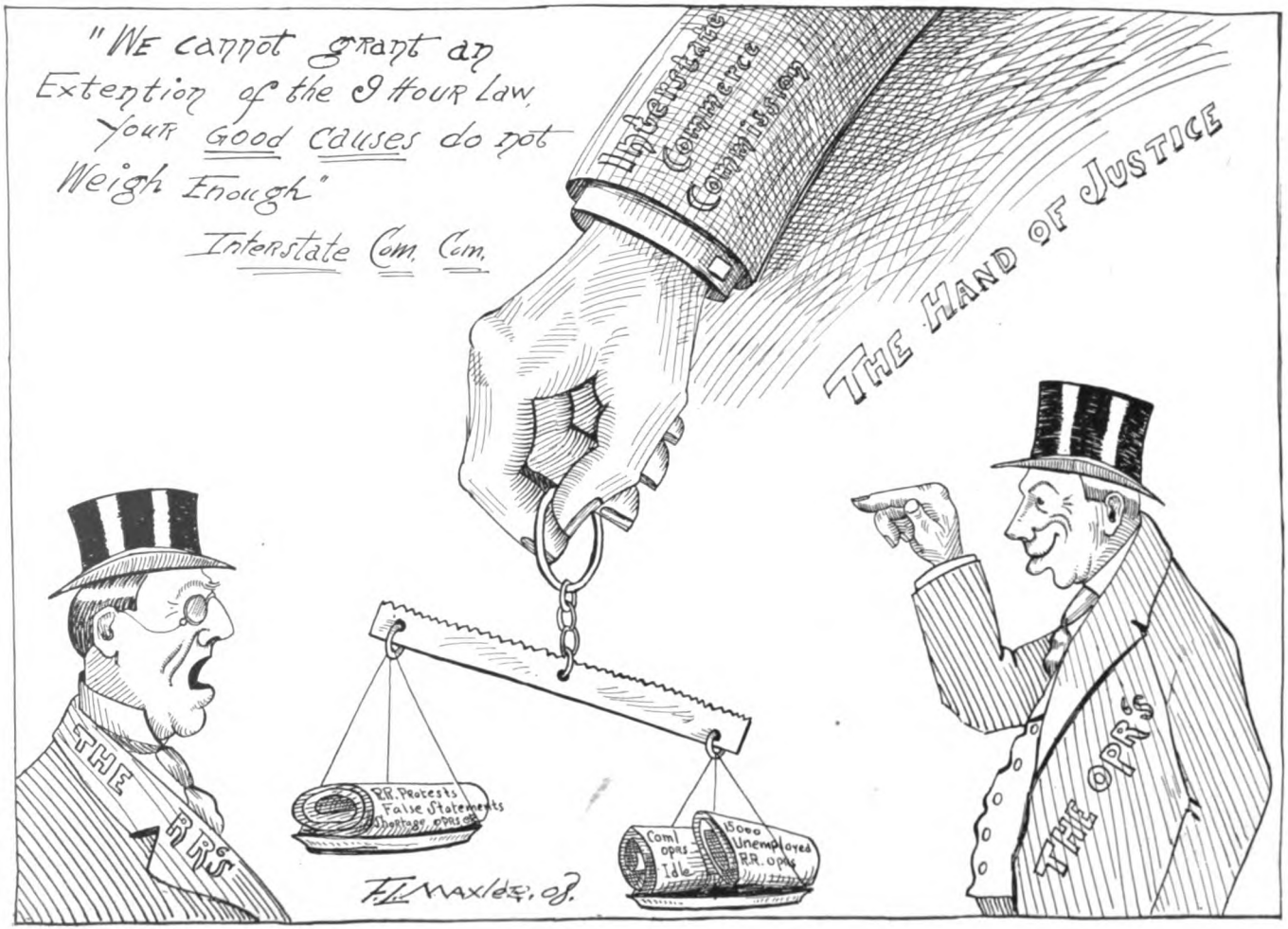
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EDITORIAL

The National Nine Hour Law.

Suit Filed Against Santa Fe Railroad for Violation of Law.

QUESTION AT ISSUE SPLITTING HOURS OF SERVICE.

United States Court to Decide Matter.

THE National Nine-Hour Law which went into effect on March 4, 1908, provides in part as follows:

"That no operator, train dispatcher, or other employe, who by the use of the telegraph or telephone dispatches, reports, transmits, receives, or delivers orders pertaining to or affecting train movements, shall be required or permitted to be or remain on duty for a longer period than nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period in all towers, offices, places and stations continuously operated night and day, nor for a longer period than thirteen hours in all towers, offices, places and stations operated only during the day time, except in case of emergency, when the employes named in this proviso may be permitted to be and remain on duty for four additional hours in a twenty-four-hour period on not exceeding three days in any week."

That the intent of Congress in enacting this law was to provide additional safety to the traveling public, is generally recognized; that they intended to provide this additional safety by shortening the hours of service of the railroad telegraphers is also manifest, and, therefore, it would seem ridiculous to presume that anything other than a period of "nine hours" was intended to, and in fact does, mean a period of nine consecutive hours.

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The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway and a few other lines in the United States have attempted to evade what appears to be the clear meaning of this law, by dividing the nine hours into two or more tricks; that such an act is permissible under the law seems unreasonable, because if the law does not mean consecutive hours, the very thing sought to be done by its enactment would be entirely nullified; if it is possible to divide the nine-hour period into two tricks, it is possible to divide it into nine tricks or more. No sane man would argue that any degree of safety would be afforded the traveling public by working a railroad telegrapher from 6:00 a. m. to 7:00 a. m.; from 8:00 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.; from 10:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.; from 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m.; from 3:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.; from 5:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.; from 8:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.; from 10:00 p. m. to 11:00 p. m., and from 1:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m.

Nor is it believed Congress intended to permit this to be done, nor that any court of competent jurisdiction will hold that it is permissible to divide the hours. Suit was filed in the United States District Court, on February 2d, sitting in Chicago, Ill., by United States District Attorney Sims against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, for violation of this law. The particular case on which the suit was based is Corwith Station, Ill., which station is located near Chicago. That station is a night and day telegraph office. In order to try to evade the law, the Santa Fe has been requiring the day operator to go on duty at 6:30 a. m. and work until 12 o'clock noon. He is then excused three hours and required to resume duty at 3:00 p. m., and work until 6:30 p. m. The night operator is required to come on duty at 6:30 p. m. and work until midnight; he is then excused until 3:00 a. m., and required to resume his duties from 3:00 a. m. to 6:30 a. m.

Seven specific counts were named in the suit, and if conviction is had a fine of $3,500 may be imposed.

The contention of the Government is the law does not permit a broken service; that if it was possible to split the tricks in this manner, it would be equally possible to split them in any other manner that was desired, and that if this could be done, a telegrapher could practically be kept on duty twenty-four or forty-eight hours by closing the station for a short time during certain periods.

United States District Attorney Sims, in discussing the matter after the suit was filed, said:

"This law was enacted for the safety of the public. Most of our large railroad wrecks would never have happened if the telegraphers had not been tired from long service. Nine hours is long service for any man employed at such a task. This railroad (the Santa Fe) is not, in our estimation, complying with the law when it breaks a nine-hour shift and makes it, in a sense, twelve hours. The law implies a continuous service of nine hours."

A high official of a large western railroad in discussing the suit said:

"I am not at all surprised that the government should take action in the matter. We refused to take advantage of an apparent loophole in the law, but chose rather to provide three men for twenty-four-hour stations or to work two men nine hours each continuously and close the stations the remaining six hours. We believe the spirit of the law is that men at the key shall not work more than nine hours in each twenty-four, and that this work shall be continuous."

Many legal authorities sustain the belief that the law was intended to and in fact does mean consecutive hours.

The intent of an act is first to be sought in the language of the Act itself.

> Alexander vs. Worthington, 5 Md. 485.
> U. S. vs. Goldenburg, 168 U. S. 95, 102, 103.

The general intent of a statute is the key to the meaning of its parts. The intent of the whole Act will control the interpretation of the parts. The presumption is that the law-maker has a definite purpose

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in every enactment, and has adopted and formulated the subsidiary provisions in harmony with that purpose. That purpose is an implied limitation on the sense of general terms. From this assumption proceeds the general rule that the cardinal purpose or intent of the whole Act shall control, and that all the parts be interpreted as subsidiary and harmonious. The purpose for which a law was enacted is a matter of prime importance in arriving at a correct interpretation of its parts.

Lewis Sutherland Stat. Const. (2d Ed.), Secs. 369, 370.

"A statute is to be construed with reference to its manifest object, and if the language is susceptible of two constructions, one which will carry out and the other will defeat such manifest object, it should receive the former construction."

Re National Guard, 71 Vt. 493.

"To discover the true construction of any particular clause of a statute, the first thing to be attended to, no doubt, is the actual language of the clause itself, as introduced by the preamble; second the words or expressions which obviously are by design omitted; third, the connection of the clause with other clauses in the same statute, and the conclusions which, on comparison with other clauses, may reasonably and obviously be drawn. * * * If the comparison of one clause with the rest of the statute makes a certain proposition clear and undoubted, the Act must be construed accordingly, and ought to be so construed as to make it a consistent whole. If, after all, it turns out that that can not be done, the construction that produces the greatest harmony and the least inconsistency is that which ought to prevail."

Per Pollock, C. B. in Atty. Gen. vs. Sillew, 2 H. and C. 515.

The question thus is: What did the Congress really intend to direct by the language "for a longer period than nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period?" This intention must be sought in the whole action taken together. That is, the phrase should be construed with reference to the leading idea or purpose of the whole law. Or to state the rule again: The meaning to be attached to the words "for a longer period than nine hours" is to be ascertained from the context, the nature of the subject treated, and the purpose or intention of the Congress which passed the Act.

It will be noted that the sense in which the word "period" is used must be determined, in order to establish the intention of the limitation of the number of hours that the operator, etc., shall be allowed to work in any twenty-four-hour period.

It is an elementary rule of construction that effect must be given, if possible, to every word, clause and sentence of the statute. Moreover, words may be supplied in the statute so as to give it effect, and avoid any repugnancy or inconsistency with its general intention; one word may be substituted for another; and even words may be disregarded or eliminated. Ordinarily, words and phrases should be construed as they are generally understood. In the absence of anything in the context to the contrary common or popular words are to be understood in a popular sense, common law words, according to their sense in the common law.

Lewis' Sutherland Stat. Const. (2d Ed.), Secs. 380, 383, 384, 389, 390.

With the primary rules in mind, let the word "period" used twice in the above quoted phrase be ascertained.

Webster defines a period to be "a division of time. As a series of years, months or days, in which something is completed, and ready to recommence and go on in the same order." "A stated and recurring interval of time; more generally an interval of time specified or left indefinite."

The Court of Appeals, N. Y., says that a period of time is in a stated and recurring interval of time, or round or series of years by which time is measured.

People vs. Lesk, 67 N. Y., 521, 528.

"Period," when employed in the law, is to be interpreted in its ordinary and accepted meaning and import.

State vs. Strauss, 49 Md., 288, 299.

"The word 'period' has its etymological meaning, but it also has a distinctive signification, according to the subject with

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which it may be used in connection. It may mean any portion of complete time, from a thousand years, or less, to the period of a day," or it may mean the time when a designated event shall begin.

Sampson vs. Peaslee, 61 U. S. (20 How.), 571, 576, 579.

The general definition of the word "period" in reference to time, is to refer to a continuous period.

In re Becker, 80 N. Y. Supp., 1115, 1116, 39 Misc. Rep., 756.

In Johnson's Dictionary by Latham, period is defined as "a circuit, a time in which anything is performed." In chronology, Johnson describes a period as a "stated number of years; round of time; at the end of which the things comprised within the calculation shall return to the state in which they were in the beginning." Johnson quotes from Holder as follows: "A cycle or period is an account of years that has a beginning and end, and begins again as often as it ends."

In the phrase involved, it is certain that a definite number of hours were intended to be prescribed, beyond which operators, etc., should not be permitted or required to be or remain on duty, during any twenty-four-hour period, or any period or round or cycle of time measured by twenty-four hours. The twenty-four hours unquestionably refer to a series of continuous hours; that is, a continuous cycle, period, series or round of hours, measured by twenty-four. The period fixed can not be divided; it must be twenty-four consecutive hours.

It can not comprise twelve hours of one calendar day and twelve hours of another calendar day. This is as clear as if the language had been "in any twenty-four consecutive hours" or "in any continuous period of twenty-four hours." This "period" is here used in reference to time, as a continuous series of hours. This is the sense in which it is always understood when employed concerning time. "Period," when so used means a continuous period.

Should the word "period" as used in the phrase in question, designating the period of service of the operator, etc., be construed in a different sense?

The language is "for a longer period than nine hours." Here, as above, "period" refers to time, and, as above, it means a round, series or period of hours measured by nine, or nine continuous or consecutive hours. The language specifies one period only, not two or more, comprising nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period. A round or series of periods is not prescribed or contemplated.

To hold that the operator may not be required to perform duty beyond nine hours of total service in any twenty-four-hour period requires an interpretation of the word "period" as here used, radically different from the interpretation of the word, as measured by twenty-four hours—an interpretation at once unreasonable and absurd, and contrary to the manifest intent and purpose of the Act.

It is obvious that the "period" measured by nine hours should be interpreted to mean the same as the word period in the same phrase measured by twenty-four hours.

APPEAL OF THE UNITED HATTERS OF NORTH AMERICA FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

NEW YORK, February 4, 1909.

Mr. L. W. Quick, Secretary Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The National Association of Fur Felt Hat Manufacturers at a meeting held January 14th, at the Knickerbocker Hotel, New York City, passed a resolution to discontinue the use of the union label of the United Hatters of North America in all factories controlled by members of their organization. This action on the part of the manufacturers is not only an attempt to destroy the usefulness of our union label, but an effort to disrupt the entire organization. We emphatically protested against this action of the manufacturers, and in every instance where the label was discontinued, our members went out with it. Since January 13th, about twenty thousand men and women, comprising about ninety per cent of our entire membership, are out on strike and determined to remain out until the manu-

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facturers agree to recognize the union label of our organization. As you are aware, the individual bank accounts and homes of our members in the Connecticut district are held under attachment by order of the court, thereby depriving our members of the use of their savings. The manufacturers, knowing that we can neither draw our savings from the bank, or raise money on our homes, are now trying to starve our members into submission. Deprived of the use of their savings they are compelled to look to our organization for support, and with only ten per cent of our members working, and $70,000 per week required to support our members who are on strike, we are compelled for the first time in the history of our national organization of over sixty years, to appeal to our brothers in labor for financial assistance. We believe that this fight for the recognition of our union label is of the greatest importance to all organizations. Our organization and label has been for several years the target of the National Association of Manufacturers, and, on account of the recent decisions of the court, they now thought the time was ripe to make a general attack on our union label. Owing to the many lawsuits in which our organization is involved, and the great expense incurred thereby, our treasury is not as strong as we would like to have it.

We therefore appeal to the members of your organization to render us whatever financial assistance they can. A small weekly assessment on the members of organized labor (if such could be secured) would show the manufacturers that we are prepared to carry on this fight indefinitely.

Assuring you that any help you may render will be inexpressibly appreciated by your brothers in the United Hatters of North America, we are,

Fraternally yours,

UNITED HATTERS OF NORTH AMERICA.

JOHN A. MOFFITT,
President.

MARTIN LAWLOR,
Secretary.

P. S.—Make all remittances payable to Martin Lawlor, 11 Waverly Place, N. Y. C.

ACCIDENTS.

THE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of July, August and September, 1908, as shown in reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission, under the "Accident Law" of March 3, 1901, was 191, and of injured 3,046. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on and off the cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 17,279, of which 734 were killed and 16,545 injured.

In commenting on these figures the Interstate Commerce Commission says:

"The very marked diminution in the number of casualties of all kinds, which continued through the last three quarterly bulletins, and which was due to the falling off in railroad traffic and other well-known collateral causes, seems now to be checked. The last bulletin was for the April-June quarter, which always is lighter in traffic and in accidents than the other three-quarters of the year; and the present bulletin would therefore show casualty lists heavier than that one under ordinary circumstances; but the difference between that quarter and this is made larger, without doubt, by reason of the fact that between July 1 and October 1 the business of the country began to recover from the depression which began in October, 1907.

"The totals of the present record are indeed far smaller than in the corresponding quarter of a year ago, and it is to be hoped that this apparent increase in the safety of railroad travel and railroad operation is not wholly to be accounted for by the decrease in the number of trains run or in passengers carried or employes in service.

"But in comparing the present quarter with the last one, the main lesson which is to be derived from all accident statistics—the need of preventing accidents in the future—again confronts us. The number of employes killed increased 17 per cent; employes killed in train accidents, 39 per cent; and passengers killed from causes other than train accidents, 30 per cent; but the increase in the number of passengers killed in train accidents was no less than 307 per

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cent. Nothing could more clearly enforce the lesson of the necessity of heeding the record of the causes of collisions, for four-fifths of the passengers killed in train accidents were the victims of collisions. Of the eight most serious collisions, five occurred on lines where the block system was not in use; one on a line where it was ostensibly in use, but was abandoned temporarily to save the time of passenger trains; and one on a line where it appears to have been used 'permissibly' for freight trains carrying passengers (drovers); leaving only one which appears to have been in no wise due to lack of the space interval rules.

"The report shows that the total number of collisions and derailments in the quarter now under review was 2,567 (1,170 collisions and 1,397 derailments), of which 192 collisions and 184 derailments affected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by these accidents amounted to $1,950,408.

In enumerating the more important accidents the report says:

"Two passengers were killed in a collision due to a confusion of orders by the conductor and motorman of an electric car (train No. 9). The case may be explained by supposing the movement of train No. 9 as eastward from A to B, C, D, E, F, and so on. Order No. 3 was issued directing train No. 9 to proceed to E. Later, order No. 5 was issued directing No. 9 to report at D; but the first order was received last and the conductor and motorman acted on it, and thus the collision occurred between D and E. Order No. 5 was received by the conductor and motorman of No. 9 at A, direct by telephone from the dispatcher. Proceeding to B, they received order No. 3 from the conductor of a west-bound train, to whom the dispatcher had sent it at C six minutes before he sent order No. 5. The conductor and engineman of No. 9 are held negligent in not observing the sequence of numbers on the orders and in not noticing the recorded times, which showed that the order received last had been sent first. The dispatcher, in sending order No. 5, did not put into it the words "instead of," and in telephoning it to the conductor and motorman of No. 9 he said nothing to them about having issued an earlier order which was to be disregarded.

"Seven passengers were killed and nineteen passengers and one trainman were injured in a collision which occurred at a crossing where two lines, both belonging to the same railroad company, cross each other diagonally. Passenger train No. 7, approaching the crossing on line B at excessive speed, was thrown off the track at the derailing switch and ran upon the ground across line A, stopping with the smoking car athwart the main track of A, in which position it was wrecked by the engine of train No. 4 on line A. Seven passengers were killed and nineteen passengers and one trainman were injured. The engineman of train No. 7, who is a man of experience, appears to have been oblivious to the signals. The derailing switch was 281 feet from the crossing and his engine ran to a point 170 feet beyond the crossing. The signal was 50 feet in the rear of the derailing switch and was in plain view for 885 feet farther in the rear. It is estimated that the speed of the train when derailed was at least 50 miles an hour, though the schedule speed of this train over that part of the line is only 22 miles an hour, the rate being limited by a city ordinance. The engineman of No. 7 'claimed' that the signal was clear when he first came within view of it, but the superintendent regards the evidence as conclusive that it was in the stop position and had been so for some time before this train came within sight of it.

"A collision causing five deaths was due to an error in a train order. It was between an east-bound passenger train and a west-bound freight. The engines and cars of both trains were badly damaged. The order as issued directed the passenger train to wait at B until 'five fifteen (5:15) a. m.' This authorized the freight to run to B if it had time to reach that point in time to properly clear the passenger train. The order as delivered to the freight read 'five fifty-five 5:55 a. m.' instead of 'five fifteen 5:15 a. m.,' and the freight therefore encroached on the time of the passenger, having apparent authority to do so, to the extent of forty minutes, and in consequence

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met the passenger east of B. The operator at L, who took the order for the freight, destroyed the first order she made and in place of it wrote a second copy. In making this second copy the error occurred. This operator had been in the service of the company at L four days. She had had instruction in a telegraph school twelve months and had been examined by the chief train dispatcher after being under the tutelage of a station operator eleven days. It is assumed that the first order written out at L was correctly worded, as the operator had repeated it to the dispatcher. Where a telegraphic order is rewritten it is the duty of the operator, under the rules, to again repeat it by telegraph to the dispatcher, but this was not done. The telegraph block system is in use on the line where this collision occurred, but the block stations are far apart and to avoid delay to the trains the block system was supplanted by a time order, as above explained. With the block system thus modified or suspended the westbound freight train, under the rules, would be required to be sidetracked at some station before the passenger train was due, and the passenger train in this case being behind time, the order was issued so as to permit the freight train to go farther west before turning out.

"In another collision there was negligence by both dispatcher and operator. It occurred about 1:30 a. m. The operator accepted an order for the passenger train after it had passed his station. By reason of having been asleep, or otherwise negligent, he did not know whether the passenger train had passed or not, and assumed that it had not; assumed that the dispatcher would not offer the order to him if the train had already passed. The order was sent on Form 19, contrary to the rule, and it was acknowledged in a form applicable only to Form 31; and the dispatcher did not require the operator to display his signal before taking the order; for these irregularities both men are blamed. The dispatcher had ground for suspicion that the operator had not been vigilantly attending to duty and is blamed for not taking extra precautions on that account. The dispatcher had had seven years' experience as such. The operator, twenty-three years old, had served on this road less than two months, but is said to have had several years' experience elsewhere.

"A collision causing fatal injury to five passengers was due to the acceptance by a station operator of a train order for a train which had passed his office. Train No. 3, west-bound, and No. 12, east-bound, held orders to meet at K. When No. 12 arrived at K, No. 3 being then at L, the next station east and seven miles distant, the train dispatcher undertook to change the meeting point from K to L. This order was accepted by the operator at L before he had made certain that No. 3, which had passed his train order signal, had been held—a violation of the rule. The train dispatcher then gave the order to No. 12 at K, which immediately proceeded to act upon it, and before the operator at L could reach No. 3, which was at the west end of the siding, it left there for K under the order originally given, and the trains met at a point where, by reason of the curvature, neither train could be seen by the other until they were quite close together. The operator at L is held to be at fault in accepting the order after the train had passed his train-order signal, and the dispatcher is held at fault for giving the order to No. 12 without knowing definitely that No. 3 had been held. The services of these men had been satisfactory up to the time of this collision."

A head-end collision between a passenger and a freight train is also described, wherein three persons were killed and thirty-seven injured. The cause of the collision, according to the report, is given to be:

"Agent failed to deliver order; trusted an inexperienced assistant, who made only three copies of order when he should have made five."

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

TUCUMCARI, N. M., Feb. 9, 1909.

Mr. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary O. R. T., St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst., enclosing check for $500.00, payment in full of policy held by my late son, Roscoe L. Harris, who died Nov. 26th, last.

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I wish to thank you for your kindness and prompt settlement, and I would also be glad if you will publish in the journal my greatest thanks and kind remembrance of each and every member and the officials of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for kindness and favors to me and my family during the sickness and death of our loved one.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

MRS. N. C. HARRIS.

LA O. R. T. EN MEXICO.

COMO deseamos para todos nuestros companeros y hermanos, los miembros Mexicanos de lo O. R. T., un feliz ano nuevo, nos permitiremos, yo principalamente, hablar a mis companeros que aun no son nuestros hermanos, para manifestarles que la manera mas propia de que hagamos del presente ano, una era de prosperidad, es la de unirnos cuanto antes, en nuestra querida Orden, haciendo, como lo sueno, una Division Mexicana de la Orden en nuestra Republica. "Como conseguirlo" La respuesta esta bien clara y sencilla: A la mayor brevedad, los que ya comos socios, pongamos todos los medios que estan a nuestro alcance para arrancar del animo de nuestros buenos companeros ese espiritu de apatia que dia a dia nos va sumergiendo mas profundamente en el abismo de la abyeccion, haciendo todo esfuerzo posible, natural y legal por convencer á los que no estan aun bien penetrados de nuestras ideas, para que aquellos, una vez convencidos de nuestras altas miras, no vacilen un instante mas en unirsenos y en propagar la idea con la rapidez necesaria a fin de que el proximo ano tenga para nosostros una aurora limpida, libre ya de los nubarrones que en el presente empanaron el cielo azul de nuestras sublimes aspiraciones. De este modo, en muy breve tiempo, podremos hacer la peticion debida a la Matriz de Saint Louis, Mo., para que nos conceda, como quien dice, la autonomia, haciendonos una Division que tuviera por cabeza en nuestro suelo, uno de nuestros mas esclarecidos compatriotas e intelligentes companeros, "no seria esto un verdadero acontecimiento que reqercutiria dulcemente en el corazon de todos nosotros, oh, mis queridos companeros." Claro que, si por fortuna como lo espero, este, sueno mio llega a realizarse, la face de nuestra existencia hoy aislada y antes de hoy explotada de mil maneras, habra entonces cambiado por completo.

Para conseguir tan altos fines contamos con la grande ayuda que nuestro Secretario y Gran Tesorero, Hermano L. W. Quick, se ha propuesto impartirnos editando ya al presente las formas principales en espanol, y no es aventurado decir que dentro de poco y ya con la cooperacion de muchos de mis companeros, los asuntos todos que nos conciernan, seran tramitados o tratados en nuestro idioma, lo cual hasta hoy ha sido casi un imposible dado el escaso numero de Hermanos de nuestra Orden con que contamos que hablen el idioma de Cervantes.

Nuestra idea es que formemos en esta Division de San Luis la nueva Division de la O. R. T. una vez que hayamos podido reunir al menos treinta socios, segun lo demandan las Leyes de la Orden; entonces haremos todos la peticion para la Division y sin duda que nos sera concedida, con lo cual, por lo pronto habremos dado un paso firme y verdadero hacia nuestra reorganizacion y habremos escalado el primer peldano de nuestra redencion.

Algunos de mis companeros me objetaran, como algunos me lo han dicho, que en Mexico es imposible que haya union; que llamese como se llame la institucion, nuestro corazon no es para el caso; pero yo dire que bajo buena cabeza no hay cuerpo mal dirijido, por lo tanto, formando todos ya una Division, como es natural, escogeriamos indudablemente un companero digno, honrado y de aspiraciones para dirijir la nueva nave a puerto seguro; esto en cuanto a lo inmediato, que por lo demas tenemos magnificos directores en la Orden, que podrian ayudar a esta cabeza Mexicana, en cualquier caso dificil. La buena marcha quedaria de este modo asegurada.

Otros hay que me dicen que lo mejor, para unirnos, seria formar otra nueva sociedad netamente Mexicana y que de este modo tendriamos que progresar mas. No

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encuestro como podria ser o hacerse ese progreso, porque tal hecho equivaldria a sembrar una nueva semilla con el fin de guarecernos bajo su sombra—cuando? Tal vez dentro de 20 o 30 anos; habria esperanzas, sin embargo, pero no del todo consoladoras ni menos practicas. Lo necesario en los actuales tiempos es, no sustentar anejas teorias sino pisar el terreno verdaderamente practico, no sembrando nueva semilla, sino acojiendonos a la sombra del arbol ya bien desarrollado. Ese arbol (La O. R. T.) esta ya bien desarrollado, su sombra cubre, llenandolos de satisfaccion y relativo bienestar, a multitud de Hermanos que a el han acudido. "Porque no disfrutar nostros de la carcia de sus progresos cuando para recibirnos tiene los brazos abiertos."

Corramos hacia ese arbol, seguros de hallar sombra perenne que nos fortifique y aliente en nuestra azarosa vida de ferrocarrileros. El que dirija sus pasos alla, acelerelos sin vacilacion, sin temer un engano, pues mi querida Orden nunca lo ha hecho por nada ni a nadie. Esta probado que sus fines son altamente altruistas no hay que temer.

Al hecho, pues, mis buenos companeros y compatriotas queridos. Llenad las formas y enviadlas sin tardanza los que ya las tengais, y los que no, pedidlas y haced otro tanto, que la victoria sera nuestra en razon directa del esfuerzo de nuestra voluntad. Si desmayamos pobres de todos nostros! el velo negro del infortunio se acentuara entonces mas y mas y menes nos permitira gozar la dulce claridad e independencia que da la union bien comprendida y sostenida.

Dios dijo que todos los hombres comos hermanos, nuestra orden asi lo entiende y profesa, por que vivir separados de ella? Es la causa el egoismo? Que nunca mas resuene tal palabra en nuestro oido, ni abrigue tal sentimiento nuestro corazon; demostremos que sabemos acatar tan sublime precepto y hagamosnos hermanos de veridad. No os arrepentireis.

Hasta otra, companeros.

GRAND DIV. CERT. 2,156.

A LOS TELEGRAFISTAS FERROCARRILEROS MEXICANOS.

UN gran numero de telegrafistas ferrocarrileros en Mexico, saben lo que la Orden de Telegrafistas Ferrocarrileros es, sus principios, su objeto y lo mucho que durante su larga existencia, ha logrado hacer en bien del gremio. Pero es mucho mayor el de aquellos que poco o nada saben de tan beneficia organizacion. A todos, pero especialamente a estos ultimos, me voy a permitir dedicar estas lineas.

Mas de veinte anos cuenta de existencia, siempre laborando bajo bases solidas, tremolando el estandarte de la Union y Fraternidad. Ha logrado llegar a ser una Orden fuerte, respetada y apreciada, no solo entre sus miembros, sino tambien entre todas las otras agrupaciones de empleados de ferrocarril y las companias ferrocarrileras. En los Estados Unidos y Canada, ha conseguido sueldos equitativos para los telegrafistas, disminucion de horas de trabajo, legislacion favorable para el gremio, consideracion y respeto.

Su Departamento de Beneficios Mutuos, en el cual, mediante premios muy bajos, todos sus miembros deben asegurar su vida para proteccion de las personas queridas, es manejado bajo las mas solidas bases y presta completa garantia a todos los socios. Las cuotas de inscripcion y mensuales, son muy bajas. Sus dignatarios, personas muy competentes y de honradez acrisoladas, de representacion y experiencia.

Si todos los telegrafistas Mexicanos se unieren a la Orden, sin duda que en relativo corto tiempo, lograrian obtener todos los beneficios que nuestros hermanos del Norte han obtenido. Y esto con muchos menos esfuerzos, pues que ya se aprovecharia la experiencia de los que nos han precedido y el Calvario seria mucho menos penoso y se llegaria mas prontamente al Tabor.

La O. R. T. nos ayudara a elevar el estandarte de la Fraternidad, a mejorar nuestra situacion, a ser respatados y apreciados. Hogi un formal llamamiento al gremio de Telegrafistas Ferrocarrileros Mexicanos, para que, uniendose todos bajo la bandera de la Orden, ayuden con sus esfluerzos a nuestro general beneficio.

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Antes de mucho se cosecharan los frutos de una verdadera union. Hagamos a un lado el egoismo, sea nuestro lema: "Todos para uno y uno para todos."

Quieren uds., hermanos telegrafistas, escuchar la voz de la experiencia y prestar su gran contingente a la buena obra? En ello todos ganaremos. Nosotros, en bienestar, las Companias a quienes prestamos nuestros servicios, con nuestro carino y fidelidad y el publico que patrocina nuestras extensas vias de comunicacion, con nuestro buen servicio.

Desterremos ideas rancias, pensemos solo en nuestro bien presente y en el de las generaciones que nos sucederan y unamos todas nuestras aspiraciones y esfuerzos para el bien comun.

Sere escuchado y secundado.

MEXICANO.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Four hundred and eighty-three new members were initiated into the Order during the month of January.

An active crusade towards complete and thorough organization has been inaugurated, and every member is requested to lend a helping hand in this direction.

The Mortuary Fund of the Mutual Benefit Department continues to grow. A financial statement of the department is published on the Grand Division page, which immediately precedes the Division Directory in each issue of the journal.

THE MAILING LIST WILL BE REVISED THIS ISSUE, AND ONLY MEMBERS WITH DUES PAID TO JUNE 30, 1909, WILL RECEIVE FUTURE ISSUES OF THIS JOURNAL FROM THE REGULAR MAILING LIST. IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID THEY SHOULD BE REMITTED AT ONCE.

The noted evangelist, Rev. Milford Hall Lyons, of Chicago, while conducting a series of revival meetings in Iowa recently, credited organized labor with having materially raised the standard, morally and otherwise, of the working masses. It is refreshing to know that at least some of the public men appreciate the great benefit organized labor has been in the lives of the toiling millions.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of article 5 of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders must pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of a semi-annual dues period.

A copy of the editorial, "The Year 1908," which appeared in the January issue of this journal, was recently mailed to practically every non-member in the United States and Canada. Other interesting literature will also be mailed them in the immediate future. Every member should get busy.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

Hon. Thos. R. Mould, of Belleville, Ill., a member of the United Mine Workers of America, announces himself as a candidate

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for Circuit Judge. It is not often that organized labor has an opportunity of placing one of their own number in an important judicial position, and no doubt he will receive the undivided support of the organized workers of that judicial district at the primaries on April 13th.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings



can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.

The member securing the most new members before June 30th, will be given a diamond ring to cost $150.00. The member securing the second largest number of new members, will be given a diamond ring to cost $100.00. Third prize, choice between a diamond ring or a watch, to cost $50.00. The member who secures five or more new members during that period, and who fails to obtain one of the prizes named above, will be given the choice between an O. R. T. emblem ring and an O. R. T. watch charm.

For further particulars in regard to this contest, reference should be had to the article appearing on page 17, of the January TELEGRAPHER.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration, for the month of December, 1908, shows that there were 46,003 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States, during that month; that there were 770 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 2; imbeciles, 4; feeble-minded, 8; epileptics, 1; insane, 5; dangerous and contagious diseases, 217; likely to become public charges, 289; mentally or physically defective, 20; contract laborers, 113; accompanying aliens, 15; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 3; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 16; polygamists, 3; prostitutes and procurers, 35; other causes, 5; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 33. The number of aliens landed at the various ports of entry for the month of December, 1907, were 66,574.

The Railroad Employes' Department of the American Federation of Labor was organized at the Denver Convention, and temporary officers elected, an account of which appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER at that time. The temporary organization was made permanent at a meeting held in Chicago, Ill., January 18th and 19th, at which time a constitution was adopted, officers elected, and the future policy of the department decided upon. The constitution is a conservative document, based on strict business lines, and has many safeguards against illegal and ill advised strikes. The policy of the department is to more thoroughly organize railroad employes in the various organizations of their classes, to encourage other eligible organizations to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, to settle disputes between organizations, to endeavor to mediate pending strike trouble and to look after legislation. H. B. Perham, President of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers was elected chairman; A. B. Lowe, President of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes was elected vice-chairman, and D. W. Roderick, of the International Association of Machinists, secretary and treasurer.

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JABEZ WEATHERBEE

DECEASED MEMBER GRAND DIVISION

BROTHER WEATHERBEE was born in Massachusetts on May 19, 1849, and came west at the age of twenty-eight years and practically all the balance of his life was spent in the west. Was elected Assistant Grand Chief Telegrapher at the Chattanooga Convention of the Order in 1892 by virtue of which position he was Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee (now known as the Board of Directors), which position he filled for a period of one year or until the Toronto Convention in 1893, at which Convention he was elected Grand Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding S. O. Fox.

Brother Weatherbee was re-elected Grand Secretary and Treasurer by the Denver Convention in 1894, but declined to accept re-election at the St. Louis Convention in 1895.

During his tenure in office, he was a capable and efficient officer and he went out of office with the kindliest of feelings and best wishes of the membership in general, who will regret to hear of his untimely demise.

Brother Weatherbee died suddenly in Boston on January 13th. He was in the San Francisco earthquake, the experiences in which no doubt affected his health.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. H. T. Montgomery, of Duncan, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. D. Campbell, of Mason, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. O. Welch, of Jeanerette, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Laming, of Fombell, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Mason, of Pittsburg, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. H. Esperson, of Palisade, Nev., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. D. Armstrong, of Hamilton, Ont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Kreiser, of Aliquippa, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. H. Eicholtz, of Beaver Falls, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. D. Cowden, of Waterford, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Yates, of Brevard, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Byrns, of Belfield, N. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Cantwell, of Holmesville, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. Lamansky, of Grandview, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. I. Moore, of Hull Junction, Que., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. C. Martin, of Grand Rivers, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Windle, of Wilburton, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. I. C. Barbee, of Herrin, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Sellers, of Romulus, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. W. Pierson, of Manchester, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. T. Stauffer, of Garrison, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. D. Thomason, of Liberty, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. W. Glasgow, of Coulterville, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Brinkman, of Sunman, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Morgan, of Forbes, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. Meyers, of Nodaway, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. P. Sample, of Merrillan, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. A. Schlaff, of Minonk, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, of McComb, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Austin, of Boyds, Md., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jno. Young, of Cochran, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. H. Troxell, of Ainsworth, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry T. Morgan, of Cooks Falls, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Lynn, of Valmeyer, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Lannon, of Webster, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Wagoner, of Colby, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Zimmerman, of Colby, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Miminck, of Hagerstown, Md., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Dooley, of New York, N. Y., a boy.

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D. P. Pursell. W. D. Livsie. H. E. Walker. E. F. Ware. G. W. Collins.
W. H. Kirchmier.

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To Bro. and Mrs. R. R. McInroy, of Middlebury Centre, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. C. Tanner, of Tamms, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. E. Whelan, of Letellier, Man., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Union Station, Ohio, Bro. J. W. Marsh, of Div. 33, to Miss Inez Brill.

At Richmond, Texas, Bro. N. B. Anderson, of Div. 144, to Miss Nannie K. Bell.

Bro. J. C. Talley, Jr., of Div. 69, to Miss Katherine L. Hooge.

At Leoti, Kan., Bro. F. A. Thompson, of Div. 31, to Miss Rosa Smith.

At Dupon, Ga., Bro. J. T. Bramlett, of Div. 132, to Miss Bernice Smith.

At Julian, Ia., Bro. F. E. Kilbrath, of Div. 93, to Miss Etta Clark.

At Delaware, Ia., Bro. H. Guthormson, of Div. 93, to Miss Rosie Zirtzmann.

At Wedesboro, N. C., Bro. J. C. Bowman, of Div. 132, to Miss Cleve Briggs.

At Dunnellon, Fla., Bro. F. E. Henry, of Div. 132, to Miss Carrie Busse.

At Quincy, Ill., Bro. C. E. Brown, of Div. 130, to Miss Frankie Banks.

At Clinton, Iowa, Bro. R. B. Bower, of Div. 130, to Miss Hazel Beal.

At Barnesville, Ohio, Bro. W. L. Batnes, of Div. 54, to Miss Madge Chappell.

At Gardner, Mont., Bro. J. H. Hennerley, of Div. 70, to Miss Pauline Hoover.

At Valley, Wash., Bro. J. H. Guenther, of Div. 70, to Miss Kathie Klavano.

Bro. E. E. Turner, of Div. 76, to Miss Susie Eaton.

At Anadarko, Okla., Bro. C. H. Meador, of Div. 126, to Miss Lou Ryan.

At Coatesville, Ill., Bro. R. R. Hodson, of Div. 27, to Miss Flora Campbell.

At Corning, N. Y., Bro. W. S. Dean, of Div. 42, to Miss Margaret Green.

At Dicksonburg, Pa., Bro. C. W. Smith, of Div. 51, to Miss Brewer.

At Grafton, W. Va., Bro. M. Channing Owens, of Div. 33, to Miss Grace Lake.

Bro. F. A. Smith, of Div. 14, to Miss Grace Coleman.

At Bellwood, Pa., Bro. R. H. TerHaar, of Div. 86, to Miss Gilbert.

At Cone, Ill., Bro. C. W. Shoup, of Div. 2, to Miss Hazel Burdine.

At Jersey Shore, Pa., Bro. W. C. Barrow, of Div. 8, to Miss Beulah Washam.

At Clearfield, Pa., Bro. G. S. Stover, of Div. 81, to Miss A. R. Stone.

Bro. S. W. Estes, of Div. 2, to Miss Henry Onley.

At Live Oak, Fla., Bro. B. Lucas, of Div. 97, to Miss Mary Grubb.

At Williamsport, Ind., Bro. R. E. Hellwig, of Div. 2, to Miss Joanna Whitson.

At Parsons, Pa., Bro. C. E. Bryant, of Div. 12, to Miss Emily Miner.

Bro. R. S. Holmes, of Grand Division, to Miss Mary Morgan.

At Richmond, Cal., Bro. H. G. Stidham, of Div. 53, to Mrs. J. W. Stockwell.

Bro. O. T. Toodvine, of Div. 35, to Miss Parmelia L. Daignan.

At Akron, Ohio, Bro. J. Mulhearne, of Div. 33, to Miss Harris.

At Canal Dover, Ohio, Bro. Teed Lucas, of Div. 33, to Miss Stein.

At Warsaw, Ind., Sister V. R. Cook, of Div. 2, to Mr. H. I. Townes.

Bro. H. C. Conklin, of Div. 138, to Miss Daisy Callahan.

At McGregor, Minn., Bro. J. A. Graham, of Div. 54, to Miss Cecil Brooks.

At Central City, Ohio, Bro. James P. Huffman, of Div. 33, to Miss Willa Grossman.

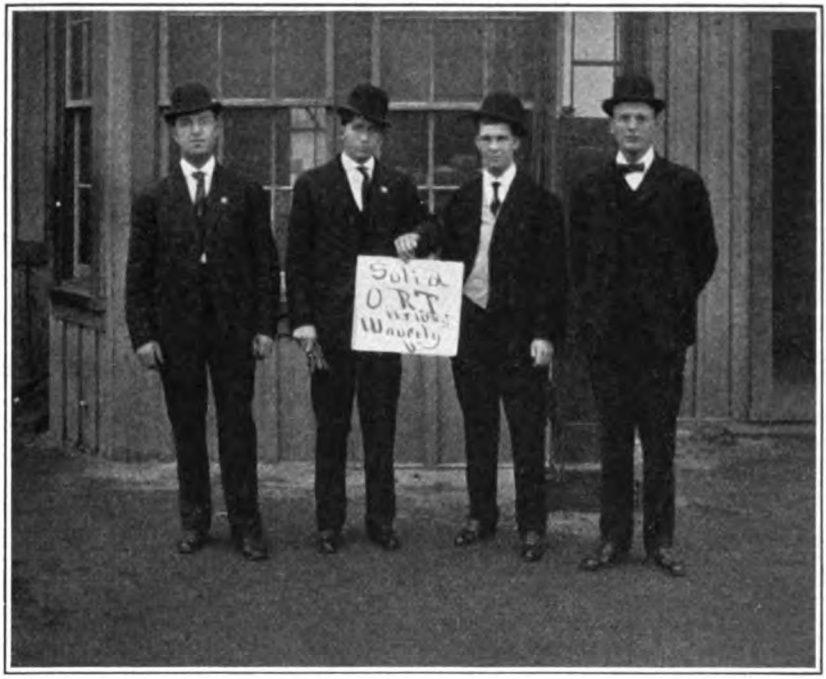
THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Oil City, Pa., Matthew Ruddy, father of J. M. Ruddy, of Div. 49.

At Lancaster, Ky., Mrs. J. G. Doty, mother of Bro. W. C. Doty, of Div. 62.

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Infant daughter of Bro. C. W. McElhinney, of Div. 52.

At Thornton, Miss., Bro. W. M. Bailey, of Div. 93.

At Dow City, Iowa, Bro. A. D. Baber, of Div. 93.

At Galena, Ill., father of Bro. M. P. Gallagher, of Div. 93.

At Paola, Kan., mother of J. T. Maddox, of Div. 130.

At Kingston, Va., Bro. E. L. Moore, of Div. 132.

At Quincy, Ill., wife of Bro. Doc Straub, of Div. 130.

At Anderson, Tex., infant of Bro. H. S. Hennington, of Div. 25.

At Mt. Carmel, Ill., Bro. Carl H. Lee, of Div. 23.

At Vancouver, B. C., daughter of Bro. James Hallisey, of Div. 7.

At Vancouver, B. C., mother of Bro. R. L. Pallen, of Div. 7.

At Sayville, N. Y., mother of Bro. F. D. Bligh, of Div. 44.

At Hicksville, N. Y., mother of Bro. Clarence Dow, of Div. 44.

At Frenchville, N. Y., mother of Bros. C. C. and J. B. Beauseigneur, of Div. 8.

At Central Falls, R. I., Bro. A. L. Armstrong, of Div. 35.

At Washington, R. I., Bro. A. B. Gould, of Div. 35.

At Macomb, Ill., mother of Bro. E. G. Armstrong, of Div. 130.

At Fowler, Ill., father of Bros. H. R. and W. Gray, of Div. 130.

At Fowler, Ill., mother-in-law of Bro. W. Gray, of Div. 130.

At St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, mother of Arthur Jackson, of Div. 31.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

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WANTED.

Present address of P. P. Jones.

D. B. CASSELL,
211 Lindell Block, Spokane, Wash.

Present address of John A. Barnard. Let me hear from you immediately. Important.

"H. N.," Armstrong, Okla.

Present address of K. B. Buckingham, supposed to be telegraphing somewhere in the West.

W. H. CUNNINGHAM,
Parrish, Ala.

Present address of Chas. D. Roach, or his folks in Wisconsin. Important news Please write.

WM. A. BIRCH,
Faribault, Minn.

Present address of W. H. Cawthorne; last heard of, working nights at Kensal, N. D. Any one knowing his whereabouts please write

W. O. WILSON, Maynard, Minn.

Present address of C. E. Malpass; last heard of working for I. C. at Hazelhurst, Miss., 1906. Also present address of Operator Hastings; last heard of working at Brookhaven, Miss., 1906. Both formerly from Panama. "Boys," if you see this, drop Old Luke a line.

J. A. LUKANITSCH, Ramsey, Idaho.

Present address of Bill English, en route Chicago to St. Louis last September. Still holding grip, "Bill," check number 13, and it's a hoodoo; send for it and write a pal "73."

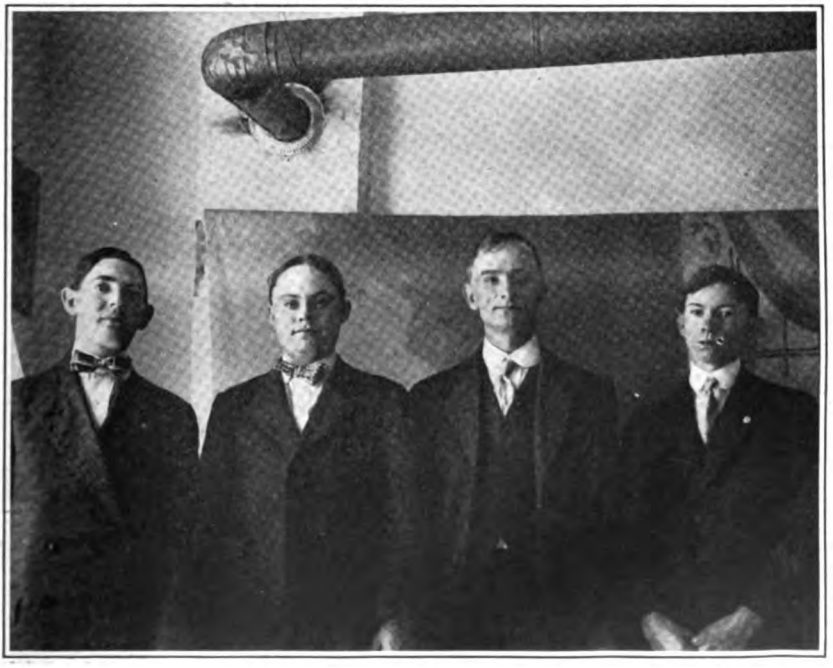
E. S. FITCH,
166 Edmund St., St. Paul, Minn.

Present address of V. G. Foster. Information of his whereabouts will be appreciated by his wife and mother.

MRS. V. G. FOSTER,
MRS. MATTIE COPENING,
Covington, Okla.

Present address of Thomas Coogan, formerly a boiler maker, also works as lineman. Will brothers kindly inquire around shops and of linemen?

L. W. BALLOU,
726 Sunbury St., Shamokin, Pa.



B. E. McNeely. H. A. Crutchlow. W. P. Stublin. A. G. Morgan.

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J. M. Elverin. E. Beulanger. J. H. Godin. J. Alain. G. H. Tremblay.
A. Levesque. J. E. Hamel. J. P. Blondeau. Geo. Levesque.

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Present address of W. P. Foy, last heard of on B. & O. at Benwood, W. Va., in June, 1908. "Bill," if you see this, write me at Glen Willow, Ohio. Important.

B. P. from "NR."

Present address of C. C. Showalter, who worked for N. Y. C. St. L. around Buffalo during 1907. A. W. SHOWALTER,

Room 7, B. & O. R. R. Station, Pittsburg, Pa.

Present address of W. H. Monsarrett, who worked as operator and claim clerk for Santa Fe at Dallas, Tex., and went out with the Santa Fe strikers in December, 1900. "Mons," if you see this, write me.

W. H. SMITH, Town Creek, Ala.

Present address of W. Brady Keister, from Straussburg, Va.; worked at Atlanta, Ga., in 1904. Last heard of in Southern Georgia. Important. T. W. BURNS,

134 Wharf Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Wanted all the brothers, especially in the larger cities, who read this article to clip it out and hand to your Police Department, and advise them to watch out for this fellow, and communicate with the Atlanta Detective Department for further particulars. If you will do this you will not only favor me, but others as well.

"Went under the name of 'Ed Hughes' and of 'T. E. Hughes,' used bogus checks on City Bank & Trust Co., of Mobile, and was seen with Atlanta blank checks in his pocket. Puts up at good hotels, and eats at the best restaurants, pleasant conversationalist; answered to the following description: Sandy complexion; sandy hair, cut close, a little bald; face red, smooth shave, and face and hands looked a little bloated. Hobbled some with rheumatism, light gray eyes, weight about 185 pounds, rather heavy set, about 5 feet 10 inches in height. Wore a light colored overcoat, with a brown soft hat, and sometimes a cap with the following inscription inside the cap, 'Livingston Bros., Houston, Tex.,' cap was gray with white specks and trimmed with braid. Wore a suit of black with a tinge of gray, and at times wore a greenish black coat with striped pantaloons. Had a signet ring on his left hand. Was known in his conversation by inserting 'By Joe' about every ten minutes."

The game he worked here was about as follows: Advertised in papers for lady to take charge of retail store, which afterwards was said to be plume parlors, where he would handle nothing but ostrich plumes; had sixth interest in the Nebraska Ostrich Farm, about twelve miles south of Omaha; had such parlors in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Spokane (where he claimed was his home); had lately opened parlors in New Orleans, and intended opening parlors in Tampa, Fla. Had his cabinets made in Mobile, where he claimed he had made arrangements with a cabinet firm to make his cabinets for the Atlanta and Tampa firms. Looked for the best location for such a place in town, drawing up leases for the same, and after having worked himself up in the minds of business people, passed bogus checks. Always wanting to keep it "quiet," until just ready to open up.

He got me for a sum, and others here, therefore you will be doing a sister in the Order a great good by going deeply into this matter at once, keeping it out of the newspapers as much as possible.

Fraternally,

MRS. E. B. SMITH,

P. O. Box 716., Atlanta, Ga.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

H. C. Stokes, Huntsville, O.

J. W. Marsh, Union Station, O.

J. S. Summerson, Himrod, N. Y.

D. H. McLearen, Mitchells, Va.

S. Frye, 315 E. Main St., Danville, Ky.

C. P. Lord, 20 Lincoln St., Somersworth, N. H.

James O. Larry, 807 Franklin St., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

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LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 544, Cert. 104, Div. 126, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 158, Cert. 94, Div. 16, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 4,769, Cert. 295, Div. 32, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 5,462, Cert. 1,755, Div. 32, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 7,256, Cert. 1,210, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 5,179, Cert. 1,248, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 8,129, Cert. 368, Div. 34, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 3,675, Cert. 2,045, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 565, Cert. 2,156, Div. 126, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 3,029, Cert. 441, Div. 62, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 1,720, Cert. 34, Div. 42, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 7,213, Cert. 324, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 2,210, Cert. 4,199, Grand Div. for term ending June 30, 1909.

NOTICE.

Lost or Stolen—Card case containing O. R. T. card No. 17,235, Cert. 1,932, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1908, and other valuable papers. If presented take up and forward to G. E. Soyster, General Secretary and Treasurer, Division No. 23, No. 1554 Bever Ave., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Lost or Stolen—Card case containing O. R. T. cards, dating from December, 1906, to December, 1908, issued to H. T. Harshbarger. Also contained $35.00. If presented take up and forward to L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo.

Lost or Stolen—At Birmingham, Ala., card case containing O. R. T. card, dating from December, 1906, to December 1908, and other valuable papers..

R. L. WILLIAMS,
Bluff Springs, Fla.



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GLEANINGS

Your up-to-date card is a passport among union men.

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The "Boston Tea Party" was America's first boycott.

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The first union formed in North America —the "United States."

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Don't treat a non as you do a brother. "No card, no favors."

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Free conscience, free speech, free press are guaranteed by the Constitution.

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Union conditions are best for all—the progressive workman is a union man.

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Fair play is all any man wants, but he wants to be the judge of its fairness.

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The dead are soon forgotten, in fact, most of us are lucky if we are not forgotten while we are alive.

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Years ago Abraham Lincoln advised the workingmen to organize, times without number, and Wendell Phillips spoke at many labor mass meetings.

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Non-union labor is like the mendicant on the street corner, with hat in hand, receiving the dole of benefit bestowed upon labor universally by the organized unions.

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More than two million wage-workers who have reaped the advantages of organization and federation appeal to their brothers and sisters of toil to unite with them and participate in the glorious movement with its attendant benefits.

Higher wages, shorter workday, better labor conditions, better homes, better and safer workshops, factories, mills and mines. In a word, a better, higher and nobler life.

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The Protestant ministers of Boston have organized a union along trade union lines. They will adopt a scale of wages, and are even discussing the appointment of a business agent. Low wages are responsible for this action.

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There are affiliated to the American Federation of Labor 118 International Trade Unions with their 27,000 local unions; 36 State Federations; 537 city central bodies and 650 local trade and federal labor unions having no internationals.

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It is a well-recognized fact that every material advantage which has come to our members has been secured by the Order. This is true today, tomorrow and for all time, and the sooner those outside the Order realize this fact the better it will be for all concerned.

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Labor is prior to and independent of Capital. Capital is only the fruit of Labor. Capital could never have existed if Labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of Capital and deserves much the more consideration.—From the First Annual Message of President Lincoln.

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There is nothing, save the ballot, more powerful or more effective than the union label in cementing the workers. Label agitation means solidarity, and when united action is once secured, it can be used on the political as well as on the economic field. The label as an educator is invaluable.

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P. A. Robertson. J. A. Bell, Gen. Chairman. J. Willoughby. V. J. Lanphear.
C. E. Amoss. D. Campbell, 3rd Vice-Pres. D. L. Shaw, Gen. Sec. and Treas.

O. R. T. GENERAL COMMITTEE, GRAND TRUNK RY.

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You never heard a union man apologize for buying goods with the label on, but how often do you see one squirm and wriggle for an excuse to explain why he gives his union wages for the product of cheap tenement house or prison-made goods. A merchant respects a union man who calls for union label goods, but he only has secret contempt for the union man who is too weak to insist on getting union goods for union money.—*Union Advocate.*

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Of the total membership of the present Congress four were elected on labor platforms, and were nominated in opposition to the candidates of the two older parties. The men are McDermott, of Chicago; Carey, of Milwaukee, both telegraphers; Nicols, a coal miner from Scranton, Pa., and Wilson, another coal miner from Blossburg, Pa. Three others elected to Congress have union cards in their pockets, but were not elected as representatives of union labor.

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Fifty-three of the fifty-five doctors in Bellinzona, Switzerland, and its suburbs, have gone on strike. They are paid by the municipal authorities, the salaries running from $600 to $1,000 a year, and by contract must give their services free to poor and rich alike. They demand a fixed salary of $500 a year, and the right of charging fees varying from 50 cents to $1.50 to patients who are in a position to pay, and special charges for night visits. They agree to attend the poor without payment.

* * *

Man comes into the world without his consent and leaves against his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and misunderstandings by the balance of the species. In his infancy he is an angel, in his boyhood he is a devil, in his manhood he is everything from a lizard up, in his dotage he is a fool. If he raises a small check he is a thief and then the law raises the devil with him. If he is a poor man he is a poor manager, if he is rich he is dishonest. If he is in politics he is a grafter, if he is out of politics you can't place him and he is an undesirable person. If he is in a church he is a hypocrite. If he is out of church he is a sinner and is damned. If he donates to foreign missions he does it for show, if he doesn't he is stingy. When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him, before he goes out they all want to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future before him, if he lives to a ripe old age he is simply living to save funeral expenses.

Life is a funny road, but we all like to travel it just the same.—*Mystic Worker.*

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The trade union has to deal with vast numbers of average men, among whom we find the stupid as well as the intelligent, the selfish as well as the altruistic, the sluggish as well as the alert, and its working policy may take all these things into account. When all this is said, we maintain that its influence for good, for developing the faculty of mutual self-help, the graces of benevolence and fraternity, for arousing the desire and will for the better things of life, is scarcely equaled by any other human institution.

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The military court in Russia last Friday pronounced 41 death sentences, of which 9 were for recent crimes. Thirty-two of the condemned men were strikers in the railroad troubles of October, 1905. In addition to the death sentences, 12 strikers were condemned to penal servitude for life, 48 to lesser terms of exile and 39 were acquitted.

These sentences grew out of the events of 1905, when strikers numbering hundreds and thousands throughout Russia attempted to tie up the whole railroad system, telegraph lines and gas and electric light plants.

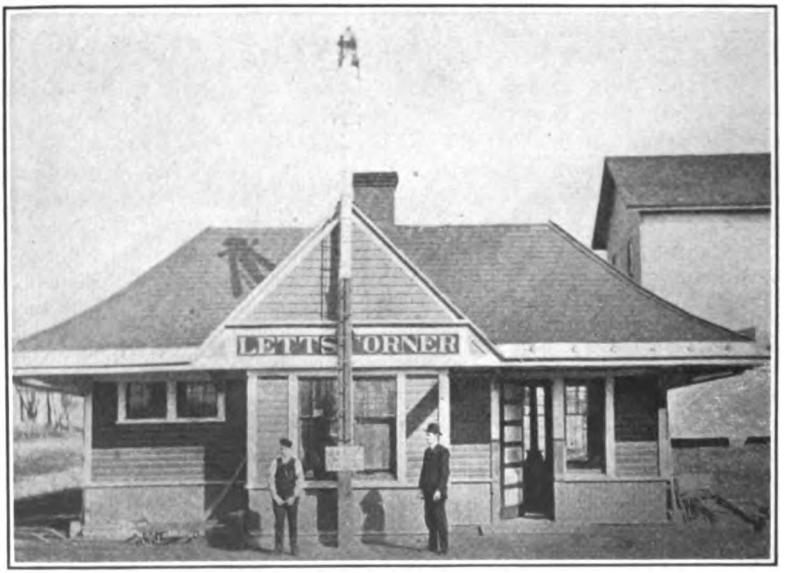
The demonstrations at Yekaterinoslav were particularly desperate, many persons being killed and injured. The criminal prosecution in these events was only recently commenced. The majority of the strikers until lately enjoyed full liberty, some of them being in the employ of the municipality.

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G. B. Clark. E. Schwarts.

O. R. T. MEMBERS—A. & H. RY., STATTVILLE, N. Y.



Arnold DeHart. E. P. DeHart.

O. R. T. MEMBERS—BIG FOUR RY., LETTS CORNER, IND.

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James Farley, the notorious strike-breaker, who puts in his time when not breaking strikes on the race-track, and who owns a stable of racers, got what was coming to him recently in New York, when the National Trotting Association threw out his appeal for being disqualified at a race in Middlebury, Vt., when his horse won. According to the statement of a number of men prominent in trotting circles, this man Farley has long been an eye-sore to every decent man in the horse game, and if he is caught in any more crooked work he will be barred from all the tracks of the association.

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A compilation of trade union statistics in the principal countries of the world places the number of members in good standing at 9,000,000, or 1,000,000 more than last year. Germany contributes a gain of 400,000, which outstrips Great Britain and nearly overtakes the United States. At this time the United States and Canada have about 2,300,000 members, whereas last year Germany had 2,215,000. The unions of Great Britain were credited with a membership of 1,888,000 last year. Five European countries have more trade union members than the State of New York, but New York outranks Russia, Hungary, Spain, as well as all the smaller countries.

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Peaceful picketing and the right to strike, or threaten to strike, was upheld in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in a decision handed down by Judges Grosscup, Baker and Seamon recently. An injunction issued by Judge Sanborn, of Milwaukee, against the Iron Molders' Union, on complaint of the Allis-Chalmers Company two years ago, was modified by the higher court and a number of the clauses in the original writ were vacated entirely.

That the company was entitled to injunctive relief was the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals, and the injunction in a modified form was upheld. The higher court found, however, that the trial court had stepped beyond the line of safe-guarding the legal rights of the appellee, and thereby deprived the appellants of some of their legal rights.

The first clause in the original injunction issued by Judge Sanborn enjoined the union from "in any manner directly or indirectly interfering with the business of the complainant." This clause was vacated by the higher court, and where the original order restrained the union from picketing in any manner, the higher court forbids only "picketing in a threatening or intimidating manner."

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When the old hands returned to work in the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad shops last week, after being locked out for ten months, they found plenty to do, as the imported strike-breakers had utterly failed to make good in any department. Most of the old men are now on their jobs, and those who left the city are returning to the places they left. There has been a general exodus of strike-breakers all along the system, and the company seems mighty glad to get rid of them. The union machinists, blacksmiths and boiler-makers are very well satisfied with the conditions under which the settlement was made. It puts the old contracts in effect, which provides for union shops, nine-hour day and price and a half for overtime.



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MISCELLANY

BOWSER'S TRIBULATIONS.

I HAVE been the cook in the Bowser family for the last year, and have read what the papers said about him and know it to be true. On several occasions Mr. Bowser's experiments with gas-saving and coal-saving appliances has put my life in peril, and for six weeks he was mad at me because I would not ride down from a second-story window on a fire escape. Being in the family, I should keep family secrets, but something happened the other night that the public ought certainly to know. When even a hired girl at $16 per comes across a wolf in sheep's clothing, she feels it her duty to expose him.

Mrs. Bowser's mother was taken suddenly ill, and telegraphed for her to come. I expected to hear Mr. Bowser raise a dozen objections and call his mother-in-law an old cat, and all of that, but to my great surprise he said:

"Yes, of course, you'll have to go. Poor old mother! I hope she isn't going to leave us. Just pack up a few things and I'll see you off in the morning."

"And about the house?" she asked. "I may be gone a week."

"That's all right. Annie and I can keep house while you are gone. You know what a trusty girl she is. I shall be in every evening."

"But you'll be lonesome."

"Oh, I'll get three or four new books and do a lot of reading. Don't worry that I won't get along all right."

I was dead sure that he had a trick up his sleeve, but of course I could say nothing. Mrs. Bowser left the next morning, and after seeing her off he went to the office, and I did not see him again until night. When he had eaten his dinner he said to me:

"Annie, the Gay Old Boys' Club has a meeting tonight."

"Yes, sir."

"I am a member and have got to be there."

"Yes, sir."

"As I long ago explained to Mrs. Bowser, the Gay Old Boys are not gay at all. On the contrary, they are a very solemn set. The club is named after Judge Gay, who was an Old Boy.

"I shall probably be home by ten o'clock, but if I am a little later than that you needn't worry. We sometimes hang on a little to discuss the best means of saving the country. Go right to bed and asleep, and if you hear any noises down here to waken you, pay no attention to them. I may fall over a chair, you know."

"Yes, sir. I have known you to when you came in late at night," I said.

"Oh, you have? Mrs. Bowser is dreadfully careless about leaving chairs in the middle of the floor. Did you ever hear me talking to myself after getting home?"

"Many a time, sir."

"Uh! I didn't suppose you had. If I'm out to a club and make a speech the words keep occurring to me after I get home. I may make a speech tonight, and you may hear me after I get home, but don't let that bother you."

"No, sir. Shall I leave a white rag sticking in the keyhole outside so that you'll have no trouble with your key?"

"Um! Um! You had better simply remember what I have said," he replied as he went up stairs to get dressed.

Mr. Bowser left the house about eight o'clock, and, after Thomas had arrived and courted me for a couple of hours, I went

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off to my room and bed. I didn't undress, however, and I left my door open. I had fallen into a doze half a dozen times, and it had gone midnight when I heard a fall down stairs. At the same time there was a sort of screech from the family cat, and the poor creature came bounding up stairs with a look of terror in her eyes. I am ho hired girl at $16 per to be scared of ghosts, and I at once went down stairs. The front door stood wide open, with a stray dog looking in, and on the sitting-room floor lay Mr. Bowser. He was badly rumpled up. I should think that a man that had been blown up in a sawmill would look as he did. I was looking at him and wondering what I should do when he sat up and blinked at me and asked:

"Ish thaz you, Mishus Bowser?"

"No; this is Annie."

"Annie, the cook?"

"Yes."

"Well, ish anything the mazzer?"

"I heard you fall and came down to see."

"Yesh; fell over chair; shame old chair; shame old fall. Where's Mishus Bowser?"

"She left here this morning, you remember?"

"Oh, yesh," he said, after thinking it over and struggling up and getting into a chair.

"Can I help you up stairs?" I asked, as he looked around the room as if everything was strange to him.

"You help me up stairs? Why? What for? Shay, Annie, I went ter Gay Old Boys' Club tonight."

"Yes."

"I was called on for a speech. Allus called on. I spoke for half an hour. Shay, I wish Mishus Bowsher had been there. I wish you had been there. Wish everybody had been there. Bes' speech I ever made in my life."

"Mrs. Bowser will be pleased to hear that."

"Will she? Will she? Dear old Mishus Bowsher! Yesh, sir; I spoke for—for half an hour, and I never heard so much laughing in my life. Up-roarious applause! Unqualified succhess! Shay, Annie?"

"Yes."

"Who discovered America?"

"I'm only a hired girl at $16 per," I replied, "but I think it was Columbus."

"Um! I said in my speech zhat it was Washington, but odds is er difference. Whaz 'bout er Pilgrim Fathers?"

"I don't know, Mr. Bowser."

"Neither do I, but what I said 'bout 'em brought down er house. When I got through speaking they carried me around on their shoulders and shung: 'I Want To Be An Angel.' Nice, wasn't? Then they stood me on my head and poured ice water down my trouser's legs. Beautiful, wasn't it?"

"But won't you go to bed now?" I asked.

"Why? Whas for? Shay, Annie, did you ever hear me shing a shong?"

"I never did, but I hope you won't do any singing now. It is long after midnight, you know."

"Midnight? Thaz nothing for a Gay Old Boy. We always sit up till fifty-two o'clock. Hear me shing:

"Oh, er old oaken bucket,
Er iron-bound bucket;
Er moss-covered bucket
Zhat h-a-n-g-s in er w-e-l-l."

"Won't you let me assist you up stairs now?" I asked, as he began to motion it all out and chuckle.

"Shay, Annie," he replied, "how much wages do you get?"

"I'm getting $16 per month."

"Tain't nuff. After this you shall have twenty-five."

"Thank you, but I'll see Mrs. Bowser about it."

"All rize—all rize. She Mishus Bowsher 'bout it. Fine woman, she is. Nice woman. Best woman in the world. I shall never get er divorce from Misher Bowsher—ner. Shay, Annie?"

"Yes, but I'm going back to my room."

"All rize—all rize. You go on. Gay Old Boy can take care of himself. Gooz night."

Five minutes after going up stairs I heard him tumble to the floor, and I am sure he slept there all night, and yet at breakfast he turned to me and said:

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"Annie, I was in before ten, and I hope I did not disturb you. The president of the club was ill and we adjourned early. I wanted some ice water when I came in, but found none. Please see to it in the future."—*Leather Workers' Journal.*

A TEMPERANCE SERMON.

YOUNG man, guide not thy feet into the booze joints, nor rest long thy shirt front against the mahogany thereof.

For the breath of them is as sickness, and their free lunch as the siren's voice which bringeth thee nothing but the swift kick.

Remember thy seat on the water wagon and keep it wholly; for though the "Seeing Watertown" car is painted blue and loseth many passengers, though the car slippeth when passing Jim's, and thy hat, it clamoreth to blow off.

Remember thou that the wise boss considereth that the cloven foot goeth with the cloven breath, and a half Nelson on the hay of an evening is worth two bromo seltzers in the morning. Far better is a stand-in with the boss than a stand-off with the barkeep when the board bill confronteth thee.

But if thy toe stubbeth, then touch not the third cocktail, nor the olive contained therein, for they slammeth upon thee a headache that is a pippin.

Sayest the booze clerk unto thee: "Partake now of this tub of suds, for the house buyeth," offend not thy tummy.

But take thou a soft one; for he is a wise rooster who knoweth when the good thing passeth.

Sayest thy friend unto thee, "Have one on me," neither offend him, but bespeak him gently, and grab thou a fifteen-center.

For of a truth, as thou are getting that fuzzy taste, the smoke it helpeth mightily in settling everything but the bill.

Now, this thing I say unto you: Thus far and no farther shouldst thou go in bucking the booze when thy friend clamoreth:

When the next one it looseneth thy tongue.

And thou callest thy new acquaintance by his first name.

And thy hand, it seeketh his shoulder.

And thou talkest shop, and cusseth the country correspondent unto the uttermost.

And proclaimeth that thou art a gentleman, and careth not who knoweth it; then shouldst thou turn from the suds when they creameth, and the highball when the ice cracketh enticingly.

Grabbest thou another, then woe unto thee; for thy tribulations multiply like the interest at Uncle's.

Mayhap thou liftest up thy voice in a great noise and singeth of "The Old Oaken Bucket" or the "Lion's Cage."

And bestow thy small change upon the orchestra, reckoning not of thy board bill, which accumulateth and worketh overtime to smite thy pay envelope.

Behold thy feet, they track, nor hast thou understanding of thy legs; the sidewalks hath yeast and riseth rapidly before thee.

It smiteth thee on the nose when thou lookest not, and strangers revile thee, and make merry over thy countenance, which it hath mauled.

Now, this is the saying of one who knoweth these things; verily, my son, it is good dope.

Touch not the funny water when thy conk whirleth, for it will rise up against thee.

Thy couch whereon thou seekest rest, it will whirl thee like unto the merry-go-round.

And climb the wall of thy habitation.

Defying the laws of gravitation, which it putteth to scorn, and dance the hoochie, while thy tummy protesteth.

While thou hang on wildly, and anon grab at pink grasshoppers, which elude thee and make quick change into blue spiders and angleworms with tin hats.

Anon a great sickness shall overwhelm thee, and unto thee shall almost come knowledge of thy neighbor's menu.

Nor shall the morning soothe thee much; but wise is he who lassoeth the first water faucet that danceth by.

For therein lieth comfort.—By ARTHUR COPP, in *Seattle Union Record.*

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A CIRCUS.

MOLLIE and I went to Ringling Bros.' Circus the other day—the first one Mollie and I had been to since we were married in 1858. I used to go to see John Robinson's shows when I was younger, but Ringling's is much larger than John Robinson's. Mollie is a saving sort of a woman, but when she heard of the circus coming to a nearby town she got down my wedding coat and brushed and pressed it and said we're a-goin'. I never dispute anything Mollie says, for she is set in her ways, and it don't do any good to cross her. Cinthy, that was our only daughter, died a few months ago and left Mollie and I to take care of her seven children, so Mollie dresses 'em all up and away we go. Mollie was somewhat flustrated before she got started, fixing up the kids, but when we got to the circus she was all eyes and ears for what was going on. I bought five whole tickets and two half-fares from a loud-mouthed shark and started for the tent, and in counting over my change I found that he had given me change for a five dollar bill when I gave him a ten. I told the man at the entrance about it and he said he would have the ticket-seller give me five dollars when I came out, but when I looked for him after the show I couldn't find either one of them. I suppose I never will get that five now. They must have been expecting us, for just as we stepped in the tent a photographer was ready for us and took several pictures of all of us in several different poses. Mollie wore that same serene look I've noticed so often—a picture of satisfaction and contentment. Everybody laughed when we got our pictures taken—guess they were glad we were there, although we didn't know a living mortal. Well, we got reserved seats about halfway up the side, and tried to watch all three rings at once. My neck is so sore yet that I can hardly turn my head. There was a man dressed as a clown who jumped over about twenty-seven horses and elephants at once, and a whole lot of men and girls riding around the ring, sometimes on one foot and sometimes on their heads. Mollie was shocked at the way one of the girls was dressed and wanted me to go home with her, but I kind of talked her out of it and we stayed. Well, when this girl, with a dress on that only came to her knees, rode around the ring, she threw a kiss at me and kicked one foot as high as her head. That was too much for Mollie. She gathered up Cleopatra and Azooka (twins) and said we're a-goin' home. Her word is law, so I trailed along behind her with the other five kids. But honest, Mr. Editor, I never saw that girl before, and there wasn't anything wrong between us at all, but Mollie won't believe it. She says she was never more mortified in her life, and it was disgraceful and a whole lot of other things I can't remember now. She puts in most of her time now reading the Bible and praying for me and that misguided girl, as she calls her. I don't believe she will ever consent to me going to another circus. If I do go I'll write you about it.—By G. R. CARSON, in *Railway Conductor.*

HOW THE AGENT GOT HOME.

AN inquiry, says the *Melbourne* (Australia) *Age,* has been held by the Chief Traffic Manager of the Railways concerning the action of a suburban station master, who, having missed his last train, ordered out a special engine to take him home. A peculiar plea was put forward by the station master in justification of his action. He pointed out that he lived some three or four miles from the station at which he was located, and it was his custom to travel home by the last train on the line. He paid for a monthly ticket, and therefore had all the rights of a passenger. By the error of one of his subordinates the board on the station which indicates the destination of the trains showed "Williamstown" instead of "Essendon." He knew that the last train followed the Williamstown train and allowed what he believed to be the Williamstown train to travel out of the station without him.

Then arose a situation which seems very much like a Gilbertian creation. As a passenger he had lost his train through the mistake of a railway official, and therefore

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the railway must provide him with the means of reaching his home. His only course, therefore, was to appeal to himself as a station master. He had no difficulty in deciding that, as station master, he should provide himself as a passenger with a special engine to take himself home, and, as the officer in authority, he at once telephoned for an engine to the depot. When the engine arrived he gave instructions to have himself conveyed home, and then, relinquishing his position as station master, as a passenger he stepped on to the tender and was soon speeding along to his destination.

This remarkably ingenious defense received the careful attention of the Chief Traffic Manager. It might have passed muster had not the awkward question been propounded as to how the station master could have been in charge of the station when as a passenger he had missed his train. Finally it was decided that the station master was not in charge of the station at the time, and as a passenger should have appealed to the night porter. In the circumstances the station master was ordered to pay £2 10s. ($12), the cost of the special engine. A week or two has been allowed to the station master in which he can, if he chooses, present his defense to the Acting Commissioner.

LABOR IN OLD TIMES.

AFTER having learned that the workers of the ancient world were formed into associations for the improvement of their lot, one may be all the more eager to learn what the intimate nature of those associations was, how they were managed and governed and how they compared, if any basis of comparison exists, with the unions that the mechanics of today have organized to raise the standard of living of the workers in their trades.

The ground for this inquiry may be cleared by stating, in the first place, that the element of religion seems to have played an important part in the labor associations of antiquity. The pagan world, after its own fashion, was intensely religious, and in this respect the mechanic did not differ from the rest of the society of which he formed a part. Each of the powerful aristocratic families or gentes had its tutelary divinity, favorable to its fortunes, and the unions found it convenient if not politic to accept one or another of these gods in order both to minister to their own spiritual comfort and to win the friendship and favor of the reigning houses of the time.

Moreover, whenever a war was raging, when faction was widespread, when suppression was imminent and the power of the unions was endangered, this religious aspect was of great moment in helping their escape from the ravages of persecution. Indeed, so pronounced and so pervasive was this religious feature that some of the learned authorities hold that these ancient organizations were formed solely for religious purposes, but this point of view is easily contradicted by the mass of evidence which shows their purely economic aims and their persistent endeavor to control the material welfare of their members.

Again, and for much the same reason that they were ostensibly religious, these ancient organizations, in order to escape suppression and persecution, were secret, withdrawing themselves when necessary from the public view and transacting their business under the cloak of pagan ceremony.

Ward and other writers assert that the formation of burial societies, which were sacred as well as legal in character and exempted from state interference on that account, was in a way a pretext employed by the unions to give them both the opportunity and the excuse for meeting and carrying on their business during precarious days.

Large numbers of these burial societies are known to have existed, and a burial fund was one of the beneficiary features of the associations that preceded by so many centuries the unions of our own day.

In one of the inscriptions on stone which have been preserved to the present time mention is made of 25 denarii—a trifle over $3—being devoted to defray the funeral expenses of a member of a machinists' union, and something like a dollar more was allotted for the strewing of roses on the coffin of the deceased. During times when burial

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was permitted only to those who had been distinguished and noble in life it became the custom of the poor and lowly to burn the remains of the dead. In Rome there has been discovered a vast mausoleum devoted entirely to the cinerary urns of the humble.

But before one could become a member of these ancient associations, if the deciphering of the inscriptions may be believed, it was necessary to pass a rigid examination as to one's character, piety and veracity. Ward holds that secrecy, the majority ballot, the payment of about 30 drachmas, or $6, for admission, and the payment of nominal monthly dues were enforced. Attendance was compulsory, and the meetings, at which the dues were collected, took place regularly each week.

The assessments and dues seem to have varied but little over a great sweep of time, inasmuch as it has been discovered that the Fishermen's Union of Hierapolis paid the same initiation fee in the first century A. D. that was demanded 350 years before the Christian era. Fines of one sort and another and contributions added to the funds in the general treasury of this ancient organization of workers.—I. K. FRIEDMAN, in *Chicago News*.

THE CHENOOK MYSTERY.

THE chief dispatcher was busy. A bridge had washed out in Hualapai Canyon and three passenger trains were lying there with their hundreds of passengers, and no power or equipment on the other side of the wash-out to make a transfer. He was writing messages to the connecting division for engines and cars, and at the same time figuring out a detour if these were not to be had.

"How're yuh fixed for men, sah?"

The speaker, a tall, sallow youth, stood calmly twirling his hat for several minutes and, receiving no reply, repeated his question.

"Where have you been working?" asked the chief, still writing.

"On the S. A. & O., sah," replied the youth in the same drawling tone he had previously used.

"How long?" asked the chief, picking up a bunch of messages and tossing them across the desk to his clerk; then, turning in his chair, he regarded the applicant for the first time.

"You look like a boomer," he commented. "Have you a clearance?"

The youth, Erick Edmundson, for such was his name, drew forth a large leather billbook from an inside pocket, from which he extracted a letter and handed it to the chief.

After reading this aloud the chief held it up to the light and examined the watermark carefully and, appearing satisfied, folded it and returned it to the owner.

"So you are from Virginia?" he asked, smiling.

"Yes, sah, bawned and raised there, sah," replied the Virginian.

The chief appeared lost in thought for a moment ere he continued.

"The only place I have open just now," he said slowly, "is Chenook, and I think it best to explain a little before sending you out. Perhaps you will refuse to go when you hear what I have to say." Here he paused as if allowing his words to have their full effect, and then said in a low tone, "I have reason to believe that *Chenook is haunted*.

"I had occasion to discharge the regular man there about two months ago for sleeping while on duty, and although I have sent at least twenty operators there since, not one of them has remained longer than midnight, and some few left as soon as the next train passed. You see, Chenook is a night office only, there being no day operator there and no house except the station, which is fitted up for 'batching.' An outfit is there now which the company sent as an extra inducement to get someone to stay, together with a lot of provisions. The last time I sent a man was over a week ago, and I have been thinking very seriously of closing the office. Unfortunately a tramp was killed by a train on the very day I discharged the regular man, who had been there several years, and as he had no papers or means of identification he was buried on the right of way near Chenook station. The regular man offered to go back to work,

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but I understand he has been drinking heavily for the last month and I would close the office rather than send him back. I thought at first he might be playing the ghost in order to get back to work, but I am positive he has not left Needles for over a month. Now, sir," he added, "if you want to go out there to work I will give you a pass so you can begin tonight, and, if you decide not to stay, report here to me by wire and I will arrange transportation back here for you, and allow you full time of the trip."

Edmundson ran his long, bony fingers through his hair and thought for several minutes before replying. Finally a look of determination came into his eyes and he said, "I'll go. I've had a hard trip and I need the money. On account of the new law I had to buy a ticket and I find myself a stranger in a strange land, hungry and without money. Might write me out a pass, sah."

The east-bound passenger train stopped at Chenook just long enough to "land" Edmundson, then the giant locomotive coughed consumptively and dragged the long train slowly away.

It was not a pleasing outlook for the easterner. On every side stretched the desert, a veritable sea of sand only broken here and there by a clump of sage brush or grease wood. Far away to the south a small white spot slowly moved out of sight—the one-time land-mark of the west, a prairie schooner on its way across the desert. How little the passengers on the Limited imagine the horrors they are escaping! The old ox trail with its mileposts of blanched and whitened human bones! How little they know of the pangs of hunger and thirst, the wandering mind and finally the lonely death, with no eyes to see except those of the vulture and the slinking coyote!

The depot was a small red affair covered with two roofs, one about two feet higher than the other, to temper the sun's rays, and was of a rectangular shape. The door being open, Edmundson entered and found himself in the telegraph office. The room was bare of furniture with the exception of the usual telegraph table and a small typewriter stand. On the wall a clock ticked merrily and upon consulting it the Virginian was surprised to see that it was five o'clock. The other room contained a bed, stove and several boxes of provisions. On the walls hung numerous pots and pans and, after bringing a pail of water from a small cistern outside, the operator set to work to prepare supper. In a short time he had fried ham and eggs and made some coffee, with which and a box of crackers and cheese he managed to allay the pangs of hunger. After washing the dishes it was six o'clock and, calling the dispatcher upon the wire, he reported himself ready for duty. "How do you like it there?" asked the dispatcher good-naturedly. "Fine," he answered. "I've just let my stomach know that my throat wasn't cut."

Several trains passed during the early part of the night, but as all passenger trains were on time he had nothing to do but pull in the boards and "OS" them by, but as the night wore on and the moon dropped out of sight darkness settled down on the earth like a garment. Coyotes howled plaintively and desert owls hoo! hoo-ed! The wires overhead hummed mournfully.

At twelve o'clock the ghost was due to appear. It was only five minutes to twelve now.

Edmundson sat up in his chair and watched the slowly-moving hands as one fascinated. Click! click! Click! click! A certain dread sense of impending horror blanched his face and sent thrill after thrill down his body; a creepy feeling fastened upon him and into his eyes, now slightly distended from wide-open lids, came a certain look of fear as if they dreaded the approach of some uncanny creature from an unknown world. Tick! tock! Tick ! tock! From the face of the clock there seemed to peer the ghostly outlines of a leering face while the half-darkened corners, the shadows from the light, the walls, the floor, even the very air, seemed to carry the sinister expression of an evil purpose. Now it was four minutes, now three, now two, now one—my God! What was that?

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An awful shriek rent the air and then a blood-curdling laugh rang out.

The Virginian's hair rose straight from his head. His breath came in gasps and his hands clutched the sides of the chair.

The voice filled the room, coming from apparently the empty air:

"No, REVEREND SENORS, I AM NOT MAD. Ha! Ha! Ha!!! I AM HERE TO PROTECT MY WIFE AND CHILD WITH MY LIFE'S BLOOD, IF NECESSARY. DEAD! *Dead!!* DEAD!!! AND I LOVED HER!" Then further groans and cries.

After the first few words Edmundson's hair settled on his head and by the time the voice had finished, in about five minutes, a broad grin adorned his face.

Taking the lamp he examined the face of the clock and found a small pinhole at the top and bottom of the character XII, from each of which protruded a hair-like copper wire.

It was but the work of a few moments to trace the wires down the wall to where they disappeared into the lower part of the typewriter stand. Prying off the door of this he found the ghost—a graphophone. There were also dry batteries for running the machine and a battery to start it when the connection was made by the hands touching the two wires at twelve o'clock, but so arranged that it had to connect twice before starting, so as not to go off at noon. This was done by having two starting levels connected to electro magnets. When through with the record the machine resumed its original position.

If you happen in at the Needles dispatcher's office you will notice an old graphophone reposing on top of the chief dispatcher's desk, bearing this legend, "The Chenook Haunt," and if the chief is not too busy he may tell you the story.

But Edmundson and I are great friends and when he explained it to me perhaps he told me what he didn't tell everyone: He had the same record at home and recognized the words that night as "The Ravings of John McCullough."—By C. B. YOUNG, in *Railway Conductor*.

THE COMING OF ANGELA.

THE day was clear and bright. The frost lay white on the fields and on the sloping roofs of house and barn. The air was cool, and it had a pleasant tingle.

Israel Putnam drew a long breath as he started across the dull fields. He was a man of sixty, a gray-haired man who stooped a little—a man of serious mien.

"Goin' to snow, Israel?" a pleasant voice asked as he pushed open the door of the house.

"Guess not," the old man answered. "There ain't any feel of snow in the air."

He hung his woolen cap behind the door, and turned and stretched his knotted hands above the stove.

"Seems as if snow ought to be a part of Thanksgivin' Day," said the owner of the pleasant voice.

She was a sprightly little woman of fifty-five, perhaps, a woman of much nervous energy, her quickness of movement contrasting strongly with the slowness and dignity of her husband.

"This ain't a New England Thanksgivin'," he said. "You mustn't forget that."

"Well, of course, it ain't the weather that makes the Thanksgivin' Day,' the woman briskly remarked, pausing with the coffee pot in hand. "It's having the right feeling in the heart—the thankful feeling that goes with the day."

"I ain't quite sure I just know what I've got to be thankful for," observed Israel.

"Israel," said the woman quickly. Then her tone changed as she added, "Breakfast is ready."

A cloud still darkened the old man's face as he took his place at the table.

The woman slipped into her chair. Then she looked at him reprovingly.

"Israel," she said, and bent her head.

He hesitated a moment, and leaned forward.

"Father," he murmured, "make us truly thankful for all Thy mercies, for health, for strength, for the food that lies before us. Guide us in the right path, guard us from evil, teach us the truth, and give us understanding."

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He raised his head and looked across the table at his wife. Her head was still bowed. She seemed to be waiting. Then she spoke.

"And, oh, Father," she said, "watch over our wandering son, and in Thy good time bring him home to the hearts that hunger for him."

There was a little silence. The old man was frowning. The woman met his gaze placidly.

"It was on Thanksgivin' Day that Philip went away," she said. "You haven't forgotten that?"

He stirred uneasily.

"That's a subject," he harshly said, "that you were not to discuss."

"Not even on Thanksgivin' Day, Israel?"

"I don't want to hear the boy's name mentioned."

"He's no longer a boy, Israel. He was just seventeen when he went away, and that's fifteen years ago." Her voice suddenly trembled. "Fifteen years ago," she brokenly repeated; my boy, my boy!"

"Do you want to drive me from the table, Mary?" demanded the old man.

"N-no, Israel."

"Then stop this foolishness. The boy deserves no sympathy. He saw fit to disobey me. I punished him."

"He was only a boy, Israel."

"He was quite old enough to know the consequences of disobedience."

"You drove him away."

"He ran away. But don't you worry about that. Some day he'll come back—like that other prodigal."

"But he won't know where to find us, Israel."

"Trust him for that."

"It was the one thing that made me dread leaving old Connecticut to come away out here in Nebraska," said the woman.

"We would have starved there," said the old man sharply. "There's at least a living in the soil out here. But there, we have had quite enough of this sniveling. I saw Caleb Morgan driving along to the blacksmith's just as I was comin' in from the barn, and I asked him to stop at Jethro Perkins' and tell him to send his boy over with a nice young hen turkey. Jethro has quite a flock of 'em, an' he's purty sure to pick out a tender one for us."

"Why, I thought you ordered a turkey from Sam Crum?"

"So, I did, but Sam's down with rheumatism. He's confined to the house. Caleb Morgan told me he wouldn't be out for a couple of weeks. Caleb's got a job with his team on the new railroad."

"How's the road comin' on?"

"They're pushin' right along. Caleb says they'll have it graded as far as the creek next week. He says they must have as many as one hundred Eyetalians on this section. Caleb doesn't like 'em, but he admits they're good railroad builders—more especially when they've got a boss like the new engineer that came last Saturday. Caleb says a few of these Eyetalians have brought their wives along with 'em, and they cook for the gang. Caleb says they're an interesting people, and that it's fun to watch 'em campin' out in freight cars an' tents. What's that?"

His quick ears had heard a tap at the outer door.

The woman looked around.

"I didn't hear anybody, Israel."

"Seems to me somebody rapped."

They both paused and listened. Then came another rap, light but distinct. The woman arose.

"It must be Jethro's boy with the turkey," she said, as she crossed to the door.

But when she opened it there was no one there.

"He's gone," she said, "but he left the turkey."

She stooped and raised a basket from the step and brought it into the room.

"Strange the boy hurried away," said the old man. "I wanted him to ask Jethro somethin' about that wire fencin' of his along the new roadbed."

The woman was bending over the basket. Suddenly she gave a little cry.

"Israel!"

"What is it?"

"A baby!"

She lifted the child from the basket, a plump, well-formed infant of six months, a baby with an olive complexion and big black eyes, that looked up at her trustfully.

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The old man pushed back his chair.

"Well, I swan!" he said.

The woman's eyes were shining.

"Isn't she fine?" she cried. "And her eyes are like Philip's eyes, only so much bigger."

The old man stared at the child.

"A Thanksgivin' baby," he murmured. "A Thanksgivin' baby instead of a Thanksgivin' turkey. That's something that never could have happened back in old Connecticut."

The woman was bending over the child.

"She's much nicer than turkey, Israel."

The old man suddenly smiled.

"I fancy she won't go as well with cranberries," he chuckled. Then his tone changed. "Where's the owner?" he cried. "Who left it here?" He ran to the door and looked out. "Here's a pretty mess," he growled. "Somebody evidently thinks we're easy. What are you going to do with it?" he demanded.

"Keep it until the mother comes for it," she answered.

"I guess not," he growled. "She might never come back." He stooped a little to get a better look at the child. The big black eyes rolled toward him and a little smile wrinkled the baby's face. He drew a quick breath as he straightened up. "Healthy-lookin' little varmint," he growled, and turned to take down his cap from the hook behind the door.

"What's that?" he suddenly cried.

"Where?"

"At the window."

"What was it?"

"A white face looking in."

He hurried to the door and disappeared.

The woman heard him calling.

"Here you," he cried, "come here."

A moment later he reappeared in the doorway looking off.

"A young woman is out here. She's foreign, I guess. The mother of the baby, mebby. Come in."

A girl with a scared white face appeared in the doorway. Her big black eyes stared about her. She was bare-headed, her hair was very black, a gaily-colored handkerchief was knotted about her neck.

Her gaze rested on the baby lying on the knees of the older woman. She ran forward, and dropping on her knees, drew the baby against her heart.

"My Angela!" she murmured, brokenly.

The old man looked down at her.

"If it's your child, what do you mean by abandoning it?"

"She doesn't understand, Israel."

The old man raised his voice.

"Why did you run away from the child?" he asked.

The girl nodded quickly.

"Yes, I run away. I leave da child—the littla Angela. I am so afraid." She looked around affrighted. "The door," she cried, "closa da door!"

She was in such evident terror that the old man stepped back and closed the door and shot the bolt.

"There," he said, "nothing shall harm you. Don't shiver so. What's your trouble?"

The girl spoke rapidly.

"I run away. I leave da littla Angela. My heart ache so. I come back. I looka at her only once. Then I go away."

"But why?" demanded the old man, "why do you leave the child?"

The girl spoke rapidly.

"You are good, you are kind. You will keep de little Angela. Some day maybe I come see her. Maybe I come no more."

She suddenly sobbed and bent her head over the child, and her thick black hair was loosened and fell about the little one like a veil.

There was a brief silence. The old man met the wondering gaze of his wife.

"What does all this mean, mother?" he asked.

"We must find out," the woman softly answered. "She seems to be in great trouble. Let me try to find what it is that frightens her." She gently touched the young mother's shoulder.

"See here, my dear," she said, and her voice was very gentle. "Tell me your name."

"Me Francesca," the girl quickly answered.

"Well, Francesca, we must know what it is that worries you. When you have told us perhaps we can help you."

The girl pushed back her thick hair.

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"I tell you," she said. "Then you will help Francesca. It is of Frank I am afraid. He is my husband's—whata you say—cousin. My husband is Antonio. We are married in Italy two years ago. We come to dis country and Frank come, too. My husband ver' gooda man. Ver' gooda workman, he find plenty work. Den Angela is come. My husband—dat is Tony—he go away to get mucha better work—mucha better money. He say, 'You staya here with Frank. He take da good care. Soon I senda for you.' Then he go away. In tree four week Frank say, 'Tony want you come. He send some word by Guiseppe.' I think he speaka da truth. He is my Tony's cousin. I go with him. He bringa me here to da railway. He getta da job. I say, 'Where is Tony?' He say, 'I will tell you. Tony is hurt—he is dead.' But no, I don't believe him. I think it is da lie. I say, 'Frank, it is da lie.' He say, 'You see.' Den I know he is bad. Soon he say, 'Now you will be my wife.' I say, 'No, no, no!' He laugh. I am afraid. He say to everyone, 'Francesca is my wife.' I say no. But they believe Frank. He has da smootha tongue. Every day he say, 'You will be my wife.' I am afraid. I must run away. I must find Tony. But I can not take da littla Angela. Den I go I find my Tony. I tell him all. He will come back—he will kill Frank!"

A red flush burned in the girl's cheek. Her voice suddenly rose, her hands were clinched.

"He will kill him!" she cried. Then her head drooped and her black hair fell about the child.

The man drew a long breath. The woman looked up at him.

"You believe her?" she half-questioned, half-entreated.

"Believe her?" he echoed. "Of course, I believe her. Didn't you hear her story? Didn't she make you see it all?" He choked a little. "Blamed if I ever s'posed a furriner could be so durned eloquent!"

He turned abruptly and walked to the window.

The woman bent over the girl.

"Francesca," she gently said, "we will help you if we can."

"And da littla Angela can stay?"

"We must talk that over. If it's for the best, the child can stay."

"Then I go," she hurriedly said. "It is not gooda for me to be so near. Frank will find me. He will take me back. I must go."

The old man turned abruptly and strode towards them.

"You'll stay here today, anyway, young woman," he said, in his masterful manner. "This is Thanksgivin' Day—although you may not know what that means. And on Thanksgivin' Day we turn no stranger from the gates. You and your child will be sheltered here, and warmed and fed. We will let tomorrow take care of itself. And you are not to be afraid. My house is my castle, and I come of fighting Puritan stock. If that scoundrel comes round here annoying you and gets actin' up ugly, I'll give him proper warnin' and then shoot him down in his tracks, dummed if I don't!"

"Israel!" cried his wife.

The old man's expression relaxed.

"Anyway," he said, "I won't let him bother you."

The girl slowly nodded.

"Then I stay—with da littla Angela," she said. "I stay today—I stay da Thanksgiv'—then I go find my Tony."

The woman smiled down at her.

"The little Angela is asleep," she said. "Bring her this way. Here is the room where you will sleep."

The girl arose with the child in her arms. She looked around at the old man.

"You keep away Frank," she said. "He vera bada man."

"I'll look out for him," said the old man. "You run along."

His grim look mellowed to half a smile as he stepped into the summer kitchen and took a shotgun from its pegs against the wall. His face was grim again as he replaced the weapon.

"That's loaded for bear or mebby woodchuck," he muttered to himself. "An' I guess it would answer pretty near as well for varmints of the two-legged sort."

A sudden step outside startled him. It was the boy from Jethro Perkins' ranch with the turkey.

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"A very passable bird," said the old man, as he held it aloft and surveyed it critically. "Mebby it ain't quite up to the Connecticut standard, but I guess it will serve all the Thanksgivin' purposes mighty near as well."

He put the turkey back into the basket and placed it on a chair in the kitchen. Then he stepped onto the porch and looked up at the sky.

"No sign o' snow," he said. He stood there a moment and his face grew troubled. "I wonder where that boy Philip is today?" he murmured. The grim look came back. "Vagabondin' and prodigalin', most likely," he said, and he strode towards the barn.

It might have been three hours later when a voice hailed him from the porch.

"Israel!"

There was a note of anxiety in the call.

"What is it?" he cried. His wife answered.

"Israel," she said, "there's a lot of men comin' up the road. They look like the gang from the railway. Mebby they don't mean any mischief, but I thought I'd better call you."

The old man carefully closed the big barn doors. Then he went up the walk to the porch.

"Guess there ain't anythin' to worry about," he said. "'Tain't likely they're comin' here. At the same time you'd better keep the girl an the child out o' sight. We don't want to advertise th' fact that they're here. How's the turkey?"

"It's a fine bird—I don't believe I ever saw a finer one for its size."

"That sounds kind o' disloyal to Connecticut, Martha."

"They're comin' nearer, Israel."

"Yes, I'm noticin' it. Perhaps I'd better kind o' stroll down towards the roadway in case they want to ask me somethin'."

"Be careful, Israel."

"Yes, mother."

His tone was almost gentle. The woman looked after him as he strode sturdily down the driveway. Then she turned and went into the house.

The old man was perhaps twenty feet from the highway when the rabble from the railway came up.

It was a motley crowd, a noisy, gestulating mob. Its leader, a stout man with a red handkerchief about his bronzed throat, stayed the progress of his followers with a sharp cry.

"Is deesa place de place you leef, signor?" he demanded.

"This is my home," the old man replied.

"Beppo!" cried the leader of the gang.

A dark-faced boy stepped forward. The leader vehemently addressed him in a language the old man did not understand. The boy answered. The leader turned back.

"You have in da house da wife of Francisco," he said. "She run away. She must go back."

The old man shook his head.

"There is no such person in my home," he said.

"It's a lie!" shrieked a voice from the crowd.

The leader held up his hand. "Da boy Beppo saw da woman," he said. "She is in da house. She must go home." He raised his voice. "She must go home!"

The old man held his ground.

"Do you mean to threaten me?" he sternly asked.

"You maka da great meestake," said the leader, warningly. "Tal da woman Francisco say she must go. Dat is all."

"I order you to leave my premises," growled the old man. His face was flushed. His eyes blazed.

"You hava da child, too," said the leader. "You keepa da child, you kidnap da child. It is bad business. We wanta da woman and da child."

A confused murmur arose from the mob.

The old man lifted his clenched hand.

"You scoundrels!" he cried. "Wait, wait!"

He turned and strode to the house. He was back again in a moment, the shotgun in his sturdy hands.

"Away with you!" he cried. "This is my home, these are my lands. I will defend them if I have to kill every cowardly mother's son of you!"

At the sight of this raging old lion the rabble fell back. Even the leader retreated with the rest.

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"You are old man," said the latter. "You will not shoot. You will make yourself da great trouble."

A babel of voices arose from the mob. A stone whizzed by the old man's head. A second stone knocked off his cap and slightly cut his forehead.

"Who threw that?" he cried, and dropped the gun barrels in line with the leader.

The latter gave some command to his fellows. It was greeted with wild cries. The rabble separated, and some ran one way and some another. They were preparing to attack the old man on all sides.

He did not waver. His eyes were on the leader. Then he slowly drew back step by step. His defense would be surer in the house than in the open.

"You are old fool," cried the leader. "You goin' get hurt. Put down da gun. Wen I giva da word maybe you get killed."

"I'll kill you first," cried the old man fiercely.

The leader looked around, but the signal for the attack was never given.

A quick step sounded beside the old man.

"Steady, dad," said a deep but quiet voice. "Don't look around. When I give the word shoot the man in front of you and the one at the left. I'm good for a half dozen more. I fancy that will take the appetite out of them. Don't look around, dad."

"Why do you call me dad?" muttered the old man. "Are—are you Philip?"

"Yes," said the quiet voice. "I'm Philip. There, see that!"

The rabble, stones and sticks in hand, were slowly drawing back to the roadway.

The newcomer, tall and erect, his long-barreled revolver in hand, stepped forward. He called to them in their native tongue. He spoke rapidly, earnestly, angrily. They murmured in a sullen way.

He half turned and laid his hand on the old man's shoulder.

"This is my father, men," he cried. "See, his hair is gray. Look where some coward struck him. Old as he is, he shames you all!"

Again the sullen murmur went around.

"What is it they want, dad?" said the newcomer. "Tell me quickly."

Then the old man, in a few hurried words, told the story of the woman and the child. And the mob waited.

"Antonio?" repeated the younger man. "What's his other name?"

"Antonio Crespi," cried a voice from behind them. It was the voice of the mother of Angela, and at the sight of her the mob murmured again.

"Antonio Crespi," repeated the newcomer. "I know the man. Yes, yes. He is a gang foreman on the upper section. I will send for him. He will be here tomorrow."

Again he stepped forward. Again he addressed them in their own tongue.

"Francesco Crespi," he cried, "stand forward."

A swarthy little man stepped out from the midst of the rabble.

"What you want?" he asked.

"Frank," cried the newcomer, "Tony will be here tomorrow."

The little man drew hastily back and the mob jeered him and followed him, hurling objurgations after him as he sped down the road.

Then the old man dropped the gun and looked at the newcomer.

"Is it really you, Philip?"

"Yes, dad. And to think we were so near and didn't know it. I'm the engineer on this section of the road, and if it hadn't been for mother I might have never found you. She came running across the fields to my car crying for help. And when she came near I saw it was mother. Then I found my revolver and ran back. And there you were—one old man against fifty youngsters. By George, you're a splendid old dad! Won't you shake hands?"

The old man slowly looked him over.

"Do you come back as a prodigal?" he sternly asked.

The young man laughed.

"I've come back with a prodigal's appetite," he cried. "You can't bring on your fatted turkey too quick."

A voice from the porch interrupted them. They looked around. The mother of Angela was sitting on the steps with the child held close in her arms. The mother of Philip stood in the doorway watching the two men.

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"Dinner is waiting, boys," she called to them.

The old man suddenly laid his arm across his son's shoulders.

"Come, Phil," he said.

And they walked together to the house.

"Well, mother," he called, "I guess you'll admit that we didn't have any Thanksgivin' like this one back in old Connecticut."

The mother looked at her son and the tears sprang to her eyes.

"No, Israel, none to compare with this one."

The old man's gaze fell upon the little Angela in her mother's arms, and his rugged face was softened by a smile.—By W. R. ROSE, in *Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

SIGNOR METELLI'S MIRACLE.

THE beautiful apartments of state in Countess Giusterini's palace in Florence were filled with a crowd of fashionable guests.

"How lucky that we went," said my wife to me; "what beautiful gowns and what a fairy palace the Countess has."

"The crowd which filled the hall was an unusually interesting one. The American element was well represented, and the rest consisted of a number of Italians and representatives of almost every country in Europe. The Countess was the daughter of a California railroad king—Fardon—and had some years ago married the old Count Giusterini, and when he died she chose his old palace as her permanent residence and had it practically rebuilt at enormous expense.

At that time French society was greatly interested in mysticism.

"Good evening," a lady said to my wife, "how glad I am that you brought your husband. It will be an unusually interesting seance tonight."

"So there is going to be a seance?"

"Yes. Signor Metelli, who is the most famous mystic in Italy today, will show us some of his spiritualistic experiments. I tell you he is the most handsome and attractive man I ever met. They say he's a descendant of the old Roman family Metelli."

"A noble family indeed," I remarked, "but do you think that he can prove his connection with it?"

"He has all the necessary papers," the lady replied, evidently somewhat hurt. "He has spent a very long time among the Imans of Persia and the Mahatmas of Thibet.

"That is very good news indeed, for I have for a long time been looking for a man who might give me the address of a Mahatma who did not live too far away."

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself to speak in this sarcastic manner. Signor Metelli will refuse to show us any experiments as soon as he finds out that there is anybody here who does not believe in him."

"I'm very sorry, indeed," I said. Then, turning to a friend, I asked: "Say, Brown, do you know anything about this Metelli?"

Brown was a very well-known physiologist.

"If I know anything of him? Certainly. He's a half-breed who has come from Bombay. His father was a singer from Naples, and his mother was an Indian dancer. He's a very clever and handsome fellow, and at the present time he's plundering the Countess, pretending to give her news from her late father, an experiment which he carries out with the assistance of some Mahatmas. It is said that he has already robbed the Countess of more than $100,000. But here he is."

A lackey threw aside the heavy portieres and announced: "Signor Cesare Metelli."

The guests made room and formed a lane through which the mystic like an arrow rushed toward the Countess.

Signor Metelli was a tall, well-built man, with noble features and jet black hair. He wore conventional evening dress, and only a scarlet scarf around his hips betrayed the Oriental.

"Good evening, Countess," he said, and I noticed that he spoke English without any accent. "Allow me to touch your hand."

Suddenly he seemed to grow nervous, looked around, and ran towards a small table with some red and white flowers.

"I felt that there was something inimical present. Look here! These purple anthuri-

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ums; don't they look like snakes against the snow-white bosom of the beautiful lilies? Purple blossoms close to the symbol of purity."

Without a moment's hesitation he pulled the anthuriums out of their pots and threw them into the fire-place.

"A very good idea to attract attention," Brown whispered to me; "he must have arranged that with the servants beforehand."

Just then Metelli looked at us sharply and came toward us.

"And here are two more enemies," he said. "Countess, we have among us two disbelievers in whose presence I can do nothing. The disbelievers are these two gentlemen.

"Disbelievers," he said, and laid his hand on our shoulders. "How is it possible for a spirit to reveal the secret depths of the eternal truth in the presence of materialists like you? Your souls are not wrapped in the spirit of eternity, and why have you come here to insult the mystic forces?"

"We have come here because we thought this house was the property of Countess Giusterini, who was kind enough to invite us," Brown replied, coolly.

The Countess went up to the mystic and said, tactfully:

"My dear Signor, these gentlemen are my guests. Would it not be far better, instead of excluding these two gentlemen from the seance, to show them what the occult forces are able to do, and thus convince them of their errors?" The Signor shrugged his shoulders.

"It shall be as you wish, Countess," he said. "I shall do my very best, but should the elementary power not deign to reveal itself in the presence of these gentlemen, the fault will not be mine, but theirs. The spirits of light avoid the presence of coarse materialists, whom they despise as I despise the purple flowers I just threw into the fire because they reminded me of snakes."

"We promise not to make any disturbance," Brown said, feeling rather hurt at being compared to a reptile.

Signor Metelli went to the center of the room and began to make a speech, forming the introduction to his experiments. Famous names, like those of Plato, Paracustis, Theophratus and Bombastus occurred in it time and again, and the whole speech was very nebulous and deep. The ladies listened attentively, and it was easy to see that the flowery language of Metelli had made a great impression.

"I wonder in what language he has read Paracustis," Brown whispered to me.

Signor Metelli evidently heard him, for he punished him with a furious glance. Then he started to show a number of tricks. He read minds, he guessed the number of bills in sealed envelopes, he told the age of various persons, etc. In these experiments he was evidently supported by the daughter of a Florentine banker, whose dark eyes continually sought his.

The entertainment lasted for about an hour; then, at about half-past eleven, Metelli crowned his work with a trick which made him famous and won for him an enormous fortune.

Brown's sarcastic expression had seemed to irritate the Signor all the time, for suddenly he went close to us and shouted, "What do you demand of me? Have I not already convinced you of my powers? What sign do you want to see? Perhaps—" here he had a short pause—"an earthquake!—well, you shall have it!"

He had barely spoken these words when the whole room began to rock like a ship on the ocean, the walls cracked and the great chandelier fell down from the ceiling. It was the terrible earthquake which destroyed Florence in 1894. The guests were seized with panic. Every one rushed toward the doors and windows, and we saw how the tower of the old palace was trembling, and how a number of houses went down.

For a few minutes nobody thought of anything but his own safety. And while all this happened the mystic stood motionless and smilingly signaled Countess Giusterini to seek protection at his side. He was trembling and his face was pale, but in spite of this, I could not help admiring his coolness.

All this lasted no longer than three minutes, and when it was over all the guests had left.

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The following day, when the people had quieted down somewhat, I met Signor Metelli on Piazza de la Signora. "I must compliment you on your presence of mind," I said to him.

"You still doubt my power?" he said, measuring me from head to foot. "Do you want me to repeat the experience of yesterday again?"

"I don't believe in you, although your coolness surprised me. You are a man of unusual courage. You were standing underneath an arch which threatened to collapse any moment."

"That is very easily explained. I have lived for a good many years in districts where earthquakes are a common occurrence."

"I thought so. But now let me tell you something. I am a physiologist, and I can tell you just how you did the whole trick."

"Is it possible? That would interest me very much, and I should like to know how you, a man of cold reasoning, will explain my supernatural power?"

"Did you ever hear anything about personal balance of mind?"

"No, never."

I explained to him that, as well in astronomy as in other exact sciences, it has been a necessity to investigate the length of time with which individuals feel coming events. In some people the nervous system acts much quicker than in others. Scientifically speaking, my personal balance is very short.

"I need only a moment to foretell a coming event, but your nervous system is even more sensitive, for you felt it coming ten seconds before I did."

"I don't quite understand you."

"Now listen to me, Signor Metelli. I kept my eyes on you all the time. When you suddenly asked us what more proofs we wanted it was nothing but an ordinary phrase, and you had no intention of doing anything but showing us another of your tricks. Suddenly you turned pale, and said: 'An earthquake!' Your explanation was one of terror, not a question. At that moment you felt that an earthquake was coming. The last moment you had mastered your emotions, and you added: 'You shall have it!' As soon as you had said this I felt the coming of the earthquake, and two seconds later the catastrophe came. That is all."

He looked at me with an expression of hatred.

"Do you intend to make your observations known?"

"I shall make them known at the first opportunity I have."

"That is very interesting. What you say is wrong, but it may hurt my business. If you will remain silent I will give you five hundred dollars.

"I will not."

"Then I will give you a thousand dollars."

"Not even for a thousand dollars."

"How much do you want, then?"

"You don't understand me. I care nothing for your money. You are a swindler, and you are trying to get hold of the fortune of the Countess. I happen to be an honest man, and I refuse to take any money. Furthermore, I shall immediately notify the Countess."

He wasted no more words with me, but called a cab.

"Cascine Park," he shouted, "but get there quick."

I hailed another cab and drove to Countess Giusterini's palace. She was out, and the butler told me she had gone driving in the Cascine Park.

Next morning I met Brown.

"Have you heard the latest news?" he asked me.

"No; what is it? Something about Metelli?"

"Yes, about Metelli. He has left. It became known in the city that he had caused the earthquake of yesterday, and the people are so furious that they would have murdered him. He must, however, have felt what was coming, for he met the Countess in Cascine Park and told her that the people were going to kill him and tear down her palace if she did not run away with him, and she, who was quite bewitched, consented, and both left for Verona on the evening express. And they are to be married, and they are then to live in Italy, and will spend their honeymoon in Munich."

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"Forty thousand dollars' income and a beautiful wife! That isn't bad for a half-breed."

"I'm sure he doesn't care so very much for the wife. It was more the money. He will now give up his occupation as mind-reader and mystic, and devote his attention to spending the Giusterini fortune."—By CLARENCE PRUDEN, in *Express Gazette.*

AN OCEAN ROMANCE.

A STRANGE voyage! And still it had begun so pleasantly; in fact, I have never started to cross the Atlantic under such good auspices. La Provence is a swift, comfortable boat, commanded by the most jovial and gentlemanly of captains.

When we were about 500 miles out from Havre we were overtaken by a wireless dispatch flashed to us through the air. It read: "Arsene Lupin is aboard, traveling first cabin; blond hair, a wound on the right arm; is alone and goes under the name of R——." At this moment a clap of thunder burst through the air. The electric waves were disturbed and the rest of the telegram was not delivered.

Thus we, on board the boat, knew only the first letter of the name adopted by Arsene Lupin. Had the news concerned anything or anybody else, I am sure the secret would have been conscientiously kept, but there are things which defy you to keep them secret. Already the very same day all of us knew that the famous, or should I say notorious, Arsene Lupin was among us.

Arsene Lupin on board! That slippery criminal whose deeds had filled columns and columns in every European newspaper! The mysterious outlaw whom old Janiward, the Sherlock Holmes of France, had challenged to a duel to the finish! Lupin, the gentleman burglar, who "worked" only in chateaus and salons, and who once left Baron Schormann's residence empty-handed, leaving behind him his card, bearing the words: "I shall return, my dear Baron, when you shall have become rich enough to buy real silverware and jewels instead of the plated goods and paste gems your house is now filled with!"

"And this state of affairs is going to last for five times twenty-four hours yet," Miss Nelly Underdown exclaimed the next morning. "That is unbearable! I hope they will catch him." And then, turning to me: "And you, M. Audressy, who are such a close friend of the captain, you don't even know anything."

I should have given much to have known something, just to please Miss Nelly. She was one of those bewitching creatures who immediately captivate the hearts of all and who are always surrounded by a court of admirers. Educated in Paris by her mother, who was a French woman by birth, she was now on her way to visit her father, the Dollarking Underdown, of Chicago. She was accompanied by a friend, Lady Yerland.

"I really know nothing, Miss Underdown, but there is nothing to prevent us from starting an investigation of our own, following the detective methods of old Janiward, Arsene Lupin's arch enemy. We possess quite a few clues:

"1. Lupin is traveling under a name beginning with an R.

"2. He is traveling alone.

"3. He is a blond.

"Now, the first thing to do is to run over the list of passengers in the first cabin and pick out all those whose names begin with an R."

I had the list in my pocket, so I took it out and ran my eyes over it.

"I see there are thirteen passengers whose names begin with an R," I said. "Of these nine are traveling with their wives and servants. This leaves only four: Count Von Ravedan—"

"Who is attached to the German Legation," Miss Nelly interrupted. "I know him."

"Major Rawson—"

"My uncle," somebody said.

"Signor Rivolta—"

"Here," came the answer from one of our group, an Italian whose black beard almost hid his face.

"The Signor can not be accused of being blond," Miss Nelly said, with a laugh.

"Then we are simply compelled to think that the guilty party is the last name on the

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list, M. Rozaine," I replied. "Does any one know M. Rozaine?"

No answer, but Miss Nelly turned to the young man whom I feared as a rival.

"Why, M. Rozaine," she exclaimed, "have you nothing to say?"

All eyes were turned upon him. He was blond, and I must admit my heart began to beat rather fast. The situation was a very unpleasant one.

"I did not answer," said M. Rozaine, who was the calmest of us, "because I have already come to the same conclusion in the same way, and I think that I ought to be arrested, as I am the only person on board whom the description fits."

"But you have no wound on your arm, have you?" Miss Nelly asked, rather anxiously, I thought.

"No, that at least does not tally with the description," he said, and nervously he bared his arm, which was without a blemish. A thought shot through my brain at the same moment, however—he had shown Miss Nelly his left arm.

I was just about to make a remark to that effect, when something happened to distract our attention. Lady Yerland, Miss Nelly's friend, came rushing up from below, terribly excited. Only with the greatest effort was she able to stammer: "My jewels!—my pearls!—everything has been stolen from me!"

The news created the greatest excitement, and we all agreed it must be Arsene Lupin's work, carried out in his best, most mysterious style. At the dinner table the two seats next to M. Rozaine were empty. No one cared to sit next to a man who might be in a penitentiary a month from now. In the evening we were told that the captain had sent for him, asking him to come to his stateroom. We all thought he had been arrested, and breathed considerably easier. After supper we had a hop, and between two dances I told Miss Nelly that I loved her, and she did not seem at all displeased.

The following morning we were surprised to hear that Rozaine was free. There were no proofs against him. He carried papers which proved beyond doubt that he was the son of a well-known merchant at Bordeaux, and there was no cut or wound on either of his arms.

Somebody remarked that at the time the jewels were stolen Rozaine was known to have been walking on the promenade deck.

Half an hour later a slip of paper was passed from hand to hand among officers and passengers of all classes. On the slip was printed that M. Louis Rozaine offered a reward of 10,000 francs to any person pointing out Arsene Lupin or producing the stolen jewels.

"If no one will help me to find this thief," Rozaine declared, "I shall ferret him out single-handed."

And really the search of the boat gave no result, but the next day the captain's gold watch and chain were stolen out of his pocket.

Furious at his loss he doubled his efforts and his eyes never left Rozaine, with whom he had been alone several times. In the evening the watch and chain were found in the first officer's collar box.

Now this was all very wonderful, and showed that Arsene Lupin was a master of his art. When I looked at the silent and melancholy Rozaine I could not help secretly admiring him.

Two nights before we were due in New York the first officer heard somebody groaning in a dark corner of the deck, and when he ran over to investigate he found a man prostrated on the ground. His hands were tied together with a strong silk cord. It was Rozaine, who had been knocked down while out scouting. He had also been robbed of all his valuables, and a card bearing the following words was pinned to his coat: "Arsene Lupin thanks you very much for the 20,000 francs." Rozaine had had just that amount in his wallet, which was quite empty.

A real panic broke out. No one dared enter his stateroom or walk the deck alone. The passengers clung together in groups, the members of which knew they could trust one another. Arsene Lupin was everybody, and everybody was Arsene Lupin, who was now thought to possess supernatural powers. It was believed that he could assume any disguise and that he

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appeared now as the noble Count Von Raverdau, and then as Major Rawson.

"How pale you are, Miss Nelly,"I said to my companion, who was leaning heavily on my arm.

"And you," she said. "You, too, are looking quite changed."

The gangway was now in position, but before we were allowed to leave customs officers, policemen and porters came aboard.

"If any one were to tell me that Arsene Lupin had left the boat before we came to Sandy Hook not even that would surprise me," said Nelly.

Rozaine passed. The officer whispered to Gaminard, who shook his head and let him go.

"But, my God! where is, then, Arsene Lupin?"

There were only about twenty more people on board. I told Miss Nelly we had better wait no longer.

As we came down the detective barred the way.

"What does this mean?" I cried.

He looked at me for a moment and then said: "Arsene Lupin, I believe."

"No, sir; my name is Bernard d'Audressy," I said, with a laugh.

"Bernard d'Audressy died in Macedonia three years ago, and I can tell you just how you got his papers. You might as well give up the game, Lupin."

I hesitated a moment. Suddenly he struck me on my right arm. A cry of pain escaped me. He had hit the poorly-healed wound mentioned in the dispatch.

I saw that everything was lost and turned to Miss Nelly, who was pale as death.

Her eyes met mine; then she looked at the kodak I had handed her a moment before, and I saw that she had guessed everything. Inside the kodak were Lady Yerland's jewels and Rozaine's 20,000 francs. She passed by me and started to go back on the steamer. Half way up the gangway she collided with a waiter and my kodak fell from her hand into the water, between the steamer and the dock.

Deeply touched I looked after her disappearing figure and sighed: "Sometimes I am really sorry that I am no honest man."—*New York Evening Journal.*

TRAITORS AND INGRATES.

THE white man has his burden; the Ethiopian and the Mongolian must also carry their load.

No nation, no people, no organization, is exempt. Hence it is but natural that the industrial organizations, trade and labor unions, should have their special burden to carry.

The union's burden is not a light one, but like every other being and institution on earth, the union must carry the load.

It is not the opposition to the trade union movement that constitutes the union burden. It is not the attacks of its enemies. It is not the malicious libels and slanders which are heaped wholesale upon the organization and its officers and members.

It is not the dense ignorance and prevailing prejudice that at times seem like an unsurmountable barrier which tries the strength of the union movement.

It is the same old burden. It is the Judas kiss—the traitor.

Members of a trade union are not so carefully selected. The door is generally open to all who apply for membership, and can prove that they are qualified to work at their chosen trade or calling.

Some of these applicants come without being well recommended.

A labor organization is the only society, with the exception of the body politic, which must take into its midst its very foes. The State can send its enemies in institutions provided for the criminals. Not so with the trade union. The very worst that the labor organization can do with its criminals is to expel them, which may be done as a last resort, because it is at variance with the objects and ethics of the trade union movement.

To rescue industrial slaves and mould them into independent and upright workmen is a gigantic task, because the corruption and perversion of human nature make it so.

Every trade union official and every loyal member of a labor organization knows that his local union is burdened with members who have come in to get even with the organization or with somebody who has benefited them in the hour of need.

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These ingrates and traitors are the union's burden, and they would wreck the organizations and themselves included if they only had the power to do so.

A dog that bites the hands that feeds it is a malicious cur.

Have you any of that canine breed in your midst?

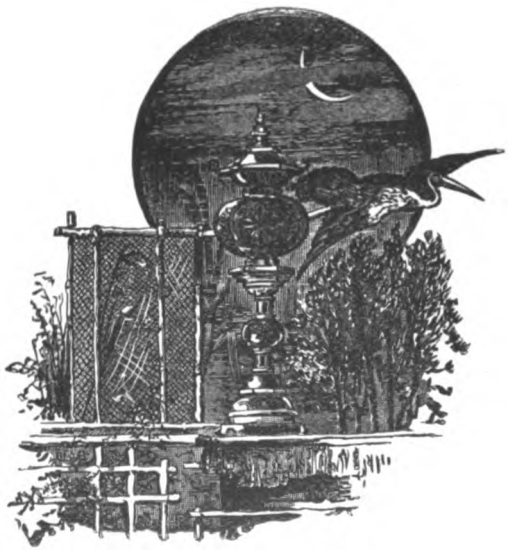
If you have, you need to watch the animal.

These traitors and curs work night and day, in season and out of season, as if they were in the employ of the employer as the enemies of organized labor.

Plenty of cases are on record where these spies and hounds in the pay of the enemy have been sent into the unions for the purpose of destroying the organization.

But whether these Judases have received the pieces of silver or not is not the question. If the traitors are working without salary, it only proves that they are still greater degenerates.

The highwayman and the burglar who robs you of your money or breaks into your house, if caught, is sent to the penitentiary, but he is an angel compared with the traitor who breaks into your union in order to annihilate it, and thus rob you of your wages, your eight-hour workday and all that the trade union movement has given you.—*Organized Labor, San Francisco.*



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POETICAL

Don't Forget the Old Folks.

Nay, don't forget the old folks, boys—they've
not forgotten you;
Though years have passed since you were home,
the old hearts still are true;
And not an evening passes by they haven't the
desire
To see your faces once again, and hear your foot-
steps nigher.

You're young and buoyant, and for you Hope
beckons with her hands,
And life spreads out a waveless sea that laps
but tropic stands;
The world is all before your face, but let your
memories turn
To where fond hearts still cherish you and loving
bosoms yearn.

No matter what your duties are, nor what your
place in life,
There's never been a time they'd not assume
your load of strife;
And shrunken shoulders, trembling hands, and
forms racked by disease,
Would bravely dare the grave to bring to you
the pearl of peace.

So don't forget the old folks, boys—they've not
forgotten you;
Though years have passed since you were home,
the old hearts still are true;
And write them now and then to bring the light
into their eyes,
And make the world glow once again and bluer
gleam the skies.

—Will T. Hale.

The Rules of the Game.

They have "studied the problems of slum-life"
(A venture which brought them renown),
Though the blood and the sweat
And the smells that they met,
Drove them back to their homes uptown.

They were seized with a fainting sensation
As they passed us in filth without name,
But they thought that they knew
What "the masses" pass through
In keeping the rules of the game.

Not a laugh did they hear on their journey—
To smile has become a lost art.
But they never drew near
To help drive 'way a tear,
Or to cheer up a dull aching heart.

Each soul that they met as they lingered,
Seemed damned to an eternal hell.
But the aim of our strife,
And our struggle in life,
Is always to break from our cell.

If we're judged by their rules of the battle,
Or tried by their rules of the game,
We will ne'er win the fight
By the power of our might,
Nor be counted with those who o'ercame.

But the Great Referee of the Contest,
Whose judgments ne'er come with a snap—
For He knows the whole game,
And He knows why we're lame—
He'll give us a big handicap.

—By the Rev. Charles Stelzle.

Where Do You Stand?

The time has come for the throwing aside
Of the masks and pretexts 'neath which men hide.
There's a conflict on, and year by year
The lines of cleavage become more clear.
There's a conflict on between the ones
Who don't love freedom and the ones who do;
And this question is coming straight home to you;
When you stop your hedging and show your hand,
Where do you stand?

There are only two sides in this bloodless fight,
And only one of those sides is right,
Between the two grows too wide a breach
To safely stand with a foot on each.
However, we seek to dodge or evade,
The ranks are formed and the issue made.
It remains for each to decide where he
Would wish to bestow the victory,
On the side of Bondage or Liberty.
The time has passed for evasions bland;
Where do you stand?

'Tis the same old issue defined once more
Our fathers fought in the days of yore;
'Tis the issue that Moses had to face,
When he led from bondage the chosen race;
'Tis the issue Christ met on Calvary
When He died in the effort to make men free—
On the one side selfishness on the throne,
Which seeks for its gain and for that alone;
On the other the toilers who want their own—
And the forces of Justice make this demand:
Where do you stand?

—*Exchange.*

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Joy.

I never knew the joy of getting home,
  I never knew how fast a heart could beat;
I never tasted joy
Till the day my little boy
  Came running up to meet me on the street.

I never knew the pleasure of a smile,
  I never knew the music of a voice,
Till I heard my baby greet me,
On this day he ran to meet me,
  In a way that made my weary heart rejoice.

I never knew a welcome half so true
  Till I heard his "Hello, daddy!" down the street;
And though weary as could be,
When he scampered up to me,
  There was comfort in the patter of his feet.

I never knew the charm of laughing eyes,
  I never knew how happy I could be;
I never knew the cheer
That makes worry disappear
  Till the day my baby first ran up to me.

—*Detroit Free Press.*

Make Your Mark.

In the quarries should you toil,
  Make your mark;
Do you delve upon the soil,
  Make your mark;
In whatever path you go,
  In whatever place you stand,
Moving swift or moving slow,
  With a firm and honest hand
  Make your mark.

Should opponents hedge your way
  Make your mark;
Work by night or work by day,
  Make your mark;
Struggle manfully and well,
  Let no obstacles oppose;
None right-shielded ever fell
  By the weapon of his foes;
  Make your mark.

What though born a peasant's son;
  Make your mark;
Good by poor men can be done;
  Make your mark;
Peasants' garb may warm the cold,
  Peasants' words may calm a fear;
Better far than hoarding gold
  Is the drying of a tear;
  Make your mark.

Life is fleeting as a shade;
  Make your mark;
Marks of some kind must be made;
  Make your mark;
Make it while the arm is strong,
  In the golden hours of youth;
Never, never make it wrong;
  Make it with the stamp of truth;
  Make your mark.

—DAVID BARKER.

Laugh.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
  Weep, and you weep alone!
For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth
  But has trouble enough of its own.
Sing, and the hills will answer;
  Sigh, it is lost on the air—
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
  But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;
  Grieve, and they turn and go.
They want full measure of all your pleasure
  But they do not need your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many;
  Be sad, and you lose them all.
There are none to decline your nectar'd wine,
  But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;
  Fast, and the world goes by.
Succeed and give, and it helps you live,
  But no man can help you die.
There is room in the halls of pleasure
  For a large and lordly train,
But one by one we must all file on
  Through the narrow aisles of pain.

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.



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FACETIOUS

Reminded Him of Home.

Pat—An' who is that at the piany singing?

Mike—That's me daughter, Katie, shure.

Pat—Ah, her voice reminds me of my own wife's.

Mike—Katie! Katie! Shut up yer mouth. I want Pat to enjoy himself while he's here!

Doubtful Compliment.

At an evening party they were playing a game which consisted of everybody in the room making a face, and the one who made the worst face was awarded a prize. They all did their level best, and then a gentleman went up to one of the ladies and said:

"Well, madam, I think you have won the prize."

"Oh," she said, "I wasn't playing."—*Montreal Star.*

Blamed on the Railroad.

Railroad claim-agents have little faith in their fellow creatures. One said recently: "Every time I settle a claim with one of these hard-headed rural residents who wants the railroad to pay twice what he would charge the butcher if he gets a sheep killed, I think of this story, illustrative of the way some people want to hold the railroad responsible for every accident, of whatever kind, that happens. Two Irishmen were driving home from town one night when their buggy ran into a ditch, overturned, and they were both stunned. When a rescuer came along and revived them, the first thing one of them said was: 'Where's the train?' 'Why, there's no train around,' he was told. 'Then where's the railroad?' 'The nearest railroad is three miles away,' he learned. 'Well, well,' he commented. 'I knew it hit us pretty hard, but I didn't suppose it knocked us three miles from the track.'"

The Light in a Bottle.

A farmer who had been to the city was describing to his friends the splendor of the hotel he put up at.

"Everything was perfect,' said he, "with exception of one thing—they kept the light burning all night in my bed-room—a thing I ain't used to."

"Well," said one of them, "why didn't you blow it out?"

"Blow it out!" said the farmer, "how could I? The blessed thing was inside a bottle!"

No More Room.

Once in Dublin toward the end of the opera Satan was conducting Faust through a trap-door which represented the gates of hades. His majesty got through all right—he was used to going below—but Faust, who was quite stout, got only about half way in, and no squeezing would get him any farther. Suddenly an Irishman in the gallery exclaimed devoutly, "Thank God, hell is full!"

Not Altogether Bad.

A policeman saw a man acting rather suspiciously near a jeweler's one evening, and going over to him he demanded to know who the man was and what he wanted.

"I'm thinking of opening a jeweler's store in this neighborhood," replied the man, "and I'm watching to see if there is much trade."

Whereupon the policeman went on his way satisfied.

Next morning word was received at the station that the store had been entered and robbed during the night. The policeman who had accosted the mysterious stranger said, reflectively:

"He may be a thafe, but he's no liar!"—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

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Nothing Doing.

Mistress—"Alice, I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. Hereafter I shall go out after the milk, myself."

Servant—"It won't do you no good, ma'am; he promised not to kiss any other woman but me."—*Harper's Weekly.*

Point Well Taken.

Representative John Sharp Williams was compelled to struggle with the question of prohibition during his recent campaign for the United States Senate. One of the candidates for the governorship was the Hon. Jeff Truly, who, according to Mr. Williams, found prohibition also a difficult corner to turn. Mr. Truly was speaking to a gathering in a small town. At the end of a flowery period a Methodist minister rose and asked permission to propound a question. "Brother Truly," said the minister, "I want to ask you, do you ever take a drink of whisky?"

"Before I answer that," relied the wary Brother Truly, "I want to know whether it is an inquiry or an invitation."—*Exchange.*

Figured It Out.

A negro who lived in Macon, Ga., was suddenly bereaved of his wife, who had relatives in Augusta. During the completion of the funeral arrangements the widower had gone to the railroad station and asked the price of round-trip tickets to Augusta—two tickets, one for himself and one for the remains. The agent explained that while the widower might need a round-trip ticket for himself, it would be necessary to purchase only a one-way ticket for the late lamented, the agent taking it for granted that the interment was to be at Augusta.

"I know wha I'm doin!" protested the negro, somewhat heatedly. "I've got a definite idea what I wants! Mah wife has got more'n eighty-nine kinfolks down to Augusty, an' all o' 'em wants to see her befo' she's buried. I'se got it all figgered out dat it'll be more economical fo' me to take her to Augusty and back here agin dan it'll be to feed a passel of col'd people dat would come from Augusty to de funeral heah!"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

Laconic.

"Is the proprietor in " asked the visitor.

"No, sir," replied the office boy.

"Is he in the city?"

"Yes, sir."

"Will he be back soon?"

"No, sir."

"Tonight?"

"Tomorrow sometime?"

"No, sir."

"Did he leave any word for Mr. Nash?"

"No, sir."

The stranger looked at the office boy sharply.

"When did he go?"

"Yesterday afternoon."

"Didn't he say when he'd be back?"

"No, sir."

"Well, where the dickens is he?"

"At the undertakers."

"What's the matter?"

"He's dead."—*Harper's Weekly.*

Informal.

Mr. Ten Eyck, discussing rowing one day in Syracuse, said success depended on form. He explained what he meant by form. Then, by way of illustration, he added:

"Everything, everything goes by form. Thus, out West, in the old days, it was the essence of form to be informal. My father used to tell about a squire who would marry the young couple that came to him in some such form as this:

"'Bill, do ye take this gal, whose hand ye're a-squeezin' to be yer lawful wife, in flush times an—'

"'I guess that's about the size of it, squire.'

"'Mame, do you take this cuss ye've j'ined fists with to be yer pard through thick an' thin?'

"'Ye're right for once, old man.'

"'All right, then. Kiss in court, an' I reckon ye're married about as tight as the law can jine ye. I guess four bits 'll do, Bill, if I don't have to kiss the bride. If I do, it's six bits extry.'"—*Terre Haute Tribune.*

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Our Correspondents

ONLY TWO POSSIBLE SOCIAL ORBITS.

"ONCE get an idea imbedded in the human mind, and though all the facts of the universe protest against it, they protest in vain. Mankind formed his main conception of life in general and most things in particular in the time of his racial youth, when he was fresh and cock-sure. That accounts for the contradictory absurdities prevailing yet in the human mind." That was stated by a fine American lady writer in the *Harper's Bazar* for last December. It was applied to the narrow conceptions most men have yet about the low mentality of women, and so the need of their submission to the higher one of us, men, who have always made a wretched hash in what we call civilization.

That our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters should not be as good and bright as we men in all the important affairs of life; that God should give to our precious lady friends in all the channels of life souls inferior to our own, what an aberration! No wonder that we, the best of us, have not yet learned the A B C of the duties we owe to our "*All Father*," and to each other on earth.

One of the first conceptions that man, the male creature, ought to have learned, is that woman should be necessarily the complementary element of man. Not until we accept that as one of the most inexorable axioms in the universe, not until then shall we men know how to deal with each other in such a way as to make this life worth living. Thus far we have made our terrestrial existence a wild night—more, a demon's dream, in relation to what life can be in this glorious planet of ours.

We can go over the best literature of even our modern three or four decades, and we find it saturated with the idea that sorrow and pain and conflicts and gloom, and *fate*, when not luck, are the masters of our own volitions, in many cases, anyhow; that occasional joys are only to be a concomitant, a fragment of our own development.

By fate we mean some great especial misfortune to some of us, undeserved, inevitable, illogical. By luck we mean the reverse, some especial good fortune to some of us, also undeserved, inevitable, illogical. The simple logic of the universe ought to have taught men fifty centuries ago that both fate and luck or any approach to either are but results coming from the perpetual battle we see fit to have between the extreme simplicity of divine decrees and the extreme complexity of men's decrees, laws.

Nowhere can we find, in the natural or moral order, a single process or combination, what we call law, that does not work for the eternal beauty and unity of universal altruism in all imaginable manifestations, material as well as spiritual, in the realm of matter and that of conscious life, always provided the fact remains that conscious individuals do their share, their duty, and rebel not against the eternal and natural order of things.

Look now at the grand totality of combinations manipulated by human laws. There we find intense selfishness, egotism in all essentials, forever splitting the unity of truth and life into fragments. All is there sacrificed to the triumphs, success, heroisms and supposed sanctities of some men over other men.

Our whole human development is conditioned on two methods or systems of social and industrial life. We must either legalize the robbery of human rights in our industrial and social activities, or we must simply legalize the equity of human

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rights in that life. It is by the legalization of the robbery of human rights, in this or that form, open or hidden, that all nations have always managed to develop crooked human types from top to bottom in every social group. We have never even seen fit to grasp the conception of equity in wealth production and distribution. Yet, that equity alone can evolute normal, natural human types on the face of the planet. That is the perpetual proclamation of the universe around, through its symmetrical, orderly evolution. The same happens with the eternal morality of divine law, which we still consider a mere platitude, to be simply used in some of the petty incidents of our private life. Why to discard the moral law, as we are yet doing, in all the most vital activities constituting the essence and ensemble of the life of all of us?

The very existence of men in need of government and social combinations proves that our private development is inexorably connected with our combined, collective conditions, so that we all should have the opportunity of growth from the imperfect into the perfect. The latter can not mean any foolish impossibility. It can only mean the natural power to be sensible with each other, that of simply granting to each other what every man longs for, always provided those longings are compatible with obedience to God's laws of joy. We are yet taught how to long for the foolish, perishable pleasures we have no right to have. We thus stand by human laws distorting all human life, in sanitation and equity, in the domestic and social group, individually and collectively.

In the mind of a righteous God the real value of each human soul must necessarily rest on its willingness to stand by the bottom rights of every other human soul, for the completion and full life of each soul. That can only be done by normalizing the general, social and industrial conditions of all of us. The unity of life and truth implies, ordains that the real happiness and manhood of each one of us should be inextricably conditioned to the manhood and happiness of all of us. Outside of that universal law there can be but universal misery and moral or spiritual inanity for all of us. That is why we all remain bundles of poor human sticks, what religion calls *"miserable sinners."*

Only two possible orbits of social development, or two religious philosophies have been given to the children of men. One, of a very simple character, admirably conducive to the rapid evolution of universal goodness and joy, in accord with the symphony of creation. We superior people, teachers of humanity and leaders of nations, have always declined the actualization of that religious philosophy. We have always preferred the philosophy which evolves but some incidental goodness here and there. We have thus created inferior and bottom classes. To them we have never given the right to improve our wretched human laws. We ourselves have never seen fit to learn how to make any better laws.

Some prophets we have always had, with higher ideals than ourselves, superior people. Those prophets we have always crucified, in some form or other. Their teachings we have always ignored or attacked, have always ridiculed or declined to accept. Good, universal, solid joys to all—that has never appealed to our superior class spirit. That class spirit has been the curse of all ages. It is the curse today. It antagonizes all the teachings of Christ and all sound common sense.

JOSE GROS.

THAT U. S. MAIL.

The article in the November issue of the journal, written by "A Live Issue" on carrying the mail is an old issue, and from all indications will remain so.

Undoubtedly it is one of the worst impositions that we are compelled to tolerate. Nearly every operator who handles the mail could relate some incident where he has been under strain to comply with the rules regarding the U. S. mail.

For my part, I handle the mail and consider it my duty, as I am the postmaster, but I contend that the postmaster receives pay (part pay) for the handling of the mail, and that he should do it.

I only see one solution for this problem, and that is through Congress. Congress is now in session; let every operator appeal

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to the congressman of his district to introduce a bill in Congress carrying an appropriation for the handling of the U. S. mail and relieve us of this duty. I do not think we can obtain this end through hot air; we must put our thoughts into action.

There has been altogether too much ink wasted on this subject, and I would suggest that our president or some capable official draft a bill on this subject and endeavor to have some congressman introduce it in Congress. Think over this idea and take it for what you think it is worth.

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SERMONS IN COMMON THINGS.

Interesting and profitable are a series of "Don'ts" printed in *Machinery*. Practical ideas, every one of them—for machinists, especially, but in principle applicable to every chap in any kind of a shop. Some of them are highly suggestive. They are sermons in epitome. Here's one: "Don't try to make a finishing cut on scale." That's horse sense. You can't do it with men, either. You can't put a polish on a fellow who has all the hardness suggested by the scaly surface of a chunk of cast iron. You've got to get at something beneath his vest before you can fit him with the right kind of an overcoat—to use another figure of speech. Somebody once said that men are wrong when they look "out" for opportunities—they should look "in," for that is where they come from. There is usually a soft spot beneath the scale, that will permit of a beautiful polish—if you can only get at it. Sometimes it looks like a hopeless task, but it has been done, and what has been done, may be done.

"Don't make a piece of work too small, and then bend the gauge to fit it," is another hint. Mean, sneaky business that, anywhere. But some fellows are quite ready to lower standards in order to accommodate their own small deeds.

"Don't work to a calliper that has been set by another man; set it yourself." That means that our temperaments are different. Our sense of touch varies. The temperature of men's hands may make a difference in the expansion or contraction of a sensitive gauge. There's an individuality about every man which influences every job that he tackles. But here's the point—every fellow must make good in his own way. We can't fight in another man's armor. We can't do our best work with another's tools. If we do, they must be given the test of our own experience, and that practically makes them our own.

Look about you. You'll find many a sermon in the shop actually staring you in the face. You will find

"—tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

SENIORITY.

One of the most vexed questions which confronts a General Committee in the revision of a schedule is that of the rule applying to seniority.

In the case of applying for positions and vacancies which are regularly bulletined, the condition is easily met and understood, as the position is (other things being equal) justly due to the senior bidder only.

It is in the case of reduction of working force, by abolishing a position or otherwise, that a peculiar condition arises which makes it difficult to construe seniority in a manner just and impartial to all concerned without inflicting undue hardship upon some worthy member of the Order. This question has been met in various ways by different committees, and is yet, we believe, to be satisfactorily settled.

"Bumping," as the process is termed, is no particular hardship in the train service where men are running out of the same terminal, as it usually means going out and returning home on another schedule and possible change in the rate of pay. In the case of an operator or agent it is likely to mean that he must leave a home which he has purchased or built up and perhaps private business interests, as well as taking from his children educational advantages which his present position may afford. It may also be a fact that he has for years been looking forward to a condition which he has just realized, when a man of greater

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seniority is displaced and chooses to deprive him of his position because he has suffered a similar loss and feels entitled to something good in return for his extended term of service.

Straight seniority may thus prove a hardship as well as a blessing, and on this theory a more inconsistent rule has grown up in some territory, the plan being for the employe displaced to take his place upon the extra list and wait until a desirable position is advertised to which his seniority will entitle him.

Still another solution has been found in the employe displaced, displacing in turn the youngest employe in the same class of service, and the employe thus displaced reverting to the extra list.

Each condition presents an extreme so far as concerns the employe originally displaced, and the sentiment seems to be about equally divided as to the disposition of his case.

In order to get an expression of the membership at large upon the question, the writer desires to submit three distinct propositions, and earnestly desires that each member place himself upon record by voting in the space allotted for one of the three rules.

Rule 1. Vote ..... ☐

Any employe within the provision of this schedule, when displaced by reason of reduction of force, temporarily or otherwise, or by abolishing an office or position, may displace any employe of the same class having less seniority.

Rule 2. Vote ..... ☐

Employes within the provision of this schedule, when displaced by reduction of force, or abolishing a position, may displace any employe of less seniority, except that employes who have held positions which they now occupy for a period of five consecutive years, and said positions were regularly bulletined and bid in by them, shall not be thus displaced.

In reducing the force the youngest employe shall be displaced first, but shall retain seniority on the extra list.

Rule 3. Vote ..... ☐

Employes within the provisions of this schedule, when displaced by reason of abolishing a position or reducing the force temporarily or otherwise, may, if they choose, retain seniority, remaining on the extra list. Otherwise *they will displace employes of less seniority* in their class of service. Any employe thus displaced, deeming his displacement unjust, shall have *right of appeal to an unbiased committee* of five to be appointed by his chairman, which shall decide upon the merit of the case; and *if said committee decides that he should not be displaced,* the local chairman shall report the same to the employing official to the end that a displacement may be effected elsewhere.

Rule 4. Vote ..... ☐

Employes within the provision of this schedule displaced on account of closing of stations or reduction in force, shall be placed on the extra list, but shall retain their seniority rights with privilege of bidding in next position vacated to which their seniority entitles them.

N. B.—Rule 3 is designed to give full seniority providing immunity in exceptional cases, and is believed by the writer to fill a long-felt want in telegraphers' schedules.

In order to get an expression, the writer is willing to become the recipient of a vote from every member of the organization who will send this leaf from THE TELEGRAPHER with a cross-mark in the square representing the rule which he favors.

Address your enclosure to S. J. Egelston, Churchville, N. Y., and he will count the ballots and make the result known in the columns of a subsequent issue of the official organ.

S. J. EGELSTON,
Churchville, N. Y.

SOUVENIR POSTAL CARDS.

The late strike found our local several hundred dollars in debt, and as we can not openly declare ourselves we find it a very slow process in liquidating. We are assured that all good O. R. T. men are anxious to see our organization again in

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the ascendency, and we are sure that you will be willing to help in this small way: Send ten cents in silver to the undersigned, in return for which you will be forwarded by first mail two beautiful souvenir postal cards of Rocky Mountain scenery. This is a small item to you, but means much toward putting us again on our feet. We shall appreciate larger orders on the same basis.

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Cert. 91, Div. 77, O. R. T.

THE WIRE TEST.

There are those, perhaps, who will accuse me of being a trouble-monger—a pessimist, if you please—but as history discloses the interesting fact that all, or nearly all, great forward movements have met with opposition at the moment of their appearance, and the authors thereof with adverse criticism, I presume I should not expect to prove an exception to the rule. Nevertheless, I have had assurance enough from various representative railroad telegraphers throughout the country to warrant this article and lead me to the belief that just such a thing will happen. That is to say, I am quite confident that the disclosure which I shall make will prove to be an interesting one and meet the immediate approval of the membership at large, and it is my earnest desire that this will include the Grand Officers themselves.

Reform is the password of the day. It is in the very atmosphere; we find it in our government, both National and State; in corporations, both large and small. A little correction here, and a little adjustment there, and every where with beneficial results. In fact, the reform wave which struck us some five years ago has been so broad in its scope that few of our large institutions have escaped it. That the Order of Telegraphers should be caught in this net need not, therefore, shock any one perceptibly, for he has a defect that should be corrected which stands out conspicuously. I refer to that part of our secret work which prohibits the use of the wire test save in cases of emergency or dire distress. To say that we are virtually without any wire test whatever, would scarcely be to exaggerate; for, in view of my extensive experience, I do not hesitate to say that of the membership of 40,000 telegraphers, more than half of them do not at this moment know their secret work, and would not recognize their wire test if they met it coming down the road, and that simply because it is never used. This being true—and I hear no dissenting voice—then we must admit that there is need of some action which will tend to add additional life to our organization. Having arrived at this conclusion it behooves us to seek an immediate remedy.

The achievements of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in its brief history has been no less remarkable than difficult; she has surpassed, no doubt, anything ever dreamed of by her most ardent sponsor at her inception at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 9th, 1886. To review the history of this organization is to follow an unbroken line of achievements, and today she stands almost at the zenith of organization.

But let us add a "reform" to our Order that will contribute to its further upbuilding. What we want is a wire test that can be used any and everywhere and all the time. Let it be used as a brotherly greeting instead of a sign of distress, as is now the case.

Most every operator who has traveled much—and that includes the majority of us—will at once appreciate what a splendid innovation this would be for us. For who of you can not recall some embarrassing experience on the wire as a result of some good, zealous brother accosting you on the wire about the second night of your employment on some new line in a manner similar to this: "Say, old man, are you up-to-date?" Or perhaps it would be this: "Have you a card?" At the same time you will doubtless remember how this remark from a stranger to you in a strange country sort of put you "up against it," so to speak. Very likely you had a card in your little old card-case at that very moment, but, being somewhat conscious of the fact that this prolonged dialogue had attracted the attention of all the operators as well as the dispatcher, and being prudent as most all

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union men usually are, perhaps you took exception to this cross-examining method and your response mayhaps were about like this: "Sign." Your interrogator not wishing to disclose his own identity did not sign, and the matter was dropped there. Or if by chance he should change over and call you on the W. U. wire and tell you who he was, you are not always sure that he asks the question in good faith. On the other hand, it does not take a sage to see that some nice, patriotic and brief secret test, which would not be easily detected, would serve as a pleasant reminder to the brother on a strange road that he was among friends, while to the "non" it would be an unpleasant reminder that he was out in the cold.

This is an age of progress and business administration. Everything nowadays must be reduced to the science of business, if we are to succeed in any vocation we must adopt businesslike methods. Even the housewife of today must conduct her affairs on a business principle. The telegraph operator is no exception to this rule.

As an illustration of the wonderful effect that this little wire test has in the way of keeping up interest among the men I will relate the experience of a well-known railroad operator who entered the service of the W. U. about three months prior to the late commercial strike. He told me the story in about the following words: "It was on Monday, May the 13th, I entered the W. U. telegraph office in a certain large city in the West. As they were in the need of men at that time I was promptly put to work. About 12:30 p. m. I found myself on the sending side of the first Denver, and as I had done commercial work before, I felt quite at home and, beginning, said, 'Good-evening; who takes?' He came back: 'BK,' go ahead to. 'M,' good-evening, 'W. T. B.' As I did not understand for sure just what he did say, and thinking that it was irrelevant, I proceeded to send. Shortly during the moment of idleness the receiving man at my end leaned over to me and said, 'I see you don't wear the button.' I replied by showing him an up-to-date O. R. T. card and added that I intended to come into the C. T. U. A. about the first pay-day. As is the custom in W. U. offices I was successively changed from one wire to another and either sending or receiving. Everywhere I was confronted with that 'W. T. B.' (I was sure by this time that it was 'W. T. B.'). First, Denver, then Helena, Spokane, Seattle, Oakland, Los Angeles, and even Pocatello, all challenged me with this 'W. T. B.' As they invariably followed this challenge with the very proper admonition, 'get a card,' I was soon aware, of course, that this 'W. T. B.' was a secret challenge, and to say that it annoyed and embarrassed me is expressing it mildly."

The operator whom I have just now quoted assured me that during those two weeks of his probation there, that which to the member was a pleasant greeting and a token of good feeling soon amounted to almost persecution to him, and he says that no sooner had pay-day arrived than he went post-haste to the local president, filled out his papers, accompanied them with the necessary fees and taking a hold of the president's lapel, said, 'For God's sake tell me what the wire test stands for and how shall I answer it.' The president smilingly replied that, although he was not entitled to know the secret work until he had been accepted, as there was no doubt as to that, inasmuch as he carried an O. R. T. card, he would tell him. This is what it meant: *Wear the button,* or was equivalent to saying, "Do you wear the button?" and that the manner in which you were to reply was by giving the first and third letter of the name of the city or town at which you were located.

It is obvious, therefore, that could we adopt something on that order it would enable us, no matter where situated, to know who were and who were not our brothers in unionism. And can't you see how nice it would be as a stranger in a strange land to be greeted by some such pleasant test, and again, can not you see how it would continually keep before you the fact that it pays to belong to such a noble organization? Can't you see that what to you as an up-to-date member would be as a friendly hand-clasp; to the non a continual annoyance? Can you think of anything that would more persistently re-

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mind him that he was becoming more and more alone every day, and do you not agree with me that this very prevalence of a wire-test greeting would be an immensely strong factor in causing an exodus from Non-ville, such as has never been witnessed at any time in the history of this organization? Do you not believe that this very thing would cause our membership to forge towards complete organization in leaps and bounds, and thereby enabling us to reach that millennium for which we have so long striven? I say, don't you?

WYOMING.

THE C. T. U. OF A.

Fellow telegraphers, it was originally my intention to run but one or two letters in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, calling your attention to a means of working for our mutual advantage. The interest developed, however, is sufficient to justify this method of organization, and I wish to thank the large number of O. R. T. members for their splendid co-operation. Since the first letter was published in this journal we have felt the effect. In fact, I found the way paved so well that upon visiting several cities commercial employes were waiting with their money—due to the efforts of their O. R. T. friends.

We are having a boom at present that can be developed into a substantial rally with your assistance. If this can be done within the next few months we can turn the defeat of 1907 into a victory. One of the secrets of a labor union's success lies in its recuperative power. If it can rebuild quickly and press its demands anew within a reasonable length of time, they invariably succeed in accomplishing the second time in gaining without a strike what they could not gain at first through striking.

The reason for this is plain, inasmuch as employers are governed entirely by business methods in dealing with their employes. It is always a question as to which will pay the best—grant the demands and have peace, or refuse and fight.

If they feel that defeat of the men means disruption of their union, they will court a strike; but if they believe that the same struggle will be repeated over and over again without destroying the union, then they will negotiate and try to reach an agreement.

In the commercial service the officials believed they could destroy the C. T. U. A. They were mistaken. Now, our next move is to reorganize rapidly. Convince them we are here to stay and must be dealt with accordingly.

Inasmuch as all telegraphers are affected by the raising or lowering of the standard of wages, this interests you as well as it does me.

Have you ever stopped to think of the students taught in your home W. U. or postal office that later entered into competition for your railroad job? The thorough organization of the smaller towns would solve many of our problems.

The manager who does his own telegraphing is a telegrapher, and should be a member of the C. T. U. A. He is to the commercial company what the agent-telegrapher is to a railroad.

Should you find any difficulty in convincing your friends of their duty towards the C. T. U. A., let us hear from you.

The $1.75 rate will be continued until March 31st, and will not be renewed. This pays fees and dues to March 31st. M. B. D. optional. Yours fraternally,

S. J. KONENKAMP,

President Commercial Telegrapher's Union of America.

MORE NEW DEPARTMENTS PROPOSED.

Well pleased with New York Leo's proposal of a technical or Electrical Department in the journal, I wake up to the fact that dreaming about some one else getting busy won't hit. Being on night duty I often keep myself awake by reading our own and up-to-date periodicals. More than once have I been impulsed to suggest that other columns be added to cover more fully the wherewiths of a telegrapher's multifarious duties.

But, to get busy, I herewith suggest:

1st. A Religious Department—a consideration that should be first in everybody's

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life and business. Being a Salvation Army railroad man for a number of years I will render any assistance I may be capable of, always with the end in view of interesting bad and good. Don't grin; I won't make a *War Cry* out of THE TELEGRAPHER. One column or a page should be large enough with an occasional illustration for each issue. Amen?

2d. A Question and Answer Department, to deal with every conceivable thing that butts into a railroad telegrapher's life, the Editor to solicit conundrums for same either from his own store of wisdom and knowledge or by arranging the appointment of some individual on various railroads, and possibly announcing each previous month who the wise joker is that will put the answers up in tissue paper the next month, or by some improved suggestion.

3d. And last. If present faculties, capabilities, etc., not sufficient, why not endow a fund sufficient to improve THE TELEGRAPHER in every conceivable manner, making it the front rank paper of the universe dealing with all that concerns railroad telegraphers, the prize of all union men the world over; a paper up-to-date in scientific research, acknowledged and quoted world-wide, stirring even the soul of the ghost that first put the bridle on electricity. And now for the "hay," G. N.

CERT. 217, DIV. 7.

FROM A SILENT WORKER.

I have been a member of the Order for the past six years, but have never offered an article for publication in our journal, as it seems to be out of my line. I try to do some good in my own way in assisting to better our condition by getting "the nons" to join our ranks by showing them the benefit they derive from it. We should all know by this time what individual effort means.

There are others, I presume, like myself, that are not able to express their views to their own satisfaction or that of others, but who help in other ways than by contributing articles to our journal, the reading of which inspires us to greater efforts; but if we are conscious of doing our best, no matter in which direction, we feel better, and are not only helping ourselves but others.

Let us always show our colors and be honest, upright and true to our fellowmen; let us practice what we preach.

Do not sacrifice principle for temporal gain, for remember in doing so you are committing a great crime, and are building a foundation of sand for your own downfall. Do not be afraid to call up your fellow telegraphers and ascertain if they are with us, and if they are not, in the name of common sense ask them to join our ranks and become brothers. Make it a point to know whether they are up-to-date. If you will use what influence you possess in favor of the O. R. T., your dividends will be larger and life will be more satisfactory.

After you have awakened to the fact that there are others, call up the nons, talk to them in a friendly manner, and advise them to join our noble Order, and see that they occasionally get our journal; find the "ham factories" and do all in your power to have them discontinued.

You know as well as I do all about the $75 minimum and the eight-hour day. We have been working eight or nine hours since last March, when the law went into effect. Let every one of us wake up and give gilt-edge service. Do your whole duty and you will be the gainer. Finally, pay up your dues promptly and you will always be in good standing.

CERT. 613, DIV. 33.

A MORSE-O-LOGUE.

We have crossed the threshold of a new year and a momentous year in the railroad telegraph field spreads out before us.

Many things that we may be justly proud of have been accomplished during the past, but we will have to unite more firmly from now on to accomplish things that will work for our mutual benefit.

Let us make this a banner year. In union there is strength, and each and every true American should paste those memorable words of Patrick Henry's inside his hat: "United we stand, divided we fall."

Brothers, if we don't "hang together," we will hang separately, or we might as well, for our living wage will be cut down.

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It is the tendency of all the railroad systems throughout the country now, since the American Railway Association, at its last meeting, recommended the telephone for train dispatching, to start the telephoner on at a salary much below that which is paid to a telegrapher. The railroads say, "Well, the telephoner is unskilled because he does not telegraph." Now, a man has to know just as much to run a tower by telephone as he does by telegraph, simply the means of transmitting information is being changed. It will be the tendency on the part of the railroad corporations to try and reduce wages in a tower or office where the telegraph has been abandoned in favor of the telephone. That is, if we let them.

And how will we stop this operation of the sliding scale, for that is what it is and nothing more? That self-same sliding scale that the commercial telegraphers have opposed so bitterly.

There is only one way. By organization. Every telegrapher and telephoner, who has the welfare and the interests of his family at heart, must get a card and keep up-to-date.

We must keep apace with the progress of the times; we can not stand still. If we don't go forward we will go backward, and there is none of us who want to give up the things we have fought so hard and long for.

Now, what each and every member throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico must do to start the year right is to get a card. There is no alternative; we must combine and form ourselves into a solid phalanx of brothers and sisters in the ranks of the O. R. T.

There is only one way that this can be done, and that is, each and every member must appoint him or herself a committee of one and get after the non nearest to him or her, and keep after them until they are in, and those that are members must keep paid up.

If each and every member did his share, we would be much farther advanced than we are today. Why, there shouldn't be a tower in the whole country that paid less than three dollars a day for eight hours, and if there are, they shouldn't exist.

I have just observed in a morning paper that seventy-one persons were killed and a score or more fatally injured in a head-on collision on the Denver & Rio Grande. The report stated that there was no telegraph office at the station where the collision occurred. The retrenchment policy will probably cost this road a pretty penny. There ought to be a thorough public investigation of the matter.

We have a motto, and one that we should rigidly adhere to: "No card, no favors."

LEO D. WILLIAMS.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

I wish to make a few remarks as to the way I view the situation, as outlined by Cert. 670, Div. 23, in December journal.

The only remedy I see for the workers is government ownership of all public industries, lands, etc., and operated democratically, or in favor of all the people instead of the few. It would be useless for the workers to try to do a certain kind of manufacturing, unless they had it in their power to do all the manufacturing and control all public industries.

Now, the question is asked, "A shoe factory owned and operated by the O. R. T. Do you think we would have trouble in selling our shoes?" Possibly we would be able to sell all our shoes at a small profit. But how are the operators going to compete in this establishment with the men of millions? The men of millions of dollars to invest can afford to give away more shoes than the operators can make on a few hundred thousand dollars. And they would do this, if necessary, to put the workers out of competition with them.

The same will apply to the O. R. C. or any other organization that would try to compete in the manufacturing world with the man of millions. Where would the O. R. T. get his leather for his shoes? Would he not have to buy the leather, or the hides that the leather is made from, from the men who control these markets, or the O. R. C. get his material? Would he not have to buy the raw material on the same

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basis? And this basis would be governed by a corner of the market in Wall Street.

Now, if the workers could get all this raw material at the cost of production, they would stand a show of manufacturing the raw materials into useful products. Under government ownership the government would produce the articles that constitute the raw materials, and then manufacture into different products which humanity desires. This would not be done for profit but for the benefit of the masses. Under our present government, be it ever so corrupt, the government business is the only business that is not affected by panics. There is no government employe but what receives on an average better salary than the railroad man. The R. F. D. men, for six hours' work per day, all Sundays and holidays off, receive a better salary than the operators. The government debt at this time is between eight and nine hundred million dollars. We pay in interest on this debt something like twenty million per year. We pay to the Standard Oil Co. about seventy million per year above the cost of producing the products of the Standard. We pay to this concern alone nearly four times the amount of interest on the government debt. It is stated by the *Wall Street Journal*, the financial paper of New York, that the profit of the Standard Oil Co. during the last twenty-five and one-half years was something over nine hundred and twenty-nine million dollars. Now, suppose the government owned this one industry. This profit alone would pay our national debt and leave a balance to the credit of the nation of nearly one hundred million dollars. Then suppose the government operates all the industries. Can we not see that the government would be in position to give us more for our time? The government would not run the oil business to accumulate profits any more than it runs the mail business to make millions off the people. No government would wish to accumulate more than a good running balance.

With government ownership we would have no public debt. This would save us the interest of twenty million per year. I am with you, brother, for the workers are now being skinned legally. But the workers will have to vote together and elect men who believe that the workers should have the equal of what they produce.

Under private ownership as at present, when times are close and the owners of the industries can not make a profit off the workers' labor, account not being able to sell the products, the industries are closed and humanity must suffer. Now, if the government owned the industries, do you believe that these industries would ever close as long as men wanted work, or that by their closing humanity would suffer? Suppose there were a set of officials at the different heads of the industries that really did not have any sympathy with the workers. Would they not have to come up with the goods when the people made demands, as in the case of the operators and the nine-hour law?

Brothers, let us get interested in our government; study economics and let us see if we can not find out the cause of the working man's troubles, and then work together for an adjustment. CERT. 289, DIV. 14.

KEEP THE SABBATH.

With considerable interest I have just read on pages 2064 and 2065, in December's issue of our valued journal, an article entitled "Keep the Sabbath."

Now, as this article is intended to make men think, with your kind permission, in reply to Cert. 159, Div. 51, I will say that the answer of "the man next to you, whether he would like to see the Sabbath kept holy," will depend entirely upon his information regarding the Sabbath question.

The question now is not merely, shall we have a Sunday law, but which day is the Sabbath? There are many well-informed telegraphers that reply to this question by saying that there is not one text in the whole Bible requiring any of us to keep Sunday, and why should we ask the government to do for Sunday what God does not do? The Bible very plainly says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work." Exodus 20:8, 11. These verses require the observance of the seventh day.

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They make it plain that the seventh day is the Sabbath. Now, every well-informed person knows that the seventh day is Saturday and not Sunday. This must still be the divine law, for in Matthew 5:17 we read, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

Then Christ did not repeal the Sabbath law. In Mark 2:27 we read, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." This verse refers not to Sunday but to the day kept at that time by the Jews, which was Saturday.

A careful reading of Mark 16:1-2 will show that the Sabbath is past when the first day (Sunday) comes. Christ kept the day the Bible calls the Sabbath. (See Luke, 4:16.) And the same may be said of Paul and others (Acts 17:2). We sometimes make a mistake regarding what is really up to us, and now it is, Why do we keep Sunday? Where is the text requiring its observance? It ought to be evident that the duty to enforce or even protect Sunday by law can not be up to any man or organization, when the Bible nowhere calls Sunday the Sabbath; then how can any one violate God's commandment by working on Sunday?

There is a much better way to show our appreciation of God's love than to help enforce a day that He nowhere calls His Sabbath.

"He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." John, 14:21.

There are many people, and some are telegraphers, in this country that observe the Bible Sabbath (Saturday), yet we never hear them saying that it is up to them to see that the law compels others to keep that day. Before we are so forward in demanding such extreme and unreasonable penalties, would it not be well to learn from the Bible what God requires from man?

The writer is evidently a little confused when he talks about having Congress amend the present Sunday law reading, "Four dollars fine and six days jail" for such violation. The fact is, that the law referred to is not a national law but a Pennsylvania law. Congress could not very well amend it. We have no national Sunday law yet. As far back as 1829 Congress was asked to make such a law, but the United States Senate replied that, "It is not the legitimate province of the legislature to determine what religion is true or false. Our government is a civil and not a religious institution. Our constitution recognizes no other power than that of persuasion for the enforcing of religious observance." The Supreme Court of California holds Sunday laws to be violations of the constitution.

In the early days of this nation congressional backbones were not in need of any of our stiffening; they would stand by the constitution and say no when asked to enact a religious law. The nation is in danger if, as we are told, congressmen are so weak that they stand ready to do whatever petitioners pray for, even though they know it to be unconstitutional.

If Sunday is not worth enough to us, or we have not backbone enough to say I will not work, let us not make matters worse by destroying congressional backbone; let us weave into our enthusiasm the principle of General Grant, who said: "Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school. Keep the church and state forever separate."

CERT. 3399, DIV. 2.

SUNDAY REST.

In the December number of THE TELEGRAPHER you will read an article written by Cert. No. 169, Div. No. 51.

I, for one, was greatly pleased to read this article in our journal, it being one of great importance to all mankind in a professed Christian country. Its importance lies in that it is in accordance with God's commandment, namely, to keep the Sabbath holy. We are breaking this great commandment as we are to do nothing only works of mercy on the Sabbath. The officials and stockholders of railroads, by working their employes on Sunday are responsible for this breach.

I do not wish to say that the ones that are most responsible for this broken commandment are not God-loving persons, but fear they are blinded to it in their desire

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for this world's goods, which will perish and avail nothing. What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world for a few years and loses his soul for eternity by breaking, causing or allowing God's commandments to be broken?

I tremble when I reflect that God is just, His commandments positive and His promises sure. I have heard it said that railroading could not stop on the Sabbath. If it could not be stopped God would not have commanded that the Sabbath be kept holy.

He has given us steam, electricity and many other great inventions for our good, but we are using them for perishable gain and breaking His commandments after all His goodness to us.

Now, let us do as the good brother suggests—get a petition to Congress asking a heavy fine for breaking or causing this commandment to be broken. I think if there was a petition gotten out for each member to get signers on that we will be sure to win, for what God approves can not fail. Let us see if the O. R. T. can not bring this about by the help of God; let us make every effort to do our part.

A good Christian gentleman promised to do all in his power to help if we get a petition by taking it to his church and getting his brethren interested. I am sure others will do the same. Let us hear from other brothers on this worthy cause.

CERT. 178, DIV. 82.

A WARNING.

If you have friends and have money in plenty, then your admirers are legion, your faults infinitesimal, your virtues supreme. I speak of the servile multitude who fawn and debase themselves. There are a few who question his saint-like attributes, but they are lacking in conservatism and should be fed to the lions.

Money rears around you a fortress, and only when the foundations of the fortune is crumbling does the citadel become pregnable to attack.

Then the skeleton is seen grinning hideously. Friends are in evidence as long as they are not needed and then their hollow professions are exposed. True friendship is rarer than the largest diamonds in the crown of the King of England or the Sultan of Turkey. "The friends thou hast and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel;" advise good and true if their adoption has been tried, but do not strain their loyalty too far for there may be a worm in its enfolded leaves. Self is supreme. "Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall not be disappointed," an axiom cynical, yet true, and he who leans on what he can accomplish himself is better off than the fellow who leans on a friend. We are all in a way dependent, but there must be an effort on the part of each of us, and he who is lacking in doing an essential part will soon fall by the wayside.

The world is eminently practical; she will share your advantages to the limit, but if you are lacking in entertainment your friends soon resolve themselves into the cynical acquaintance, the friend of yesterday. Ask few favors and bury your troubles deep down in the recesses of your own heart. Confide in the Lord and ask Him to help you; a more personal application may, if you are sensitive, save you embarrassment. If you are fortunate you will have a train of admirers, who will recite your successes, and you could have a chronicler to recite your life's history in lofty verse, yea, perhaps a modern Homer would undertake what the mighty Alexander longed for. Gold, gold, the star-eyed goddess, mighty as the legions of ancient Rome, invincible as Napoleon's guards, as powerful as the flower of Hannibal's army, pay her court, reverence her standards, despise every prompting of your manhood if it displeases fortune. Fortune is the sceptered monarch of the universe; she it is to whom the world "crooks the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning."

It buys everything early worth while? Does it? But wait when the emissary of the eternal spheres comes, Death, then arrogant fortune stands in dread; all the gold mined out of the rock-ribbed earth can not bribe this inexorable reaper. Think of him, ye soulless systems who grind the poor; when you come face to face with that inevitable fate and pall and shroud demand

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that you shall come with them, what shall your wealth compensate you? If you come face to face with the intolerable conditions you have helped to establish, perhaps Death will comfort you. Ask him, and when you see him grim and emotionless beckon you into the voiceless silences of the forever and forever, I doubt not that you would be glad to exchange destinies with those whose lives have been consecrated to alleviating human despair.

Are you responsible for any suicides? Have you assisted in damning some wretch's hope? Have you built your fortune upon the insufficient wages paid your work slaves? Have some of your faithful employes gone hungry? Have some of your wage-workers' loved ones gone without sufficient clothing because their pittance did not suffice? If so, then dread Death; fight for life, life eternal here, for perhaps beyond that chasm of sighs you will wish for annihilation rather than an eternity of remorse. We can not avoid the payment of the account as audited and the balance struck; when your pulseless heart shall grow cold and still, you will have paid the price and all your base gold can not buy you eternal peace or bridge the chasm of sighs.

WALTER BOOTH.

SUNDAY LABOR.

In December journal, page 2064, Cert. 169, I very urgently request all brothers to push this Sunday question. I, too, was deeply troubled over it, and nearly a year ago quit the Pere Marquette, left all I had or hoped to have, and settled in the wilds of Tennessee simply for conscience sake. I could not see my way clear to work Sundays and *I would not do so.* To me this is the only way to do—obey the voice of conscience, regardless of position. I left $1.88 a day of eight hours and came here at 80 cents a day and half the time no work at that price; have three in the family and most of the time four, yet we live and, above all, feel at rest. I keep up my card in Grand Division, and always will, if possible to do so.

We have the scripture. If we are uneasy, better accept the promises and follow Him regardless of cost. CERT. 5874.

COAL MINE HORRORS.

To the Editor:—Is there no way of preventing these coal mine horrors with scores and hundreds of strong men wiped out in a moment from gas explosions? Is not civilization wise enough to cope with this problem?—S. A. H.

There is a very simple way of preventing most of the coal mine disasters that disgrace the United States. Make the coal companies liable for the support of the families of those who are killed and compel the coal companies to also pension each and every employe injured in a mine accident. Let these expenses be a lien on the property of the company, and, if the property is not sufficient to cover the cost, then make the stockholders liable to the amount of their stock. In a word, make it unprofitable to operate coal mines when they are in any way dangerous to life or limb.

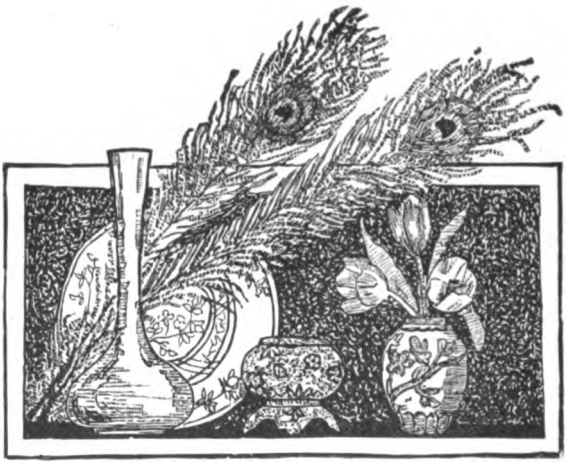
Fire damp and other dangerous and inflammable gases in coal mines can be controlled. There are exceptions, as in the case of a sudden breaking into a "pocket" and an outpouring of gas for the moment beyond control. So while there will still be explosions, followed by loss of life, the disasters will be reduced to a minimum. There are now on the market a large number of life-saving devices, to which coal companies, as well as other employers of cheap labor, pay no attention, simply because it is cheaper to run their plants without them. A good example of this is the history of the introduction of self-coupling devices on steam cars. The railroads would not adopt them because it was cheaper to adhere to old systems. To them a few thousand lives and a few score thousand of maimed men was of little account compared to the payment of dividends. And they refused to adopt them until Congress passed drastic laws compelling their use.

The mine owners are in the same class. Making mines safe is not beyond human wisdom, but it interferes with profits. What is the life of a poor, ignorant miner—almost sure to be a foreigner—compared to the difference between 6 and 10 per cent? Extra shafts and systems of supplying fresh

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air cost money—real money—and a miner's life costs nothing. As between profits and human life, profits win.

Insofar as mine explosions interfere with the working of the mines, the managers are alive to the necessity of preventing them, and incidentally the miners are benefited by this anxiety to prevent damage to mining property. But otherwise the mine owners take little notice of what may happen to their employes should an accident occur. They don't have to. There is no scarcity of men willing to run any risk to obtain employment, and no matter how disastrous an explosion may be, immediately the debris are cleared away, the pay-roll is again filled up. Life is cheap, and saving appliances cost money.—*Detroit News.*



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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Second Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson was at headquarters New Year's day, with plenty of good cigars. Tom says the telephone bears about the same relation to the railroad operator, that the safety razor bears to the barber. The barbers are still doing business at the old stand.

At our first meeting in January we had the pleasure of having First Vice-President Newman with us. Bro Newman reviewed the work done in his territory during the past year.

At our last meting we were fortunate in having with us the members of the Wabash Railway General Committee. This committee has since closed its negotiations, and we are happy to be able to state they held their own and secured some concessions.

Bro. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, mixed pleasure with business, and gave us a friendly call. Jack was smoking good cigars, wearing a smile and seemed highly elated over his success in the Southwest.

Your correspondent begs to announce, with a high degree of satisfaction, that through the efforts of our worthy secretary, organizers and individual members of No. 2 added 427 new members to her roll, during the year 1908; closed the year with 1,150 in good standing, and passed through the late panic with a gain.

DIV. COR.

Sunbury Div., No. 12.

I desire to call the attention of all members to two erroneous articles which appeared in our December journal, in which a great injustice has been done to Bros. H. K. Bright and W. C. Smith, by classing them as non-members, this is a mistake, these men are both good members and have paid their dues far in advance.

Our meeting held at Nescopeck, January 18th, was a good one, and was well attended.

Bro. C. W. Eby has been assigned to second trick at Morris Junction.

Telegrapher J. A. Diehl assigned second trick at Rock.

There are a few operators on the Pottsville side who should look forward a little, and realize what our grand Order has done for us. The annual passes and eight hours work did not come through the good will of the company, but through the influence of the O. R. T. These are facts that you should think over, and not try to run down our Order when it is for your own good that you should give us all the assistance you can to help build it up and make it firm. We are doing business for the benefit of telegraph operators; if you are one you should join the army that is fighting for you.

Business is picking up on all divisions, with the exception of the Lewistown Division which is dead; all scheduled trains have been taken off the Lewistown Division except the passenger trains and two local freight trains. January 11th the following changes were made on the branch: Operators at Nanticoke moved from passenger station to the office that has been erected at the east end of Nanticoke passing siding. Operators moved from East Bloomsburg station to the tower erected at the east end of passing siding. There is no operator at either of these passenger stations now, all messages for the agents are copied by the operators in their new offices, and then telephoned to the agent. Think of it! It's fine to do all the train order and block work, and then handle those messages twice, and over a telephone at that.

A new telephone train order and block office opened at Boyd passing siding. The operators at South Danville and Bluf are doing the train order work for this telephone office in addition to their regular work.

On January 4th Catawissa Junction and Mocanaqua were wiped off the face of the earth, that is the names only, the places still remain, but are now known as "CA" tower and Wren.

A new office has been erected at Lower St. Clair.

Bro. J. R. Geiger, second trick at East Bloomsburg, was on the sick list thirteen days, the fore part of this month; relieved by Telegraphers Schuster and Schell.

Mr. J. M. Hill, second trick at Rupert tower, took a three days' vacation; relieved by Bro A. R. Johnson.

DIV. COR.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

It affords us great pleasure to tell you that the Organization has taken new life in the vicinity of the Baltimore Division of the N. C. R. R. & the Maryland Division of the P. B. & W. Many of the nons have cast their lot with Division No. 17, to all of which we extend the most hearty welcome, and most earnestly hope that they will each become aggressive workers, ever trying to win another for the O. R. T. A few months more of united effort and the Baltimore Division will be solid—O. R. T.

Our meetings have recently become real spicy and interesting, from the fact that there is a

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diversity of opinion as to the advisability of the P. R. R. changing to a system division, and especially at this particular time and under existing circumstances.

We recently received greetings from Bro. F. B. Stonesifer, who is locating permanently in Houston, Tex. We realize that Bro. F. B. has the real stick-to-it-ness, and feel sure that he will make his mark (so mote it be).

Bro. Luckan has been appointed regularly at assistant train master's office at Baltimore. We hope that he and Bro. E. C. Bange will be able to keep things moving during the great inauguration rush. MAYFIELD.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

Western Division—

Bro. R. G. Halsted, of Berkshire Junction, is again pulling levers, after a short vacation spent with his parents in Poughkeepsie.

Bro. O. C. Wheaton is now doing a special stunt at Summit, and seems very much in love with the position.

Bro. Beatty, of Pouthquag, was recently over a section of the Western Division.

Bro. Van Deusen and wife, of New Milford, spent Sunday, January 17th, with his parents at Great Barrington. Bro. Cassidy, of Sheffield, relieving him.

Bro. Percy, of New Milford, will start for the South, together with his family, on the 17th of February, for a month's vacation. Bro. Van Deusen will work his job during his absence.

Bro. Bessette, of Hawleyville Junction, is visiting his home for a few days.

Bro. McCready, of Brookfield Junction, made a flying trip to Boston recently.

Bro. A. N. Virkler, agent at Brewster, has just returned from a vacation spent at his old home up-state. Bro. Leonard, of West Pawling, relieved him.

Bro. Kent, agent at West Patterson, has resumed work, after several days' absence on account of sickness. Bro. D. C. Woodin relieved Bro. Kent.

Bro. Lates, agent at Holmes, has resumed after a few days off. Bro. Woodin relieving.

Bro. M. E. Kane, extra, was in Brewster, January 16th.

Bro. Dewitt Woodin was a visitor in Carmel, Sunday, January 17th.

Shore Line—

We can now call Abraham Hatton, "Bro."

Bro. T. J. Sullivan has resumed work, after spending a pleasant two weeks hunting deer and bears in the Maine woods. SCOOP.

This being the first news written during the New Year, it is not strange that the mind is lost in reflections. At the head of the line of mental march we behold the culmination of years and years of toil and tears personified in our first schedule. What rejoicing was made by everyone, those indirectly benefited as well as those directly; even the fellow-workers in allied crafts joined gleefully, and magnified the sound of the echoes. No heartier shouts ever rent the air at Runnymede, at the birth of the Magna Charta, when in 1215 King John had to submit to the rights of the people, than those that thrilled the telegraphers at the birth of their Magna Charta of industrial liberty. They, with this realization, could appreciate the gratitude that pervaded the hearts of those millions of fellow-beings in other crafts who had been emancipated by the omnipotence of unionism. How well we remember the well filled meetings, how eagerly they crowded the halls, what sacrifices they made to attend, the long wearly miles traveled, the round-about-ways employed, the all night vigils, the walk, the energetic enlisting in the strife, the desire to be a factor in the front to spread the teachings of industrial truth, the ceaseless arguments to the individual audience. Then came the period of probation, as it were, the experimental stage when there was an anxiety akin to silent fear; the trying out of its many conditions, and the applying of its rules in numerous cases; the news that the test had been made, and its triumphant ending with the reinstatement of brothers wrongfully discharged, and the restoring of pay for time lost; the testing of the wisdom of the stipulations relating to the bidding for positions and the reassurance that followed the affirmation of the schedule on the appeal taken. All of these in numerous bodies, follow in time-keeping step, and march and counter-march, in the mental parade at this beginning of a New Year, in so many columns that space forbids further enumeration.

My purpose in indulging in this mental reverie is to endeavor to contrast that time with now; to match the feelings manifested then with those manifested at present; to weigh the bulk of enthusiasm against that radiating at the moment; to measure the volume of gratitude for the multiplicity of benefits bestowed now, which are proportionally greater than those reaped then, and which call for a correspondingly increased devotion. Living as we have through a period of business depression, contrasted as it is with all previous prosperity diseases, statisticians have pronounced it as serious to the social, industrial and business body as any of its prototypes, yet we (and our schedule) survived it, and would not have been aware of its existence had we not heard the discontent of other craftsmen on every side. This is proof of the invulnerableness of a position protected by organization.

And this is the truth of our history of this period, notwithstanding the statement in the annual report to the stockholders made by a high official, remarking on the business depression, "that it was a deplorable state of affairs when labor and material was at the height that it enjoyed during the very zenith of prosperity which should, in all justness, be quoted in proportion to the volume of business or the degree of depression." In this there is food for thought,

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and he that runs may read if he will but understand the lesson thereof.

The January meeting was one of much value. There was a goodly attendance. Some absentees from this immediate vicinity, who have but to put on their coat and board a car to be at the hall; their memory is failing or there is no red letter night in their calendar. The names of many brothers were nominated for their respective divisions for local chairman. The election will be held at the February meeting, when there will also be an election of representatives for the Atlanta convention. There are many candidates in the field, and each one is supported by a band of ardent friends; ere this is in print there will be some vanquished; there can be but four elected.

Midland Division—

The Union station is not all that the name implies, as long as those two men persist in their present line of action.

Bro. Vermylea absent from duty for a few nights; his trick being covered by Bro. Fogarty.

The third trick on the "Platform," "AD," has been closed, and Bros. Brooks and Johnson have to receive and return their train orders and train sheets to the Midland dispatcher's office.

Bro. D'Arche recently returned from a trip to Canada, where he spent ten days on business.

Business conditions have not improved much, and the brothers at the branch switch are still on twelve hours.

Bro. Generous recently called to New Bedford, to attend the funeral of a friend, who lost his life by being frozen in the Klondyke regions.

Thursday night, January 14th, will long be remembered by the trainmen in this section, as one of the worst nights in many years.

Leave it to Bro. Alsener to adjust a grievance.

Besides being the efficient agent at Hazardville, Bro. Leary is also a member of the Board of School Directors in his town.

East Longmeadow is still taking absent treatment (i. e.) getting something without giving anything in return.

Bro. Normandine, at "BD," spent the Christmas holidays at his old home in Canada.

Bro. Swaine had the misfortune to have his hand caught in the pay-car door (not drawer), and though he has managed to keep at work, his injury has been very painful.

During Bro. Normandine's absence, Bro. Doud worked the first trick.

Bro. Holmes is on first trick at Andover, during the absence of the agent.

Turnerville up for bid; here is a good chance for some brother who don't mind hard work, for it is not in vain the reward is there. Have not heard where Bro. White is going.

In looking over the various lines that go to make up this Midland Division, I find quite a few former members, and in consideration of past events and while the future holds for us, those who for some unaccountable reason have allowed their membership to lapse, should not only again become members, but workers for the success of the Organization, which, reduced to cold facts, means our very living. Who got us what we have? Who will (with your help) maintain our present schedule, and to whom must we look for a future increase? Let us all ask ourselves these questions, and let us be governed by the answer.

At this writing the friendly contest for local chairmanship is on. When you read these lines, you will have determined by your vote whom you will have for your chairman. Who ever he may be, let us resolve to make his administration a success by our help. However willing he may be he can not succeed without our hearty co-operation, every one help a little and see how near solid we can make the Midland Division by January 1, 1910. "EN."

Providence Div., No. 35.

January meeting of Division 35 was the "same old story in the same old way." Small attendance, but all full of enthusiasm for the welfare of our Order. The Auditing Committee's report of the business of the division for the past year was received and shows the division to be in a good, healthy, flourishing condition, both numerically and financially, with all books kept in a clean and business-like shape.

The job of auditing a year's business is one the brother did not envy those who were chosen, but we sure did feel a pang at not being there when they begin to tell about the "feed" which they received from good Mrs. Brown. Thus is added another to our many disappointments.

Local Chairman Bro. Joslin put it up strong and plenty to those chronic stay-at-home absentees, who appear in meeting room only when there is a "feed" on, although working and living in the city or near vicinity. I have a faint impression that some of my letters in the past have touched upon this same point, but it seems that most of the brothers carry the idea that the division correspondent shall not be taken too seriously, but I most earnestly hope that this, my last appeal to them as division correspondent, to show their interest in the Order and appreciation for what has been done for them by turning out meeting nights in far greater numbers during 1909 than the previous year. If there should be no improvement in the near future the only remedy is system division covering the New Haven System, and which in my estimation would be far better for all concerned than the keeping up of local divisions in which no interest is shown by the members. With a system division it would be possible to hold both day and night meetings at all important points upon the road in their turn, whereby all members would be given a chance to attend, thus stimulating the interest in our Order, whereas now a great majority are unable to attend a meeting without a sacrifice on their part on account of their long distance from meeting

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point. A system division would facilitate the handling of business, grievances, etc., would be adjusted much more easily and quickly than at present and with much less expense.

In this, my last letter as division correspondent of Division No. 35, I wish to kindly thank Bros. Joslin, Wood and Flavin, who were the only ones among the two hundred and more brothers of the division, who through my almost continuous solicitation during the past year for items for my monthly letter, kindly kept my wants in mind, and gave me whatever came under their observation in the shape of news. Their kind assistance shows up as the one bright spot throughout the many vicissitudes of my official career. The remaining brothers were content to let things be as they may.

The "delegate bee" has got in its insidious work with a vengeance among the brothers; must be the knowledge that Georgia is a prohibition State, is the reason so many desire to go.

Bro. Hardaway, third trick at Slocums, has left us for Texas.

Some of the nons seem to feel offended at having their narrowmindedness shown up in these columns. One such, I understand, made inquiries of a brother to see if he could not use the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER in order to explain why he was doing the "sponge act" here. The true reason would no doubt prove interesting reading to not only the brothers here but elsewhere.

Bro. Masterton, third trick at East Greenwich, to second trick at Blackstone station.

The fool-killer is certainly camping on the trail of that towerman who recently received his second "set back," and he will land him too. There seems to be such a preponderance of porcine substance in some people's make-up, that they can not seem to realize when it is time to stop.

Bro. Sipple was the fortunate one to land third trick at Boston switch.

Bro. Jacobs, Local Chairman of Midland Division was present, and gave us an interesting and instructive address; and his report of a meeting which he attended as a representative of the Order was such that we were proud of the fact that we belonged to an up-to-date labor organization.

Bro. Jonsson, third trick, Apponaug, has the sympathy of all, over the illness of his wife, and we trust ere this appears in print she has entirely recovered her usual good health.

The way that suggestion for a lunch at the next meeting was frowned upon, looks as if the brothers all had good boarding places.

Those long cigars Bro. Maxwell gave out were all "to the good," but the supply gave out altogether too soon.

Five applications received and several new brothers added to our roll. Being put "through" by Bro. Manion, on his recent trip over the road.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God and His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst an honored brother and member of Providence Division No. 35;

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the act of the Divine Ruler of the Universe, but, while so doing, can not help expressing our sorrow over the death of our Bro. Arthur L. Armstrong;

Resolved, That our sympathy be extended to the bereaved family of the deceased brother, and that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

JOHN WOOD,
THOMAS RAY,
J. R. MAXWELL,
W. J. SMITH,
Committee.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

Bro. Gilbert, formerly third trick at Rye, has landed first trick at Greenwich. "13" Bro. Gilbert has moved to Port Chester.

Bro. John Lynch, from New Rochelle yard, has taken third trick at Rye, on bid.

Bro. Christman, regular extra man, has taken third trick at New Rochelle yard.

Bro. Westover, from Oak Point, was the successful bidder on second trick at South Mt. Vernon; and Bro. Ristter from second to first there.

Bro. Langdon from first trick at South Mt. Vernon to first at New Rochelle yard.

G. S. Storm, from third trick at New Rochelle Junction, has received the third trick as load dispatcher's position at Cos Cob.

It has been rumored around lately that Cos Cob tower is going to be done away with shortly, but when Bro. Bell is approached on the subject he only smiles.

The writer would like to see a larger attendance every month at the meetings at New Rochelle. As the meetings are held only once a month, I see no reason why we should not have fifty present at the least. Let us all try and make our next meeting the banner one of Division No. 37, and every one that can turn out.

Bro. Guilsham has bid in and accepted the second trick at West Chester yard tower.

Bro. T. J. Gallagher has been elected chairman of the New York Division, a position which he has faithfully filled for the past four years.

Mr. Thos. P. McHale, of Scranton, Pa., has been filling the position as extra leverman on the New York Division.

Bro. Howard Wagner, of Bridgeport, paid us a visit last month.

Chief Dispatcher H. E. Bailey's office, also dispatcher's office, and "HY," at Harlem River, have been moved to the second floor adjoining Superintendent Hopson's office.

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Bro. Meisener has been temporarily assigned to third trick at New Rochelle Junction, until Storms has qualified for the position as load dispatcher.

Brothers, if you don't contribute a small portion of the news each month, your correspondent will be unable to give you a good showing in our journal. Lack of contributions necessitates a short story this month. SCRIBE.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

Some of the boys on the Boston and Albany should shake hands with themselves, that they have not got the same principles as some who have been members for six or twelve months, and not seeing any benefit derived therefrom have dropped their card and sold out to the bar keepers and employers. In my wanderings I have come in contact with three or four of these men with unreasonable ideas, and succeeded in telling them where their next stopping place was; but judging of their having been in the rut on this road for over fifteen years, if it was for their efforts they would continue to do so. The days of giving up the ship are gone by, and good seamen generally stay aboard until it sinks, regardless of the gale and high seas; if it's well manned it reaches a port in safety. That is just the way we stand on this Boston and Albany R. R., a division of the America greatest railroad (the N. Y. C. system). Division No. 38 is in good hands, consequently do not be hasty, but pay your dues and get in all the nons that you know, and our ship will land in "Boston" in safety. "Pull together and you'll get the rope."

Bro. Kaiser, from East Greenbush, taking the place of Denmon at Tower 72.

Bro. Holmes, on spare list, is occupying "GB," during Bro. Kaiser's absence.

Hope a good number of our brothers attend our ball on the 17th, in order to make it a success that will long be remembered. "C."

Boston Div., No. 41.

Fitchburg Division—

Bro. Coleman, of Holden, is away on account of his sister's death; Relief Agent Stone filling in for him.

Mr. Brightman, third trick at Erving, is on a vacation. Mr. Williams, from Marlboro, doing relief work.

Mr. LaBelle, doing second trick work at Athol, is off on account of sickness; his trick being filled by Mr. LeFavour, from Kennebunk.

Five new members from Cheshire branch voted in at last meeting, more to follow. This section is practically solid now, let the good work go on.

The charitable spirit shown by two of the brothers of old No. 41, in entering the Marathon races recently in aid of the Italian earthquake sufferers is highly commendable, although the brothers did not finish at the top of the list, still they showed the proper spirit in the matter.

F. C. MCGRATH, *Div. Cor.*

New York Div., No. 44.

Regular meeting held at Fraternity Hall, Jamaica, N. Y., Saturday evening, January 9, 1909. With one exception all officers were present. Register book shows eighty-seven members in attendance.

Minutes of previous meetings read, and there being no exceptions were approved.

Three new members elected. Two candidates initiated.

All bills approved for payment.

Communications read and disposed of in the usual manner.

One brother, in distress, was assisted.

The Entertainment Committee made a report satisfactory to the division, and report was accepted.

Many of the brothers present had much to say under Good of the Order. On the whole it was a successful meeting.

After adjournment, refreshments were served by the But-in-Committee.

Bros. Leonard and Thuma worked like beavers, serving the members with hot coffee, sandwiches and cake.

Bro. Turner brought a large O. R. T. cake. Mrs. Turner was given a vote of thanks for furnishing the cake.

Atlantic Avenue Division—

New ticket offices opened on the Avenue filled as follows: Ticket agent, Union Course, Miss Lillie Campbell; Rail Road Ave., Miss Charlotte E. Brush; Woodhaven, Miss Helen Irvin; Dunton, L. W. Long; Clarenceville, Miss Daisy Wood. The above are new offices on the west bound platforms.

The many friends of Bro. A. L. Bougher (who had the misfortune to break his kneecap several months ago) will be pleased to learn that he is back on the job at Amagansett, and it is said he is as good as new.

Relief Agent Bro. J. D. Webster, who has been at Cold Spring for some time, was relieved by Permanent Agent J. M. Madden.

Sister Palmer, of Broadway Flushing, has resumed duty after a long and serious illness.

A pretty good story, which by the way is true, is told of an operator on the L. S. R. R., who made a mistake in copying a message recently.

The message was addressed to Agent So and So.

My wife will be on express train No. 292.

Sig. .....

The receiving operator copied the message as follows:

"My cow will be on express train No. 292."

The agent who received the message got his stock run all ready, and all the station help on hand to unload the cow. After the train had come and gone, explanations followed, and it was one of those matters that has since adjusted itself.

Another one that is true. Bro. Van. was working at F. B. Ave., Brooklyn, last month, when the pay-car came around. He was kidding the other brothers, and with the remark, I will show

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you the safest place to put your money, he placed the 90 plunkers in his stocking, and evidently gave the matter no further thought.

About midnight the most forlorn, woe begotten looking individual you ever saw came into the F. B. Ave. ticket office, and after some questioning admitted that he had lost his month's pay. Bro. Frankie Horsch happened to remember the stocking and suggested that Bro. Van. look there. To his surprise and joy he found it, and then stayed up all night watching it.

Once again Division No. 44 showed that its members were well up socially.

The entertainment given by the division, Saturday evening, January 16, 1909, was a complete success from every point of view, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

Log book shows 165 members and their friends present, every one who braved the elements had a good time, and showed the disposition to come again, no matter what the weather conditions might be.

Bros. Surine and Brookers' orchestra of fourteen pieces, furnished music for the occasion. And the musical program was the best the division ever had, and that is saying a good deal, because in times past division No. 44 has employed some pretty high-class musicians.

A friend of Bro. Surine's, whose name the writer did not learn, but who has a very fine tenor voice, sang several popular songs. His efforts were greatly appreciated.

The Morris Park Trio was next on the program, they were obliged to respond to several encores. This Trio consists of Messrs. Raymond Dawson, Aurther E. Koeppel and Charles N. Clements. They are good singers, and we will have the pleasure of hearing them again soon, as they have promised to come again.

Tom Tibbals did a black-face act.

Bro. W. A. Fuller acted as master of ceremonies.

Bro. Will Hartford, of the B. of L. E., was present, and favored us with several selections on the violin.

Bro. Jack Martin played several overtures on the piano.

Those present, who cared to, danced to their hearts' content.

Bro. Leonard was master of the kitchen, ably assisted by Bro. Thuma.

Ice cream, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served and thoroughly enjoyed.

We regret to state that we can not recall the names of the ladies who played in the orchestra, but the division gives them a vote of thanks, and hopes that they will visit us again.

On the whole the evening was one of the most enjoyable that the division ever experienced.

Bro. J. L. Haley, who has been spending his vacation in Pennsylvania, has returned to work; relieved by Bro. Wm. Scally during his absence.

Bro. G. B. Hay, of Lynbrook, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Camman, of Metropolitan Ave.

Bros. Crossman and Kelly attended the Greenpoint theater one afternoon.

Bro. A. G. Basch, of L. I. Crossover, off for a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Wright.

Bro. J. W. Davis is holding second trick at Oakdale.

Bro. T. J. Cunneely received a nice mess of Frost fish, recently caught by Bro. Thos. Walker who used a lantern for bait.

P. T. Mackin, formerly an old-time L. I. R. R. towerman, who has been with the Automatic Fire Alarm Co. for the past five years, has returned, and is now located at Jamaica Block.

Bro. M. S. Scatton has been transferred from Hammels Junction to third trick at Jamaica Cross switches. Bro. Thos. Bennett from Penna Ave. to second trick at Hammels Junction.

Recently a towerman was assigned to a position on a remote point on Long Island, where boarding accommodations were scarce, and the only place available was at the home of the second trick man, who is a brother in good standing. The new-comer upon applying to the good wife of the brother for accommodations was promptly asked, "Do you carry an up-to-date card in the O. R. T?" He was somewhat stunned and admitted that he did not, but assured her that he would lose no time in procuring one if she would but take him in. She trusted to his honesty. This is a right move along the right lines. She has set a good example, and we trust the brothers will see that their better-halves do likewise.

Bro. G. Baumgarten, of Liberty Ave., off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Wm. Scally.

Bro. Wm. Scally, who is acting as relief signalman, was recently kicked in the face by a switch lever, which relieved him of some of his teeth.

Members changing their post-office address should be prompt in notifying the local and general secretary and treasurer.

For the benefit of those members who have not yet remitted their dues to the local secretary and treasurer for the current term, your attention is called to section 26 of the statutes. Only those members in good standing are eligible to share in our Death Benefit Fund, and other benefits as set forth in our laws.

J. F. Henderson, of Laurelton, has bid in second trick at Hempstead; relieved by Mr. Miller. Bro. E. M. Jones, who still continues to hold down the first trick, was off two days on account of the demise of Mrs. Jones's father, of New York City.

C. F. Van Wickle, formerly of Far Rockaway, has left the service; relieved by Bro. Hopkins.

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Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Second meeting in December held December 26th; presided over by First Vice-President A. A. Kolb. Only routine business was transacted. Bills amouting to $5.75, and sick claims amounting to $50.00 were ordered paid. Sister E. I. Wilson was reported on the sick list.

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First meeting in January held January 9th; presided over by Chief Telegrapher J. J. Standley. Nothing "strange or startling" came before the division, and routine business only was disposed of. Bills amounting to $30.00, and sick claims amounting to $40.00 were ordered paid. Result of nomination for local chairman was announced, and election will be held by mail during the month of February. Result of election will, in all probability, be announced at our regular meeting February 27th.

I can not understand what is wrong with the attendance at our meetings, there appears to be no good reason why we should not have thirty or forty present at each and every meeting. New Year's resolutions are now in order, why not resolve to attend meetings regular, and bring at least one other member along with you; if you will but do this, I can assure you that we will have some of the most interesting meetings you could wish for. Think it over. It looks as if we will have five delegates to the convention at Atlanta, next May, which is more than we have ever had, I believe. From present indications we appear to have a busy and prosperous year ahead of us, which should, and no doubt will, result in much good for the organization and individual membership thereof. KLING.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst, our Brother Telegrapher L. J. Rebel, and while bowing in humble submission to His Divine will, be it,

Resolved, That in his death Pittsburg Division No. 52, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, lose a staunch and faithful member, and his parents and family a devoted son and brother;

Resolved, That the members of this Organization extend to the bereaved family their most heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sore trial and great grief;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

D. C. BARGMAN,
S. A. WITHUM,
E. J. SMITH,
Committee.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

We have begun the year of 1909 with almost a solid front from the Delaware Division. We received four applications during January up to the evening of our meeting. That isn't bad for a start on the new year.

I presume that we operators on the main line will be trying to use the 'phone system for train movements by the time this appears in the journal. Well, boys, it remains to be seen if it is a success. You will hear our comments on the system after it is installed.

Brothers, in reference to the 'phone, don't cross the river until you reach it. Our superintendent in an interview with a newspaper correspondent, said it was not their intention to reduce the salaries of the operators; they can't work a 'phone operator but eight hours. Don't take a pessimistic view of things too soon; it is better for your nervous system to live an optimistic life than a pessimistic one, even though the sun doesn't always shine on you.

We want to keep lined up in the O. R. T. and live strictly to "no cards, no favors." Remember united we stand, divided we fall."

Before we see this in print, we will have elected two delegates from this division to our grand convention in Atlanta next spring. At present there are two candidates in the field from the Delaware Division and one from the Maryland Division.

Don't worry about the telephone eliminating you from railroad life. Telegraphy is only a small part of your duties and skill. Don't play ostrich (stick your head in the sand) and refuse to believe the telephone is coming. Face the facts and if it comes be able to show the company you are still necessary in the business by making good on your other duties. If you are doing good work it is hardly likely they will attempt to replace you with a cheaper man, one of inferior ability, and the competent man will not submit to a very big reduction with a live organization back of him. We all know that the railroads are not handling the amount of business they should, and while this industrial depression continues we can not secure any increase in wages, but we should have a stronger organization than ever, as the company will try to let the employes assist in making a better showing in expenses. No matter how distasteful it is to our superior officers to reduce the salaries they are compelled to to shield themselves, but if every branch of the railroad service is well organized and is kept up, there will not be any great wage reductions.

Bro. Messick, of Frankford, off one day recently.

Mr. W. M. Needles, agent at Franklin City, is in Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he was compelled to undergo an operation. We all hope to see him back at Franklin City soon.

Bro. Dryden, operator at Franklin City, spent a Sunday at his home in Millsboro recently.

Bro. Pennewell, of Dagsboro, off on a week's vacation recently.

Bro. Taylor, Snow Hill, spent a day in Wilmington during January.

Bro. (Cenator) Iliffe has been appointed on some of the most important committees in the Legislature at Dover. We extend our congratulations to him.

Bro. Williams, Rehoboth, off a few days in January.

Our genial relief agent, Bro. T. E. Allen, spent a week up in New England during the first of

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January; reports having a good time and enjoying the scenery.

Bro. Milby, Trappe, off one day in January.

Boys, turn out to the meetings; they are a great benefit to us, inspiring and encouraging.

Bro. Roe spent his relief day in Wilmington.

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Washington Div., No. 60.

Yes, boys, I know this is a surprise to all of you, but I am tired of not seeing our division represented once in a while. We were represented about three times during last year. Now, is there any reason why we should not have a write-up each month? Surely there is enough doing for at least a short one. If there is no other way, why not elect a correspondent and see that he is right on the job every month. No, I am not hunting the position and this will prove that I am not the one for it. Elect some one who can attend the meetings so that we can have all the news. Think about this next meeting night and do even more, act.

Bro. Mayhood, of St. Louis, gave us a visit last week. He has been all over the Penna system in the interest of the O. R. T. I understand he got three new applications in Division No. 60. This shows us up in a pretty bad light. Why could we not have had these before? There are still some left for us to work on though, so let's get busy and see if we can not do as well.

Some of the boys have been kept guessing since Deanwood was cut out as to where they will finally land. As a starter we have Bro. Jordan going to Landover 4 p. m. Expect to have Mr. Shirrif as our relief man in place of Mr. Bealle, who hopes to get in "WD" office.

Now, who is going to show their "nerve" next month? CERT. 19.

Campbellton Div., No. 61.

We have seen nothing in our journal lately from the Intercolonial. I will endeavor to break the silence.

Bro. Shalmers now day agent at Gibson.

Mr. Grant about the only non on the division now at Petit Rocher.

Bro. Corbett is in charge of New Castle freight office temporarily.

Bro. Hamilton at Chaltham Junction nights.

Bro. McKay is assisting Bro. Theberger in Campbellton freight office. This is where he won the championship for wrestling.

Bro. Lovoil, who has been on McDuhe's Division, has been appointed agent at Salmon Lake.

Election of officers February's meeting. All the boys should make a special effort and sacrifice a little sleep and attend in good numbers. There is no reason why one man from each station manned by two can not attend meetings. Don't forget dues. RESTIGOUCHE.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

The committee has asked for a meeting with the management, and are now waiting for a date to be set for the important event. Hope we will have good tidings in our next month's items.

Operator C. W. Brooks, of Elrick Junction, will be able to wear our button from now on, having joined the big band in January.

Bro. F. H. Lacey, from the C. R. I. & P., has been doing the night stunt at Olds. Bro. Howard still sojourning in the Sunny South.

W. A. Heritage is working his old trick steady now on the east end, coming on at 4 p. m.

We wonder why stations are not being bulletined as per our schedule, and why the new positions are not being advertised with rates of pay, etc.? Can some one tell us why operators are being brought in here and given positions some of our home guard boys would like to have, and would ask for, if same were bulletined as per our schedule? One reason is the home guard boy can give bonds, and the company seems to have the idea if they can place these boys at some station at $47.50 per, and keep them there a few years, it's all right, and it don't make any difference how many operators they import for the $60.00 jobs.

Well, we hope our committee will be able to adjust this seniority business a little bit. We know they will try it.

Over on the east end, a short time ago, the Western Union wire was connected with Chicago for about two days, and it certainly was a relief to those east enders to get a message off without having to call "P" for two hours. However, it was too good to last long, and they are again putting in most of their time over there calling the Peoria office. It usually takes from thirty minutes to three hours to get a message through the Peoria office, and from what we hear, the boys hate to have a message filed over that way. While Chicago was cut through, one or two calls were sufficient, and your message was gone. Guess the Western Union does not need the business, anyway.

Ye correspondent got called down for giving Tom Ray and Ed Flatley the title of Bro. It seems whenever Tom works in Oskaloosa, it takes all his loose change to pay for his mistakes, and he does not have the price of a card. As to Flatley, the secretary advises there is only one Flatley entitled to the brotherly courtesy and that is W. M., at Hanna. It really was not my fault, for I certainly thought any man that ever served on the committee would not let his dues lapse.

We hear the bond company was hot on the track of Agent Richmond, of Mason City Junction, and he was let out with a shortage of some $200 hanging to him. W. P. Vannoy is now "it" at the junction.

Bro. S. J. Rankin relieved Bro. E. R. Urbine as agent at Rockwell, and is there as permanent agent. Bro. Urbine has been holding down New Sharon agency while Bro. Al Christianson has been out West.

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Bro. F. L. Kirby has been transferred from Chapin to Little York agency, and H. C. Burnham, non, from Little York to Chapin. The east end was the winner, and the north end loser in that deal, surely.

Bro. S. J. Nessa and wife, of Latimer, took a spin to Elmore, Minn., and Bancroft, Ia., to visit relatives recently. J. F. Cullivan, of Belmond, acted as relief. These short vacations mean a great deal to we fellows that are shut up in an office the greater part of our time.

Understand agent at Algona has another student. Student teaching seems to be the chief industry of the Iowa Central at Algona.

Our local chairmen report that some of the nons and delinquents had the nerve to make the suggestion on the information blanks sent them that they thought they should have an increase in pay of $5.00 to $10.00 per, all in one schedule. And what do you think of that?

No card, no favors. COR.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

Trenton Division No. 85 held their usual meeting on January 15th, and we had a very nice time. Come out, boys, and learn what is doing. You won't regret it. "13" that the boys on this division are paying up promptly and I am very glad to hear it.

The new block towers at Moore and Dickinson will be completed and in service before thia is in print. This will make the road all equipped with block and it will make the boys work all day Sunday; that is the worst of it.

Bro. Gaunt, from Milford, has bid in first trick at Dickinson block tower. When the block goes into service on lower end they are going to cut out the combined position of operator and agent at Washington's Crossing and put an operator and agent both there.

"13" that the five Bedford students that came here didn't make out very well; only two of them stayed. They say they want to come with us soon, as they have had the necessary experience of one year. The three that returned were turned down completely. So much for the ham factory. They were all graduates; don't know if they had their diplomas or not.

Bro. Cochram, first trick at Coal Port, back with us again after a long spell of typhoid fever.

We are doing some biz on this pike nowadays. Send from forty to seventy orders daily on lower end and don't know how many on upper end. That's biz for about fifty miles of railroad, isn't it?

At our meeting of January 15th Bro. Bryson was nominated for delegate to the Atlanta convention and was the only nominee. The right man in the right place.

Bro. Callahan was renominated for local chairman of Belvidere Division, the only nominee. Again the right man in the right place. Bro. Callahan has served the Order faithfully and makes a good local chairman. If you have any grievances don't hesitate to send them to him, for he will be glad to take them up for you.

Boys, get that non that works with you if there is one, and come out to the meetings. It is the third Friday night of each month. Send me all the notes you can and let us have a good write-up every month. There are a lot of things I can not get a chance to hear of, so if some brother will send me the notes from the upper end I will promise you a good write-up every month.

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Altoona Div., No. 86.

Bro. V. R. Henkels has been filling in at "RV," second trick, for some time in place of Bro. Stoner, working at "FG," second trick.

Mr. W. B. McKillips contracted pneumonia sometime ago and was in a serious condition for a few days, but is now on the road to recovery. He had been displaced at "RV" and took third trick at "WI."

H. M. Cameron, displaced at "FA," took second trick at "RM," Bro. M. M. O'Mara, displaced, took second at "DI," Bro. TerHaar, displaced, working extra at "BQ," Mr. Stevens, second at "BQ," took first at "PH." Understand he intends to buy a farm near there.

The new pay day arrangements should make more convenience at the pay car.

Did you notice the use of the term "Signalman" on the last discipline bulletin? By the way, boys, do your best to keep off that list, as we can keep off all the year if we try hard enough.

Do you stand high enough up on the roster?

Don't forget that President Gompers, John Mitchell, Vice-President, and Frank Morrison, of the A. F. of L., have terms of one year, nine months and six months respectively, hanging over their heads for contempt of court. Why? Have you read the case up and understand it? Why not come to the meetings where it can be talked over? In case of a strike do you know that you are liable to be cut off from money, supplies or perhaps food, because some court enjoins the union supplying aid? We are guaranteed the right of free speech, free press and public assemblage, etc., until some court enjoins these rights, as in the case of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. Maybe I'll have an injunction served on me before this is finished.

Boys, don't forget that we hold meetings at 10:15 a. m. second Wednesday and 7:30 p. m. fourth Wednesday each month. February will see who the officers will be for 1909. Who will go to the convention at Atlanta, Ga., for you? Show your face at the meetings and help get the business attended to promptly and efficiently.

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Boston Div., No. 89.

Relief Towerman E. L. Donnell makes a day's visit at Tower 10 each week.

Friends of Interlocking Maintainer Frederic D. Thomes are pleased to hear that he is gaining fast. Mr. Thomes was struck by a draft in front of Tower 6 and had a very narrow escape.

Bros. Purtell and Regan are doing light housekeeping at Tower B. "JR" is chef.

M. J. Hooper is maintaining while F. D. Thomes is recovering.

Bro. W. D. Henderson was off Sunday, January 10. Bro. J. A. Willard worked for him.

Bro. Allen, of Tower 2, has a whistle attached to his tower now. Tower 8 needs one to wake up a few engineers.

Towerman White has bid in a job at "RH" (Forest Hills). CERT. 165.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Bro. Joseph Oscar Blasenak; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of Boston Division No. 89, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family in this their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to his family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

J. RUDOLPH BARTELT,
CORNELIUS F. RILEY,
JERIMIAH J. RILEY,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

On behalf of my family and myself I sincerely thank you all for your beautiful floral tribute and sweet and heavenly sympathy to us in our bereavement. J. RUDOLPH BARTELT.

CARD OF THANKS.

BROTHERS—We can never sufficiently express our thanks or repay the generous contributions from brother operators, agents, trainmen and the many other fellow employes for their kind sympathy and generous gifts to us.

Although for the last year we have had continued sickness in our family, and our resources were taxed to the limit to meet bills for medical attendance, and added to this our home and all it contained was destroyed by fire; through the kindness of these friends we are more than repaid for our seeming hardships. We are almost in better circumstances financially than ever. We are free from the claims of sickness. It is good to live.

There *is* a universal brotherhood of man. There is a particular brotherhood in the O. R. T.

In behalf of myself and family, I am

Yours sincerely,

D. D. MACLEOD, DIV. 89.

Whitman, Mass., January 12, 1909.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

NOTICE.

Hereafter meetings of the division will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, and will adjourn at 10:30, unless business of importance is being discussed. This move is to give out-of-town members a chance to attend the meetings and hear all of the proceedings and still get through in time to catch their trains. It will also allow city members and visiting brothers to attend the meetings and get home at a reasonable hour.

All members of the division are urged to attend our next meeting, Saturday, February 27th. Officers will be elected for the year commencing March 1st, and delegates and alternates to the convention at Atlanta next May, delegates to the Chicago Federation of Labor and delegates to the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

Only members working for railroads in our jurisdiction are eligible for election as delegates and alternates, so come to the meeting and send the men you want.

W. F. MCDONALD,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Every one who missed our meeting on January 23d missed a red letter night. We had with us President Perham, First Vice-President Newman, Grand Organizer Sohner and the members of the C., B. & Q. Schedule Committee. President Perham talked to us for an hour on the benefits to be derived from the Railroad Branch of the American Federation of Labor, of which branch he has been elected president. Congratulations are due the A. F. of L. for the executive officer they have secured. Those who missed that hour's talk lost sixty golden minutes.

First Vice-President Newman's talk was no less interesting, and was thoroughly appreciated by all present. We have had Bro. Newman with us eight times in the last twelve months, and expect him again at our next meeting. So don't miss it. Organizer Sohner spoke for only fifteen minutes, but his talk was both instructive and witty. We're going to petititon the Grand Division to keep him around Chicago so that he can be with us. The "Q" members had to leave at 10:30 to catch their trains. Our members have heard the good brothers on that committee at meetings of other divisions here, and regretted their having to leave before we could have the pleasure of their instructive talks.

This is but a lame chronicle of what took place at our last meeting, boys. To appreciate our good times you should come to the meetings.

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The Switchmen's Union held an open meeting at Musicians' Hall, 134 Van Buren street, December 20th, in honor of the presidents of the different organizations composing the Railroad Branch of the A. F. of L., they being in the city in conference. President Hawley, our own President Perham and Past President Ramsey were the principal speakers of the evening, although the presidents of the other organizations also gave short talks. All of the allied organizations were invited to attend and a large crowd was the result, Division 91 being well represented.

The officers of the different locals of the Switchmen's Union in Chicago gave a banquet to President Hawley, of their organization, on Tuesday evening, January 26th, at King's. President Perham and First Vice-President Newman were unable to be present, so Chief Telegrapher Jones was there representing the O. R. T. President Hawley and Grand Master Dan Smith, of the Switchmen, President W. D. Mahon, of the Amalgamated Street Railway Employes Association, and Chief Telegrapher Jones were the speakers. The dinner lasted from 7 till midnight. Not the least noticeable thing on the bill of fare was the absence of wine in any form, which is as it should be at Union meetings.

Second Vice-President Connors, of the Switchmen, was toastmaster at the banquet, and also presided at the meeting on December 20th. "Big Jim" has a warm spot in his heart for telegraphers, and has promised to attend a meeting of No. 91 and line us up. Every telegrapher in Chicago heard him speak at C. T. U. meetings during their strike, and look forward with pleasure to his meeting with us.

C. & W. I. Notes—

A number of the boys on the Belt took advantage of the presence of a number of extra men and laid off during the holidays and visited their relatives and friends.

H. W. Grace, of Pullman Junction, is back after a two weeks' lay-off taken to spend the holidays with his best girl.

Guy Brown is back at "CU," 112th street. Guy promised to attend our meetings if they were not held Sunday nights.

R. M. McCullough, of Oakdale, is back at work after a thirty days' lay-off, spent in the land of sunshine. A. S. Crippen filled in during his absence.

I. B. Downey, son of Chief Dispatcher Downey, and a former C. T. U. man, relieved the agent at Fernwood, who resigned.

An employe of the Belt, a former member of the Order, is running a "ham" factory at 79th street. So far his efforts have not resulted in any surplus of operators.

We have some good material for delegates to the Atlanta convention on our road. Brothers, attend the meeting February 27th and help elect at least one of them. CERT. 412.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infiinite wisdom, to take from us our loyal brother and co-worker, W. H. Hancock; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Chicago Division No. 91 extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our division, a copy sent to the deceased brother's family, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. DAL JONES,
W. E. CARTER,
W. F. MCDONALD,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to take from us the wife of our loyal brother and co-worker, Bro. O. T. Anderson; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Chicago Division No. 91 extends to the bereaved brother its heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. DAL JONES,
W. E. CARTER,
W. F. MCDONALD,
Committee.

Concord Div., No. 105.

Our December meeting had the largest attendance for some time. Bro. Gage gave us a talk on the conference with the officials at Boston regarding revising the schedule. A few changes were made and the wage question was postponed until some time in March.

During the year 1908 our membership was increased over one-fourth. Enfield, Canaan and Bristol are now solid; in fact, the main line is nearly solid, but there are lots to come in on the side lines yet. Think it would be a good idea to send a man over that part of our division and have the division pay his expenses and time lost, provided he did not get applications enough to do so. The annual report just forwarded to the Grand Secretary shows this division to be in the most prosperous condition since organization, both in members and finance.

Understand several stations are to have new names to eliminate compound word and similarity. East Lebanon already changed to Mascoma.

Everybody arrange to attend the February meeting on account of election of officers for the ensuing year.

If the boys will send me what news they know of from time to time I will arrange to send it along; believe it would please the members of this division to have our division represented once in a while in this department.

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Not many vacancies posted, everyone seems satisfied with what they have.

A good share of the members ought to give a little more interest in the Order and plan to attend the meetings more often. If some would plan to attend once in six months it would be better than not to come at all, some not having attended since joining. Boys, you ought to be willing to give up one evening away from home when you stop and realize what the O. R. T. has done for you. Compare that pay envelope with the one you got a few years ago; also your wcrking conditions, and then see if you have any good excuses for staying away from the meetings month after month. Don't think just because you pay your dues and have an up-todate card that that is all expected of you, and all you ought to do. Look up the boys, find out who are still nons and get after them, and come to the meetings and help make it more interesting for us all; don't leave it all for the rest to do and wait and expect great increase in salary and better hours when the schedule comes out. It costs good money to rent the hall and it isn't right for you to stay at home thinking it will be just the same if you don't come. If the cap fits wear it. SEC'Y.

Hagerstown Div., No. 106.

Our New Year resolutions are: We refuse to be "dead ones" any longer. Boys, wake up and send in the items; keep the ball rolling and let us show our sister divisions that though we are small in numbers, we can make a big noise.

Bro. Larrick, our chief, "HJ" tower, off on vacation during the Christmas holidays, visiting his home, Middletown, Va., relieved by Bro. Smith, Mason-Dixon. On his return he relieved Mr. Shank, "HN," for a few days.

Bro. Wroe holding down first at "MD" tower, Shorty Myers third, during Bro. Smith's absence.

Bro. Sanders, "Z" tower, Waynesboro Jct., off several days during the holidays, visiting friends in Harrisburg and the North, his trick being covered by Bros. Shartle and Kauffman.

Bro. Neff, second trick "SF" tower, absent one week during the holidays, visiting his wife in York, Pa., and Hanover, Pa. His hours covered by Bro. Gibble, Div. 9.

Telegrapher Wright, "FJ," Chambersburg Yard, former member, lost some time last month on account of illness of himself and family.

Bro. Fisher, "NC" tower, Hagerstown, off several days on a side trip.

Bro. Trace, Newville, off several days during the holidays.

Bro. Hoover, "DX," Hagerstown, working several days in dispatcher's office, Chambersburg relieving a Mr. Kutz, relieved by Bro. Hines, "BY" tower.

Understand three new men at "H" tower, 84-mile Siding; can not say whether up-to-date or not.

All of the boys very sorry to hear of the change in the dispatcher's office, Chambersburg. Mr. C. E. Kanaga, our popular chief, after ably filling that important post to the satisfaction of everybody, is now running trains on the east end, Shippensburg to Harrisburg. "Pop," as he is genially known to the boys, always treated us with due consideration, was greatly esteemed and will be missed very much. Succeeded by a Mr. Lowman.

Bro. Seibert, third at "HN," off a day or two on account of illness of his brother-in-law; relieved by Bro. Larrick, "HJ" tower.

Am sorry to say there is no improvement in the condition of Bro. Schleicher's father, who has been very ill.

Bro. Baird, who had been attending school at Conway Hall, Carlisle, has returned to the service, and is now working at "QN" tower, Carlisle.

Because of the illness of his father, Bro. Hursh, "QN" tower, Carlisle, has been off duty for several days at his home in Newville.

Bro. McNeal moved from "QN" to "RN" tower, Harrisburg. Seems to be hard to keep a man there.

Bro. Barnhart, "SU," off duty recently to attend funeral, his trick covered by Bros. Walters and Brechbill.

Opr. H. E. Einstein, who gained notoriety in Harrisburg during recent strike of commercial telegraphers, now working at Carlisle passenger station nights. He is said to have offered his services for much less than his predecessor received.

Mr. W. H. Otto, who was recently dismissed for insubordination, desires it to be known that his dismissal was not caused by a violation of rules or of negligence, but because of his refusal to work twelve hours at "RN." Mr. Otto reported the case to the commission, but nothing came of it, nor will there. He has given us an example to emulate. Very hard to keep men in that place.

J. K. S.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular January meeting was held at the St. Charles Hotel, Emporium, January 20th, with a good attendance from the east end. Chief Telegrapher Bro. O'Leary was in his proper place and Bro. A. L. Goodwin acted as Secretary and Treasurer in the absence of Bro. Getchell. The withdrawal of Miss E. V. Neylon was tendered and accepted. She is acting as teacher of the Y. M. C. A. telegraph school at Renovo and therefore it was impossible for her to continue her union principles.

We are sorry to hear that the mother of Bro. James Bechtold, of Wistar, is quite ill at this writing.

Opr. John Schell is working third trick at "KS" tower, Sinnemahoning. We hope that he will soon follow in the footsteps of his father and prefix "Bro." to his name. We are also anxiously waiting for Miss Kane, at "AK," Renovo, to become a sister to us.

Opr. Gakle was painfully injured at "KS" tower, Sinnemahoning, a short time ago by some one

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putting coal oil in the coal bucket, the oil exploding while coal was being put in the stove.

Bro. J. M. Pfoutz, of "HU," Hulings, enjoyed a ten days' vacation this month, relieved by Opr. Gakle.

Bro. Newberry, of "AK," Renovo, relieved Opr. Pewterball at Shintown for ten days and was in turn relieved by Opr. Hutchins.

Our old friend, Master Carpenter Youtz, has been placed on the retired list and all the brothers will miss him greatly.

I am sorry to say that nothing in the way of news has been received from the west end. Now, brothers and sisters, don't go back on the old scribe.

Bro. Mohan, of St. Marys, has been on the sick list, relieved by Relief Opr. Cupp.

Before this write-up comes to your eyes we will have had our annual election. Let us all try and make the year of 1909 the banner year of the division. That is the best way to make Bro. Quick smile. We have the good working hours now; let us get the decent living wages.

DIV. COR.

Fredericksburg Div., No. 125.

January meeting called to order 7:16 p. m., January 8th; Bro. Smith in the chair. The attendance showing a big gain over the previous meeting, due mainly, I presume, to the fact that our worthy Vive-President Bro. T. M. Pierson would be with us, if due to this fact they were not disappointed for he was present, and gave us a talk that was appreciated.

"Procrastination is the thief of Time." Stop it, and get down to business; try to improve your time, by becoming acquainted with things of vital importance to yourself and your associates. Redeem yourself before it is too late.

The resolution passed at our December meeting, to have the secretary furnished with information as to members becoming dilatory in their work, must be given consideration, and this information should be furnished when possible; so the cases may be handled for improvement. We will try, and if supported we will succeed in bettering ourselves individually and collectively.

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North Adams Div., No. 139.

I am pleased to report one of the most interesting meetings of the division January 9th. Application of Bro. Powers, agent at West Valley Falls, was presented, and the wreath and sounder is worn by him, which adds one more link to our proposed solid chain on this system. We are building one of the best organizations of any road in the East, which means protection and better conditions for the agent and telegrapher. Several candidates were initiated. A report from our Local Chairman Bro. Potter. A vote of thanks was extended to our General Chairman J. B. Bode, and C. K. Potter for their loyal and efficient work in our behalf. Bro. Potter was the unanimous choice of the division to succeed himself as local chairman for the coming two years. He enters in his New Year with the support of the full membership of Division No. 139, and the confidence of the general committee and national officials.

Operators Bateson and O'Neil, and Day Chief Mattison, of Union station, Troy, have applications for February. If we can land operators at "DE" freight office the Troy branch will be solid to Johnsonville, inclusive.

I have been requested to defer the write-up of the few nons and back-sliders, as several have asked for application blanks. We will give them a chance to make good.

Several new men with the line; boys, get after them, and see if they got the goods.

Agent Bro. Beard and wife, of North Powual, are enjoying a pleasure trip to Los Angeles, Cal., expecting to be absent two months. Bro. Burt, of North Bennington, is acting agent during his absence.

Bro. Oliver, who was the successful bidder on Petersburgh Junction, has taken his position.

At Petersburgh Junction, Bro. Van Wort undertook to start the fire with kerosene. Results: loss of eye-brows, hair and dickies.

Operator Garrigan is clerk and operator at North Bennington, during Bro. Burts' absence.

A word on encouraging the union movement. Ask for goods with the union label, and take no substitutes as "Just as good." Goods made under conditions granted union labor are superior to the sweat shop class.

After an absence of several weeks Bro. Colton has resumed second trick at Eagle Bridge. Bro. C. A. Brown on the extra list.

The yard office at Williamstown opened again after several months. This relieves the telegraphers of considerable work, and their positions are desirable once more.

Bro. Howard Aken, of Johnsonville, has booked for the season with the Ronoakes of Virginia, as pitcher. "H" is marked up in the professional class.

A word on organized labor. Recently talking with our brother in "XO" tower, one of the hottest jobs on the pike, 2,100 hundred movements in eight hours, under the D. & H. Co., pays $60 flat; Johnsonville on the East, $72; Crescent on the West, $67.50. Still the D. & H. boys kick, but refuse to organize. Only one man in "XO' is a member of our Order, the other two, I believe, back-sliders, because they did not receive a direct raise at the first schedule meeting. We do not care about the nons and back-sliders. They deserve their condition, but it's hard on our brothers to be held back by this class of labor.

These joint positions are placed under the management of the road paying the smallest salaries, and the wages are kept below the standard. It is this attitude of the corporations which compels men to organize for protection. Men who came up from the rank and file of labor to a

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position of prominence soon forget their struggles and obligations, and try to make records by grinding their fellow-men. Observe these men in the latter years of their life, they prosper only for a time. There seems to be a law of nature if violated results in disaster. If it were not the law of nature which limits the years of life, these men with their schemes to hoard wealth for themselves and the corporations which they represent would result in no less than slaving for the laborer. The more I observe the attitude of capital, the more I am led to believe that public ownership is necessary to control the railroads and telegraph lines. Some call this Socialism, I call it necessity. The one thing for the laborer is to organize, be ready to meet the conditions as they present themselves.

A $2.00 minimum for telegraphers, ten hours per day for agents, with a $2.50 minimum should be our slogan for the near future. The wage of the section man nearly equals that of the telegrapher, and the section foreman has shorter hours and higher wages on the average than the agent. We all know the section men earn every dollar they get. We also know the other named class earn more than they receive. The necessary training together with the responsibility should command a fair recompense. It's the agent that stands between the public and the company. With fair treatment the so-called unfair laws against railroads could be avoided. The influence of the agent and operator are unlimited.

By the time these items reach the public, our division officers for the ensuing year will have been elected. We desire renewed interest of the members, and hope every man will give the new official his best support. We also hope the members will endeavor to co-operate with the company this year, as never before, to make it one of the most profitable years of its history. Careful attention to business, prompt service to the public, on time to your work, careful observance of the rules, will make a satisfied public, and confident employer. Do your best. We will risk the results.

We congratulate President H. B. Perham, in his new position at the head of the new organization, known as the Railway Department of the American Federation of Labor; which was formed January 19th, in Chicago. This federates the machinists, blacksmiths, boiler-makers, telegraphers, switchmen, trackmen and freight handlers. It is declared to be the most powerful combination of railroad workers ever formed. Bro. Perham was elected president, and D. W. Roberts, of Chicago, secretary.

Our next meeting will be held March 13th, remember the date and place.

The last day to pay dues and retain your membership is February 28th. If not paid up, be sure and get a money order made payable to H. F. Cook, secretary and treasurer, Shebourne Falls, Mass. He will do the rest.

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Grand Trunk Ry.

Eastern Division, First and Second Districts—

We intend to turn over a new leaf this year, and will try to scrape up some news for the journal oftener than has been done in the past, which, I think, was about once in two years, or perhaps longer.

I am sure that most of the brothers on this Division would be quite surprised if they knew how well organized the old pike has become, and what a lot of good O. R. T. men we have along the line, whom they never suspected as being members of the Order. Recently I have learned of many that have been members for years, and I had never been aware of the fact although I had worked on the same district with them for four or five years. Don't think for a minute that the O. R. T. is dead on the old G. T., and if any of you fellows get discouraged, and feel like dropping out of the Order, just stop and think it over before doing so, and when you realize what the Order has done for us, and all that it means to us, I am sure you will promptly send in your dues to Bro. Shaw, and get another up-to-date card.

Our last committee secured a substantial increase in wages, and although it was not all we went after, still they did remarkably well under the circumstances, and they deserve our praise, for they were up against a mighty hard proposition, as the general depression in business was just beginning to be felt all over the country, and the officials were laying awake nights, figuring how to reduce expenses. We should feel doubly thankful for the increase, and for the protection of the O. R. T., for, had we not been organized during this depression, we would surely have been cut in our wages, instead of having them raised, as we did.

Another thing which has been brought about through the efforts of the O. R. T. is the nine-hour law, which most of us in the United States have been enjoying for nearly a year now. This was one of the greatest victories the telegraphers ever achieved, and we would be "easy," indeed, if we laid down now and let the railroads beat us out of it, after we had such hard work to get what we had been fighting for so long. We must all get in line and stand solid to a man, we are liable to wake up some fine day and find ourselves "ditched."

To the brothers on the Canadian side of the line, I would say, just keep on with the good work, get hold of all those nons, and when they wake up and realize where they are, then will be the time to get something as good, if not better, than the nine-hour law. Canada is an up-to-date country, and will not be far behind in adopting laws that will promote the safety of her traveling public.

There has been a lot of grumbling about the nine-hour law by some agents at one-man offices. They say it does not help them at all, as they still have to put in twelve hours, the same as they did before. This is quite true, but still

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they are no worse off than they were formerly, they don't seem to think that one step has been gained towards more perfect working conditions. One cannot expect to have everything perfect the first try, and all these little difficulties and defects will have to be remedied later. This can easily be done if these fellows would only stop "chewing" about it, and stand by the Order, instead of backing up and saying the O. R. T. is no good. How can they ever expect to have these things straightened out, if they give right up, and don't put up a fight for what they want. It seems that they are waiting for some one else to go ahead and do the fighting for them, then they are quite ready and willing to come in for a share of any benefits that may be secured. This looks rather hoggish doesn't it? There are some who could make a better living by selling the bristles off their own backs, to some brush factory, than they could working for the best railroad in the country.

Not as much business this winter as was expected, although several new night offices have been opened.

Yarmouth opened nights with Bro. F. L. Anglea from the Texas and Pacific at the bat.

West Paris opened night. A beginner, Mr. Hebert, got the job. He has filled out the papers and will be a brother when this goes to press.

Mr. Corbett relieved of third trick at Bryants Pond, by Bro. E. L. Totten, who holds an up-to-date in Division No. 105. Mr. Corbett later put to Bethel, night, where he remained a short time, and was relieved by Mr. F. D. White from the Boston & Albany.

Night office opened at Gilead, but am unable to say who the man is.

Bro. Reid transferred from the agency at Copperville, to agency at Lockes Mills.

Bro. Jack Reeve is working third trick at Deering yard office, having relieved Bro. G. L. Farrell, who has gone back to his old stand in Island Pond dispatchers office.

Understand Bro. Johnson is on the day trick on the message wires in Island Pond office.

Bro. Ed. Ashcroft is now at Richmond, dispatching on the Third District.

Cumberland station was burned recently, and Agent Corliss is now holding forth in an old B. & B. department car.

Things have been running pretty smooth this winter, so far nothing more serious than a box car getting off the iron occasionally.

A certain night operator on the First District seems to have got cold feet when the cold weather came on, so he and one of his chums quietly appropriated a few cases of shoes from the way-car one night. As they had more shoes than they could wear out in several years, they took a trip to Portland, where they tried to sell some of them, and were promptly "pinched," and are now stopping at Uncle Sam's boarding house in Auburn. We are glad to say that this operator was not a brother, and never had been one. If he had been sensible enough to be a good O. R. T. man he would have known better than to get into such a scrape.

Several new members have been added during the last couple of months, and quite a number have promised to come in after January pay day. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. "Do it now" is a good motto.

The students are getting to be a thing of the past on the First District. Wish the boys on the Second and Third Districts would wake up and think what they are doing, when they have from one to three students in their offices, and are taking great pride in them. Boys, this will never do! I thought a human being was born with eyes open. It doesn't look that way though.

The boys on this district have been doing business, and I am proud to say that the old First is almost solid once more. Three cheers!

Now if that fellow on the other trick is a non, get right after him, and make him see where he is wrong, and as soon as you need a set of application papers for him, just drop a line to your Local Chairman Bro. B. J. Rowell, at Mechanic Falls, Me., or to Bro. D. L. Shaw, London, Ont., and the papers will be promptly sent you.

If some members on each district would send in a few notes to their chairman each month, we could have a good write-up every month, just as well as the other roads do. Don't wait for some one else to do it, but if you hear a bit of news or anything that would be interesting, just make a note of it, and at the end of the month send it along, and when all these are put together they will make a good showing.

I wish to thank Bro. "RG," who so kindly assisted in this write-up, and I hope others will follow his example, and pick up some news.

DUTCHY.

Middle Division, Twenty-fourth District—

I have been doing all I can to make this pike solid, for instance, I was instrumental in securing two new member in December, and if the other members would do likewise, why we would be solid in two weeks.

There are a few nons out in the cold, yet.

We have three ex-members. I can not understand why they don't pay up their dues. They should be ashamed of themselves for accepting benefits secured through the O. R. T., and then refuse to help maintain them by their support as members.

Some of them say they are hard up. I would state to those boys, that by investing a few dollars in the O. R. T., they will receive more percent on their money than they could secure at any bank, stocks, or any other investments that I know of.

Bro. Carlisle, of Belgrave, had his sister visiting him for a few days.

Bro. Martin, at Wingham, I understand, is after the nons on the Twenty-third District.

Relieving Operator Bro. Knox is at present relieving the night operator at Komoka.

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Wabash Ry.

Detroit-Chicago Division—

Mr. M. H. Floyd, a new man on the Wabash, relieved Bro. Shoup, at Belleville.

Bro. D. E. Taylor, of Milan, resumed work January 25th, after spending a month with his parents down in "Old Virginia," and with friends in Benton, Ind. Relieved by Mr. C. M. Gulde, a new man on the Wabash.

Bro. V. A. Wood, of Milan, resumed work January 23d, after spending a few days in St. Louis, on the General Committee; also took a side trip to Kansas City. He was relieved by Bro. T. R. Haviland, who was later relieved by Mr. D. G. Wilkins. Bro. Haviland going to Hamilton, Ind., to relieve Agent C. W. Edson for about three months. Mr. Wilkins was later sent to Montpelier to work a few nights, and Bro. T. F. Osborn was sent to Milan.

Bro. Frank Hitchingham, of "BO" tower, is away for a month's vacation; relieved by Sister Frances Jones.

Bro. Clyde Curry, of Hand, has resigned, and left for parts unknown. The last heard of him, he was in Kentucky.

Sister Olga George got third trick at Hand, on bulletin.

Bro. J. M. Seibert and wife, of Romulus, spent New Years with relatives and friends in Defiance, Ohio. Bro. F. J. Osborn relieving him.

Bro. W. H. Sellers, Romulus, first trick, relieved Agent C. L. Iliff, of Romulus, for a few days. Bro Iliff's absence caused by the death of his mother. Mr. R. N. Mills relieved Bro. Sellers.

Bro. Michael Fohey, of "BO" tower, is back at work again, after a long absence. Sister Frances Jones did the relief work.

Bro. Phillips, of Belleville, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. N. E. Long.

Miss French did the relief work at Wakarusa, while Bro. Hofner was off a few days.

Bro. Carl Smith, of Gary, resumed work January 5th. He having been called to his home in Defiance, O., by the death of his brother, who was struck by a train at Hobart, Ind.

Bro. J. H. Whippert, of Gary, off for a few days; relieved by Mr. R. N. Mills.

Bro. Dwenger, of Wolcottville, has now taken second trick at Croker, regular.

The hours of the tricks at Gary have been changed. The first trick is now from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m., and the second trick from 6 p. m. until 3 a. m. The office is closed the rest of the time.

Bro. Lewis Jonas, of North Morenci, spent a few days at his home in Laport, Ind.; was relieved by Miss May.

The new tower at Magee will soon be completed.

Sisters V. A. Towns, E. M. Jackel and Frances Jones, of Sand Creek, Adrian and "BO" tower, respectively, spent a pleasant day in Detroit recently.

Mrs. A. F. Klages, wife of Bro. Klages, of Romulus, is visiting her parents at Willis, Mich.

Bro. Paul Heath, of Westville, is laying off on account of his wife being sick. Miss May relieving him.

Account of the scarcity of operators, Bro. Sutton's trick, at Westville, was discontinued, and he was sent to North Liberty, until a man could be found to go there.

Bro. Yoder, Sisters Olga George and Frances Jones each sent in a nice lot of items this month. Will be pleased to hear from them again next month.

Anyone having items for the journal will please send them to Bro. J. M. Seibert, at Romulus, and try and get them to him no later than the 23d of the month. These items must be in St. Louis by the 28th, and it takes some time to fix them up and send them in. DIV. COR.

Peru Division—

As our worthy correspondent, Bro. J. K. Lipsett, is enjoying a vacation of sixty days, visiting his parents at Blakesley, O., and looking after some business interests in Peru, Ind., he has asked me to try and furnish a few items during his absence, so that the Peru Division would be represented.

A great many operators are asking for a leave of absence, and are having quite a little difficulty in getting away just when they want to on account of being a little hard to get operators. It has not been very long ago that you couldn't scare an operator into the notion of taking a vacation on account of the panic, but as we all are getting confidence, we feel like laying off a few days and giving the extra men a chance to make a few dimes, and we have confidence that there are better times in store for the operators that have been out of work for a long time.

The telephone system seems to attract a great deal of attention among the telegraph operators of late. Some of them have called my attention to different pieces in the largest capitalist papers, and without a doubt the pieces were written by some official of some railroad, for the purpose of pulling the wool over the public's eyes, by stating that the train dispatchers and telephone operators were very much in favor of the telephone system in handling trains; for myself I have not heard one telegrapher state that it was a good system. I was talking to a traveling passenger agent off of one of the Western roads, and he informed me that it was very uncertain, and that some times it took from 17 to 20 minutes to get orders for trains; if this is the kind of system the telephone system is, how long will the public stand for it? I have yet been unable to find one person that is in sympathy with such a system, and if the public does not want it, I do not see how it will survive. If there are any operators getting scared about losing their $50.00 jobs on account of the telehpone system coming in and crowding them out, I would advise them to subscribe for a laboring man's paper, and read it, then they will get both sides of such a system, and I think it would make them feel stronger on

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labor's side of a great many questions. If you would take some good laboring man's daily paper as well as a capitalist paper, I would suggest that any one who does not take a labor daily to write Bro. W. P. Shutt, local chairman, at Delphi, Ind., and he would be pleased to inform you of some good daily papers, that if you would subscribe for would be of great interest, as well as a great benefit to you. I refer you to Bro. Shutt because he put me next to one, that I think is one of the greatest papers that is printed today.

Bro. J. L. Steele, of Andrews, has returned to his duties, after several days of absence.

Operator Hood, of Logansport, has done the necessary, and we will give our hand and trust he will be true to his obligation and the Order.

Bro. Shutt did not get away in December, as it was stated he would, but he is now in St. Louis with the general committee, arranging for a revised schedule. We all wish him great success.

Bro. W. E. Spencer, of Westpoint, is enjoying a few days' vacation, visiting his old home at Dupont, Ind., and his brothers in Muncie, Ind. Bro. Helwig, of West Lebanon, is working his trick while he is absent.

Operator Peters, of Attica, has resigned. Bro. Roy Zentmyer is filling his place temporary; the place is to be sold to the highest bidder; this far no one has bid it in.

Bro. D. C. Burke and wife, of Logansport, were visiting friends in Huntington a few days ago.

Operator Robertson has grasped the idea and has come forward with the papers. We all give him a glad hand. Hope that the nons will sit up and take notice, and follow Mr. Robertson's plan of doing things, and fill out the papers and hand them to some O. R. T. friend, and get in line (do it now).

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Bechtel, of Lafayette is on the sick list, and is now in the hospital at Lafayette. We hope he will have a speedy recovery and will be back at the old stand soon. Operator Raddi is relieving Bro. Bechtel. Mr. Raddi is a member in good standing in the C. T. U. A.

Bro. R. E. Helwig, of West Lebanon, second trick, laid off two weeks, and got married; also visited relatives in Rennssalaer, Hammond and Whiting, Ind., and Chicago, Ill. Bro. Murray is relieving Bro. Helwig while away, until the small-pox scare is over. Bro. Helwig is working Bro. W. E. Spencer's trick at Westpoint, and as soon as the small-pox is over he will return to West Lebanon.

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Detroit Division—

Miss Katherine May is relieving Bro. Lewis Jonas, third trick, at North Morenci; Bro. Jonas spending a few days with his parents at La Porte, Ind.

Sister V. R. Cook, Townes, was called home December 22d, on account of sickness. No one to relieve her, so Sand Creek closed four nights. Opened December 26th with Operator Marion Floyd at the post; new face on Wabash, came from the commercial ranks.

Mr. Floyd worked at Hand a few nights, and is now second trick at Belleville.

Bro. Earl Howard is off a few days; relieved by Operator Floyd.

Bro. H. S. List, formerly agent at Millensburg, bid in second trick at "BO" tower, when his office was reduced and wire taken out.

Sister Frances I. Jones relieved Bro. M. O. Fohey, first trick, at "BO" tower, during the month of December. Bro. Fohey is on the sick list.

Sister Gertie Mack, while relieving Bro. Paul Heath, second trick, at Westville, was taken seriously ill, a few days before Christmas, and went to Harper Hospital, Detroit, suffering from a bad case of appendicitis. For nearly two weeks her chances for recovery were slight, but she is improving now, and we expect to see her out again by the middle of February.

Sisters V. R. Coor Townes and Elizabeth M. Jackel called on Sister Mack, at the hospital, January 2d.

Sister Jackel, third trick, at Adrian, spent December 23rd in Toledo, shopping, and Xmas with relatives in Detroit.

We are, indeed, thankful to Sister Jackel for the nice lot of items she contributed this month, and wish to see them each issue. Thanks.

I wish here to ask the brothers and sisters to help us maintain our prestige this year, as in the last few years we have made a great advancement, and by all keeping up-to-date cards in their cases and working hard, we can make a better showing this year than any one yet. It means work, work and then work some more.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Seventeenth District—

Mr. Ed. Sexton, second trick dispatcher, at Brunswick to Council Bluffs, who is one of the old veterans who couldn't see any good in the O. R. T., has taken up teaching telegraphy in the Wabash Telegraph School, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, in Moberly, at a salary of $25.00 per month in addition to his regular salary. Boys, how do you like to work with that kind of a man? I believe in "no card, no favors." He is working right along with Order men, then turning against them by running a ham factory. What do you think of that kind of a man? What does he expect? What can he expect?

Mr. Tom Kelly, an old veteran dispatcher, first trick, Moberly to Kansas City, is on the sick list. Relieved by Dispatcher Davis.

Bro. A. E. Wallace bid in agency at Dalton on bulletin. Bro. G. W. Knierim getting Wallace's place at Huntsville.

Bro. J. F. Knox, of Clifton, our local chairman, was off a few days in November, trying his luck on securing that $200.00 prize. He had good luck, but was not off long enough to get

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over all of his territory. Bro. W. L. Beams, relief man from Kawenda relieving him.

Bro. Wooley, agent at Keytesville, had the misfortune to lose his depot and nearly all that was in it.

Bro. L. R. Hood, formerly agent at Dalton, has resigned, and gone to Colorado Springs. Don't know whether he is going to locate there or not.

Bro. T. F. Curtis, third trick, Brunswick, has resigned, and returned to his home at Pattonsburg. M. M. Eidson is filling third trick until it is filled on bulletin.

Bro. R. G. Brotherton bid in third trick at Carrollton. Mr. R. L. Simmons having resigned. Understand he is in the train service on Missouri Pacific.

The Santa Fe hires the men from Carrollton Junction to Camden Junction. No Order men allowed to work for them if they can find it out.

Bro. F. Cox, agent at Orrick, has been trying his hand at batching, on account of his wife and boys visiting in Higbee.

Bro. R. H. Clutter has resumed work at Excelsior Springs Junction, on third trick. Bro. Woods, who was relieving him, went to Gallatin as second trick man. This change throws Bro. O. S. Gregory, second trick, and Bro. Paul Gregory, first trick and agency.

Bro. Thorp, telegrapher at Excelsior Springs, has an up-to-date now, and you can call him brother hereafter. Knox ran him in.

Bro. Donovan, at Missouri City, is having a good coal business since the cold weather, on account of the gas going out in Kansas City.

CERT. 3416.

Omaha Line—

Bro. B. W. Thompson is off for a few days; relieved by a Mr. Scheffer, from the east end.

Bro. M. H. Meeker, second trick operator at East switch, recently visited home folks in Missouri Can't say who relieved him.

Bro. Brown has been gone the last thirty days. Bro. M. H. Meeker is working first trick.

Sister M. L. Meeker, of Malvern, has been enjoying a ten days' vacation; Mr. B. Hughes relieving her. He did not "make good," and was laid off for a while. Mr. Hageman from the east end is the man that did the business.

Bro. R. H. Miller, agent at Malvern, has been off sick a few days Night Operator M. L. Meeker taking care of the agent's work. Mr. C. C. Powell is working second trick. We are glad to report Mr. Powell is interested, and says he intends to be one of us soon.

We understand that Agent J. F. Miller, at Shenandoah, doesn't have enough work to keep him busy, so he goes down to Bingham and helps the new agent there. Think she will soon be a professional, although she hasn't yet attained the honor (?) of being called a student. The only good point about it is that there are no wires there, now.

CERT. 2207.

Clover Leaf Ry.

Toledo District—

We are looking forward and waiting with all eagerness for the results from our committee whom we expect will be negotiating with the officials in Chicago at an early date. We wish them success. But must not stop at that. We must put our shoulder to the wheel and each member take an earnest appeal to every non, of which I am sorry to say we have a few around who seem to think that there is nothing in organization. Their ambition seems to be "self alone." I have noticed a few cases of this kind. Let me say, brothers, the sooner we are organized and have the opportunity to meet one another and get acquainted the sooner that spark of brotherly love will kindle into a good feeling for each other. It will do away with that grouchy disposition; in its stead we will be more accommodating to one another on the wire and work will become less a burden to us.

Now get busy, brothers, and keep an up-to-date card, and endeavor to show the non where he stands. Our genial brother and secretary, J. W. LaFever, will furnish you all the necessary application blanks that you may need; it only takes a postal card.

One more word, brothers, and that is this. Above all things give good service, attend strictly to business. We have a fine set of dispatchers, and they certainly appreciate good service from the operators. Now with just a little effort on our part we can render them great assistance, and at the same time will be doing good for ourselves and Order. Don't let them call to raise you, but be on hand ready to advise them of every thing that is going on around you relative to trains, etc. Get after the conductor and get his OS check, find out how soon he will be ready to leave. All these things assist a dispatcher in moving trains.

Keep your office neat, windows clean; don't sleep on duty, don't turn relays down, but come in on the wire occasionally, and ask relay operator if anything for you, be on hand for yard report, 2 p. m. car report, and "37" report at 5 p. m. Don't let this man be compelled to call you; remember he is always burdened with wire work, and you can save him hours of hard work by being attentive to business. Try this, see if they appreciate it.

This is important, brothers; pay close attention to your instruments. It is a duty you owe the company and if each one takes it upon himself to do this, the sooner the officials will learn to appreciate our service and will be more willing to meet our committees when they go before them from time to time.

Bro. Wilson, of "MI" office, Malinta, O., was off a few days the latter part of December, taking in the sights along the line, and getting acquainted.

At Dupont, "ON," we find, what? Well, sorry to say, but I am told a man drawing salary, not large, however, but being paid for telegraphing, and in connection is running a "ham factory." A train man told me he counted four students there a few days ago. Boys, this looks bad. Can't some

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neighbor brother show this man his error and induce him to come over; remember overstocking the market makes cheap wages.

Bro. Benton, from "J" office, Delphos Yards, went to Frankfort the first of the year, now working message wire in dispatcher's office; relieved by Bro. Lynch, now working 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. at "J," and Bro. Pittinger working 9 p. m. till 7 a. m., both tricks being split enough to evade the nine-hour law.

Mr. G. C. Marston, a member of the B. of L. F. and agent, at Ohio City, O., was called to Toledo the 13th of the month to attend court for the company.

Now, brothers, if you will kindly co-work with me, we will try and have a neat line-up every month. Let's everyone get busy, send in your items.

Bro. Benton is relieving Bro. Zimmerschide in "DS" office, Frankfort, now working morning trick on message wire.

Mr. J. W. Walters, agent at Van Buren, was off a few days in December, relieved by Relief Agent O. D. Cartwright. CERT. 3399.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Well, what do you think? I never received any of those petitions. I am sure those fellows forgot. A man that will not join is sleeping, anyway; those fellows still are looking for 1909.

Bro. Kimball, first trick at Shannon, has the chicken-pox. Bro. Newson, from Union City, relieved Bro. Kimball.

Bro. Earl Taylor was assigned to second trick Shannon, relieving Mr. Sanders.

Mr. Wamble, second trick Henderson, off a few days, relieved by Bro. K. Summers.

Bro. W. F. May has been assigned regular third trick dispatcher, Johnson to Tamms.

Mr. Taylor bid in Percy, Ill. Second trick is now regular.

Bro. Bailey, third trick operator Union City, and relief agent, is relieving Bro. Barr, at McNairey, Tenn. Bro. Barr is spending his vacation at Dyer, with home folks.

Bro. Hardcastel, agent at Fruitland, off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. R. Bailey, ex-agent.

Mr. Ed Ramer, day operator at Booneville, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Casebere. Bro. Newsom relieved Mr. Casebere at Union City.

Mr. F. Morgan has been assigned first trick, "JN," relieving Bro. Armstrong. Bro. Armstrong goes back nights at "JN." Bro. Murdaugh goes back to first trick, Clamore.

Mr. G. Rosser, freight clerk at Jackson, has sent in the necessary papers and will soon be a full-fledged brother. Bro. Rosser expects to go to telegraphing in a short while.

Bro. W. S. Estes, third trick at Clamore, off about ten days to get married; has returned to work.

Bro. J. W. Newsom, extra, after two months' work at Clamore, has returned to his home in Mayfield, Ky.; relieved by Bro. J. C. Smith.

Bro. J. E. Reynolds, working third trick at Perry, on account of resignation of Mr. M. F. Rutledge.

Bro. Roberson, of Oakton, and Mr. Carroll, of Moscow, have exchanged places. Bro. Roberson is now located as agent at Moscow, his home, and Mr. Carroll goes back to "KI," his former position.

Bro. McCullar, regular third trick man at Baldwin, off on vacation; relieved by Opr. Stovall.

Bro. Passler, third trick at Ruslor, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Rutledge, from Perry.

Bro. Hemphill, second trick at Bethel, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Reynolds.

I am very sorry we did not succeed in landing any of our unbelievers the first of January, but owing to Xmas we can excuse those fellows if they will only come clean this pay day. I believe some of them will come on up this time. I have had several promises, but promises are like pie crust, easily broken. I will live in hopes if I am forced to die in despair. "73."

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Chicago & Alton Ry.

Eastern Division—

Well, brothers, can't we ever get together and ever get a schedule on this road? I think we sure could if we would all pull together the way we should. We should not wait for the other to start, but each one try to start first. Let's all try to be the first one to start hereafter. Each one get after the nons and make them come across with enough to purchase one of our new up-to-date cards.

The way business is now on this road there is little room, if any, to doubt about getting a schedule. Of course, we are all aware of the fact that it takes time to accomplish anything of importance, and we all realize that it sure is important to secure a schedule.

Have you all got an up-to-date card? If not, why? Don't you think it would go hard against us if Train Master Reeves came around again and should want to know if we belonged to the O. R. T. and should want to see our cards? What would he think if he found about half of us without an up-to-date card? Do you think he would recommend giving us a schedule? Or any other official going over the different divisions and finding out how many of us belonged to the grand O. R. T.

Now, brothers, let's take it into consideration that if only a few of us have cards we can very easily be beaten by the company. But suppose we are solid O. R. T., then what? It is like taking a stick; you can very easily break one stick, but take a large bunch and combine them together, can you break them? I should say you can't. That is

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the way it is with the operators. Now, let's all combine ourselves together and see if the company can break us up. You all know what the result would be. The best way to start this is to all get an up-to-date card now; will have one as soon as pay day comes around again. It's up to us now.

Business is very good over the entire system. Sunday, December 20th, was the heaviest day in the history of the C. & A.

Bro. Minor, of Funks Grove, is laying off and Bro. Flynn is taking his place during Bro. Minor's absence.

Bro. Young, who has been working third trick at Mclean, has resigned and is now working for the Big Four. Bro. Mason, whose home is at Mclean, landed the third trick there.

Bro. Mahan, of Lincoln, returned to work after a vacation of about a month. Bro. Phillips, night owl, relieved Mahon. Don't know who filled the night job.

Bro. Elwood, Laundale, is enjoying a six weeks' lay-off. SIMPLE SIMON.

Western Division—

The first of the year opens up with several nons in the neighborhood. "13" there is a factory on west end that manufactures them. However, there are some good men among them. Come, boys, let's try to get them in the Order.

Night operator at Hillview, Mrs. H. J. Moore, is off duty for a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Opr. Peck, from "BX," Borth.

Third Trick Operator Brandecker, "PR," was called home to Marshall, Mo., on account of the death of his father; relieved by operator from Kansas City. Haven't learned his name.

Bro. Pinder, third trick "PR," has left the road, going to his home at Warrensburg, Mo.

Opr. Pearson, "HN," Pleasant Hill, second trick, has been enjoying a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Bartley.

Bro. Hitch, agent "DK," Drake, after two months' sickness has resigned; relieved by Bro. Beasley, who will remain there as agent.

A letter from Bro. Suttles, who left the C. & A. a few months ago, says he has a good job on the Frisco.

Bro. Hicks is spending the holidays at his home at Drake.

Bro. Cushman, owl "AN," Strand, has returned to work after a month's vacation; relieved by Oprs. Griffith and Brandecker.

Bros. Blackwell and Bartley have landed second and third trick, "PR."

Clyde, of "BN," nights, spent a few days in St. Louis last week; relieved by Bro. Blackwell.

Let's hear from a few brothers along the line, so we will know what is going on, and do not forget to speak to that non that works with you or next door and see if you can't get him interested in the O. R. T. DIV. COR.

Union Pacific Ry.

Colorado Division—

Few changes since our last appearance:

Bro. Johnson, has resigned position of day operator at Pullman, and has gone to California.

Bro. Southworth is working extra at Pullman while vacancies being bulletined; Bro. Hardin being assigned the day operators position, leaving vacancy in the agency at that point which has been assigned to Bro. Kane from Bennett.

W. C. Sale, from Sterling, to agency at Bennett.

W. J. Griffin, agent at Carr for several years, has been assigned the day operators position at that point; Bro. Sleater, of Agate, assigned the agency at Carr.

Bro. Jackson, nights, at Carr, laying off; relieved by Bro. Smith from the Santa Fe.

A. L. Ash, the old war horse, from River Bend, to agency at Agate.

Freshe and wire relieving at Agate.

Bro. Sage, extra, at Union Depot, Denver, has been assigned, nights, at Agate.

Bro. Myers, from Sedgwick, to agency at Hardin; relieving Bro. Swope, who has resigned, going to the farm to raise "spuds."

Bros. Graham and Gilman have vacated Speer, the new station on the Cut-off; Bro. Graham going to Dacono as agent, and Bro. Gilman going to Omaha; three new-comers at Speer, as we do not know them we will pass.

Nunn station on the Northern District will be opened soon. Bro. Dougherty, operator at Ault, has been assigned the new agency. "Watch Nunn Grow."

Bro. Hendrix, from Oakley, to agency at Weskan; Bro. Wilcox having resigned to go into the mercantile business.

Bro. Duxbury has been doing the relief act at Lucerne and Weskan for some time.

Bro. Dilts, from Cheyenne Wells, to agency at Grinnell; Bro. Cadagan resigned.

Bro. Brawner, from second trick, Cheyenne Wells, to Sharon Springs, on account moving terminals.

Bro. McGlaughlin has been doing the relief on the Julesburg District, for several months.

Bro. Gibson, agent at Palco, spent Christmas in the East; was relieved by Bro. Minnick, operator at Colby.

Bro. Stratton, from New Jersey, relieving at Colby, also at McAllaster.

Bro. Roberts, of McAllaster, spent the holidays in old Mizzo.

Bro. Everly is still relief agent, and is kept pretty busy. He has recently relieved at Ginter, Grinnell, Winona, Erie, Evans, La Salle and Sedgwick.

Bro. Fritts of Winona, laying off for a few months; being relieved by Bro. Thom.

We understand the usual interest is being taken in the biennial election of officers and delegates, especially the delegate end of it. COR.

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Eastern District, Kansas Division—

Bro. Kessler, from some foreign division, is doing the heavy in dispatcher's office, nights, while Bro. Schuchman mutilates the Morse, days.

Bro. Klasse is relieving Bro. Stout, at Bonner Springs; understand Bro. Stout was called to Vandalia, Ill., on account of the illness of his sister.

Bro. Haney is back at Lenape; Mr. Price, brother of Bro. L. O. Price, formerly of St. George, is doing the extra work.

Bro. Engle, from Linwood to Lawrence, few days, relieving Sister Sims, who was on the sick list.

Bro. Stoddard is back at Bonner Springs; Mr. Wright goving back to Perry; Bro. Farrell returned to Perry, and Mr. Bowker, of the limited vocabulary, going back to his student-ship at St. Mary.

Mr. J. Wray relieving Bro. Alexander at Silver Lake.

Mr. Hooven resigned again at Wamego; Bro. Waddle, from L. & N., relieving, and in turn was relieved by Bro. Klasse.

Bro. G. T. Temple checked in at Yocemento, vice Charles Grover Cleveland Folsome.

Bro. High, at Junction City, nights, taking a vacation; unable to say who is relieving.

If the assistant inspector in the Railway Telegraphic Service in the German Empire is called, "Eisenbahnbetriebstelegrapheninspektionassistenten," what would you call G. W. Seiver?

The following is taken from a "near folder," issued by Rohrbought Bros., who are conducting the U. P. Official Telegraph School at Omaha: "This young man is located at Alliance, Neb., and his name is J. E. Mifka. In his letter to us he says: 'I have advanced greatly in the art of telegraphy, since leaving the Omaha Commercial College. I am now making $140.00 per month, and only have to work eight hours each day. The treatment that I receive is like that of a mother. I am writing this letter to you while on duty, second trick, and on elaborate paper, and with a Burlington style pencil. You will therefore excuse me,' We can not say whether it was the 'elaborate paper' or the 'Burlington style pencil,' that caused the young man to have the spasm, but of one thing we are sure, and that is that all future correspondence to us will be ignored unless written on the elaborate paper furnished by the company, and with a 'Union Pacific style pencil.' We haven't located that $140 job so far, and expect to draw our $52.50 until we locate it. Don't all start at once. They also furnish a text book on Telegraphy for a dollar-thirty which will allow you to make considerable headway at home. If it is as interesting as the 'near folder,' we are almost persuaded to invest. There are sixty-four pages in the folder, consisting of 'testimonials,' pictures and a humorous collection of dope for the would-be telegraphic dispatchers. If any of you still believe that your services as an instructor are required, send for a little of this dope. It's very interesting and instructive."

Have you paid your dues yet?

If not, "Do It Now." We like this motto, do you? It has a ring about it that we all like. It hangs in the office of the big manufacturer, the railroad magnate and the bank cashier, and they practice it. We all ought to, and now is a good time for you to start it. Pay up, do it now. If you are out, get in. Do it now. Take a little interest in the working of your Order, and do it now.

Lets all get up on our toes this coming year, and do some work for the Order. Promise yourself to round-up a non-air and then do it, go after him now. We have a nice choice selection to work on, and the majority of them are old offenders; let's get together and put them all in the clear. Every now and then we lose one of our string-halted non-airs, which small favor from the powers that be is gratefully received, we still have one or two though, who if they were compelled to hold their positions on their ability alone, and without the protection of the Order to which they so desperately cling, they would stand no more show than a dog with tallow legs chasing an asbestos cat through Hades.

At the time this is written all nominating petitions should be in Bro. Hughey's hands, and by the time you read it, all ballots should have been cast. Regardless of who your local chairman is, give him your support, realize that he is only representing you, your attorney, and that he can only present the case as you present it to him. If you have a grievance, whether real or fancied, don't lay down and wonder why he doesn't take it up. Very few local chairmen are mind readers. The next chairman will have the entire Kansas Division to cover, and will no doubt have his hands full; help him out, get in the game and get your feet wet. Make a resolve to do something, don't wait for the other fellow to do something, he may be waiting for you. Start now.

Now is the time to start a Correspondence Course in "Telephonagraphy," or words to that effect.

Wanted:—A correspondent for the territory between Junction City and Ellis, including the branches.

It has been charged that a Labor Union was a "Trust." But had you noticed this difference? That the labor leaders get jail sentences, while the trust leaders get fines which the courts set aside.

Quite a few of the "Seiverite" helpers became disgusted with the out-look from a telegraphic view-point, and resigned of their own accord. Two on the Manhattan branch, all of which goes to show that there is some difference between a $140.00 second trick job with the Burlington style pencils and elaborate paper, and a twenty dollar helper's job, at the business end of a two wheeled truck.

In a recent letter from Bro. V. O. Brunner, of Egbert, Wyo., he very vigorously protests against being called "Mister," and being mentioned in the same paragraph with another

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"Mister," Bro. Brunner had good cause for a loud kick, and we very humbly apologize, and lay the blame on the printer. Our copy read Bro. Brunner.

We understand that Mr. Cosley, in "GN" office, has it figured out this way. That if he ever gets to Heaven, which is doubtful, considering that he has no card, and finds us there, which he considers doubtful, he will drop right out, and as a result St. Peter's Union will all go to smash about as quick as our's is now going. Ain't it awful? Ho.

Western District, Nebraska Division—

Wanted! A hive of optimists, so we can do something.

The boy who starts in to prepare his graduation oration fully persuaded that he can't, will be very apt to make his best friends squirm in their seats when he delivers it; and the man who does not ride over the shady spots in the union, and hit the sunny spots the harder, is only making a bigger shadow.

If you keep continually moving your shadow does no harm. It is the spot that is always in the shade, where vegetation does not grow. It is still cold, but signs of returning spring are already abundant. Have you looked for signs of a warmer and healthier season for us? They are there:

Members paying current term dues unusually promptly (were you one)?

Nons requesting blanks without our earnest solicitation.

Active interest on account of the election of local officers.

Prospects of live questions to be considered, effective policies devised and renewed enthusiasm instilled by our convention at Atlanta in May.

The slow, but steady improvement in the business tone of the country.

Kindly remember you must adapt yourself to the world, not expect it to mould itself to you. This universe wasn't created for you. The quicker you get the idea that it is the men who most readily adapt themselves to conditions, who make the most of life, you will see the expediency of lining up with them.

I had a doctor tell me the other day that the greatest outrage ever perpetrated on human beings is forcing them to work seven days in the week, year in and year out. What has cut the hours of half the telegraphers in the country down 25 per cent? What has the slightest possibility of securing you more Sunday privileges, if not the same power—yourself and fellow-craftsmen? Some still persist in crossing bridges before they are reached. Make sure you have a bridge to cross on, and simply wait till you reach it, say I. But unlucky is the man who reaches the stream and has neglected to construct a bridge upon which to cross. That has happened in the past, are you going to repeat it? And supposing you have a bridge which has always carried you across before, but the waters are up a little and a few hide-bound, actually incompetent, would-be hangers-on pronounce it unsafe, are you going to tear it down and leave yourself with none? After all it will be more safe than going it sink or swim, won't it?

The man who is abreast of the labor movement today, sees that the great struggle in which it is now engaged is to prove its right to the prestige and advantage it has gained; this must be done before its march ahead can again commence. Only one thing is needed for this—the support of every working man. Under those circumstances, a year would set us going again at the double quick time.

Do you remember that at any time in your telegraph career, publishing over a town you happened to be working in, that you were the dispatcher, when in reality you were only the humble night owl? If you had done so, it would have been simply to impose on the people, and give yourself a standing that you did not have? Then what do you think of your Seiver nurselings, who are sleeping the best part of their lives away at your station, giving it out over town that they are the "night operator," and trading on that standing? I presume you will help them keep up the delusion. Whenever a fellow reaches the stage that he does a thing like this, you can depend he is ignorant no longer; he recognizes what he is doing, and that the people have no use for him, and is willing to make himself so small that he perjures himself to try to gain standing with the public. Truly, one-half of the world don't know how the other half lives. Nor from the class of intelligence the majority of them—nurselings—have so far shown, do they realize that they are playing the role of night operator, and simply are filling the shoes of cheap help.

G. W. Collipriest, agent at Loup City, off on a vacation, on his farm in Oklahoma. Relieved by Bro. C. E. Cole, of "GE," Grand Island, who wants to rub up on station work again, and be the all-around man that all should strive to be. Fred Moeder, who has been out of telegraphing for several years, is holding down the night work in "GE" office.

Bro. J. C. Mahoney, at Poole, off a few days, looking after business interests at Kearney; relieved by C. C. Hansen.

Bro. T. A. Clark is now managing a Board of Trade in St. Paul, Neb., and never knew till now how many better jobs there are than railroading.

Bro. W. C. Henigan, of "GD" office, Grand Island, attending a hop at Columbus at present, and incidentally inspecting his social fences, which he always tries to keep in first-class repair. Account no relief available, the boys in Grand Island worked short a man.

Bro. W. F. Brinkmeyer, bid in Shelton agency; have not learned who secured the relief agency. You fellows who bid on it, it is up to you. Why can't you boys furnish your local chairman a copy of all bids on vacant positions? He has a

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senority list, and there would not be so much guess work as to who secure positions.

Bro. C. E. Ford is back at Watson's Ranch, after a rest on his ranch. Operator Sharpe has gone back East where he claims a wife and little ones are waiting for him. The best we can say is joy go with him. We want no booze-fighters mixed up with us. We have enough to contend with as it is.

Bro. B. O. Byrne was taken sick with pneumonia, while on third trick at Cozad, and has prospects of a month's confinement. Is better at this writing, however, and all hope that he quickly recovers, so he can land on that job at Schuyler, which he secured on bid.

Bro. C. T. Winters, of Gothenburg, off on a vacation with relatives. Relieved at present by Bro. O'Dell, of the Frisco system. During the rush ice season Gothenburg was given three operators, and a fledgling from Nurse Seiver's brood. Mr. G. C. Hansen was given a shot at first trick, but he was still a little short, and with the agent's help couldn't make good. Was then sent to Cozad, on third trick, but also was cold-footed there. This man has had about two years' work altogether now, which should demonstrate to any one who stops to think, that it never made an operator out of him, simply made his cheap help. Now that he has passed the examination, however, and is out to try his fortune, we are confident his change of position will quickly change his view-point, as it has done for others who have come up the same laborious road, and he will line up with us. These boys who have put in a year or two have learned a lot about glittering promises and hard facts, and my experience is that they see the point a great deal more readily than some of our old fossils who have been here so long that they think that they are a part and parcel of the very foundation. I needn't mention any names, you know them.

Bro. A. W. Ladd took a day off, to attend to some business affairs, the other day. You notice a great many of the best men are willing to give the road their best, as long as they are treated squarely, and when it reaches a point where they feel patience is no longer a virtue, they can take up some thing else. I fail to understand the policy of any corporation to take the responsibilities of securing and carrying on business out of the hands of old tried and reliable men, and putting it into the hands of children.

Do you ever talk these matters over with your help, ever mention them to the merchants, business men and shippers, with whom you come in contact? Is there any kind of sentiment in your neighborhood on these questions? In fact, is there any information with the public on these matters? You claim there is nothing you can do. You have a card, you never can see any of the boys, and don't know what more you can do. You can do that. You work for the company's interest, you secure them business in spite of competition. Why not slip in a word for your own welfare? If you have their confidence in one way, why can't you get it in another? Until the public can see that it is directly concerned, you can hope for no support from them. This is no disloyalty to the company, it is simply loyalty to yourself.

Finally because opportunities have been neglected in the past, don't let's neglect any in the future. In the coming election, vote for the man for local chairman, who you feel will do the best work; do your part and let's pull together, and things will surely come our way. Let's take the new year with us, and push forward with this good old thought in mind:

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

Every body push! CERT. 765.

Wyoming Division—

Bro. Horisky has delegated me to represent us in the capacity of correspondent; the appointment, however, came too late for me to get anything in the January issue.

We want to have a little revival among us, and I am going to ask all the brothers to come forward and extend a helping hand, and assist in making this a Banner Division. The absence of a monthly write-up from any division leads the telegraphers of the country to believe that there is nothing doing, and, to say the least, gives a bad impression generally.

I am going to ask the co-operation of each individual brother to aid me in every way possible in making our monthly items worthy of the space they occupy.

In taking a little retrospect since the first of the year, I find that we are surprisingly well organized, when it is considered that we were for some time without a head, subsequent to the departure of our faithful brother and Chairman Bro. Yantis, of Fort Steele station.

However, now that we have emerged from the confusion attending to the election of a man to succeed to that responsible, but thankless office, and have, in Bro. C. J. Horvsky, of the general office, Cheyenne, one whom I doubt not is peculiarly well-fitted to act in that capacity, I think that we may reasonably look forward to an active and successful year. The achievements of the railroad telegraphers in the year of 1908, stand out in marked contrast to the disastrous failure of our less fortunate commercial brothers, and is a compliment to the progressive and able officers of our organization. It is especially gratifying to note that our great Champion, Bro. Murphy, was returned to Congress.

It is also pleasing to observe that telegraphers, generally, throughout the entire country are taking an active interest in politics, as is evidenced by the election to important State and County offices, of not a few brothers. A brother from our midst, the Hon. T. F. Tighe, agent at Rock River, Wyom., was elected, last November, to the House

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of Representatives, at Cheyenne, and is now at the Capitol City where his entire time is taken up with the duties of that distinguished office. We are glad, indeed, to see a brother thus honored, and hope that Representative Tighe will use his best efforts to the betterment of labor conditions, and then succeed himself many times. Bro. Grogan, formerly of first trick at Hanna, is filling the position of agent at Rock River, during the two or three months absence of Bro. Tighe.

As a bit of news for the boys who have come and gone during the past year, I will mention the appointment of Mr. W. Daley, to the position of chief dispatcher at Cheyenne, succeeding Mr. R. L. Davis, who was promoted to trainmaster of the Eastern Division, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Daley is an old-timer on the Wyoming Division, having been chief at Laramie several years ago, when headquarters were at that point. That Mr. Daley intends to live up to the schedule there can be no doubt; if you don't believe me, ask either Bro. Hill at Corlett Junction, or Bro. Olsen at Egbert. I feel quite sure that we can expect a square deal from our chief, and any operator who does not in turn give Mr. Daley a square deal, in the way of reliable and competent service is not only doing an injustice to that gentleman, but to himself and the profession as well.

Bro. H. C. Kelsey, agent at Buford, returned about the first of the year, from a very enjoyable trip to Los Angeles; he was accompanied by Mrs. Kelsey.

Bro. E. C. Miles, second trick at Buford, was called home on account of the serious illness of his father, at Independence, Kan. He left on January 2d, and returned on the 14th. When seen by the staff reporter, Bro. Miles stated that he found his father much improved, and the trip proved to be a very pleasant vacation. He was also accompanied by Mrs. Miles and baby.

Bro. Frank Limpus, agent at Hermosa, after several weeks of vexatious waiting and exasperating delays, due to the inability of Omaha to secure operators, finally succeeded in getting away just one day too late to spend the holidays with his family at Colorado Springs, Colo., where he joined them about the second of January. Bro. Limpus resumed duty again on the tenth.

Bro. J. F. Evans got Dale Creek, second trick. I use the word "got" correctly, as he went right in to Cheyenne and "got" it.

In connection with this, let me say something: Do not begin bidding on every bulletin that is issued, as soon as you are comfortably settled down on this division, and when you bid, please do not bid on four or five jobs simultaneously. Wait till you have attained sufficient seniority to entitle you to some consideration, then select the position you want, and if you are fitted for it bid on it; in other words, don't bid often, but when you do bid, bid in earnest and keep your eye on it. If you don't get it when your ability and length of service entitle you to it go after it, don't let them beat you out of it.

Take such matters up in the regular way, however, and do not resort to your local chairman unless you have a case that will enable him to handle it to a successful conclusion.

Our esteemed Bro. C. S. Hill, "the perpetual third trick man," who has been at Lookout since March 4, 1908, steadfastly refusing to be pried loose from that interesting (?) place, has finally developed a desire for civilization again, and was the successful bidder for first trick at Corlett Junction. Operator Thomas, who was bumped by Bro. Hill, is now on second trick at Corlett Junction. It seems that Thomas has been the special object of ambitious youths. I believe the distinction belongs to him, of being the most "bumped" man on the Wyoming Division. First Hermosa, then Howell and now Corlett Junction. Although I can not call him brother in the sense of the O. R. T., he is, nevertheless, a B. of R. T. brother.

Bro. Ochaltree, who was for some time doing heavy work in "N" office, Cheyenne, secured second trick at Sidney, on bulletin.

The new second trick man at Pine Bluffs is a C. T. U. A. brother, Harry Osborne, he comes from Chicago. Operator Bell, whom he succeeded, has gone to South Carolina. Bro. Osborne will be an O. R. T. brother also, before this reaches the press.

Bro. Coates, agent at Hillshale, pays taxes on a "stink wagon."

Bro. O. B. Olsen went to Egbert to take third trick, on bulletin.

It will be interesting to know that Bro. Britton was recently elected Mayor at Brownson. Were you ever at Brownson?

Bro. Johnson, formerly at Herdon, Neb., went to Sherman as third trick man, in the place of Bro. Smith.

Bro. E. Singer handles the levers on third trick at Lookout now DIV. COR.

Canadian Pac. Ry.

District No. 3, Western Division—

Now that we have entered upon the new year, and as our division correspondent has been overtaxed with his railway duties for some months past, owing to the increase in business, I will endeavor to give a brief review of our work during the year. The good old year which has just closed was intermingled with joys and sorrows alike for all of us.

To some it carries with it recollections which are dearest to the heart, while to others, it will always be a mark of sadness, owing to the death of loved ones and possibly for other reasons. During the year the hand of death reached into the homes of our beloved Bros. Owen McKay, H. J. Parkhill and C. W. Moir, calling them hence to try the solemn realities of an unknown world. To the friends and relatives of each, we desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy and brotherly affection. At this particular season of the year, we

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are forcibly reminded of our duty to one another as brothers, and of man's humanity to man.

The past year has without doubt been marked by wonderful advancement and great achievements on the part of our organization, and the great cause of labor generally. The strongest powers in the universe have concentrated their efforts and made their attack, in every possible manner, but still the grand cause of God and humanity has more than held its own, which beautifully exemplifies the fact that "right, not might, must prevail." It is very gratifying to know that never in the history of our organization has it been in such a healthy condition from every standpoint, as it is at the present time. At headquarters in St. Louis perfect harmony, sound judgment, able and efficient management are the existing conditions, while locally the same essentials prevail between our Third Vice-President, General Chairman, General Secretary-Treasurer and the General Committee. As for the local chairmen we hear so very little from them that we do not know much about what is doing on other districts.

We have cause to feel proud that his particular district bears the enviable distinction of being the banner district on the whole C. P. R. system. Should this statement be challenged, I have to say that our worthy General Chairman is my authority for same, and for the benefit of other districts I will mention a few reasons why we claim superiority.

In the first place we hold our meetings regularly without exception once a month, and they are conducted strictly in accordance with the ritual. We were greatly pleased to have our General Chairman with us at a recent meeting in Calgary, when we put through an initiation for his special benefit which brought forth some very complimentary remarks from Bro. Robertson.

The second reason is that when Bro. Morris issued his list of delinquents for period ending December 31st, 1908, only one name on this district appeared out of some sixty-five men. The third reason is that we have established a local fund for the purpose of meeting all expenses of a local nature on the district, such as hall rent, grievances, stationery and other obligations in connection with our organization.

This fund is made up by a contribution of twenty-five cents per month from each member, which has a two-fold advantage. In the first place the different accounts which come up from time to time as soon as approved are immediately paid instead of having to wait the length of time necessary to go through the regular routine of being handled by the Assistant General Chairman, the General Chairman and then the General Secretary and Treasurer. This has proven to be a matter of much satisfaction to all concerned, but the principal reason is that the general funds of our organization are relieved to this extent.

The only financial assistance we require from the general fund of the organization will be for schedule revision and expense in connection therewith. If every district on the system were to do likewise you can readily see the beneficial results that would be obtained. It is a well known fact that lack of funds has always been a hindrance on System Division 7 when going up for a revision of schedule. It must be admitted that our treasury is actually the back bone of the organization. It is very essential that it is kept in the healthiest possible condition in order that we may be in a suitable position to promptly meet any emergency that may arise. The year we have just entered upon will be an eventful one in many respects, and I can not urge too strongly the necessity of every brother on the district being conscious of his duties as a member. It is the greatest imaginable selfishness to expect your local chairman to do everything without any effort on your part. He is trying to do his part; have you ever attempted to do yours?

It is the duty of every member to pay his dues and assessments promptly and be in good standing all the time. If you know of a non-member, it is your duty to try and bring him in and show him the error of his ways. It is your duty to attend every meeting that you possibly can, and don't be afraid to make a little sacrifice at times to do so; if not convenient for you to attend make an effort to let some other brother go. Our meetings during the past two years have proven to be the one source of benefit in assisting our personal interests, as well as the organization in general. You need the assistance of the Order and the Order needs your assistance in this respect. Even if you have nothing to say your presence is encouraging to those who are trying to protect your interests. Where any infringement of our schedule comes to your notice it should be make known at once to your local chairman, as it is only in this way by the hearty co-operation of all that our interests can be properly looked after.

For the information of brothers who do not have an opportunity of attending our regular meetings, owing to distance or other causes, I have the pleasure in giving below a statement of our finances as given by our local treasurer, Bro. Finkle:

Cash receipts		$82 00
Disbursements.		
Stationery and postage	$14 65	
Four copies of ritual	1 00	
Hall rent	9 50	
Balance on regalia	6 30	
Legal advice	5 00	
Floral contributions	21 00	$57 45
Cash on hand		$24 55

Wishing one and all a very prosperous and happy New Year.

W. L. MACDONALD,
Local Chairman.

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District 2, Pacific Division—

Bro. W. E. D. McTaggart, from Kamloops nights, to Vancouver, to be relieving dispatcher, working the day trick in Vancouver yard office when not relieving.

Bro. W. Maxwell, recently relieving dispatcher, has applied for and been given the agency at Ashcroft.

Bro. F. Presley and wife have returned from their wedding tour to the former's home in the old country. Frank has closed his option on the New Westminster depot operating and ticket job. Bro. T. R. Clark, who was appointed during Bro. Presley's absence, has returned to his former position, day operator at North Bend.

Bro. E. B. Denechand, regular agent at Mission Junction, is away on five or six months' leave of absence. Understand he is taking an ocean voyage to the Orientt or Australia for the benefit of his health in general, and particularly his eyes, which have been giving him more or less trouble recently. J. M. Chandler relieving.

Bro. Broderick has again returned to the road; at present nights at Agassey.

Bro. Wellington, from North Bend days, to Ashcroft nights, on account of Bro. Presley taking New Westminster depot job, and Bro. Clark getting his former position.

Bro. G. M. Thorn, who through the efforts of local and general officials, has been reinstated, is now doing business as agent at Merritt, a new agency recently opened on the Nicola Branch, to handle the business of the Nicola Valley Coal & Coke Co., which is developing very fast.

Bro. Poage, from Savonas to Kamloops nights.

Bro. Robinson, agent at Savonas, has returned to work from a short vacation. Relieving Agent Bro. Whitley is now relieving Bro. MacHaffie at Harrison Mills.

Bro. Jack Goodfellow is now copying in the Victoria dispatching office.

I am indebted to Bro. George Davidson, of Vancouver yard office, for assistance in compiling the above items. DIV. COR.

H. B. Spencer's Section, District No. 4—

For the benefit of those who were not at the O. R. T. ball, will try and tell how it happened.

In the words of the Union Man's Friend the *Ottawa Evening Journal,* all arrangements were perfect and the music by Tippin's Orchestra was grand. As for the supper served by Caterer Walter Nixon it could not be beat. We also have to thank Bro. C. A. Appleton for his thoughtfulness in seeing that the tables were supplied with that best of mineral waters, "Magi," fresh and specially bottled for the occasion from the celebrated Caledonia Springs, where the Canadian Pacific Railway now keep their hotel open summer and winter.

Among those present we noticed Mr. R. W. McCormick, assistant superintendent of this district; Mr. J. A. Armstrong our chief dispatcher; Mr. Geo. Lang, assistant superintendent Ottawa Electric Railway; Alderman G. Wilson, Alderman Farrow, Mr. J. S. McAdam, chief dispatcher G. T. Ry.; also Mr. H. White, dispatcher G. T. Ry. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were also received from General Superintendent C. Murphy, Mr. George Hodge, Superintendent District No. 3; Mr. J. E. West, Chief Dispatcher District No. 3; also telegram from our General Chairman, Bro. G. D. Robertson, as well as message from Bro. J. C. Rooney, our Assistant General Chairman. We also noticed Conductor's Morris, A. Baker and R. H. Young among those who seemed to enjoy the festivities and dreamy waltzes to the limit. Note, brothers, any favors that can be shown those who patronize your annual social evenings should at all times be shown them, even if it is an inconvenience to yourself.

We are sorry you do not appreciate a good thing or else according to our chief dispatcher, J. A. Armstrong, there would have been more requests for transportation and leave of absence and more than one brother present from either east or west end, as was the case on the one evening in the year especially chosen so as to suit the majority of the telegraphers in order that they might meet and enjoy a social evening together and get acquainted and allow our brotherly love make itself manifest. We must specially thank Bro. Bell, of District No. 2, for being present with us on this the occasion of our third annual ball; that he will attend next one goes without saying. Here is a sample of brotherly love and appreciation. One brother who practically owes his position to the good graces and money of the Order could not see his way clear to use a ball ticket or work for his mate after twelve midnight in order that he might attend. This is a fact; what do you think of it? I think it is mighty thin, and what about his superior? We believe strongly that "eaten bread is soon forgotten." Now, brothers, your committee specially selected this time as the one time in the year that telegraphers could attend. It did not interfere with Xmas cheap rates and what was more men were not up against the snow plow proposition as was the circumstances surrounding our two previous annual balls. As it is evident from the attendance that he feeling is broadcast that this affair is put on for the convenience and jollification of a few who are conveniently located around Ottawa. If such is the case, forget it, for believe me it is put on solely as stated above for the special purpose of a social evening for the telegraphers of District No. 4 and as such members are expected to specially patronize it both socially and financially. If every brother would but do their part your district would be the banner one of North America.

Donations thankfully received. Draw your breath easy now.

Bro. Konenkamp, President of the C. T. U. of A., paid Ottawa a visit in the interests of the men employed here, being met and escorted around to the several places where operators are employed and all who could promised to meet him at the Grand Union Hotel at 8:30 p. m., which they did. My opinion of the C. T. U. of A. President is that

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they have a man who knows things worth knowing and his plan of organization is followed to the letter, in a very short time they will have one of the best organized armies in the labor world and nothing short of the best will suffice to settle with their opponents in the field. Now get busy, brothers, and help these brothers help themselves and in the helping of themselves they will greatly help you and I, making our path all the easier and theirs the brighter future. In the best armies of past the soldiers have obeyed their officers explicitly from the lowest to the highest and these were the men who did things. Therefore, brothers, obedience is manly; we believe you all to be men and men of brains. Brothers, give a small part of your time and energy to the help of Bro. Konenkamp in what he is trying to do for your betterment and uplifting and you will be surprised how soon there will be a change for the better.

"BILL DUGGAN."

Central—

Bro. Balmes, nights at Murillo, vice Bro. Cheverier, relieving the agent at Beausijour.

Bro. Irish returned to duty at Finmark, after enjoying his annual vacation at Toronto.

Bro. Harshbarger, nlghts at Finmark during the absence of Bro. Cross.

Bro. Marcotta, from Finmark, extra to Buda, nights. Bro. Tremmels days at Buda.

Bro. Smith extra dispatcher nights.

Bro. Bouchard is acting as agent while Bro. Lalabertle is East on ninety days' vacatioin.

Bro. Brotherton secured Savanne on bulletin. Best station on the pike. Oh! you can't keep a good man down.

At Upsala, Bro. Mickel days and Bro. Quinlan nights.

Bro. A. Waddell gets Ignace agency on bulletin.

Bro. Waugh transferred as day operator at Ignace.

Bro. Chappel, extra days at Ignace. Bro. G. Quinlan assigned Ignace nights on bulletin.

Bro. Cheverier, extra operator and agent, holding down Van until some one bids it in.

Bro. McGorman, from "Q," Fort William, and Bro. Barry, Port Arthur, attended the meeting in Verona on the night of January 2d.

Bro. Howitt nights at Eagle.

Bro. Johnson, from Dryden nights to Pine nights.

Bro. Taylor, Margoch Pit, East for vacation. Don't know who is relieving.

Bro. E. B. Crowe, from "S" office, Kenora, to "RS" yard office, bumping Bro. Sharpe, who took second trick, putting Bro. Best on third, leaving Chappie to bump some one else. Reduction of staff.

Train wire now from Kenora to Ft. William. One dispatcher handles whole thing.

Bro. O'Brien nights at Neewatin, extra.

Bro. Quinlan third trick at Busteed nights.

Too many changes at Deception to keep track of the men there. Bro. A. C. Waugh, days.

Bro. Guay gets Ingolf agency on bulletin.

Broomhandle Hutch from Sewanne agency to Hazelridge agency.

Bro. Wallace to East Sekirk nights, vice Bro. Lussier, resigned to attend college at Valparaiso, Ind.

The force of operators on this division since the double track is in operatlon is considerable smaller, about half what it used to be.

Savanne and Bonheur closed nights until next fall. CERT. 2230.

New York Central & Hudson River Ry.

Electric Division and G. C. T.—

The ball of the Electric Division is now history. Several details will be remedied for our next one.

Bro. J. H. Smith, of "MJ," is still in the lead in the ticket selling race. Eighty-five tickets to date.

Bro. L. Thaler and Bro. Jack Lutz on sick list.

Bro. J. J. Airlie gets first trick at "MJ" on machine.

Bro. J. J. Welsh gets second trick at "NJ" on machine.

Bro. J. H. Baker, first trick at "JO," Woodlawn, on machine.

Bro. J. E. Jagger, "MX," Melrose, spent the holidays at Livingston Manor, N. Y.

Bro. E. H. Fenstermacher and wife celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on December 16th. After the celebration Ed and wife went to Niagara Falls and Canada for a week.

News from New Haven says a perpetual contract between the N. Y. C. & N. Y., N. H. & H. for the use of G. C. T. and "MO" yards has been signed.

There was a law passed and signed last year saying "Railroad companies must pay semi-monthly." Why is it not enforced?

Travel in and out of Grand Central Station during and for a long time after the holidays was the heaviest in many years. Train 26Z, the Twentieth Century Limited, arrived in G. C. S. in two sections, on time, three times since January 1st. Each section discharged its passengers on the same platform, but from different tracks, at the same time, establishing a record in the G. C. S. All the through trains had two and three sections. This does not sound like hard times.

At a certain tower there is a magnese reinforced switch point. The third rail men did not know about it being put in and thought they had discovered a broken switch, notified towermen and placed red lamps on track. Towermen inspected same and they also thought it broken. Luckily the night track supervisor happened along in time to prevent delay to traffic. What he said to the bunch would not look well in print.

Don't forget to see that your ballot is properly filled out and mailed before February 26th. Every one is needed in this contest.

We extend a hearty invitation to the station men to attend our meetings.

A half dozen new members since last write-up. Keep up the good work.

How about the restoration of our vacations? About time to get busy, or a day a month off?

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The Harlem drawbridge men wonder why they dont' come in under the eight-hour law. Why not? DIV. COR.

Mohawk Division—

Sister E. P. Tucker, formerly telegrapher and ticket agent at Ilion, "WS," is a patient at the Good Shepard Hospital, Syracuse, undergoing an operation. All hope that she may recover and be fully restored to health.

The meeting at Fonda, December 16th, was very poorly attended. The boys adjourned to Bro. Young's motion picture show gratis and enjoyed it very much.

The meeting of January 13th was better attended, but not what it should have been for the membership and the eight hours they are now enjoying. Do you think your attendance is not now desired that the eight hours has been secured, and there is nothing more to be done? If so, you are laboring under a decidedly wrong impression. Bear this in mind and mark your calendar for the next meeting. If the new working rules do not suit you, you have no kick coming. You all had a chance to propose anything for the betterment of your craft at the special meeting, held December 19th.

Bro. J. P. Brookhiser, second trick at "B. S. 32," is spending five days at his home in Johnstown. Telegrapher O'Mara is relieving him.

Bro. J. Driscoll off ten days recently on account of sprained neck, caused by leading the strenuous life at "B. S. 30." He is now back and holding the job down as faithful as ever.

The time is drawing near for election of officers and delegates to the grand convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., next May, and likely by the time this reaches you it will be known who is chosen.

Engine 29 was over the Mohawk Division main line recently looking for a place on the wall to put the new telephone system.

Bro. I. C. Bross has bid in and been assigned to second trick at "UT" office. Mr. Miller, who covered this position for some time, has taken out the standard of unionism, the O. R. T. card.

Remember, no card, no favors. "Now is the accepted time." DIV. COR.

Harlem Division—

Bro. G. Wooding, first trick at "BA" tower, Ghent, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation last month. A Mr. Palmer relieved him. By the way, did you know that Bro. Wooding is now one of the leading merchants in Philmont.

Reporting trains at Croton Falls, Purdys and Chappaqua has been discontinued, and a man at each of these stations laid off to cut down expenses by the railroad.

W. E. Brennan, last trick at Tuckahoe, has filled out the necessary papers and should shortly have an up-to-date card in his pocket.

Mr. Kozlarek, who was laid off at Croton Falls, was sent to Bronxville for a while. Bro. Schully, at Bronxville, having left the railroad business, so I understand.

Bro. Bert Corrigan has shifted from relief agent to assistant at Amenia, in place of Bro. Linnehan, who is now on the double iron.

The fellow who disguised himself as a lineman and robbed the ticket drawer at Bronxville of $65 was picked up on the Bowery in New York shortly after, and said his name was Henry Sanford.

Bro. Bristol, third trick at Chatham, took a couple of days' vacation last month, Bro. Benford relieving.

Commencing January 1st, it was expected that the Electric Division would be extended to White Plains, although it did not take effect. Store committee does not just seem to know why.

Bro. Nickerson has signed a contract to manage the Pawling baseball squad this year. Must be they got wise to the success Nick had with the O. R. T. nine last year.

Passenger trains on this division are running right on the dot since the big engines have got hold of them.

What's the semi-monthly pay law, which was passed a short time ago, going to amount to? Same as the $29,000,000 Standard Oil fine?

H. R. G.

Western Division—

Here is a magazine which is read by operators who have worked for the N. Y. C. in former years who turn the leaves eagerly for news from home, and you can realize their disappointment in finding the Western Division omitted entirely because our membership do not forward items to the division correspondent.

Interest, energy and activity are three of the principal things that keep us united, and at the present time, during this financial depression, we must make use of art. There is nothing that brings us closer together than a good write-up, and in order to make this effective each one must do their part.

Now, boys, let us make next month's edition interesting to Division No. 8. Let each one send a few items of interest to my address by the 24th of each month, in order that they may be properly classified and forwarded to St. Louis by the 28th.

Again orders have been issued to cut expenses in all departments. This has affected DeWitt yard by closing two out of three telegraph offices. All work is now done at the Hump office, General Yardmaster McCormick's headquarters.

"XA," the engine house office, is closed, after a service of about forty-five years.

Miss Mullen, the telegraph operator at "XA," has a position as clerk in the motive power department.

"DY," west end yard office, is closed, and Bro. Dorey and Mr. Rulison, the oldest men, are at the Hump office, which is managed as follows: Sister Gorman, on Mohawk side, 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.; Mr. Kulison, on Western Division, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Bro. Hart, from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m., works both sides to the best of his ability, alone, after 6 p. m.; Bro. Dorey, likewise alone, to do all the work 11 p. m. to 7 a. m.

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The new 'phone is being tried out on the Western Division, from Syracuse to Rochester, and in this connection a word of warning is necessary. Those in charge of the 'phones are watching them closely, at night as well as during the day. Already several have been heard using the 'phone to tell stories, and other business besides the company's work. Some operators have been located who use very bad language on the 'phone. This will be taken up and will be good cause for dismissal if a stop is not put to it at once. The Order will not countenance any such work, and if an Order man loses his job through this cause it is up to him alone. Be warned in time.

Bro. H. H. Brown, being the youngest man in "MI" office in point of service, has been released, owing to reduction of force.

Manager C. M. Bahn, of "MI," and his family have been quarantined owing to a case of small-pox in the house where they live.

Bro. Casewell has been assigned "B. S. 48," Syracuse, afternoon trick. Bro. Masdin, regular relief, is filling his place at "B. S. 2."

Bro. Wilkins assigned "B. S. 3," Belle Isle, morning trick.

H. D. Webster—can not say whether brother or not—assigned "B. S. 5," Memphis.

C. W. Dawson—can not say as to being a brother or not—assigned Lyons Connection, W. S., morning trick.

Mr. Harry Bateman, "RW" tower, took a short vacation January 13th and 14th; relieved by Bro. Miles.

More trimming on account of expenses. We understand the regular relief men are to be taken off. Every penny counts.

Now, brothers, remember our division meeting in February. Every one will be notified by Sister Gorman as to date, and do not let any excuse be made on this account, as we want to make this a record breaker.

Remember, send any items of interest to your division correspondent, G. A. Hoyt, 201 Sedgwick street, Syracuse, before the 24th, for insertion the following month. DIV. COR.

St. Lawrence Division—

Before this reaches the readers of the journal our annual ball, held at Gouverneur, will be a thing of the past, socially, and, judging from all reports received and the activity of all the boys in selling their tickets, it will be a great financial success. We anxiously await the news as to who receives the prizes which we all covet.

On January 21st a delegation of the committee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Engineers held a conference at Albany with Gov. Hughes, for the purpose of urging the enforcement of the semi-monthly pay law. We all hope attention will be given the cause, that we may have what little we do get semi-monthly.

We are told that complaint has been made on the D., L. & W. of the manner of working some of the operators' tricks. It is alleged that they are required to work contrary to the law.

Understand we are going to have a day operator at old "MJ" again, at $55, to relieve the work at "UT."

Our list of members continues to grow. We are a goodly number, better than ever before, in spite of the hard times and many reverses. This, however, is no excuse to stop the fight, or to let up in our effort to make the system solid. Each one of us must keep his shoulder to the wheel and keep it moving, as we all know we are in the lead and want to keep there by a good distance; to get every desirable non and pay your dues promptly, observe the constitution, and work for your employers' interest is essential for every good O. R. T. man.

Bro. Oliver, of Glenfield, off a few days on sick list, but all are glad to hear him back again.

The ice cutting is at present making a good amount of business, for crews as well as operators. The crop is unusually nice this season.

Miss F. M. Rogers, of Barneveld, to Lowville, third trick.

Operator Backus, of Lowville, third trick, to Barneveld third.

Several helpers' jobs have been cancelled in the reduction of expenses sweep, rendering the agents' jobs so hard that some of them have resigned, and others are struggling on in an effort to overcome the evil, and hope for better times. Some of them were told they could hire extra help out of their express commissions, if the extra help was *needed*, thus reducing their own wages from $40 to $45 per month. This seems to be rubbing it in pretty hard, when a man has worked faithfully for, say, fifteen years and suddenly has help taken from his station force so as to render it impossible to keep the station in shape, and have to work fifteen to eighteen hours a day to keep his head above the pile; then be given the chance to hire help to run the station out of his own pocket or quit.

There *must* be a remedy for such usage. Let us all work for the overthrow of such circumstances.

We still have a few nons, where we don't want any. DIV. COR., 721.

River Division—

One of the most pleasing events that has ever taken place in our lodge room was at our last meeting, held January 16th, at which time and place we presented to our local chairman, V. Marcinkowski, a diamond ring as a token of our appreciation of his services as our leader of the O. R. T. on this division.

We take great pleasure in thanking all the members and non-members who so kindly supported the committee in their project.

The surprise which we gave him will long be remembered. Bro. Manion in presenting the token, made a very pleasing address, and in conclusion called Bro. Marcinkowski to the front and said: "You have been tried, but glad to say not found wanting." Bro. Vince, who was taken by surprise, lost his voice and after regaining himself thanked the boys from the bottom of his heart, and said

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he did not expect any compensation for his services but the good will and support from us all, and hoped that the good fellowship which exists will continue and the River Division would still hold out as in the past.

Among our distinguished visitors were Bro. Manion, general chairman of the New Haven road; Bro. Wheeler, general chairman of Central New England line; Bro. West, local chairman of the Hudson Division; Bro. Freleigh, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; delegates from the Hudson Division and sisters from the Central New England.

Bro. Manion, as usual, gave us a very pleasing as well as instructive talk, and all were greatly pleased to hear from New Haven's worthy leader.

Bro. West also gave us some important facts, which we are all interested in.

I wish to take the privilege at this time, through the items of this division, to thank Bros. Manion, Wheeler, West, and all visiting sisters and brothers for their presence, and herewith extend a most cordial invitation to be with us at our meetings at all times.

For the good of the order I wish to say that if there were more on this division like Bros. Manion, West and a few others, we would certainly have things humming on this side.

Glad to see the brothers who have never attended any of our meetings out among us and beginning to show our steady gain along the line.

The busy section gang were composed of Bros. Sloane, Hines, Bishop and Klothe, who had nerve enough to hand out ice cream on such a cold night, and play the game of freeze out.

Train No. 18 being late, gave the boys a good chance to hear a few words from our invited guests.

The eight-hour question is by this time in the hands of the Public Service Commission, and a decision is looked for at any early date.

CERT. 374.

Beech Creek District—

This is the month when nominations for representatives and alternates to the Grand Division, also local chairmen, are made. Brothers, we should lay aside all selfishness, etc., and nominate and elect the ones best fitted for the important positions. It is hoped you will all consider this question from every point of view and vote for the man that in your mind will best serve your interests, and don't neglect to vote.

During the month of December, 1908, the Pennsylvania Division of the N. Y. C. handled more cars than any previous December in the history of the road. Looks like prosperity again, but this month the rush has fallen off some and at this writing the business is below normal, but we are looking for it to return.

Quite a change was made on the 4th of January when the company began running all empties west from Clearfield over the old B. C. Line to Curry, via Clearfield Junction, instead of over the C. B. Line, as has been done in the last six years. This will place three men on duty at Clearfield Junction, Dimeling and Keermoor, and cut out the overtime at these places. This will give the boys at these points an eight-hour day. While it will benefit our old grouch at the junction, I am safe in saying it will not bring him in the fold, and is more than he deserves, but can not prevent him from reaping the benefits of the O. R. T.

Dispatcher Hatwick has resigned and left for new fields. Bro. R. D. Pearce has been promoted to regular dispatcher to fill vacancy just caused by Mr. Hatwick.

Bro. Nichols reports business good on the Clearfield Southern and the Amsbury engines making regular trips; 28 and 29 on time every day, work train appearing occasionally to make it interesting, and plenty of business on the P. R. R. Crossover. It looks good to the boys in that section.

Operator Salisbury worked second trick at "WN" in order to relieve Bro. Forcey.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur met with quite a serious accident on November 4th (election day) when he drove to Clearfield and on his way returning, at the top of a hill, about one and a half miles long, the harness broke and the horse became frightened and ran away. Bro. Beauseigneur managed to stay in the rig until he reached the foot of the hill, when he was thrown out and his skull fractured. He remained unconscious for about four hours. He was taken to his home and later removed to the Clearfield Hospital, where he remained for two weeks. We are glad to report him back at work again feeling somewhat worse for the spill. His brother, J. B. Beauseigeur has been working his trick for him, while C. C. is working third trick at Walton.

Bro. E. C. Foust was relieved a few days by Opr. Crist. Bro. R. H. Murry has bid in third trick at Deer, which is held down at present by Opr. Shearer, a new man. Bro. E. C. Foust has just completed himself a new home at Walton.

Bro. D. R. Bitner off a few days for a short visit to Snow Shoe to visit his sister.

Wish to thank a brother this month for news. Come again.

Bro. B. F. Sterling, of "UM," Lumber, third trick, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Opr. McQuown.

Bro. Ed Bierly, "XA," Hayes, third trick, off a couple of days, relieved by Opr. Salisbury.

Bro. D. R. Bitner, "BC," Beech Creek, second trick, off January 1st and 12th; relieved by Opr. Salisbury.

Bro. W. C. Barrow, of "YA" tower, third trick, off a couple of weeks getting married. After the wedding trip he relieved Bro. J. W. Martenis, our local chairman, of "YA" tower, first trick, a couple of days, Bro. Barrow being relieved by Bro. Gamble.

Bro. Wilson, of "BN," Browns, second trick, also took a couple days' vacation.

Quite a few changes have been made on the west end lately. "CW" tower closed second and third tricks. Clearfield Junction, Dimeling and Kerrmoor opened second and third tricks. These

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positions have been bulletined this month together with Birch, first and third tricks, Curry, third trick, and Panther third trick. At present Opr. E. L. Crist and Bro. C. D. Meek are filling the vacancies at Clearfield Junction, Bro. Fisher and Opr. Darr at Dimeling and Bros. B. F. Sterling and Graham at Kerrmoor. The vacancy at Lumber filled by Opr. Fienuir.

Bro. H. E. Schuman, "ND," Mill Hall, third trick, on a vacation last month; relieved by Opr. Barrow.

Sister B. H. Seid working Panther third trick at present.

Bro. I. C. Miller, "RN," Panther, first trick, worked "NB," Newberry Junction, one day last month. Can't say who he was relieving, he being relieved by Opr. Darr.

The following was taken from a Lock Haven paper: "Miss Emella Schnell has graduated from the Keeler School of Telegraphy, this city, and has through the principal secured a position with the N. Y. C. R. R., at Jersey Shore. The actual time that the young lady attended the school was twenty days, which speaks volumes for her adaptability; also for the school"

Yes, volumes. Volumes of what? In twenty days. What a golden opportunity our young people of modern times are missing who do not enter the Keeler School of Telegraphy. In twenty days! What a lot of time and expense some students spend in learning when it is absolutely unnecessary. I venture the assertion there is not one operator holding a position today who has learned the art of telegraphy in twenty, forty or even sixty days, no matter should they be exceedingly bright.

Professor Keeler was at one time an operator working on the N. Y. C. R. R. Brothers and sisters remembering him will no doubt be surprised to learn of the remarkable progress of his students And yet there are operators who are teaching students. Students who have the same opportunity of learning as this young lady are being taught by supposedly intelligent men, men who refuse to become members of our Order, but prefer rather the ill-will of the members.

Bro. J. D. Roffe taking a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. W. C. Barrow; Bro. B. C. Gamble relieves Bro. Barrow.

Oprs. Hurley, Stroup and F. Barrow have left the service of the N. Y. C.

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CARD OF THANKS.

Camillus, N. Y., January 22.

I wish to extend through the columns of our official organ the heartfelt expression of my gratitude to those of my brothers who have so bountifully given to myself and family in the time of need. For nearly a year I have been hoping for the time to come when I can resume the labors of my office, but with the exception of a few days when I strove to bear up on the strength of my will alone I have been unable to perform any work and it now seems that the prospect of ever being well is very remote.

During the period of my illness I have reflected much and often upon the possibilities open to the possessor of health and energy, and when the charity of my brothers has afforded me such timely relief I have experienced a feeling of thankfulness which no words of mine can adequately express.

I sincerely hope that the time may never come when those who have so kindly remembered me will come to sickness and want as I have done, but that the giver of all good things will ease their burden and brighten their lives as each token of sympathy and benevolence from their hands has brightened mine.

L. J. DARLING.

N. & W. Ry.

Norfolk & Western System—

Meeting of Division No. 14 held at Roanoke, Va., January 2 was a booming success. We were assembled early in order to get through with the business of the evening by 10 p. m., the time set for our seventh annual banquet.

The regular routine was promptly disposed of and time left for quite a number of splendid talks from some of our older heads, as the attendance was composed largely of those who are known as "old-timers." They are the ones who can appreciate what our organization has done, and is still doing for the uplifting of the telegraphers of our country. Had our conditions twenty years ago been as they are now, possibly we might have had fewer "bald heads and silver locks."

Another unusual but indeed pleasant feature of the meeting was the presence of two of our sisters. It is certainly a great pleasure to have our lady members present. If we had more of them at our meetings I am sure we would have better attendance by the brothers. All of us recognize the value of feminine counsel in the management of domestic affairs; just so with the business affairs of our organization. Those ladies who have chosen telegraphy as their profession are required to live under our laws as made by the organization, and we are glad to have their counsel in the making of them.

At the close of the business meeting a rising vote of thanks was extended the sisters for their presence, to which a fitting response was made.

At 9:30 p. m. meeting adjourned and all repaired to the Ponce DeLeon Hotel and joined the ladies who had been entertained by the Academy Orchestra's splendid music.

The Roanoke *Times*, one of the leading papers in the city, gives a splendid account of the banquet, which is as follows:

"One of the most brilliant and dazzling affairs of the Yuletide season was that of the seventh annual banquet given by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers of the Norfolk & Western System to its members, their wives, daughters, mothers and friends.

"The banquet was given at the Ponce DeLeon Hotel Saturday evening. There were 250 ladies

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and gentlemen present; every city and town from Cincinnati and Columbus, O., to the sea was represented. Beauty, mirth and music was in evidence at every turn. The Academy Orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and everybody was delighted with the surroundings

"Addresses were made by Mr. H. C. Calloway, of Graham, Va., followed by Mr. C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va., General Chairman of the Organization; C. B. Lane, Chairman Norfolk Division, Crewe, Va.; W. A. T. Overstreet, Chairman Radford Division, Vickar, Va.; E. B. Spedden, Chairman Shenandoah Division, Shepherdstown, W. Va., and R. J. Watts, Chairman Scioto Division, Dingess, W. Va. after which thanks were returned by Mr. T. O. Magann, Thaxton, Va.

"The Committee on Arrangements was composed of N. A. Schwinger, C. I. Kerr and C. S. Baber.

"The Ladies' Reception Committee was composed of Mrs. T. H. Lankford, Mrs. C. E. Balthis and Miss S. Baber.

"It was the opinion of all present that the banquet was the most delightful ever given by Division No. 14, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

"At about 11:45 p. m. Home Sweet Home was heard and the evening of enjoyment had closed."

On behalf of the membership of Division No. 14 I want to congratulate the Committee on Arrangements and the Reception Committee on the success of the occasion.

M. G. HARPER, *Gen. Cor.*

Scioto Valley Division—Cincinnati District—

We are glad to note that Cincinnati District, with one exception, is solid and up-to-date.

We assure the good brothers that keeping up this way is an encouragement to the committee to work for better conditions and salaries.

Our Assistant Chairman Bro. Smith, of Winchester, was off duty a week recently; relieved by Mr. A. L. Peake, of Yorkville, Pa. Bro. Smith was in attendance at the banquet and meeting at Roanoke, and reports a grand time.

Bro. F. A. Smith, formerly extra man, has given up the railroad business, and taken up farm life.

At the present Bro. McKinney, at Williamsburg, is off on a short leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. O. L. Martin; also Agent Hulick, at Batavia, is off, being relieved by Bro. A. R. Nixon.

Bro. W. O. Hazelbaker, who was cut off during the recent depression, has entered the real estate business in Peebles, O., and we understand is doing a nice business, with no train orders, claims or Western Union error sheets to annoy him.

It is the supposition by a number of the brothers that Bro. W. F. Hoptry left the service of the Norfolk & Western, at Lindsey, W. Va., in bad circumstances. This is untrue and an injustice is done Bro. Hoptry, who left the company in good standing, having resigned to accept a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company. The agent relieving Bro. Hoptry died a few days later, but it is not known exactly what circumstances he left the company in, or his reason for leaving.

It is understood several work trains will soon be placed in service, three of which are allotted the Cincinnati Division.

A large force of men, probably 300 in number, have been put to work again on double track between Higbys and Kingston. It is said work will be pushed as rapidly as is possible, and every effort made to complete it this summer.

F. C. Stratton relieved first trick at Nangatuck Ave., New Year's day.

Some important changes have taken effect in official rank recently. Mr. H. L. Daw, formerly A. G. F. A., whose headquarters were at Columbus, O, has been transferred to Roanoke, Va. Succeeded by Miss Bridges, of Roanoke, Va.

Bro. C. A. Smith, agent at Winchester, off on his 1909 vacation, first fifteen days of January; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

Bro. Shermon Miller, of Park, O., an old-timer and a solid O. R. T. man, has accepted a proposition from the Western Union people to establish a branch office in his place of business, corner 4th and Chillicothe Sts.

Bro. R. J. Walk, local chairman, is serving on general committee at Roanoke, at this writing; relieved by Bro. R. H. Chitwood.

A new local chairman, delegates and alternates to Biennial Convention of the O. R. T. are now in order, and will, no doubt, be selected by the time we are in print with these items. In your selection of these brothers, it is your duty to put up the ones we think best qualified for the position. Whom we would care to entrust the business of the organization with, as we all have our say by ballot in this matter, do not fail to exercise your liberty. We all realize the importance of good representatives.

A telegraph professor by the name of Buchannon has been reported from our Western terminus, located at the Y. M. C. A. Building, at Columbus, O., nights.

Advance information in State report of local coal production in the State of W. Va., for the year 1908, shows N. & W. handled the largest tonnage of any road entering the State.

Bro. R. J. Watts has resumed duties as agent at Dingers, W. Va.

The Virginian, a new line and likely a strong competitor of the N. & W., have opened their line from Roanoke to Norfolk for business, and will use a number of good agents. This will be a good chance for some of our boys who are down and out to get positions.

Williamson, W. Va., is enthusiastic over current report that N. & W. will soon begin making improvements at terminals in that city. Additions contemplated, estimated cost $200,000. When built will be able to build an engine from the ground up.

It will also increase the force of work men from 150 to 200 men.

Vacancies, Webb, W. Va., third trick.

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Pocahontas Division—

Business, in general, is looking up on the Pocahontas Division, and each heart beats much easier at this time than last year. Things look good to most of us and we predict that every worthy operator will have regular work by the spring, and none of us will have to go on the "hog."

Mr. Geo. P. Johnson, general superintendent Western Division, and Mr. W. S. Becker, superintendent Pocahontas, passed over their respective divisions on January 15th.

Now brothers, let us get our heads, hearts and up-to-date cards together, and push our cause to the front, and let each of us see that we line up the nons to assist in our progress; we have entirely too many of them with us.

Mr. Non, if you are standing back on account of money, just let some of those good brothers who have the cause at heart know the trouble, and I am sure you can get fixed up alright, if you are one of those who are worthy and get out of the company you now have on the non list. Honest boys, I wouldn't have my name published with that bunch for the price of a twelve months' card.

We are glad to see Bro. Hughes back with us at "SM."

Mr. Davis (we would like to say Bro.) has resumed his work at Cooper, since Bro. Hughes' return.

It is with regret we announce the resignation of Bro. Kinzer, whom we understand leaves the division; relieved at Cooper by Bro. Counts. Can't say who will bid the position in for keeps.

Bro. C. I. Butt, at Mendota, has resumed duty after a thirty days' visit with home folks in the Old Dominion, he also spent some time at Mrs. Butts' home in Mercer Co. Presume Bro. Coen takes the "hog," since Bro. Butts' return.

Understand Bro. Graves, at Mont Calm, is contemplating a return to the Buckeye State.

We were glad to see the Pocahontas so well represented at the banquet. "Yours Truly" never fails, and I want to say to Mr. Non, if he ever got his feet under one of these tables he would never be without his up-to-date again.

On account of the death of Mr. Burton, of Tazwell, Va., we have a vacancy that everybody wants, and we are sorry but one can get it; haven't heard who was the lucky one. I would like to ask you Mr. Non, if you think for a moment that a position like this would be given to the men who have worked for it, had we been without an organization. No, sir, there would have been nothing doing for our men, but some fellow who had more pull than ability probably get the place, and been sent there before you really knew there was a vacancy; such things have been done you know, our men always got the undesirable stations, but when a position like this one was vacant they knew us not. "JIM."

Radford Division, New River District—

We are starting out on another year, and we should strive to do all the good we can for our grand old Order. In what way can we do this? Why, get all the non-members that are worthy into our union, do not understand me to say all nons, for there are a few that are not worthy of being members in such a union as ours, still there are some non-members that are as good men as we have on the division, but we have the promise of them joining us at once, and I hope by the time this is in print that their application will be sent in, for such men as these realize the good that is in our union and have decided that they have been nons long enough. Then there are more ways to do good than to get all the men in our union. Lets send our division correspondent all the news we can get every month, and have a large space in the journal for the N. & W. And let all of us do the very best we possibly can toward giving the company we work for the very best of service, for they have granted us shorter hours and a very good salary, and we should attend to their business just right, and I am sure they will appreciate our good work. There have been several men dismissed from the service in the last year, but I am glad to say that most of them were nons.

Have all got their new card? If not get it right away.

Now, just a few more days and our committee will go before the proper officials to secure another agreement, and we may rest assured that they will not lose anything for us.

We regret very much to announce the injury of our esteemed Assistant Correspondent Bro. Wilson, who had the misfortune to be burned with acid recently; while Bro. Wilson's injuries were not serious, they were of a very painful nature.

Brothers, how about your next term dues? Now don't wait for the chairman to write you half a dozen times, he has something else to do; while he is writing to you fellows who are so slow, he might be able to accomplish something of great benefit to us all, and we should not burden him with this unnecessary correspondence. You know what you owe your organization and when it is due, so send it on in and feel good; you know you feel miserable to draw your check until this is paid. Let's do the square thing this year?

The extra men got plenty of work to do during Xmas holidays, think every man was working.

Bro. Woodard has been installed as agent at Ada.

Bro. Hendricks has third trick there.

Bro. R. C. Gilmer has been assigned to first trick at Pembroke, and Bro. Sabine second trick at Belspring, in place of Bro. Gilmer.

Bro. A. H. Williams has been off during Xmas. holidays, being relieved by Mr. Durham; and several of the boys on the river off during holidays. A. H. W.

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Shenandoah Division -

Our regular annual banquet came off at the Ponce de Leon Hotel, Roanoke, Va., the night of January 2, 1909. We had quite an enjoyable evening, with good music to add to the charms, and also, last but not least, plenty of pretty girls.

We also had a fine meeting, before the banquet, at the K. P. Hall. There were between 200 and 300 operators present, including two lady operators, Sister White, from this division, was one of them, but did not learn the other sister's name, but nevertheless we feel complimented at their being present with us. After the usual business was dispensed with, we were entertained with interesting talks from Bros. Goldsmith, Calloway, Speeden, Nesbitt, Birchfield and others. Had we the chance to hear such talks often there is not a doubt that we would make better Order as well as railroad men.

Bro. Wise, agent at Riverside, was relieved by Bro. J. M. Brugh to attend the banquet.

Bro. and Mrs. Bender spent Christmas at Shepherdstown, Bro. Bender being relieved by Bro. McNiel.

We are starting the new year grand, so let us all try and keep the good work going. We are now solid with the exception of two or three operators, who have promised to put in their applications pay-day, which will make a fine record for the old Shenandoah Division. Just think of what a great honor it will be for the delegate from the Shenandoah Division who attends the next convention to be able to say that we have a solid division, and I know that every brother will consider it an honor to belong to a division that is solid. I wonder what the other divisions will think of us now. Well, it is up to them to do something for themselves. That is one thing, that the old Shenandoah is in the lead, so let us stay there.

The wire service is still improving, I am glad to say. Now, brothers, let us one and all try to make it better; yes, perfect. We can do it if we, dispatchers and all, try. "We need the lead in good service in our business, too."

We have made great progress in the last year. Now let us try and make more this year. We do not want to bring up the rear in anything. What we want is the lead in all the good work, and there is no question but that we can gain it and hold it if we only try.

We have a solid division, a write-up in the journal every month, our wire service is not the worst, and the bulletins of discipline do not show our general service to be so bad, although it could be improved upon, and I hope that everyone will make it his duty to see that there is an improvement this year, as we want to make a general good record for the grand old Shenandoah Division.

I wish to congratulate and thank Bros. Wise, Ed Moffett, Bush, Coleman and R. E. Bear and Bro. Parrett for the interest they have taken in the way of helping me out with notes this month.

Bro. Ed Moffett spent Christmas with his father, Bro. C. H. M., second trick at Shepherdstown.

Bro. C. A. Saum, agent at Rileyville, was off a few days on account of the death of his sister. He was relieved by Bro. Ed Moffett.

Bro. W. H. Humphries was called from Midvale, second trick, to take Mr. Bragg's place at Loch Laird, and Sister Threlkeld went to second trick at Midvale.

Relief agent, Bro. J. S. Biedler, who is working the agency at Front Royal, was off a few days to attend court, Bro. Ed Moffett relieving.

Bro. E. B. Spedden, our local chairman, and agent, Shepherdstown, is at present on committee work, being relieved by Bro. C. H. Moffett, second trick. Bro. "MO," in turn, being relieved by his son, Bro. Ed Moffett.

Bro. P. G. Parrett relieved Bro. Ed Moffett, second trick at Shepherdstown, for a few days, and then hit out for home to stay a few days. He did not stay long, however, as he was called to third trick at Basic, to relieve Bro. C. T. Cross. Do not know what happened to Bro. Cross.

The father of Bro. F. W. Schleicher, second trick at "HN," Hagerstown, Division No. 106, was stricken with paralysis during the holidays, and is in a very bad way. Bro. "S" says that the doctors have some hopes for him, and at the present writing he is a little better.

Bro. R. M. Helm, third trick at Winston-Salem, is off for fifteen days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. W. S. Rothrock.

Bro. W. T. Gentry, first trick at Winston-Salem, off one day to attend court, Bro. P. L. McNiel relieving.

Bro. O. H. Grubbs, second trick at Walnut Cove, is off for fifteen days' vacation; being relieved by Mr. H. R. Young.

Bro. F. S. Shultz, agent at Pine Hall, is still off, with Bro. J. W. Milton still chasing baggage and freight there. Have not learned how long Freddy is going to be off.

Relief agent, Bro. H. J. Probst has been on the Winston-Salem end. Think that he is relieving Bro. C. Custer at Rocky Mount.

Bro. H. S. Teague, agent at Martinsville, attended the meeting and banquet in Roanoke. He was relieved by Bro. S. Scott.

Bro. W. H. Shultz, first trick at Martinsville, attended the banquet and reported a fine time.

Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. A. K. Snyder, second trick at Berryville, for ten days during the holidays.

Bro. S. D. Brown, first trick at Shenandoah Junction, was relieved one day by Bro. Ed Moffett. Understand that Bro. B. spent the day in Roanoke.

Mr. H. L. Hammond, clerk in the roadmaster's office at Buena Vista, accompanied Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista, to the O. R. T. banquet in Roanoke.

Bro. B. G. Sharpe checked in as agent at Price, relieving Bro. Ed Moffett, who has been doing relief work there. Bro. Moffet went from there to Stoneville to relieve Bro. S. T. Hodgens for one day, and from there to Walkertown to relieve Bro. G. M. Hilton for fifteen days.

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Bro. C. P. Harris, who connected up with the third trick at Glasgow, has resumed duty the first of the year. Bro. J. M. Brugh, who was relieving him, went to third trick at Loch Laird, to relieve Bro. W. H. Humphries, who returned to his regular place at Midvale.

Sister F. L. Threlkeld, from Midvale to second trick at Starkey, which she bid in on bulletin.

Bro. M. N. Wheeler drew third trick at Rocky Mount, and spends his spare moments reading the history of the Ferris wheel.

Bro. M. W. Atkins, agent at Ridgeway, was relieved a few days by Bro. S. Scott.

Bro. Scott, from Ridgeway to Rippon, to relieve Bro. P. W. Heirston on account of sickness.

Bro. D. F. Vines, first trick at Basic, relieved one day by Bro. Ed Moffett.

Relief agent, Bro. J. S. Biedler, is still doing the pedestrian act between Front Royal and Front Royal station.

Bro. R. S. Smylie, agent at Lithia, was relieved one day by Bro. Ed Moffett.

Bro. W. L. Burke, who has been on the sick list, is now improving nicely since he was operated upon, and expects to be back to work in a few weeks; relieved by Bro. H. H. Burks.

Bro. Bush is still holding down second trick at Glasgow, while Bro. H. H. Burks is doing the relief stunt.

Bro. C. B. Bear, agent at Glasgow, better known as "Isaac Bear," has resumed duty after taking his fifteen days' vacation. J. H. B.

Norfolk Division—

After the pleasant meeting at Roanoke, at which there was a good attendance, and the best of feeling prevailing, your general committee and all assistant chairmen were in session, formulating our agreement with the management. Many important matters confronting us as an organization, the responsibility of which is deeply felt by those you have elected as representatives. Every question was taken up and sifted down to "what is really best for our men as a whole." All individual matters, where it dealt with conditions at different points, were handled with the same care as though your representatives were working at these points, and you may rest assured that as far as it lies in the power of your general committee, such working conditions, salaries, etc, will be established as will do justice to our telegraphers in their several lines of responsibilities

When men are assured of the love and confidence of their constituents, greater work can be done, and the work will be a pleasure, knowing that when they have dealt with matters to the best of their ability in view of the knowledge set before them, their efforts are appreciated. Now, boys, let's give our representatives our hearty co-operation and influence. I quote to you, as I have done before, "In unity there is strength." Let this unity of heart and purpose predominate in your hearts, and the results are sure to follow.

Did you ever think of the deep meaning of "opportunity?" Can you not look over the past year and see many "lost opportunities?"

Everywhere you find people bewailing their lack of chances or waiting on some imagined fate to come along and give them a lift.

Meanwhile a thousand opportunities slip by them unnoticed, for as time waits for no man, so opportunity, the child of time, is equally transitory.

Success demands that we learn condltions and perceive the value of opposites. Get in touch with varied experiences. Grasp your small opportunities. As long as you keep moving, undismayed by the inevitable losses and failures, you can not fail to achieve.

There never was a man yet, who kept active, who concentrated his energies, that did not succeed. Of course, *he made mistakes; the most successful men have made the most mistakes.*

Great things call for experiments. When we venture out in untried fields our efforts are necessarily tentative, and liable to error, but if we keep on, changing our course according to our best judgment, we shall reach somewhere, and our results will be found to have been worth all the effort.

And a sturdy move on our part leads to some very speedy results, which encourage us and quicken our expectations, so that our forces are impelled on to larger exertions.

Many people complain because of the small compensation they receive for their labors; and, not without cause. Still, an alert mind would recognize that work well done is a process of education, and thus pays for itself. A man need not for long be without good remuneration when he has learned to do his work well.

Let the power of the will assert itself. Away with the old habits and thoughts of weakness.

We are surrounded with opportunities. How many telegraphers, by availing themselves of the opportunity, could do grand and noble work for his craft? Encourage the feeble-hearted member, and make him feel interested in the Order; make each telegrapher feel that he holds a part in this organization. He can be a weak member, with all of the inactivities, or he can be a strong member, and be active. We need activity in our ranks. We need men that keep up with things, and press forward to greater achievements.

Get after the non that is in your office, or near you. If necessary, take a trip to see him, and put the gun right on him and show him "thou art the man" receiving what his brother telegraphers are working and paying for, and contributing nothing to maintain the organization.

Remember that when the sun is sinking in the West and you have let the day pass without doing something for humanity, or to forward the cause of your fraternity, it's a day lost. Let not this sin of omission be charged to your account. Be active.

We were glad to see some of our "old reliable members" out at the banquet.

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Crewe to Petersburg—

Mr. O. M. Bray has been off on vacation, relieved by Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald, third trick dispatcher on west end, who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. A. A. Owen, from division office.

Bro. Lane called away by illness of his father; relieved by Bro. Harlan.

Bros. W. S. Hubbard and W. P. Lewis working extra, while Owen and Harlan are doing the train "delaying" stunt. Fourth trick at "K," is in the question box just now. We hope to see regular man on it soon.

At Nottoway, Bro. John Cardwell off one night; relieved by Sister Minnie Davie. Sister Carter has returned to duty on second trick, which we "13" is still her regular position.

At Blackstone, Bro. W. H. White off one week; relieved by Mr. A. H. Jones, a local telegrapher, who does occasional extra work for the N. & W., in case of shortage. Bro. L. C. Coleman attended the banquet, January 2d.

At Wellville, Bro. W. H. Rogers off sick several days; relieved by Bro. Sutherland, regular relief agent.

At Wilson, Bros. Coleman and Nesbitt attended the banquet.

At Ford, Bro. S. W. Vaiden off three days, relieved by Mr. C. E. Poole, a C. T. U. of A. man, who has promised several times to come across

At Church Road, Bro. Hardy returned to work December 3d, relieving extra man, Mr. W. P. Williams. Mr. Williams sent to Dwight, third.

At Addison, Bro. R. H. Moody off a couple of days; relieved by Mr. W. S. Rose.

Bro. J. W. Adams and wife attended the banquet

Sorry we have no notes from "ZQ," the boys there will have to do something in order to get their names in print.

East End, Norfolk District—

At Portlick (end double track), Bro. V. Branch, second trick, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. L. D. Shannon, extra.

At Juniper, Bro. W. S. Rose, regular second trick, off for fifteen days; relieved by Bro. M. H. Rose, extra.

At Suffolk, Bro. W. T. Bailey, regular second trick, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra. Bro. R. J. Bartley, regular first trick, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra.

At Windsor, Bro. M. C. Eley off six days; relieved by Bro C. P. Williams, from the west end, extra.

At Myrtle, Bro. Johnson, regular first trick, off on vacation, and Bro. Holland off one day, both relieved by Bro. M. H. Rose.

At Dwight, Bro. Bales, first trick, off on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Horton, regular third trick; Mr. W. P. Williams, extra, relieving Bro. Horton; Mr. E. H. Williams working second trick, relieving Bro. Jackson, who was sent to Sutherland as agent.

At Ivor, Bro. James, second trick, off ten days on account of sickness in family; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra.

At Wakefield, Bro. G. W. Collings, extra, first trick, sent to Suffolk as billing clerk; relieved by Bro. D. C. Bailey, extra. Bro. Bailey working for two days; relieved by Bro. Jacob Bonsack, who was regularly assigned to this position.

At Poe, Bro. Polland, third trick, off one day; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra.

At Petersburg, Bro. Bates, first trick, off four days Christmas week; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra. Bro. Dewsbury, third trick, off one day Christmas week; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra. T. O. M., CERT. 110.

M. C. Ry.

Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—

As the General Committee are now in session at Detroit and everything is very quiet along the line the write-up will necessarily be brief, but all the boys will be pleased to read of the presentation of a diamond ring to our old chief dispatcher, Mr. W. Steinhoff, on the occasion of his retirement from the active position of chief dispatcher on account of his advanced age and the increasing responsibilities of the position.

Mr. Steinhoff was held in the highest regard by all the men in his department as well as those in others and a purse had been made up by the employes of the company on this division to purchase some suitable memento to remind him that although he had grown old the regard for him and the appreciation of the kindnesses he had done had grown in proportion. CERT. 89.

Middle Division Valley—

"Union Made" reports that there is an operator on the Air Line Division that made the assertion one foggy night that he would block trains if he did not fall asleep or words to that effect. Any operator found guilty of such an act should be dismissed from the service at once, as he shows himself to be mentally and willfully incompetent. Such work is deplorable to say the least and it is hoped that the operator in question is not a member of the Order. Such intimations and expressions sound "scabby."

It is reported that the telephones in use on the east end are working very well except in wet or stormy weather. The telegraph instruments have been left in the offices to be used in case the 'phones fail. As train orders are sent in the same form and similar manner as by telegraph it necessarily takes an experienced man to do the business and of course telegraph operators are employed. At present they seem a little slow and more bungling than the old way, as each word and figure has to be spelled out letter by letter, the same as by telegraph. However, it would seem that they are an additional safeguard so to speak, because should anything happen to the telegraph wires

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there would still be a means of communiction, and again the 'phones serve to relieve the wires that are always burdened with telegrams. "G."

Main Line and Air Line, Jackson to Niles—

Bro. Loveland, Kalamazoo first trick, was off about ten days on account of illness. Bro. H. F. Mead relieved him for a few days until he was taken ill himself and was confined to his home at Dowagiac for a few days with a very bad cold. Opr. Sweeney, from Jackson, finished the relief, Bro. Loveland returning New Year's Day.

Bro. J. T. Northrop, Niles third trick, was off a week during the holidays and with his wife spent the time visiting in Marshall. Opr. Sweeney relieved, returning to "SF," Jackson, to work after finishing at Niles.

Bro. Rourke, Dowagiac second trick, off a few days and with his wife visited in Jackson. Bro. Middletown relieved.

Bro. Harry Butler, Barron Lake, third trick, off a couple of weeks visiting in Decatur with his wife's relatives. Bro. F. J. White relieved.

Bro. Harold Fitch, second trick Hill Yard office, Niles, off a couple of weeks on account of illness. Opr. King relieved a few days and was in turn relieved by Bro. Mead. King went west to the Santa Fe.

Bro. Leo Wehrle, third trick Cassopolis tower, off a few days on account of sickness. He went to his home at Marshall to recuperate. Bro. Lutz relieved.

Bro. Ketchum, third trick Colon, bid in second trick at Kalamazoo and Bro. Rennor, second trick Colon, bid in third trick there, and Bro. Tom Morten, second at Tekonsha, bid in second at Colon.

Opr. Helt will be Bro. Helt before this is in print, as I am advised he has turned his papers in to Bro. Brown, our local chairman. We extend the glad hand of fellowship.

Bro. Wagner, second trick Homer tower, off a few days. Opr. Helt relieved.

Got the new card yet? Hope you all have. Bring all the desirable into the fold. There is no excuse for being a non on any line now, and especially as they are now enjoying a straight eight-hour day, secured by the untiring efforts of Bro. Murphy and the O. R. T.

Business is good just now and several extra conductors in the board.

Clyde Spencer, a son of Bro. Don Spencer, is night ticket clerk at Niles, Saunders going to Kalamazoo to take day clerkship position in ticket office there.

Some brother on the west end please send us a few items. Bro. Lewis can not give us a good write-up without some help.

Trust this finds all the brothers "on the job" and with an up-to-date card in their pocket. "73" to all. CERT. 414.

The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Third District—

Mr. L. E. Wagoner, second trick at Colby, has filled out his papers and is now a member. This makes Colby solid O. R. T.

Maple Grove agency must surely be a hoodoo. Bro. W. N. Baldwin, from Millers City, is the latest man to tackle it. He was relieved at Millers City by Bro. C. S. Dewey, formerly at Osborn.

Dispatchers were put in at Leipsic Junction January 4th. This begins to look as though good times were coming back to the "Nick" again. However, the lack of good water and the consequent trouble with the motive power makes lots of extra work for the dispatchers.

Dispatchers Gale, Saunders and Whittaker are doing the stunt at the Junction. Bro. Saylor on third, and Bro. Ericson, from third, to the message wire days, ten hours.

For the last month the water train has been running every day hauling water from Oakwood to Leipsic Junction. Talk about the Great American Desert; you don't have to go west to find it any more.

Bro. F. G. O'Neill, third at Continental, was off seriously sick the first week of January; relieved by Opr. A. A. Johnson, a new man. From here Johnson went to the west end for a few days and is now on third at Oakwood for a short time.

On account of too much work in connection with the agency at Argos, Bro. O. S. Smith was forced to resign the secretaryship and Bro. C. F. Mayer, local chairman of Second District, was apopinted to fill the unexpired term. I understand that Bro. Smith will still continue to act as local chairman of the Fourth District.

Mr. Bigelow and Mr. Leeth, at Latty, have filled out papers and Latty is now solid.

Mr. Adams, agent at Melrose, is also a member, his papers going in this month.

In looking over the Third District, I believe that we are better off than ever before as regards membership. It is certainly gratifying to see that the men are beginning to open their eyes and protect themselves. If we keep the good work up the coming year and instruct our committee to legislate more for the agent operator who is still working thirteen hours a day, by the end of 1909 Division No. 18 will be in the top row. "HIX."

New York, Ontario & Western Ry.

Northern Division—

The annual ice harvest at Fargo began January 14th. Understand Opr. Kent will be in charge of the wire.

Bro. Bartlett, first trick Randallsville, Dispatcher Potter and Conductor John Sharp started for California via New York and boat January 19th for a two months' sojourn in that sunny clime.

Plenty of snow and mercury 20 or 25 degrees below zero last week.

Andy Furman, from N. Y. C., and formerly on O. & W., was caller in Hamilton Saturday.

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The hot water heater blew up at Hamilton station just as the cold snap reached us. The company has installed a Baker heater in its place.

Bro. Judd, Pecksport, third trick, goes to Randallsville same trick during absence of Bro. Bartlett, Bro. Miller going to Pecksport.

Will the brothers kindly send us any items of interest they may hear of. We can then have the N. Y. O. & W. represented in THE TELEGRAPHER every month. DIV. COR.

Southern Division—

O. R. T. reception and ball at Linden Hall, Middletown, N. Y. Every one that can should attend.

Bro. H. S. Morgan has been taking a vacation visiting on the Northern Division. Bro. E. Preston, "ON," relieving him, closing third trick at "CF."

Bro. E. Preston is working third trick a few days at "HD," Cadesia, and Bro. L. E. Campbell, "RX," is taking a vacation for a week, visiting on the Northern Division. Relieved by Bro. J. D. Foote. Bro. R. Wright has been assigned third trick.

"HD," Cadesia, second trick, not posted yet; a good hot job for someone.

Bro. M. C. Straton, "CO," of "XY," Apex, has been assigned agency at "AX," Accord, and Bro. S. F. Misner has been appointed to Apex agency.

Bro. M. L. Beach, "WA," assigned second trick "UN," Mountain Dale.

Bro. Schoomaker, "SI," of "HD," Cadosia, is working third trick at "RX," Burnside tower.

Bro. H. McIntosh, "MC," has been assigned third trick at "RY," Liberty.

Bro. Brock is taking a vacation, Bro. McIntosh working second trick and I "13" "CN" is working first trick.

Bro. Dorman has been assigned third trick at "WN," Walton.

Bro. H. Quick, third trick "ZA," Northfield, has been having a vacation; relieved by Bro. Service.

Several of the brothers think we don't get the bulletins assigning the jobs quick enough. If there is any kick something should be done about it. It was a non that made the kick and grievances can not be handled for nons.

Hope everyone has paid their dues. If not, they should get busy. Why don't some of the brothers on the Northern Division get busy and give us a little news. "WA."

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

W. Valley Division—

Business booming on W. Valley Division. Hauling a lot of logs now.

"13" a new man, second trick, at Mosinel, which Bro. Stunitzkey certainly deserves.

Bro. C. Hutchinson, formerly the handy man at Minocqua, is now working day side wire at Wausaw.

A. W. Warner is working side wire, nights.

Don J. Morrison is promoted from side wire man to third trick dispatcher.

Saynor office is again open and was taken by J. E. Whaley.

Bro. A. Case is working second trick at Minocqua.

R. H. McAdams is working second trick at Brokaw.

Bro. E. E. LaMarche is working from 10:30 a. m. until 8 p. m. A BROTHER.

La Crosse Division—

It is a great pleasure to look over the records of success that the Order has made for the benefit of agents, operators and levermen on our entire system, we do not refer to the La Crosse Division in particular. It is well to call the attention to some of the boys who have made some complaints in one way and another In the past year, to the fact that probably no organization has been called upon to face more trying conditions than those that confronted the Order of Railroad Telegraphers at the beginning and the first of the year 1908. When we look over the financial depression, etc., it may be well to say it has been one of the greatest success ever attained in its history, and safe to say we will never have this proposition to face again. It is also well to remember that as far as Division No. 23, or our division is concerned we are but students on the road to success; only a few years gone by an organizer appeared upon this division, and safe to say at that time some of the operators then employed asked what he meant by organizing. Do they ask that today? We can not expect to be up to the high standard where some of the other great railway systems now are, for reference the old Southern Pacific, it has taken the brothers on that great system nearly the entire time since this Order has been known to build them up to the high standard they now occupy. Our first appeal for better working conditions and increase in wages was made but a few years ago, and great success has been made since that date. Several new and revised schedules having been granted pay for overtime, meal hours, etc., and what was it in the days gone by before you made known your wants, were you paid for overtime, meal hours, etc.? In my remembrances I can not recall that we were, but we were allowed to work a day of as many hours as the officers saw fit to hold us to and then some. DIV. COR.

I. & M. Division—

While the joint meeting of the S. M. and I. & M. Division telegraphers held at Austin, January 17th, was a very satisfactory and entertaining one to the few who attended, it seemed to be of little interest to the majority of the membership, judging from the attendance, especially from the north and east end of the I. & M. Division. The west end S. M. Division turned out in good shape, and the Mason City Line turned out to a man, but the east end could show only two members. It seems strange that so many of our members take it for granted that all

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that is necessary for them to do, for them to secure good wages and working conditions, is to join the Order, pay their dues, and then promptly forget all about the Order until another dues period arrives. Of what practical value is an Order that is backed by a membership that does not take enough interest in their own personal interest to get out to a meeting and show that they are alive, and what influence would the general committee have with the management if the entire membership showed the same interest in their affairs, as they do on the I. & M. Division? Now while we know there are fine loyal Order men on this division who could not attend, we also know that there are other good loyal men that have no excuse to offer. The writer has attended every meeting held for the last four years, and sees about the same faces at all of them. Now brothers, we are going to have another meeting in the spring and I hope to see a large number of new faces at this meeting, and if any thing has been said in these few lines that does not meet with the approval of any of the brothers, I hope they will attend the next meeting and show me the error of my ways.

Pay your dues promptly, cut out the students even though they are helpers, attend the division meetings, keep smiling, don't argue your grievances with train crews, but stay right behind your officers and every thing will come out right in the end.

General Chairman O. W. Renshaw and J. W. Barber, Local Chairman S. M. Division were in attendance at the meeting held at Austin, January 17th.

Bro. L. H. Grau placed his house at the disposal of the visiting members, and it proved a much more satisfactory place of meeting than a large cold hall.

Not much doing in the line of news, as all the boys are sticking pretty close.

H. C. Webster received the appointment to the side table at Minneapolis.

Bro. H. P. Mordaunt appointed third trick operator at Austin; Bro. E. Henry, third trick at Comus, and Mr. Fleetwood, third trick at Northfield. Understand the last named has come across with the necessary, and it is O. K. to call him brother now.

There have been several other changes in the second and third trick positions on the north end, but am unable to get any line on them.

DIV. COR.

James River Division—

Business is very dull, but we hope it will pick up soon. Several night offices closed, and third tricks cut out at all stations.

Aberdeen yard office, second trick, on bulletin. Bro. J. Collins got the appointment.

Mr. Allen, formerly third trick yard, resigned, and third trick discontinued.

Aberdeen dispatcher's office, second trick, closed. Dispatchers handle messages after 5 p. m., and have to handle train orders 12 a. m. to 5 a. m.

Mina, second trick, discontinued. Bro. Phelps lost out and has gone to Portage, Wis.

Another change has just taken place, day telegrapher has been dispensed with in dispatcher's office at Aberdeen. Bro. Phelps, regular man, bumped Mr. Downs, first trick in yard office. Mr. Downs would have lost out entirely but through the courtesies of Bro. Collins who consented to let Mr. Downs have the second trick in yard office till Dispatcher Gibson returns, who will bump Bro. Phelps and he will have to bump Mr. Downs.

Business is so dull they have abandoned way-freight on Molendge line going west. Time freight No. 63 hauls merchandise cars to Molendge, and No. 94 brings them back, only six crews in chain gang. We hope they are through cutting the force.

If a few of our agents and bill clerks would wake up and take notice, they would in time learn that Monango is not an L. C. L. transfer, and save many delays in the handling of their freight. Brush up a little.

When it comes to delivering the goods in North Dakota, the C. M. & St. P. is sure it. Nearly all the lines in that State were snowed in, but the Milwaukee still continued hiking the trains along.

W. B. Dille, a former member, who has been engaged in the lumber business at Monango, N. D., has sold out, and is contemplating moving to Washington. He still has to call around and take a message or two, just to keep in practice.

Roscoe, third trick, discontinued. Bro. Hopkinson lost out; has gone to Washington, Ia., to spend the cold months.

Bowdle, second trick, discontinued. Bro. Thackery, regular man, laying off, was relieved by Bro. Coughlan, who lost out.

Glenham, night office, closed. Bro. P. Dedrick lost out.

Dispatcher Gibson is taking a couple of weeks' lay off, and a trip over the system.

Bro. Hurlbert lost his helper.

Bro. Crandall lost lost helper and his warehouse man.

Dispatcher McCormick has returned from his two weeks' vacation. DIV. COR.

Southern Minnesota Division—

Several changes have taken place at La Crosse dispatcher's office: Mr. S. C. Sorenson has returned to Madison as chief. J. M. Moore, moving back to La Crosse, and resuming his former position that of first trick dispatcher. Mr. E. J. Whalen taking second trick, and Mr. C. M. Aughey, formerly chief train dispatcher at Dubuque taking third trick. Mr. O. H. Berg, from third trick at La Crosse, to chief at Dubuque. Bro. T. P. Horton, after nearly a year's service in La Crosse dispatcher's office, both on side wire and extra dispatching was "bumped" off the job by Bro. C. A. Berg, of Rushford. Bro. Horton left his family at La Crosse, and immediately went to work for the C. M. & St. P.,

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of Montana, on the Montana Division, as extra dispatcher, was a regular man laying off and is at present working at ... point on at Ramsey, days, with ... Puget Sound Ry. way agent.

H. H. Berg from Peterson station to Plainfield was C. A. Berg assigned to ... wife at La Crosse, on permanent ... etc.

Bro. T. K. Benson assigned to Peterson station on permanent bulletin.

Bro. Myer enjoyed a short vacation during the holidays, being relieved by Bro. W. O. Burnett from Dexter.

Bro. W. E. Riordan, of Fountain, was also fortunate in being able to secure relief for a few days. Bro. Burnett furnished the relief.

Bro. J. W. Barber, local chairman, located at Spring Valley, spent some time over the line, looking up delinquents, new members and grievances. He found them all and did good work.

Bro. R. F. Gunderson acted as relief during the absence of Bro. Barber, and although the station is a "roast" he was game.

The trick at Ramsey, days, has passed through many hands. Bro. Clayton removed his family to Alden, Minn., on permanent assignment to that station. Bro. C. W. Stephenson, regular second trick worked days, until relieved by Bro. Gunderson. Bro. W. O. Burnett worked during Bro. Gunderson's absence at Spring Valley. Bro. Horton is the present incumbent.

H. M. Berg worked the third trick at Ramsey until Bro. Knudtson returned from Wells.

Bro. Severson is at present out of service, being relieved by Bro. Mathison, formerly of Lakefield, nights. Bro. Gunderson has been appointed to agency at Hayward, but we are all in hopes that Bro. Severson will return to work soon.

Bro. Fuller, at Alden, transferred to Mankato, as operator and clerk, replacing Bro. Creedon, assigned to the ticket office.

Bro. Sheehy is back at Easton, and Bro. Lieser assigned to Delavan, permanently. Odegard, at Winnebago, has his papers in and we can soon call him brother. Bro. C. M. Johnson, at Granada, taking a vacation; Bro. Gunderson doing the relief stunt.

Bro. E. H. Laugen, at Jackson, days, took a month off, relieved by Ed Malone and Bro. J. W. Malone. The pace was too swift for Ed Malone so "Spike Parker," from Austin, worked a couple of weeks on second trick. Spike has his papers in and we can soon attach the fraternal handle to his various other nick names.

Now I am up against the same old stump, namely, West of Jackson I am perfectly at sea as to what has or is taking place out there. Wish some good loyal brother out there, with time at his disposal, would make it a point to make a note of any item of interest that takes place out there, and mail it to me at my country residence, R. F. D. 5, Austin, Minn.

Now I want to say a few words in regard to our recent meeting at Austin, on the 17th of January. We were generously treated by Bro. Grain, lay member, at Austin, inasmuch as he threw open his home to us and furnished us with a most excellent meeting place. Bro. Renshaw was in attendance and gave us a very good talk and plenty of good advice. There was plenty of discussion and every one had a chance to speak. It is to be deplored that we are not able to meet oftener, at least once a month, and thus create a friendly and brotherly feeling among the members. Let us all see what we can do toward it.

Hoping that you are all gratified to hear that our membership is increasing, and that every one will do his best to further our prosperity.

LOCAL COR.

Third District Items—

Bro. J. S. Spoor, agent at Rondout, and his family were called east to New York State on account of the death of Mrs. Spoor's mother.

Bro. C. M. Reed, operator at Rondout, "RR," says he had an enjoyable visit at home, in Indiana, during the holidays.

Bro. B. J. Simons, of Libertyville, is on a short vacation, looking at the country out in Montana; understand visiting Butte, Deerlodge and Miles City.

Mr. G. C. Brown is relieving at Libertyville.

Mr. J. H. Beland has resigned as agent at Truesdell, and has moved to Kenosha. Have not learned who is agent at Truesdell as yet.

Mr. R. L. Altice, of Tower A 68, third trick, has been on a thirty days' vacation; relieved by several different men, lastly by Bro. Lucas.

General Chairman Renshaw was in Chicago last week, and succeeded in adjusting the several grievances in the Third District; all in our favor. Still some of the nons don't see where the O. R. T. does any thing. "None so blind as those who will not see."

Bro. J. N. Julesen, of "CG," has been very sick with the diphtheria.

Four new members secured so far this month, all by the local chairman. What is the matter with you members working day after day with these nons, haven't you any influence, or is the real fact in the case, you don't try to use it?

Those that have not paid the first term 1909 dues should make a big effort to do so at once, and not be the cause of the local chairman and some of the workers expending time and effort in keeping you in line; this effort can be more profitably applied in rounding up the balance of the nons.

Bro. Nelligan, of Chicago Ave., days, was sick a few days the past month; relieved by the day man, Mr. Hinsey.

Quite a number of the members are very careless regarding the M. B. D. dues, some are under the impression that if they don't want the insurance they can drop it and still be an O. R. T. member. If you are accepted for insurance you will have to keep the M. B. D. up, as it is compulsory for membership; quite a number of

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the delinquents are mixed as to their duty in regard to the M. B. D., it is either pay up the back dues in this department or go in as a new member. Get right in this and don't be so careless about sending in your dues with the proper slips and on time. CERT. 1129.

C. & C. B. Ill. & R. & S. W. Divisions—

Third trick, Savanna yard, and third trick, Ashdale, has been bulletined. Bro. Andrew, second trick, Beloit, secured Savanna yard. Have not heard who got third trick at Ashdale.

Bro. Miller, third trick at Rockton, took second trick at Beloit. Bro. Miller relieved at Rockton by Mr. Sloan, non.

Bro. Fretz, third trick at Freeport, is laying off on account sickness; relieved by Mr. Miller, son of agent at Shannon, Bro. Miller. This being the first job Mr. Miller has worked at it is a little early to ask him to come in, but it is safe to say that his being a son of a good, staunch O. R. T. boy like Bro. Miller, he will be one of us when the time comes for him to join.

Now see here, you boys on this pike like to see the division written up don't you? Well, it is up, strongly, to each and every one of you to do your share in letting the division correspondent know of each and every change at once. Drop a line to Bro. Correll, at Savanna, and don't forget it. This is positively the last time I am going to jog your brain-matter, so dont' forget, or next month you won't have a write-up, nor the month after. All items will have to reach Bro. Carrell by the 20th of each month, in order to be published. Now wake up—keep awake and get "bizzy." JOHANN.

I. & G. N. Ry.

The holidays are over and all the boys who had taken vacations are back at their duties again.

Bro. L. W. Sledge, of Cotulla, has been attending court for the company, having been relieved by Bro. B. L. Livingston.

Bro. J. N. Young, of Buda, has also been attending court and was relieved by Bro. A. Pieper.

The gravel pit, "KN," was closed temporarily, putting Bro. F. E. Finnie on the extra list. The pit has, however, again resumed operations with a new man, Mr. Kehlms. Can not say whether he has an up-to-date or not.

Third trick at Laredo, "RG," was made vacant same having been bulletined, and Bro. F. E. Finnie is doing the stunt at that place until it has been bid for by some regular.

Mr. A. L. Lewis, of San Marcos Junction, was off a few days and was relieved by Mr. W. H. Breitenstein.

Bro. J. E. Hyland, of Hunter, was called to the bedside of his mother, who was not expected to live, being relieved by Mr. J. V. Blackwell.

Bro. W. T. McLean, of "MS," San Antonio, spent the holidays with home folks at Marquez, and Mr. J. M. Long, of "H," Palestine, relieved him.

Bro. Loving, of San Antonio, nights, also took a trip to Fort Worth. Mr. S. R. Jones from "H," Palestine, relieving him.

Bro. W. A. Matthews, of Manchaca, off for thirty days' hunt; relieved by Bro. Pieper.

Bro. C. B. Gillettee, of Valley Junction, spent a few days in Palestine and was relieved by J. T. Robinson, who has just re-entered the telegraph service, after farming very extensively for awhile.

Bro. H. H. Young, at Roans Prairie, has been doing court service and was relieved by Mr. Webb, clerk from the Madisonville office.

There is a new man at Singleton, the joint agency with the T., B. & V., whose name we have not as yet learned, although I understand he is from Santa Fe.

Bro. Gayle is working the second trick at Bryan, bumping a younger man.

"L3," Mr. Seay, from College Station, gets Mumford on the bulletin.

Bro. Dunlap, formerly of H., T. & C., is working on the extra list on Ft. Worth Division now.

Bro. J. C. Hudson is regular agent at Gehring now.

Bro. Hunnicutt, after being off on a vacation, is again at Malone.

Bro. Armstrong is relieving Bro. Patzke, at Hufsmith, for a few weeks.

The Ft. Worth Division is coming wonderfully to the front, getting in something like eleven members in two weeks' time, which is a remarkably good showing. If the boys on the San Antonio & Gulf were all as enthusiastic and energetic as the membership on the Ft. Worth Division we would soon be 100 per cent strong. Suppose you all try? DIV. COR.

Vandalia Ry.

West End, Subdivision, St. Louis Division—

Bro. H. E. Stephens, regular third trick at "BO," Smithboro, is off for a short time, and is visiting with some folks in Missouri. He was relieved by Mr. C. C. Schrader, regular second trick man at "PS," Pocahontas.

Bro. J. M. Cummings, who has been working third trick on Middle Division at Schoyer, is laying off for a few days on account of the illness of his wife, who is with her parents at Stubblefield.

Bro. J. E. McCracken, who has been working on the east end, is at present working third trick at Smithboro. The position is bulletined, but has not been permanently assigned to any one, although there are several who have bids in for it.

Bros. C. H. Wilson and H. E. Stephens found it necessary to double over at Smithboro one night a short time ago, on account of relief man, Mr. Nichols, being afraid to tackle the telephone system used by the "Q" in handling their trains. This was very pleasant for the brothers, of course.

Bro. G. C. Kilby, assistant agent at Mulberry Grove, has been on the sick list, but is reported improving nicely at this time.

Mr. E. P. Munie, third at "PS," Pocahontas, has sent in application blanks, and by the time

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you read this you may distinguish him as Bro. Munie, as he will then be in possession of the proper credentials.

His brother, Mr. A. P. Munie, third at "FD," Stubblefield, has his papers made out and will send them in this month, and it will not be long until you may call him brother. The boys are showing the right spirit. We expect to make a creditable showing on this end within the next few months.

Part of the change proposed in last month's items to take place at Greenville have been put in effect. The operators will remain at the tower as at present, but the hours have been modified considerably and we are now working the nine hours. Bro. Carson comes on duty at 6 a. m., works until 3 p. m.; Mr. Mitchell, 3 p. m. until midnight; Bro. Johnson, midnight until 6 a. m., then has an hour off to go to breakfast, after which he returns to the depot and performs clerical work for three hours. We do not know how satisfactory this arrangement will be, but hope to get accustomed to the change of hours in a short time.

A steam shovel is working near the cut at Kanoga pond, just west of Effingham, making the cut there and fills nearby.

We have from reliable authority that much preliminary work will be done this spring and summer in preparing for double tracking next year. A telegraph office has been opened near this point for the benefit of the work train.

To say we were anxiously awaiting the coming of the pay car this month is placing it mildly, for we were simply overjoyed. We were on hand a little ahead of schedule time on that morning, fearing it might run extra. COR.

St. Louis Division, East End—

Bro. F. Farris, "MD," has been off for two weeks; relieved by Mr. F. A. Vance.

It seems as though that piece of track near Reelsville is a hoodoo. Extra west a few days ago had a broken wheel near Reelsville, and it was necessary to have the wreck train. No. 20, No. 8 and two No. 215 were delayed by the wreck.

Our meetings for the next few months will be very interesting. You should come out and see what is going on. If you don't like the way this division is run, why don't you come out and give us some of that box-car oratory in the meetings.

Business seems to be picking up some and we hope to see it continue to do so.

Remember that after February you will be in bad standing if you have not paid dues for the first six months of 1909. You should be prompt in this matter and not let it be necessary to have your attention called to it. In fact, members who will not pay their dues without being begged to are not of much value to the division. We understand that it is sometimes hard to furnish the cash, but what would you have done had we not received an increase, due to the efforts of our organization. CERT. 115.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed brother, W. W. Culmer, and removed therefrom his devoted and affectionate wife; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret her untimely demise, realizing the aching heart of our beloved brother, and we, the fraternity, extend to him our heartfelt sympathy and point him to the Great Parent who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of Division No. 27, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy sent to the bereaved brother.

C. R. SHORTRIDGE,
E. G. CHAMNESS,
J. L. GROGAN,
Committee.

Mo. Pac. Ry.

A Sample Mo. Pac. Resignation.

O, genial chief dispatcher,
Kindly listen now to me;
Spare me, please, one minute,
Till I make my little plea.

Please send us here one sailor
To fix our signal light,
When the prairie wind gets howlin'
And puts it out at night.

For the information bureau
Please send us one bright clerk,
Who won't succumb to women's wiles,
And who's not afraid of work.

And send us three mail carriers,
Three able-bodied men
Who can drag that mail cart up the hill
And get back down again.

And send us one strong fireman
To keep the depot warm,
And to shovel off the platform
After a hard snow storm.

And don't forget a messenger
And a ticket agent, too,
Who knows the country east and west,
From Florida to the Soo.

And send us one strong baggageman
To handle trunks and such,
If he don't weigh 300 pounds
He'll not amount to much.

Send us a dozen mousetraps
And eight storm windows, too,
And a part of a man to telegraph
In my place, for I am through.

O, please, sir, give me now my time
And a pass to Omaha,
So I can go back home again—
I'm going back to ma.

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No more will I flip the tissues
Nor pound an old Morse key,
My cup of trouble has o'erflown,
It's home, sweet home for me.

I'm going to eat home grub again,
Good old pie and jam,
To this paper now I'll sign my name,
It's J. A. Ingraham.

Joplin Division—

We noticed Bro. Glenn Maddox on 309 a short time ago. He informs me that he is employed by the I. M. & S. as operator down near Little Rock.

Bro. Hutchinson, operator at Pittsburg, has been off on a short leave of absence. Did not learn who made the relief.

Bro. W. E. Scott has been handling the second trick at Adrain while Bro. H. L. Donahey has been taking a few days off. Bro. Donahey is back, however, and Bro. Scott has bid third trick in at Cornell.

We learn that the proposed plan of opening Arma, Kan., as a telegrapher's job has fell through and the company is now looking for some one that can do the agent's stunt for about $30.00 per.

Bro. H. T. Strahl, now agent at Hannon (non-telegraph station) reports that he is able again to resume duty as operator at some point provided that his rights be restored to him in the seniority list. Believing that they should be, we shall make a strong effort on our part to have this done, as Bro. Strahl has had some very severe sickness in his family and one death; he himself came very near dying from hemorrhage of the lungs and has not been able to work since last winter, therefore, we think he should be justly entitled to his seniority rights. Bro. Strahl served this division as local chairman at one time.

Bro. A. T. Blum has been holding down the third trick at Cornell until it was filled by bulletin. Did not learn where Bro. Blum hailed from, but he carried the necessary with him.

Our hustling general chairman, L. M. Nance, has been in our midst again recently looking after affairs in a general way and locating a non occasionally. He announces the picking pretty slim on the Joplin in the way of nons. They are a scarce article with us, and we are looking for the time when we can declare ourselves solid.

A. D. Mills, the agent at Carthage, has gone from us. We tried for two long years to show him that we needed him and that he needed us, but all to no avail. Finally the company failed to appreciate his services any longer and turned him out in the cold without a word of encouragement. Then he called on the local chairman for the help that he had just recently declared himself above and I was compelled to turn my back and say, depart ye from me, I never knew you.

I was in hopes that some of the good brothers would turn over a few new leaves at the beginning of the new year and make some good resolutions and that one of them would be to send a few items to the division correspondent so that we could have a good write-up in our noble journal each month. There is not a mother's son of you but what turns to the Mo. Pac. items immediately on receiving your journal to see if our division has a write-up. Now, boys, this is bordering on the same principles that the poor non is laboring under ready to read all the items from our division and ready to pat the man on the back that gets them up, but will not contribute an item or two so that others may be benefited. Brothers, wake up out of that Rip Van Winkle slumber just long enough to jot down say one item and mail to me. Just think what a fine write-up we would have each month if every man on the division would send one good item. You need not fix it up in flowery form at all, but just give me the outline and I will furnish the balance of the dope. I did get one or two good brothers worked up to such a stage that they actually did write me one or two batches of items, but they have dropped off in that peaceful slumber again and I am left to wring my hands and tear my hair (red) in an effort to get up some little stuff that will do to publish and here a short time ago I did get something rather mixed up I suppose, and a good non wrote me and fairly intimated that I had lied relative to some item that I wrote.

Now, brothers, I must have items. If you don't write me a few I shall get up some big lie on every one of you in my next items. Best wishes.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Sedalia District—

Bro. Ebersole, agent at Lake City, is taking a fifteen days' leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Halstenberg.

Bro. C. R. Williams, nights at Lake City, is relieving Bro. England as agent at Malta Bend, on account of England on sick list.

J. S. Ford is working nights at Lake City during Bro. Williams' absence.

Third tricks put on at Blackwater and Grand Pass, Bro. Jeglin doing the work at Grand Pass, and C. L. Hunt at Blackwater.

Mr. Coyne advises these tricks will not be permanent.

Bro. Stewart, agent at Naptonville, is taking a leave of absence and is being relieved by Bro. Kendall.

Bro. Snider worked a few days extra at Myrick and is now working extra at New Haven.

Bro. Young, who has been working third trick at "CD," Kansas City, has been transferred to Division 31.

Opr. Douglass, "CY," Kansas City, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. R. Killmell, of the Postal.

Bro. D. E. Smith is back at Boonville nights after enjoying a short vacation, being relieved by Bro. Tegeler, of New Haven.

Bro. Ayers, agent at Sandy Hook, has left the service, Bro. Olney acting while position is advertised.

Bro. J. O. Jones, regular third trick man at "CD," Kansas City, worked a few nights extra at Pleasant Hill, but is now back at his post.

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Mr. A. W. Spicer, operator in yard office, Sedalia, died December 28th of a complication of diseases. Bro. Bryan bid in the vacancy.

R. McDougal, an old Mo. Pac. brother, is back on the line again; at present working extra at Centretown.

Bro. R. H. Cook, of Dundee, has been enjoying a vacation.

Bro. Farrell, agent at Grand Pass, advises Bro. Jeglin is now working third trick at that point.

Bro. Warden, second trick at "CD," enjoyed a few days' vacation, being relieved by R. McDougal.

Bro. A. W. Williams is relieving Mrs. Best on third trick at Little Blue. He has been transferred to 31.

Wish every one of you to keep your eyes open and notify me promptly of all vacancies, advising me who has vacated the position, where he goes, who relieves him and what date position was vacated.

I am under many obligations to Bro. Lampkin, Sedalia, and Bro. Jones, at Kansas City, for the news items they are mailing me.

These are two of the busiest offices on the road, and if these brothers can find two or three minutes time to drop me a note, it would appear there is no excuse for the balance not giving me an item occasionally.

The new year has hardly begun. Let us all wake up, take an interest in the Order, every brother working just as hard as he would were he a local chairman and compelled to work, and December 31, 1909, you will be greatly surprised at the results.

Paying one's dues and remaining in good standing are very necessary, but your duty does not end there. You should be more interested in the Order than anything else on earth, and should work every day for the good of the Order.

All extra men should keep Bro. Holman advised as to their whereabouts, so that he may be able to reach them with the ballots before February 28th.

W. L. W.

Southern Kansas Division—

The Southern Kansas Division had the first snow of any amount this week and then only about three inches. But talk about engine failure. We hold the world's record for that easy enough.

When you read this election time will be right on top of you and you want to be sure and elect the best material on all the divisions of the system. Lay aside personal friendship and vote for the man you believe best fitted to represent you in the various offices. Don't wait until it is all over and then holler for two years, saying your local chairman is no good and your general committee is a weakling. Take an interest in affairs, be alive. See that the man you elect represents the ideas of the majority of the men on the division and then back him up. Don't throw his letter in the waste basket when he writes to you asking you to write a certain non. Write the non and keep on sicking the dogs on him until the local chairman calls them off, because the fellow is down on his knees asking for an application blank and has the money in his hands ready to surrender. This division has very few left, but what are up-to-date and every one should be nailed by July 1st at least. You would be surprised at the amount of talk it takes on some fellows, but never give up on them for a minute. Keep everlastingly at it until you get him safe. We had a case the other month where we worked on a fellow two years and at last he surrendered and he will make a cracker jack brother.

Next issue I will give the names of all nons on the division so that you can keep it for a working record on them. Please notify any nons you may know of that their names will appear in the next issue. This division has fifty-six scheduled positions and all should be manned with real up-to-date members.

I want to urge all the brothers to pay their dues promptly, as we save lots of work watching the slow ones. Only two men left in the June 30th class. I hope they will not ask me to give their names also. Write your local chairman and don't forget to study your schedule. Be right up to snuff, then you know where you are. If you know of a non don't fail to land on him hard.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Illinois Division—

Brothers, this is the beginning of a new year. Let us all get busy and make the year of 1909 memorable in the Order of the grand old O. R. T.

Account of heavy traffic there have been several new offices opened up days and nights.

Bro. H. A. Lynn was relieved by Opr. J. W. Fredler as night operator at Warnock, "CK," Bro. Lynn taking days at "CK." Opr. W. P. Murphy took charge of Valmeyer night office. C. Bigerstaff nights at P. Du Rocher, from M. O. Division, M. O. P.

Agent Cherry off sick at Murphysboro, relieved by F. A. Roberson.

Bro. McBride, from the Frisco, relieved Opr. Bittle at Modoc, Opr. Bittle going to McClure nights.

D. W. Hickey, "TM," has gone to Detroit on account of the death of his mother.

Understand some of the boys are in arrears. Boys, you are not going to drop your cards and go out in disgrace. Get in line and stay; that's the only way we will ever accomplish anything.

Bro. Holliman, from the I. C., at Brownsburg nights.

Bro. Bullard, at Chester, "WX," has asked for relief.

Opr. C. A. Moore bid in "WX" days.

Brothers, let's keep after the nons and try to get them all in the Order if eligible.

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Omaha Division—

Bro. Gould, formerly of lower yard Atchison, bumped and working at Shannon.

Bro. Dale, formerly of Falls City, now working side partner to Bro. Gould, at Shannon.

Bro. T. O. Weeks, who worked at Auburn and last at 13th street, Atchison, has a good job at Pasco, Wash.

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Bro. John Hoffheinz, formerly one of the old heads at 13th street, Atchison, has a good relay job at Coffeyville, Kan.

Bro. R. H. Taylor, who was holding down "CB" for a few months, was bumped by Bro. J. J. Daniels, who is the old head of the job.

Bros. Kelly and Reveal are back at the same old stand, "KI." "13" Bro. McVey left "KI" to take a job at Sedalia.

We now have night office at Willis.

Bro. Leffel, of North Cypress, resigned his position in order to take another in Central Kansas.

Bro. D. D. Johnson, of "CB," was laid off a few days on account of severe burning of one of his hands in a fire.

Mr. Overton, manager of "CB," was called East for a few days on account of the sudden death of his father. FERGITIT.

Northern Kansas Division—

Quite a few changes on the division "caused" by the new bulletin system, Bro. C. C. Clardy bidding in Effingham nights.

Cawker City bid in by Bro. D. W. Agnew, from Barnes. Barnes bid by Bro. P. S. McCroskey, from Glade, Kan., the later being a non-air.

Our old pal, Bro. E. H. Crother, of Concordia, Kan., relay office, back to work after a sojourn of ninety days in the East.

As this is in the midst of our nomination and election, I suppose boys most all busy. The election generally hits us when we have not much time to consider it as it should be considered. The spring merchandise movement begins to roll along, and our spare time is put in checking up O. S. and D. S.

But boys, you do not want to lose sight of the fact that you have an interest to look after on the division as well as that of the railroad company, and a great deal more care in checking up the schedule, extra hours, calls, etc., would pile up to our credit to a greater extent than it does, if every one would make a committee of himself to see that the schedule was lived up to and the interest of the membership looked into as closely as that of the railroad company.

All members will please take notice that we have appointed Bro. V. G. Madison, of Republic City, as division correspondent, and you will confer a favor both on the undersigned as well as help Bro. Madison if you will drop him a line of any happenings on the division that will be of interest or worthy of note. As the local chairman has about all he can look after in other matters we certainly appreciate the effort and kindness of Bro. Madison in taking this job off our hands. Would thank every member on the division to not be backward in sending items for the correspondent, as he can not see the whole division "from where he sits," and hence will have to depend on the members helping out from each corner, thus enabling him to give you the news on the division. J. B. BENHAM,

Local Chairman.

St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.

Central Division—

Night Opr. Farris, at Lenapah, has gone to work for the Standard Oil Co., being relieved by Opr. Frank Robinson, a non.

Opr. Cook, who relieved your scribe for a few days, has bid in the day position at Claremore. What is wrong at Claremore? Is it that "non air" agent, who claims that the Order can not be of any use to him whatever?

Bro. Adcock, agent at Inola, has resigned; says agency is too much of a graft for him when he can get a job of slinging lightning, only work nine hours and no grief attached.

Opr. G. M. Fox has accepted the agency at Rex.

Bro. Neal, of Sallisaw, has returned from his honeymoon through Illinois.

Opr. Bruns is working second trick while Sead taking thirty days off.

Bro. S. M. Butts returned to work after a vacation of two months at Alma. Mr. Rice, who worked in his place, goes to Plumerville to relieve Mr. Winters, who is to take thirty days off.

Bro. Vaden, from Division No. 2, is working nights at Ozark, while Bro. McKee is relieving Night Opr. Dille, at Ft. Smith.

Denning Yard is now solid.

Opr. R. A. Blakely gets Spadra days on bid, bumping Opr. Westmoreland, who is doing the owl stunt at Spadra.

Opr. Obi Davidson returned to work at Russellville after being off for several weeks; relieved by Opr. Clark Evans, formerly of the I. C.

Bro. G. E. Maddox has rolled Opr. Evans at Palarm, putting Mr. Evans on the extra board.

Bro. Nation, formerly agent at Palarm, has accepted agency at Cabin Creek, relieving Mr. Dawson, who has gone to California.

Mrs. Winters relieved Bro. Nation at Palarm.

Mrs. Maud Morgan resigned night job at Palarm and has gone to main line. She was one of the worst cases of non I ever met; seemed to think it she joined us her job would be gone.

I promised to give you a list of the nons in this number, but so many nons wrote me begging I hold off until this pay day, which I will do, but you will most assuredly see them next month.

Some of the boys are using the wire too much in telling their grievances. Put it in writing, as we are watched very close on the wire in regards to matters pertaining to the Order. There is another fact some are overlooking and that is when members from other roads come here and work with cards in other divisions, please get their certificate number and what division they belong to and send same to me so they can be transferred, as we need this money, for they pay dues to another division and receive benefits from us free.

V. C. WALKER,

Local Chairman.

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St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Birmingham District—

If each of you would furnish Bro. Smith, our local chairman, a few items each month he could give us a splendid write-up; perhaps he could anyway, but it is more encouraging to him for us all to show that we appreciate the good work of the Order, and are willing to lend a helping hand and help him to make a success of this division.

Have you paid your dues yet? If not, why not? Let me ask that all who have not paid up do so at once and get your new card.

The company has been pulling off train and engine crews for the last month on account of the business depression which is now upon us. Have not heard of any offices being closed yet, but it may come to that later. The coal mines have just about closed and business is very dull around Birmingham.

It is rumored that the night office at Coal Creek will soon be abolished. This will throw Mr. Hairston and Mr. Tolar out of a position. Mr. Tolar will then get his twelve-hour job back, which he prefers to a nine-hour trick. Very strange some people can't realize a good thing when they see it.

Bro. Wallace, from third trick, Carbon Hill, has been transferred to third trick at Freight Yard Junction, relieved at "F" by Mr. Salter, from the Southern Ry.

I have the promise from two or three that they will join pay day. This is encouraging indeed, for every little bit helps, especially when they are old heads who have never before seen where they were wrong. Let us one and all strive to make the year 1909 as successful as 1908. Get after that non that you are working with and quit showing the hams that have been placed in your office as apprentices or helpers the art. It will only be a few months until they will be holding your present job, and you going from place to place looking for a position. Why not cut him in the bud, as the old saying goes, and help the Order by filling all vacancies with up-to-date members, instead of telling the officials that you have a helper or porter you can put on the night job. Are we to remain classed with porters or do we wish to be classed above them.

Brothers, in closing I would ask that all you who are interested in our future welfare drop Bro. Smith, at "CV," a few lines about the happenings near you and I believe we will have a good write-up next month, and kindly get this to him by the 25th of each month.

CERT. 1426.

Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 30, 1908.

To the Members of the O. R. T:

Dear Brothers—On August 24th I made appeal to the members for aid, which was published in the October journal. In response to same I have received $57.75, this amount being contributed by sixty-five members only. No doubt but many of the members never saw my appeal and this accounts for the amount not being much greater. Having been asked by several of the members not to list their names as contributors in the journal, I will not have any of the names published.

I am slightly improved; am yet unable to stand on my feet, but hope to be able to stand by aid of crutches in about one more month, provided I can get means to continue to stay here and get osteopath treatment. The osteopaths claim they can fix me up in six months perhaps as good as I ever was. The cost for board, nursing and attention is $5.00 per week, or will come to $130 for the six months. By taking student treatment and going before the class I get treatments free. My means are short and therefore I can only assure myself treatment until about February 1st. If any of the members feel like giving me further aid by contributing to my relief it will be a great favor to me, no matter how small the amount may be. Several of the boys have asked me to make another appeal through the journal, as they thought my first appeal in the October issue had not been seen by many of the members.

It is very sad for me to have to ask my fellow workmen for aid, but under circumstances I feel sure they are all willing to lend me a helping hand, as all O. R. T. boys whom I have chanced to meet are as loyal to each other as brothers.

I wish to thank each and every one who have assisted me and can not say enough to express how much I appreciate your kindness. May God bless each and every member of the good old O. R. T.

Yours fraternally,

E. C. WALLS,

CERT. 485, DIV. 32.

A. S. O. Hospital, Kirksville, Mo.

Cherokee District, S. W. Division—

Mrs. Stewart, second trick Tulsa, off on a few days' absence first of the month, being relieved by O. A. Smith, formerly extra man in "X" office, Sapulpa.

F. D. Smith, first trick Peirce City, had the misfortune to get one of his feet frozen the 13th, and is laying off for a few days. Understand O. A. Smith, from Tulsa, is to relieve him. C. L. Martin takes the first trick in F. D. Smith's absence.

T. C. Looney, off for the holidays, returned to work the second of the month after visiting his home and friends in Southern Oklahoma.

W. T. Smith, formerly with the Frisco at Hoxie, Ark., who relieved Bro. Looney, resigned from the service and understand has gone to the Mo. Pac.

Business seems to be on the increase all along the line.

W. T. Robinson relieving Tibbs, at Chelsea, and the old-timer Watson on the third trick. "Wat" relieved Martin, who went to Claremore days.

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The Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Monongah Division—

Well, the New Year has arrived, and everything seems to be very dull in the freight business around here, it has been necessary for them to cut off a good many yard engines, which resulted in furloughing a good many men in the yard. The Wheeling Division has been cut down considerable, they only have about six slow freight crews on now, and they are not making half time; does not look very good for the prosperity which was to strike the country after the election.

Bro. M. E. Price and wife spent a few days, last month, at Rockwood, Pa., and Washington D. C. Bro. Price was relieved by Bro. J. M. Stiles.

Bro. H. F. Farlow was called to Grafton a few days ago to copy in "G;" relieved by Bro. Stiles.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman sent his wife to Phoenix, Ariz., this winter, for her health; he expects to go after her some time the latter part of April.

Bro. C. A. Stealey, from "WD," was laid up for a few days, with the LaGrippe, but is able to be back at the key again; he was relieved by Bro. R. V. Smith, from "K," and Bro. Smith was relieved at "K" by some new man, did not learn his name.

Bro. J. M. Stiles landed third trick at Gypsy.

Bro. W. Powell, from "RN," was copying for a few days; relieved by Bro. R. L. Sturm.

Bro. W. A. Duffy, who is going to school at Emmitsburg, Md., spent the holidays with his mother at Grafton, W. Va.; he was back on his job for a few days.

Bro. Bevans, second trick at "RN," was holding down second trick at "DK;" relieved by Mr. Minnick.

Bro. C. E. Hostler, our local chairman, was in Baltimore, on business for the good of the O. R. T.; he was relieved by Bro. Lossey.

Bro. Ogden, of Clarksburg Depot, was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Thrasher.

Bro. Cline, of "GR," was spending a few days at Parkersburg.

Bro. Nuzum, of "GR," was on the sick list for a while, but is back at the old stand again.

Bro. W. D. Rollyson Camden, on Gauley, is taking an indefinite vacation; relieved by Miss W. Calahan.

Bro. C. R. Moore, from Weston Shops, is away on a few days' leave of absence; relieved by Operator R. L. Minnick, son of J. A. Minnick, who worked the Western Union city office at Weston, during the C. T. U. A. strike.

Bro. A. S. Edelen transferred to the Ohio River Division.

Bro. J. W. Stickley, at Pickens, recently got a second trick man at that point, on account of the long hours he was compelled to work.

Bro. E. J. Hoover, at Buckhannon, is on an extended tour through the South, and reports a pleasant trip.

Bro. J. P. West, from the Wabash, spent a few days at his home, Alexander, W. Va., on account of the serious illness of his sister and father.

Bro. W. B. Moffatt, Parkersburg Shops, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. B. H. Hall.

Bro. Steurer, from "RA," attended the meeting at Clarksburg, this month, and gave the brothers a nice talk.

Bro. D. M. Sharpnack, at Petroleum, has again resumed duty, after a prolonged absence.

Bro. W. B. Winkler appointed agent at Cornwallis.

Bro. Riddle, at Cornwallis, bid for second trick at Clarksburg, but we understand afterwards he recalled it, on account of high living expenses at that point.

Bro. J. B. Hammond, at Pennsboro, is off a few days, attending to business in "RA."

Bro. L. T. Graham, of Central, is on the B. & O. retired list, and now has charge of the Western Union at West Union, W. Va.

Sister K. G. Shaughnessy, at Central, has gone to the Southwest, on account of her health.

Bro. L. W. Graham, at Kanawha station, was off one day, attending to some business in Parkersburg.

Sister Emma Lambert, at Pensboro, called on the Division Operator Mr. M. F. Greene, for a few hours on business.

Bro. J. J. Minogue, of Bridgeport, was in Clarksburg, on meeting night, but did not show up at the meeting.

Mr. H. F. Brittingham, of Wilsonburg, is still holding down the agency at that point since resigning the Professorship of the Telegraph School, at Buckhannon. We understand the school has been closed ever since he left.

Bro. W. P. Turner took a flying trip to Washington, D. C.

Bro. D. T. McCualsky, of Tygarts Junction, spent a few days with friends and relatives at Wheeling and Parkersburg.

Bro. R. E. McCutcheon, formerly of Phillippi, was appointed to second trick at Tygarts Junction.

The second and third tricks at Shinnston were closed until further notice, these were new positions opened during the recent rush of business, which is now practically over.

I understand from our local chairman that there are some of our brothers in arrears with their dues from June 30, 1908 to December 31st. This will never do, you brothers and sisters should make a special effort to reinstate yourselves at once, either by filling new applications or paying up back dues. Communicate with the local chairman, and he will be glad to fix you up right, he has been trying to get you all to attend to this matter for the last six months, but always some excuse. If you want to get back on twelve hours again, just keep lagging back, you will get there alright. We had a very nice meeting at Clarksburg this month, and a large crowd was present, but we were disappointed in not seeing some of the brothers from the branch present; it looks like the first trick men could attend these

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meetings, anyway Bros. Shaffer and Murphy from the Cumberland Division were present and gave us a good talk.

Bro. Hostler will have to arrange for another meeting at Fairmont, before long now; there will be no question about the hall, if you will let Bro. M. E. Price know in time, so he can get his Indian Hall the Red Men fixed up in shape. DIV. COR.

New Castle—

Some of the brothers seem to be of the opinion that the article in November journal relative to a student being placed at New Castle Junction, third trick, was intended to convey the idea that Bro. Sarff is in the student business. Such is not the case, and we take this opportunity of putting Bro. Sarff clear of any reflection upon his loyalty. The November article was intended for just what it said, that a student had been placed in this office, third trick, by the division operator, not by Bro. Sarff.

H. D. PURDY, *Local Chairman.*

Baltimore Local, Division No. 33.

On Wednesday evening, January 13th, the regular monthly meeting of the division was held at the usual meeting place, Lafayette Hall, 609 North Fremont Avenue, and despite the awfully disagreeable weather was largely attended.

This is pretty good proof that the boys are taking an interest in the new local and intend to make it a success. Vice-President Pierson and General Chairman Van Atta, who were with us, spoke very entertainingly on various subjects. Bro. Pierson signifying his willingness to visit us again, or to travel several hundred miles if necessary to be with us on special occasions. Bro. Van Atta informed the boys of the condition of affairs on the B. & O., and also made a few other interesting remarks.

Bro. Day, who has not been on duty for several weeks on account of sickness, did not overlook the meeting.

Bro. Omailey's recitations were greatly enjoyed. The absent brothers don't know what they missed. PEM.

Baltimore Division, Metro. Branch—

Business has been very slack over here during the first month of 1909. Guess we will get all that is coming to us from the 1st of March until the 10th, on account of inaugural passenger traffic. Boys, keep your eyes open and see that no accident occurs on our division during this extra travel. Probably Bro. Potter will try and scratch up a few more old rusty dollars for us boys before many months.

Bro. Smith, of "QN" tower, Washington, D. C., has left and expects to settle in California, on account of his health.

Operator Dick Nichols, of Washington Junction, has taken third trick, "QN" tower. Operator Fisher has filled vacancy at Washington Junction.

I "13" there will be other offices reopened on this branch in the near future.

Some brother writing for Division No. 33, Baltimore Division, last month; I trust he will keep it up and work up the officers around Baltimore, and the Washington branch. I am unable to secure notes from either.

All that have not received their 1909 cards, forward your dues at once. Keep in line. "73" to all. G. W. C.

Chicago Division, Western District—

We have about three nons at this writing, and by the time the next write-up rolls around, we only expect to have one.

Operator W. A. Rinehold, of Millers, and R. W. Parent, extra operator, have both sent in their papers this pay day, and may now be given a brotherly shake.

Bro. Read, third trick at "NY," Ripley, was absent from duty a few days recently; relieved by Operator Crawford, a commercial man.

Operator O'Haver, of "G," Garrett office, is acting as relief agent temporarily. Bro. Doty, from the S. P. L. A. & S. L., filling in.

Bro. Ruckman, of "AX," Suman, was visiting relatives at Hicksville, for a few days this month. Relieved by Operator Lansing.

Bro. Sobraske, recently of Pine Junction, landed second trick at "RW," Cromwell, on January bulletin.

Bro. H. W. Love, of "WA," Union Centre, was the victim of a painful accident a few days ago. While out hunting with a couple of companions, one of them shot at a rabbit, and Bro. Love received several shots in one of his legs, and was confined to the house for some days; but we are glad to say that he is now back on duty.

Bro. E. Albright, third trick at "S," Syracuse, was an all-day visitor in the "Windy City" one day last week.

Bro. A. P. Webster, our worthy local chairman, advises that there are a few delinquents on this end, which should not be, especially at this time. Of course this is alright for those who care to work twelve hours, but those who have no desire for a twelve-hour day should be able to present the "goods" when it comes to a show down. Now come, you brothers who are behind, and pay up-to-date, so you won't have to worry any more about it.

The third trick man at Napanee is one of the most confirmed nons in existence. We have no more time to waste on such hardshells as this man is, neither have we any favors to hand him. We truly hope that the day is not far distant when we will be able to secure a schedule that will exclude all nons from its benefits, and then see how he swallows that. When we secure such a clause in our schedule there will be just one hundred per cent less nons on this pike than there now are. DIV. COR.

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Chicago Division, Eastern Division—

Bro. Shaffer, instead of Operator G. R. Wilson, landed third trick at Galatea. This is according to January bulletin.

Bro. J. R. Morton, of Midway, spent a few days with his parents at Sidney, O.; relieved by Extra Operator F. W. Savage.

Bro. H. E. Breininger, who has been located at Rosedale for several years, takes second trick at Mark Center, on January bulletin.

Switchman Jerry Beamer, while switching in Chicago Junction yards, had his right leg crushed at the knee joint, and after spending two weeks in the Akron Hospital, it was necessary to amputate the injured member just above the knee.

The meeting place of the Chicago Division has been changed, and in the future regular monthly meetings will be held in the Red Men's Hall, at Defiance, O., on the third Wednesday night of each month. Let us all come out and make these meetings as interesting as we possibly can. If you have any suggestions to make relative to the Order come out and make them known at these meetings. We cannot benefit ourselves by staying inside our own shells all our lives. To broaden one's mind and improve one's self, you must come in contact with your fellow-beings, study their ways, analyze their ideas as you see them, and make your own ideas known. What better opportunity is there offered to get acquainted with your fellow-workers than to attend these meetings. Everybody come.

News is very scarce this month, everybody is working steady and everything quiet; however, I will be glad to get any items you can pick up and send me. Send them any time and I will use them. CERT. 1400.

P. & W. District—

I say you P. & W. boys! why not come to the monthly meeting and help swell the crowd. This end is not properly represented, and am sure if just a little more interest were taken by each one, we could beat all previous crowds. Now brothers, try and make the next meeting a banner one. Those not having card passes can easily get a trip pass for the asking. There is no excuse why you cannot give a few hours of your time to your noble Order once a month.

As per last bulletin the following were appointed: Bro. C. D. Morehead, Callery, split trick; Bro. H. H. Wood, Gorsuch, second trick; Mr. S. C. McCoy, Gorsuch, third trick; Bro. L. Schmidt, Mackin, first trick; Bro. W. M. Taylor, Mackin, second trick; Mr. J. Glancey, Willow Grove, second trick.

Bro. Olwell, second trick at Schenley, off a few days for thorough resting.

Bro. Hostetler, second trick at Downieville, off a few days visiting at Canton, O.; relieved by Bro. C. J. Fisher.

Bro. C. D. Morehead has taken charge at Callery, split trick as per last bulletin.

Bro. G. T. Smith, first trick at Gorsuch, off a few days; relieved by Mr. A. S. Barber.

Bro. Elmer Ayers is holding down third trick at Gorsuch.

Bro. I. M. Loose, third trick at Ellwood City, spent a well earned vacation at the home of his parents at York, Penn., during the holidays, and reports having a fine time. Relieved by Mr. C. H. Waggener, who I understand has two or three students in line. If this is true, I would like to say that these are not the proper capers for a man flashing a "C. T. U. A. Honor Card." Our motto, "No Card, No Favors," and I am sure Mr. Waggener has had a few favors bestowed upon him by members on this end.

Bro. R. O. Barrett, of Division No. 138, is relieving an ex-member, J. F. Sweeney, third trick at Ribolds.

Bro. H. M. Reynolds, extra operator, is relieving first trick operator, and extra dispatcher M. T. Lamar, who in turn is relieving dispatchers in order to get their two days over the road.

Bro. C. E. Sanford, agent at Nanser, has resigned.

A postal from Bro. Grada Crites, now on C. & O., sends his "73" to all the boys on Pittsburg Division.

Relief agent Bro. Pesteraro is relieving at Nanser.

At our last meeting Bro. H. W. Mason had a fine box of perfectos on the table for the boys. Congratulations were in order. Harry says both doing fine.

News scarce. Whose fault?

Will cut out. Hoping to see every one at the next meeting. SHORTSTOP.

Columbus and Newark Divisions—

Having lately been appointed division correspondent I wish the help of all the members in having a write-up in our journal each month. These write-ups help to create interest among the nons, as well as the members. All that is necessary to gather a great many nons into the fold, is to get them interested. It will also show to others that we are in the fight to win. Yet some of the hard-shelled nons say they can not see where the Order is, or has, benefited them any. If it were not for the faithful ones you would see, and see in a short time, speaking of the former schedules, they say, "Oh! we would have got that without the Order." Why didn't you get it, before the Order took it up?

Bro. Smith returned to "VA," first trick.

Bro. Creighton returned to "KO" tower, third trick, after relieving Bro. Strope, first trick at "BY," for a few days.

Bro. Horch is working the second trick at "BW," while Bro. Watson does the stunt from 11 p. m. to 7 a. m.

"13" Bro. Townsmyer is the first man.

Bro. Grutch, who was reported resigned in last journal, has returned to Black Lick.

Bro. Runnels and wife, from "BK," spent a few days at Sabina with his parents.

Bro. Powliss has bid farewell to this end of the B. & O.

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The third trick at Summit has been advertised, but am unable to say at this writing who bid it in.

Bro. Dildine and family visited his father-in-law, Mr. Brauer, of Newark, O., last week.

Bro. Marsh and Bro. Hackenbracht, of "BR" tower, have changed tricks. This was caused by Bro. Marsh getting married.

Bro. Hoffman, of Central City, is also trotting in double harness.

We are glad to hear that the little son of Bro. W. E. Norris, of Union Station, is improving, having suffered for several months with eczema.

The signal men and some operators who have semaphore lights to attend to, seem to be having a great deal of trouble in keeping their lights lit. I overheard a little song an operator was singing entitled:

"THE OPERATOR'S STAR."

Twinkle, twinkle, signal light,
It's me who lights you every night,
'Way up on a pole so high,
Like a firebug in the sky.
Seems to me you might come down
Somewhat nearer to the ground;
Every night I climb up there,
Sixty feet straight in the air—
Risk my neck to make a light,
So the trains can run alright.
When the blazing sun is set,
And the semaphore is wet—
Maybe covered with thick ice—
Gee! That makes the climbing nice.
When it's forty-two below,
Little light, then out you go.
Twinkle, twinkle, signal light,
Won't you please stay lit tonight.

E. A. D.

Pittsburg Division, River District—

The regular meeting, Thursday night, called to order by Bro. W. C. Safford, local chairman, and there was a good attendance. A box of choice cigars were passed, and "Who's it on?" came from every part of the room. Those not present should have seen that smile on Bro. H. W. Mason's face.

Bro. J. H. Bell, from Ohio, was present, and gave us an interesting address on different subjects. Let all the brothers keep the good attendance up. Come and make your votes count.

Special attention should be called to the efforts of Bro. J. Gleisinger, first trick at Reduction, in securing five new members during the last two months. "Something doing" in his territory since he got after them. A good example for every one. See?

Bro. W. D. Cook, Broadford, third trick, was the guest of Bros. Young and Willings at Layton recently.

Bro. B. Willings, Layton second trick, paid a flying visit to old friends in Versailles, recently.

Sister S. A. Cunningham, at Greenwood, has been off a few days on account of illness.

Mr. Cooke is working Hazelwood, second trick, in the absence of Bro. H. C. Rison.

Bro. D. A. Young, of Kentucky, was a guest of his brother, Bro. J. C. Young, for a few days recently, and has since accepted a position on the Connellsville Division.

Bros. C. M. Stabler and K. A. Milar, first and second tricks at Versailles, spent the holidays at their homes in Ohio, being relieved by Messrs. Devine and Boylan.

Messrs. Moorehead and Smith, at Smithton; Neel, at Reduction, and Burton and Flannigan, at Gratztown, have turned the "necessaries" in, and will no doubt be of us by the time of this issue. The "River" is getting there, "slow, but sure."

Bro. W. C. Safford, local chairman, spent a day or so in Baltimore on grievance work.

There are several nons between Versailles and Pittsburg who have been given every inducement and opportunity to make good, and have also been treated with respect, hoping that such treatment would bring its own reward, but, unfortunately, some men can never see anything or appreciate it even when they are enjoying the benefits which the Order secured for them, and for which they never donated a thing, except criticism, because the Order did not do quite enough for them.

If it were possible to ignore the offices where these nons are employed, when our committee go after a new schedule, it should be done, and if they are not satisfied with our schedule they can go after the officials, and they will soon find out how much recognition they secure from them.

Any man that accepts money from any labor organization and at the same time say they do not believe in organization is not to be trusted, and should not be respected, for they are no better than a thief.

I AM ANOTHER.

Cleveland Division—

I am of the opinion there are too many without get-up enough about them to care to know whether we get up a decent write-up or not. Does this mean you? I hope not. But, let's see.

Last meeting Bro. McCoy was nominated for local chairman and also for delegate to the national convention. You will receive the ballot about the last of January, and I wish one and all to vote.

Thanks to Bros. Goodrich, Tope, Hoover, Carter, Curtis, Blank, Wright and Jackson for items.

Bro. C. W. C. Wright is back in "CS" office, Cleveland, on wire 51. W. A. Wilmot, at Lorain, third trick, relieving Bro. Wright while he handles C., L. & W. side wire from "CS."

Bro. Dick Blythe is relieving Bro. C. Booker, third trick in dispatcher's office, Valley Side. Bro. Blythe relieved by Bro. Wright.

"ON" office, at Benton, will be closed until business is heavier. This will give Mr. Heaton a new supply of extra men.

Bro. B. H. Betton returned to Columbia, third trick, after a month's visit with his parents at Wheeling, W. Va. He was relieved by Telegrapher Van Arsdale.

Bro. Reed Lucas has returned from "copier," C., S. & W., Cleveland, to first trick, Canal Dover.

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Look in marriage notices, front part of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Tom King is working second trick at bridge No. 80, having relieved Bro. Dan Brislin, who has been granted a six months' leave of absence.

Bro. "Dink" Shaffer, "ND" tower, laying off a few days at present.

The brothers in dispatcher's rooms have made so many changes we are unable to keep track of them.

Bro. Griffith to third trick at Valley, relleving Bro. Blythe, who, in turn, relieved Bro. C. M. Treisch. Bro. Brooker is laying off.

T. D. A. man, Jackson, off a few days, with Bro. C. W. Wright handling everything by his lonesome.

If in the near future you should receive anything from our local chairman, McCoy, please answer at once, as it will save him many hours extra work and remember his is a "thank-you" job at best.

DIV. COR.

Bro. Dan Brisler has resumed duty at Bridge No. 80, second trick, after one month's absence. Tommy King, being relieved by Bro. Brislen, has returned to his home at Ravenna, Ohio, awaiting further instructions for duty.

Telegrapher T. W. Davis is relieving Bro. Chaney, third trick, Freeport, who is off on account of sickness.

We have just received word of Bro. D. E. Langdon having met with an accident in Arkansas City, Ark., but no information given as to how the accident occurred. His remains will be brought to Potaskla, Ohio, for burial. Bro. Langdon was a member of Division No. 33.

At our last meeting it was decided that Local Chairman McCoy should go over this division and call on the non-members and delinquents and endeavor to place this division as near the 100 per cent mark as possible. This to be done before the general committee convenes with the management for a 1909 schedule. This is the time to line-up, for there are going to be some surprises soon.

Bro. Harry B. Leith gets Bridge No. 80, third trick, on bid.

Bro. "Dick" Blythe, extra dispatcher, is back on "TI" wire. This places Bro. C. W. C. Wright back to his regular job, Lorain, third trick.

Bro. Brooker, third trick at dispatcher's office, Valley Side, Cleveland, over Valley a few days ago.

The boys at Canal Dover are getting a new office.

Next month's journal will contain a complete list of non-members and delinquents. Do you want your name on the list? No card, no favors. Stick to that and let it ever be turned to route the nons and backsliders.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Master of the Universe has, in His infinite wisdom, called unto His celestial home Deforest Edgar Langdon, your brother, our brother, and everyone's friend. We realize that while his poor soul was full of trouble over the death of his beloved wife a few years ago, we can not help but think that the great beyond is and will be immeasurably brighter for him, and all we here upon earth can do is to express our sympathy and sorrow to his sister, and commend him to his God, who doeth all things well and for the best, and that she will be sustained and soothed by the realization that while your loss is great his gain is infinitely greater.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolution be sent to his sister, Mrs. Vandorn, a copy placed upon the record of Division No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. W. McCOY, *Chairman*.
A. BLANKE, *Secretary*.
F. R. LANDIS,
O. R. BUMGARDNER.

Wheeling Division—

Since our last issue another cut has been made in the dispatcher's office. Copiers Foster and Gannon were taken off and placed on side wire jobs in "FY" office. Extra Dispatcher M. B. Rickey is now copying days.

Telegrapher Fetty, of Glover Gap, was off a few days during the holidays.

Telegrapher E. A. Wilson bid in third trick, "HN," Benwood.

Bro. J. R. Deegan is off for a month on vacation.

Bro. O. C. Bester is at present working days at Schick.

Bro. E. C. Deegan is off for a few days.

No students have been reported since last writing. The offices along the Wheeling Division must be too cold for them.

Bro. E. E. Holloway got "WR" tower by bulletin, Bro. Queen second trick and Telegrapher W. K. Carr third trick.

Bro. T. L. Ellis got second trick "FI" tower by bulletin and Telegrapher F. H. Worthington has third trick.

Bro. W. Kinney was off a few days, relieved by Bro. O. H. Adkinson. Bro. Adkinson also relieved Bro. White at Manyard for a few days.

Bro. R. J. Spain is at present working days at yard office Holloway, with Bro. J. C. Roach nights.

Bro. Youst informs me that the boys are very slow about paying up their ten cents per month assessment and that he is behind, having paid out more than he has taken in. I think most of us have merely overlooked this and will pay up when our attention is called to it. This is very important and should not be neglected, as the hall rent comes out of this fund and in this way all and not a few will pay the expenses of the Division. You may send a dollar at a time to Bro. Youst.

Our last meeting in Wheeling was very poorly attended. When we worked twelve hours we were able to get thirty to forty of the boys out to meetings, but since we have been working but

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eight hours it is almost impossible to get any kind of a crowd. There are enough members working right around Wheeling to fill a hall, but they might miss a show or dance, you know, if they came to a meeting. You growlers who have so many kicks coming, why don't you come and register your kicks at the meetings instead of knocking where it will have no effect? We have been very fortunate in that we have been able to keep wages up to the standard this last year and it has been because we have a union to back us up. It would seem that some of you fellows who have dropped out or are behind wish wages to be reduced to $35.00 or $40.00 per month again. Don't you know that this is liable to happen if our union goes up in smoke? You are helping that time along by letting the few do your work. A union must be healthy in order for it to perform all the duties required of it. You can make ours a healthy union by paying up and giving our officers money to work on. We will have another meeting some time next month and expect as many of you out as possibly can get there. If you are refused transportation notify your local chairman. Come, let us work together. CERT. 729.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. W. M. Hinkle, and while we bow in humble submission to Him "whose will be done," we realize a sense of personal loss; and

WHEREAS, We desire to show our respect for departed brother; be it

Resolved, By the members of the Cumberland Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System Division No. 33, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the minutes, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. M. HAMMERSLA,
J. A. WHITMORE,
J. T. NORTON,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to the great beyond our loyal brother and co-worker, E. B. Dyer. We bow in humble submission to the will of the most high. In manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family; be it

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Connellsville Division—

Two divison meetings were held during the past month. A day meeting at Rockwood and an evening meeting at Connellsville on January 23d. Both were presided over by Bro. Currie. The attendance at both was nothing to cause Bro. Currie to indulge in ecstacies.

It might be well for some of the telegraphers on the division who are persistently clamoring for admittance into the Order to make some little effort to conduct themselves both on and off duty in a manner more becoming gentlemen. The organization is far from being in such condition that it welcomes any telegrapher regardless of character into its fold.

Despite the justifiable severity with which the company deals with those who use intoxicants either on or off duty, there continues to crop up not infrequently members who disregard this rule. The promptitude with which they are disposed of is surely conclusive evidence that the Baltimore & Ohio will not tolerate this infraction.

The rebuilt "RN," Connellsville yard office building, promises vast improvement over the old one so far as the telegrapher's quarters are concerned.

It behooves some of the boys along the line to be more tidy about the appearance of their offices. No matter how remotely you may imagine yourselves located, a visit by some of the many officials is an incident very likely to happen most any time and as is usually the case, when you least expect it. None of us are so busy as to be unable to keep our offices clean.

It is a far cry from Ohio Pyle to Montana (W. Va.), but Bro. Jno. Rush has made the jump.

Bro. W. J. Emereick, first trick Foley, after working steadily for several continuous months at his own job, decided to take a few days rest by relieving Bro. C. R. Darrah, first trick Sand Patch, for two weeks.

Bro. Vanderslice, formerly first trick at Uniontown, is now engaged in the brokerage business in the above city.

Bros. H. C. Merryman and R. P. Hardman, first tricks Yough and Uniontown, are taking advantage of six-month furloughs. The former is touring the West; the latter is holding down an agency on the M. & K. near Morgantown, W. Va.

Bro. J. W. Thornton, wire chief, "D," Connellsville, is enjoying a fifteen-day leave of absence with his relatives in "Ole Virginny."

Bro. Eigholtz, second trick, S. & M. Junction, recently returned to duty after an extended visit to his own and Mrs. Higholtz's relatives in and about Bedford, Pa.

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We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. H. Rose, third trick Philson, has been admitted into the fold. This should stop all the ugly reports about Mr. Rose which have been in circulation ever since he first came to this division and we trust he will be accorded the same treatment as that shown other brothers in the future.

If some of the desirable non-members of the division were half as eager to become members of the Order as are those who have yet to prove themselves desirable, the duties of our local chairman would be greatly lessened.

Steven Kerrigan, formerly leverman at Sand Patch and a member of the Order, was fatally injured in Cumberland yard on the night of January 15th, death ensuing the following day at the Western Maryland Hospital.

The scratching, rewriting or otherwise altering of train orders is a dangerous practice and one in which no careful telegrapher who has his own as well as the company's interest at heart, will indulge. As the little, black-covered book says, "Take the safe course and run no risks."

Bro. C. M. Stone, formerly of Everson, has accepted the position as relief agent of the division.

The 1908 cards should be a thing of the past by this time. 1909 are the figures now that should be visible on the piece of pasteboard.

A new office at Mt. Braddock is another very welcome improvement on the division, one which will be appreciated by Bros Groff and Turpin.

Bro. Brown, who for years watched "'em pass at Bidwell," is copying 31s in the 200 class on the S. & C. at "RX," Rockwood, first trick.

Bro. C. A. Boyer, formerly of Johnstown days, is now located at Confluence third trick.

Bro. Liehew now permanently located at Johnstown days.

Bros. Bowers and Little are still operating at "Q" Junction on first and second tricks respectively. A fast and good pair.

Bro. Bartholemew, formerly of Markleton, is now permanently located at Garrett, second trick.

CERT. 336.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Illinois Division—

Tamms first trick and Findley Junction are now on the bulletin. Hope to see Order men get them.

Calvert, from the Big Four, now working the first trick at Tamms.

Bro. Ragen enjoyed a ten days' layoff, Ragen working third trick at "VE" tower, Bro. Cramer, from the M. & O., relieving him.

Bro. Goodall, of Tamms third trick, bid in "AH" tower, Bro. L. I. McConnell relieving, and I "13" got it regular.

I think it would be a good plan to call a meeting somewhere and get together and get acquainted and see if we can't do something. We need a new schedule, also need some more new members. I think we should strive our very best and at least get one new member each and thus strengthen our division and Order.

I called several fellows up along the line and asked them to send me some news, most all claiming they would send me some, but none in sight yet.

You will find Bro. Beauford at "VE" first trick, hammering the brass, formerly at "SX" tower.

PAT, CERT. 365.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Bro. Letterton, formerly of Bismark, but now at St. James, Ill., spent a few days at Rossville visiting Bro. Smith.

Very little news this month, as there seems to be nothing happening and the boys are all working steady on this end. I wish that some of the brothers would wake up and send me a few items each month. I lay the blame to the fact that there is not much going on in the shape of changes, but it is impossible for me to get all of the changes unless I get some help from the brothers.

I presume that all the boys that carried up-to-date cards in 1908 now have a card for 1909, and if not, why not? The time is here to pay up and get them.

I think that our general chairman will call a meeting some time in February, probably in Chicago, and the notices will be gotten out in plenty of time and there should be a good attendance at this meeting.

I hope that I will receive more items next month so we can present a good write-up from this division.

DIV. COR.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the brothers who contributed to the fund for my benefit. "The kinship of kindness is the greatest and best thing on this earth, and tastes sweetest when the cup of sorrow is full of bitter experience." A few weeks ago when I lost my brother through the sickness which has afflicted my family, I felt that I no longer would know the companionship of a brother, but upon receiving this token of sympathy and affection I realize that through "the kinship of kindness" and fraternal friendship, I still have many brothers.

L. M. CALLECOD,
CERT. 279.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Chicago Division—

We have no local chairman or correspondent in this division, but we are not dead. Will some body kindly start something and get a local chairman to keep things going?

One year ago we were practically solid, but there has been so many changes that there are quite a few nons along the road now.

Bro. Stevenson has left New Richmond.

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Operator Brewer is working third trick at New Richmond. Understand he carries an up-to-date card.

Operator Etchason, at Benton Harbor, is relieving Ticket Agent Davis, who is taking a six months' vacation.

Bro. Maxim is relieving at East Saugatuck. Bro. Hoyt working third trick at Hartford.

Operator Henderson, who was working third trick at Hartford, is working third trick at Waverly.

Operator Brandon, who worked at Waverly, on first trick and carried a card, is now working third trick at Wyoming, but hasn't got the card.

Bro. Keeler, of Grand Rapids, went to Grand Junction, to go fishing with Bro. Crouse, but when he got there found Bros. Crouse and Bessey both "under the weather." Bro. Evey then volunteered to take "FK" out, while Bro. Crouse kept the stove warm.

Understand Bro. Peck, at Grand Junction, has quit the hotel business.

It looks very much as if everybody was satisfied with what they had. We haven't had a note in the journal for two months now. How long do you expect to keep what you have got, let alone getting more if you are going to lay down in this manner. CERT. 376.

Saginaw Division—

I have pleaded with the brothers, time and again, to send such items as they may be able to obtain, but thus far have received but a very few. It seems to me if the boys were very deeply interested in the Order they would take hold and help to make up a long list for the journal. I feel myself like doing all I possibly can to help the good cause along, therefore I would like to have the brothers aid all they possibly can to encourage this matter.

F. V. Alexander, second trick operator at Edmore has given us his application, and will soon have his card.

Understand Bro. W. A. Kidd, at Gowen, is very sick, and is being relieved by E. S. Higbee, agent, Six Lakes.

Bro. Sump, night man at Flint has left us, and gone West on some land business.

Bro. Kerr is doing the night stunt instead of taking the second trick at that place.

Bro. Ude is still holding down the first trick at Flint.

Operator Baxter, at Holly, is filling out his application; expect to call him Bro. Bill in a few days.

Bro. Sharpe, second trick at Belford, has been taking a week's vacation, to rest up after effects of plugging at Carleton.

What a blessed thing it would be if some of the old heads would see where they could spare a few cents of that overtime dough, and get in line with the rest of us. CERT. 35.

Erie Ry.

NOTICE.

To All Members of Erie System Division No. 42:

Your dues for term ending June 30, 1909, are now due. Please remit promptly.

Dues are $4.00; all insurance should be remitted direct to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo. Dues to C. L. Bridge, General Secretary and Treasurer. Deposit N. Y.

Received request from Bro. Noon, Chairman of the N. Y. C. Ry., Division No. 8, to call the members' attention to the Third Annual Ball, to be held at Majestic Hall, 115, 125 East 125th St., New York City, Wednesday evening, February 17, 1909. Fraternally,

C. L. BRIDGE,
General Secy. and Treas., Div. No. 42.

Meadville Division—

Bro. J. I. Williams was the lucky man to get the day trick at Buck Tooth.

Bros. Flagg and Bryant landed second and third tricks at Red House, and are having troubles of their own getting there and back. Percy says it takes him twelve hours to get ready to work six, and he is not to blame either. There's nothing slow about him.

Bro. Dickinson doubled one night at Falconer Junction recently, on account of no available man to relieve him.

Lakewood and Bear Lake have been closed as night offices since December 31st. Agents working from 7 a. m. to 7. p. m. Bro. Sands going from Bear Lake to Niobe Junction, first trick, and Bro. Willett, from Lakewood, taking third trick at Niobe Junction. Brother Carl Johnson has not yet decided where he would go.

Bro. Way, at "CM" tower, expects to be moved into the new interlocking tower at that point soon.

Tuesday morning January 12th, fire destroyed the home of Bro. Grant Mook at Saegertown.

Bro. Murray has resigned his position with the Erie, to accept a better one with the Postal.

Bro. Hanratty bid in the yard office made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Murray.

Bro. J. C. Jackson, of Geneva, made a short visit at Jamestown recently, calling on the boys at that place.

Bro. Frank Woodside, who went to New Mexico for his health, is at present located at Alamogordo, N. Mex., and would be very glad to have any of the boys drop him a letter giving him the latest news from home.

Boys, don't forget that it is one of the aims of the Order to eliminate all friction between telegraphers and employers. Do your part by giving the best possible service, be careful to observe the rules of the company and of the Order. If you have a grievance which you cannot adjust yourself, don't begin crying that the O. R. T. is no good, but put it up to them to help you out. If you have a just cause they will gladly do all in

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their power to help you. It will be time enough to kick on them when they turn you down, don't do it before. If you can not boost, for goodness sake don't knock. CERT. 508.

Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, January 16th, was well attended. One of the pleasant surprises of the evening was the attendance of two lady members from Meadville Division West. Some members who have attended meeting after meeting and had nothing to say showed considerable enthusiasm when called upon to speak for the good of the Order. The young lady members were given places of honor at the meeting, and Chairman Lowrie had considerable difficulty in saying sisters and brothers in addressing the assembly, instead of just brothers, as it always has been in the past. Every one was well pleased that they had attended the meeting, and is hoping that the lady members and more of them make a practice of attending each meeting.

At this meeting local chairmen for both divisions were nominated, also representatives and alternates to the Grand Convention at Atlanta, Ga.

J. B. Aylward, of "CS" office, of Cleveland was off during the holidays; relieved by F. E. Brooks.

S. H. Ridinger, of "YO" office, Youngstown, is off sick; relieved by C. W. Mitchell, second trick at Niles, and Sister Dorthy Dean is working second trick at Niles.

H. H. Hatch, third trick at De Forest tower, off sick one night; relieved by Extra Operator H. A. Kirby of Cleveland.

C. D. Caldwell, third trick at Sharpsville, is off on a vacation.

J. E. Mohn was on a visit to Wooster, O.; relieved by Operator H. A. Kirby of Cleveland.

R. A. Stroup, first trick at Phalanx, is in Texas on a vacation.

John King, first trick at Mantau, has gone to Colorado for thirty days. H. H. Hatch, third trick at De Forest tower, takes King's place until he returns, and Operator H. A. Kirby is at De Forest tower at the present time.

Don't forget that a joint meeting is held at Warren, on the 3rd Saturday night of each month, in the hall, on the 3rd floor, over Union National Bank, corner of Market St. and Park Ave.

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Susquehanna Division—

Wish some brother on west end would take it upon himself to get all the items of news he can, and send them to Bros. Beach or Hesser, at "MJ" tower. Bro. Hesser's post office address is 364 Wallace Place, Elmira, N. Y. This would help out a great deal in writing up the division, as they are unable to get the news from west end unless some west end brother furnishes it. Our Local Chairman Bro. Steven's term will soon expire, and we have to nominate a brother for this office at next meeting, January 22d, at Elmira, hope there will be a good turnout. Come along brothers, and have your say in this matter. After having such a dull spell, we are very glad to see that "biz" is picking up on this division. Brothers, there are a few nons left on the division, get after them and show them where they are making a mistake by staying out. Let each brother constitute himself a committee of one to look after any non within his reach, and get them in, if you don't succeed in landing him at the first interview, go after him again and keep after him until you get him.

Mr. F. R. Mosher, former train master of this division, assigned to first trick at "RA" office, Elmira, and Mr. C. D. Taylor assigned to Mr. Mosher's position. Understand Mr. Taylor is from one of the Western Divisions.

Mr. J. A. Healey, our former chief dispatcher, assigned to first trick dispatcher on west end.

The genial Mr. H. A. Williams being appointed chief dispatcher in Mr. Healey's place.

Our old friend, Dispatcher Jessie Walker, has left "RF" office, and will take a trick in "V" office.

Bro. Dan O'Brien bid in "VO" tower.

Bro. E. M. Condon gets a trick at "RX."

"13" Dispatcher Degroat bid in a trick at "AQ." He has been on the road some time, but has never made good his promise to join; he is always looking for the best job on the division too.

Bro. W. I. Kelliher, of Big Flats, spent January 13th in Bernice, Pa., his former home.

Bro. H. Knickerbocker, of Big Flats, spent January 13th in Elmira, getting rid of some of his surplus coin in the shopping district.

Bro. J. J. Ambrose has been appointed wire chief at Elmira.

Bro. T. W. Harrington took the second trick at "RA," which gives him shorter hours than his former position as wire chief.

Bro. W. J. Malone, of "MJ" tower is off on account of sickness; relieved by Extra Man Moseson. We sincerely trust that Bro. Malone will soon be able to resume work.

"BT," Barton tower closed, and the operators taken to "XY" tower, where "phone" men have been employed for the past six months or more. "13" "BT" will be opened again as soon as "biz" picks up.

Bro. E. B. McMahon, of "KZ," Union tower, is working at "SR," Susqua yards, on account of shortage of operators on Delaware Division. There has been two different men at "KZ" since "Mac" left.

Bro. F. D. Monahan, of "IX," Erwins, spent a few days the fore part of January, visiting his parents and sisters at Boliver; relieved by Mr. A. Taylor.

Bro. V. E. Hadley, of "DI," Addison, absent two weeks; relieved by Mr. A. Taylor.

Bro. Harry Wayne is working third trick at Addison, while Bro. Joe Hogan is working extra in "RF" and "V."

Bro. V. W. Goff, of Cameron, absent a few days; relieved by David Dixon.

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Ex-dispatcher Walker has displaced Ed. Donnellson, "V" office. Donnellson is working "RF," nights, No. 1 wire.

Bro. Youngs, of Rathbone, has been assigned to Horseheads station.

Our new Chief Mr. H. A. Williams, and Trainmaster Taylor made an official trip over the division the fore part of January.

Mr. R. W. Morley, of Addison, absent a few days; relieved by Bro. V. E. Hadley.

Fred E. Hall, of Canisteo, absent a few days; relieved by David Dixon.

On the morning of December 24, 1908, while a B. & S. extra, consisting of seventy-two loaded cars, was coming down the heavy grade out of Addison, the air became frozen between the tender and first car, causing the train to gain great speed before the crew was able to set the hand brakes. The runaway passed through the yard at twenty miles per hour, plowed through the Howell Creamery, owned by the Erie. The engine and six cars were buried under the debris in the basement of the creamery, twenty-five freight and coal cars, three coaches and the B. & S. depot were badly damaged, light damage was done to the round-house.

Luckily no one was hurt. The crew, except enginemen and head brakeman, escaped by cutting off the rear end, the brakeman and enginemen escaped by jumping into the deep snow.

The B. & S. wrecking crew assisted by the Erie's Hornell and Corning wreckers were four or five days clearing up the wreckage.

Bro. John Murray, of Division No. 108, made a quick exit through a rear window of the telegraph office. DIV. COR.

Allegheny Division—

Wanted—January 1, 1909, every non on the Allegheny Division to secure application blanks from Bro. Karl, Allegheny, N. Y., and make good in the O. R. T., March 1, 1909. If you want to turn over a new leaf start the new year right by joining the O. R. T.

There are some nons left on this division. Appoint yourself an organizer and never give up until you land them. Show them where they are in the dark, and don't let them put you off by saying, "Wait until next month," because there is no better time than now and once he comes across with the goods and gets acquainted with us, and understands the good move he has made, he would not give up. He would not go back in the old rut and run the risk of walking on the railroad without the protection of the O. R. T. When you stop and think you can see what the Order has done for you and others, and on the other hand see what it is doing for you each day, when the O. R. T. boys get a schedule the non gets the same.

How can we allow them to stay out of the fold when perhaps only a word of explanation would secure their applications, and the small sum that is required for initiation fees. Brothers, keep posted, and you will have all the ammunition you need when a non puts up an argument. Those that are with us are certainly not against us, but those that are not with us must certainly be against us, and not only that, they are against themselves.

Business is a little light at present, but by the time this goes to press I expect it will be booming.

Bro. Canfield, second trick at "CY" tower, took a few days' vacation; relieved by Operator Conlan.

Bro. Kronmiller, first trick at "X," Olean, spent a few days at Belmont, visiting relatives; relieved by Mr. Lewis.

Bro. Biggan, first trick at "JW" tower, has made his escape to some point in the Emipre State on his annual vacation. Do not know the man that is relieving him.

Bro. McHenry, of Hinsdale, off a few days on account of illness of his mother. Do not know who relieved him.

Bro. Bresnlhan, second trick at "CB" tower, off a few days; relieved by Operator McLaughlin.

Bro. Cornell, second trick at "HR" tower, took a trip to Randolph to visit his parents; relieved by Operator Murray.

Bro. Daley, second trick at "FY," off a few days to rest up and see the sights; relieved by Operator Lycett.

Bro. Varner, second trick at "X," Olean, laid off a week to look for Santa Claus, and spend his loose change; relieved by Mr. Mongilla.

Bro. F. J. Handy, third trick at "FR" tower, off a few days; relieved by Mr. F. J. Connelly.

Bro. Hills, first trick at "JX" tower, off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. Brown, of "PE" tower, was called to New York on account of the illness of his sister; relieved by Mr. Murray.

Bro. Miner, third trick at "G" tower, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Bixby.

Bro. Ryan, second trick at Dyke, on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. Oakley, first trick at "WA" tower, off; relieved by Mr. Conlan.

Office at the ice pond at Andover opened up January 12th, with Operator Bixby in charge.

Bros. Garthwaite and Karl have my thanks this month for assistance in furnishing items.

If any brother has an item which they wish put in the journal, please send it to the division correspondent, Bro. J. C. Reynolds, and we can have something in the journal each month. DIV. COR.

Buffalo Division—

Following I endeavor to give a few facts and remarks about our operators and agents on this division.

I am advised that our chief, Mr. Fitzgerald, is absent from his duties on account of the death of a near relative.

If we can not get the nons into the fold, keep at them and they will be glad to resign to get rid of a good thing. Thus making one less non on this division.

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I wonder if any of our brothers noticed a little piece in the January issue of the Erie magazine, the little statement showing how a billion dollars was divided among the working people employed on this road. Their worthy operators received the little end, but hope all of us get a good increase when our committee goes down this spring. Let us all get together and work for it, any way.

Let us all be on hand at our next meeting and see if we can not break the record.

Some of our boys are getting caught on the green market deal. Get wise, boys, and do not let them catch you again.

I understand that some of the misters as I speak, used to be brothers. They make me think of a dog that has had too much meat and still has some left, they don't know a good thing when they have it. BRO. "CS."

Lima and Chicago Division—

The brothers have done nobly this month in the way of items, and we trust that now that they have made a good start that they will keep up the good work. Let every brother try and send in some items not later than the 18th of each and every month, and in that way we can keep up the interest necessary to keep things doing in good shape. When you get your journal and see nothing in it from your division you are disappointed, and your first thought is that there is nothing doing, and you get cold feet then and there.

Now, brothers, let us all pull together and see if we can not make ours the banner division of the Erie road. You will notice that some roads have a good write-up of their entire system each month, and have 90 to 100 per cent. These conditions are all brought about by keeping up interest.

Everything is just simply booming on the Lima and Chicago Divisions. We have trouble, at times, in filling orders for application blanks. About one year ago several young ladies living along the Erie, learned the art of telegraphy and took service with them, and in every case they have made good as telegraphers, and have done good work, and, with but one or two exceptions, they have sent in their applications and money, or are after the necessary blanks, and it is a cinch that the two or three exceptions, will not long remain out of the Order, when they see their sisters being protected by the Order.

Our last meeting at O. R. C. Hall, Huntington, was not as well attended as it should have been, but what was lacking in attendance was fully made up in the amount of business that was transacted. Taking everything into consideration, we certainly made a good showing, and we feel very much gratified the way things have been going, as a whole. Naturally, there are some things that could be improved upon materially. There are a few brothers that will insist on knocking. Now don't get the word knocker and kicker confused, as there is a wide difference between the two words. A kicker is a very necessary person, one who stands up for what is coming to him; right in the center of the game, and is usually on hand to register his kick. The knocker usually stays at home and if he does go, says nothing until after he gets home, and then says what he has to say usually to outsiders at that.

Now, brothers, when you have a grievance get it up in proper shape and present to your officers, and it will be attended to promptly. Within the last thirty days one of our brothers thought he had been bumped and took the matter up with division officers, and probably felt sore that the matter could not be adjusted. The fact of the matter was that the brother had never been regularly assigned to the position; had simply been sent there as an extra man; the place having been bid in by an older man, but the chief was not ready to make the change at that time.

By the time this reaches you we will have an election of division officers, and we understand there is to be some opposition, which we think is a good thing. It gives every one a chance to express his views with his vote. Competition is the life of any business proposition, and we trust the best man will win, regardless of who he is or where he came from, and whoever it may be let us all rally to his support and give him all the help we possibly can.

Bro. Dutton, on first trick at "MJ" tower, after an absence of some time on account of being held on account of the color test.

Bro. Harvey assigned to third trick at Moran's Switch.

Bro. Oglesby, agent at Foraker, has been doing a rushing business in the way of sending in application blanks, and has a ring and two or three gold buttons coming.

Mr. Crepps, agent at Westminster, still has his learners' outfit in full operation. We presume business is good in his line.

Bro. J. A. Thatcher, for many years day and night operator at Lima depot, has bid in second trick at "SJ" tower.

Bro. Hartzler from second trick at Lima depot to third trick same office.

Bro. Quint, of McDuffy, assigned second trick same office.

At Kemp we still have the same old professor as agent. Believe his name is Dersham, but the nerve he displays is certainly admirable. Some time ago when third trick at Lima depot was bulletined, this same man bid on it, and it seems the officials paid no attention to his bid, whereupon he appealed to some of the division officers, and was promptly told that he not only had no kick coming, but, further, had no money invested in the O. R. T. and, therefore, could expect nothing. Now this should be a good lesson to several, and show them how necessary it is to be up-to-date.

Bro. Hite has resumed work at Kingsland after spending Christmas at his old home near Markle, being relieved by Extra Man Wilkin.

Bro. Daniels has his home job for the winter, as Bro. Crasher went to second trick at Glenmore.

Bro. Teeples, of "DA" tower, was off duty a few days; relieved by Extra Operator E. D. Abbott.

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Bro. Loutzenhizer, first trick at Kingsland, was off duty a few days; relieved by Operator Stroup, of Kemp. Bro. Loutzenhizer was called away on account of a serious accident to his mother.

Bro. McKenna off duty a few days; relieved by Extra Agent Geddes.

Bro. Oglesby is still holding down third trick at Kingsland.

Miss Cutting, of Preble, has sent her money and application to Bro. C. L. Bridge, and will now be called sister. Other ladies will please take notice.

Here is an abstract from a letter from a brother on the west end, in answer to another brother's letter asking him if he was up-to-date:

"Answering your letter in regard to my being up-to-date, I will say you will always find me up-to-date, and as long as I have half sense I intend to keep up-to-date. A man with any brains at all could not do otherwise."

That is a good, strong argument, but there is more truth in it than fiction, and it is something that a great many should give some thought to.

Bro. J. R. Sennett has just returned from a six weeks' vacation.

It is rumored that Bro. L. C. Appleman was anticipating leaving the service of the Erie to take service with the C., C. & L. in their general office, but the brother is still doing the second trick at "JO" tower.

Aldine agency was bulletined some time ago, but up-to-date we do not know who bid it in.

We are pleased to note the application of Bro. Welty, at Germany, who joined our ranks recently; also that of Bro. Bowers, who is third trick man at Bolivar.

Servia seems to be quite a joint for turning them out lately. We are advised that Mr. Paul is now a full-fledged professor. BILL DALTON.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Lexington District—

We have accomplished great things in the past year, and let us hope that as much may be done in the new year before us.

The eight-hour law put through, by the telegraphers' friend, Bro. Murphy, and the successful fight of our grand officers against the railroads, in their effort to crush this law, and holding our own in the panic. It's true we didn't do much in the way of bettering our schedule, but a victory was won, when we held our old schedule.

We have our division officers to thank for this last.

We all have, or should have, received Bro. Holmes' circular, and it contains sound advice. If we will all pull together, and bring in the few nons, and try our hand with the "backslider," our efforts will not be in vain. And at the close of this new year, the Lexington District will have nothing to be ashamed of.

We have a common enemy in the "student." Some of you are working, or trying to work with these students, without a kick. One brother on the east end has a student, and allows him to block trains and attempt to take train orders That brother calls himself, "A good O. R. T. man." I don't believe any good brother will agree with him. The company don't furnish any help at that station. But even if this was the case, the telegrapher in question, is forgetting his obligations to the Order, in allowing this student, or helper, to do this, the telegrapher's work. I "13" there are two more such telegraphers on this district who have students. Boys, this is poor business taking students.

Bro. I. D. Irwin, second trick at Ashland Junction, relieved Mr. Overly a few days this month at "AU."

Bro. Stewart, Midland, first trick, landed Enterprise agency. Bro. Friel, second trick, Midland, got first trick at Midland.

Bro. Northcutt is back at L. & E. Junction.

Mr. Knox was off about ten days. "13" he went to Oklahoma. Don't think he was favorably impressed with the lay of the land. Bro. House relieved him.

Bro. L. O. McQuewn, second trick at "NS," Lexington yards, who has been in the hospital for a month, is back to work. An operation was necessary. We are glad to hear that he is well. Relieved by Mr. Alexander from Southern.

Bro. Wheeler, first trick, "NS," was off a few days to spend Xmas. at his home. Bro. House relieved him. "13" Bro. House has since left the service. CERT. 718.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Southwestern Division—

If you do not feel disposed to send in the write-up yourself, just drop the local chairman your notes, and he will gladly send them in for publication.

Of course, you can not expect him to keep up with all the changes without a helping hand from some one, so all who can drop him a few lines each month, and let him know what is doing on the line.

Bro. E. M. Bruner, who has been working third trick at Smithville during Bro. J. H. Randall's absence, is now located at Echeconnee. Have not learned whether it is permanent or not.

Bro. Griffin, agent at Comer, Ala., after being off on a vacation, has now returned, and is handling the bills and checking freight again.

Bro. L. A. Rouse, who was for some time agent at Florala, is now doing the extra stunt. Have heard him working at Albany several times.

Bro. Lamar, agent at Powersville, was seen a few days ago headed for some point in Florida. "13" he don't return to Powersville.

Bro. G. M. Sears made a short trip up to Oglethorpe several days ago to see "Little Sears."

Bro. E. W. Smith, Jr., is on second trick at Albany. Understand he relieved Operator Johnson, who has left for parts unknown.

I notice we had one brother of this division on the "Honor Roll" last month. That is right; get after them, boys. UNION-MADE.

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Chattanooga Division—

Bro. Wilson has returned to work at Brooks, after about a month off.

Bro. Isbell, of Fort Oglethorpe, off for a short while; relieved by Bro. Housch.

We had another interesting meeting at Lafayette the third Sunday in January. Try to get the habit of attending these monthly meetings and you will find yourself getting so interested that you will not miss a meeting when it is possible to go.

The dispatchers have a complaint, and I am very sorry to say a just one against some of us, in that we do not "O. S." trains and answer calls promptly. Our chief has been very patient with us in this matter, and more considerate than some of us realize, but patience has ceased to be a virtue with him, and a change for the better is imperative. Now, let's make an improvement in this. The only way the dispatcher has of keeping up with the trains is by our "O. S.," and the proper time to give it is as soon as we can get in on the wire after the train has passed. I realize we all have other work to do. Don't feel that this is negligence on our part, but I hope that we will show them that we are on the job in this respect, as O.S.ing promptly is very important.

Mr. Routt, who worked at Chattanooga yard office a while, has gone on his route, without waiting to be relieved. We are glad he did not belong to us. CERT. 265.

Ann Arbor Ry.

Understand that the building which housed the interlocking plant at Pittsburg burned some time ago, and Bro. Terrell is enjoying the cool air while heaving the levers.

By the time this appears in print we will have held an election of a local chairman. Let us choose some good man and insist on having a meeting once in a while.

A call will be made for a special assessment to clear up our present indebtedness. Let each brother respond promptly and clean this old account. We may wish to send a committee to confer with the management for a revision to our schedule and we will need some more money.

Keep your eyes and ears open and you may hear something.

Other roads are securing more concessions. Why not us on the Ann Arbor?

I have my eyes on at least five nons who I expect to land before the first of April. This will put us in pretty good shape again.

Let us all try to secure at least one new member before June 30th. We will be 100 per cent solid then.

Bro. Roof, at Clare, back on third trick, changing with Opr. Nevison.

Was glad to see the articles in the January TELEGRAPHER by "Your Uncle Dud." For some time past items have been rather scarce and I have been devoting most of my spare time looking for nons. Come again, Uncle. "RA."

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Second Division—

How does the cold weather with a few feet of snow thrown in strike you? F. B. Not. From the way changes are being made, one would think the boys had to move to keep warm.

The box car at Malta being too cold for Bro. Fordy, he took Granite second trick on bulletin.

Bro. J. T. Coffey took agency and Bro. L. W. Coffey second trick Red Bluff on bulletin, leaving Bro. Soderberg, Tenn Pass, second trick, and Mr. W. B. French third trick. Bro. "J" relieved at Wolcott by Mr. C. Hardenbright.

An extra man has been placed at Pando temporarily. A Mr. W. L. Vaughan holds the position.

Bro. Barton, of Eagle, off a few days; relieved by some new man.

Sister Rogers, of Grand Junction, off a couple of weeks during the holidays; relieved by Bro. Hickey.

Bro. Bourne now handling the train sheet third trick at Glenwood.

Bro. Morris and wife were noticed shaking their feet at "HD" New Year's Eve.

Did any one notice a decrease in business the few days "we" were laid up? If not we'll try and stay on our feet in the future. Mr. R. W. Bollin did the extra work at Minturn.

Dotsero, another N. O. office, has been abolished, and three men put on at Shoshone, Mr. R. Chrouch holding second trick and Mr. U. G. Shophorn holding third. Can not say whether brothers or not.

Bro. Cole, from Avon, bid in Buena Vista second trick.

Understand our superintendent R. R. Sutherland is at present visiting in Nebraska.

Conductor F. Parks died at Salida January 4th, just on the eve of his departure for California, where he expected to regain his health. This is indeed a sad blow to the boys of the Rio Grande, as Mr. Parks was known to all as a true gentleman and fellow worker.

It is reported an official worked a trick as operator one night because no operator available.

There are several nons on this division at present and we would like to see them all come into the Order. Application blanks have been furnished most of them and any one else desiring blanks can get them by asking. Bro. F. Crosno, Minturn, is very generous with the papers.

Items were received this month from Bros. Coffey and Morris. Will not some one else send us notice of the doings in their vicinity each month? "VO."

Pueblo to Trinidad and LaVeta—

Bro. Evans is working at San Carlos, third trick, until Bro. Stokes shows up to take hold.

Bros. Kennedy, Owen and Evans and "Bill" Owen, from the East, all attended the ball at Lime, Colo., January 22d. "Bill" Edson was there, too.

Bro. Belcher, on his return from the South, dropped off No. 14 and worked a day and a half

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for Bro. Prettyman, at Verde. Bro. Prettyman went to Pueblo to see his family.

After relieving at Verde Bro. Belcher resumed duties at Graneros third trick, which is his regular position. While Bro. Belcher was away on his vacation Mr. E. H. Grebe worked third trick at Graneros. He holds an up-to-date with the C. T. U. of A.

Bro. Whitney, of Dresden Town, landed Lark spur third trick on bid and has left the south end. Bro. Bower now holding down the twelve-hour stunt at that place.

Bro. Bain got Huerfano second trick, but has not been transferred yet. Bro. Norris is there now. Bro. Helber has gone to the "Sacred" north end also.

Bro. Allen back to work at Cuchara after having an extended lay-off and went home; was relieved by Bro. Claar. Bro. Claar went from Cuchara to Florence.

Bro. Giddings is working second trick at Rouse Junction now; do not know who is the fixture there now.

Bro. Challis relieved Bro. "Dad" Wright at Rouse for a short time. Bro. Challis went from Rouse to Castle Rock to relieve somewhere in the shuffle caused by Breslow laying off.

Bro. J. O. Johnson relieving Bro. Domka at LaVeta. BILL.

B. & L. E. Ry.

Opr. F. F. Burras, formerly second trick at Conley, has been placed first trick at Kremis. Opr. C. E. McGuire filling second trick at Conley at present.

Opr. Keep is working third trick at Meadville Junction for a few nights.

Opr. Sherrick is working second at Lynces Junction, relieving Opr. F. Jackson.

At last meeting at Greenville Bro. Rex Williams rode the goat.

We have four ex-dispatchers working as operators on north end, so don't try to burn them, for all the satisfaction you could get would be to pack a hot box on your sounder and that takes time.

Bro. M. A. Williams, first trick at "KO" Junction, also division organizer, has been doing some good work the last few weeks. He has corralled quite a few of the stragglers, all of whom will soon be wearing the O. R. T. brand.

Mr. Hedeen, third trick at "XB," North Bessemer, off two weeks; relieved by Bro. H. E. Hale, of Division 130.

"SA" Tower, Pardoe, was closed from midnight until 6 a. m., commencing December 23. This threw F. B. Campbell on the extra list.

The new tower at North Bessemer was put into commission December 23. There are eleven levers and the switches across the bridge at Plum Creek are operated from "XB." Gas has been installed and a big new switchboard.

Bro. C. A. Callahan worked a week second trick at Conneautville, relieving Mr. Mitchell.

Third trick at Rural Ridge was taken off December 23. Bro. M. B. DeShong, who worked it, went to Horne first trick in the absence of Chas. Fitzmartin.

Bro. E. J. Grant, first trick at Lynces Junction, took a week's vacation; relieved by F. B. Campbell, extra telegrapher.

E. F. Redfoote, new man on road, working third trick at Harrisville in the place of Bro. Hughes, who has left the service.

Bro. A. D. Knapp, first trick at Woods, spent Christmas in Greenville.

Bro. R. G. Loveday, second trick at "VE" tower, was off four days in January; relieved by Bro. C. A. Callahan.

Bro. R. L. Williams, agent at Euclid, quarantined in the house on account of typhoid fever in his family. Relieved by Relief Agent F. D. Hornbeck.

Bro. H. G. Carlyle, third trick at Springboro, took a week's vacation in January. Relieved by F. B. Campbell, extra telegrapher.

Bro. O. L. Fleeger, agent at Springboro, was off on his ten days' (O. R. T.) vacation in December Earl Cooper, clerk, checked in as agent in Bro. Fleeger's absence.

Bro. Kebert, second trick at Springboro, took a day off recently; says it is good to get out now and then. Relieved by T. R. Keep, extra man.

Bro. J. H. Brooks resigned third trick at "VE" tower in the favor of Bro. J. A. Highbarger, first trick at Kremis, who got heartily tired of the place. Bro. Highbarger was relieved by F. F. Buras, from Conley, second trick.

The little daughter of Bro. M. C. Hahn, first trick, "NA" tower, has been very ill. At this writing, however, she is reported much better.

Bro. E. B. Minnis, second trick, Houston Junction, took a little vacation last month. Relieved by Bro. H. E. Hale.

Bro. S. A. Wildman, who worked first trick at Harmonsburg until it was closed, at this time is reported to be at Greensburg, Pa., on the P. R. R.

"CV," supervisor's office, Grove City, has been moved from the old office over Broad street to rooms over the station. The wires will be taken out of the station and Mr. Haun's clerk will do the telegraphing.

Bro. C. R. Miller, first trick, Meadville Junction, took a vacation last December. He visited in Milwaukee, Chicago and Buffalo. Relieved by Bro. H. B. Sherrick. Bro. Sherrick now at Lynces Junction, second trick, relieving Bro. F. F. Jackson.

Bro. Petquignot, first trick at "DE," Meadville, is at this time seriously ill with Bright's disease. He has the sympathy and the hopes of the division for a speedy recovery.

Bro. Bruce Lord went from Conneaut Lake to Meadville, first trick, in the absence of Bro. Petquignot. Bro. Lord was relieved at Conneaut Lake by "Dusty" Rhodes, of Watson's Run, Rhodes being relieved by F. B. Campbell, extra telegrapher.

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Bro. C. A. Rood, of Queen Junction, made a business trip over the north end in the first week of January.

Bro. R. A. Litwiler, who has held second trick at Meadville Junction for several years with credit to himself and the company, has been appointed agent at that point, former agent C. H. Bolster taking third and R. W. Litwiler second trick.

Bro. "Stonewall" Jackson, second trick at Dicksonburg, took a vacation at Xmas. Relieved by F. B. Campbell.

"Ye scribe" wishes to extend his thanks to Bro. Smith, of Springboro, and Bro. Miller, of Meadville Junction, for their able assistance in this month's write-up and gives them an invitation to come again.

Bro. M. B. DeShong went to Meharg, third trick, after he got through at Horne.

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Pittsburg & Lake Erie Ry.

Bro. Eicholtz, of Fleming Park, returns to "CO," College, thereby bumping Mr. Vails, who goes to "QA," Aliquippa, second trick. Ex-Bro. Wallace goes from "QA," second, to "AK," Nimick, third trick, Bro. Creahen, from "AK," third to 34th street, Pittsburg, third trick. Bro. Rothrock, from 34th street, Pittsburg, to "FM," Fleming Park, third trick. Bro. Thomas bid in second trick at "DU," 34th street, Pittsburg.

Bro. M. J. Kelly has left the service and Bro. O'Neil takes his place at "CH," McKee's Rocks, second trick.

Bro. Shugert goes to "AD," Pittsburg yard, in place of O'Neil.

Opr. Graham relieved Mr. Hunter at "RH," McKee's Rock, during the holidays while Hunter took an Xmas vacation.

Ex-Bro. Yohey relieved Mr. Purdick at "MA," McKee's Rock general yard office, while Burdick was doing the extra stunt in dispatcher's office, Pittsburg.

Bro. Horn secures a regular berth in dispatcher's office, Pittsburg.

Mr. Yohey is now learning the interlocking machines at Pitsburg, McKees' Rock and Fleming Park.

Mr. Graham relieved Mr. Wallace at "AK," while the latter took a vacation which he spent at home with his parents. Mr. Graham says he will have nothing to do with the Order; don't forget "no card, no favors."

Mr. Yohey relieved Bro. Campbell at "DX," Pittsburg, for a few days while the latter was making a trip over his division as local chairman.

Stockmans Run interlocking (new office) opened a few days ago with Bros. Bees, Price and McCarthy in charge. All were awarded on bids.

Come, brothers, let's awaken from our semi-stupor; sit up and take notice of some things which are happening beside you almost every day. Get busy and stay busy. "ME."

I came on this line on the 19th of September and was surprised to find so many delinquent members, but I have met some very staunch members also. I questioned one non why he was not a member of the O. R. T., and the response was he could not see where the O. R. T. has ever benefited him any, and when I cornered him the hard luck story followed that his wife had been in the hospital for quite a while; he also was laid up in the same place for about a month, which turned out to be a falsehood. He found that this would not bluff so he comes along saying that he could not keep two secret orders up and the O. R. T. too, so he finally said he would rather keep up the other orders and drop the O. R. T. Brothers of this line, you want to get after these kind of drones and backsliders or they will die.

I had a non to have the gall to say if the O. R. T. got him $5.00 more a month the next time the committee went up he would go in right away. Now what do you brothers of this line think of that, anyway? I hope if he is such kind of material that he will be benefited by getting a $15.00 cut instead of a raise, which will waken him up to some great extent with a fourteen-hour day. Now, brothers, we have either one of two things to do with the nons. If we treat them courteously and as brothers how in the world do we expect to do anything. We have got to adopt the golden rule and stick to it, which is "no card, no favors."

Opr. A. A. Calhsun is relieving Mr. Ludgwick at "AK" tower for a few days.

Mr. W. R. Williams relieved Opr. Thomas at "DU," third trick, while he was absent and also relieved Opr. Lunn at "MA," a few days.

Awake from your dreams and be doing, it is only a short time till we will be called upon for a vote on improvements by our committee. See what you are capable of doing and if each one does his share the P. & L. E. will not be found behind.

Bro. N. G. McClellan returned to first trick at "Z," who has been off for the last three months building a house.

Opr. Whalen, who has been working first trick, resumed second at "Z," and is now off for about a week. Relieved by Bro. E. H. Lung, who is a new man on the road, but carries an up-to-date card from the Panhandle.

Opr. McMillan, working third trick at "Z," was off five days and was relieved by Bro. Wm. Joyce, who is a new man from the N. Y. N. H. & H. Ry. Understand he is working third trick at Vankirk now for a few days. CERT. 403.

Sou. Pac. Ry.

San Joaquin District—

It is gratifying to notice that the telegraphers, as a whole, are showing their appreciation of the good work that has been accomplished by their officers now in office by making individual effort to secure each and every eligible telegrapher to affiliate with the organization. Daily one can hear on the wires the brotherly conversations of union men trying to, and regularly succeeding, in

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convincing non-members that it is the proper thing to become a member and assist in maintaining what we have already secured. Not that there may be any argument why any man should remain outside the fold, but that the proposition has never before been rightly placed before him for consideration. When one takes out his card in an organization, such as ours, it is a duty he at once assumes, to work for the upbuilding of that organization, and have the boys taken to the duty that falls upon them in assuming the membership.

It is with regret that I report that several offices have been closed, thereby depriving as many men of employment, but when the company's business decreases it is but good business principle to reduce expenses, where it can be done without subtracting from the efficiency of the service.

Bro. Lester's circular of January 1st, is just out, and offers encouragement and kind wishes to all the boys. It makes one feel as though we are under able leadership. He points out that we should show, by our service to the company, by our attention to detail, that union labor is the first-class labor, and when union wages are paid, union service is rendered; and union service is the best for men and women working together in brotherly interest, work with each other. When I visit a brother at his station I always inquire into his system of handling the company's business, and if I learn from his system I am happy if I am able to point out where I believe my system may be of benefit to him and give better results, I also gain pleasure in that method. Were it not for fraternal feeling brought about by unionism this method would not be possible.

At Caliente, Sister Ryan, who has been on leave of absence for a month, visiting her daughter and granddaughter at San Jose, is again at her desk.

Bealville office opened a couple of months. Occupied by Bro. M. M. Cecil, lately of Santa Barbara, where one of the offices was closed, and he was left without a job. Bro. Cecil laid off to spend Christmas at a reunion of his family, returning to work at Ventura, extra. He was relieved at Bealville by Bro. Shepard, who was relieved by the closing of the office, January 8th.

At Marcel, while the office was open, E. Delashmet.

At Mojave, Bro. Smith has just returned from the East, where he has been visiting the old folks. Bro. Williamson on leave of absence just now.

Bro. Rickells, who has been agent at Palmdale for the past three years, is intending to present his resignation shortly, for he has bought an interest in an agricultural implement firm at Fernando, and will devote his time to that business.

The San Joaquin and Los Angeles Divisions have made River Station (Los Angeles), a joint telegraph office, which puts two men out of office on the San Joaquin Division. Also the Coast and San Joaquin at Santa Barbara closed one office, making the other do all the work.

In the death of Superintendent Burkhalter, which occurred last month, the boys lost the last of the old-time Westerners in the railroad business, and all feel keenly the loss. Superintendent Burkhalter was respected by all who knew him, and recognized as a thorough railroader, having arisen from the ranks. He knew every detail of the work and his death was a sad blow to a host of friends.

The telegraphers of this division placed a floral tribute in the shape of a wreath and sounder and pole with broken wire. Other orders were also represented, most conspicuous being that of the trainmen, which was an engine and coach, representing the private car Saco, used by the deceased. The funeral was held at Los Angeles and was attended by friends and employes from all departments.

The yard office at Santa Barbara has been closed and all trains are now handled from Victoria street. This cuts out Bros. Cecil and Oakley, who have hit the extra list and are hopping around from place to place, rather than bump at some "OS" job and get stuck there.

Bro. Ingram, at Ventura, has been on vacation; relieved by Bro. M. M. Cecil.

Bro. McFee, of Carpinteria, has been on a sixty-day lay-off; relieved by Bro. Mithen, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Holmes. Bro. Mithen resigned to accept a job in a commercial house in Los Angeles.

Wires have been cut out of Moorpark and Nordhoff. It is understood that these brothers will bid out.

The last bulletin shows about ten vacancies and positions range from the best station on the line to the poorest.

Bro. Moranda was assigned to Malaga, Bro. Porter to Armona, Bro. McDonald to Moorpark, Bro. Johnson to Porterville, Bro. Timmons to Caliente, Bro. Lively to Mojave, and Mr. Barngrover to Goshen.

Positions open to bid are Famoso, Oil City, Bakersfield, Cinco, Searles, Piru, Montalvo, Coalinga, and Operators at Visalia, Coalinga and Bakersfield.

The local chairman will go over the division in a short time, signing up the few who are not members and collecting back dues from those who have not paid up.

You should promptly notify the local chairman of any changes, new comers, and any other items of interest and welfare of the Order. Too many brothers from other divisions do not transfer simply because the information is not given the local chairman, and he has no way of knowing without your assistance. LOCAL COR.

L. W. and L. M. and T. Divisions—

There are quite a number of new comers working extra. It is to be hoped that all the good men stay and the nons hike.

We have a pretty good schedule, but can stand improvement, and I feel sure the time is coming when we will have as good a schedule as any other road. All we have to do is to *stick*, keep a stiff upper lip, give good service, and work for the

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company's interest as well as our own, so that when we ask for something good they will feel like it is due us.

The following assignments were made on December bulletin: C. C. Gerced, "MI," third trick; W. N. Goodwin, "O" days; H. J. Casteron, "A" second trick; W. W. Stevens, "HO" nights; G. L. Seugeneau, "WB" days; A. J. Sparks, "X" second trick; P. H. McDonald, "FD" third trick; J. V. Hanley, "KR" second trick. Bulletin only shows two positions vacant. This looks like all the boys have landed their intended spot.

Bro. Duncan has been reinstated and is back at his old stand at Hayes, on the Lake Arthur branch.

Bro. F. C. Smith is doing the relief stunt at Welsh, relieving Mr. Tubbs.

Bro. Wilhelm, better known as "Dutch," has left for the Pacific coast. THE WONDER.

Salt Lake Division—

I wish to thank each one for the treatment accorded me on my recent trip on the road, and am sorry that I did not get to see every one, and hope I will be able to finish the visiting in January.

I am sorry that we can not each one visit the other offices, as I think it a great benefit, especially for the one who does the visiting. Was glad to find the interest that is shown in the work in our department, and our work, as a whole, is second to none. I found some complaint that in some cases good work was not appreciated by the company, but I think this a mistake, as our local officials appreciate good work, which is all we should expect. Each one of us is as much a part of the company as any other person, therefore the knowledge that we are giving good service is all the appreciation we should expect from the company.

I find some of the more important stations very poorly paid for the work and responsibility, and we hope this well be remedied. Some of us have been on the desert so long that we find it hard to be congenial to the men we are working with, but we should make an extra effort to be fair to each other. I can assure you that the officials do not like to hear of complaints between employes.

Has every one started that bank account? I would like to see every employe in this department with a nice credit in a bank, drawing interest, even if it is small. I think that this is the most important thing for the laboring man to do at present.

I do not mean to carry it too far, as in one case I found a man who was so busy trying to buy him a home that he was letting the rest of us pay his organization dues. I like to see a man close enough to look out for his own interests, but when he is too stingy to pay his debts and lives on the efforts of others, he is a disgrace. I would give you his name, but some of us might tell him what we think of him, and it would do us more harm than it would do him.

I see there is a good deal being said in the papers about the high freight rates that the public is being forced to pay, and there is no doubt but that some of them are high, but some are very low, and there is another side of the question. We have been working without a raise of pay for the past ten years or more, as every time we get a small raise, living expenses were raised more than enough to balance it. This was done, too, by the people who are now howling about high freight rates. It is time we were howling a little, too. Look at the money that the railroad employes alone spend in any railroad center, and figure what values they get. Then go down the streets and count the unnecessary stores, and employes in these stores that the laboring man is supporting, or very nearly supporting. Then figure the rents you are also paying, and then figure each storekeeper's profits, as well as losses he makes on poor credits. We are paying it all, as well as our part of the freight rates. If these people would figure on these expenses, instead of forming associations to see how much rents and profits they can make us pay, they would not need to take our raise of pay; and more, before we even get it, and then try to get the roads to cut rates so they could support one or two more business houses. Excessive business houses, as we now have them, are nothing but leeches for the laboring man to support. Then look at the saloons the laboring man is supporting. Whisky is not a necessity, but just look at the expenses we have to pay before we can get a drink of the, as a rule, degrading stuff. Organized labor has a remedy for this imposition, and I am in favor of using it, at once, too.

Wish to again thank you for your interest, and wish you all a prosperous year.

W. B. TAVELLE.

Houston Division—

Bro. Chism, agent at Schertz, has been laying off and enjoying a much needed rest during the holidays.

Sabinal, third trick, and Seguin, first trick operator-clerk, now on bulletin.

Bro. Baker at present doing the stunt at Sabinal third trick, and at Seguin Bro. Pete Schaller is working first, with Bro. Weiss second, and Bro. Rosenbush third.

Bro. Williams, working second trick at San Antonio, east yard, has just returned from his honeymoon.

Bro. H. Hurr, of Engle, is at present acting local chairman to fill the unexpired term made by Bro. Martin Braden, of Lacoste, whom we regret was obliged to give up the good work on account of illness. It is to be said that Bro. Braden is one of the best of men we need, and certainly wish him a speedy recovery. CERT. 7705.

Tuscan Division—

Our former Superintendent W. H. Averell was made superintendent of the Los Angeles Division, and succeeded by Mr. W. H. Whalen, as superintendent of the Tuscan Division.

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Mr. A. F. Bowles, assistant superintendent, was made superintendent of the Western Division, and was succeeded by Mr. J. W. Metcalf, from the Los Angeles Division.

Tucson Division now has two trainmasters, Mr. H. G. Bonorden, Tucson to El Paso, and Mr. G. L. Hickey, Tucson to Yuma.

Dispatcher W. B. Kirkland is enjoying a months' vacation in old Mississippi.

J. H. King, from agency at Maricopa, bid in agency at Simon.

Bro. E. Jones was assigned to Glade, days.

Glade has been made a two-man position, with Bro. J. S. Taylor on nights, extra.

Bro. A. E. Lawrence was assigned to third trick at Bowie.

Bro. A. G. Brinley secured fourth trick at Benson.

Bro. Leroy Palmer, from Lardsburg, assigned to Wellton, nights.

Bro. G. B. Pannell, from Simon, to Strauss, nights.

Bro. O. K. Turner assigned Blaisdell, nights.

Bro. E. Best, from extra, to Esmond, nights.

This leaves the following vacancies: Gila, second trick; Estrella, nights; Maricopa, agency; Dragon, second trick; Bowie, second trick; Lordsburg, third trick; Simon, nights; Ocboa, nights.

Bro. J. L. Strong has been used as relief agent at Vail and Cochise for several weeks.

Bro. W. H. Lawrence, of Cochise, has gone to Nevada to see if he can find a more suitable position; his duties having about worn him out.

Our Local Chairman Bro. C. Q. Leslie, recently made a very successful trip over the division, securing a number of new members and transferring several others. Several old members had become too lax in remitting dues and had to take out new memberships.

As a class we are too careless of our own best interests, and in becoming delinquent we waive our rights in the M. B. D. Life is uncertain, and we can only suggest a glance at the December TELEGRAPHER with its photos of deceased members to urge the members to pay more attention to their dues and assessments.

Nominations for local chairman and delegate are being made, and it is expected that the coming convention at Atlanta, Ga., May 10th, will present a busy scene.

Several large systems of railroad in the South are unorganized or partially so, and the convention will no doubt be of much and lasting benefit to that section of the country. It is not too early to hint at the convention city for 1911, and I would hereby respectfully suggest to delegates of the West that our own beautiful Los Angeles be pushed to the first place in the eyes of the approaching convention. Some of the large railroad systems of the West need the sentiment and attention this would bring about, and the West has not had the honor of an O. R. T. convention since long before we can remember. Los Angeles with 300,000 people, with immense convention halls, its beauty of fruits and flowers, and its unequaled beaches and resorts is the coming convention city, and I venture the assertion now that it will be in the race when the question comes up at Atlanta.

Yours fraternally,

LOCAL CORRESPONDENT.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Yellowstone Division—

The new year finds every thing moving along smoothly on the Yellowstone Division. Three new members this month, and the prospect of one or two for February. Abernathy at Pompeys Pillar, Washburn at Hoyt, and Anderson at Hodges being the new applicants. I will make it a point to give the new applications in each write-up, so every member can keep his list of members up-to-date and know who are the brothers on the division.

The January TELEGRAPHER came to us with a splendid editorial by Bro. Quick, reviewing the past year's work of the Order. It's good enough to read several times, see that every non on the division is given an opportunity to read it, and then a little organizing talk along with Bro. Quick's remarks should be enough to secure an application or two.

All who were absent on vacations have returned to duty with the exception of Bro. John Paul, who is taking an extended leave of absence at home. Bros. Gough and Raymond Paul have returned to work in Glendive. Bros. Cunningham and Mars going to Sims and Sweet Briar on account of reduction in Glendive office. Bro. Niekum transferred from Rosebud to Sanders, making that office solid again. Sister Sullivan and son are visiting on the Pacific Coast; she being relieved by Bro. Washburn.

Three positions put on at Gladstone and Sweet Briar since the first of the month, the business could not be handled at these places satisfactorily with a period of the day closed.

Bro. G. S. Priest has resigned at Belfield and gone to the Rocky Mountain Division, changed locations for his health.

Bro. Nutten has returned from his Christmas vacation, bringing with him a better half.

I am indebted to Bros. Forsblad, Bervin and Neikum for material for this write-up, and appreciate their help very much. We can have a good write-up each month if every member will help just a little bit, drop me a line or two on a postal card, when there is a change in your office, which will help in keeping addresses considerable.

Before you see another write-up from this division the result of the election should be known to every one, the local chairman's office to be filled, and a delegate to the Grand Convention being elected. If this should be the last time I have the opportunity of writing you as local chairman, I want to thank you for what support and assistance has been given me during the past; while I do not feel that all the help was

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given me in many instances that could have been, without any extra effort on your part, I appreciate it just the same. I have enjoyed the work very much, and have performed it to the best of my ability, and whether I serve you in the future as I have in the past, as spokesman for the Yellowstone Division, you will find me ready to do every thing for the advancement of the Order all the time in every place.

M. A. SMOOT, *Local Chairman.*

Pacific Division, First District—

Operator Dobson, from fourth trick at Ellensburg, to superintendent's office at "WR," Tacoma, on afternoon shift.

Bro. R. W. Baker, at Ellensburg, takes fourth trick there, and a new man, Mr. Fichtl, from Union depot, Seattle, takes third, vacated by Bro. Baker.

Bro. Barr resigned from Nelsons; succeeded by Bro. H. McKiddy.

At Easton, Bro. A. M. Calvert is back from vacation January 1st, resuming his position as agent. This puts Bro. W. G. Calvert on first, Bro. J. L. Brimberry on second, and Mr. J. A. O'Reilly on third. Bro. G. F. Bingham, who was working third trick during Bro. A. M. Calvert's vacation transferred to South Prairie, later to third trick at Lestor, where he is working at the time of writing.

Bro. M. B. Parker, from third trick at Martin, to second trick at Stampede. He was relieved by Mr. S. Stanley, who used to work at King St. Station, Seattle., sometime ago. Mr. Stanley was discharged; his place taken by Mr. J. F. Spencer, a new man from Seattle.

Bro. Brandoh, from Lemolo to North Portland; succeeded by Mr. F. B. Wood (was temporarily working third trick at Palmer Junction).

Brothers on three-men jobs, do not work double-shifts with no rest or insufficient rest. This is against the law and against the company's rules, and is certainly a poor practice.

I am further requested to mention a case where a certain operator has been away on a vacation nearly ninety days, and came back and worked one day, and has not shown up since. This evidently to hold his rights under the schedule, although not a member. If this is correct, as my informant believes to be the case, it is plainly a violation of the spirit if not the exact letter of the schedule, and should be looked into.

At the Tacoma meeting, January 15th, ballots were opened and counted for nominations for local chairman, delegate and alternate to Grand Convention at Atlanta, Ga., next May.

Nominations for local chairman, John Hartl, Centralia; J. C. Phares, location forgotten by me; P. C. Arnold, Borup; R. W. Baker, Ellensburg. Delegate, District No. 5, A. J. Dubois, Pasco Division, and John Hartl and R. W. Baker, Pacific Division. Alternates, P. C. Arnold, Jesse Waters and Kingsmill Commander, all of Pacific Division.

While the total vote cast was small, still the Pacific Division was well up in the bunch, but was not where it should have been, when one stops to think that it is the largest and supposed to be the strongest.

I was glad of the opportunity I had for a good long talk with Bro. Holmes over O. R. T. matters in general. I am convinced that he is always on the alert for anything that will benefit the Order and that he is doing all in his power to keep things humming, which is a hard thing for one man to do, and he deserves much credit for what is done.

Bro. Baker accept thanks for the above complete report, for which we are all indebted to him.

In common with all Western and many Eastern roads we are having troubles with deep snow, cold weather and washouts.

Wire trouble and demoralized train service have made it hard to cover the ground, but different brothers have helped out, and I believe this is fairly correct at time of writing, which, it must be remembered, is nearly a month before it is printed in the journal.

As we all do an equal amount of hoop work under the A. B. C. system of handling trains, it will not be without interest and profit to hear a little about the hoop business from the men who have to do the catching of them. I have heard considerable conversation with train and enginemen on this subject and I learn that, notwithstanding, the company sent a man over the division to put reflectors on the hand lamps, and instruct all in regard to hoop handling. Yet some operators hold the lamps so that the light shines in the eyes of the men on the approaching train, thereby dazzling them so they cannot locate the hoop. The dark side of the lamp should be towards the train and the light thrown on the hoop. There is a very great difference in the way hoops are held at different stations. As one of our best engineers said to me, "Some places I know I am safe to catch my hoop at forty miles an hour; at others I don't feel sure of making it at five miles an hour. Some of the boys don't seem to understand that if they keep the light out of our eyes and hold the hoop still, with the light shining on it, we will reach it even if it's not quite in the right place. But it must be held still or we are almost sure to miss it. There is —— at —— (a certain station west of Lester). He is just as bad as before the instructor went over the road. He holds his lamp too near the hoop, so that one is likely to strike his hand and cut it badly when reaching for the hoop; and then when you are almost to him he will get nervous and commence to shift the hoop up or down or sidewise, because he is afraid he has it in the wrong place, and the consequence is that it is a constant worry and annoyance catching hoops from him, as one can never feel certain of getting them."

Another matter that merits close and careful attention is keep fresh, black carbons in block card pads, and using a hard enough pencil with a tin under, so as to insure clear, plain copies of all cards issued.

K. C.

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Lake Superior Division—

Right now is the time to be up and doing, if we wish to hold what we have already won, so let us make our watchword, "Organize," and all pull together for the common good, regardless of individual differences. Just now the greatest menace seems to be the phones, but instead of being discouraged and giving up, we must redouble our efforts, so if trains are to be moved by phone, the man behind the phone will be a union brother, and be working for union wages, instead of a pittance. I have just been reading an article in *The World's Work*, for January, entitled "How Labor Will Control Capital," by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. It is an extract from his new book, "Problems of Today," and I found food for much thought therein, and think it will prove of interest to many.

I am sorry to say that I am not very well acquainted with most of you, and so if I designate some good Bro. as "Mr." I beg his pardon, and if I put a non down as "Bro." I hope he will accept the suggestion, and act at once so there will be cause for me to take it back.

Can see no reason why we can not have a meeting on this division at a place and time that the greatest number can get together, or if necessary could have two in different places so all could have a chance to get to it and get back to work.

Don't forget the ballots for the election of officers, and don't on any account put off getting the latest card, so you will be up-to-date.

Bro. Mason, at Moose Lake, is helping to get this write-up together, and I thank him and many others that help, and may inspire others also. If this meets your approval, and you wish some more in the future, kindly send any items to me at Pine City, and I will gladly do all I can, as our local chairman has not the time to devote to this work.

Bro. Carter, at Forest Lake, is at present enjoying a well-earned rest, and Bro. Tom Sebesta is holding fort there, during his absence.

At North Branch, General Chairman Bro. Sam Johnson is now back in the harness, after a long organizing tour. He was relieved by Bro. Tom Sebesta during his absence, with Mr. Joe O'Brien as operator.

Bro. Donald, at Rush City, was away during the holidays, and was relieved by a Miss LaPole, who hails from Grantsburg.

At Pine City it's now Bro. J. A. Peterson, agent, and Bro. D. C. Gray, second trick. These are two additions to the O. R. T. army since the last write-up. And at the present writing, "yours truly," "R," is holding the third trick.

Bro. C. H. Bickley, former night operator at "MR," who left the service last fall, called on us a few days ago. He is now general agent for a firm in Chicago and seems to be getting alone fine.

Bro. J. M. Curtis, of West Duluth, is now agent at Fon Du Lac, after a short stay as agent at Tamarack on the Second District.

Bro. Peterson, of Wyoming, visited friends at Moose Lake the other day.

Moose Lake, "MU," now a three-man position is about to be reduced to two men, with no telegraph service from 6 a. m. until 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. This reminds us of the old proverb, "Penny wise and pound foolish." The reason for the reduction is given as "Decrease in business," but it is a fact that there are now twice as many trains on the road as there were two weeks ago. The cost to the company of a three hour delay to a train, three or four times a month, would more than pay the salary of an operator.

What is known as "The Bridge," "ND," office will soon be discontinued. This position is now being filled by Operators Harris, first trick; Conery, of "DU," second trick, and Landsworth, third trick. All nons.

Pfeifer, our popular third trick dispatcher, is now taking the "F3S," and delays on account of no operator at "DU" after 12 midnight.

Bro. Jackse, second trick at Carlton, "UN," ate Christmas turkey at his home in McGregor.

On account of a steady reduction of the force since the grain rush, there has been lots of bumping on the line as many offices heretofore having continuous telegraph service, being now one-man positions, and some offices closed altogether.

Business was a little slack during the holidays, but seems to be generally good all over the division at the present writing, and understand the coal has just started moving.

The company has a right to expect first-class service under the new law, and am sure they have no kick coming, and if they notice they will see the "Johnny on the Spot Men," are the fellows who wear the button—don't look for it from one who don't. "Nuff Sed."

Bro. O'Sullivan suggests that arrangements be made for a meeting to be held in the near future. Think it meets with the approval of all the boys, and see no reason why there could not be a goodly number present, and also arrange to hold regular meetings thereafter.

N. F. Thoreson, formerly third trick operator at Motley, to third trick at Aitkin, "KN," when "MO" was reduced, December 13th to a two-man position.

J. N. O'Brien as night operator at Pillager from September until December 5th, when the night office was closed. O'Brien going to Kimberly, "K," second trick, and Mrs. LaPole to her home in Grantsburg, Wis.

Lorch, "JO," opened in September with Bro. George Rice, from first trick at Aitkin (formerly of Brainerd, days), as first trick operator, and Jim Carrol, second trick. Unable to say who held third trick there. When the office was closed, December 10th, Rice, after a couple of weeks' vacation, bid in second trick at McGregor, "MG." Operator Carroll going to his home in Stillwater. The third trick man, name unknown, went to Jamestown.

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O. A. Johnson, from third trick at "MU," to third trick at "KN;" relieved by Joe O'Brien; O'Brien, in turn, being relieved by N. F. Thoreson; Thoreson from third trick at "JO."

At Tamarack, "TK," now a one-man position with G. R. Foutz, agent and operator, but think by the sound he is not much stuck on the job. J. M. Curtis, the former agent, bid in Fon Du Lac, "FN," agency. "TK" being filled temporarily by Bro. A. E. Youngberg.

At Wright, "WT," Bro. W. L. Barnes, agent and operator, took a month's leave of absence on November 5th; Bro. Youngberg again relieving.

Great credit is due Sister Nichols for her promptness in giving us such a complete lineup of the Second District on short notice. She was kindly assisted by several of the brothers along the line. Much interest was shown, and it is hoped we will be able to arrange for a regular correspondent in the future with news items each month. CERT. 536.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Operator F. H. Paige left for Chicago last month owing to the sudden illness of his wife. Operator C. E. Williams succeeds him, taking second trick at Bearmouth.

Bro. R. C. Woodruff assigned third trick at Bearmouth, recently employed on the new Milwaukee, near Butte. Bro. Woodruff is from the Postal Company at Oklahoma City, and is a brother of S. W. Woodruff at "W" office, Butte, on the Montana Division.

George Dean, operator at Taft, was assigned to relief duty at Hell Gate. Bro. M. E. Thayer and wife on vacation.

Owing to reduction in force, one operator has been taken off at Bonita, and Bro. Shannon is back at the keys again, Operator Rahte, third trick at Bonita, being assigned a trick at Gold Creek.

Bro. F. E. Dahl, first trick at Double Track Junction, on leave of absence, left for Miles City, where he will renew the acquaintance of numerous friends and relatives.

Bro. I. A. Ulrestead relieved Bro. J. A. Lawrence, third trick at Nimrod.

Bro. E. H. Showalter, of Garrison, visited friends in Missoula.

Operator E. T. Brown, of Paradise, on a thirty-day leave of absence, and has left for St. Paul.

Fish Creek office, on the C. D. Alene branch, closed on account of work trains being pulled off.

By the time this is in print we will know who is our local chairman, and also delegate to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., next May. Bro. R. J. Rundell, of Philipsburg, our present local chairman, and Bro. H. S. Sorrels, third trick operator at Missoula, west yard, "MX" office, are the two most prominent candidates.

Bro. Rundell has served as local chairman of this division for the past year and a half, also served on the committee which met the management last fall, rendering very valuable services, taking charge of the office under the most adverse conditions, when it was hard to find an Order man on this division, he has brought this division up to its present high standard, which, at the present time, is about 85 per cent strong. "Nuff sed."

Bro. Sorrels is a new man on the N. P., coming here about five months ago as an experienced committeeman, having been local chairman, Kalispell Division, Great Northern Division, No. 70, ever since the reorganization.

If either of these men are elected the boys will find that they have a live local chairman.

There are new operators coming among us almost daily, and if he is a member he feels as though he was among all nons, for you seldom if even hear any one say a word about the Order. Wake up! Come out of it, and let them know that the Rocky Mountain Division is almost solid O. R. T. Let every one know that you are up-to-date and ascertain if they are, and if not, why not, and let them have no rest until they do get up-to-date.

I have tested brothers whom I know are up-to-date, but get no response. Study up your wire test, password, etc., as well as the grip and other signals, and be prepared to deliver the goods when called for; also, let us find out immediately upon their arrival who these strangers are that are being employed here almost every day, and if a member let him know that he is among friends, and if a non, see that he becomes a member at the earliest possible date. DIV. COR.

Dakota Division—

Bro. McCready, third trick at Steele, spent Christmas with relatives in Medina; relieved by Mr. W. J. Digby, formerly of the Yellowstone Division.

Bro. Hopkins spent a few days' vacation in McKenzie visiting old friends.

Bro. J. W. McCarthy, formerly third trick at Sterling, tendered his resignation to the company and finally left for his home in Indiana.

The second trick at Bismarck is bulletined, but no one seems to go after it very strong.

Bro. Parent goes from Sterling to Burleigh, as second man, since the latter place has been made a two-man job.

The Linton branch train had a hard time of it the two days we had our blizzard. It started out of Linton on the first day, but decided to go back after getting about half way to McKenzie, and wait for the snow plow.

The second trick at Crystal Springs has been closed, as also has the second trick at Berner. Not much business coming this way while the snow is melting out in the mountains.

Cleveland is now open for bids.

What have you resolved to do this year? I think every one of us ought to resolve to get at least one new member and make this a banner year in securing new members. Now, let us get busy and see what we can do with the nons along the line. There are not very many left and if each one tries to land one we ought to make the division solid. I see, in the last month's TELEGRAPHER that the Pacific Division was bragging about being

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the banner division and the backbone of No. 54. Now let us show them that we are not very much behind, if any, and we can make the other divisions sit up and take notice, if we will devote just a few minutes every now and then and talk rather seriously to some non.

Bro. J. H. Hardenbrook has resigned and gone to Portland, Ore., where he expects to enjoy himself in the land of roses.

Bro. M. B. Quire, second trick at Jamestown yard office, has resigned and gone back to the Rock Island.

A very bad accident occurred recently at McKenzie, when No. 1 left the rails and all but the baggage and express cars went on their side, but, aside from a few bruises and some cut by broken glass, no one was injured, with the exception of one, who was injured internally and died later at Bismarck.

We understand the living rooms at McKenzie are being fixed up. Why? CERT. 372.

Idaho Division—

The new cut-off between Noxon and Trout Creek is now being used, and the boys at Tuscor are rejoicing over their new quarters.

Operator Walter Sanger, third trick at Clarks Fork, has put in his application for one of the little cards. This will make Clarks Fork solid, with Bros. Thornton and Baker on first and second tricks, respectively.

Bro. Miller, Trent, was on the sick list a few days; relieved by Operator Howitt, a new man on the road.

Operator Cahill, first trick at Trent, has filled out the necessary papers and now carries one of the new cards.

Bro. Arndt, of Ramsey, has purchased the stock of merchandise from Frank Tripp, of that place, and reports business good. Bro. Arndt thinks some of leaving the road in the spring.

W. E. Burton, who has been stationed at the Cocolalla pit, put in his application about the first of the year.

Bro. W. L. Morrison is now holding down the new office at Kootenai, with hours from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Bro. Campbell is taking a vacation in the East.

Operator Paula, third trick at Granite for one night, and from there to Lewiston. Bro. Suydam is now working third trick at Granite.

I suppose most of you have heard of Bro. McGann's misfortune in having to have his leg amputated below the knee. We are glad to hear that he is doing fairly well. It will be some time before he will be able to leave the hospital.

Bro. Johnson, on his trip over the P. & L. branch, secured the following new members: T. J. Palmiter, Spangle; Pearl Taylor, Rosalia; J. W. Hawley and C. H. Taylor, Palouse, and R. R. Horn, Peck. Perhaps the old branch is not dead yet.

Bro. Grant, at Pullman, transferred to us from Division No. 20.

If any of you have any items please forward them to Bro. Seward, at Trent, and he will see that they reach the right place. Would like especially to hear from some of the brothers on the branches. DIV. COR.

Montana Division, East End—

The A. B. C. system will be started soon, and this will require a few more offices. Understand four are to be opened up, which will bring a few more operators to our division.

Bro. Meadows, from "VS" office, Livingston, is relieving Bro. Hannon, second trick at Laurel. Do not know where Bro. Hannon is going.

West End—

Bro. Labertew, agent at Chestnut, off a few days; relieved by P. C. Bryan, a new man on the road.

Tidd, first trick West End, has papers all filled out and signed and will send them in pay-day.

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W. & L. E. Ry.

West End—

Bro. P. G. Vernon, third trick Huron Junction, spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Rock Island, Ill. Relieved by Bro. C. C. Lohr, a new man from the Penna.

Bro. R. Van Nest, second trick Norwalk yard, spent a few days with relatives in Britton, Mich. Relieved by M. Stafford, who promises to make good soon.

Bro. T. C. Hull, first trick Norwalk yard, off a few days to visit relatives in Sandusky. Relieved by M. Stafford.

Bro. J. J. Callaghan, agent at Milan, made a flying trip to Dennison. Relieved by former agent Rugles.

M. Stafford bid in third trick at Miles Ave., on the Cleveland Division.

Bro. F. C. Hull has had the carpenter gang busy changing the telegraph office at Norwalk yard.

If you haven't got the new card, why not?

DIV. COR.

East End—

The year 1908 has past and gone, but not forgotten by any means. We telegraphers, especially members of the O. R. T., can look back with pleasure to the year 1908 as being the brightest and best we have yet experienced. Is there any reason why we can not accomplish even more during the year 1909? Most assuredly no; if each and every individual member will do their part our future success is assured, otherwise we may plod along in the same old rut for years to come. Brothers, there are entirely too many drones among us. Brace up and get busy; don't sit with your arms folded until we fall back where we were a few years ago. Merely paying dues does not keep any division or organization flourishing. There is

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a great amount of work to be done and each member should realize the fact that this work must be accomplished and it is up to him to do a part of it. There is no use in locking a stable after the horse is stolen. Now let us get busy.

Bro. Burd still doing a twelve-hour stunt at West Belt Junction, living in hopes that night office will eventually be reopened.

Bro. Shaff, agent at Avella, has resumed duty after a thirty-day vacation. Mr. Dorn held down agency during Bro. Shaff's absence.

Mr. Carnes still holding second trick at Avella. This is a non of the worst type. Give him a wide berth, as his only excuse is "the O. R. T. never did anything for him." We can not hope to land this individual and it is therefore essential to ever remember our motto when dealing with this brand, "no card, no favors."

Bro. Baker, agent at Smithfield, has purchased a farm near Hopedale and we hope he will prove to be one of Harrison County's progressive farmers.

Bro. P. Coyne, formerly third trick at Mingo, landed second trick at Mingo yard; third trick Mingo advertised.

Bro. McKean has a regular berth in second trick Hopedale. "13" he likes the location very much and has fully decided to remain there permanently.

Since the new time table went into effect Bro. Weiss, at Brilliant, has a pretty long day.

Bro. Horton has returned to his first love, first trick Adena, on account of closing Pine Valley dispatcher's office.

Opr. Berry relieving Bro. Fulton, first trick Pittsburg Junction, for a few days.

It is now Bro. Hendricks' second trick Adena, he having sent in the necessary papers.

Business slack since the holidays on east end. Hope to see the mines resume in full in the near future.

Next month expect to have a complete line-up of the nons, together with each man's excuse or reason for not becoming a member of our organization. There should be no hard feelings, as this is timely warning.

Understand Bro. N. Kneffler, formerly manager at Columbia, has gone in business at Masillon, O.

CERT. 93.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

Regular meeting held at Valdosta January 10th, with Officers Hamilton and Sineath present. Meeting fairly attended by other members. On account of Secretary Watson being called away to Atlanta no great amount of business was transacted.

Boys, get busy now and everybody come out and be with us at Valdosta on February 14th. We want to see everybody come out, we have a large hall, plenty of room and a nice chair for each one. Those that never attend the meeting don't know what they are missing.

We regret very much to lose our general chairman, Bro. L. D. Hamilton, who goes to Valdosta as chief clerk to freight agent A. C. L. Ry. We wish to thank Bro. Hamilton for the manner in which he handled the division while he was with us.

The matter of electing a new general chairman was discussed and unanimously decided to call on Bro. W. O. Wilson, of Vienna, to act for us.

We desire to thank Bro. Weeks and Bro. Roberts, of Valdosta, for their hospitality towards the boys while attending monthly meeting at their place.

We are glad to see Bro. L. L. Slaughter, of Pinehurst out again, slightly disfigured, but still in the ring.

Bro. R. M. Chaney transferred from Tifton, "FN" office, to Bonaire nights (12-hour trick); says he likes that better though than driving a pen across a bill desk.

Understand Bro. R. Q. Mothershed goes to Palatka.

Bro. J. C. Sikes doing the night stunt at freight office, Cordele.

Bro. B. H. Jones, third trick Union ticket office, Cordele, quit and gone South. Relieved by Mr. J. W. Clark.

Bro. C. C. Carroll, from Central of Georgia, worked at Union ticket office, Tifton, about twenty days. Relieved by Bro. F. O. Paschall, all from Central of Georgia, Southwest Division. Bro. Carroll gone back to the "Goober Route."

Bro. P. C. Griffin, from Vienna, goes to Tifton as chief clerk to freight agent, relieving Bro. R. S. Willson, from Central of Georgia. Understand Bro. Willson going into other business. Have not learned yet who will go to Vienna.

Bro. A. S. Wright is delighted with his new home at Lake Park; says his country cousins furnish plenty of the scaly tribe.

Bro. L. F. Sineath leaves Lake Butler in the near future and will return to his first love, Sparks, as agent. Bro. Cason, from Lake City, will relieve Bro. Sineath at Lake Butler.

Bro. F. H. Scheider now handling Hampton, Fla., agency, relieving Bro. Martin, who has decided to go into other business for awhile.

Effective January 20th, new ruling calling for semaphore boards went into effect. Effective January 18th, check-up men, commonly known as train auditors, were put in service on passenger trains. We infer from this that the conductors are having an easy time.

CERT. 5.

Southern Ry.

Washington Division—

The time is now at hand for the election of local chairman and a delegate to the O. R. T. convention that meets in Atlanta May next. This division is entitled to one delegate to the convention.

Boys, we need more get up among ourselves than we have had the last few months. Bring all the desirable nons in the fold. Remember that in union there is strength and united we stand, not for one but for all. To any brother that is a little inclined to feel aggrieved at some other brother, I would say do not let this have any influence over him in regard to the advancement of the Order.

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because it may be injurious to us all in the end, as there can not be much accomplished all split up and not satisfied. You can take a large bunch of sticks bound together and try to break them, but you can not budge one of them, but you can unbind them and take them one by one and finally break the whole bunch. So it is with us if we are standing solid together we are hard to move against our will, but if one is breaking off here and another yonder it is certainly weakening the foundation, and we will be found unable to resist the tide that may be working against us. Boys, I think this is a serious matter. Some of us may think, oh, my dropping out or not attending the meetings will not amount to much, but it amounts to a great deal. Let's brace up and move on for our good. Give our employers the best of service and try to always be in place when needed. Be in hearing distance of the sounder and move without delay. Most of us have very good working hours; so much better than they used to be, we ought to appreciate it and attend to business.

Some of the boys think it would be a good plan to arrange to pay our local chairman a salary by assessing each member a mite each month to pay him for the extra work that he does when he is off of duty.

We are glad to see the old local trains No. 9 and 10 replaced after their absence of about six months. Think times are getting better and am sure the business is picking up, which we are glad to see, as it is of interest to us as well as the company.

Third trick Monroe has been open for bids for some time, but the boys don't seem to bite. There is quite an amount of hustling at that joint.

How about the hello telegraphy? Do you think it will be real? Get your heads together, but don't get them mixed. DIV. COR.

Members Washington Division—

Charlottesville, Va., January 10, 1909.

Brothers—I desire to express my deep appreciation to you all for the financial assistance rendered me during the three months' illness, which I have just recovered from.

I also desire to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your assistance, sympathy and kindness during the illness and upon the death of my beloved wife.

It is at such times as these that words are inadequate to express the deep appreciation and gratefulness which is felt for such acts of kindness and consideration.

Again thanking you one and all, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. W. MAYS,
CERT. 1175, DIV. 59.

Coster Division—

We regret very much to learn of our Bros. West and Bibee leaving this division. Their leaving us caused several changes on this division. Bro. Fraker transferred from Marlow to relieve Bro. Bibee, Bro. Smith, from Washburn, succeeding Bro. Fraker, Bro. A. H. Needham, from Coster, going back as agent at Washburn, Bro. Gentry, from Luttrell, now agent at Tazewell, succeeding Bro. West.

Glad to see Bro. Fraker's name on the roll of honor, first that has appeared on there from this Division.

We are glad to say that with all the changes made on the K. C. recently, the old stem is solid O. R. T. still.

Bro. Davis, from Tirell, now agent at Luttell. Relieved by Bro. Redmond.

We are glad to say there isn't a student on the K. C., but "13" there is a telegraph school now opened at Liberty Hill, with a very brilliant professor, C. H. Rutherford, in charge (keep the name), but don't inquire too closely of the L. & N. officials why he had to "23" from their service. Some call it color blind. DIV. COR.

Louisville Division—

What's going to happen? I see the boys on the west end have at last woke up and have actually taken enough interest to send in a piece for the Journal. But it is hard to tell about this old Southern. There is still lots of boys over here who never have and who never will fall back. Why is it? It is because they have taken enough interest in their daily task and listened to Order men enough to be convinced that the most reliable and capable men are to be found among the ranks of O. R. T. boys.

We are not losing anything over here right now and do not intend to do so, but we are not making the headway necessary to bring things in proper shape for a big future.

Every man should make it a point to bring in line at least one non. Go after them and go in the right way. When you get through with your journal you could not dispose of it to any better advantage than to send to a non.

I feel that as soon as business gets just a little better and we get lined up that there is nothing to keep us from making a good showing. You boys must remember that the Order is costing you nothing and that your dues are practically being paid by the O. R. T., for did not they get you the $2.50 and $5.00 increase a short time ago?

Bro. Cowherd, of Shelbyville, has laid off for a few days.

Bro. Botkins, of "A," is also off on a sixty days' leave of absence, and our-to-be Bro. Parsons is doing the stunt of branch dispatcher in his absence.

I understand we are to have a new time card soon, which will run passenger trains into Danville as formerly.

Bro. Yocum, of Salvisa, has been off sick, but is back now.

Bro. Anderson, first trick at Fourth Avenue, has taken a leave of absence and gone South, where I understand he owns several large and valuable tracts of land.

Bro. Peckham, formerly of L. S. Junction, is working at Market Street.

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Norfolk Division—

Meeting held in the Nansemond Hotel, Suffolk, on Sunday, January 24th.

Local Chairman Bro. Thornton called the division to order at 5 p. m., with eleven present. Bro. H. B. Rogers, agent at Capron, elected secretary for the evening.

Boys, if you have not already got the new card secure it without further delay. It will make a most suitable companion for that new annual now resting in your card case.

Bro. W. N. Thornton was again nominated as local chairman, and also as delegate to the convention in May, with Bro. Rogers as alternate.

Bro. H. Briggs, of Lawrenceville, was elected correspondent, and stated he was not gifted that way, but promised to make the effort with the aid of the brothers.

Next meeting called for February 28th, at Port Norfolk, on arrived train No. 2 to afford an opportunity for several brothers east of Suffolk to be with us.

Each one present made a few remarks on the up-building of the Order, and bettering the service; and adjourned at 7 o'clock.

Next time we will give a list of the brothers who are in good standing.

Boys, come in line and do not be left out of this list.

We will probably be called to Washington in April, and should send our chairman with a solid list, and in order to do this we must be up and doing. COR.

Atlanta Division, North End—.

The year 1908 is one to be long remembered by the many thousands of operators, whose hearts have been made glad on account of the better working conditions secured. What are we going to do this year? Are we going to sit down and do nothing? I, for one, say no, and I think that is what all of the boys would say if they were to express themselves.

Our committee goes to Washington, in March, for a new schedule.

Every one who has not got a new card yet, send Bro. McDaniel the goods at once, and let's get the old Atlantic Division solid again.

It will be soon time for us to elect officers; let's get some good men, and then do our part to help them, and we will see this end solid in a few weeks. Bro. Parker is a good man and has done exceedingly well, considering the heavy work at "CA." Now let some of us fellows who haven't anything to do but block trains, get busy and do something for the Order; and when we have a grievance take it up with our local chairman and not the public. The men who saw wood and say nothing are the ones that get there.

How many are going to do something for our noble Order?

Get after the nons that work with you; don't let them rest, say something about the Order to them, and see where they stand.

No jobs being bulletined.

Bro. Thomas, at Vickajack, to Plainville.

Block office, at Silver Creek, was burned, Sunday the 24th. But they got a move on themselves and had another before No. 5 run. Now let's put our shoulder to the wheel and see if they won't sign a new schedule that quick.

Let's hear from some of the boys. Try your hand. See how much you can improve this writeup.

Everybody who has not a new card should get one, and show which side you are on. Yours for a solid division. CERT. 1395.

St. Louis Division, East End—

Bro. J. C. Ellis, formerly of English, was relieved by Bro. Fouts, and is now doing the third trick at "HU."

Mr. Devney, west end dispatcher, is off on account of having his arm broken; relieved by J. R. Dearing, third trick dispatcher.

Bro. L. H. Miller is doing the first trick at "HU," relieving Bro. Flanigan, who was promoted to dispatcher's office.

Bro. Baxter is doing the second trick at "HU," at this writing.

Bro. O. J. Bische, the agent at "N," was off a few days around pay day, to attend court at Jasper.

Seems as if the boys on this pike did not want to have their salaries increased. If they do, why not get lined up? The officials will never come around and offer to you an increase of salaries.

Why should they, when the operators are willing to work for the present salary, and they must be content with the present scale, else they would demand an increase. Wake up, get an up-to-date.

Why is it that the boys on other roads are receiving better salaries than we do? Higher livlng? No, sir, my dear brother, it's organization that brings the schedules for the telegraphers on other roads, and that is what we must have in the near future.

We do not like to start out with a big stick or a gun, but if no other way will bring results, then it's a club we will arm ourselves with and go after them.

We are also having considerable trouble with some "hams" on the "WU" wire No. 110. They are sending train orders to each other in order to get on to the work.

Now it is the duty of every brother to stop these hams whenever we possibly can, as it is liable to cause trouble, and cause someone to get mixed with his real train orders. They are worse after 7 p. m. Boys, look out for them.

Nons are also found in a great many stations, and I "13" that these nons are receiving numerous favors from some of the boys.

You should always remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

Let's all get after the nons in a proper way, and either get them to join the order or leave the road.

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Now boys, all together, lets make a cleaning up of nons on the Southern Railway, east end, St. Louis-Louisville lines.

Mr. F. P. Williams, who was third dispatcher at Princeton, has left the service to engage in other work.

"13" we will have to pass an examination on sight and hearing soon.

Seems like some one from the west end would go hunting and bring in a few items each month.

I know you can find something to write.

Now let us hear from the west end next month, so we can see what is doing, as this will keep us posted on the changes. COR.

Birmingham Division—

On the Birmingham Division of the Southern Ry. the grind of wheels and the sound of whistles remind us of the approaching time when prosperity will again make its appearance in full dress. We are all glad to see the return of prosperity, and hope that by adversity we will prosper; take heed to prepare for war in the time of peace, do not live too fast a life while times are good, but make preparations for another panic which is sure to pounce upon us sooner or later. Save part of your monthly salary, place it in some safe depository for future emergency, you will need it some of these days, and you will thank yourself sincerely for taking the advantage of the opportunities of saving something for a rainy day, while the skies were yet clear. We have just passed through a very trying siege on this division, as well as have all Sister Divisions. But, for once in history we did not suffer a reduction in wages, though we were reduced in number almost to the minimum, and those who were fortunate enough to have sufficient age to hold on, looked awfully lonely. We must prepare for another such disaster to swoop down upon us at some future day, only it will be dealt us more forcibly next time, and with a stronger determination to crush out opposition, and take from the laboring man the rights and privileges that belong to every free American citizen, who toils and earns his daily bread by the sweat of his brow, or in any other manner he may serve to accumulate the vast wealth which this country affords. We can look out upon the face of this old continent and see and realize the abundance of riches compiled by the laboring man, which were drained from him by the few who are making exhaustive efforts to control the wealth of the world.

We have very little new grievances to contend with on the division, although we have the same old ones that have been ever present with us for many days. We are working harder now than ever before to bring about better conditions in our daily toils. We need the earnest co-operation of every member on the division, to aid in reaching the point in organization, that we can declare the division solid. We have some very energetic workers on the division, but they are few and far between at present; one thing we need is a regular attendance at our meeting on the division when we get them started. This is why the division gets on the drag so often. We should have meetings every month or twice a month, that we might get better acquainted with each other, and make our brotherhood more of a real brotherhood, you may take for instance, where there are meetings each month on a division, you will find there is more real interest manifested on that division for the welfare of its members than on the divisions that have no monthly meetings. One disadvantage we have on the Birmingham Division is that there is such a great scope of territory covered by the division that it would be impossible to arrange a convenient place for meetings that would suit the schedule of trains for members on all points of the division to reach the point and return to their place of business in time to perform their duties. It may incur a small loss of time to us, but in the end we would be benefited by attending the meetings regularly.

The time is approaching when we shall elect a local chairman for our division; the election to take place in February, the votes should be returned to the general secretary and treasurer on or before February 28th. To succeed we must all be up and doing. We must stay awake and keep pace with the times and be next to the issue, and take advantage of every opportunity to upbuilding of our defense. After the coming election of chairman for the division, I hope that all will become alive to the situation and come to the aid of our local chairman, matters not who he may be. No one can accomplish much without the support of others, do not depend on the officers of a division to bear all the burdens, help him out and all will feel better, peace and harmony reigning among us.

It's very gratifying to notice the willingness of the newly employed telegraphers on this division to join us at the earliest possible opportunity. We have several new men who have recently come among us who we accosted almost upon their arrival as to the colors he represented, some we find properly clothed, while others we find without the necessary credentials, though from the promises made by them I am quite sure that we will have the pleasure of numbering them among our band very soon.

Leeds agency bulletined in December. No one for the place so far. Seems as though no one wishes to do the work at that point, on account of no help furnished by the company; understand this to be a disagreeable place to fill.

Littleton, Ala., agency bulletined, have not learned who took the job. Plenty work there for one-man agent does six hours telegraph work, and fifteen agency work afterwards.

It seems as though some of the vacancies which occur at agencies on the division are not very easily filled, this I presume is caused by the lack of help at the stations, and the agents having to perform six hours telegraph work in addition to his regular agency work. This I consider an imposition.

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Second trick bid in at Tallapoosa, Ga., by Bro. Crawford.

Bro. Butler, from Waco, third trick, to Villa-Rica, Ga., third trick.

Bro. Newman rolled from Villa-Rica, Ga., by Bro. Butler, again resumes the chair at Waco, Ga., as third trick.

Vacancies now bulletined on third trick operator at Tallapoosa, Ga., and Voalburg, Ala.; also day operator and clerk at Brookside, Ala.; bids will be up on January 7th for these places.

I will appreciate the efforts of every-one who will send in a few notes of the happenings on the division, so that we may have a good write-up each month, that others may see that we are still alive. Keep next to the issue, and let's not slumber, or we may be weighed and found wanting. When that new man comes to your town see if he has on the proper garments. Let's all keep things interesting on the line, and before another year has elapsed be solidly organized; we will all derive pleasure as well as benefit from it, and in return can serve the company with more satisfaction.

Effective January 1st, Bro. J. H. Buckelew was made agent at Short-Creek, Ala., vice L. L. Coggins, to parts unknown. Glad to have Bro. Buckelew with us, he was formerly with the L. & N., but became weary under the lash of this unfair road, and thus the change.

Effective January 1st, Bro. L. E. Covin, formerly of Parrish, made agent at Littleton, vice O. P. Salter, resigned to accept service with Frisco.

Effective January 10, M. Doster, third trick at Muscadine, Ala., transferred to Leeds, as agent, on account of Bro. G. E. Dawson being successful bidder on second trick at Cooks Springs, Ala.

Bro. R. O. Kipp, first trick, Ensley, Ala., off a few days; relieved by Bro. Carr, extra operator.

Mr. Beaty and wife, of Ensley, Ala., spending a few days with relatives at Austell, Ga. Mr. Beaty relieved by Bro. Carr.

Bro. W. W. Cochran, agent at Muscadine, Ala., spent a few days at his home recently.

Bro. D. D. Frix, third trick at North Birmingham, spent Christmas visiting relatives in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Relieved by Operator Vanfleet.

Bro. L. C. Peeples, from Winona, Miss., appointed agent at Irondale, Ala., vice Mr. J. E. Bumgardner, resigned.

Bro. A. B. Bulloch, first trick at Weems, Ala., off sick, but glad to learn that he is slowly improving; relieved by Extra Operator Bro. P. G Bulloch, who holds 'em since 1892 to date.

Bro. C. V. Carter, third trick at Haflin, Ala., is off for a few days; relieved by the old-timer, Bro. C. E. Moss, from Austell, Ga.

Bro. E. L. H. Wetzel, of Mudga, Ala., has about made arrangements to stay at that point as agent, although he was the successful bidder for first trick at Parrish, Ga. COTTON TOP.

Knoxville Division—

Brothers, we do not take enough interest in our affairs on our respective divisions, and unless we wake up and get next we will be looking for some one to help us fight our battles, and we will have none to do it. We have been fortunate to have a man to do our work for us, with the assistance of just one or two members, but things are going to change unless we get busy. Take the hint that patience ceases to be a virtue after awhile, and there is no man cares to take the responsibility upon himself to take the office of local chairman when the members so blindly sit with folded arms and will not do one thing to help out. "Oh, well, there is no use of me troubling myself to attend meetings or pay dues when the other fellows will look after that," is a remark often made. I can not see for the life of me what a man can be dreaming about to go along and be contented with paying his dues and leaving the work for the other fellow.

Now is the time to get busy. Let your local chairman hear from you. Show him you are taking some hand in these matters that are so important to the welfare of the division. If we could just get the brothers to all come together and make one hard effort to unite and assist the local board of adjustment in their work, how much better it would be.

It is you and I that are responsible for the conditions. We are in fair shape, but we must get in better shape and until you and I and the other fellow determine to take a hand we need not expect to get anything more than we have. Does this sound good to you? Is this kind of talk music to your ears or do you think it hot air? Just wait. Just continue to sit around and wait for the other fellow to do the work and see where you will find yourself in about sixty days.

What do we hear about a revision of the agreement. We read in the journal where general committees on other roads are negotiating with their managements for a new agreement. But we do not hear anything about it here. Why? Do not blame your local chairman. Do not blame your G. S. and T. Do not blame your general chairman, but blame yourself. Are you satisfied with conditions? All right, if you are there is no need to pay your dues, there is no need to make any effort to stop student teaching, there is no use in trying to get the nons in, there is no need of taking up grievances with your local chairman, there is no need of your attending meetings. Just do these things and you will find yourself back in the old rut, working twelve hours per day for $35 and $40, with no overtime, no meal hours, no advertisement of vacancies, no rights of any kind, but just have to take the medicine that is dosed out to you. The telegraphers are, necessarily, an intelligent class of men, yet they certainly do become blind to their own interest, worse than any other class of men that work for wages. What is the matter? And what is the remedy for this?

We must not be content to sit still and see other divisions get ahead of us. What we must do is

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get busy on our own divlsion and build it up. Make our own division the best division possible. I know some members here that pay their dues, but that is all. They will work with a non for twelve months and never say a word to him. On the other hand, we have some offices on the division that, notwithstanding the frequent changes, are always solid. Because the brothers will not rest until every man has the up-to-date. Can not the others do the same thing? Certainly, if they will but do it. That is all that is required. Get busy.

Do not allow some llttle, petty grievance with the non cause you to hang back. Go to him In a friendly and brotherly spirit and talk the matter over and, nine times out of ten, you will land him.

Have you paid your dues? If not, do not neglect this important matter. It may not look important to you, but it is nevertheless the fact, and I hope you will get your new card. And when you are in possession of the card do not rest satisfied merely with this, but get busy in other ways, read up on your constitution, your agreement, and in every way you can do something to help the cause along. You can do it. It is in your power and your superior officers will have more respect for you.

Let us start out on the new year to do business, and you will be rewarded by a good agreement along in the spring.

Our chief dispatcher seems to be doing the right thing regarding the bulletining of vacancies, and my, but don't this bulletin business cut a big figure with the nons. You ought to hear them talk about, "What I got on bid." I don't see how they can take the money.

Have you noticed on the foot of the chief dispatcher's bulletins advertising vacancies, the number of dismissals. It seems when a man is fired now it is all off, as this "CD" don't believe in reinstating a man. I do not blame him if he is of no account, as the case has been with some. but if he is a good man he should reconsider. Do you see through it? This slaughter of operators for little trifles is to be used in trying to bust the nine-hour law. They want to say that more operators were fired under the nine-hour law than when they worked twelve and eighteen hours. Of course that will be easy, when they fire a man for nothing. But Bro. Perham will be there on the ground with his side of the argument, as usual, and you can bet on him. Back him up with an up-to-date.

Mr. Womack, one of Prof. Shelton's graduates, who has been holding down Summit for several months on account of the job not having been bulletined, will, we think, have to move his quarters before many moons, as the job will be advertised, which will put Mr. Womack on the extra list. He says Prof. Shelton told him never to joln the organization.

I presume the nons will be just as ready to knock for the benefits our next agreement gives them as they have been to knock in the past. I wonder what the non would say when the new schedule comes out and he finds he is not included in it—nothing but *union* men affected. This would cost the company less money. Better take notice. A hint is sufficient.

Understand Bro. Perham is now in Washington, D. C., looking after your interests. Why don't you help him by paying your dues and getting the nons lined up. Sometimes I wonder what you would do without this good man to fight your battles. Wonder what he would think of you if he knew the attitude you were displaying towards your organization? Did he not stand by you and me when the nine-hour law was about to be murdered? Never in history was there such a fight put up by one lone man against many railroad presidents and learned attorneys. But he finally won the battle. Some of you say the O. R. T. never did you any good. There is no use of any one taking this to heart and becoming angry, but, on the other hand, we feel more like glving such fellows the horse laugh. In fact, it makes me feel funny to hear such arguments as this put up by pumpkin heads.

The year 1909 is going to bring you many problems to solve—the installation of the 'phones, the Barclay machine, the attempt probably to bust the nine-hour law, more work and less pay, etc. What are you doing to stave these things off?

Bro. Bradford has been relieved as agent and operator at McDonald, at his own request, and assigned to thlrd trick at Athens. We hope he will not follow the example of others who have worked at "AH," but, on the contrary, keep up-to-date and be instrumental in bringing those who have gone astray back into the fold, and we have every reason to believe that he will.

Bro. C. F. Rymer is still on the extra list.

The east end is rapidly changing from nons to members. We hope the boys on the west end will not allow thelr trail to drag in the dust.

It is reported that several of the members are guilty of teaching students. Now, we should watcn this matter closely. We should see whether this is true and prefer charges against any brother found guilty of the act, and let the division take such action as they deem best.

On the Washington Division there was a brother expelled for the teaching of students, and we will have to make an example of it here. It is bad enough to teach students without a card, but for a member to do such a thing is beyond my comprehension, and if the guilty party don't care any more for principle and the Order that he belongs to than to teach telegraphy, why we do not need him in our business and the sooner we give him to understand this the better.

There are several things that need watching, and it is up to the members to do it and report the matter to the local chairman. Make your charges in accordance with the constitution and be governed accordingly.

There appears to be some misunderstanding on the part of some of our members regarding the handling of grievances, etc. The constitution makes

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it necessary for you to first handle them with your chief dispatcher. If not satisfactory to you, handle next with your superintendent. If your superintendent turns you down and you are not satisfied, then turn it over to your local chairman. If grievances are not handled properly in order before coming to the local chairman he may turn your case down for not having taken it up in order. If the members would read their constitution it would save them lots of trouble and save the local chairman the same. In handling matters with your division officials you should be as courteous as possible, making your communications gentlemanly and businesslike, and in most cases these grievances will never reach the local chairman, because the officer in authority will adjust it for you. But if not, then you have the right to appeal the case to the local chairman and on up.

First be sure you have a grievance and then proceed to adjust with your chief, keeping copies of everything you write and receive, and you will see the difference.

Keep a copy of the agreement, also a copy of the constitution, and post yourself on them, and you will know exactly what to do. The local chairman is always glad to answer correspondence and advise and help you when he can, but if you keep posted you will not find it necessary to write him for information, and when your grievance reaches him it will be in shape for handling, and you can rest assured that it will be handled promptly when taken up properly. DIV. COR.

Atlanta Division—

Our local chairman, Bro. Bennett, we are sorry to say, has left us, and is with the A. C. L., near Jesup, his home. He left Ellenwood December 20, 1908. He was relieved by Mrs. W. O. Needham, who manipulated the wires until January 19th, when, on account of night work, she gave it up, being relieved by Mr. John Dugan, an up-to-date C. T. U. of A. man.

Bro. McVicker is contemplating a nice vacation with a trip South in February.

A Mr. Riggs is working second trick at Jenkinsburg, relieving Bro. W. S. Dame, regular man.

Mr. C. D. Ingram, agent at Flovilla, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. F. Chambless, second operator at that place. Have not learned who relieved him.

We can call Operator Delong, at Stockbridge, brother by the time this goes to press.

I heard that one of our good brothers has dropped his card since he got married; says he can not keep up a wife and a card, too. We all know that is too thin, and to prove it there are several on the line that have a large family to support. Now, brother, get that silly notion out of your head and come across with your new card; you will be proud of it, for it is a beauty.

Mr. O. A. Gunthorpe, our former first trick dispatcher, has been made night chief, which gives G. W. Adams, first, Mr. Bullock relieving him as third dispatcher. Mr. Bullock was doing message work in the superintendent's office. This made room for another operator, but have not heard who.

I noticed in the paper that Mr. E. E. Norris was likely to be promoted to assistant superintendent in the near future, and Mr. McLendon, now superintendent of Columbus Division, will succeed him.

Let us all get busy now, for we have plenty of work before us; nominate another local chairman, a representative, and several other officials, in which we all should take a part, and at the same time land all the nons possible.

Thanking Bro. Ed Williams, on the north end, for a list of changes, and hope he will continue to assist me that much. Would appreciate it very much if all the boys would furnish me the changes and any other news that is worth sending to press. Send on or about the 20th. DIV. COR.

New Orleans & Northeastern Ry.

Boys, if you will only help a little and get what you can from along the line and mail to me each month, not later than the 6th or 8th, I will assure you a little write-up each month. Of course you well know that one man can not get all the news on the line without help from his fellow-members.

Now, boys, let us get busy and start the nons in home on the right path, and when they say, "Oh, I will join next 12th," do not fail to call on them at this date and get them in our ranks. It is not hard to get a telegrapher to join if you will give him the right encouragement, and that is the thing we must do. Get rid of the nons and get up-to-date union men in, and we will all see a much better system in every respect. Now let's go after them and stay with them until we bring them in.

Bro. C. Moody, from "JC," is now second trick at "N," he being succeeded by Bro. Bostock, from "RD."

I understand there are one or two new-comers at "SI," but have not learned their names or if they have the necessary paper, yet.

Bro. Hickman, agent at Heidelburg, has just returned from a week's visit home.

Bros. J. B. and E. E. Read, two of our men at "C," have returned from quite a little hunting tour.

Let me have all you can get and we will appear in good shape in our journal, and then do not forget the nons. Ring them in with us on this new and promising year. We should soon become solid with a little encouraging, so let us give them the encouragement now; not wait for some one else to make a break, but go at it for what there is in it, and bring it out before stopping; then we will see all the improvement it will bring our division and ourselves. DIV. COR.

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Great Northern Ry.

Northern Division—

The work of getting a write-up in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER is rather a hard proposition when no one will take enough interest in the matter to send in a few notes and it is impossible for one man to get all the news and happenings all over the entire division.

Hope the brothers are all taking more interest in sending in their dues for the current term than they are in sending notes, but there is much doing on this line now and possibly the brothers have all they can do to keep their work in shape, but it seems to me that if there is ever anything to be gained it will not be accomplished by the members thinking that their entire duty is done when they have a new card and have their dues paid. You will find some interesting reading on page 2131 of the December TELEGRAPHER—an earnest appeal to all members of Division 70, and we hope that there will be some visible results from this.

It is well known to all that conditions on the Great Northern were never all that could be desired, and it is certainly not the fault of the officials who are working under such discouraging conditions that it is so; it is simply that the members do not seem to recognize the value of individual efforts in gaining what they most desire.

Even a small thing like a write-up each month is something accomplished and there is no reason under the sun why we could not have as good a write-up as any of them if we would get a little of that "individual effortism" infused in our spirit and I am quite sure that not one of the brothers would be disappointed in improvement that we could show.

One of the most important things to keep up an interest in the welfare in the Order are the monthly meetings held at some convenient place where the most possible number of members could attend—and with present train service that should be quite a bunch, and I think the results would be all that could be desired.

I think this is proven by the interesting meetings held on other divisions, and the interesting talks and the important matters of business discussed, also getting acquainted with the brothers that are strangers to us now would surely repay each one for the effort that he put forth to attend.

Not much doing on this pike at present. All the extra operators that were put on during the rush were taken off December 1st and the offices going back to the March 4th basis. Hunting is over with and everything quiet, so have not heard any kicking so far. Plenty of time for that in the near future, "spring fever season."

Had quite a mix-up January 2d when a few box cars in No. 415 balked and started roaming around over the prairie between Lengby and Fosston. No one hurt, but held up the G. N.'s speediest train, No. 33, about four hours. The passengers had our sympathy in being held up where they were.

Do not know how things are going on the north and south lines, but will try to get some notes from some good brothers down that way next month and give a little better write up. I will give each brother the promise of an excellent "Virginia Cheroot" if he will send in at least one note to Box 75, Lengby, Minn. Now, boys, you will never get another chance like this, so here is hoping that I will be swamped with notes next month, and all the rest of the months to come.

CERT. 507.

Spokane Falls and Northern Division—

Bro. W. E. Ketchum, agent at Waneta, B. C., is again holding his old stand down at "BR," having just returned from an extended vacation.

Bro. Fred Morrow, who relieved Bro. Johnson when on his trip to Spokane, is employed as electrician at Northport Smelter.

Understand that the G. N. has installed a student at Bossburg, Wash., as keeper of the depot, being forced to do this by the Interstate Commerce Commission and he has No. 2 wire cut in, but very seldom appears on it, only to find out about the passenger trains when late.

Understand the recent examination was pretty strong for some of the boys, but see that they made it O. K. at Spokane. Glad of that, as we surely hate to lose any members. They are too hard to get out here.

I presume nearly every one of us made some resolutions on the first of the new year. How many resolved to get at least one new member? Do you all realize what that would mean? It would double our membership and then we would be a force of employes for the management to reckon with. It would mean at least some changes for the better in working conditions even if times are too dull to get wage scales advanced. Let us all select a non and make a try for one new member for every one we now have.

Bro. J. H. Guenther, of Valley, is taking a week off for a wedding tour. He is relieved by Mr. C. L. Bennett.

We are unable to get any items from the west end. Any brother up that way who may have any items of interest is requested to send them to Valley and they will be forwarded to the journal.

How many of you send your journal to a non after you read it? Try it once. Mark any good items. It might result in a new member.

CERT. 1038.

Butte Division, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—

Bro. Winters did the agent's stunt at G. N. Junction while Bro. Hemmerly was away being relieved on third trick by W. H. Richeldeffer.

Bro. E. B. Smith formerly second trick at G. N. Junction has accepted the agency at Rimrock, being relieved by Bro. Winters, who in turn was relieved on third by G. W. Strahl.

New office opened at Hedges with Agent Jagger in charge.

Since our last write-up two operators have been discharged on this division for boozing. Both nons and their places filled by up-to-date men. Let the good work go on. The company will soon

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realize that a man that cares enough for himself to carry an up-to-date card will also have enough self-respect to let booze alone.

At Conrad we hear the boys complaining of being cold, possibly owing to the fact that it was 50 degrees below, and possibly because there isn't an up-to-date in the camp. However, I am much indebted to Mr. W. A. Golden for a bunch of news and he shows that his heart is in the right place and also promises to get right and convert the others if he can. Thanks, Mr. Golden, we will place our confidence in you and incidentally furnish the blanks. Mr. Golden requests that we kindly insert the following want ad:

"Wanted at Conrad, lady to cook for two operators; experience unnecessary."

Just as soon as he lines up Agent A. Hopper, himself and late trick man Zakowski, we will furnish the cook.

Bro. W. S. Burns, who was relieving Miss Stuart at Wolf Creek, returned to St. Paul on account of over-supply of operators.

Bro. Yanke, of Conrad, has taken a two weeks' lay-off and gone to Wisconsin for a short visit. Relieved by Opr. Golden, who has been doing third trick stunt at Wolf Creek for the past two weeks.

Wish to thank Bros. Hemmerly, Smith, Englander and Golden for the prompt response to my call for items and wish to again ask one and all to drop me a line just as soon as they hear of a transfer or change being made. By doing this we will be able to arouse more interest among the members and will also help to get in the nons.

E. C. SKINNER.

The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

Ohio and Indiana Division, The Block—

Well, boys, you are always kicking about never having a write-up in the journal and if you will not criticize me too severely, I'll try and do this part for you each month. No one else seems to want the job. I will promise you that I will make it interesting for some of the nons, too. It's a dirty shame the way some of them are doing. Fellows that work regular all the time and then not have the little piece of cardboard that means so much to everybody. They accept everything we get just the same as if we were a charitable institution. They know it's not right just as well as we do, but they keep it up and all the persuading in the world will not change most of them. Some of the trainmen say there is the biggest bunch of "short skate operators" on the B. & O. of any road in the country, and I, for one, think they are right.

The most of the nons have promised to join as soon as they can get the money. That old story is threadbare and worn out, but they still cling to it, and then there is one or two that have the nerve to ask, "What has the O. R. T. ever done?" Why, most any little intelligent schoolboy or girl could tell you that. What few of us that have a card have about lost patience with them and you can not blame them very much, for everyone you talk to puts up the same excuse. No money now, but will join some time.

Bro. A. R. Huber, of "CA," returned from a few days' vacation. Relieved by Bro. O. E. Marsh.

Dispatcher Brown, at "XY," back from a few days off. Relieved by ex-Dispatcher Bro. Stanhope, from "RH," Bro. P. Dundon relieving Bro. Stanhope.

Opr. W. H. McDaniel, at "CK," away for about a week, Bro. O. E. Marsh guarding the crossing.

Opr. Menefee, at "GK," reported on sick list, Bro. P. Dundon handling the levers.

Opr. Vicroy, at "B," took a couple of days' vacation, Bro. O. E. Marsh relieving.

Bro. Bonar, at "HM," back from a ten days' lay-off; was relieved by Bro. O. W. Ferris, of third trick, "FS" being relieved by Opr. Dunham.

There has been some talk of putting third man on at "BH." Most all of us would like to see it done, but we wonder who they would put at such a place. No one seems to be able to get along with the agent at that point and it is such a desolate place that I think there will not be much of a scramble to get it.

Patrons of the company have been bursting in the doors on cold mornings and from what I hear, have got up a petition asking the company to keep open all night.

Opr. Birthesell, at "BH," will have a card in a few days; promises to join this pay day. He has just returned to work after being on the sick list for two years; says that he carried a card for eight years. It is a wonder all the other fellows would not see it as he does. If you have not paid your dues, do so real quick and remember our motto to every non that asks a favor.

Culloms, which heretofore has been an exclusive night office, was made a three trick job January 20th, with Bro. Wm. Flanagan in charge of first regular. Second and third is on bulletin, with Mr. Chapman on second and Mr. C. M. Duncan on third temporarily.

Bro. Chas. Blackmore is back on third trick at Storrs yard office, after a leave of absence attending business college. He has combined the two, which keeps him pretty busy.

Mrs. C. A. Montgomery, at Lawrenceburg depot, couldn't stand the pressure any longer and has become one of us. Give her the friendly mit, boys, for she is now a sister.

A great many are wondering why the New Albany-Osgood trade has never been bulletined, and why the Cold Springs-"AC" office and the Lawrenceburg-Cook jobs are allowed to operate as they have the past eleven months in violation of the hours of service law. It's just inattentions of this kind that concerns us that cause some of the boys to lose heart and drop out. I think each and every one of us should take a brace for ourselves and help to stop up every hole in the fence, for what concerns one should interest all.

There is much talk of opening a number of new offices and we are all waiting in expectancy as to

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where they shall be. Delhi, Cooks and Nebraska are mentioned as probabilities.

Bro. Huntington has deserted Oakdale to take the night office at Commiskey.

Bro. Huffington, second trick at Blocher, has applied for one of the tricks at Culloms, which will probably leave a vacancy at Blocher.

Bro. Arthur Hopping, formerly with this road, is now second trick operator in "MS" dispatcher's office at Riverside on the Big Four.

Bro. H. R. Huffman is now working second trick for the N. P. at Puyallup, Wash.

While business has never been bad on the B. & O. S. W. during all the depression it is now excellent and it appears to me that the time is about rife for a revision of our last schedule in which there has been no change for two years. Let us get out of this $50 rut in which we have been enslaved for the past number of years. That amount hardly makes ends meet in these days of greatly increased cost of living.

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Illinois Division—

Say, did you read the write-up in the December number? Well, we have this to be thankful for if we are not mentioned while living we may so conduct ourselves that the boys will miss us when we pass over the great divide.

Bro. John White transferred from agency at "RD" to agency at "G," on the Springfield District. Bro. C. C. Hooks, from "W" to agency at "RD."

Bro. A. W. Friend, cashier at "RD," from third trick at "L," Bro. Bruner taking the owl trick at "L."

Bro. Carl Pritchett, of "FA," has taken a six months' vacation and is in New Mexico. Do not know who is working his trick.

Bro. Odell, of "L," is erecting a nice cottage in that town; looks little bit suspicious.

Bro. Webster and wife, of third trick "D," visiting in Ark. Relieved by Bro. Omoke, relief.

Bro. Holmes, of "B," transferred to ticket agency at Springfield. Bro. Kile, from "RN" to "B."

Bro. Spitler, third trick "S," has enjoyed a vacation. Relieved by Mr. Moore, of "NO."

Bro. John Chassels, from cashier at "RD," to same position at "NS."

Now a few words in closing. We want to call attention to the H. D. Vowiel's cartoon in the December TELEGRAPHER. It is ideal and portrays the tenets of the Order more forcibly than any we have ever seen. The motto over the sleeper is excellent. "Love" was the basing principle upon which the O. R. T. was founded.

Every one whose eyes have been opened to the importance of organized labor owes his resurrection to the loving persuasive influence of some friend or the kindly results of organized effort, which brought about changes that naturally helped the non financially or shortened his hours of labor and in many instances both. Why or how men (and there are a number in Division 74) can enjoy these every day blessings and remain strangers to the very source of life that protects them is a proposition we can't solve. There was a time on this old pike when the hours for an operator was from 4 a. m. to 9 p. m. and many times midnight found him at the key. His salary was $40.00. Overtime was not thought of and to have mentioned such a thing would have meant decapitation.

Through the heroic efforts of those whose hearts desire was to see better things and sacrificed much to accomplish it, the hours were cut to twelve and overtime allowed and the salary raised to $45.00. Not satisfied with this glorious result, as the child O. R. T. grew older, we received more money and shorter hours until today every man, be he an up-to-dater or a non, enjoys the fruits of organized effort. While these blessings came to the just and unjust alike, those who are bearing the burdens may be encouraged from the fact that there are so many who are wise enough to understand and loyal enough to protect this great institution, and with pity rather than disdain, look upon those who are so miserably selfish as to stand with outstretched hands every day for shorter hours and every month for more pay and never give a cent in return. They may be likened to the old woman who said she was glad religion was free, "she had belonged to the church for twenty-five years and it hadn't cost her a cent."

Every brother in Division 74 will be pained to learn that in the burning of the B. & O. S. W. depot at Farmingdale our general chairman, Bro. J. M. Peck sustained quite a personal loss, the extent of which we have not learned.

Bro. and Mrs. Piper, of "RD," spent New Year's visiting relatives. Bro. Fried, relief.

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Ash Division—

Our meeting at Antigo, Saturday evening, January 23d, was a good one in point of attendance, and good work done. Chief Telegrapher Hickok presided, and the principal business was the election of officers for the new year. The new officers were elected by ballot, and are as follows: Bro. D. R. Hickok, chief telegrapher; Bro. P. W. Raettig, first vice-telegrapher; Bro. W. R. Jones, second vice-telegrapher; Bro. Chas. Krumrey, secretary.

The matter of arranging for some sort of social doings was brought up by Local Chairman Nelson. After some discussion it was finally decided that a banquet would be most feasible, and the chair appointed a committee consisting of the following: Bros. J. J. Kilsdonk, Chas. Krumrey and L. F. Nelson, to look into the matter and report progress at the next meeting. It was thought Antigo would be the best place to hold a function of this kind, and a Sunday afternoon the best time. The boys on the south end could get to Antigo on No. 31, but the problem would be how to get the north end boys down. This could be easily arranged for if the management

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could be prevailed upon to furnish some kind of service. The matter will be gone into thoroughly, and a report made at the next meeting.

Bro. Hickok, who has been off inspecting tariffs on the Ashland and Peninsula Divisions, for the past month, is again back at his old post at Wittenberg. Bro. Jones, who relieved him while he was gone, is again holding down his trick at the same place.

Our appeal to the north end boys for news items this month was in vain, and we are sorry that we have practically no items from the Northern District.

Our Assistant Superintendent Mr. Bennett has been promoted to Superintendent of Telegraph at Chicago. Mr. R. F. Armstrong succeeded Mr. Bennett as assistant superintendent on this division, and we feel certain our relations with him will always be amicable.

Mr. M. M. Welsh, telephone operator at West Greenville, is the latest acquisition to our ranks. He can now be addressed as brother.

Bro. Lewequin was the successful applicant for Kimberly, days. Mr. Lethustrom, the former occupant, having gotten Monico Junction on bulletin.

Bro. Geo. Jillson, of New London, laid off for a few days on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. A. J. Bigford.

The January thaw kind of knocked our business in the head, but we expect it to pick up again and keep good for the rest of the winter at least. Four or five extra operators are out of work, so if any brothers wish to lay off, now is your chance.

Bro. D. E. Lanson has been installed as agent at Birnamwood, vice Bro. D. J. Greenway who was gone on the road selling flour for a Minneapolis concern.

Bro. H. M. Kiesdonk, of Saxon, spent a Sunday recently with his folks near Kaukauna.

Bro. L. E. Smith received Clintonville on bulletin. He formerly held down a trick at Monico Junction.

Bro. J. E. Hackett, formerly local chairman on the Lake Shore Division, and later employed in the freight office at Ironwood, is now working for the Cudahy Packing Co. at that place, in their auditing department.

We must remind you again to be on the lookout for new members. You know pretty nearly who does and who does not belong to the Order. Keep after them constantly, never losing patience and your labors will be rewarded in the end. We must endeavor also to line up the telephone operators and agents at non telegraph stations, for we will eventually get a schedule covering their positions, and must have them in the Order so we can represent them. DIV. COR.

Iowa Division—

Sunday hours for at least four stations on the east end have been changed by the superintendent from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m., in direct violation of your agreement, but none of these agents have issued a protest or sent in overtime for the three hours from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Bro. W. W. Carson, of Dewitt, has been appointed freight inspector on lines east of Des Moines. Mr. Mahoney, of Denison, secured the same berth on west end, and Chas. Benton, of Montour, was appointed clerk under inspectors.

T. E. Conover secured agency at Low Moor, after it had been bulletined twice. Bro. Geissner, of Watkins, bid it in on first bulletin, but got cold feet and passed it up.

Bro. Chet Caldwell, formerly of Dewitt, secured first trick at Carroll, but he had to make a fight for it. CERT. 6.

Sioux City Division—

Great preparations are being made for the O. R. C. Ball, to be held at the Armory, Sioux City, Ia., January 28th, and there is no doubt but it will be a grand success.

Bro. Abernathy, one time agent at Lawton, has returned from Fallon, Nev., where he was last summer, and is now installed as agent at Sargents Bluffs.

The biennial election is again at hand, and it is hoped all the brothers will cast their vote and return Ike to the chairmanship, and also elect him as delegate to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., in May; as you probably understand there is only one delegate and one alternate to represent the Sioux City and Black Hills Division, and we want the honor with us.

Quite a number of the boys have been off on account of sickness lately.

Bro. Haymond has been sick for several days; relieved by Bro. Jorgenson, who takes the agency at Sloan soon.

Bro. Russell is going to Early as agent; Mr. Caldwell is holding down Battle Creek.

Bro. T. M. Noe, who has been ill and has been taking treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital, Sioux City, has resumed work at Mondamin, he having been relieved by O'Daniels, who came from Long Pine, where he had been working as cashier.

About a hundred railway employes, including agents, operators, conductors, car men, section men, attended a meeting in the assembly room of the Northwestern Depot at Sioux City, January 17th, and after forenoon meeting all repaired to the cafe, where an excellent banquet was served, presided over by our Superintendent Mr. Brown, and to which all did their share. CERT. 231.

Galena Division—

Did you ever hear what happened to the dead ones that thought the few enthusiasts would do the work while they enjoyed the collective benefits?

Once there was a people who were continually robbed and exploited by their enemies, who attacked them in so many disguises and by such subtle methods that they were in constant fear; and when they saw their fellows attacked individually made little or no protest, fearing to bring assault upon themselves. At last things became so very bad that these people were glad to welcome

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men, who organized them and they joined an order to collectively combat the enemy. They paid dues and elected officers and bettered their conditions very greatly.

The enemy continued to exploit them, but had to be more careful and adroit in doing so. The enemy were not dead ones by any means, but were too foxy to start anything unless they were sure to win.

Every month these people gathered at some central point and discussed their conditions and laid plans for the future. By the attendance and enthusiasm shown at these meetings, the agent of the enemy judged whether it would be safe for them to make an attack, for they well knew that the people outnumbered them and they could only win when the people neglected their organization and allowed an attack upon individuals.

For a time all the people turned out and showed such great interest in all that was done for their benefit that those chosen to represent them were full of courage and gained many victories.

After a time, having been free from any direct attack for so long, some of the people began to think the enemy was a dead one and they, too, could go to sleep for awhile, and they began to neglect their meetings and some even forgot to pay their dues, and when the meeting night came they said to themselves: "No use of my losing my sleep, the other fellows will be there, and there will not be anything doing anyway," and so there came a time when only the officers and a few enthusiasts turned out and, although they tried to make a noise like a large crowd and entreated the rest of the people to come out and help, there was nothing doing. The faithful ones lost heart and the people continued to sleep and each dreamed he could beat the game all by himself, until one day the enemy, who were wise to the situation, having forged a nice, new set of chains for the people, quietly slipped them on each individual, and then awoke them from their nap by a few well-directed kicks at their financial department.

They woke them up all right, but it was too late. To the victors belong the spoils, and they were the spoils, and they went back to a more degrading slavery than before, to be tormented by the thoughts of what might have been.

Remember, there is an election of officers at our meeting in February. It is up to you. If you are too near dead to make good on your own duties then I would not give much for your services to your employer. CERT. 154.

Understand Bro. H. A. Luckey has left the service to engage in the jewelry business at Pilger.

We closed up the year with six new members in December. There are still a few who should line up. All members make it a point to talk to the nons at your station, as well as at the next one, telephone as well as telegraphers, and use your best efforts to secure them.

Bro. E. M. Criss is relieving at Petersburg.

Bro. Elmer Sharp drew second trick at Oakdale.

Bro. Friend is still in bad shape. Before this shows up he will receive assistance, though it be impossible for his fellow emloyes to call on him. There should be more of this assistance handed out to brothers in distress. How pleasant it must seem to receive when one is in distress, and no telling whom the next one may be, perhaps you or me. There are 174 telegraphers on this division. See what can be done by each one giving a little.

Bro. N. Kennedy wishes to thank all members for the liberal contributions which were given him during his recent sickness.

I understand they have the telephone from Cedar Bluffs to Swedeburg, and they say it is lots of trouble.

The Lincoln line will be ballasted as soon as the weather permits.

Bro. W. R. Kelly off two weeks; relieved by C. W. Wilson. CERT. 1916.

Black Hills Division—

Recently our local chairman made a trip over the division and I understand found a number of nons on the east and north end; the west end being solid. Brothers, we must get busy and get these nons enrolled, or we will not fare so well when your committee goes in. Each one try and send your local chairman the application of one of these nons.

Bro. J. C. Northrop, of Valentine, is now delegated to check up the tariff files of agents of this division. Mr. Bonner, cashier, at Long Pine, relieving him while he is on the road.

Bro. C. H. Cook, of Orin Junction, made a flying trip to Casper, New Year's day.

Bro. Goff, of Fort Robinson, is away on a vacation; being relieved by Mr. C. A. Russell, ex-dispatcher.

Bro. L. R. Ness drew the agency at Casper on bulletin.

Bro. Nodding, of Careyhurst, is taking a needed rest; being relieved by Mr. Bridgeman.

Bro. Cook is taking a much needed rest, and is accompanied by his sister Fay, and Mr. F. H. Hern, are visiting relatives in Lincoln, Neb.; relieved by Mr. C. H. Schetzer.

Bro. J. A. Boyles, agent at Gordon, Neb., is taking his vacation; being relieved by Mr. C. A. Russell.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. C. F. Sage, our ex-local chairman, was elected County Treasurer of Fall River County, S. Dakota. Gradually our members drift from us by being able to secure better positions. Bro. Sage still carries an up-to-date card.

Bro. Lewin, of Douglas, Wyo., has accepted the agency of the Colorado & Southern at Fort Russell, Wyo. Bro. Busch is holding down the first trick at Douglas now.

We are in hopes Bro. Troy can arrange to make us a visit soon, and arrange for a good rousing O. R. T. meeting, and let the boys know we are still on earth. Brothers, don't fail to come out, it will do you all good to meet our general chairman. CERT. 679.

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Minnesota Division—

Operator Maxfield can now be called brother, through the efforts of our worthy Bro. J. G. Johnson at Mankato.

Operator Ziege, second trick man at Junson, seems to have the right spirit, he is coming in on the first.

Rochester station has been moved up a notch, by splitting the ticket and freight business.

Mankato Junction, nights, has been closed permanently.

I received a letter from our old-time Bro. V. V. Vine last month, he is now located at Brookings, S. D., with the C. M. Youmans Lbr. Co., he writes that he is getting along very well, and says he is gradually getting over the R. R. habit. It seems that there are a number of the boys that have made up their minds that there's something else to do in this world besides telegraphing for a living, and you will notice they are leaving every day.

The following positions have been secured on bulletin since I last reported: C. D. Roach gets second trick at Lamberton; Wm. J. A. Maxfield gets Eyota, third trick; A. G. Bosshard gets Dover; G. W. Ellison gets Morgan, he bid for Zumbrota, but decided he did not want it; E. J. Thomas gets Zumbrota; P. F. Wilder gets Walnut Grove, second trick.

Business is better on this division, just at this writing, than it has been for some time, and I hope it will keep up. G. W. C.

Dakota Division—

Bro. Vern Postal, of Elkton, second trick, took a few days off during the holidays, and visited friends. Mr. Connelley relieved him. On Postal's return he was sent to Brookings to relieve Deckross, who resigned and started for the Pacific Coast.

Bro. Earl Pennington is visiting relatives in Illinois. Earl has been working for about three years, and this is his first vacation. John Callahan, a C. T. U. A. brother, who has been at Soo Valley, is relieving him, Soo Valley having been closed for the winter.

Bro. Arthur Daugaard, who resigned a month or so ago, is now working third trick for Jim Hill, on the C. B. & Q., at Seneca, Neb. It is a sub-division point, and he works eight hours for $75.00 per month, with the luxuries cut out, such as baggage, mail, etc.

Bro. Ed. Butterfield, who worked at Iroquois, nights, and at other places on the division about six years ago, but lately with the Rock Island at Ottowa, Ill., has resigned, and is studying dentistry in Chicago.

Bro. W. C. Gordimier relieved Bro. T. A. Yates at Astoria, a few days during the holidays.

Bro. Klingelhofer relieved Bro. Wagler at Raymond, a few days, on account of sickness.

Bro. G. I. House relieved Kling at Tyler; House is figuring on holding Tyler, third trick, until warm weather.

Caution-cards are a thing of the past from now on. One good turn deserves another, they should dispense with the whole block system, and give the trains a chance to make their run within sixteen hours. More trains are handled at night, and with half the telegraph offices, yet the block system is not in effect.

Bro. Gordinier is the kind of new members we need. He has learned the business and holds a good position. He had barely sent in his application until he requested another set, as he had some one else lined up, and I hope to give his name in the next write-up. Three other sets of papers were requested this month; pay day should see something doing.

Bro. J. A. Steniger, of Parker, attended to telephone business a few days; Bro. Robert Holmes relieving.

Centerville is cutting "some ice" now days, and it keeps Bros. Paulsen, Finnerty and Neikirk on the hump. It the meantime, we are watching the big engines buck snow on the east end. No. 514 was stuck for five hours on De Smet hill, and No. 501 was in a drift at the same time on the west end.

Bro. A. W. Price is thinking of taking a six months' lay off this spring, and see if he can make more than a $52.50 minimum in the real estate business. He will make good. Telegraphers nearly always do. It isn't so much what certain thing can a telegrapher do, but which one of the many things should he do?

Bro. Schlekau, of Aberdeen, was called to attend the funeral of his mother at St. Peter, Minn. It was impossible to get a man to relieve him, so Agent Von Arx was given a chance to brush up on Morse.

Bro. Jim Frederickson received Wessington on the bulletin, and took that station. Bro. Klingelhofer relieved him at Hetland. Bro. Bro. Bert Laity, who had been holding Wessington temporarily, relieved Bro. Holmes at Parker; Holmes relieved Bro. Otto Breen at Arlington, the latter having business matters to attend to at Brookings.

Day telegrapher at Huron has been taken off. Mr. Dickson taking his old job at Cavour as agent. Bro. D. W. Boh, who has been holding this station all fall, has resigned and taken work on the O. S. L., in Washington.

Two months ago we had fifteen delinquent members on the division list. At that time three of the fifteen were out of the service. At the close of 1908 ten had paid up, three were out of the service, and but two dropped their cards. That is a very good showing. Taking credit for transfers and new members we gained nearly fifteen members over the first half of 1908.

Bro. E. A. Nohlgren, who has been to New Mexico on account of his wife's health has returned, and is in the harness at his old stand at Estelline. In a letter which I received from him, he says that jobs are plentiful in that country and wages are fair. The climate is as good as could be wished for and the scenery is grand

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in many places. Bro. Vanderhoof, who has been relieving at Estelline, is now at Ferney.

R. H. Smith, of Midland, is on the sick list, with an attack of the grippe. Bro. F. M. Noe relieving him.

Bro. F. M. Noe was relieved by Bro. J. E. Noe at Philip, while he proved up on his claim.

We are now one of the strongest and possibly the strongest of unions in existence today. A new union has been formed which comprises all the railroad unions that are affiliated with the A. F. of L. This includes machinists, blacksmiths, boilermakers, switchmen, trackmen, freight handlers and telegraphers.

The object is to cut down the number of strikes, and in case of a strike to have all the advantages of strength, both financially and numerically.

All will be allowed to vote on a strike order, and in case of a strike all will act together.

The majority of the members of the Order are skilled workmen, and are conservative in their ideas. It is undoubtedly a good move.

We are indebted to Bros. Paulsen, Zollar, Ed. Noe and Nohlgren for the notes which they contributed. Just one item from each member makes a good write-up. A postal will do, and it is not necessary to write it in full, simply give the details, and abbreviate it any way to suit yourself.

H. A. STIMSON.

Northern Wisconsin Division—

Bro. Cook, correspondent, called to his home at Burnett Junction, on account of the death of his father. He was relieved by Operator Cleed.

Since the caution cards have been eliminated freights and passengers are suffering great delays. The company could relieve the situation by placeing a $52.50 man in a few of the closed stations.

When this is being read, election blanks will be received, and for one will say our present Local Correspondent Bro. Hackbert should be returned to office, if he will accept. He has done a great deal for this division, and we should show our appreciation. Another thing is our committee will no doubt convene in the near future, and an experienced committee man will stand us in hand, as this will be one of the greatest propositions in revising the schedule, and a green man will not be as well qualified. Let us hope the entire committee can be returned as they have been tried out, and we know they can make good.

Several of the delinquents have placed themselves in good standing, and let us hope the rest will follow suit.

Agency at Plymouth bulletined, but recalled.

Bro. H. J. Stark is again with us, doing the relief stunt.

Understand, from Bro. Hackbert, we will again hold monthly meetings, commencing with February, try and attend them. Everyone should be able to spare one night a month to promote the Organization. Keep your M. B. D. dues paid up, and keep after non-members. We have quite a number at present, and with everyone working in the right direction should cut them down.

I can not impress too strongly upon you what the election means, and each member should be sure and cast his ballot. Do not let personal feeling enter into this, but let it be for the best man.

I am writing this article in hopes that the membership will look at this matter in all the seriousness it deserves, and trust you will not make an error casting your vote.

Bro. Stone, of Milton Junction, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. N. B. Remmel.

Bro. Woodward, of Jefferson, took a short vacation during the holidays, which he spent with his folks on the north end.

Bro. Ransom and wife were in the west, visiting friends and relatives for a month; he being relieved by Bro. Monroe, he in turn being relieved by Mr. Burr.

Bro. Lindsey, formerly second trick at Tower, "DX," received third trick at So. Oshkosh, relieving Bro. E. C. Neitzel, who received the agency at Burnett Junction by bulletin.

Understand that Chester is a telegraph office again, at least it sounds like it. It's open in every respect, the same old story.

Mr. Burr took Bro. Heinzelmann's place at Plymouth, as day telegrapher. Better get an up-to-date card Mr. Burr.

The office force at Neenah are all enjoying their quarter in the new freight depot, which is certainly up-to-date in every respect, and one of the best in the State.

Bro. Evenson, cashier at Neenah, spent Christmas with his parents at Waupun.

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Galena Division—

Regular meeting at Dixon January 16. Good crowd in attendance. Remember next meeting is election of officers and be sure to attend or send your excuse.

Bro. O. H. Schultz, third trick at Proviso on bid.

Mr. W. Pitz now operator at Lake Geneva on bid.

Mr. F. L. Toenings, third trick "FD" tower, Peoria, on bid.

Bro. R. E. Dillingham, "BJ" tower, Belvidere, on bid.

Bro. S. A. Taylor spending vacation in Peoria.

Bro. Starks, "GS," spent Xmas with parents at Rockford.

Bro. Twigg, at Rockford, off sick. Relieved by Bro. Wilson.

Bro. E. H. Rose, agent at R. I. Junction, has resigned that position for promotion at Peoria freight office.

Tower "JN" has larger switch board in order to make it a testing office. Keep your tariffs posted up as fast as they come in or the inspector will get you if you don't watch out.

Look out for the union label, brothers, don't buy without it. It is the sign of good workmanship and decent conditions.

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Our meetings at Dixon should be more largely attended. You brothers are missing a lot of fun and a lot of valuable information by not getting out of your rut once a month. There are big things doing in the labor world and every brother should be in touch with that activity.

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Madison Division—

There is a trolley or electric power line between Marshland and Winona that may make it necessary to take out the telephone at these two points and re-establish the telegraph.

Bro. A. E. Mueske is holding forth at LaCrosse second trick.

Mr. Wilis, a new telegrapher who held down Trempeulean, second trick, for awhile, is now relieving Bro. Luedke at Wilton.

Bro. Fred Tomlin got Elroy, second trick, on bulletin. R. J. Starry relieved him for a day or two and then went to Jefferson Junction and relieved Bro. W. H. Hansen for some days.

Bro. Tomlin is on the sick list at the present and Telegrapher Adams is relieving him.

Dispatchers certainly need the Order as much as any one. The first of January they took off the cross line dispatchers and put the west end on the south end and the east end on the north end, dispatchers thereby increasing their work very much.

Better get in the O. R. T.'s band wagon; they have done something for the telegraphers and can do something for them. It costs them no more than the telephoners and we are all telephoners, anyway or either way.

Telegrapher N. A. Browne is relieving Bro. H. F. Sengpiel, agent at Whitson Junction, for a few days.

Bro. A. G. Elsner relieved H. J. Christoffer, agent at London, for some time and then went to Sullivan and relieved Bro. W. H. Williamson as agent for a few weeks.

Bro. J. H. Bucklin, Jr., relieved Bro. Chas. Bennett at No. Greenfield for some time. Bennett has resumed.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, local chairman, was off a few days and went over his division, calling on nons and lining them up. He also called at headquarters at Baraboo. N. A. Browne relieved him as agent at Dansman. N. A. Browne is a son of Bro. W. A. Browne, agent at Cobb.

Bro. L. M. Burt, agent at Brooklyn, is off and Bro. Art Elsner is relieving him.

Opr. Holden worked one night at Deerfield and about a week at Dane, second trick, and is now relieving Bro. Irwin, second trick at Lodi. Bro. Irwin is relieving Mr. J. Roberts, agent at Lodi, for a couple of weeks.

The January thaw and rains is causing considerable worry about track and bridges between Buncombe and Galena. It put the Hazel Green branch out of business for awhile.

Bro. John Meier is performing duties as second trick telegrapher at tower "EA" while on bulletin.

Our chief would make a hit if he would inaugurate the system of putting the assignments of positions on the previous bulletin on the lower part of the bulletins he sends out. Then we would all know who got positions. Maybe this can be arranged later on. DIV. COR.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Wisconsin Division, Northern District—

By the time these items reach us every member will probably have blanks for voting for a local chairman to represent them this year, and also a delegate to send to the convention. Boys, it's up to you to act on this matter immediately. The Northern District is getting in fine shape and I know that it is the unanimous wish of all to be so. Let the good work go on.

Be sure to vote for local chairman and delegate.

We wish to correct an error in the December Journal in announcing Mr. Conrad Paterson, late of Sarona, as a member of the O. R. T. This is an error. His "professorship" in teaching the art led him astray and caused his downfall. He was recently let out on account of incompetency, and Bro. A. Norman is now agent at that point.

Mr. O. Garrah is relieving Bro. G. E. Anderson, of Itasca, who is taking a much-needed rest.

On account of log trains and heavy traffic on Rice Lake and Draper Branch an extra telephoner has been put on at Tuscobia. A couple of night offices have been opened on the Draper Branch. Chetek is open nights and Chippewa Falls is again flourishing and another operator placed there to complete the link.

Mr. Roelke, agent at Radisson, is taking a few weeks' vacation visiting in Massachusetts. A. B. Clock relieving him.

Mr. W. B. Campbell, who was relieving at Barronett, is now doing the owl act at Rice Lake while that position was on bulletin, went to Northline to relieve Bro. F. C. Kottke, who drew Hudson, third trick, on bulletin.

Bro. M. G. Hoard, agent at Draper, is off for a few days during the holidays visiting his folks in Michigan.

Bro. Tom F. Hurst, who drew Rice Lake on bulletin, is now located at that place.

Bro. Hart is now at Trout Creek, Mont., on the N. P. Quite a few of the "Omaha" boys out there now.

Following is results of December bulletin:

Millston, second trick, E. B. Jacobson; Strum, agent, Telegrapher A. R. Chase; Northline, second trick, A. H. Kuhn; Lake Elme, agent, Telegrapher A. C. Heideloff.

The operators of the "Omaha" will dazzle the patrons of the road with their new uniforms in the near future. A nice O. R. T. button and an up-to-date card in the pocket will finish the effects and make a fine appearance.

There are a few who are still delinquent in payment of dues and assessments for year ending December, 1908. Get in line, boys, and pay your dues. It is for your own good. Business is pick-

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ing up and prosperity for the employers means prosperity to the employes.

There has been some talk of having a meeting on the north end, a thing we never had, but ought to have. There is good service to Spooner, so let us get interested and arrange for a meeting there with the local chairman, Bro. Marquette, of Shell Lake.

Invest in a new card, boys, they are beauts.

DIV. COR.

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—

Bro. Henry Gaarden went to Turtle Lake for a couple of weeks last month to work the third trick; relieved by Bro. H. J. Halverson. Bro. Gaarden was very glad to get back to Wooville.

Bro. L. N. Judge went to Strum to act as agent until that position is filled by bulletin.

Bro. N. C. Norby, third trick telegrapher at Baldwin was laid up for a week with the grippe, but is now back on duty again.

Menomonie City is closed entirely as a telegraph office now. All messages are being relayed by telephone from Menomonie Junction.

Bro. P. Brandon, one of our tried and true members who always carried an up-to-date card, has left the service of the Omaha and is now employed on the Northern Pacific in Washington.

The telephoners are coming in gradually, as their eyes are being opened to the fact that they occupy the position which the telegraphers and agents occupied previous to the first schedule. No protection of any kind and entirely at the mercy of any one who cares to move them around or inflict extra work or duties on them. No such thing as overtime, pay for switch lights, travel time, noon hours, calls at night, no seniority, no vacancies bulletined. In fact, nothing but what the company feels disposed to give them. Well, we were up against the same thing ourselves, boys, and would be yet if we had not organized and demanded fair treatment and living wages. The remedy is in your own hands. When you get ready to enlist under the banner of the organization which has revolutionized the conditions for the telegraphers you will be in a position to enjoy the same benefits.

Bro. Brookshire took a flying trip out West recently and worked for the N. P. in Montana, but said it was too lonesome out there.

Bro. H. L. Donahey, another of our old-timers, has left the Omaha and is now working for some road in the South.

Messrs. Rosenhauer and Fletcher, two non-members who recently arrived on the Omaha, are relieving at Millston. They will be duly invited to get in out of the cold. A rumor is floating around that Fletcher made a remark about this organization which, if true, will not help to enlarge his circle of friends on the Omaha. There is no room on this pike for knockers. A man who works in any telegraph position on the Omaha and says the O. R. T. never did him any good, is a nature faker, to say the least.

A bill has been presented in the Assembly at Madison by Assemblyman Hammill prohibiting the handling of trains by telephone.

Following are the assignments on the December bulletin: Millston, second trick, E. B. Jacobson; Strum, "AT," A. R. Chase; Northline, second trick, A. H. Kuhn; Lake Elmo, "AT," A. C. Heideloff.

The feeling of apathy still prevails among our members. They sit around and work with the nons and never make a move to secure their applications. They have nons working in the office with them and in the next office, and can not see any reason why they should make an effort to line them up.

Once more we wish to impress upon the members that the maintenance of this organization depends entirely upon the members themselves. The constant stream of members leaving the service makes it absolutely necessary that we have a constant stream of new members coming in, if we are to hold our own, not to speak of increasing our membership. This must be done by the individual members. If a man were sent over the road to organize the nons by the time he had the road covered he would have to start all over again, as new men would be coming in all the time. It would also entail an expense which would stagger the members. Instead of paying $10 per year they would be paying $20. What we pay in now is enough to pay our current expenses, such as salaries and expenses of the officers and committee work, etc., but we would be very quickly face to face with a special assessment if we were to keep a man on the line chasing up the nons and delinquents. This must be done by the members.

DIV. COR.

Minnesota and Iowa Division—

In ushering in the new year the Omaha, especialy the M. & I. Division, have been blessed with a period of business. Every available trainman is being pressed into service and the rolling stock is all in use. The telegraphers at some stations are supposed to work only nine hours a day, but in a number of instances they are being worked to the law's limit.

In starting in with this glorious new year let us hesitate for just a moment, look back over the past year and if we can discover any place that we erred now is an excellent time to remedy it. There is one thing each telegrapher should aim to start the new year with, and that is a new card.

Bro. F. M. Schneiderhan has quit the Omaha road, and has accepted the side-wire job at Minneapolis, with the M. & St. L. He was relieved by Bro. F. H. Spatgen, of Worthington, who in turn was relieved at Worthington by Bro. F. E. Anderson, of Sioux Falls.

Bro. F. E. Stolte, late of Mendota, has taken up his assigned position at Blakeley. His cousin, Bro. E. E. Stolte, relieved him at Mendota.

Bro. F. E. Stolte's arrival at Blakeley gave Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan that long looked for opportunity, and he will enjoy his vacation for a few weeks. He will visit his parents at Jordan.

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Bro. Spatgen was off a few days during the holidays, incidentally visiting his folks at Merriam, and his brother at St. Paul. Bro. J. M. Locke relieved him.

From Merriam Bro. Locke goes to Mitchell to relieve Bro. Feyder for six weeks.

Bro. Mock, of Sioux Falls, returned from his claim just long enough to say goodby, then returned to his claim.

Bro. F. E. Anderson received the assignment to the Sioux Falls position for ninety days, and was transferred from Worthington to Sioux Falls. Bro. C. R. Williams relieved Bro. Anderson.

Bro. Lapachek, of Worthington, is taking a week's vacation and will spend a portion of that time around the head of the lakes. He is relieved by Bro. Williams. Unable to say who now holds the third trick at Worthington.

Bro. Kehrer, of Mankato, was called to Spokane, Wash., the early part of January on account of the death of a relative. He was relieved by Bro. Funk, who in turn was relieved by Mr. C. O. Ziebarth, a new man.

On account of failing health, Bro. Robert Jamieson, of Beaver Creek, has been advised by his physicians to seek a different climate; accordingly he left the 19th inst. for Oregon. His son, Bro. A. P. Jamieson, of Lake Crystal, accompanied him as far as Sioux City.

Mr. C. O. Ziebarth relieved Bro. Jamieson, and upon the latter's return he relieved Bro. Tenney, who transacted business at Mountain Lake, his family accompanying him.

We are pained to learn that Mrs. W. M. Hale, wife of that good natured agent at Windom, is at this writing in a hospital at Minneapolis, where we understand she will have to undergo an operation. Bro. Levering relieves Bro. Hale, and Mr. C. O. Ziebarth relieves Bro. Levering.

At this writing the little girl of Bro. Backer, of Bingham Lake, is quite sick with a hard cold, also Mrs. Backer quite sick with the lagrippe, which makes it pretty hard for Bro. Backer.

Quite a meeting of employes was held at St. James the 17th inst, the object of which was the discussion of the proposed hospital pension plan. A few of the impatient ones went forward and signed an agreement giving the company the privilege of deducting 1 per cent from their wages, or more if the board of managers see fit. We believe in a case of so much importance as this is apt to be, one should do nothing on the impulse of the moment. There should be plenty of time after a thorough investigtiaon. Men longer in the service than you are have decided they do not want such a plan, unless absolutely obliged to accept it. In view of the fact that we should all be materially interested in this proposition, I believe we should be entitled to know what the capitalization of such a plan is to be, and not go into it blind folded.

Bro. E. E. Gresham, of St. Peter, has already received his new up-to-date card and feels mighty proud of it, too.

I was told by one non-member, a short time ago, that he could not join because if he did some of them that he had promised a Christmas present would be disappointed. I question which would suffer the most, the one that was disappointed in not getting the Christmas present or he if his salary was reduced $5 or $10 per month. A man with as small caliber as that deserves a "hunch."

I believe the non list is the smallest at this time that it has ever been. With the exceptions of the above mentioned gentlemen, the boys are all taking an active part in the progress, and are more than willing to do all they can to further our welfare.

Election will soon be at hand and we should look well to our interests, selecting from the best timber our representatives. You all have a voice in this and should see that that voice is heard. If you sit idly by you can only blame yourself if you do not get the representation that you want.

Let me again urge upon you the promptness you should exercise in attending to your dues and assessments. This should not be put off until tomorrow, it should be attended to at once.

CERT. 251.

Nebraska Division—

In traveling over a division of railway, and talking with telegraphers regarding the O. R. T., it is wonderful what excuses some of them will put up in defense of not belonging to the Order. Very rarely will one tell you that the Order has not done any good to them, that time has passed, for they can no longer say that. Each and every one, no matter where he is or where working, is deriving a benefit of five dollars each month at least, so that time-worn phrase is done away with. But others are manufactured to take the place. We will admit that a few, a very few, are good and sufficient, and if the promises that these few make, are kept regarding their coming in and helping out in the near future, or as soon as their present inability is overcome, all well and good, but in a great many instances, the excuses offered are simply to stave off the expense that is to be incurred by joining the Order for the time being, and they will still go on drawing their benefits of increase in pay, overtime, shorter hours, relief from care of switchlights, and the other numerous favors obtained through the efforts of those who pay their good money in from time to time, and retain membership in an Order which is fast becoming one of the strongest in the labor world. Some of these bright examples of financial economy go so far as to tell you that they are always "broke," except at the time they draw their check, and as soon as they can get to a bank to cash it they have to either pay it all out at once to square bills incurred during the previous month, or else the society of certain elements which form part of the population of every city is so enticing that they cannot resist the "pull" which the aforesaid "society" has upon their pocketbooks. In consequence they are never in position to make good their promises to join the

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Order, even if they really had the desire or intention to join, and thus help along the organization which has made it possible for them to work nine-hour tricks, and draw salaries much in advance of what they used to draw when they were working under the old rules. It would seem to the man of ordinary sensibilities and self-respect that such men would at least be ashamed to advance the time-worn excuse that they can not join the Order because they have no money to do it with, and also admit that they can never get to the point where they have backbone enough to deny themselves a little so-called pleasure for one lone month, in order that they may be able to hold up their heads among their fellow-employes and say that they are helping to keep the standard of wages up to where they are now, and enabling the general committees to get further concessions, which they desire as much as any of us, but are the least willing to help pay for. They are a class by themselves, human blood suckers, so to speak, and we are very thankful they are in the minority, there are very few indeed, but it can not be denied that there are a few on this division. We sincerely hope to see them still come into the Order, and thus make it unnecessary to mention anything of this kind in the journal.

Bro. Wassumm, agent at Ponca, is taking a two weeks' vacation, and was relieved by Bro. Jones, late of Bloomfield, who will accept third trick at Emerson as soon as he is through at Ponca.

It's Bro. Pinion now at Wynot, and we are glad to extend the hand of welcome to him. He took a vacation over the holidays and spent a very enjoyable time with his people in "Old Virginny" way back east. He reports the demand for good telegraphers back there is good, and that some good jobs are vacant there, same as in other places.

By the time this reaches the members we can call G. W. Smith, at Jackson, "Bro." also; he having come to the front like a man, and cast his lot in with the others who are helping to keep the good ship moving.

Bro. R. B. Hatcher bid in the third trick at Ferry, and has taken up his duties.

Operator W. D. Whitaker, at Hubbard, is off for a few days; being relieved by Bro. Foutts, of the G. N. Division, but who will be transferred to "76" at once.

Bro. Woods is working third trick at Emerson at present, until Bro. Jones can get there to take it.

Mr. Ayres, agent at Thurston has been taking a vacation, and was relieved by Bro. Foutts.

Mr. French, first trick at Blair, was on the sick list a few days recently, and Bro. Thompson and Bro. Hineline were compelled to work a little overtime until a man could be rushed to the scene. Operator Fowler who has been out of service for some time was secured and did the necessary

Bro. W. L. Wright, nights, at Oakland, was called away recently by the death of his wife's mother, in Iowa; and was relieved by Bro. E. V. Leach, an up-to-date member from I. C.

Bro. L. C. Arnold, of Douglas, Wyo., a member of Division No. 76, drew the day operator job at Bancroft.

Bro. Whitaker, agent at Newcastle, took a few days off, and was relieved by Bro. Johnson, days, at Oakland.

Operator Kragscow, at Lyons, has given up his position and taken service on the extra list, pending the bulletin. He goes to Bloomfield to relieve Bro. Jones. Bro. O. A. Reveal, of Division No. 53, is relieving him. Bro. Reveal also relieved Bro. B. E. Crouch, days, at Wayne, while the latter was taking a few days off.

We can say brother to F. E. Strauss, agent at Concord, now, he having come in out of the wet again.

Wish some of the boys would send in some more items of interest; anything that shows up we would be glad to have it. DIV. COR.

Western Maryland Ry.

The Western Maryland has awarded contracts for equipment involving an expenditure of more than $1,000,000. These contracts call for steel hoppers, consolidated freight engines and cabooses.

I'll venture to say there are very few who read THE TELEGRAPHER, read the items of other roads. Why not read over their write-ups and see what others are doing?

Very many of the boys were disappointed that they could not be relieved on Christmas, on account of no relief man, but since Mr. Breighner has started out on the line to do the extra stunt.

Mr. D. O. Martin, formerly from Hampstead, who for the past few years has been a traveling salesman is again back with the W. M., working extra on the main line.

Bro. Fleigh relieved Mr. Damuth ten days.

Mr. A. Benchoff, first trick dispatcher, had the opportunity of enjoying his ten days' vacation during the holidays; relieved by Bro. Koons.

Bro. Flickinger, third trick at "DI," out a few days on a hunting trip.

Bro. Ernst, second trick at Hampstead, off a few days.

Bro. Bupp, third trick at Porters, moved last month from Hanover to Porters; relieved by Mr. Sterner.

Mr. Peddicord, at "AR," off several days; relieved by Bro. Forster of "J."

Bro. Barnes relieved Bro. Forster during his absence at Hillen.

Bro. Blocher, at Alesia, off one day to visit relatives in Baltimore; Mr. Sterner holding down the chair while Harry was gone.

R. G. Sterner relieved Bro. Hoover, at Thomasville, one day.

Bro. W. C. Dubbs, second trick at Porters, enjoyed five days' vacation during the holidays; relieved by Mr. McCoy.

Our write-ups are getting smaller every month. Boys, can't you give your correspondent a little

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every month. We have not heard from the main line for several months. What is the matter over there, can't you stir up something each month?

Two more members added to our list in January, from the B. & H. Division.

Bro. Spillman, who for some time had been working a broker office, is again back with the W. M., holding down his old place in "G" office.

Bro. Birely, formerly agent at Highfield, is again back at his old post at Highfield.

A few of the boys, I believe, are a little discouraged, and have an idea we will not have a schedule. We can not get it at once, a little patience and all will come right.

The official private car No. 201 caught fire, Monday, January 18th, but the fire company soon had it under control, saving about one-half of the car. The car was standing in the Hillen yard ready to make a trip the next morning.

Bro. Koons, one of our well-known dispatchers, is unable to be on duty on account of sickness.

Brothers, get after the men you work with and show them their mistake.

Bro. Kemper was called upon last month to pay the chief dispatcher a visit; relieved by Mr. Breighner.

Bro. Arnsberger, second trick at Walbrook, off two days; relieved by Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Peddicord, first trick at Hillen, on a five days' trip to New York; relieved by Bro. Spillman.

Bro. Flickinger, of York, off duty a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Dubbs, second trick at Summit, displaced from Summit; second trick assigned to Bro. J. W. Wertz.

Bro. C. E. Stouffer, extra operator, put in one day at Union Bridge last month.

Bro. Morrison, second trick at Thurmont, off one night, attending a dance at Lake Side; relieved by Mr. Breighner.

Bro. Mummert off one day on a business trip to Hagerstown. DIV. COR.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Bro. Thorpe relieved Bro. Newcomb at Frankfort, while "NE" was at "BU." Bro. Thorpe later bid in agency at South La Grange.

Mr. R. S. Brown is doing baggage work at Milo, at this writing.

Bro. Croker and wife recently spent Sunday at Brownville.

H. A. Scribner, Jr., is doing second trick at Millinocket until bid in.

"13" Bro. H. F. Snowman, formerly agent at South La Grange, is at present at his home in Bucksport, Me.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Whipple is gaining in health at Bay Pond, N. Y.

We think Bro. Brown must have bid in Winterville again, thinking that Stacyville was hardly what he wanted.

"13" the "Ham Factory" at La Grange is still doing business. We trust this is not connected with the "Beef Trust."

Boys, wake up and see if you can not get something written up for the journal. We might just as well have one column in the journal every month, as to be represented by a few lines. This could be easily overcome if the brothers would only jot down what little things come to their notice.

Try it. Do it now. CERT. 90.

Illinois Central Ry.

I am now reaping the fruits of the error of one of our brothers of Division 93. Although this brother displays an up-to-date to every strange brother that comes his way, he took in a very charming young lady and taught her the art of telegraphy, merely to show regard for her, probably not thinking that in the course of a few months this charming young lady would go to the superintendent and make a proposition like this: "Mr. Superintendent, you have a man at —— office that I understand you are paying $50.00 per month. I am now a very good operator and I think that if you will allow me to go to —— and go in your office and study for twenty or thirty days on that particular line of business I can hold down that position and will accept it at $25.00 per month." It is useless to say that the superintendent accepted this offer and forthwith sent the young lady to —— with instructions to the operator there to help this charming young lady to learn this branch of the business and for her to advise him as soon as she was ready to take the position. In the meantime Mr. Superintendent wrote the other brother that unless he could work the position for $25.00 per he would have to let him go, as his object was to cut expenses this year and he could get a competent operator to work that job for that salary. Of course the brother couldn't afford to work for that and support himself, wife and baby. Consequently in the course of about thirty days the superintendent arrived at —— in company with the charming young lady and proceeded to check out the brother and leave him without employment with a family to support. No doubt this pious brother with his up-to-date in his pocket will recognize himself when he sees this, so I will state that I only wish that he and all other brothers may profit by my loss and never allow any charming young ladies to learn in their office. If you can't love them without teaching them, my advice to you is to marry them and then ask permission of President Perham to teach her. Then you will know that she will not starve out any of your brothers.

CERT. 1762, DIV. 93.

Mississippi Division—

Outlook for business for 1909 is very promising and we must try and also make it the busiest and most prosperous year in the history of the O. R. T. and the only way we can do so is for us to use individual effort. If we do this we should be

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99 to 100 per cent strong by the time 1909 has rolled away.

Several new names have been added to our lists since last issue and I am glad to say that they are all brothers.

Bro. G. A. Huckabay, of Ark., is doing third stunt at Vaiden.

Miss Minnie Caldwell, M. P. Powers, L. P. Bell and C. W. Porter all in line now, thanks to our worthy local chairman and others who have been talking to them.

Bro. and Sister Jarnigan, of Goodman, are at present at Greenfield, Tenn., on account of the death of the father of Sister Jarnigan.

I am sorry to report that several of the brothers have not as yet remitted for the last half of 1908. Now, boys, that won't do. You are all deriving great benefits from our schedule and I believe that you will see you are wrong in not remitting if you will only stop a moment and think what it means for you to drop out.

At this writing Mississippi Division only shows 80 per cent and we should show 100 per cent strong. Now, let's see if we can't show a better per cent next month.

Our regular monthly meetings will be resumed next month to continue throughout the year. Now, let's every one that can go and try to get some other brother to go along with us.

Bro. Harrington is "it" just now at Grenada, as Mr. Wright is away for a few days.

In December issue it was reported that Bro. C. A. Ross, of Vaughans, was dead. I am glad to say that this was an error, and "S" is still very much alive at "UC."

Mr. W. A. Taylor, our efficient chief, has been ill a few days this month, but we are glad to say that he is back at his post now.

Third trick at Durant has been raised to $62.50.

Look out now for the notice of next meeting from Bro. Bull and let's all go.

CERT. 1658.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Alderson, of "B," days first trick man, is off a few days on account of sickness. Relieved by Opr. Haggard, who is there with the goods.

Understand Bro. Smith, at "NA," second trick, is laying off. Unable to say who is relieving him.

Opr. Halliday, of "MS," second trick, is on the sick list.

Bro. Cavitt, of Mounds, "UN" office, has resigned and accepted a position as mail clerk on 205 and 6.

The St. Louis Division is up with the standard now. We have hardly a non on the division and we wish to keep it that way to better everything along our way. We have the 'phones going now, but we can not say how long they will make good.

Understand there will be a meeting soon at Carbondale and will be glad for every member to attend who can. DIV. COR.

Freeport Division—

Have you voted yet? If not, vote now and vote right. Vote for one candidate for local chairman, delegate and alternate, marking envelope the votes are enclosed in "official ballot." Should you wish to enclose the same with some correspondence be sure and put your votes in a separate envelope, marking it the same as above, sealing it, otherwise your votes can not be counted.

Among the recent bulletins we have Haldane nights, Kerrick agency, second trick Freeport yard, Plato Center agency and first trick C. G. W. Crossing.

Bro. F. A. Henion off a few days, being relieved by W. C. Campbell, non.

On account of being unable to get the old hall on Stephenson street, Freeport, Ill., we have rented a hall on Galena street in the Blust Block. It is just three and one-half blocks west of Freeport yard office, upstairs in a large white front building known as the Blust Block. The rooms are much nicer than the ones we had before.

Bro. E. B. Lund, who was successful applicant for first trick at Dixon, was relieved at Freeport yard office, second trick, by Bro. Jno. Hayes.

Bro. John Funk was successful applicant for third trick, East Junction.

Bro. C. G. Price has left the service and has bought a farm in Wyoming, where he intends to go as soon as relieved.

Bro. A. H. Brodeur, third trick at Coleman, was called home to Tucker, Ill., on account of his mother's sickness. He was relieved by W. C. Campbell, non.

Bro. B. E. Melloan is at present doing the extra stunt on third trick at Parkway.

A vote was taken at the last meeting held in Freeport January 22d in regard to putting Bro. Sweeney on the seniority list, and allowing him his right from the time he last entered the service as telegrapher, and the same was voted unanimous.

Bro. W. C. Boldts relieved Bro. Granger at Freeport yard office for a few days on first trick.

Bro. B. C. Boldts is at present doing the extra stunt on first trick C. G. W. Crossing. Bro. S. A. Franks was the successful applicant for this position and will be checked in soon.

Bro. C. Peterson is figuring on taking a fifteen days' vacation. He is going to Kentucky.

Bro. C. E. Harrington, who was with us formerly, has again returned to the service of the I. C. and is at present doing the heavy work on first trick Freeport Yard office, relieving Bro. Granger.

Bro. Granger is at present relieving Bro. Madden on the day trick in Freeport, "DR" office.

Bro. Madden doing the dispatcher's stunt on the south end in the place of C. S. Pack for a few days.

Bro. Jno. Hayes relieved Bro. Foskule at Bloomington for a few days on account of sickness in Bro. Foskule's family.

"13" Bro. Bellows, second trick at Bloomington, is going to take in the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

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Bro. Kelly managed to get a $2.50 raise for the night owl at Lostant.

Bro. F. E. Lamboley, of Monroe, Wis., was the first to pay his dues on the entire system this term, so Bro. R. L. Shannon advises me, although there was a statement in the journal last month that Bro. Allen, of the Tennessee Division, was first. This was a mistake, but he was a close second. SHORTY.

Tennessee Division—

Business in general is fairly good; however, not as good as was expected before the election.

Our local chairman, Bro. E. Cosgrove called a special meeting a few weeks ago, but the attendance was very small, owing to the limited train service and the nine-hour law prohibiting the boys from relieving each other. However, there is no one that could regret it on account of the nine-hour limit prohibiting them.

I notice that there are quite a good many a little negligent about getting in their dues. This is not to reprimand any one, but as a reminder. Let's not let the month of February slip by before we send the necessary stuff up to Bro. Shannon, for we well know it is only through our organization that we now enjoy the nine-hour workday and other things that have proven of benefit to us; so let us keep this good move going.

I notice that we have two good brothers in the field for local chairman, both good and worthy brothers. While, of course, all of us can not see alike, and to our judgment we vote for the man which we think best fitted for this position, and if the opposite is elected we, of course, as an organization, will support the officer elected in any manner that will be beneficial to us, directly or indirectly, as though we had our choice and not be in the least offended.

I notice men seem scarce, none floating through the country. The chief dispatcher can not relieve the boys for vacations, and lots of times it is very hard in case of sickness.

Bros. Dye and Etling bid in second and third tricks, respectively, at Ballard Junction, regular.

With one or two exceptions the Terminal is solid, and business seems much better than usual. We are handling some seventy-five or more trains daily.

Bro. O. T. Buffalow, of Martin, was recently off a few days, sick, threatened with appendicitis. No doubt an opperation will be necessary before he is permanently relieved.

Bro. McAdoo bid in Lawrence nights on bulletin.

Bro. Knight landed Abbeville agency.

Bro. J. W. Barnett, Holly Springs, third trick.

"13" Bro. Futrell, of Waterford, Miss., has been trying to get off, but met with no success on account of the chief dispatchers being unable to relieve him.

In my conclusion I wish to say the company has gone to quite an expense installing telephones and experimenting in various ways, still they could not see their way clear to adopt the nine-hour law last spring without a plea of poverty to the I. S. C. C., but finally decided it best, after no relief from the commission, and still have a surplus for this experimenting to keep going on.

CERT. 1099.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved brother, P. W. Maloney, be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in afflictions, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, By Tennessee Division, No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER.

E. COSGROVE,
C. P. SIMONTON,
E. DUGAN,
Committee.

TO MEMBERS O. R. T., TENNESSEE DIVISION.

COVINGTON, TENN., January 23, 1909.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful floral tribute to my husband.

"May the union ever prosper."

Yours gratefully,
ELIZABETH MALONEY.

Louisiana Division—

The old year of 1908, with all its ups and downs, has passed into history, and we are now starting out upon the new year. Illinois Central System Division, No. 93, has weathered the storms of the old year in great shape. The financial depression for the greater part of the old year, together with the national nine-hour law, caused a great many of the railroads throughout the country to retrench in every possible manner, many cutting wages in different departments, and the telegraphers have suffered from this reduction on several unorganized roads, also on several poorly organized lines, and on top of this, several of the Northern and Western lines have installed the telephone, at great expense, for the handling of trains, thus closing up numerous small telegraph offices and opening up in their stead telephone offices at reduced pay, but the good old I. C. has withstood all this.

While the company has installed the telephone on the greater part of the system it has done us no damage, owing to our contract reading, "There shall be no change in these rules or rates of pay, excepting upon thirty days' notice," etc., and upon this we have stood pat. Starting the new year with our wage scale intact and the nine-hour law,

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together with a 90 per cent membership, "The Banner Division" is in a position to accomplish much good during the year 1909.

Our general committee should be convened (and no doubt it will) in the near future to revise our schedule, in corporating the nine- and eight-hour day at the several offices, new overtime rules, dinner hour, etc., and last, but not least, a new wage scale.

In order to present a solid front at all times, every member should look after his neighbor and see that he is provided with an up-to-date card. Every new-comer should be looked after. Do not take his word that he has a card, but make him show it, and if he belongs to another division, secure his division and certificate number and send them to your local chairman. If he has no card, persuade him to get one the first pay-day. Attend meetings regularly and, in fine, be up and doing. Do not depend upon the local chairman to do every thing. Individual effort is what we want, and with this we will keep Division No. 93 where she properly belongs, at the head of the procession, noted for its efficiency and for doing things.

The regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Sunday night, January 10th, with the usually large crowd and plenty of enthusiasm. The new seniority list was received and the necessary corrections made. Two communications from President Perham were read, one congratulating the Louisiana Division upon its large percentage of members. Several applications were acted upon. Under the good of the Order, Bros. Hayes, Youngblood and C. C. Wilson interested us with some good advice, information and witty remarks. Do not forget the date in the future, every second Sunday night at 8 p. m.

Two of our members have become delinquent, thus joining the "down and out" club. Both of these ex-brothers are enjoying substantial increase in pay, secured by the O. R. T., besides shorter hours, etc., and we predict these parties, before many moons, will have regretted joining the "razor-backs."

The Western Union office at Crystal Springs has been removed from the depot and a separate office established, which knocks Bro. Holt out of several plunks per month commission.

Bro. H. G. Hungate, agent at Tickfaw, La., has returned from an extensive trip to Georgia and Texas, visiting relatives.

Bro. H. W. Wolf has resigned the position as cashier at Hammond, La., and has accepted the position of general freight agent for the N. O., N. & N. R. R., with headquarters at Natalbany, La.

Mr. Frank Lay, dispatcher for the Y. & M. V. at Memphis, a well-known Katy scab, paid the Louisiana Division a flying visit recently.

Bro. J. L. Phillips, from Harahan Junction, has returned from his home in Alabama, where he was called on a sad mission, the burial of his father.

After an absence of over a year with the E., P. & N. W. R. R., at Newman, N. M., Bro. W. L. Myers has returned to that dear old Crescent City, where he has accepted the position of chief train auditor for the Southern Pacific.

The New Orleans & Great Northern R. R. have about completed their line into Jackson, Miss.; will enter the city over the I. C. tracks. This will throw a great deal more work upon "JD" office. An interlocking plant will also be built at the junction soon.

It seems that the boys working in our general offices at Memphis and New Orleans have to suffer the humillation of having a non in each office.

Bro. E. A. Hearon, formerly of Canton, Miss., has accepted an agency with the N. O. & G. N. R. R.

Two new members this month, G. N. Arnold, third trick at Kenner Junction, and J. C. McLaurine, agent at Arcola, La., have signed up and they are now brothers. Nons are getting scarce.

The New Orleans Terminal is solid and a fine lot of boys, with the exception of two nons, who think labor organizations are no good. If dues were free and these parties could borrow a five or ten spot, without interest, between pay-days, it might be different.

One of our oldest passenger conductors, Mr. J. A. Wolf, is confined to the Touro Infirmary from paralysis and is not expected to recover.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, W. M. Bailey; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that in his death the order has lost a true and worthy member, his employers a faithful servant, and his sorrowing family a kind and loving son; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, commending them, with reverence, to the comfort and solace of Him who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

H. A. COMFORT,
F. E. REHORST,
R. S. BRENT,
C. GILL,
Committee.

Peoria Division—

Bro. Howell and wife off on a four weeks' vacation, visiting in California. Bro. Hoffman is relieving him.

Bro. Castor on the extra board, relieving Bro. Perry, of Delavan, who is off on a few days' leave of absence.

Bro. Short, at Hartsburg, regular, relieving Bro. Jones, who got Browns on regular bulletin.

Bro. Clark, operator at Sullivan, Ill., took a short vacation in December. Bro. Castor is relieving him.

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Bro. Burr, agent at Janesville, has been off now for several weeks on account of sickness, being relieved by Operator Endicott.

Bro. Manion, of Franklin street office, Evansville, off on a vacation from December 24th to January 6th, visiting friends in Wichita, Hutchinson and Newton, Kan., and reports a fine trip. Bro. Wilson is relieving him. "13" Bro. Wilson will go to "Q" office in Indianapolis for the Indianapolis Southern.

Bro. Frego, third trick dispatcher at "Z" office, Mattoon, was off ten days during the holidays. Bro. Bridges relieved him on third trick, he in turn being relieved by Bro. Castor.

Bro. C. J. Walker, our hustling local chairman, was out on the line a few evenings ago, shaking hands with some of the brothers.

Bro. Fred Berry, an old I. C. boy and for several years operator at Newton, together with his wife and daughter, spent the holidays with Bro. H. A. Bolinger and family, and while here renewed old acquaintances and shook hands with old-time friends.

Bro. H. A. Bolinger, second trick operator at Newton, and family visited with Bro. R. E. Millings and family one day during the holidays. They were accompanied by Bro. J. F. Berry and family.

We are glad to learn that the boys are paying up, almost to a man, on the Peoria Division, and from all indications we will soon be solid O. R. T. This is the goal we are striving for. Let each member who knows of a non on the line take after him and talk O. R. T. to him until he can not help but see where it has already benefited him, and will continue to do so if he will but come across and do his part.

Bro. Hardwick, agent at Willow Hill for the Indianapolis Southern, and the C., H. & D. was a caller in Newton a few weeks ago, and while there made the boys at "NE" a pleasant call.

We are sorry to say that there are still one or two offices along this division that have a so-called helper, and that they will get on the line and cause more or less annoyance to the boys who have wire work to do.

Now, boys, if this helper is in your office for your own good, as well as for the good of the Order, keep him off the wire, for you know from the experience of others, if not from your own, what it will lead to and then you will wonder, after it is too late, what you ever taught him for anyhow.

Bro. Morenous, agent at Robinson for the Indianapolis Southern, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is now able to be back at his post again.

Bro. Clements, operator at Bloomfield, and local chairman for the O. R. T. on the Indianapolis Southern Railway, made a trip over the division January 14th, shaking hands with the boys and lining up the nons.

Bro. J. T. Caster, on the extra board, spent a few days in January visiting friends and relatives at Anna and Mill Creek, Ill.

Bro. Andrews, on the extra board, who has been working for the Indianapolis Southern Railway at Robinson, is home for a few days with his parents, at Rose Hill.

Bro. Jones, agent at Browns, was on the sick list for a few days, and was relieved by his operator, Bro. Huering, he in turn being relieved by Bro. Wilson, from the extra board.

The new cards for the first half of 1909 are now being sent out and every agent and operator should have one, up-to-date. Some of us are a little slow about paying up and, as a consequence, we are not receiving our cards promptly. Let us all pay promptly and not have our local chairman writing us to come across. We owe it to him as well as ourselves to do this, for he has enough to do without having to be everlastingly after us fellows who are slow about coming across. Watch this, brothers, and let us all do the right thing at the right time. CERT. 1315.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to the great beyond our loyal brother and coworker, A. D. Baber; be it

Resolved, That Illinois Central Division, No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereft ones our sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records of our division, a copy sent to the deceased brother's parent, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. J. WALKER,
R. E. BAYLES,
H. A. BOLINGER,
Committee.

Dubuque Division—

Business has picked up to such an extent that the dispatching force at Dubuque "Q" office has been increased to six men, and the division divided with one set working main line Dubuque to Waterloo, and the other set handling Albert Lea and Cedar Rapids Districts, and main line Dubuque to Freeport. Mr. F. Hruby, C. H. Harris and Bro. J. L. Heins working first, second and third tricks respectively on west end and two new men, Mr. A. R. Hutchinson, who has been working as extra dispatcher on the Omaha Division, working first, Mr. L. C. LaPlant, who has been working at Carbondale, and various other places, is on second, and L. J. Smith is working the third trick on the east end.

Bro. W. J. Fitz working night side table in "KB," and F. W. Lacy handling the office days. There is plenty of room for an additional man in "KB" days, and work enough to warrant the company putting on another man, too.

Bro. J. A. Trice, third trick at "WF," Dubuque, is taking a short vacation and being relieved by Bro. P. D. Bechely, from second trick at Peosta.

Mr. M. A. Peck relieving "Pedee" at Peosta temporarily while he is relieving Bro. Trice.

Bro. C. C. Yoder relieved Mr. Reed a few days on third trick, Manchester.

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Mr. O. O. Kilgore relieved Bro. B. W. Pierson on first trick at Manchester while Bro. Pierson took a trip to Chicago to buy Xmas presents. Bro. Pierson attended the meeting at Dubuque on November 28th.

New man named Dailey relieved Bro. Yoder on second trick at Winthrop while Yoder relieved Reed at Manchester. Mr. Dailey later went to Independence to relieve Bro. E. E. Truitt on second trick at "FE." Bro. Truitt spent the holidays at Clifton, Ill.

Remember the slogan "no card, no favors."

Bro. M. S. Resor, of Charles City, secured third trick at Scales Mound on bulletin bid. He was relieved at Charles City by Mr. A. G. Donahue.

Bro. B. A. Patrick still working day operator's trick at Osage until bulletin bid filled.

Bro. J. D. Vanderburg returned to Myrtle from Indiana and withdrew his application for Osage days, and has decided to remain at Myrtle.

Bro. C. G. Wagner, agent at Mitchell, Ia., took a short vacation and was relieved by Mr. J. P. Birch, of Orchard, Ia.

We will have regular monthly meetings hereafter and every brother should make an effort to attend. All members in good standing will receive postal card notice of each meeting in ample time to allow them to arrange for transportation. These meetings are held jointly with the C. G. W., C. B. & Q., C. M. & St. P. and Illinois Central, and there is always a good bunch from each road present and the brothers who do not attend will miss "great doings." We have several candidates in sight to be initiated at the next meeting and everybody should be there. General Chairman C. A. Mullhall, General Secretary and Treasurer R. L. Shannon and Bro. J. A. Newman, First Vice-President, were present at the meeting on November 28th and delivered excellent addresses which were fully appreciated by all present. Bro. Newman is a good, plain, sensible talker and brought out many points in such a logical way that all the brothers present were impressed with the truthfulness of his remarks.

It is not generally known that as a result of the recent panic that several roads attempted to annul their schedules with the telegraphers employed on their respective lines, and would have accomplished their object had it not been for the fact that the representatives of the telegraphers immediately got busy and proceeded to show them that the majority of the telegraphers were members of our organization and that they strongly opposed any reductions in salaries or changes in rules and regulations. If these railroads had succeeded in bluffing the telegraphers and making their schedules void it would have established a precedent and without a doubt all railroads in the United States would have followed suit and there would have been a general reduction in salaries all over the country. The unorganized classes of labor were the only ones who suffered a reduction in pay during the period of financial depression. This fact alone is enough to convince the most skeptical hardshell of the fact that organization pays. Come over to our meetings and hear the discussions of interesting questions brought up and you will want to come every time. We will guarantee that you will enjoy yourself.

Bro. M. S. Resor secured third trick at Scales Mound. He was relieved at Charles City by Mr. A. G. Donahue.

Bro. C. A. Indra is laying off spending the holidays with relatives at Mitchell, Ia. Relieved by Bro. C. O. Butler.

Bro. "Jimmy" Hansberry secured night job at "CO" Hill. The day job is a "non-train order" job and therefore Bro. Hansberry is one of the unfortunates who is compelled to work a twelve-hour trick.

Ex-Bro. D. A. Stickney, formerly dispatcher at "Q" office, but now in the grain and coal business, is spending the holidays at Warren with his parents. Bro. Stickney took out a withdrawal card when he left the railroad service.

Mr. J. J. Lenihan, the popular local freight agent at Dubuque, resigned and is succeeded by Mr. T. F. Cassidy, formerly agent at Dyersville. Dyersville station is on bulletin, but up to the present time (December 28th) have not learned who is the lucky man. There is a bunch of old timers after it.

Mr. F. Fuller, of "JC," Dubuque Junction, is now a full-fledged brother.

Keep after the nons, brothers. Talk O. R. T. to them at every opportunity and don't let up on them until they get into the band wagon.

The nine-hour law in itself was practically a 33 1-3 per cent raise for all who were benefited by the reduction of hours, when you consider the fact that we are now working three and four hours less time then we formerly worked at the same rate of pay. But we must keep thoroughly organized in order to hold what we have already got. Even if the 'phone superseded the telegraph and we remained thoroughly organized there would be little danger of a reduction in pay. It will take trained men to operate the stations even with a 'phone, and don't think for a moment that any person with enough brains and practical experience to successfully handle all the work connected with a telegrapher's position will work for any less than we are now getting. However, don't worry about the 'phone question, for it will never supersede the telegraph for the handling of messages, reports and commercial business in your time or mine, although the railways may use it for dispatching trains on double tracks or where business is light. Read "An Old-Timer's" article in the November issue of this journal. HOOK & EYE.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division—

When you read this write-up ask yourself how much of it you contributed.

Business has been increasing of late. The increase in number of trains requiring the stations of Skyburg and Vlasaty to be given an additional operator, making them a two-man station instead

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of one. We are unable to say who got second trick on these two jobs.

Bro. C. Norris, agent at Inver Grove, took a couple of weeks' vacation visiting relatives. Opr. M. C. Rafael relieved him.

During the latter part of December a letter was circulated over the division originating at the office of General Chairman Albrecht, which has probably been read by every operator and agent on the division. The letter stated that complaints had been made that operators and agents were using the wires of the Postal Telegraph Company excessively for sending free business or "personal messages." You all know that the right to use their wires for such purposes was a privilege granted us by the telegraph company and we should show our appreciation by complying with the rules regulating the use of this privilege. Rule No. 23, in the Postal's tariff book, explains fully when and when not to use the telegraph for our own interests. Free business should be accounted for in the monthly reports, and some of the agents have not been doing this. The majority of us very seldom, if ever, have occasion to use this privilege and surely we do not wish to be deprived of it entirely just through the carelessness of a few individuals.

Bro. Frank Norris, second trick at Inver Grove, took a few days' lay-off (improving his health), and Bro. W. J. Maloney did the "O. S.ing" while he was away.

Bro. W. F. Smith, agent at Coates, has been compelled to leave his work again on account of sickness. Opr. M. C. Rafael is at present doing the agency stunt at Coates.

In the December number we mentioned Opr. A. B. Cook's name and represented him as a brother. This was a mistake, as Opr. Cook does not carry an up-to-date card and as far as we can find out he has no intentions of getting one. Another one of those "rising stars" who think they can gain the employer's confidence by their non-union methods and in the meantime are trying their hardest to land the good jobs that the union created.

A subscription paper has been circulated for the benefit of our former chief, Mr. Wilhelm, who has been and is still confined to his bed with a prolonged illness.

Bro. Holmes has returned to work at Renova after being absent for some time on account of sickness.

Opr. Carter was relieved when Bro. Holmes returned and we are sorry to say, he leaves no one to mourn his departure. While at Renova he attempted to establish a telegraph school there and besides being a non, he did many other harmful and unmanly acts.

General Chairman Albrecht says he is too busy to "be heard," but he will get busy with the fraternal affairs in a short time and then he will make a "noise."

Don't forget your dues. CERT. 194.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Fifth Division—

Meeting held in Helena, January 23rd, not as well attended as we had reason to expect. Appears that there is no valid reason why we should not have an attendance of fifteen to twenty-five members at these meetings. The majority of those absent have no excuse other than negligence on their part. Each member is expected to make every effort consistent with his duties to attend these meetings, and let us urge that all make a strong effort to attend the next meeting in Savannah, latter part of February.

Our meetings while not held primarily for pleasure alone, are nevertheless, not only enjoyable, but result in better service to the company, our Order and each individual on the line.

The applications of Mr. Griffin, agent at Hagan, and Mrs. Ramsey, agent at Daisy, were presented by Bro. Rush, who was voted the thanks of our Order for his good work in securing these applications. The results obtained by Bro. Rush are indications of what any member can do on that line if the proper effort is made.

The matter of electing local chairman for the ensuing term was discussed at some length. The present incumbent Bro. Smith, of Ocilla, has expressed his determination not to serve, on account of not being able to give it the work and time that it deserves.

Bro. Tidwell, of Vidalia, was mentioned as a probable candidate, and in the event that he is elected, will, no doubt, handle this important office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Each member who has not already done so, is strongly urged to pay their semi-annual dues, and secure an up-to-date card without delay. Our officials are greatly hampered when members unnecessarily delay this important matter.

Attend the next meeting. CERT. 147.

NOTICE.

To Members of the Second Division:

Regular meeting dates are in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Hamlet, on the third Saturday night of the months of March, May, July, September and November, 1909. All up-to-date members are expected to attend.

H. C. BOOKER,
Local Chairman.

Second Division—

Regular meeting at Hamlet, Saturday night, December 19th, called to order by Local Chairman Booker. A splendid attendance—about thirty-five present. Chief Dispatcher Mr. Purvis offered us a permanent meeting place in the Y. M. C. A. Building. A committee of three was appointed to thank the chief for his generosity. The membership found the meeting room in the Y. M. C. A. very nice, and the secretary was kind and said he was glad to welcome such a body to the building.

Mr. Purvis was also very kind to the boys in holding No. 32 for adjournment.

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The hotel management, at Hamlet, has offered us reduced rates for meals, and the lobby on the second floor is at our service at all times.

Bros. Booker, Pepper, Moore and Shooter, made very impressive speeches.

The C. C. West is solid with the exception of one man, J. T. Hughes, at Rockingham; he being expelled while on the A. C. L. for teaching.

Bro. Hines was very highly complimented, and his letter to the lodge was heard with much interest. We regret his absence, yet his excuse was acceptable, his wife being very ill.

Bro. Booker reports the R. & A. 90 per cent.

The New Year has a bright outlook, and our men are efficient and determined. The treatment of the company is satisfactory. We expect a schedule with the Express Co. in the coming month or two. Let's hear from Bro. Moore again.

Meeting at Hamlet was called to order by Bro. H. C. Booker, local chairman, January 23rd. Regular meeting date is third Saturday night of each month, but as officers were to be nominated the meeting was put off until this date. A right good attendance, but not as good as before, and as expected. A good many were kept away on account of the examinations this week, having just returned from Hamlet. Bro. Teague, from Cameron, and Bro. Moore, from Lemon Springs, were placed in nomination for local chairman. Bros. Hines, Booker and Milliken were nominated as delegates to the Grand Convention in Atlanta, in May. Following the nominations Bro. F. O. Cumming, general secretary and treasurer, gave us a good talk. He enlightened us on a good many questions, and his talk was grand. We were all very sorry that he could not finish, but No. 32 being due, the majority of those present had to leave.

At the next meeting, I earnestly hope, the new local chairman will appoint two good division correspondents. I have not done my duty, because I have received but very few notes from the boys along the line. I cannot tell when changes are made unless I get notes.

Bro. Chas. F. De Bus, of the Grand Division, has just been over the lines. He has secured applications at all places except some nuts at Raleigh and Wilmington. Those who are left might as well guess for themselves the contempt that they have insured for themselves. Mind you too they are the greasy face nons who always say the committee never did anything. Still they have never helped the committee to get anything. Oh, such ignorance is to be pitied. Operators at Wilmington are afraid to join on account of being afraid of the agent, named Fitter, Junior. One of them writes that Fitter says the O. R. T. is a fake. That none but the common class of operators and agents join it. Well, I am an agent, and this lodge is certainly willing to put its members up against the young fellow at Wilmington, and if a character is to suffer reproach, none of these men will suffer. Talk like this, perhaps, he thinks will bring him a solicitor's place.

The C. & K. is failing to represent itself at our meetings.

One fellow said he would like very much to hear Fitter say that he was a common operator.

Lancaster on first trick, and Big Foot Levester, third trick, at Raleigh Block, are reported and proved to have a student each.

Lancaster fired the messenger boy, and put his grand father's cousin in his place. Lancaster receiving the pottage.

Hamilton reported as having a time and a half with his student from Sanford, and the merchants in Apex.

Traffic department kicking on the decrease in revenue at Apex.

All competitive freight comes by the D. & S. Ry. The Drummers say they can not sell a single merchant in Apex, unless they promise to not route via S. A. L.

Bro. China is now working third trick at Sanford. Pointer at Cognac to rest.

C. G. Gibson is now at Marshville.

Several new members have joined under Bro. De Bus, about forty in number I think. This leaves our division in first-class condition. Bro. De Bus is a hard worker, and he has certainly made good over here. DIV. COR.

CARD OF THANKS.

Branchville, Va., Dec. 1, 1908.

I wish to express somewhat our appreciations to our dear friends and brothers who so nobly responded to my appeal in the August number of our journal. With grateful hearts, in behalf of my family, I sincerely thank each and every one of our friends and brothers for their kind letters of sympathy and cheer, which bore us messages of friendship and love. We assure you that these kind expressions, backed up by much financial assistance, inspires us to bear with true Christian fortitude the affliction recently cast upon us. Your affectionate interest and unselfish generosity will ever be cherished and remembered.

Our Division No. 97 appropriated at meeting on October 18, 1908, $25.00.

Space will not permit the printing of the names of individual contributors. I received from S. A. L. brothers $45.50, including donations from Conductor Leavitt and Engineers King and Capell. I received from brothers on Panama Railway $33.00, a total of $103.50.

Yours fraternally,

S. B. COGGIN, CERT. 31.

Atlanta and Birmingham Air Line—

Several new members to report from our division this writing, among them being Mr. E. Hodges, first trick operator at Rockmart.

There are other new members since our last letter, but we have not been furnished their names for the reason all can not make personal mention of them as we would like to.

The new rules for our division, effective February 1st, have the boys doing some thinking and

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studying at present. Boys, it is important that we thoroughly understand these new rules in order to be of good service to our employer, and I hope that there may never be a kick coming on account of inefficiency or a lack of a thorough understanding of them on the part of an operator on the A. & B. A. L. Division of the S. A. L. Ry. It is strictly up to the operators to make our Order popular with the officials of the railroad and we can not do this any other way as effectively as preparing ourselves for and then giving them good service. And they are keeping "tab" on us, too, to see if our record in this respect is any better than the record of those nons that will occasionally bob up on all railroads. So, brothers, remember that by making yourself proficient along these lines you at the same time give a boost to the cause of the O. R. T. Slowly but surely each day we live we are coming into more favor with the officials of the railroads of our country, and it is being done by the efforts we make to improve in efficiency every member that comes into the Order. Let us all keep the good work going. If you see a brother who is not giving the company the very best of service there is in him, don't hesitate to tell him so and show him the importance of so doing in a brotherly way.

Miss F. Jones has resigned the agency at Ohatchie and Mr. T. A. Mears is holding that place.

Our local chairman, Bro. Ewing, Atlanta, is doing us some very effective work in the way of getting in the nons. Bro. Ewing is a tireless worker and we are trying to give him a loyal backing up this way. How is it, boys, with the rest of you? Are you doing your part in this work?

We are glad to note that traffic on our division is picking up and hope it will continue to get better. If I can read the signs aright I think I can see just ahead a decided improvement along business lines generally. A BOOSTER.

The Cumberland Valley Ry.

The first morning meeting of Division 106 was held in Chambersburg December 26th, with Bro. Kauffman in the chair, Chief Telegrapher Larrick being absent.

Because of the obnoxious doubling up, of which there is too much, a number of the regulars were unable to attend. However, considering all the difficulties we had a fairly good turnout. Inconvenient train service makes it pretty hard for distant brothers to join us.

The business that had accumulated was carefully gone over and affairs were put in tip-top shape. The financial standing of the division and the promptness of the membership in meeting dues was very encouraging. There was found but one inexcusable delinquent, the other in arrears were commended for having struggled this long after suffering the reduction in wages most of us received.

We urge you all to pay up promptly. Your business with us is as important as that with the grocer or landlord. A clear slate with us will give you a better complexion and make more pleasant the duties of your grand and local secretaries.

Plans were made for a banquet to come off in January, when you will be addressed by men prominent in Order work on the N. & W. R. R. and Penna. R. R. lines.

A committee was appointed to get a correct list of all nons now working on this division. A complete list of our nons and their excuses will be published in an early number of THE TELEGRAPHER. Photographs were shown of several notorious nons and two scabs.

The discipline bulletin was discussed and each brother was and is urged to keep his slate clean. You have a pretty stony row to hoe. Your pay is lower than any telegraphers in this neck of the woods, doing the same amount and kind of work, and it can only be remedied by thorough organization.

The work of the past year was gone over and measures taken to promote the growth of Division 106 during 1909. The membership has been doubled in the past year and there are still a few on the outside. Several of these are undesirables, while the others are in a class that no man can define. Surely there isn't anything in this work that can not be seen and understood. Every sane person understands the benefits derived from complete organization; your employers do. They took advantage of it long ago, and you can not expect them to recognize you as individuals. It is impossible to understand why the few hang back so long, they have felt the same disappointment in promotion and reduction of wages that crippled you and I. On no road in the State was the reduction of wages as sharp as on this division. When offices were put on the eight-hour basis, their tardiness made the reduction possible. They are a hindrance to our progression. We can not force them into the Order and we do not want to, but you are urged to concentrate your efforts, with the hope that the remaining half dozen eligibles may be brought in out of the cold.

It is said that "weak knees" and "cold feet" are keeping some men out of the Order. If this is true of the man you are after, teach him history of the United States; his education has been neglected; his conduct, unamerican; his lack of manhood, disgusting; acquaint him with the spirit that has made history in this man's country. The same disease prevents some members from attending meetings. An application of the dose recommended for nons will cure them.

The nons must certainly feel uncomfortable in their unenviable position, knowing as they do that they are the misfit cogs that have tied up our progress. They have seen the working conditions of telegraphers on railroads around them. They have an idea or have been told how their work compares with work on scheduled roads and the wages they receive. How do they like the comparison? Have they fixed the responsibility? Matters have gone badly, fellows. Some of us

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are pretty hard pressed for money, but in what other way will we obtain relief?

You who have said the decision in the Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison case would put union organization out of business, are mistaken. That decision has given this work the greatest boost it has ever received. For this same reason the decision was postponed until after the recent election. The nons have enjoyed the result of our hours of labor law. We got that. What have they done for us? They tell us the law will be packed up and removed by courts; that the railroads have an inside understanding; that they will not be prosecuted for violating the labor law.

Your eight-hour job goes up with mine, and that is the most convincing reason why you should be one of us. The promise of a better job may keep you out of the O R. T. That is the silliest excuse. A steam rotary couldn't work its way through the pile of broken railroad promises.

Brothers, you have done well in this year just ended; won't you work just a little longer before taking the rest you have earned? You can't double your membership this year, but you can strengthen your lines, and if no other good is the result of your work, you will know that you have been engaged in a work that will survive long after your individual efforts are forgotten.

The date of your meetings in the future will be announced by the chief telegrapher. You are urged to attend regularly and take an active part in the work. DIV. COR.

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Opr. Huffman, of Granville, bid in Millersport agency.

Opr. Burke, of Morgan nights, bid in second trick at Clemons. Relieved at Morgan by Extra Opr. Rinehart, from Centerburg.

Bro. Shelhouse, second trick at Fostoria, was at Toledo December 19th, doing his Christmas shopping.

Bro. Burdick, first trick ot Fostoria, off a few days spending Christmas at home at Millgrove, O. Relieved by Extra Opr. Rinehart.

Bro. Chandler, third trick at Whitmore, spent Xmas at Mermill.

Bro. McDowell, third trick at Hickox, spent Christmas with Bro. Wiseman, at Toledo, O.

Bro. Johnson, first trick at Kenton, off one day, December 31st, Bro. Dye and the agent doubling while Bro. Johnson was off.

Opr. Stoltz, West Mansfield, off Christmas. Relieved by Bro. Thornton.

Bro. McKnight, from the K. & M., at Middleport, O., working for Bro. Johnson at Kenton, one day January 6th, while Johnson was in Toledo on business.

Bro. Cox, first trick at Whitmore, was at Marysville, January 2d, on business. Bros. Wiseman and Chandeler doubling on account of no extra men.

Morgan and Woodside, both night offices, closed January 8th on account of slackness in business.

Lewistown agency bulletined. CERT. 64.

H. V., T. & O. C., K. & M. and Z. & W. Rys.

Receipts and disbursements of Division No. 118 from January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909:

Balance on hand at close of year 1907	$ 236 64
Received for dues and initiations	1,644 00
Received on special assessment	188 00
Total receipts	$2,068 64
Grand Division proportion of dues	$1,006 57
Balance due Grand last year and supplies this year	12 18
Commission paid local chairman on new members	36 00
Local division expenses for year	772 74
Total disbursements	$1,827 49
On hand close of year 1908	$ 241 16

Yours fraternally

R. M. HENDERSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Hocking Valley Ry.

Toledo Division—

The year 1908 has passed and no doubt many of us look back and wonder if anything had been neglected. If we had given our Order its full share of our energy many of us can easily see that we have not and the only thing for us to do is to make up for 1908 and make 1909 hold its own.

To be plain it's up to us to dig, to exercise some of that same energy and devotion to our Order that we give to our daily work and the results will be surprising.

Many of us sit idly in our offices with nons working on either side of us and in many cases right in our offices and make no attempt to convert them or notify our chairmen of the conditions. You can't ever hope to gain a single member under these conditions, but if you go after these nons fearlessly and zealously, presenting your side of the case and discounting his you are bound to get good results. You ought to know and appreciate the usefulness of your Order, for therein lies yours and my destiny if we continue as telegraphers, which most of us in all probability will. It is absolutely necessary for us to maintain and protect this organization, which I assure you will return the compliment.

Our General Chairman Arnold has left the service of the Hocking Valley and I understand he is to enter business for himself in Nelsonville, Ohio. We have lost a good, honest, hard-working leader, one whose sole object has been to further the interests of the members of Division 118.

An election will be held during the month of February (voting by mail). Bro. Sims, our local chairman, is a candidate for re-election and should by all means be re-elected, for he has proven himself to be a sterling Order man, and is possessed of all the attributes of character which are required to make a faithful and competent local chairman. His selection would reward a faithful

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Order man and bring to our division one in every way competent and prove most satisfactory to his organization.

Bro. Sandredge has returned to second trick at "JS," after a visit in Virginia.

C. E. Westover, third trick at "BD," will have his card by February 1st.

Third trick man at Alveda will not join us because we turned him down when he was a member W. U. T. during their strike. (Wonder what he expected us to do for him; more than we did do?) That is a new excuse on me.

Another man wants to wait until April 1st and then if he has a steady job he will get a card. He is afraid of us because we did not do anything for him during the panic. Wonder what he expected?

The recent decision rendered by U. S. Supreme Court against the three most prominent labor men in the country is evidence in itself that it is absolutely necessary for us to band ourselves together as union men in order that we can get that which justly belongs to us—"an honest day's pay for an honest day's labor."

Get your ballots and mail them to Bro. Henderson, Secretary, Marysville. "MA."

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank all the brothers of Division No. 118 for the beautiful floral wreath given by them at my mother's death.

G. W. FULTZ,
CERT. 268, DIV. 118.

M., St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

Missouri River Division—

As this is the beginning of a new year, I hope each and every member will make an extra effort to make this division one of the strongest and best we have. With the poor train service we are unable to get together and have regular meetings, but trust the time will come when we can have the service, so we can meet at least once a month, and have a rousing good time. Let every member try and land the few remaining nons, and make this division solid.

Three new members received this past month, and at this rate the time is not far distant before we will be on the top round, and then we can get down to work. It is the duty of each and every member to give to the company the best possible service, answer the dispatcher promptly, and let them have no cause for complaint.

The dues for the next term are due, and I trust you will all pay them promptly and save our general secretary and treasurer the trouble of asking for same, as he has his hands full, and should not be obliged to write regarding dues.

Mr. T. F. Dougherty, at Forman, will look after the write-up, and I would ask each one of you to send in a few items of news each month, so we can have a write-up each month.

Following are a few changes which have taken place:

Mr. James Legg, agent, from Ruso to Max.

J. Youngquist, from cashier at Wilton to agent at Ruso.

Mr. T. F. Dougherty, from Max to Forman.

C. M. Hunn is working relief at Ryder while Mr. Collings is away getting married. Mr. Hunn just filled out papers and is a staunch member now.

Mr. Mercher, at Herreid, resigned to go into business for himself.

Bro. Bergen, at Fullerton, resigned. Understand he has taken a station on the new Duluth line.

Bro. Heath, of Coleharbor, has been assigned Fullerton station, and Bro. J. F. Wosepka has been assigned the station at Coleharbor.

Following is a list of new members for the last thirty days: J. F. Wosepka, Coleharbor, N. D.; C. M. Hunn, relief agent; P. L. Wisnewski, Alicia, N. D.

Please keep our general secretary and treasurer advised of all changes, and send a few items of news to Bro. Dougherty at Forman. CERT. 20.

W. and P. Division—

The semi-annual dues are now due. This is not to be put aside.

There are three boys on the W. & P. Division that have not paid their last July dues.

The positions on this month's bulletin are: First and second tricks at Rhinelander, third trick at Barron, and White Dale agency.

The boys are not sending in their news items very fast. Whenever there is a change or something important going on, just drop the division correspondent a note about it before the 22d.

Remember where the ham factory is and do not forget the "motto."

The following changes have recently taken place:

Bro. Messenier, agent at White Dale, is being checked out, and Relief Agent Cantfield is being checked in there temporarily. Bro. Messenger goes to Carrington, N. D., as cashier.

Bovee agency has been closed and agent taken away from that point, Bro. Ford going to Minneapolis.

Mr. Sckreen has relieved Bro. Bronoel as third trick operator at Manistique. Bro. Bronoel goes to Ladysmith as second trick operator.

Relief Agent Cantfield relieved Bro. Griffin at Cooks Mill for a couple of weeks, Bro. Griffin going to the cities to spend his vacation.

Bro. L. S. Aery preceding Mr. Blair as agent at Garnet, has left the brass-pounding craft to engage in the mercantile and lumbering business with the Hudson Lumber Company, of Garnet. He still holds his O. R. T. card and says that he will not part with it. Bro. A. is blessed with a college education and very naturally believed his services worth more than $50 per.

Bro. Griffin, regular agent at Cooks Mill, has returned to work after two weeks' vacation.

The article that appeared in the December journal regarding Mr. Robert's first trick operator at

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Manistique being a non-member of the O. R. T., we wish to rectify. I wish to say that Mr. Roberts is only behind in his dues and that he has done his share towards bringing the O. R. T. to what it is now, and just as soon as he is able he will be with us. Mr. Roberts got mixed with a non, who is not only a non, but a hard shell.

There has been a change of agent at Hobson, Bro. Price going west. Unable to learn who the new man is at Hobson. Guess he is a new man at the business.

Do not forget to send in your news items to the division correspondent. "PI."

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Minnesota Division—

How much has each one of you laid up during the year which is now nearly past? Do I hear you say, "Nothing;" if this is right, why did you not save a few dollars and buy a share in the bond company, you would then have saved a little, and that little would soon be earning you more. Did I hear that other fellow say he had laid some up in the bank? Well, that is good as far as it goes, but what is it earning you? What good is it doing your fellowman? Does it guarantee to you that the railroad company will not use the bond company to get rid of you when they have no other excuse? If so, why, just let it lay there, but if it does not do these things, why not place it where it will? in other works, invest it in stock in the bond company our Order is trying to form for your good. Wake up!

I understand that our general secretary and treasurer visited along the line, but failed to call upon yours truly.

Bro. Geo. McConnell returned to Glenville and resumed work as agent at that place.

Bro. Sallentine received "RN" office at St. Paul, on bulletin. He is to act as stenographer and telegrapher to agent. He was relieved at Glenville by Bro. Spillman, a new man on the road.

Glenville, second trick, is bulletined, and is a good chance for some good O. R. T. man. No others need apply, as the boys there are right up-to-date and have no use for nons.

Gordonville was bid in by a Mr. Frost.

Bro. Otto Schrieber has again taken the agency at Washburn, same being reopened as a telegraph office.

Bro. Jas. T. State, of the D. S. S. & A. Ry., is working third trick at LaPorte City.

Bro. J. L. Berschens, formerly of the C. & N. W. Ry., Division No. 76, has been transferred to Division No. 126.

Bro. C. J. Filer, formerly of the Illinois Central Railway, Division No. 93, transferred to Division No. 126.

Mr. F. B. Hagerman, formerly third trick dispatcher at Cedar Rapids for the Minnesota Division, is now holding down first trick at Oskaloosa for the Iowa Central Railway.

Bro. W. D. Smith appointed agent at West Bend, but understand he has bid back Hardy station, on bulletin, and will return there. I now "13" that Bro. Villmont, from Wellsburg, is appointed to the agency.

Bro. L. C. O'Kelly, of the C., M. & St. P., Division No. 23, has been appointed agent at Linn, vice C. A. Baily, resigned

I understand that Bro. Moore, of Waterloo, has resumed work at that place, after being laid up, nursing a broken finger.

Bro. A. L. Stark, Reinbeck, is relieving Bro. Frusher, Clarks Grove. Do not know where Frusher is going.

The joint meeting at Cedar Rapids, November 20th, was well attended. A goodly number of the Milwaukee and C. & N. W. boys being present, but the boys from the Rock Island were a little shy, this road being represented by only three, Bros. Schooler, Gunderson and Hicks, but there is one thing sure, though the Rock Island was not there with the quantity she was with the quality.

Bro. Hicks reports First Vice-President Newman as being present and giving the boys a very interesting and instructive talk, as he always does whenever and wherever his limited time will allow, and always wears that welcoming smile, that makes us feel that he is one of us from the start to the finish.

Bro. Hicks also says he wishes the boys could have been there to hear Old John's experiences on the Yazoo Valley in the earlier days.

Bro. Nickerson has been appointed telegrapher at "SC," commercial office, St. Paul.

Bro. J. W. Smith, until recently agent at Robertson, has opened up a jewelry store at Livermore.

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Colorado Division—

Bro. Boyd, agent at Calhan, has resigned his position to take up farming in Missouri.

Bro. Reichards, formerly agent at Ramah, bid in Calhan, and was transferred the first of the month.

Bro. Allen is relieving Bro. Barry at Rexford for two weeks. Understand Bro. Barry's father is on the sick list.

Night man has been put on at Prairie View. Bro. Wilder, from So. Pac. Ry., assigned to the position. Prairie View made non-telegraph station during days; Bro. Brown working as agent only.

Bro. Parrott, formerly night operator at Calhan, bid in Ramah, and is now a full-fledged agent.

Bro. Winegar assigned to night operator at Calhan.

Bro. Fletcher, operator in Gooland office, was off two weeks the fore part of the month, visiting friends and relatives at Lincoln, Omaha and other points in Nebraska.

Sister Swindall sent us her application on the 20th, and before this will be in print she will be in possession of an up-to-date card, which she can certainly be proud of, and advises that she will ever attempt to carry one in the future. This makes Flagler solid, and it looks mighty good too.

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Bro. Fletcher, from Goodland, called on Bro. Garber at Dellvale, Sunday the 17th.

Mr. McLain, second trick operator at Limon, resigned, and has left for parts unknown. Bro. Winegar relieving a few days.

Mr. Deem assigned to second trick at Limon, but understand was discharged for violation of certain rules. Boys at Limon are doubling up for a few days until regular operator is appointed.

Bro. McGrath, at Limon off for a few days on account of sickness, but is again able to hold down his trick.

Nons on this division are becoming very scarce, but hope that the few remaining may soon see their mistake and the disadvantage they are putting us to, and hand us their applications soon.

Bro. M. E. Strain is back at his post at Peyton, after two weeks' vacation during the holidays and fore part of the year.

Bro. Mulford, formerly agent at Limon, has resigned his position and left for parts in the East.

Dispatcher A. P. Mitchell again relieving at Goodland. Dispatcher Kallastad off a couple of weeks.

H. A. Hill, car distributer at Goodland, resigned; was relieved by Mr. Gale from Mr. Ballantine's office, Chicago.

Mr. Howe, nights, at Kanorado, resigned by request; is relieved by Bro. Seeley.

Mr. Blakemen, third trick at Stratton, taken off on account of reduction in force. Men at Stratton are now working twelve-hour shifts.

We wish to thank Bro. Winegar for the items he has sent us; it is a great help in giving the items, and if all the boys would do likewise we could have a much better write up each month.

The October issue of the *Railroad Magazine* contained a little poem by R. W. Phillips, of Needles, entitled "The Engineer's Star," the reading of which prompted R. L. Cristy, operator at Lamar, Colo., to contribute the following jingle:

THE OPERATOR'S STAR.

Twinkle, twinkle, signal light,
It's me who lights you every night,
Way up on a pole so high,
Like a firebug in the sky.
Seems to me you might come down,
Somewhat nearer to the ground,
Every night I climb up there,
Sixty feet straight in the air,
Risk my neck to make a light,
So the trains can run aright.
When the blazing sun is set
And the semaphore is wet—
Maybe covered thick with ice,
Gee! That makes the climbing nice,
When it's forty-two below,'
Little light, then out you go.
Twinkle, twinkle, signal light,
Won't you please stay lit tonight?

CERT. 186.

Oklahoma Division—

Has everybody got their new card? If not, why not? This is an important matter, and should receive your attention at once.

Suppose every one that has read the January number of the *Rock Island Employes Magazine* has had some severe chills thinking that they are going to have the good old Morse telegraph substituted by the telephone. Don't get scared yet, it will be some time before they get down here with it, and what if they do make the change, we are ready for them; we have the laws of the Order so fixed that the telephone operator that handles trains can join and be a member, and if we keep solidly organized there is no room for fright.

Have not had a line from any of the boys, and cannot get hold of much for this write-up.

The following is from Bro. T. F. McPherron, of Enid Okla., who has been confined to his bed for the last two months:

Dear Brothers—Now that I am out of bed and slowly, but I think safely gaining in strength, and that before a very great while I will be able to again resume duties somewhere; very nervous yet though, which was the beginning of the break down. I especially desire to now thank the boys, one and all, for their sympathies, and more especially their free and much appreciated contributions. While of course I hope that none of you will have the misfortune of my experience the past six weeks and better, I hope to some time be able to respond in substantial manner that will demonstrate to the satisfaction of all that I am under grateful and lasting obligations for all favors bestowed. Have myself in the past responded to all calls of this nature presented to me, and expect to yet, so long as affiliated with the Order, which will be as long as I can retain my membership. Hope you all the best of new years sailings and brotherly good will.

Yours fraternally,
T. F. MCPHERRON.

The company is now installing the new semaphores, which will be quite an improvement over the present train order signals.

The recent cold snap retarded the work of ballasting some, but it will be going full blast soon as weather permits.

If the members of this division want to see more news in the journal, from the Oklahoma Division, they will have to get busy and send me what they know. W. E. JACKSON, *L. C.*

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, Mo. Division—

Bros. Howe and Igoe, Centerville, second and third tricks, off a few days. Each relieved by Bro. J. W. Cook, from "Everywhere."

Bro. G. E. Hughes, Harvard, nights, off on business; being relieved by Bro. E. O. Schriber.

Bro. C. H. Price, agent at Udell, off a couple of weeks; relieved by Night Operator Stewart, who was relieved by Bro. J. W. Cook.

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Bro.. S. E. Miller, of Seymour, third trick, was off a couple of weeks during "Xmas. Times;" being relieved by Bro. G. C. Wallingford, who stayed about a week. Bro. E. A. Schriber tried it next and held on three or four days. Bro. Cook was next for a still shorter time, and Bro. Miller had to go to work before he was ready.

Bro. Wallingsford went to Pierce Junction; Bro. Schriber to Trenton, and Bro. Cook to Centerville.

Miss Fox, of Clio, nights, was off a few days; being relieved by Bro. Wallingsford.

Bro. Murphy, of Lineville, days, off for a few days; Bro. Cook doing the heavy.

A. L. Haines, first trick at Seymour, took charge of Express during the Christmas rush; relieved by third trick operator Bro. Miller.

In the last issue Buffalo was mentioned as having a non. I wish to correct this as Bro. Lisenby, agent, and Bro. Slaughter, who was relieving Bro. Lisenby at the time, are both up-to-date.

Bro. Wilson, at Cotter, is the only one on the Sixth District who seems to appreciate our write-ups enough to send in items. I wish some of the boys from the Eighth District would do likewise.

I would like to hear from the brothers all along the division, regarding regular monthly meetings. Sometime ago we had a couple of good meetings here, and I see no reason why we could not have them monthly. Seymour seems to be the most convenient place to get to and get home, and a hall can be had here at any time. Let's hear from everyone on this subject.

"T. M."

Minnesota Division—

Operator J. R. Whitchurch resigned at Inver Grove, and Mr. Chas. Smith, who worked here last summer, is again holding down third trick, while it is under bulletin.

Bro. C. R. Hicks, local chairman, took a trip to Missouri, to visit his parents.

Bro. Mork, of Vinton, also took a trip to Des Moines.

Brothers, I would ask that all get busy and assist us in lining up this division; by converting the nons at your stations, you surely know that it is as much to your own interest to keep up the percentage on this road as it is for you to transact any other personal business; and I would ask one and all to turn to and begin working upon the men that are working at your different stations, and who are not now in good standing. Try and show them that it is as much for their interests as it is for your own (or more so) that they become members, for they must realize that, "In unity there is strength," and to gain that unity we must all be banded together and pull as one, and when doing so the end must of necessity be success. Remember that you are working for your own good while doing these men a service that they should ever be grateful for.

There is a man on this division who has had as his cry (when approached regarding his joining the Order), I have not got the money to spare. Now the writer has heard this from this man over two years ago, and knows positively that he has been at work all the time, and I understand his cry is still the same (no money). Now this man has no more expenses than you or I have, and he is one of that kind that never spends a cent more than he has to, and I know that he has no reason for the stall he is giving all who approach him on this subject. It may seem alright for a person to do this way, but it seems to me that were I in that person's place and circumstances I should feel as though I was being supported by those who receive the same compensation as I did, and that they were donating to my support. I, for one, would have too much pride to allow any one subscriber to the support of my family and myself, and this is just the case with this man who has been crying poverty for so long. We are all subscribing to his support every time he draws his month's salary. Now I think it is about time this matter was taken care of rightly, and so will in the near future place this man's name before you all, and you can act accordingly.

I have noticed that there is not the right feeling existing between some of the brothers on this division, and am sorry to see it. Now boys, I would refer you to the obligation taken when you joined the Order, if you have forgotten it. I would recommend that you write your local chairman for a copy of same and brush up on it, and do away with this petty strife.

General Chairman Brown called on the boys on Iowa Falls branch, on the 6th

Bro. Rice, of Popejoy, was off sick a few days last week.

Mr. Geo. Brown, nights, at Grundy Center, quit; relieved by Mr. J. J. Chulker.

Mr. Bickol, agent at Grundy Center, sick on the 12th. The operators had to work twelve hours each to fill in.

If any of the boys on Iowa Falls branch know of any news, let Bro. J. W. Kennedy at "RB" have them by the 13th of each month.

Bro. J. L. Berschens, second trick at Cedar Falls, on a week's vacation visiting relatives at Madison and Wanakee, Wis. Mr. R. H. Balgeman, a new man filling in.

COR.

Cedar Rapids Division—

General Chairman Bro. Brown was over our division and paid us a visit January 2d. He reports everything progressing very nicely, with prospects of good work from all the boys the present year.

Superintendent G. A. Merrill and Trainmaster Green, with private car, was over our division the first of the year.

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Not many openings at present. The boys seem to be very well situated. We are informed that there will soon be a few openings in the station service in a short time.

Our letter will be short, as we have had no assistance from any of the boys in getting items for this next issue. CERT. 197.

Iowa Division—

Bro. H. M. Hansen, regular third trick at Neola, has been off for the past two weeks, undergoing an operation on one of his legs; relieved by Bro. C. Huyck, formerly at Shelby. Bro. Hansen is getting along nicely at this writing, and we hope to have him with us again in about ten days.

We "13" that Mr. G. A. Bentley, who has been working as extra operator on this road for about four months, but at Atlantic for about two weeks, has left the service, being relieved by an old-time operator, signing "B," who, we understand, holds a card dated December 31, 1908, and will get up-to-date as soon as possible, having been hard pressed on account of the commercial strike.

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Chicago Terminal and Illinois Divisions—

Meeting at Chicago, December 12th, very poorly attended. Some of you fellows better wake up, you will never get anything by being a dead one and asleep all the time. Get busy and attend these meetings and take more interest in the Order, other than paying your dues, and expect the other man to do it all. There is nothing to it. We have all got to work and work hard if we want to advance.

Very few nons on this division at the present time, for which blessing the writer is grateful. A few who are not in line possibly never will line up, as they have not foresightedness enough to see any further than the tip of their nose.

Bro. J. L. Summer is back from his trip to the West.

Bro. Albright is back at his old trick at West Davenport, having been in "RK" office for some time, relieving Mr. Teeters, extra dispatcher.

Carpenters have been at work the past few days remodeling the office at Missouri Division Junction. "13" Bro. Cronin is delighted with his new home.

The block instruments have been removed on our division, the electric being sufficient to protect trains.

Bro. Cronin, at Missouri Division Junction, is taking a couple of days off; relieved by Mr. Carmichael. Bro. Sumner is relieving Carmichael.

Bro. W. F. Kay is back to work, first trick at Joliet, after four months' vacation.

Bro. C. D. Wagoner off a couple of weeks, visiting down East; relieved by Bro. Lynch, of Mokena.

We understand the meeting of railroad employes of the Rock Island, which convenes at Davenport twice a month, is very interesting and instructive, and all are invited to attend. This organization is known as the Railway Employes' Protection Association.

The meeting of January 9th was not very well attended by the boys on the division, but with the visitors that were present we had a very enjoyable and instructive meeting. Among those present were: Bro. Newman, first vice-president; Bro. Sohner, national organizer, St. Louis; Bro. Dal Jones, Bro. McDonald and Bro. Dewey, from Division No. 91, and six members of the general committee on the C., B. & Q., who are in for a revision of the schedule.

Bro. E. E. Quigley, third trick at Morris, has purchased the "Panatorium" (moving pictures), and is laying off at present. His place is filled by Operator Nolan (non). Operator Peterson, second trick, off duty and place filled by Operator D. Madden, but understand Bro. C. W. Knapp, who left here to work for the I. C., at Bloomington, is back again and takes second trick, January 26th.

The job will probably be up for bids, according to the rumors that are out.

The following positions were bulletined during the month: First trick and clerk at Washington Heights; second tricks at South Chicago, Bureau and Depue.

Understand Bro. Sumner bid in on Bureau and Mr. Hanson bid in on the Depue job.

Bro. Kay is back again and working his old trick at Joliet. Bro. Wagoner, who has returned from a trip to his old home in the East, has resumed third trick, Bro. Lynch returning to third trick at Blue Island.

Mr. C. R. Olson, agent at Cambridge, is taking a month's lay off. The position is being filled by Bro. C. S. Eastman.

Bro. J. B. McGuire has been appointed division agent. His duties will be to instruct freight agents on Illinois Division and branches regarding different reports. Understand the position is only temporary.

Mr. O. D. Lottenville is working second trick at "BN," Peoria, in place of Bro. Eastman.

Bro. J. H. Meehan, day operator at Twentieth street, Rock Island, has been appointed depot ticket agent at Thirty-first street, Rock Island, made necessary by the dismissal of W. R. Butter.

We are sorry to note that several of the members have failed to pay up for the past six months, and are now beyond recall. Boys, this don't speak well for you. A number of these are from the branch lines. Understand a couple of them tried to put up the excuse that we had a grievance. Why don't you tell your local chairman what you have in your craw? He wants the best of feeling to exist among the brothers on this division and wants every one treated according to our schedule.

At West Davenport, Bro. C. E. Alford's little girl has just recovered from an attack of diphtheria and has departed with Mrs. Alford to her home in Wisconsin.

A demonstration of dispatching trains by 'phone was given in J. B. Smalley's office with very satisfactory results, says the Davenport *Times*.

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A. J. Hallihan, second trick at Silvis, is taking a three weeks' vacation; relieved by O. D. Ottenville, non.

If some of you brothers will send the news to us from your locality the local chairman will be relieved of some of his numerous burdens. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

A. E. Grann is relieving Bro. Albright at West Davenport. Bro. Albright is relieving at Silvis.

Bro. M. Cronin, at Missouri Division Junction, was off for a few days. We understand a death in the family, but did not learn who it was.

Bro. J. L. Sumner is working second trick at Bureau, in place of Bro. O. J. Knapp, who has accepted a position on the C., M. & St. P.

We note in THE TELEGRAPHER that the Southern Pacific is making a bulletin showing all the nons. We started this on Illinois Division quite a while ago, and the local chairman is now making arrangements to start again, and all who have no card by March 4th will be put on this list. This will give them the benefit of one whole year that they have enjoyed three hours less work per day, which the Order fought so hard for, and for which they have not even as much as contributed a cent towards. Come on, boys, get a card and do not let the trainmen all along the line know that you are a non, as they all get a copy of this bulletin. You know right from wrong. Come across. Remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Michigan Division—

"13" Bro. Lewis, of "AV" tower, Toledo, has resigned. Mr. Fritz, who has been working third trick, is taking his place, Bro. Phillips taking third and Mr. Munea, of Vickers tower, taking second trick.

Air Line Junction yard office has been opened nights, with Mr. Britt doing second trick and Bro. Ed Gangwer, third trick.

Last month Bro. R. C. Squier was referred to as a non. This item was received from a party signing himself as "Hep," and as I was not acquainted with the facts, I allowed it to go though, causing Bro. Squier considerable humiliation. In justice to Bro. Squier I wish to say he is a member in good standing, and has been for some time, and one of the best rooters for the O. R. T. we have; also Bro. Murphy, of Batavia, was a charter member of Division No. 129, and while he is allowed a helper, he is not conducting a ham factory, as was insinuated last month.

In future, unless items received bear the signature of party sending them in, they will not be considered.

Bro. C. C. Goodell, of Sturgis, is back in the ranks again with an up-to-date card.

Bro. H. H. Mecklinberg, of Sturgis, has had his hours changed some, working from 2:15 p. m. to 8K p. m., then he is relieved until 9K p. m., then comes back and works until 12:15 a. m. Wonder if this is what they call consecutive hours?

Why is it we never see anything from the other divisions on the Lake Shore, possibly they are too busy getting new members, "we hope so."

"13" that Bro. W. H. Bockus, who resigned as operator at Allegan, is working for the G., R. & I., at Mancelona, Mich.

Bro. Shrimplin, of Goshen tower, has been off a few days on account of sickness, being relieved by Mr. Mercer, of Corunna. CERT. 358.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

C. B. & Q. System—

In clearing up my files of old records a few days ago, I found some letters of interest, one in particular from Bro. Quick, gives me a list of the first local chairmen of the System Division, that is after the system was instituted June 12th, 1903. It may be of interest to some of the brothers to know who they were, hence I will give them herein:

H. H. Hull, Illinois Lines, Mendota, Ill.

Iowa Lines, E. E. England, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

S. St. P. & M. Lines, E. V. Esterbrook, East Dubuque, Ill.

K. C. St. J. & C. B. Lines, G. A. Conaway, Bigelow, Mo.

H. & St. J. Lines, A. H. Wigle, Meadville, Mo.

St. L. K. & N. W. Lines, J. W. Burch, Texas Junction, Mo.

K. & W. & C. B. & K. C. Lines, A. P. Ogier, Gravity, Iowa.

Northern Division, W. A. Henry, Ravenna, Neb.

Southern Division, W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.

Western Division, W. T. Heaton, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Alliance Division, M. J. Johnson, Anselmo, Neb.

Sheridan Division, J. P. Carrigan, Lodge Grass, Mont.

A few of these brothers are still with us, and I will mention their names, and also those who have left us that we know of at present.

Bro. W. A. Henry, is our general secretary and treasurer, now located at Fairfield, Iowa.

Bro. W. F. Denton is the only one of the number who is still a local chairman; long may he live and prosper, as a man who can stand the ravages of the past he is certainly entitled to a great deal of credit. How things have changed and men have come and gone. It would take considerable research to give a list of all the local chairmen who served so faithfully on the system.

H. H. Hull, who was elected as the first general chairman, is now located at Aurora, Ill., and is working in the relay office there, and we hope some day to see him the big chief.

E. E. England, I believe, is now located at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and is manager of some large telephone company at that point. He was one of the first very active members who lost out on account of his activity in the Order; at that time membership in the Order seemed to be sufficient cause for dismissal.

We can not give the whereabouts of E. V. Esterbrook, or G. A. Conaway, but would like

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to learn where they have taken up their abode, and what line of business they are devoting their time to.

I believe that A. H. Wigle is still working for the company on the Brookfield Division.

Bro. J. W. Burch, who served as general chairman in our first schedule negotiations, is now located in St. Louis, Mo., and is working in the office of the grand secretary. This brother needs no introduction, everybody knows he has done a great and good work.

I am unable to say where A. P. Ogler and J. P. Carrigan are at present.

W. T. Heaton, when last heard of was located at Oxford, Neb., was in business for himself, and was doing very nicely.

This completes the list, however, should any one know of the whereabouts of the others shown above, I would appreciate it if they would so advise me.

Of the twenty-five charter members I can only recall eight who are still employed on the system. Great changes have come about in the past five or six years, and I wonder what the next five years will bring us?

A great amount of work has been done in this time and with the assistance of all, there is no doubt but what many good things are still in store for us, but to attain this a few things must be considered; first, every man must do his work and do it well, in order that your services may be more desirable and that the company feels it a profit to have such men in the service and pay them better wages.

It is certain that unless there is a decided increase in wages soon, there will have to be a drop in living expenses, because men are not long going to stay in their present quarters on this hand to mouth system of living, for it is no doubt true that a great many of us can find work where we can make a living, and not have to work every day in the year as on the railroad.

I have no words of condemnation for the railroads, they are a necessary thing, but I do say that wages are exceedingly low, especially when compared to what it costs to live.

I would like to call the attention of all concerned to a matter that should be very closely looked after during the cold months, and that is for you to see that your waiting rooms are properly heated during the cold months, waiting rooms lighted up and platform lights burning during the dark nights. The keeping of good warm fires in the waiting rooms is absolutely necessary. I read not long ago of a lady collecting $5,000 from a certain railroad company on account of a waiting room not being properly heated. You can imagine what become of the poor, unfortunate agent or operator.

Mr. Willard spoke very highly of the condition in which he found the station buildings, etc., last summer, hence I hope we can be accorded the same praise next spring.

I just make mention to these things in order that there may be time for improvement and save some one some unpleasantness.

Let us remember this: "The man who does no more than he is paid for, is never paid for more than he does." That is not to say that we should all, do at all times more than we are paid for, but we should always see that the measure is full and not scant.

Now the officials should also see that they hew close to the line, more so than in the past, especially in the filling of the good positions on each division. There has been quite a disposition in the past to fill the good positions with men who are not by rights entitled to them, men who have previously been employed on other divisions, or men from other railroads, this is not right, and is not in accord with the teachings of the higher officials.

The argument that is always advanced is that there are not suitable men on the division for the large positions, but usually some one who has what is called a "pull" gets the jobs, and the man who has spent years to fit himself for the higher walks of life, gets the siftings, that is all. I hope these matters will be remedied.

During the month of February, there is election of local chairmen on each division of the Burlington, also there are ten to fifteen delegates to be elected to the Grand Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., the second Monday in May. Let every member vote for local chairman and delegate, do not overlook this.

The schedule committee is now in session at Chicago, and perhaps before this reaches you, a settlement will have been made.

I hope this year the brothers will take it upon themselves to make a report promptly to your local chairman of any violation of the schedule, as we have been promised closer observance of the schedule providing we keep the proper officers posted on violations.

You are all posted in regard to the position the organization has taken on the telephone question, we want to bring every suitable man and woman into the Order and hope you will lend your assistance to the end that this may be done without a hitch. Do not knock, but push.

A report will be rendered within a short time for the work done on the system for the past year; it will be noted that regardless of the hard times, we have been progressing nicely.

As this is the beginning of the year, let us make a resolve to use greater effort the coming year to build up our memembership on the Burlington. Let us not all be drones, each has a duty to perform, let us perform it well. Conditions are just what we make them, if you want a better schedule and more money, it is up to you to perform your duty, as well as it is for the few officers on the division.

Do not be a has-been, but a real up-to-date fellow; be a hero in the strife.

This is a good month to pay dues, let us not forget this, but get an up-to-date card before

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the term is over. Why not have the good of the card before it is out of date? The man who strikes first or is first on the scene, gets the best there is going. Will you be one of the first? Let us see. M. J. JOHNSON.

Beardstown Division—

Nothing worthy of comment on the Beardstown Division this month. Have not heard anything from the Jack Line at all; can not say what changes are being made down there.

Bro. J. A. Brandon, organizer, has been with us for a few days now and expects to visit all offices in the next few days. Help him get those nons lined up, particularly the man you are working with and your neighbors.

No definite reports from Chicago on the work of the general committee up to date. Bro. H. B. Perham, our President, is there with them and everything is being done that possibly can. We expect results soon.

Bro. R. O. Willette, who has been agent at Adair for some time and who resigned a few weeks ago, is now in the jewelry business in Vandalia under the firm name of Pilcher & Willette. Bro. Willette continues to hold an up-to-date and extends an invitation to all visiting brothers to call on him when in Vandalia.

Adair on bulletin. Can not say sure, but believe that A. D. Dale has bid same in. Been a good chance for some of the good men on the Jack Line to get a good place and get away from the 'phones.

Business seems to be better than for some time past and the weather at this writing is certainly the best we ever had at this season.

Don't complain about this small write-up, but send me some news. Some one on the Jack Line anyway should be able to find some news.

All that have not done so please pay up dues at once. CERT. 1637.

Ottumwa Division—

Bro. L. S. Grabow has returned from a visit with home folks in Chicago, and is now located at Biggsville Cabin, third trick.

I have a letter from one of our good brothers saying: "It has come to my notice in the work of getting the old has beens back into the Order and getting new members that some of the brothers have been writing very insulting letters to them, and in one case I doubt very much whether I'll be able to land a has been on this account. He was once a very staunch member and haven't been able to talk with him lately, so do not know what his reason for dropping out was; possibly just wanted a little stirring up, but the party who took it upon themselves to stir him up, took the wrong means of doing it, consequently I think we have lost what would of in time have proven a very true and loyal member."

I do not know whom our brother refers to, nor whom received the letter, but in writing nons we should not say anything to insult them, although sometimes the provocation may be just. It is the truth, though, that sometimes hurts worst, and the conscience of a has been will hurt him more than anything else.

Mr. O. E. Hutchinson, agent at West Burlington, off from January 1st to 16th, being relieved by Bro. R. W. Lee, he in turn being relieved by a Mr. J. L. Graham, recently from the Iowa Central.

For some time past they have been hauling water Burlington to West Burlington. They are erecting a new water tank there, one of 300,000 gallons capacity.

Bro. Pearl L. Yates, of Leslie, off a few days to work on his farm; relieved by Mr. C. A. Fowler, of Ackworth.

Bro. Wm. Dorsey and wife, of Norwalk, spent a couple of weeks at his home in Albany, Mo. He was relieved by Mr. C. A. Fowler.

Bro. J. W. Butler, of Prole, ate supper with his mother in Osceola, one day last month, returning on night train.

Mr. W. A. Schlemmer, of Lockridge, second trick, has filled out the papers and can be called brother by time this appears.

Mr. C. E. Johnson, third trick at Agency, has also filled out application papers, and may be called brother by the time this appears.

CERT. 283.

Sterling Division—

I have been absent from the division almost the entire month, partly on committee work, and on account of the death of my mother. In bearing this great loss I appreciate the many kind acts and words of the brothers and the many favors shown by various officials of the C., B. & Q. Ry., both at Chicago and at Sterling, Colo. In afflictions of this nature such kind attention can not be allowed to go unnoticed.

I will not be able to write all the members of the Sterling Division for some time, and in the meantime would like to advise you that you will be able to reach me by letter promptly at Sidney, Neb., as formerly. Fraternally,

J. T. MADDOX.

St. Joseph Division—

Bro. J. S. Clanton, agent at Percival, renewed his membership this month, and J. H. Campbell, Hepburn, Iowa, handed in his application also. Prospects for quite a few February pay-day are very favorable.

You that have not paid up should do so at once, and get busy after some other member that happens to be a little slow. Get after some non and help us get them lined up. This is your fight, as well as ours, and it requires all the assistance we can get to keep our division up in good shape.

A few items from you each month would help mightily in our write-up. See what you can do and let us have it soon as you read this.

Mr. V. A. Selleder bids in third trick, block 31.

Bro. Stewart, Corning, third trick, laying off the latter part of January to get married.

Bro. R. R. Johnston, a former C. & N. W. man, going to Halls.

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Bro. Henderson returned to second trick at Bigelow, January 1st. Mr. Saleder, his relief, going to Craig as relief for Bro. Finch, who is laying off, nursing a crippled finger and a touch of lagrippe.

Bro. H. E. Millen relieved E. C. Baird at Forbes a few days, then went to Forest City to relieve Bro. Ed Boyd, temporarily. COR.

Aurora Division—

By the time you are in receipt of the February TELEGRAPHER you will have elected a new local chairman for a period of two years. You who are reading this kindly remember that whoever he is he will need your help. It is a thankless position at best, and if anything is to be accomplished each member must appreciate his responsibility.

I wish to express thanks to all brothers who have so kindly rendered the assistance which I so much needed, especially Bro. A. F. La Bundy, of Rockford; Bro. C. O. Rabourn, of Steward Junction; Bro. J. O. Pahaly, of Oswego; Bro. C. A. Mitchell, of Kangley; Bro. O. F. Butler, of Wyanet, and Bro. C. E. Bodine, of Walnut, all of whose services have been very valuable.

At this writing your committee are still hard at it in Chicago, and by the time you get this you will no doubt have learned of pleasing results. They are surely after big game, as Bro. Perham is also on the job.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Schaffer, of Rochelle, is rapidly improving and will soon be back on duty. He has had a tough time, and deserves the sympathy of all.

They are putting in a new system of clocks and selectors in each station, Aurora to Savanna. It is claimed that this experiment will make a great improvement. No doubt, however, we think there will be still plenty of room for improvement.

We are glad to see the 'phoners getting in line. That is right, boys, invest a little in good old "O. R. T." stock and be in on the dividends which they declare yearly. The reason you should be for the O. R. T. is because they are for you.

Brother, when you have read your TELEGRAPHER forward it to some 'phoner, who may gladly join us when it has removed his misunderstanding of us.

It is reported that the sounders on the Rockford branch will soon stop ticking, as the company is making ready to install 'phones in their place. Wonder who the joke is on if, instead of breaking the backbone of the O. R. T., the 'phoner is to be a hearty support?

Bro. C. O. Rabourn made a flying trip to Chicago the other day.

Bro. A. J. Johnson enjoyed a short vacation during January. Bro. Johnson is located at Zearing just at present.

Bro. O. F. Butler, of Wyanet, visited Aurora friends and relatives, January 21st.

Bro. R. N. Stoneberg, of Somonauk, was obliged to take a vacation because of a severe cut in his wrist, caused by a lamp chimney breaking in his hand while he was cleaning it. He was relieved by Operator West, of Sugar Grove.

Bro. Stoneberg relieved Operator Chambers upon reporting for duty, the latter having been called upon to perform juror duties at Aurora.

Operator Losey relieved Operator Hedberg at Earlville tower. The position has been bulletined, but can not say at this writing who will get it regularly.

Bro. Brundage is back at Somonauk, after a vacation of about a month, having been relieved by Bro. Carley, of Bristol, and relief agent, A. N. Johnson.

If it is not here the chances are you did not tell us about it. CERT. 125.

Brookfield Division—

Bro. Feich, of Birmingham tower, off a few nights, chaperoning a theater party in K. C.; relieved by O. R. Freeman, from Randolph.

Bro. Dickerson, first trick at Birmingham tower, makes his weekly trip to K. C.

Bro. Stevens, agent at Stewartsville, has been given Meadville, an exclusive agency.

Bro. Tulme, regular relief agent, is handling Stewartsville agency until awarded.

Bros. H. Smith and Pierron bid in second and third tricks, respectively, at Osborn.

Bro. Sturgis, of Meadville, off a few days, visiting with home folks; relieved by Bro. Howe, from Chillicothe, and Bro. Freeman, regular relief agent, filling Bro. Howe's position at Chillicothe.

Bro. Ritter our local chairman in Chicago now; relieved by C. W. Carroll.

Bro. Withers on sick list; relieved by Operator Bishop.

Bro. E. E. Dennig holding down third trick at Stewartsville, during Bro. Miller's absence.

Bro. Edsall off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Yaunt.

Bro. Edsall relieved by Bro. Shockey at Cameron Junction, on account of sickness.

Bro. Sparks off a few days on a hunting trip; relieved by Bro. Starrett.

Bros. Yaunt & Freeman are working extra at Shelbina, second and third tricks, respectively, during vacancies there.

Bro. Freeman bid in first trick at Shelbina.

Bro. Skinner was awarded Stewartsville agency.

Bro. Wood off a few nights; relieved by B. W. Welch.

Bro. Stevens off a few days; relieved by Bro. Bond from the Frisco.

B. W. Welch is holding down Anabel station until same is awarded on bulletin.

Bro. Alspact off a few days; relieved by Bro. Yaunt.

Helpers at Holt and Lathrop, third trick position taken off at Lathrop on account of decrease in business.

A. Y. McClougham off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Yaunt.

Bro. C. Dale has just returned after a vacation of twenty days; relieved by Bro. E. Hughes.

Bro. G. O. Dyer, of Callao, off during the holidays. COR.

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Alliance Division—

Bro. J. L. McKinnie working second trick at Ellsworth; relieving Operator Wilson, who has left the service. Bro. C. M. Fox, second trick at Whitman, going there from second trick at Ansley. W. O. Marcy working third at Whitman.

Bro. L. A. Nott is now working second trick at Seneca.

Bro. Powell is back at Broken Bow.

Bro. Doolittle, of Anselmo, laying off, getting married. "13" he gets permanent agency at Dunnins, and Bro. Allstat goes to second trick at Anselmo. Extra Agent Thompson is relieving Allstat at Dunning for a while.

Ashby telegraph office closed.

Extra Agent Bro. Triplett, who has been at Hill City the past few weeks, expects to take an indefinite vacation, going to Denver, later to take in Ogden, Boise City and the Seattle Exposition and wind up in Los Angeles, Cal. The Order will lose a good worker, one of the first to join on the division, and always here with the goods.

Train No. 46 had a little accident, caused by a broken rail between Mullen and Hecla, spilling about twenty cars; no one hurt. Trains were delayed a few hours on this account.

Train No. 42, from the West, has been late all week, presume on account of the storms in the West. Understand the company is making arrangements to equip one through train with electric lights. Who says the "B. & M." ain't up-to-date?

How do you fellows like the new tariff cases? Fine "biz?" Ain't they? "KINKAIDER."

Sheridan Division—

The New Year has begun with some energy on the part of several members in helping the good cause and lending their general support. Several of the nons, as usual, made a good resolution by joining the ranks while others haven't brains enough to make any. In the line-up the last of the year we were surprised by finding several nons scattered here and there on the division. We will have to go after them harder than ever before, and induce them to join us. There are some good men amongst those nons, but they got the habit like several of the hard ones and are giving similar excuses, "Financially embarrassed, sickness, etc." It would seem that those excuses would get old with those men. Those wishing a list of all non-members on the Sheridan Division will receive same by writing to any of the following: W. L. Kesinger, assistant, Rozet, Wyo.; G. A. Hinman, assistant, Toluca, Mont., and J. P. Meehan, local chairman, Ulm, Wyo. You can also assist the above brothers by sending them notes and names of any new men that come on the division, who will see that they are properly made use of.

Brothers and Sisters, see that you get your dues paid promptly, in order to get credit for your vote cast for local chairman and delegate to the Grand Division. Everybody should vote and take an interest in this election.

Bro. C. W. Marrs, formerly of the U. P., has been placed as agent at Colwey.

Bro. Bert Hazlett has returned from a thirty days' vacation, visiting his home in Nebraska and other points along the "Q." He was relieved by some new man on the division; and have not heard where this new man was sent from Newcastle yet.

Bro. Bailey is working second trick at Alger.

Bro. H. C. Dodge has been shifted around considerably lately. He was relieved at Parkham, third trick, by Bro. O. P. Brown, and sent to Frannie, and later sent to Cody, relieving Bro. Lee Snyder, who is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Keene, C. T. U. of A., relieved at Arvada, third trick, by Bro. Lynch.

Sister Ollie A. Hoadvedt at Frannie, nights, transferred to Crow agency, third trick; relieved at Frannie by Bro. F. D. Bradley.

Sister Miss M. R. Moore, an enthusiastic member, is working second trick at Upton.

A Mr. J. D. Ryan relieved Bro. Richardson at Moorcroft. Bro. Richardson going to Newcastle as cashier, relieving C. C. Vaughn, who took second trick, relieving Mr. R. L. Miller, who was let out.

Three new members for the month of January, and several transfers. See if we can not double this amount for February, and reduce the nons.

Understand "biz" is dropping off considerable, both on branch lines and main lines the last week or two. But we expect it will pick up a little later.

Some foreign members are inclined to believe that if they are transferred to another division they will be assessed a dollar. I don't see where they got this idea. There is absolutely no fee whatever charged to any member when he is transferred into this division. Bear this in mind, and inform any one that wishes to be transferred of the fact.

Bro. Marrs, agent at Cowley, is laying off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Vacek.

Bro. Lee Snyder returned from his vacation, and took his old stand at Cody, relieving Bro. Dodge, who went back to Parkman, his old job; relieving Bro. O. P. Brown who relieved Sister Clare Shaughnessey at Arvada, who went to Wyola, relieving one of the boys who resigned there.

Solid organization betters conditions and higher wages.

We should quit petting the nons, and show them our motto, No cards, no favors.

Ask your local chairman for a list of the nons, and know who you work with.

Wyola has had only two operators for a short time but the third man has been put on lately.

Mr. Neeley, non, takes first trick at Wyola, Sister Shaughnessy second trick and Mr. Geo. Snyder, non, third trick at Wyola.

Bro. Trego, agent at Parkman, off a few days to Pryor on a visit. Bro. Vacek relieving him. Trego had to hurry back, couldn't do without him. Needed Vacek at Cowley for a few days.

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Mr. McMurphy, one time member, relieved Bro. Brown at Arvada; Brown going to Clearmont, relieving Mr. Burns, who has left the service.

There has been so many changes the last month that it is impossible to keep a tab on them, unless each member takes a hand in the matter and helps with the changes, etc. At least everybody likes nothing better than a good write-up with all the news of the division, and feels disappointed when he only sees a couple of lines You can see a good write-up every month, if you will only send a few notes each month to your assistants or local chairman.

Send your TELEGRAPHER to some non when you get through with it, and you will know the interest he displays in it, when his application comes across.

Several of the brothers are investing in homesteads along the line. Bros. Kesinger and Meehan being the latest ones.

A nice little talk in the line of O. R. T.ISM to some of the nons will bring results, try it once.

Things have thawed out a little on the N. P., and expect a rush of traffic as it has been dead for the last month, on account of big storms through the Northwest.

Mr. W. H. Powers, nights, at Dewey, will be wearing the emblem before this is in print. His application is already on file.

If one member out of ten should secure an application, we would be solid on the Sheridan Division. So brothers, try and take a little interest in the work and see if we can not have a solid division before May. Get a list of the nons and drop them a little letter, and explain to them the necessity of having them get in line. You can do this in the spare moments you have.

The writer came across some good smoking tobacco the other day, and it bears the union label. It is a mild smoking tobacco, and everybody should get it, or try a box, and you won't use any other. It is Bagley's Sweet Tips. Do away with this non-union stuff.

Bro. Mills expects to get the day ojerator job at Kirby, as soon as it is open for bids.

Bro. C. P. Wilson, nights, at Clifton, has left the service. Bro. Thomas's son, Cliff, a handy youngster at the key, relieved him temporarily.

I understand that there has been announced several times that Mr. W. W. Mallison, nights, at Crow agency, was a member. We are sorry to state otherwise, and would be pleased if he would come across with the necessary.

Mr. L. L. Fowler, agent at Algar, is laying off a few days attending to some business, and was relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Vacek.

Bro. Kesinger, of Rozet, noted for his art, was the leading prize-winner for Wyoming, in a recent prize-contest for students of the illustrating and cartooning course of the Corresponding Institute of America, Scranton, Pa. Kesinger is only a new student of this institute, and his success is most promising.

Bro. Robb relieved Bro. Brown at Arvada, third trick.

Let me say a few words in general to the members of the Sheridan Division. What are you doing toward perfecting organization on this division? It's an old story, but are you trying to get the man who is working with you, and not a member into the O. R. T. If you are not, you are not doing your duty. The local chairman and his assistants need your help. You are on the spot and can have more influence than anyone else. If you have no one working with you that is a non, get after those nearest you. You come in almost daily contact with these men and should do your best to get them in. Do not, under any circumstances, abuse a man because he is not a member, because it will never do any good. If they are worthy to become members of our Organization they should be shown every consideration. Thereby showing them it is to their interest to join. And another thing which should be taken into consideration, and that is your own actions, both on duty and off. Give your very best to the company while on duty, and show the officials you appreciate any consideration they give you. Show them it's to their advantage to employ O. R. T. men. When not on duty conduct yourself in a manner that is a credit to the O. R. T. and profession in general. It was brought to my attention by an official of the large number of operators who had been discharged from the company's service and the causes. Were you to know them you would be surprised, and yet all these things are summed up when our committee goes up for a new schedule. We should like to have the best efforts of each member toward perfect organization, and loyalty and good service. We will probably know the results of our committee's meeting with the general management before this goes to press. We are hoping some good things. A word to those who are not members: We want you in our Organization, and would ask you to put aside petty grievances against members or officials, which I know some of you to have. We are none of us perfect, nor can the Order be run to suit individual tastes. Such things are impossible. Get in the O. R. T. and try to help out. All officials are open to suggestions, and I do not believe we have one in our organization who is narrow-minded enough to think his own particular ways are most suitable to all concerned. Get in and raise the standard to the highest possible point.

J. P. MEEHAN, *L. C.*

Ashland Division—

Bro. Kellogg is relieving Deveney (non) at Waterbury.

You can now say, Bro. Jordon, of O'Neill.

Mr. Hubbell, of Yutan, off for a few days, being relieved by Bro. M. J. Armstrong, from "NI" office. Bro. Armstrong goes back to Gretna from Yutan.

Bro. Wagner, of Oakland, is taking a trip to points in Texas and Old Mexico; relieved by Bro. Kellogg.

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The bunch at Ashland and South Omaha who filled out the blanks when the local chairman was around have certainly neglected their promise in regard to remitting. They can not say they have forgotten this as they have been notified several times since. Suppose they are waiting for a raise in salary before they will chance any money. It is queer how some people like to sponge.

Since the ice business has commenced most all of the boys on Ashland line are kept on duty until their full twelve hours are up. But no kick is being made.

Our committee is in Chicago at present, trying to revise our schedule. After one week's session they had to go back on the 19th.

There are a couple of our brothers on the Ashland line and one on the O'Neill line who had better look out for the national nine-hour law. Boys, if you can not do your work in twelve hours you had better kick for more help or let it go. There is another day coming and we do not want to see any our brothers looking through the bars for violating the laws.

Wonder why some of the boys do not send in a few notes once in a while. They all like to see a nice write-up and you can not see this if you do not keep your correspondent lined-up with the changes. Now try and show him this month. He is a small fellow, but can juggle a bunch of items.

You can now say Bro. Youngman, at Emerald, and Bro. Bright at O'Neill.

Brothers, all try and land the non who is working next to you.

Mr. Goldesberry and Mr. Van Wiell, at Waverly, promised to come across January pay-day, but our local chairman reports they failed to come, after being reminded of it just before pay-day.

Now, brothers, each one send in a little and we will always have as good a write-up as any of them. Mc.

McCook Division—

The most of you know of the poor health of Bro. C. E. Sandberg, formerly first trick operator at Akron, who was let out some time ago on account of his health. I quote below a letter written by him to our general chairman, M. J. Johnson, thanking the division and his many friends in Akron for their efforts in his behalf. His letter is as follows:

"Well, I'm feeling pretty good over what has happened to me during the last month and I certainly appreciate such kindness as the boys have shown me, and wish to extend my thanks to you and Mr. Carter for the interest you have taken in me. Would like you to express my thanks to all through the columns of the TELEGRAPHER. I have surely appreciated this and will always remember the kind act. I received $100 in gold from the boys, and my dues waived. This will surely "help some." Just got my transportation this morning and expect to leave here the first of this coming week for Safford, Ariz. When I get there will let you know as to my condition, etc. I am feeling much better since I have gotten out of the office, and I am sure when I get down where the climate is milder I will see an improvement. Hoping this will find you in the best of health, etc. I am, fraternally,

(Signed) "C. E. SANDBERG."

Would add that at the time I am writing this our friend, Sandberg, is in Deming, N. M., just having heard from him yesterday. I am sure we all join in wishing him good luck in his new location, and a speedy return to health, and that he will let us hear from him often as to how he is, his location, etc.

Mr. C. B. Morgan is now relieving Bro. Niemann, cashier at Fort Morgan. Bro. Niemann is taking a trip East and South, to Chicago, New Orleans, and, possibly, Cuba. Bro. J. L. Hasty is relieving Mr. Morgan at Laird.

Understand that Bro. Paul Jones is at Eckley now.

Bro. F. W. Cowart, formerly third trick at Fort Morgan, from there to Holbrook, third trick.

Bro. S. E. Gilmore, formerly second trick at Akron, resigned to go to the D. & R. G. R. R. Understand he is now located at Palisade, Colo.

Bro. C. V. Glenn, formerly of the Wymore Division, agent at Nemaha, transferred to the McCook Division; came to Akron to relieve Bro. Gilmore a few days; from Akron to Brush, second trick, permanent. Understand he relieved the cashier at Brush recently, Bro. Sheridan, who has left the service. Bro. Reveal relieved Glenn until a new cashier was secured. Understand Bro. F. A. Bullock has taken the job.

Mr. W. H. Gilbert relieved Bro. C. V. Glenn as second trick at Akron, and in turn was relieved by Bro. C. F. Avery, from Indianola, Mr. Gilbert being assigned to third trick at Akron.

Bro. A. C. Hugg, who has worked the past summer and fall as extra agent, assigned to Akron as first trick operator and cashier.

Bro. H. W. O'Donnell, who has held first trick at Ft. Morgan for a long time, checked in at Akron as agent, relieving Mr. W. G. Thorson, who returned to work in Mr. Loomis' office at Denver.

Bro. Ferguson, formerly of Cambridge and Akron, third trick, now at "FH," Denver days.

The write-ups for succeeding months will depend chiefly upon the members of this division. If you will drop me a card or letter when you know of any change taking place, either in your own office or other offices, we will have good, newsy write-ups, but it is impossible for one man, the correspondent, to do it all himself, for he simply can not get wind of all the news without the co-operation of other members. Do not get the notion that the item of news which you may know is not worth publishing. If it affects this division or some of the members it will be of interest to the rest of us. So remember the name and place, and drop us a card when you have anything to tell. There are lots of changes taking place. If you will but do your part we can be well represented each month.

A. C. HUGG, *Div. Cor.*,
Akron, Colo.

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Galesburg Division—

Bro. H. R. Gray landed Prospect street, Galesburg yards, on bulletin.

Bro. Sample, third trick at Graham tower, off a few days last month; relieved by Bro. Harlan.

Mr. Murray, first trick at Prospect street, Galesburg yards, out of the service; relieved by Bro. Errickson.

Bro. Boyce to Peoria yards, "SY" office; relieved Mr. Mera, who relieved Mr. Paugh.

Bro. Kost, from Terminal Junction to first trick at Barstow; relieved by a Mr. Johns.

Bro. Adams, who was extra at Barstow tower, went to Plum River tower extra. Did not learn who he relieved there.

Bro. Norcross to Prairie City on bulletin; relieved Mr. Ewers, who was there as extra, third trick.

Mr. Chinne relieved Bro. Norcross at St. Augustine.

"No card, no favors," and whenever you get the opportunity to slam it to the deadbeats land on them with a volley that even its echoes will never be forgotten.

We only have a few nons left now on our division, but we have two of the most famous ham factories in existence, also a good quantity of dead beats. Boys, let every one of us remember our obligation and the motto, "No card, no favors."

Mr. Mercer, second trick at Galesburg yard, "YD" office, sick a few days; relieved by Bro. Errickson, from extra at Prospect street, Galesburg yard, who was relieved there by Bro. Brothers, from Seminary street, Galesburg yards, who was relieved by Mr. Allen.

Bro. Brothers relieved at Prospect street by Bro. Gray, and returned to Seminary street.

Bro. Harlan relieved by Bro. True, at Moline, a few days last month. Bro. Harlan to Peoria yard, relieving Bro. Boyce, who has departed for parts unknown.

Did you ever notice, in reading the journal, that nearly every lady operator is always armed with an up-to-date card and always first to pay her dues? This shows their willingness to aid a good cause. If we had a few more lady operators and a few less of these old hard heads, we would have a much better union and our working conditions would be unexcelled.

Bro. F. S. Omer, of Camp Point, is again with us after being on the outside for some time on account of circumstances. He and Bro. Ward must be working on some nons, as they have both asked for some application blanks.

Bro. E. G. Armstrong, third trick Macomb, was off four days last month on account of the death of his mother; relieved by Bro. Harris, who came from Bardolph on a hand car.

Macomb and Colchester depots have received a good coat of paint recently, and look very well, but they are not so nice for a while to work in with all the doors shut.

Mr. Clayton, third trick at Quincy passenger station, off, sick; relieved by his son, Bro. J. R.

I wonder how the boys along the line like the new train sheets. I think there will have to be a requisition for a new table, if they make them any larger.

Bro. W. H. Earnest, of Bushnell, visited friends at Quincy between trains on Sunday, January 17th.

Mr. J. P. Heston, agent at Plymouth, will soon take a thirty days' vacation; relieved by extra agent, Bro. E. L. Hendricks.

Three tricks have been started again at Farmington, instead of two. Bro. Harry Thornton is working the day trick, others unknown at the present time.

The depot at Marble Head, on the Louisiana branch, burned to the ground about Christmas, and the man in charge was presented with a box car from Galesburg as his Christmas present. We wish him well in his new office.

We understand Colmar is to get a new depot in the spring. This will be quite an improvement over the old building there at the present time. Some poor brass pounder will have the pleasure of a box car or the summer skies to cover him during the change, but will be well repaid when the new building is completed.

Not long ago I heard a man express his opinion of an agent on the C., B. & Q. for not getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning and flagging No. 3 for him. Wonder if he thinks some men must work all the time. Of course he will have it up with the officials for satisfaction and will always think he was treated very badly.

Operator Meyers, of Lewistown, off three weeks; relieved by "Buck" Major, one of Plymouth's debutantes, and, later, relieving E. C. Eckstrand. Mr. Eckstrand has been in service eighteen years on the "Q," and in reply, when asked to line-up, stated he would like to, but his circumstances would not permit, but now we understand he is going to take his family on a trip through California as soon as he is relieved at Fairview.

Mr. Bobbie Terril, of Colchester, extra freight clerk at Macomb, was laid off there on account of slack business, but was put to work by Mr. Fuller, on a 'phone job at Lynn, Ill., and, I am glad to say, will be a member before this appears in print.

Mr. Frank Gibbs, a former member, of Coatsburg, was relieved a few days last month by Bro. E. L. Hendricks.

Bro. W. A. Harris expects to relieve Agent Switzer at Tennessee, for a short time in the near future.

Bro. W. A. Harris to Colmar, Sunday, January 17th, attending Sunday-school convention.

Owing to the death of Bro. W. Gray's wife's mother, of Fowler, Bro. Gray was relieved two days by Bro. Murriel Ogle, of Paloma; also relieved some time before this on account of the death of his father.

I suppose our new schedule will be out by the time this appears in print. We will also have our local chairman elected for the coming two years, and our delegate elected for the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., in May.

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Boys, after you have read this, let every member drop your local chairman a letter with your suggestions as to a meeting once each month; also, do not be afraid to send in a little news once in a while. I know you must hear of these changes, and it would only take a postal card and about ten seconds to write it up. COR.

La Crosse Division—

Many of the boys were surprised at the change made at the agency at Prairie du Chien. This may be a square deal, but we think not, as many of the boys think some other man is entitled to this place; but "13" that we are to have another change there.

Bro. Dyer, agent at Lynxville, Bro. Clark, agent at Cassville, and Bro. Rogers, of Victory, were La Crosse visitors one night last month.

We are glad to see the brothers so prompt in paying up their dues for the new term, and hope the good work will keep up.

Agent J. O'Brien, of Hastings, received the appointment as agent at Prairie du Chien; former Agent F. C. Clinton assistant cashier of the Crawford County Bank at Prairie du Chien.

A number of the boys took a vacation during the holiday season, causing the company to crowd every extra operator into the service, Operator Dederick, of Victory, doing relief at Rusk, and Bro. Chas. Bright at De Soto.

Operator Morris received the third trick position at De Soto, but only worked four days, on account of past record. Unable to learn the name of the man there now, but "13" that he is up-to-date.

Bro. Jos. Schneider, a new man with us, is working at the Crawford tower, was off a few days last month, going to Winona to have an operation performed upon his ear. Relieved by Operator Pierce.

Operator Miner, of Prairie du Chien, was off for a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. A. W. Cummings. Also Bro. Fried off on a vacation; relieved by Operator Casey.

Operator W. B. Tartt, of Prairie du Chien, did the agent's stunt there for a few days, while the new agent, Mr. O'Brien, was moving his family and household goods from Hastings. Bro. Schneider relieved Mr. Tartt.

We were pleased to receive a few items this month from Bro. Schneider. Wish some of the other boys would try and send some every month, as it would be a great help to us all to have a good write-up each month.

Understand that the brothers at Dubuque and East Dubuque have arranged to form a club, to be known as the Key City Telegraph Club, and will include all the brothers on the Illinois Central, C. G. W. and the C. B. & Q., also the C. M. & St. P., and that a meeting will be held in Dubuque each month. Notices have been sent out to all the brothers that a meeting is to be held there January 29th. We trust that some of the brothers will arrange to be present.

We are short again this month for news from the brothers on the north end. There are some fine boys up that way, and we would be pleased to have the news from them, so get busy, boys, and send it in.

Bro. A. F. Retzlaff, our assistant local chairman, at Cochrane, has a number of the boys promised. We can now call Clarence Lindrud brother, as his papers have gone in.

It would surprise some of the boys if they knew how many of our stations along this line are solid to a man.

Bro. Rogers, our local chairman, was called to Chicago on the 10th to be present at the committee meeting. Unable to say just yet what is being done, but we wish them success.

Bro. G. L. Dederick, second trick at Victory, is holding down the agency there while Bro. Rogers is absent.

The journal was a little late last month, and the boys were all anxious. Suppose the delay was caused by the holiday rush.

Wish you all a happy New Year, and trust that those who have not will pay up and get the little paste-board, and also get that non next to you to do the same if he is worthy.

"UNION MADE."

Creston Division—

Bro. C. L. Lamb has been appointed as local chairman to succeed Bro. J. A. Bollman, who resigned on account of heavy station duties.

Would like to see some of the boys get busy on the nons, and also try and furnish a little news for the monthly write-up, and help Bro. Lamb out all they can.

Mr. C. T. Leonard, who has been superintendent of the Creston Division for many years, has resigned, his place being filled by Mr. A. W. Newton, formerly with the "Q" in Chicago. All the boys were sorry to lose Mr. Leonard and wish him success in the future. Mr. Newton is a very congenial superintendent and is well liked by every one.

Mr. W. F. Shiffer, who has been our chief dispatcher for the last few years, has been promoted to trainmaster. Mr. W. C. Welch, former trainmaster, has gone to Brookfield, Mo., as superintendent. Mr. C. W. Jarvis, for many years first trick dispatcher, took Mr. Shiffer's place. Second Trick Dispatcher Jeffery took the first trick, and C. W. Connett, formerly first trick branch dispatcher, took the second trick, Jack Moran remaining on the third trick, at his own request.

Bro. J. R. Brandon, formerly of Division No. 12, is now working at McPherson. Bro. Brandon was at one time local chairman of Division No. 12, but has now been transferred to Division No. 130.

Bro. H. P. Nixon, formerly agent at Randolph, has bid in Macedonia station.

Bro. W. M. Fleming, formerly agent at Macedonia, bid in Greenfield station.

Former Agent S. M. Mercer, of Greenfield, was elected county treasurer.

Bro. W. D. Camp, formerly agent at McPherson, bid in Creston yard office third trick.

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Bro. R. E. Templeman bid in Bridgewater.

Bro. E. B. Wallahan, working third trick at Hastings, formerly from the C. & N. W., has been transferred to Division No. 130.

Bro. F. B. Rose has been transferred from third trick at Hastings to third trick at Emerson.

Bro. B. F. Thompson bid in third trick at Red Oak, formerly third trick at Emerson.

Bro. H. L. Keever bid in McPherson station.

Bro. E. E. Gill, second trick at Stanton, has been laid up the past two months with rheumatism. Hope to see him back before long.

Bro. J. E. Walkington, who has been working as relief agent the past few months, has settled down on third trick at Stanton for the winter.

Mr. G. C. Bell, who was sent to relieve Bro. Gill, was transferred to Maryville. Relieved by Mr. E. J. Rodgers.

We hope to be favored with up-to-date bulletins under Mr. Jarvis' administration, and think it a wise suggestion to have these bulletins numbered consecutively, as they are on other roads. However, we will leave this to Mr. Jarvis' good judgment.

This write-up will have to be credited to a "ham," as our division correspondent, Bro. Burton, is too busy to attend to it. We hope he will do better next month, and ask the boys to contribute something to assist him. RED.

Wymore Division—

The boys are coming across with their dues in splendid shape, and I believe most of them will see the wisdom of keeping in the ranks and standing for retaining what we have at present and endeavoring by peaceable means to secure what is yet due to us.

If somebody will arise and explain what a man expects to gain, either for himself or his fellow-worker, by dropping out of the Order, I shall feel thankful.

Personally I can not see how any sane man could consider such a move for a single second, and it is my candid opinion that a man who does so, having no excuse but cold feet, is lacking in gray matter, because he is simply helping to drag himself down to the bottom of the ladder.

Extra Agent Johnson is holding down Auburn days, temporarily.

Bro. A. E. Miller has resigned as agent at Firth. Bro. A. F. Heskett is now heavy man at that point.

Bro. C. D. Bowers has been transferred to day telegraphers' position at Beatrice.

Bro. Jones, agent at Smyrna, has been on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Money.

Bro. Logan has been transferred from days at Auburn to agent at Thompson.

Bro. O. D. Samsell has been transferred from agency at Thompson to agency at Nemaha City.

Bro. Heinon, from the Wabash, is holding down Salem nights.

Bro. Daggett, agent at Dawson, has been away on account of his brother losing a foot by getting it crushed in some machinery at the light plant.

Mr. Whitson has returned to his duties as agent at Table Rock, and Bro. Zink again takes his old trick, which throws Bro. Grimes back to his old love, third trick at Pawnee.

Get up-to-date. No card, no favors.

Have you paid your dues for the present term? If not, please get busy and send your five dollars to Bro. W. A. Henry, Fairfield, Iowa. The time has arrived when it is necessary for us to stand together to retain our rights, obtained by years of hard labor and perseverance. While doing this we must not fail to give the very best of service as an inducement for the officials to give preference to organized labor. The boys with a card should ever endeavor to make good under all conditions.

J. B. Lewis, agent at Brownville, has filed his application. It took John five years to make up his mind, but we are glad to welcome him, even if he is a little tardy.

It is rumored that Bro. E. A. Cox, agent at Cheney, and Bro. H. S. Pennington, agent at Bennet, are to trade positions.

Bro. Hartzell has been doing the agent's stunt at Sterling during Bro. Denton's absence on committee work.

Bro. J. M. Cook, of Division No. 2, has transferred to this division, and is now located at Syracuse days.

Bro. Mitchell, agent at Elk Creek, was recently absent a few days; relieved by Bro. Harper.

No Card, no favors. COR.

Hannibal Division—

Now is the time to show the stuff you are made of. These are inspiring words and magnificent. When the tocsin of battle is sounded, our grand and noble leaders are first to take their place on the firing line. Your forefathers fought to destroy the reign of kings, and yet you grovel at the feet of industrial kings, your very life depending on their whim whether they will give you jobs or not.

The men who make the fabrics wear rags. The men who build houses live in rented hovels. The men who make automobiles walk. The men who build railroads tramp between the rails seeking work. Samson was weak when his hair was cut. The worker is a slave only because he has not yet got his eye teeth cut. Every worker should get the full product of his toil, and be able to own a home free from indebtedness, and every laborer should be able to travel and see the world; but this old world will not be transformed into these beautiful things untill the workers join hands in fellowship and present their demands in one body, then we will be able to accomplish our ambition.

Here are some facts: The capitalists have formed the Civic Federation, the Citizens' Alliance, the National Manufacturers' Association, Organization of Coal Operators, Organization of Newspaper Publishers. Workingmen, what do you think? The capitalists are organized. Open your eyes and see this struggle as it really is; see the massing of the hosts of capital against you; hear the gathering of the clans. Is there any wonder

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there are lockouts, blacklists and injunctions? Feel yourselves already crushed, defeated, annihilated, unless you take immediate and decisive action. Workingmen, get together, unite! Does not capital feel the power of their organization? Do not the workers feel the power of their organization, and are you more good outside of that organization than inside of it? Let us all get busy now.

We are short on news along the line, as information is not obtainable.

We understand that the dispatchers' job at West Quincy is going to be closed; if so, there will likely be three operators looking for a job. We have not learned who the unlucky ones will be, but it is easy to surmise.

We note that Patterson, Viele, South Troy, and night job at Hawk Point have been bulletined, but have not yet learned who got them.

Now, boys, our local chairman has promised to give the Hannibal division a good write-up each month if you will furnish him with a line or two. Tell him about all the changes. Keep him posted on everything and there will be a surprise in store for you.

I repeat, let us all get busy.

Rouse, my brothers, from your slumbers,
Greet the coming day,
See the darkness fading
In the morning ray.
Long the night has been, and gloomy—
Now behold on high,
With the light of Freedom's dawning,
Shines the Eastern sky.

Stand erect in kingly manhood,
Labor must be free,
Nor to tyrants vile and heartless,
Bow the servile knee.
Robber drones in hives of workers
Shall no longer hold
Toiling millions in their bondage
By the power of gold.

He who knows the joys of freedom
Can not be a slave,
Close the ranks and still press onward,
Loyal, true and brave;
Soon shall come the day of gladness—
Soon fraternal love,
All the earth shall bless and brighten
Like to that above.

Hark, the fateful hour is striking—
Man must higher go,
Rise above the clouds and shadows
To the sunlight's glow.
Heed not profit-seeking idlers,
Let them sneer or frown,
Labor bears the world's great burdens,
She shall wear the crown.

Hail the sunlight, O, my brothers,
Shout with glad acclaim,
Let Columbia's snow-capped mountains
Echo Freedom's name.

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Atlantic Coast Line System.

NOTICE.

To the Members of Division No. 132:

When this issue of the journal reaches you, the time in which you can remit for a card for the first half of 1909 without getting in bad standing will almost have expired.

Your card reading good until December 31, 1908, keeps you in good standing until March 1st, not later. If you do not remit for your new card before March 1st, you will not be in good standing, which prevents the committee or local board exercising themselves in your behalf. It also prevents your attending any meeting or taking part in any of the functions of the organization. Your journal is stopped, and to all intents and purposes you might as well be a non, with this one exception: you can pay up your dues and become a full-fledged member again by simply paying up your dues and insurance assessments, provided you do it promptly.

Now we don't want any back-sliders this year; we want this division to move forward as never before. We have got the material. We must have your assistance. Give it to us and we will do our best for you.

Read carefully the article on the union label in this issue of the journal. Live up to your obligation, which is implied, that you will advance the cause of labor generally. How can you do this better than by patronizing union labor of others?

On the 14th or 15th of January, there appeared an article in the daily papers stating a general strike of the hatters of the country had been called, and that an organized effort on the part of the manufacturing hatters of the country was on to try and discontinue the use of the union label on their goods. It may not be generally known to our members that the hatters are about the best organized of any class of wage-workers, and that their label appears on a larger per cent of their product than of any other article in common use.

You will naturally ask what has that got to do with the telegraphers? The answer is very simple. If the organized manufacturers can discontinue the use of the label by the hatter's unions, they will have made an opening in the ranks of union labor that will take years to mend, and every wage-worker, whether of the hatters, or any other organization, will feel the effect. The day after the article appeared in the newspapers I was in Jacksonville, Fla., and had occasion to need some articles of wearing apparel, among which was some collars and cuffs. I went in the first furnishing store I came to and asked for union made articles. Imagine the surprise on the faces of the clerks. They did not even know what the label looked like. Not finding what I wanted I went to every clothing store and gents' furnishing place on Bay street, the leading thoroughfare of the city, and failed to find a union made collar or cuff. Do you suppose this

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condition would have existed for one day if all the union men in Jacksonville had asked for union made articles when they went to make their purchases? Well, hardly. Several of the shopkeepers told me they had never had a call for union made stuff before.

Did I buy in Jacksonville? Certainly not. I was next in Wilmington, N. C., and met with the same situation, with the exception that one concern told me they had put in a supply of union made clothing in order to cater to the union trade, and that the union people had bought the scab stuff instead. This concern seemed to be honest in their desire to supply union made stuff, and asked where it could be bought. I failed to find any collars or cuffs with the label in Wilmington; the result, no purchase in that city.

I knew where such could be had at all times, so sent to Washington, D. C., for what I wanted.

You may ask the question, "Don't you have to pay more for union made goods?" The reply will be no, but if I did I would still buy the union articles, for the reason that I know I am helping the union labor movement; while if I purchase the scab made goods, I am patronizing the people that are fighting the unions.

I am not advertising any concern, but wish to turn all the business I can through people who will handle union made goods, and will be glad to tell you where you can get anything you need in this line with the label on it.

If you can not get what you want, don't take something you don't want, but look around until you find it. When the shopkeepers find you won't buy non-union goods, do you suppose they are going to keep on buying them? Not if your trade is worth anything. They can sell union made goods to the other fellow, but they will learn they can not sell scab stuff to you.

As an example of this, I have an interest in a grocery store, and we are forced to handle the products of the Postum Cereal Company, simply because customers demand Postum, and will not take anything in its place. A man in business has got to satisfy his customers. It is up to us whether we buy non-union goods or not. Which are you going to buy from now on?

If you don't know the label when you see it, by all means write to Mr. Frank Morrison, secretary of the A. F. of L., Washington D. C., and get a circular showing fac-simile labels.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS, *G. S. and T.*

Norfolk District—

From what I hear, our dispatcher, Mr. Mabry, seems to be worried about the piece that appeared in the November journal, on page 1,987, about him, but I think if he will only do as that says, he will have easier sailing.

We have had two very bad wrecks on this pike lately. Wouldn't be surprised if the officials don't see where they need a few more telegraphers, so it would enable them to open up the offices that have been closed for nearly a year, thereby being able to block trains and prevent some of the accidents.

The wreck at Speed, it appears, could have been prevented if the block system had been in operation; and the one at Nansemond would certainly have been prevented by a middle order. With a reminder of this nature an engineman would not overlook a meet order.

Bro. H. L. Gardner has been assigned the agency at Norfleet, vice Bro. G. H. Hall, assigned to Hobgood, second trick. This put T. B. Capps at Boone. Sorry for Bros. Stever and Small.

Bro. C. S. Smith is acting agent at Aulander for a few days, while Bro. Gatling is away.

Bro. Haynes is working at South Tunis, second trick, while Bro. Smith is at Aulander.

Bro. Smith seems to be in demand for relief work, having been sent to Eure for a few days, in order that Bro. N. E. White could make a business trip to Norfolk.

This brings up the thought, where is our regular district relief agent that is provided for by the schedule? Some one should be drawing this $65.00 salary, instead of taking a regular man and running him around at a smaller salary, and making him lose time going and coming. Our local chairman will kindly take this up.

Bro. G. H. Hale, second trick at Hobgood, is off at present; being relieved by a Mr. Watson. Haven't seen the color of his credentials yet.

You would think there was a presidential campaign on if you should happen to drop in on the Norfolk District members now. They are very wide-awake to the fact that now is the time to register their desires, and the consequence is that there are several candidates for the position of local chairman for the Norfolk District. As the material is all good, the members will hardly make a mistake in voting, unless they don't vote at all. We mean to have the banner district on the system, and whoever we elect as local chairman will have plenty of assistance if he will show us what he wants done. We will tell him what we want all right.

Bro. J. W. Gardner, who has been working extra for sometime, has resigned and accepted a position with the Southern Railway, being located at Lawrenceville at present.

Mr. D. S. Harper, agent at Bethel, has been off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Edmundson, of Parmele, and Bro. Edmundson was relieved by Bro. G. H. Hale, of Hobgood.

Since the above, Bro. Edmundson resigned, and accepted a position with W. U. at Washington, N. C.

Bro. R. J. House, of Aurora, W. & V., spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Pitt County.

Bro. W. C. Andrews, also of the W. & V. at Vandemere, spent the holidays at Parmele.

Relief men seem to be very scarce on the Norfolk District, but that should be expected as the schedule provides for a regular relief man, but the chief dispatcher or superintendent has not

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seen fit to employ this relief man. We have a very good superintendent over here, and can not understand why he does not use this man as provided for.

A case of violation of the nine-hour law occurred at Boone, during December. Understand the day operator, Bro. Stever, was held on for sixteen hours and forty minutes, but it was caused by a wreck, and we understand an effort was made to get some one there to relieve Bro. Stever, but without success, until he had been on duty for the time named.

This is not the kind of violation that the law was primarily intended to prevent, and very few prosecutions will be made against any company where they show an honest desire to live up to the provisions of the law. SOREBACK.

Richmond District, South—

At the meeting on the 22d of December, six candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the billy. The load was so heavy that the billy had a hard pull, but he got through all right, and with the assistance of these six new ones he will be in such fine shape at the next meeting that he will be willing to tackle any number and size of comers.

The matters under discussion at the meeting were of vital interest to the fraternity and to the nons as well. We wish every member within reach of Rocky Mount could have been present at this meeting.

Bro. G. P. Jones, from Elrod, has been assigned and sent to Smithfield, third trick.

Bro. S. W. Brown goes from Smithfield, third trick, to Four Oaks, third trick.

Bro. N. F. Lewis has been transferred from second to third tricks at Kenly.

Bro. O. H. Harvey is relieving Bro. I. O. Farmer, third trick at Beards.

Bro. F. A. Trultt assigned to second, and Bro. Ira Hall to third trick at Benson.

Bro. Chas. Bolick, first at "FY" tower, Florence yard, transferred to "CO," South Rocky Mount.

Bro. McLeod, third trick at Winona, has resigned to accept the agency at his home, Carthage, N. C.

Bro. K. G. Kennedy comes from Winona second trick to Kenly second trick.

Bro. R. C. Wells, agent at Sellers, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. D. P. Spell.

Bro. T. D. Teford, second trick at Contentnea, has been off for a ten days' vacation, which was spent in and around Washington, D. C.

Bro. Z. V. Jeffreys, third trick at Contentnea, was also off ten days.

Bro. S. V. Ellis spent a few days at home during the holidays. He was relieved by Bro. Hall, of Benson.

Bro. J. C. Bowman, agent at Kenly, was relieved for ten days by Bro. F. A. Truitt, who always carries the right kind of credentials. Bro. Truitt has been doing quite a good deal of relief work on the district recently. He has been assigned regularly to one of the tricks at Benson, but it looks like they are going to use a regular man for relief work, instead of employing a salaried relief agent, as provided in the schedule.

Richmond District—

Bro. Harvey, third trick at Latta, was relieved for fifteen days by Operator Dover, a new man on this district.

The following assignments have been made on bulletins issued:

Bro. K. G. Kennedy to second trick at "DI," South Rocky Mount, from Kenly.

Mr. D. A. Foster, third trick at South Rocky Mount, "CO."

Mr. E. L. Creech, second at Dillon.

Mr. A. P. Parker third at Dillon.

Bro. J. H Jones third trick at Parkton

Bro. H. H. Arnett, third trick at Rennert, where he has been located for several months.

Bro. J. A. Wiggs to third trick at Beards.

Bro. Williams, agent at Sharpsburg, was suspended for fifteen days, and was relieved by Bro. H. L. Roberson, of Wilson. On account of the suspension, Bro. Williams refused to be checked in again at Sharpsburg, and the place is now on bulletin. Understand no one wants it, as it is a twelve-hour position and the men on this district do not seem anxious for any more twelve-hour work in theirs.

The following positions were placed on bulletin on the 21st of January:

Second tricks at Kenly, Rennert, Elrod, Latta, Fayetteville and Elm City.

Third tricks at Fayetteville and Latta.

Mr. W. C. Wilson, former agent at Spring Hope, has been appointed agent at Hope Mills, which appointment is very unjust, as much older men made application for the position. The rankest kind of favoritism shown in appointments made at this point within the last two months.

Bro. R. C. Wells, formerly at Sellers, goes to Spring Hope as agent, and Bro. D. P. Spell, from Elm City, first trick, to Sellers agency.

It is with much regret that I learn that Bro. F. A. Boswell will not stand for re-election as local chairman of the Richmond District, south. Bro. Boswell has made a very efficient and wide-awake officer and his place will be exceedingly hard to fill. Bro. Boswell certainly deserves the thanks of every member on the district, and I think each member should write him a personal letter expressing their regret at his decision, and thank him for the untiring efforts he has put forth in their behalf. DIV. COR.

Richmond District, North—

Nothing in the way of notes has been sent to your correspondent this month, so I will have to ransack the files of my memory for something to say this month. I am afraid this file is about as unreliable as the average railroad file, so my readers will please overlook any omission or errors.

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The writer recently saw a letter from one of the oldest members on the road, and I think it would be especially appropriate if applied on this district.

In the letter, among other things, this brother said: "I sincerely hope the Order may not wane for lack of support and encouragement, and I have faith in its ultimate success. Could the younger members view the matter as I do or realize what I have done in a long service, they would be more united and loyal."

Coming from a man well on in years, and one who has always held the confidence and esteem of every one with whom he has come in contact, this is very gratifying.

Bro. H. B. Scott, of "K," Richmond, has been promoted to a trick at Rocky Mount. Bro. Scott is a good, live brother, and we predict that he will make good as a dispatcher.

Bro. S. B. West, of Dunlop, is now off on account of some dispute with Conductor Ragland on January 1st over a pass. From the information that has been received, we are of the opinion that Bro. West has got a very raw deal (excuse the slang) up to the present. Also understand the case has been referred to the general chairman.

I have just heard that Bro. B. M. Bennett was discharged at Battleboro a few days ago because he asked for permission to be absent, and when refused he got Mrs. Russell, the wife of the agent, to work for him and went any way.

Have heard of no other changes, although a number have occurred.

Hope the brothers will let me have a list of them next month, and will give the information in full.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA.

Savannah District—

Great strides were made during the year 1908, but we want to see a card in the hands of every telerapher on this district very early in the new year. We want to say a word to the few members who have not yet remitted their dues for the term ending December 31st: Can you afford to let your membership in the grand old Order lapse? Can you afford to be classed with the nons?

Bro. T. L. Highsmith, who has been in the service for ten years, has resigned the agency at Ludowici on account of heavy work, short force and small pay, and will, we understand, engage in the real estate business.

The agency at Ludowici is filled by Bro. Ed F. Hull, from Offerman.

Bro. P. H. Raiford, third trick at Ludowici, has resigned and left the service. He is succeeded by Mr. A. C. Burnett, from the L. & N.

Bro. C. R. Shuping, second at Burroughs (on the river), has resigned. He was relieved by a Mr. Coney.

Bro. J. M. Clements, third at "Q," Savannah, made a flying trip to Ludowici recently.

Mr. J. B. Simpson, formerly first trick at "DE," Savannah, has been assigned the agency at Offerman, which was made vacant by the transfer of Bro. Hull to Ludowici.

Bro. A. S. O'Neal, who was shot while on duty at Nahunta, some time ago, is about well now, and will go to work on January 1st on the Waycross District.

Mr. J. W. Daniels, our popular chief, has been off for a few days, we understand attending court at Columbia, S. C. Mr. E. P. McLain, first trick dispatcher, filled the chief's chair with credit to himself and the district during Mr. Daniel's absence.

Bro. J. G. Zander, formerly at Jesup, is now working third at McCullough.

Bro. Geo. T. Cater, third at Folkston, has resigned, and is succeeded by Bro. Jno. W. Eubanks, formerly of Bologne. Bro. Eubanks was succeeded by Bro. Crumpton, formerly with the W. & T. Ry.

We now have only about two nons between Folkston and Jax, and our correspondent from that end states he hopes to do something for them soon.

Bro. H. C. Page, of Folkston, was off about ten days, attending court, and afterward going to the carnival at Jax, and to see his parents in South Carolina.

Bro. T. L. Butler, second trick at "ND," Callahan, is doing some good work on his end. This brother is wide-awake in every respect, can always get him on wire, and the nons do not get a chance to sleep while he is on duty.

Bro. J. C. Featherstone, first trick at Folkston, was off a few days last month.

The following are new men that have come to the district for the winter, or block season. Can not at this time say how many of them hold cards, but hope a good many do. All of the new offices opened are on the eight-hour basis.

Below are all new men on the Short Line:

At Leake, first trick, Bro. B. A. Brockman; second trick, C. H. Gaines; third trick, G. W. Embry.

At Broadhurst, L. E. Glover, first trick; W. L. Nichols, second trick; F. C. Booe, third trick.

At McKinnon, M. B. Crews, first trick; H. H. Farrell, second trick; W. B. Smith, third trick.

At Raybon, Bro. J. A. Deloach, formerly at Lodowici, first trick; E. J. Norton, second trick, and C. S. Nesbitt, third trick.

At Nahunta, H. M. Marris, agent since the retirement of Bro. Green; J. W. Britt, formerly at "SF," Savannah, second trick, and Bro. L. A. Vestal, third trick.

At Shea, R. F. Anderson, first trick; F. R. Williams, second trick; J. A. Gleason, third trick.

Winokur, M. D. Malone, second trick; W. L. Showalter, third trick.

At Newell, J. J. Connoley, first trick; W. H. Clendening, second trick, and Bro. Jackson E. Stinson, third trick.

At Burch, W. E. Featherston, first trick; B. G. Joyner, second trick; C. S. Joyner, third trick.

I understand most all of these new men carry cards, either O. R. T. or C. T. U. of A., but can not say positively. The local board are right after

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them, however, and will soon be in position to give the desired information.

Andrews opened up with T. H. Frost, first trick; Walter L. Forrester, second trick, and J. H. Milling, third trick. Mr. Milling was off a few days in the early part of January; relieved by Bro. C. C. Johnson.

Hilliard opened as block office, with Bro. Leigh as agent and first trick, Bro. Jeb Martin, second, and Mr. R. A. Barber, third. Mr. Barber is well remembered on the Richmond District, south, having held down Selma, N. C., for some time. Not necessary to say why he left there.

Ratliff, new office, L. L. Prabst, first trick; R. F. Crutchfield, second, and D. F. Stanter, third trick. None of them up-to-date.

Dinsmore opened with Mr. Strickler (well remembered), first trick; A. F. Hudson, second trick, and O. N. Hudson, third trick. Both Hudsons up-to-date.

Picketts opened with Bro. W. C. Clark, transferred from new yard, as first; Mr. E. M. Segin, second trick, and W. W. Perry, C. T. U. of A., third trick.

There is plenty of work to do now, and we are at it and hope to show some results in a very short time

Bro. J. H. Williams, G. S. & T., was down this way this month and spent several hours with Bro. E. L. Porter, local chairman at Blackshear. Bro. Williams expected to visit each office on the block, but for some reason only got to the New Yard and Moncrieff, and to Folkston. Understand he carried an application with him from the New Yard, and found a new member at Moncrieff.

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Montgomery District—

As not a single note has been sent in, and I am so far from everybody, will not attempt to give any move that has been made on the official chess-board, except that of Bro. W. L. Grissette, local chairman, from Brinson, Ga., to La Pine, Ala. All members make a note of this change so you will know where to address the local chairman.

Several of our members have been asking for blanks this month, which shows they want to get on the roll of honor. Only four members of Division No. 132 appear on the roll of honor for December, and none of these from the Montgomery District, but we expect to see some on the list for January. There is plenty of material, so let's have our names on the honor roll, and on the division roll, which is more important.

With the election of division officers this month, and appointment of new local board, we should take a long stride forward in our work. Let's all join hands with our local chairman, and make the district solid. I notice some of the other districts say they are going to make theirs solid. Let's make this solid first. Fraternally,

GEORGIA.

Charleston District—

There is always something doing in the good old state of sand-lappers, cabbage and mosquitoes, but sorry to say that "something" was not to the credit of the telegraph fraternity for the past month or two. Too many men are walking the plank via the booze route, but there is a grain of consolation in this to us, as an exceedingly small number of these are up-to-date Order men. Some of them have been, but do you notice that when a fellow begins to booze in earnest in this country that he drops his membership? It is either because he feels we are not good enough for him to associate with, or he is ashamed to claim fraternal brotherhood with us, as he knows he is not worthy to be called brother.

Bro. Taylor, of Kingstree, promoted to the agency at Marion, S. C., on the Wilmington District.

Bro. W. F. Lanier, of Bonneaus, has resigned to enter other business.

Bro. J. A. Hardy, from Foreston, gets to Bonneau, as Bro. Lanier's successor. Bro. Hardy was hit hard by the nine-hour law on account if the discontinuance of the telegraph service, and we are glad to see him sent to a better place.

Our worthy Local Chairman Bro. Boswell is talking of resigning the local chairman's place, with the expiration of his present term, which will be March 1st.

We must have something in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER for the year 1909. SANDY.

Lakeland District—

At last there seems to be a move toward increased force on the Lakeland District. On December 8th, the third operator was put on at Dunnellon.

Bro. E. A. Bristow, of Division 59, is now located at High Springs.

Our very efficient Chief Dispatcher Mr. E. T. Mulquin is certainly showing us how an official can live up to the schedule when he tries, and be it said to his credit he is trying. Now let us show our appreciation by sticking to him and holding up our end as well. We can do it, We must do it.

Floral City agency transferred from Bro. A. E. Pooser to Mr. J. H. Strunk. Mr. Strunk only remained a few days before he found he had gotten up against the real thing and sent in his resignation; and on December 28th the agency was transferred to Bro. S. J. Hood. Bro. Hood found out his mistake even sooner than Mr. Strunk, and gave up the ghost. Bro. Hood only remained two days, being checked out to Bro. D. W. Grider on the 30th. Bro. Grider was given a permanent clerk at $47.00 per month, and we now understand Bro. Grider is getting along finely with the work. This clerk-operator position was one of the many that was cut off in the fall of 1907. Note the good men that had to quit before a remedy was applied. Several such positions have been re-established, as it became absolutely necessary to do so.

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We hope to see every one of them back at no distant date.

Inverness agency transferred from Mr. R. M. Selvidge to Bro. F. E. Henry on December 31st. Bro. Henry returning from leave of absence.

Arcadia agency transferred from Bro. R. M. Locke to Bro. N. S. Foulkes, on January 1st. Bro. Locke resigns to accept position of general freight and passenger agent for the Charlotte Harbor and Northern, and while he will no longer be in the telegraph service, he intends carrying a card with the O. R. T.

Mr. J. D. Henry has been assigned second trick at Croom, which by the way is a twelve-hour position. Would like to know how a second trick man can work twelve hours. Mr. Henry succeeded Bro. J. L. Stewart at Croom.

Several of the largest and best agencies on the bulletin list as follows: Lakeland, Dade City, Martel, Dunnellon and Fort Myers. At this writing no appointments have been made, but it is expected that Bro. W. Brantley, local chairman will go to Dade City.

Following clerk-telegrapher positions also on bulletin boards: Floral City, Bowling Green, Fort Meade and Arcadia.

Bro. J. M. Oren goes to Arcadia as clerk-telegrapher, and understand Bro. O. C. Kight succeeds him at Bowling Green.

Are cheap employes always cheap? It would seem not in the case of an agent who was sent to a station here at a reduction when discontinuing the telegraph service. From the information I have received this man has already been checked up short twice, once for $60.00 and once for $85.00, or somewhere near these figures. This man offered to take the place at a lower salary than the former agent was receiving. A shortage of something like $150.00. Well, experience comes high, but some people, even superintendents, will not always learn in any other school.

Some one said brother Williams, general secretary and treasurer, and another old gentleman who was a telegrapher, were over the district this month, but they only stopped at Trilby. Could their visit be accounted for by the violation of the nine-hour law at that point? GATER.

Jacksonville District—

The same old story is to be repeated again this month, not a single line from any one to help in the write-up I am to give you each month. Boys, there is no use saying that you cannot help some if you will use an ounce or two of try some times. Let's keep the good work going on, and not let some of the boys on the system divisions boast about holding the record for "herding nons." Say that's fine business though, and I desire to congratulate the Waycross District for the number of new members they have enrolled in the past few months, but probably they had more raw material to work on than any of the other districts, but I tell you we have some rusty ones ourselves, and that's no whale's dream.

One good old professor has changed places, with his school lately, but as he is allowed about three clerks at that place, instead of none at the old stand, I guess he will prosper now.

I hope that this gentleman and one or two more will be able to secure a copy of the issue containing this, and that it will enable them to reconsider the matter a little, and cause them to stop this profession that they are now practicing, and that it will have some reaction on a few more that are contemplating taking up the profession. Brothers and friends, just think what you are doing, when you start out on the line gathering up any old thing that will agree to pay you $25.00 or more, to learn him how to "operate." Oh, Gee! Say, old rusty back nons and farmers, didn't that sound big in your ears to hear the call of the professor, when he said, you get all the way from "$60.00 to $100.00 per?" Well, you can not much blame the little boys at all, as it was not their fault, and we have all been in the same path. Nons, what are you going to do? When we are all paying in our hard-earned money every month to keep you and your dear ones at home from having to do other jobs on the side, and to keep the wolf out of your kitchen? Just answer that while you are enjoying the pleasure of an eight-hour trick, or probably a nine. That little picture in the front of the December journal, according to my ideas did not just exactly hit the non in the right light He was pictured as sleeping all the time; well, I don't think he is, for he never fails to wake up in time to get his O. R. T. present, but I agree with the brother that he is in danger of stopping Santy from visiting his home.

We are all glad that we are to get a new passenger depot at Plant City, and also one at Winston, not before it was needed, however.

"13" that Bro. H. D. Corbett, of Carters, has bid in Tampa, first trick, over Bro. V. C. Campbell, on the seniority rule.

Mr. Hurt, our first trick dispatcher, has been suspended from service for some mistake in a "31" order. Hope, however, he has landed a better position by now.

Let all the news you have come to me as soon as possible, and I will do my best for you all. As I want to see the year 1909 pass out with the Jacksonville District solid O. R. T., that would certainly look fine.

Now, get busy, and either run him off or land his application next pay day.

I am still getting my mail at Box 332, Lakeland, Fla. So don't forget to let me have any item you might chance to pick up on the line.

CERT. 1206.

Waycross District—

Bro. Sasser has again showed his ability to secure applications, by appearing on the honor roll in the November, December and January TELEGRAPHERS.

We extend the right hand of fellowship to Bros. O. J. English, and Geo. S. Perry and R. D. Reid, all since November 30th.

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A new office has been opened in the agent's office in Albany. This was made necessary on account of the yard office being so far away that business was suffering.

Bro. J. A. Turner, Baconton, has been let out and Bro. G. L. Youmans, of Brookfield, has been assigned to that point.

Bro. T. W. Hewitt has been succeeded by Mr. R. C. Mansfield, of Pelham. Let's see if he will keep his promise now, that he has been promoted.

Mr. P. H. Perry is now working as night operator at Marion, Fla., one of the nine-hour law offices; but he works twelve hours, try and figure this out.

Only one application filed for the clerk-telegrapher position at Sylvester, Ga., Bro. Kirkland, of Tarver, and was not considered heavy enough for the position, which has not yet been filled.

Bro. J. G. Rice, of Naylor, has been relieved by Mr. C. W. Floyd.

Bro. Seibert, of Valdosta, has resigned; unable to give name of his successor.

Bro. L. J. Murray is again at Waresboro. Understand he is working extra, was at Dupont last month. As there are several vacancies or places filled by younger men, Bro. Murray will soon be located permanently.

Bro. W. P. Horne is now working at Brookfield.

Our January journal has not yet shown up, so cannot say whether we are represented therein. Our notes were late on account of the Christmas rush, and if we are not represented, it will not be on account of nothing sent, but on account of being late.

It looks like the Waycross District telegraphers are trying to make a reputation, but certainly not an enviable one. Within the last month three of them have been arrested and placed in jail for shooting, and in two of the three cases killing other men. In at least two of these cases the telegraphers shot in self-defense, so your correspondent is informed, but even this is not a record to be desired.

Mr. W. E. Holley, one of the Commercial strikers, is now clerk-telegrapher at Sylvester, succeeding Bro. E. F. Goodrum, now at Pearson.

Two new men at Valdosta, Messrs. W. Nobles and E. W. Smoak. Bro. G. L. Seibert, of the same place resigned and accepted a position with the W. U.

Mr. W. F. Fuller, formerly on Montgomery District, is working extra on this district.

Bro. L. A. Vestal, one of our old-timers, back with us again working extra, is now at Nahunta.

Bro. J. W. Walker and Mr. Britt, formerly in Savannah, worked extra at Nahunta, during part of December and January.

Bro. R. C. Austin now third trick at Valdosta. Bro. A. S. O'Neal, formerly second trick at Nahunta, is relieving him at Boston.

The members at Waycross report that Bro. Williams, general secretary and treasurer, was there this month, but that he was not making any local stops. Understand he came in on the A. B. & A. from Atlanta, and went South toward Jacksonville. We would like to see Bro. Williams over here again, as it is encouraging for us to have our officers come around and tell us what the Order is doing.

If the brothers will give Bro. Sasser notes of interest before the 20th of each month, he will send them to me, and we can have a pretty good write-up each month. We desire to show up in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER during the year 1909, and if the information is forthcoming, we will do it.

There has not been a month during the year 1908, that there was not an application sent in from the Waycross District, which was due to two causes, one was that many new men came in without cards, and they were not allowed to rest until they showed where they stood. This policy, if continually pursued, will make our district solid. We propose keeping up just this line of work. Will members on other districts do likewise?

GEORGIA CRACKER.

Big Four Ry.

Cincinnati and Sandusky Divisions—

The first thing we wish to announce is that the meetings are now held in the Johnson Building, Springfield, instead of Dayton. Meet once a month; always the third Tuesday of each and every month.

This announcement is for the benefit of some of our brothers on the south end of the Cincinnati Division, who seem to be afraid to drift away from home and come out to the meetings and keep in touch with what is going on.

What is the matter with some of our brothers, any way. I was talking to a brother a few days ago and he did not know that we ever held a meeting. I am sorry to say, but that brother has been missing some good times for the past three or four months. Come out to the meetings and if we don't show you a good time for nothing and give you all you can eat, I will say Amen.

Our meeting last month was a very good one, still we could have accommodated more if they had not been afraid to come out. We had about thirty-five in attendance, and had a nice fish fry.

I understand that a Mr. Stickney and Bro. Lang, of "KD," were off for a few days, being relieved by a Mr. Butler. Unable to say if Mr. Butler has a card or not.

Mr. Withrow, our chief dispatcher, had twenty-five operators off Christmas Day.

We are all glad to know that Mr. Stewart has handed in his application. We can call him brother.

Bro. Rogers, of "YK," was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Lyons.

Bro. Weber, first trick man at "YK," was called away from duty very suddenly on account of the death of his mother.

Bro. Shoeman, first trick at Silver Creek, Sandusky Division, has resumed duty after being off sick.

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Another one of the Devore and Bozarth graduates tried a whirl at the real thing. He was sent to Galloway, and understand the dispatcher was unable to get him to answer his call, and as soon as Bro. Lyons was relieved at "YK," he was sent to Galloway. Suppose we have heard the last of the graduate for a while at least.

The operator and clerk at Bellecenter, Sandusky Division, has been discharged, and the agent has succeeded in having his daughter installed as operator and clerk; but this will have to be bulletined, and it is hoped that some good O. R. T. man will bid it in.

Understand that Bro. McNutt has been taken from Myers to "CD" for a few nights.

You brothers over close to Columbus get after those nons and backsliders and stir them up. I guess there are a few there.

Bro. Hayes, third trick at "Q," off for a few days on account of the sickness of his sister.

Bro. Franklin, third trick at Dayton yard, spent Christmas at Plattsburg with home folks, being relieved by Bro. Smith, of South Siding.

West End has been made a test office, testing with Cincinnati "C" office and Indianapolis "B" office, making a total of nineteen wires cut in at "WD."

The third trick, non, at Myers, relieved by Bro. J. B. McNutt.

Bro. Keever, of "MX," has resigned, some non filling in.

Operator Butler was sent to "CD" Columbus to work third trick until further notice. Unable to say how he stands.

We have a man working here on this pike that says he is a friend of the O. R. T., but that it is not worth his while to join at this late date. Fine biz., this being friendly to the Order. They are all friendly when it comes to an O. R. T. hand-out. No card; you know the rest.

Another man won't join. Says the Grand officers are living off of such poor fools as him. Another case of *non compos mentis*. Wasn't it through the efforts of the O. R. T. that this man can enjoy his java and punk.

Now brothers, let's get together. Come out to the meetings and be friendly. Of course, we have some who are weak-kneed, but, as a whole, we have good men, and we must get together and come up to other divisions of the system. Be loyal to your organization. Keep your dues paid up and help to bring about thorough organization. To you who are members and delinquents: Do you consider that you are giving the balance of us a square deal? A word to the members: Resolve that you will get at least one member during the current term. You can do it. Let the membership get busy. Co-operate with each other, and you will see what united effort will amount to. The nons can not remain out if you go after them in a body. Don't give them a chance to back down. Boys, if they don't come across with the new card for 1909, run them off. Just so long as you allow yourself to be deprived of your rights of the contract, just so long will it be done, and unless you handle the matter with the local chairman in accordance with the contract, these conditions will continue to exist. Your local chairman will be glad to take up cases for you if presented to him, but he can not handle your grievances unless you put the matter up to him in writing. No matter how hard your local chairman works, he can not make much of a showing unless he has the support of all.

Of course, it is understood that a man who has a bad record and gives poor service can not expect to be protected, but when he gives the best that is in him, and is sober and attentive to business, he can always get justice, if not from the lower officials, from the higher ones, to whom he has the right to appeal.

Now, brothers, you can not expect to see your name in print unless you let me know that you are alive. It is impossible to keep track of all of you, and by dropping me a short line you will assist me greatly.

The year 1909 closed with the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division holding her own. That is very good, considering the new men that have come to the road in the last year, and the panic. The year closed with three delinquents. Let us start the year 1909 with an up-todate card, and every man put his shoulder to the wheel and help push the O. R. T. wagon up the hill. Let every man secure at least one new member during the current term. If you will do that, we can start the next term with a solid organization. Wouldn't that look nice, no nons on this division? And we can make it look that way if every man will lend his aid to the good work. Look at the schedules the S. P., C. & O., B. & O., and N. & W. have. It is because every man is a live worker. We can have as good or a better schedule than these roads if we will only follow their example. When you drop your union card, no matter what you make yourself believe, or what excuse you give to someone else, you have sold out. Brothers, don't drop your card. That won't get you anything. Keep it up-to-date. That's the way to get the O. R. T. dividends. Every telegrapher is wanted in the ranks to do battle for increased opportunities and better conditions. It's up to you to help get all the desirable ones into the fold. One man, nor a half dozen men can not keep the labor movement pushed to the front. It must have the support of all. When you approach a non and he hands you the hard luck yarn, pass it up. That's no excuse. A great many of the nons will say: "Oh, yes, I am a warm friend of the O. R. T." They have a mighty poor way of showing their friendship. Others will say: "Oh, yes, I am in sympathy with the boys." Their friendship and sympathy does not get us anything; it's their membership that we want. If there is a will, there is a way. Those that are not with us are against us; that's sure.

Would like to make mention here of the fraternal home for telegraphers. In the September, and also in the December TELEGRAPHER, is some correspondence from Bros. Nelms and Warrick in

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regard to the home. I think that the O. R. T. should have a fraternal home, by all means. The old and disabled members should have some place to spend their last days on earth without going to the alms-house. Think every member in favor of the home should write Bro. Quick, asking him to put it up to the entire fraternity.

Don't overlook the nons, who are becoming too thick on this division, and all ready with the same old excuse as to why they can not come in.

Our last meeting was well attended and a great deal of interest manifested by all present, but as we have a large room, there was plenty of seats for those that could but did not come. Brothers, you should get out to the meetings. All make an individual effort and try to get there the third (3d) Tuesday night of each month. In that way you can keep in touch with each other and keep posted as to what is transpiring on the division.

Now, brothers, let me again urge you to pay up your dues, attend the meetings and send in some items, so we can have a nice write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. A postal card only costs one cent. Let every brother on the division buy a postal card and send in an item to the division correspondent.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that I have written several members asking some information, but it seems that they were out of paper, pencils and ink, as they did not make any reply. It is to your own interest, as well as the entire membership, that you answer this correspondence.

Would like for every member bidding on any vacancies to send me a copy of your bid; also the names and addresses of any new men that come to the road; if members, their division number; and of any new members that you may secure.

Let's make the year 1909 a howling success.

Fraternally yours,

A. A. BRIGHT, L. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our brother, E. E. Weber, his beloved mother; in manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family; be it

Resolved, By the members of the Cincinnati and Sandusky Division of the C. C. C. & St. L. Railroad, System Division No. 138, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; be it further

Resolved, That a copy be spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. A. BRIGHT,
E. C. ROGERS,
O. O. DIBERT,
Committee.

Chicago Division, East—

At the present writing we have a great many new men, and am unable to say how the majority stand, but it seems that in some of them are men that have been out of work for some time, and on this account have been compelled to drop out of the Order, although all those I have talked to have promised to get in line immediately upon raising the price.

I centainly think that some of our confirmed nons would feel exceedingly ashamed of themselves to see the way some of these men are situated, and then the first thing they think of is the source from which they receive their living, although they have been out of work all the way from six months to a year, and yet the first thing they think of upon getting work is paying up, and these elegant robbers who have worked 365 days in the year since the beginning of time, and yet they can not afford the price to help support the only thing that enables them to get a meager living.

It certainly seems that it is impossible for any human being to be as dense as these old fellows, but, nevertheless, they continue to be boneheads. and I suppose will so continue until a scab hearse hauls them to the bone yard.

I understand that there was some misunderstanding on the part of one of our agents of one phrase in my write-up in the December journal. The phrase in question was this: "And not an agent on the division belongs to the Order." I tried to make clear, in the forepart of this article, that I was merely citing this part of the article, as an illustration, and it did not apply in any sense to any one division or the road. What I was getting at was that if the agents on any road wished legislation in a schedule it would be the proper thing to help support the Order, as it would not be just to the telegraphers to hold a committee up for an extra length of time in order to secure a schedule for the agents, when none of them belonged.

Beg to say that we have a few agents who see things in the proper light, and for the benefit of those brothers I beg to say that I think they have long heads in hanging on, for it is but a question of time until our efforts will reap results.

This is the place for each and every brother to show what is in him. It is impossible for your local chairman to keep track of all the new additions, so the only way to handle this part of the business is for each and every member to appoint himself a committee of one whenever a new man comes to your station, and find out if he is a brother or non. If he be a non, find out why. and then get busy overcoming his "why," and show him where he stands. This is the only way in the world that this condition can be handled successfully.

Now, brothers, instead of forgetting the Order except twice a year, that being at each due-paying time, please be awake to each and everything pertaining to your Order, and this phase of getting the new men is the most essential part of individual work.

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We are very glad to see that business is increasing, and think, from all appearances, is about back to normal.

Sister Andrews, of "KI," reported seriously ill, although not thought dangerous.

Bro. Carter, of "CD," has been spending quite a little time with the old folks down in old Tennessee. Bro. Pinson relieving Bro. Carter.

Bro. Abbott, of Hyde, visiting friends in Indianapolis for a few days.

Bro. Barbe, of Newpoint, spent the latter part of December in Kansas, and states that while there met a very interesting brother at Mound Valley on the Frisco. So, brothers, you see where the social part of organization comes in. No matter where we go, we are not aliens in a foreign land.

Bro. Martin, of "BY," off for several days, owing to the very serious illness of Mrs. Martin's mother, but understand that she is greatly improved and trust that Bro. Martin may be able to resume work soon.

Bro. Kirby, of "RS," off New Year's day.

Bro. Rathburn, of "DA," we "13," may now be found in Wagoner, Okla., where he has purchased a nickelodeon, and we understand he is making a success of it.

If any brother has been left out, remember it is your fault and not mine, as I have pleaded with you with tears in my eyes as large as snow balls, trying to get you to furnish me items.

Bro. V. R. Bender, of Whitestown, will handle any items on the west end. So, brothers, in the land of snow and ice, please keep him posted.

I trust that at the next writing I may be able to report fifty new brothers.

W. O. BRINKMAN, *Local Chairman.*

Indianapolis Division—

Business on the bum. Where is that business boom and raise in salary they promised after election?

The general committee is called to meet at Hotel English, Indianapolis, January 20th. Very important business.

Student teaching seems to be quite a fad at a few offices through Indiana. Must be getting hard up out that way, and this is the way they repay the Order for the eight hours they got them, also the thanks the committee gets for their work in fighting a salary cut. But these people will be the first to holler.

All offices being bulletined and filled according to schedule.

Bro. Hoover, from the Wabash, visited his parents at Quincy over Christmas.

Bro. Newfarmer has taken a half interest in a grocery at Harrisonville.

Bro. Harry Miller has returned to that dear old Gretna.

Extend the glad hand to the new members who slowly but surely wake up to the fact that there is something doing.

Let us all lend a hand to those gallant martyrs for labor, Gompers, Mtchell and Morrison, and give freely. GEE WHIZ.

St. Louis Division, West of Mattoon—

Bro. Cook off a couple of days; relieved by Operator Scarsdale.

Glad to know that we can call Mr. Fred Morgan, "WO," brother, as his papers went forward and he will have his card before this reaches the eyes of the brothers.

"SI" office is now open.

Bro. Henderson, Gays, second trick, bid in second trick at Twelfth street, Mattoon.

Everybody secure their new card, as time is about up. Only a few days in which to renew.

"SI" office is now open, with Operator Scarsdale workin first trick, Mr. Gillespie working second trick, and Bro. Stewartson working third trick.

Bro. Wycoff is back at work after a little sickness.

Upon Bro. Wycoff's return to work Operator Hart relieved ex-Bro. Welch, who, in turn, relieved Bro. Arkabaug, who bid in Livingston, first trick.

Bro. Mike Flemming is now working first trick at "KA," and Bro. Hamilton first trick at "DG."

Bro. Henderson, Gays, bid in Twelfth street, "DG." Bro. Henderson was relieved by Operator Fitsgerald.

First trick at Witt, first, second and third tricks at "SI," second trick at Lake View, second trick at Gays, first, second and third tricks at "HS," and second trick at Venice Crossing are on bulletin.

"HS" office is open again.

Bro. Jno. Cross is laying off at "JA;" relieved by Operator Glasgow.

Bro. Frasier, "RD," Hornsby, is back at work after a vacation of several weeks. Bro. Frasier was relieved by Mr. Glasgow. CERT. 668.

Cleveland-Indianapolis Division—

Bro. Fouts, second trick at Farmland, off a few days visiting in the West; relieved by Operator G. E. Connelly.

Operator Shepard, second trick at Taft, has bid in second trick at Raleigh.

Bro. Mann, from "SC," second trick, to Chesterfield, second trick.

Bro. Branam, third trick at Raleigh, relieved agent Backley at Ingalls, a few days.

Bro. O. L. Rickey, now working at Winchester, second trick, relieving Operator Stillwell.

Bro. Foster, third trick at Farmland, off for Xmas. Operator G. E. Connelly relieving him.

Bro. Jenkins, first trick at "M.U.," off a few days. Operator Shoffner relieved him.

Bro. Burkett has resigned, and gone to the B. & O.

Bro. O. F. Ricky has bid in second trick at Taft.

Bro. Fouts, second trick at Farmland, is off thirty days.

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Operator R. D. Slagle is working third trick at Taft. Bro. Bright off for the holidays.

Bro. Roach, third trick, "BN" yard, off taking in the sights of the West. X. Y. Z.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. D. R. Stump spent a few days during the holidays visiting with relatives near Columbus.

Geo. McGinnis has been assigned second trick at Harper, and Mr. McCarthney, of Galion, third trick.

We have instructions effective January 1, 1909, that trains of inferior class can run ahead of trains of superior class, without the use of train Orders. To be governed by messages issued by the dispatcher.

Owing to the many vacancies, many nons are working at present. Brothers, wake up; get to work.

"DK" is bulletined, third trick, at this writing.

Mr. D. R. Roberts, agent at Rushsylvania, returned from his vacation, which he spent in Missouri. Bro. Eberhard resuming second trick, and Bro. W. B. Elliott, third trick.

May we all hope that we will be as progressive in the ensuing year as we have been in the past; and as a whole, thank the officers for their faithful labor and appreciation shown us.

We are glad to see so many up-to-date cards upon this division, and only trust we will be able to say in the near future, that this division is solid.

Before this is in print, we can have the pleasure of calling Mr. Cunningham, of Ridgeway, brother, which makes that office solid.

Any information concerning the whereabouts of former third trick Dispatcher J. J. Kelley, known as Buster, would be greatly appreciated by the boys, who through him tried to corner the egg and butter market. Think he is working for the I. & G. N. R. Write to L. M. Eberhard, Rushsylvania, O.

Bro. Titsworth, of La Rue, was off two nights; relieved by Operator Teipletes. Can not say whether he is a member or not.

Bro. Kimball has been working second trick at Harper, extra, since January 7th.

Agency at West View and second trick at Harper are now advertised.

When business is rather dull, and you have nothing to do, why not write an invitation to some non, and explain this matter to him (although it does not require much, as this work speaks for itself), and try to improve this division as a solid organization. There is more gained in this manner, than reading yellow-backs, or picking the banjo, to while the time away.

Bro. L. R. Reams was called to attend the funeral of his grandmother. O. E. Bishop relieving, second trick at Ridgeway. BILL-E.

The Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.

Bro. N. B. Anderson, of Tomball, was off about ten days in December, with the grippe. He was relieved by Bro. G. W. Hawkins.

Bro. G. F. Barnsill, of Tomball, spent one of the holidays with home folks in Brenham.

Bro. C. E. Slater, of Tomball, was off a few days for Xmas; relieved by former Bro. J. L. Phillips.

Bro. J. L. Phillips is now holding down "Q" Venture, for steam shovel, days.

Bro. Rochelle, agent at Richards, has returned to his post after a two months' ramble.

Bro. Boyd, of Navarro, has also been off for a rest; relieved by a Mr. Burrelson. We hear that Bro. Boyd is back now.

Bro. C. C. Wheeler is again at Emhouse.

In my last write-up I made the statement that the agent at Streetman had an up-to-date card. This is an error on me. Remember our motto: No card, no favors.

Bro. Slaughter, of Ray Pit "RA," transferred to Corsicana second trick operator.

Bro. Crockett, of Gulch, has gone to Houston for a couple of days on some unknown business; relieved by Mrs. C. Smylie, of Normangee; in turn she was relieved by Bro. J. L. Phillips.

I guess all must be satisfied with starvation wages and fifteen hours a day under a nine-hour law. I, for one, am full of it, and I have been telegraphing only a very short time. Our future is what we make it, and if each one sits down and depends on the other fellow, then we are a "conflamergasted" mess, without back-bone enough to stumble a gnat. Now, boys, I'm not going to send in anything next issue. I am not going to take it by force, but I do think it is time for some man with more experience to "butt in," as I have done, and let's have the doings of the line through the columns of the best, THE TELEGRAPHER.

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Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.

Southern Division—

Our G. S. & T. Bro. M. Duncan, of Kalkaska, is very low with typhoid fever, and is not able to attend to the work just now. He has resigned the office, we hate this very much because Bro. Duncan is a good worker.

I understand Bro. Cox, of Pellston, has been elected to fill the vacancy left by Bro. Duncan. Bro. Cox is a fine man, with a perfect record, and no doubt will be a good G. S. & T. for our new system division.

Business is at a very high standard on this road, and a new night office has been opened at Wallen, twelve-hour job, for the small sum of $47.50 per month.

A third trick man has been put on in "NS," Ft. Wayne, to assist the third trick dispatcher, and do message work in "NS." The position was given to Bro. Hoenstein, first trick man at "BU," Vicksburg.

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Bro. Sines, from second trick at Waspei, to first trick at Vicksburg.

Bro. Long, from second trick at "SK," LaOtto, to second trick "SI," Wasepi, and Bro. Schugg, from extra list to second trick at LaOtto.

Bro. Willard and Bro. Bentz, at "DR," Sturgis, have changed tricks. Bro. Willard now on first trick and Bro. Bentz on third trick.

Mr. W. R. Howard transferred from "PO," Portland, nights, to Kalamazoo, "Z" office, second trick.

Bro. Myers and Bro. Swank, at "GR," La Grange, both working nine-hours. The agent, Mr. Seeb, is so kind as to offer to do enough work on the wire to keep the boys from getting a third trick man; he also has a dummy instrument rigged up in the office, and thinks it is real mean of Bro. Myers and Bro. Swank, because they don't teach his student.

Bro. E. E. Robinson, better known as "Smoke," was called to Ft. Wayne, and appointed day operator at "RN" cabin, Kalamazoo, but has not yet taken up the work.

Bro. O. O. Miller, agent at Lima, who is our local chairman, is working thirteen hours every day for the company, says he has very little time left to work on his duties as local chairman, but will do all he can for us. Let us thank him for that, and work to help him.

We still have some nons South of Ft. Wayne. Hope they will get in line and work with us now, when we need them the worst. We expect to have a schedule soon, and the nons should be ashamed if they don't help us get it.

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Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

Bro. A. L. Ritchey has returned to duty at third trick, Ford City, after an extended absence, due to sickness.

Bro. J. A. Harding has been appointed agent at Fuller, his trick at New Bethlehem being up for bids. Temporarily filled by Bro. Hodge.

Bro. F. L. Ditty has resumed duty at Mosgrove, after being off a month or more on account of an operation for appendicitis.

Sister M. E. Yost has returned to duty at Sabula after a short leave of absence; relieved by Bro. E. J. Stanley.

Bro. A. T. Conley was off duty a few days recently on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. C. E. Hovis.

Bro. M. C. Brubaker was off several days the latter part of January; relieved by Bro. E. C. Campbell.

Bro. Harry Knapp, a new arrival on the division, put in a few days in "BN" Pittsburg, extra, on account of shortage of men in that office, due to sickness.

At this writing there are still ten of our men on the delinquent list. It is to be regretted that any of the boys are so short-sighted as to fail to see that there is no hope for the telegrapher except by thorough organization. To those of you who chance to read these few lines I would say that if you are satisfied to let others bear the expense of running the organization, there is little to be said, but should conditions become worse in the future, you have no one to blame but yourselves; you have all been given a chance to make good, in fact, your local chairman has written each of you no less than three times, and you have not even shown him the courtesy of a reply; if for any reason you are unable to pay your dues, the division is always glad to carry you over until such time as you can repay them; but when you ignore all communications sent you, there is nothing to be done, and in order that all members may know "who's who," there will be published in the March issue the names of all who have been dropped for non-payment of dues on this division.

The meetings held at Kittanning are proving a big success, if the attendance is any evidence. They will be continued monthly, as long as there is a disposition on the part of the members to attend. It might be well to say that all telegraphers are welcome at these gatherings, the object being to talk over matters of mutual interest, to promote our welfare by exchanging views and experiences. Nothing of a secret nature is discussed, for the reason that we are doing business in the open; we have nothing to hide, nothing to be ashamed of, and all our actions are along peaceable and honorable lines. We are a law-abiding lot of men and women, with due regard for the rights of others.

Applications are coming in again at a rapid rate and quite a large number of the members on this division are entitled to a place on the honor roll. Is your name there? Why not?

We wish to call all the members' attention to the extra operator, Mr. A. T. Kernick. This operator is teaching telegraphy at Hoofs' Business College, Warren, Pa., at the rate of twenty dollars per month, with his tuition.

BRIGHAM.

Chant Division—

"N" tower, Jamestown Junction, has been reopened as a block station, with Mr. Cook on first trick, Mr. Cole second trick, and Mr. Barrett third trick. Messrs. Cook and Barrett are the same men that worked at this point before it was abandoned as a block office by the P. R. R., Mr. Cole being formerly second trick operator at Prospect. We "13" that these men are employed by the J. C. & L. E. Ry.

Mr. L. D. Reynolds is working third trick at Sherman. He relieved Bro. B. S. Taylor, who is now employed by the Erie R. R.

December bulletin: Second trick at "BC" tower, third tricks at Salamanca, Quaker Bridge, Vandalia and Clymer.

We "13" that Bro. C. W. Trick, second trick at "BC" tower, has bid in third trick there, and that Bro. J. F. Faircross, third trick, has taken

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second trick. Can not say who bid in the rest of the jobs.

Telephone block office, call "SY," was placed in service at Siverly on January 7th, and block system extended from Reckmore to Siverly.

Bro. F. J. O'Connor, second trick at Spartansburg, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Bryant.

Bro. W. E. Sipson, third trick at Spartansburg, was off a few nights; relieved by Mr. Bryant.

Bro. Harry Lytle, second trick at "NB" tower, was off a few days; relieved by Bro. Kirkpatrick.

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Buffalo Division—

The regular meeting was well attended, more would have been present, but on account of sickness several members unable to show up.

Several changes made on account of operators bidding in jobs which were up for bid, but unable to give you the proper information. Nobody ever sends in the news. It is a case of everybody keeping "mum."

Please send $4 to Ed Bronold for your dues.

Bro. Polya, third trick at "GD," worked third trick at Delevan a few nights. Bro. Polya was relieved by his wife at "GD."

Bro. Black, third trick at Protection, attended the Elk's ball at Buffalo; relieved by Bro. Hixon.

Bro. D. F. Cashman, first trick at Chaffee, off a few days on account of his father's illness; relieved by Bro. Hixon. CERT. 23.

P. & N. W.—

Now that we are settled down for another year's work, let us put on our studying caps and go over what has been accomplished. A little less than a year ago the nine-hour law became effective. What did the telegraphers do towards keeping what they had previous to that time (March 1, 1908)? Quite a number of the boys on this line had one and some of them more than one student. Some seemingly staunch organization men weakened just at the time when they should have remained firm, and what are the results? All straight day and night offices that were getting $60.50 per (which was the P. & N. W.'s minimum) were cut to $54.45 per. All-day offices only were left at $60.50. Can you see the cause? During February, 1908, the question was asked, How many students have you and what are their names? Some few months previous to February the question was often asked the operators and agent-telegraphers, "Have you a student?" Answer: "No." Command: "Get one at once." It was then you could tell what kind of stuff the telegrapher was made out of, whether he was O. R. T. or not.

The result is now apparent, viz., the division operator had enough applications from students on this line to man every block office on the division, and had three or four left to do the extra work.

The great number of students on the line resulted in the wages being cut. The B. R. & P. Ry. had no students and so reported. The telegraphers' wages were not cut. The N. Y. C. telegraphers had very few, so they say. Their wages were not cut.

Now, where does the blame lay, on you or on me? Had you or have you a student? Then answer the question yourself.

We "13" Bro. A. E. List is chairman for Division No. 86 on the P. & N. W.

Let every brother that reads these lines get to work and bring in at least one name for proposal. If you can not get one of the new men, get a backslider. Plenty of either kind.

Bro. Williams, first trick at La Jose, was off a few days recently; relieved by Mr. Harbor, a brother of our old "pal," Joe, at Noona.

Bro. Harbor, the twelve-hour man at Irvona, was off a few days last week; relieved by Mr. Bratton, extra agent.

Bro. Harvey, first trick at "DR" block, was off for a week during December; relieved by Mr. Harbor.

Hoping that all get hold of at least one non, I will ring off. Ask Bro. Hall for application blanks, if you need any. COR.

Delaware & Hudson Ry.

Champlain Division—

Business has picked up a bit on the main line in the past few months, and at present the Chateaugay Branch is very busy.

The south-bound and north-bound sleepers have been running in two sections for a week or so lately, on account of heavy travel.

Bro. and Mrs. Clingman, of Whallonsburgh, visited the Capitol City a few days.

Do not forget to send the correspondent some notes, so our division will be represented each month.

On account of the storm our meeting for January was not attended by a big crowd, but the February meeting will make up for the absence.

Bro. P. W. Whyland was nominated for local chairman on the Champ. Division. Ballots will be counted long before this is out, and I hope he is elected, for "KS" has the ability to represent us in a creditable manner.

Bros. Kemp and Keeley represented Division No. 122 at the meeting of Division No. 78 in January, and extended an invitation to all to attend our election of officers, February 19th, at Whitehall.

Requests for application blanks are coming in already from the students of Prof. May's school, but they are not eligible under one year's service. It is good to see them ask, for, apparently, those who have been out working on the line, realize that a telegrapher's position is not so nice as it is painted, and their eyes are opening to the thing that will give them better conditions, etc.

In this respect I wish to call the attention to membership and those who neglected to keep up-to-date, that surely if you lose all interest in the Order, and do not take an active part in all its procedures, you will regret it later. I ask all who have dropped out within the last year to come back and push with the rest. Our chief sent

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notices out with the notices for dues calling attention to our good schedule, and if we want to add new benefits we must stay in and get the nons, if any. Division No. 122 was nearly 100 per cent strong, but the last half of the year some got careless and let their dues lapse.

Bro. Snow, Whitehall, has his hands full now, doing the transfer booking.

I wonder if they are not going to hire any clerks in the future, or if telegraphers will fill the demand.

All stations are being equipped with the new tariff cases, which your writer finds to be very handy and useful, and, by the way, they are to examine them every six months. So let us keep them in proper shape, and see if we can not get credit from the freight department. As a rule, the telegrapher does the billing, and we certainly needed something to keep up-to-date. I understand the "in" tariffs will be taken care of about March.

The storm of January 17th came suddenly upon us and if we are not paid up with our Mutual Benefit Department, probably death will come the same way, and where do you stand, brothers, paid or unpaid.

Quite a number from the R. & W. Division attended our banquet and election of officers. Will give you the good news from the meeting in March TELEGRAPHER.

Appreciate our brother, "Cert. 25," for helping me out this month, and hope all will take a hand in sending something, no matter how small.

Yours in S. O. and D.,

CORRESPONDENT.

The Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

Again we are obliged to announce no meeting held the past month. As there have been a number asking the date of our next meeting, one will be arranged for soon.

Bro. Mack, who has been billing clerk in the transfer shed at Northtown Junction, was let out on account of a reduction in forces, has departed to his home at Boise, Idaho.

Bro. Lapham spent a few days at Chicago, attending the motorcycle show at that place; also spent a couple of days at Anoka lately.

Bro. Richard's wife had the misfortune to break one of her arms as the result of a fall during the recent cold snap.

The Short Line towermen underwent a rigid examination in eye and ear. Understand all were successful.

Bro. Foulkes spent a week at Whitewater and Barneveld, Wis., on account of the death of a sister, following an operation at the Rochester hospital.

The new cards are being distributed and members can obtain them by either calling on or writing our secretary.

COR.

Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club.

Plans are rapidly being made and consummated for the entertainment of the delegates to the seventh biennial and seventeenth regular session of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, which meets in Atlanta on May 10th. The committees are hard at work, and by the time May rolls around everything will be ready to touch the button and put the machinery of both the convention and the entertainment of delegates into motion.

At the meeting on January 9th, many important matters were taken up, badges selected and ordered, and plans laid for the furthering of preparations.

One very notable speech was made by Bro. Henry Morris, and which all might well take to heart. In substance, he said, that the next few years would be the hardest struggle that the Order would ever have, inasmuch as all organized capital had arrayed themselves against organized labor, and that the railroads would be the first ones to bear the brunt of this condition. He urged that every division elect men whom they were confident would come to the convention and work with determination. He also asked that every general chairman would impress it upon each delegate after elected, that upon his shoulders rested a more important duty than has ever before rested upon any delegate.

Convention funds are rapidly pouring in, the A. C. L. Ry., G. S. & F. Ry., Southern Ry., Seaboard, Central of Georgia, A. B, & A. Ry. and others having already turned in to the secretary-treasurer a part of these funds.

Any railroad in the South, or any member in the South, who wishes to add to the Convention Fund for the entertainment of delegates will communicate with the Secretary-Treasurer, or remit direct to her any funds on hand for this purpose, addressing her as follows:

MRS. E. B. SMITH, Sec.-Treas.,
Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club,
P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.

All those who can possibly make arrangements to be present at the March meeting, March 13th, should do so, as many matters of importance will then be taken up, and the local committee would like to have suggestions from all the members possible. The meeting will be called at 7:30 p. m., at Federation Hall, 14½ North Forsyth street, in Hall No. 3. If you will drop the secretary a card that you will be there the local committee will see some one is detailed to meet your train.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Key City Telegraphers' Club.

On Saturday night, November 28th, the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, employed by the four roads entering Dubuque, Iowa, held a special meeting in the G. A. R. Hall, in that city, for the purpose of organizing a Telegraphers' Club, for the purpose of bringing the

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members closer together, creating a more fraternal spirit and as a means of furthering the work of more thorough organization. General Chairman C. A. Mulhall, general secretary and treasurer; R. L. Shannon, of Division No. 93, and First Vice-President J. A. Newman, were present, and Bro. Newman presided at the meeting. Officers were elected, and were installed with due ceremony by Bro. Newman, with the assistance of Bros. Mulhall and Shannon. The club will be known as the "Key City Telegraphers' Club." Regular monthly meetings will be held in G. A. R. Hall at Dubuque, and all members in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

The first meeting of the club was held on the evening of December 19th; a good crowd was present, and a very interesting meeting held. Questions of interest were discussed, among which was the question of dispatching trains with the telephone as compared with the telegraph, and everybody present enjoyed the meeting immensely. A neat postal card notice has been gotten out, and all brothers in good standing on the C. B. & Q. of the La Crosse Division; C. G. W. and C. M. & St. P. and Illinois Central, Dubuque Divisions will receive due notice of each meeting in ample time to allow them to arrange to attend.

CHIEF TELEGRAPHER.



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GRAND DIVISION

NOTICE

A. L. Park, Cert. 4876, Grand Division, was expelled from the Order for conduct unbecoming a member.

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 119 is due FEB. 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires MAR. 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A).....20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....60 cents each

BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
748	Joseph M. Shorshell	Tuberculosis	Grand	17329	B	$ 400 00
760	Mrs. Louise Kennedy	Tuberculosis Pulmonalis	32	17514	C	1,000 00
792	Wm. LeCorre	Cancer Intestines	26	7915	C	1,000 00
802	William F. Carroll	Acute Pulmonary Tuberculosis	35	23288	C	1,000 00
826	Wm. H. Rosa	Struck by Train	23	8390	A	300 00
827	Peter Smith	Cancer of Larynx	8	25808	A	300 00
828	Deloss E. Webb	Tuberculosis	Grand	12203	B	500 00
829	Michael W. Clifford	Valvular Disease of the Heart	20	27256	A	300 00
830	J. R. Miller	Chronic Pulmonary Tuberculosis	52	13882	B	500 00
831	Augustus S. Barnes	Heart Failure	59	6532	C	1,000 00
832	W. A. Schramm	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	126	16549	B	500 00
833	Louis N. Faulkner	Tuberculosis	1	4249	B	500 00
834	W. R. Bratton	Apoplexy causing Paralysis	119	16861	C	1,000 00
835	J. B. Shore	Typhoid Fever	34	21491	C	1,000 00
836	Chas. E. Gingery	Tubercular Abscess	33	20464	A	300 00
837	C. J. Ryan	Typhoid	7	15239	B	500 00
838	Arthur M. Gray	Paralysis	Grand	3989	C	1,000 00
839	Chas. C. Hamlin	Typhoid Pneumonia	21	14133	B	500 00
841	Austin C. Hayden	Mitral Insufficiency	65	1279	B	500 00
844	Robert D. Ecker	Carcinoma of Stomach	43	18592	B	500 00
845	Walter T. Hancock	Tuberculosis	5	5879	B	500 00
846	Elliott B. Dyer	Asthma and Rapid Tuberculosis.	33	10547	C	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to December 31, 1908	$716,089 02
Received on Assessment Account January, 1909	22,992 47
	$739,081 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to December 31, 1908	$480,881 47
Death Claims paid in January	14,100 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,132 96
Assessments transferred to dues	193 73
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, January 31, 1909	242,773 33
	$739,081 49

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th and Keller sts., Harrisburg, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. J. S. Leyder, Chief Tel., Thompsontown, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo. W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. District No. 4, H. B. Spencer's section meets fourth Friday of each month. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 141 Dunn ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western Div.—Meets 3d Saturday evening in July, Oct., Jan. and April, at North Tonawanda, N. Y.; March, June, September and December, at Rochester, N. Y.; February, May, August and November, at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. C. F. Loring, Local Chairman, Nelliston, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellaws' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Electric Zone—Between tower 7, King's Bridge, and "VO" tower, Mt. Vernon to 56th st.—Meets 3d Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., Colonial Building, Rooms 44, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York City. Every third meeting a day meeting at 10 a. m. E. Neumuller, Local Chairman, 136 W. 167th st., New York City. H. R. Vernon, Assistant Local Chairman, representing G. C. Terminal. Chas. Armitage in charge of Station Agents, 125th st. Station, New York City. September meeting will be a day meeting at 10 a. m., and every third meeting thereafter will be a day meeting.

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No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCrocken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Falls View, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooks Falls, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; A. C. Bushwaw, Gen'l S. & T., 55 Samuel st., Dayton, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Friday evening of each month in Red Men's Hall, 112 West Fourth st., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Friday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 2744 Eighth ave, New York City.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. L. M. Nance, Gen'l Chairman, 3659 Russell ave., St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Holman, Gen'l S. & T., 7210 Pennsylvania ave, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1368 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1368 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l

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S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division meets on second Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. C. B. Pierce, 2021 Eighth st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. D. M. Wright, Jr., Brunswick, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 515 Washington st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. T. Williams, Mars, Pa.; Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. O. J. Prouse, 550 College ave., Fostoria, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman, Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 8 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Art. O. Betters, Chief Tel., 216 Summer st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417 Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, chairman Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, chairman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of chairman.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st.. Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman, J. E. Boyd, R. F. D., No. 4, Macon, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Boliver, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333 Williamstown, Ky. J. W. North, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., High Bridge, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Cincinnati and A. G. S. Division subject to call of the General or Local Chairman.

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No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T, Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69 Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T, Box 682, St Joseph, Mo.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. J. M. Peck, Gen'l Chairman, Farmingdale, Ill.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, Ohio.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Sinton Bldg., 3 East Fourth st., Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway system. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffinderfer, Chief Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; I. W. Newkirk, Sec'y, Pitman Grove, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.

No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st, Trenton, N. J.

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No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 35 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. H. R. Childs, Gen'l Chairman, Warsaw, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. J. E. Jones, Chief Tel., Oak Grove, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st, Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albright, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—C. D. Chaterton, Chief el., North Bay, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer, H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. F. H. Willard, Chief Tel., Lancaster, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 28 River st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. C. V. Larrick, Chief Tel., Mason-Dixon, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

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No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets third Wednesday of each month at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., and first Wednesday of each month at Corry, Pa. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.

No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. F. W. Bishop, Gen'l Chairman, Arkville, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.

No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.

No. 115, QUEBEC, ONT.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.

No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahoney City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. E. Arnold, Gen'l Chairman, Nelsonville, Ohio; R. M. Menderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.

No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Dorchester, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.

No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.

No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. C. B. Butterworth, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Milford, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Writing, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.

No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; J. F. Kenney, S. & T., Alborn, Minn.

No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.

No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. H. Rogers, Jr., Acting Gen'l Chairman, Victory, Wis.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION QUE.—C. A. Bilodeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

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No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; E. L. Bronold, S. & T., 112 N. 9th st., Olean, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. R. E. Rafferty, care Big Four, Galion, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1098 High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; R. P. Cook, Local Chairman, De Graff, Ohio. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; Edgar Scotten, Jamestown, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlemoir, Local Chairman, Carriers Mills, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. T. E. Powers, Chief Tel., W. Valley Falls, N. Y.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyns House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. M. F. Leeds, Gen'l Chairman, Alice, Texas; G. H. Roddy, Gen'l S. & T., Rockdale, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay and Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Stevens Point, Wis.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. A. Donart, Gen'l Chairman, 631 Stockbridge ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.; Geo. W. Cox, Gen'l S. & T., Pellston, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Tex.

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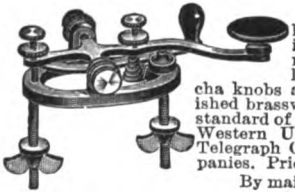
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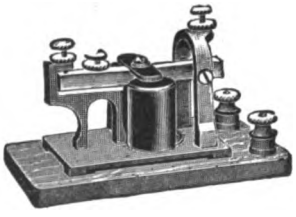
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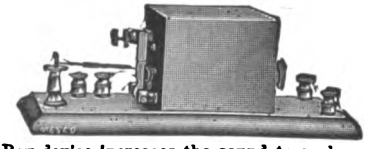
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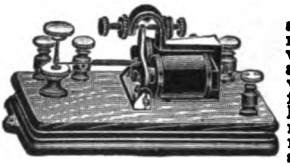


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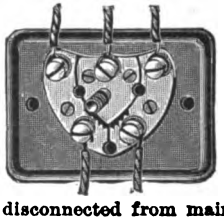
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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

THE twenty-second annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission to Congress contains much interesting information. The report first deals with the conditions existing upon railways as a whole during the late financial disturbances, and then with specific subjects with which the Commission has had to do during the last year.

Among other things the report shows that 5,194 complaints were filed with the Commission for consideration and action during the year, which number includes both formal and informal complaints, as well as proceedings and investigations instituted by the Commission upon its own motion. Five hundred and seventy-three hearings and investigations of alleged violation of the act to regulate commerce, including one investigation under joint resolution of the Congress, have been had at general sessions of the Commission at its office in Washington and at special sessions held at various places throughout the country, at which more than 67,000 pages of testimony were taken, or something over 134,000 folios. Many of these complaints are important and alleged violations of every phase of the law, such as overcharges, excessive rates, discrimination, reconsignment rules, demurrage rules, validation of tickets, train service, car shortage, undercharge, Pullman rates, embargo, etc.

During the year ending November 30, 1907, informal reparation claims were authorized by the Commission in 561 cases, aggregating about $104,700.00, while during the year ending November 30, 1908, claims were allowed in 1,012 cases, aggregating about $154,703.00.

The following is taken from that report:

The temporary financial depression from which the country is now emerging resulted in the diminution of railway revenues considerably below the high point reached in 1907, the banner year in American railroad history in respect of gross and net earnings, as well as volume of traffic. It

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can not be questioned that, in several instances, the necessity for placing railroad properties in the hands of receivers was wholly or partially due to the serious and unexpected decrease in earnings. The volume of railroad traffic quickly reflects the business condition of the country, and it is natural, therefore, that lines serving, for the most part, the great manufacturing regions should have suffered more severely than those serving agricultural communities. In view, however, of widely circulated reports that the loss inflicted upon the railroads was so severe as to warrant universal advances in rates or reduction in wages, or both, it is interesting to compare the revenues for the fiscal year ending June 1908, with those for several previous years, which, although below the level of 1907, were at the time considered highly satisfactory in respect of revenues and volume of traffic. The recent change in accounting methods may affect to some extent the accuracy of these comparisons; the expense account for 1908, having been kept in accordance with our rules, includes as a matter of accounting a charge for depreciation, although the amount so charged has not in all cases been actually expended, but it is believed that the variations due to that cause would not materially alter the general result. From a summary of the monthly reports to the Commission for 1908, it appears that the gross earnings of all railroads for that year ($2,424,640,637) are $164,464,941 less than the gross earnings for 1907, yet the 1908 earnings are $98,875,470 in excess of the earnings for 1906, and $342,158,231 in excess of those for 1905, while the gross earnings per mile for 1908, although $734 less than for 1907, are $189 and $1,051 greater than the gross earnings for 1906 and 1905, respectively. By subtracting operating expenses from gross earnings, it appears that the net earnings for 1908 were $111,051,006 less than for 1907, and $59,349,138 less than for 1906, but were $37,658,504 in excess of those for 1905, and that the net earnings per mile for 1908 were $492 less than in 1907, $344 less than in 1906, but $15 more than in 1905. Taxes are not included in operating expenses, and therefore, in each of the years named, the actual net revenue would be less than the figures given by the amount of taxes. These figures indicate that, whatever may have been the fact in individual cases, the railroads of the country as a whole did not suffer so severely, in comparison with years of normal traffic and business conditions, as may have generally been supposed.

In this connection it may be pertinent to observe that although continuing business depression, resulting in such decrease of net earnings as to eliminate a reasonable return upon the investment, might be a good defense to an action seeking a general reduction in rates, it could not be held to justify the maintenance of particular rates which are unreasonable in themselves or unduly discriminatory, since the right to equal treatment at reasonable rates does not depend upon the financial condition of the carrier. Railroad traffic appears now to be rapidly approaching the normal level of the past few years, and this should be peculiarly gratifying to the public as a reliable assurance of the general business prosperity of the country.

THE HOURS OF SERVICE LAW.

The federal hours of service act was approved March 4, 1907, to become effective one year from the date of its enactment.

The incidents immediately preceding the passage of the act and the circumstances connected with and surrounding its adoption leave little doubt as to the purpose of Congress to minimize the dangers incident to railroad travel, by preventing men from being overworked. Of course the period for which railroad employees may, without hardship, perform their duties varies with their physical condition, but the hours of service prescribed by the act are such as the legislature has, from experience and observation, learned that men of their calling and in the ordinary state of health may consistently observe.

The object of the act therefore is to limit the periods of time in which railroad employees may be required or permitted to remain on duty.

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Just prior to March 4, 1908, there was a concerted effort on the part of certain railroads, some 56 of them filing formal petitions, to secure an extension of the time within which they should comply with the law. The provision of the statute pursuant to the terms of which these requests were filed is as follows:

"*Provided further,* The Interstate Commerce Commission may, after a full hearing, in a particular case, and for good cause shown, extend the period within which a common carrier shall comply with the provisions of this proviso as to such case."

The Commission, after full hearing as prescribed by the act, decided that the carriers had failed to establish the "good cause" prerequisite to the extensions desired, and their petitions were, therefore, on March 2, 1908, in all instances denied.

The law became effective on the 4th of March, 1908.

Questions immediately arose as to its proper interpretation. With a view to explaining, in so far as possible, those features of the act which might be claimed to be ambiguous, the Commission issued the following administrative rulings:

"SECTION 1.

"The law is applicable to every common carrier subject to the act to regulate commerce and to every employee concerned in the physical operation of such company's trains.

"SECTION 2.

"The requirements for ten consecutive hours off duty applies only to such employees as have been on duty for sixteen consecutive hours.

"The requirements for eight consecutive hours off duty applies only to employees who have not been on duty sixteen consecutive hours, but have been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate out of a twenty-four-hour period.

"A telegraph or telephone operator who is employed in a night and day office may not be required to perform duty in any capacity or of any kind beyond nine hours of total service in any twenty-four-hour period.

"A twenty-four-hour period begins when the employee goes on duty after an interim of not less than eight consecutive hours off duty.

"Time 'on duty' includes the entire period of service or responsibility therefor.

"A 'week' means a calendar week, beginning with Sunday.

"SECTION 3.

"The exemptions prescribed by this section contemplate only such accidents as could not by the exercise of diligence on the part of the carriers, their agents, or officers, have been anticipated and prevented.

"Employees performing excess service are not liable to the penalties provided by the act.

"Employees unavoidably delayed by reason of causes that could not, at the commencement of a trip, have been foreseen, may lawfully continue on duty to the terminal or end of that run.

"SECTION 4.

"In the enforcement of this act the Commission has all the powers granted to it by the act to regulate commerce.

"Employees 'deadheading' on trains for the operation of which they are not responsible are not 'on duty' within the meaning of the law."

The duty next developed upon the Commission, to which was intrusted the execution of the law, to ascertain whether or not its provisions were being observed. Two means to this end were available: One through the secret investigations of government inspectors; the other through reports under oath, filed with the Commission by the carriers subject to the act, setting forth the reasons which the carriers claim, under the terms of the law, excused the requirement of service beyond the statutory period.

The latter method was adopted by the Commission as being more in consonance with American ideas and institutions.

Accordingly, on the 3d of March, 1908, the Commission issued an order requiring all

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railroads subject to the act to report, under oath, within thirty days after the end of each month, beginning with the month of April, 1908, every instance in which their employees had been on duty for longer periods than those prescribed by the statute.

The railroads generally throughout the country have acquiesced in the ruling of the Commission, and are now fulfilling this requirement. Eleven of these carriers—the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company; the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; the New York, Ontario & Western Railway Company; the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company; the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company; the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; the Huntingdon & Broad Top Mountain Railroad & Coal Company; the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company; the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey; and the Boston & Maine Railroad—have instituted injunction proceedings to restrain the efforts of the Commission to enforce the law. They claim that through "oversight, inadvertence or mistake" violations of the statute must necessarily occur, and contend that they can not be compelled to make the reports of such violations as demanded by the Commission.

To the present date argument has been heard in only one of the cases, that instituted by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, which was held at Richmond, Va., on the 17th of November, 1908. A decision in that proceeding has not yet been rendered.

The carriers which have declined to comply with the order of the Commission justify their action upon the alleged inadequacy of power vested in the Commission. Their sole contention is that the fourth section of the act, which provides that—

* * * "All powers granted to the Interstate Commerce Commission are hereby extended to it in the execution of this act," does not give to the Commission the power to require reports.

It is understood, and so maintained by the Commission, that Congress, in using this expression intended to confer for the enforcement of the hours-of-service law each and every power heretofore granted to the Commission; that inasmuch as the act to regulate commerce empowers the Commission, in the administration of that law, to require reports under oath, a similar authority may lawfully be exercised by the Commission in the execution of the hours-of-service law.

Another criticism in regard to the act under consideration has reference to section 3 thereof, that—

"The provisions of this act shall not apply in any case of casualty or unavoidable accident, or the act of God."

Presuming upon these exceptions, carriers have endeavored to explain their failures to comply with the law by a variety of reasons which, in the opinion of the Commission, are not emergencies such as were contemplated by Congress in the drafting of the statute. Among these excuses may be mentioned "leaky valves," "hot boxes," "drawheads pulled out," "engine failures" from various causes not explained, "broken air hose," etc., some of which have resulted in detaining men on duty for continuous periods of more than forty-one hours.

It is respectfully suggested that the law in this particular should, so far as possible, be made specific, so as to restrict the exercise on the part of carriers of discretion in determining whether or not a given incident is a "casualty" or "unavoidable accident" within the meaning of the act; or that some one should be designated and empowered to decide all such questions.

While the Commission is practically convinced that the act in its present form confers upon it all the power necessary to effect the objects for which it was adopted, still its terms are susceptible of more than one interpretation. Hence controversies must necessarily arise and while such questions can, of course, after the usual period of litigation, be judicially determined, their settlement by such means will entail a large expense upon the Government, as well as

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considerable delay in attaining the full measure of benefit which the law should reasonably afford. It is therefore desirable that Congress should, by a few lines of explanation, so clarify the situation as authoritatively to settle most of the questions that may arise.

Since the enactment of the hours-of-service law the validity of state legislation on the same subject, as affected by the federal law, has been considered by the highest courts of Missouri and Wisconsin, and also by a court of Arkansas, respectively, and the laws of those States governing the hours of railroad employees have been held to be unconstitutional.

It was also decided by the supreme court of Montana that upon the national law going into effect the state law became invalid. While other courts that have considered the subject have held that the passage of a state law, even prior to the date on which the federal statute became effective, was an unconstitutional invasion of federal supremacy.

These decisions are of marked significance as indicating the position of the courts of the several states upon this important subject and as tending to show that it is a question the effective solution of which devolves upon the National Government.

The hours-of-service law is of undoubted value, and it will in time conduce most strongly to the promotion of public safety. This splendid result, however, will be deferred until its terms have been made more certain and clear and the questions arising from its construction authoritatively settled, either by judicial interpretation or by the more expeditious method of supplemental legislation.

In conclusion it may be stated that satisfactory results have followed the efforts of the Commission to secure, by correspondence with the carriers, compliance with the spirit of the law. Almost without exception the carriers have adapted their practices to the interpretation of the law announced by the Commission.

BLOCK SIGNAL AND TRAIN CONTROL BOARD.

This board, the appointment of which by the Commission was announced in our last annual report, consists of Messrs. M. E. Cooley, Azel Ames, F. G. Ewald, and B. B. Adams. Its function is to investigate and where desirable to test (1) block-signal systems, (2) devices for the automatic control of trains, and (3) any other device designed to promote the safety of railroad operation. This last feature of the work (3) has only just been begun, the authority for this branch of the investigation having been given by the sundry civil appropriation act approved May 27, 1908. The board has met each month in Washington, usually having a two days' session, at which times the reports on devices submitted for examination are finally considered and approved; and hearings are given to inventors and others desiring to appear before the board to explain their devices. In addition to the regular meetings in Washington, the members have made studies and investigations in various places. It has examined descriptions of 371 inventions and alleged inventions, and has completed its reports on about half of these. Very few of these proposed devices have been actually constructed, and only 12 plans, devices, or processes have been found by the board to be of sufficient merit to warrant it in giving them any encouragement. Of these, 4 have been installed, or soon will be installed, for test.

Rather slow progress has been made in the preparation of the test installations which have been begun, and no results are likely to be reported for several months. It may be said, however, that no satisfactory report could be made before April in any event, as the behavior of the apparatus under severe winter conditions is one of the main points on which information is desired.

UNIFORM BILLS OF LADING.

During the current year the proceeding relating to uniform bills of lading has been concluded and the Commission has recommended a new form of bill of lading, which

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substantially all of the leading carriers in the United States have agreed to adopt. As was stated in our last annual report, this proceeding was originally instituted in November, 1904, upon petitions of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and other trade and commercial organizations in Official Classification territory, complaining of the proposed enforcement by the carriers in that territory of certain changes in the so-called uniform bill of lading then generally used. After hearing, the Commission suggested the appointment by carriers and shippers represented of a joint committee to devise a suitable form of bill of lading and report the same to the Commission. Such a joint committee was appointed and, after numerous conferences at which matters in question were given careful consideration, reported to the Commission on June 14, 1907, the proposed uniform bill of lading. The proceeding was then enlarged to bring in all carriers in the country and afford an opportunity for hearing to all interested shippers. At such hearing a number of comparatively unimportant provisions of the bill were the subject of controversy, but the differences upon such points were substantially eliminated by informal conferences and extensive correspondence, and accordingly, on June 27, 1908, the Commission issued a report recommending the adoption of the bill of lading which had been agreed to by the conflicting interests represented before the Commission.

This bill of lading has been submitted for adoption by the carriers and use by the shipping public with considerable confidence. It is not claimed to be perfect, and experience may develop the need of further modification, but it represents the most intelligent and exhaustive efforts of those who undertook its preparation to agree upon a bill of lading which would be reasonably satisfactory to the railroads and the public, and its terms are much more liberal to the shipper than those of the bill of lading heretofore in use. It is, of course, more or less a compromise between opposing interests, because on the one hand it imposes obligations of an important character which carriers have not heretofore assumed, and on the other retains exemption to which some shippers may object, and perhaps not without substantial reasons. As we are advised, it is in some respects less favorable to the shipper than the local laws or regulations of one or more States, but it is more favorable to the shipper than the local laws or regulations of most of the States.

Whatever criticisms or objections may be advanced, this bill of lading is concededly a great improvement upon the bills heretofore in general use. Its adoption, we are persuaded, will be a long step toward uniformity, simplicity, and certainty. It will likewise be a long step in the direction of fair dealing between shipper and carrier, and may be confidently expected to remove much of the confusion which has existed, and measurably to avoid in the future the irregularities and injustices which have heretofore occurred. The results of practical operation may disclose defects not at present perceived, and further adjudications by the courts may require a change in some of its provisions, but we believe that it should be given an honest trial, and are strongly of the opinion that it will be found fairly suited to the needs of the business community.

The Commission did not undertake to prescribe and order the adoption of the bill of lading recommended, because it was convinced that such an order would be beyond its authority. Moreover, such action seemed unnecessary in view of the apparent willingness of practically all railroads to adopt the bill so recommended. The bill was adopted by all lines in Official Classification territory on November 1, and leading lines in other parts of the country are putting the bill into use as speedily as the necessary changes can be accomplished.

VALUATION OF RAILROAD PROPERTY.

The Commission has, in previous reports, expressed the opinion that it would be wise for Congress to make provision for a physical valuation of railroad property, and desires to reaffirm in this report its confidence in the wisdom of such a meas-

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ure. The change which has gradually taken place in the past few years, as well as the increased responsibilities imposed upon the Commission by the amended act to regulate commerce, makes continually clearer the importance of an authoritative valuation of railway property, made in a uniform manner for all carriers in all parts of the country.

In the first place, the Commission has been called upon to pass judgment upon certain rate cases, in which the reasonableness of a general level or schedule of rates was brought into question, and for such cases one of the most important considerations is the amount of profit secured to the investment. It is not essential to this line of thought to express full agreement with the extreme advocates of valuation whose arguments seem to imply that, if the value of the property is known, a reasonable rate can be determined by mathematical calculation. Many other considerations are involved in the problem, notably the manner in which the rate proposed will affect the industrial development of the country. When, however, all has been said along these lines that may properly be said, it nevertheless remains as a fundamental proposition that the actual investment in an enterprise needed for giving the public adequate transportation facilities is entitled to and should have a reasonable return, and no more than a reasonable return, in the form of a constant profit; and a reasonable schedule of rates is one that will produce such a result.

There is a growing tendency on the part of carriers to meet attacks upon their rates by making proof, through their own experts and officials, of the value of or the cost of reproducing their physical properties. In what is known as the "Spokane case," which is now under advisement by the Commission and which involves the reasonableness of the general schedules of Spokane rates on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, the defendants, apparently at the expense of much time and labor, compiled elaborate and detailed valuations and offered them in evidence before the Commission in defense of the rates of which complaint had been made. It is obviously impossible for shippers who are the complainants in such cases to meet and rebut such testimony, or even intelligently to cross-examine the railroad witnesses by whom such proof is made. In addition to the large expense of retaining experts competent to make such investigations, neither the shippers nor their experts and agents under existing statutes have any right of access to the property of carriers, or to their records showing the cost of construction and other necessary information. The carriers, on the other hand, being in possession of the information, or having access to the records and to the property from which the information may be compiled and gathered, can use it or not in any given case as their interests may require. These considerations suggest the need of an official valuation of interstate carriers by the Commission, or under other government authority, which may be available in rate contests not only to the shippers who make the complaints and to the carriers who must defend their rates, but also to the Commission by which such issues must be decided.

A second consideration which leads the Commission to urge upon Congress provision for an authoritative valuation of railway property is the importance which the question of capitalization has assumed in recent years. No one at the present time can say whether railways are undercapitalized or overcapitalized; or, should objection be made to that way of putting the question, no one can say, with the information in hand, which of the roads are undercapitalized and which are overcapitalized. A valuation adequate to the problem in hand should not stop with the simple statement of an amount; on the contrary, it should analyze the amount ascertained according to the sources from which the value accrues and show the economic character as well as the industrial significance of the several forms of value. In no other way is it possible to arrive at an intelligent understanding of that complex situation suggested by the phrase "railway capitalization."

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A third argument in support of the plan of an authoritative valuation of railway property is found in the present unsatisfactory condition of railway balance sheets. The balance sheet is, perhaps, the most important of the statements that may be drawn from the accounts of corporations, for, if correctly drawn, it contains not only a classified statement of corporate assets and corporate liabilities, but it provides in the balance, that is to say, the "profit and loss," a quick and trustworthy measure of the success that has attended the operation and management of the property. Every balance sheet begins with "cost of property," against which is set a figure which purports to stand for the investment. This is no place to enter upon an extended criticism of the practice of American railways in the matter of their property accounts, nor is such a criticism necessary for the purpose in hand. It is sufficient to refer to the well-known fact that no court, or commission, or accountant, or financial writer would for a moment consider that the present balance-sheet statement purporting to give the "cost of property" suggests, even in a remote degree, a reliable measure either of money invested or of present value. Thus, at the first touch of critical analysis, the balance sheets published by American railways are found to be inadequate. They are incapable of rendering the service which may rightly be demanded of them. One cure seems possible for such a situation, and one only, and that is for the Government to make an authoritative valuation of railway property, and to provide that the amounts so determined should be entered upon the books of the carriers as the accepted measure of capital assets. Under no other condition can the Commission complete in a satisfactory manner the formulation of a standard system of accounts.

CONTROL OF CAPITALIZATION.

The problem of railway valuation touches the figure which should be allowed as a measure of the corporate investment placed at the service of the public; the problem of railway capitalization, on the other hand, as that word has come to be understood, pertains to the amount of securities that should be issued by a corporation and distributed to investors as the evidence and measure of their respective interests. What interest, if any, has the public in the amount and kind of securities issued by public service corporations?

The reasonable limit of stock and bond issues from the point of view of sound corporation finance is plain. No conservative management will increase securities beyond the ability of assured earnings to support the increased interest charges or dividend payments. To go beyond this would be to enter the domain of speculation. There may be cases in which it is wise, even in the interest of investors, to draw securities against future expectations, but speaking generally, and from the public point of view, it is better that a corporation whose solvency depends upon the use of speculative securities should acknowledge at once the necessity of reorganization rather than that the fund of the country's assured credits should be diluted by injecting into it paper of a speculative character. This assumption must approve itself to every observer of business conditions who appreciates the importance of a stable fund of business credits, and if Congress believes it within the sphere of the Government to take official notice of the distress and suffering incidental to commercial crises and business depressions, it can not proceed far along such a line of thought without being forced to recognize that the amount and character of corporate securities is an important element in the situation.

The direct interest of the Commission in the matter, however, arises from the fact that Congress has made this body a tribunal, when complaint is made, for inquiring into the reasonableness of railway rates. It has frequently been urged that capitalization exercises no influence upon rates, but such an assertion is at best a partial truth. When one holds in mind how persistently the courts oppose the enforced approach of railway tariffs to the line of confiscation; when one comes to realize how eager the carriers are to re-

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store to their property accounts the value of the improvements of past years paid for out of revenues; when one clearly understands that so long as railways which operate on different levels of cost continue to compete for the same traffic, there must result a permanent differential profit to the more fortunate road; and, finally, when one reflects upon the fact that securities once issued are ordinarily beyond recall and beyond control, it is difficult to see how one can assert that the kind and amount of securities issued by a public service industry have no bearing on the problem of railway tariffs as that problem must be regarded by the Commission and by the courts. It is in fact the setting in which the problem is most frequently submitted for judicial consideration.

The Commission desires to avail itself of this opportunity of expressing to Congress its judgment that some adequate method of federal control over railway capitalization is required by the interests involved.

FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1907.

The Twentieth Annual Report on the Statistics of Railways in the United States is published as a separate volume. An abstract of this report, covering the more important data, is here given.

MILEAGE.

The report shows that on June 30, 1907, the total single-track railway mileage in the United States was 229,951.19 miles, or 5,588.02 miles more than at the end of the previous year. An increase in mileage exceeding 100 miles appears for Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Substantially complete returns were rendered to the Commission for 227,451.83 miles of line operated, including 8,325.97 miles used under trackage rights. The aggregate length of railway mileage including tracks of all kinds, was 327,975.26 miles. This mileage was thus classified: Single track, 227,454.83 miles; second track, 19,420.82 miles; third track, 1,960.42 miles; fourth track, 1,389.73 miles, and yard track and sidings, 77,749.46 miles. These figures indicate that there was an increase of 10,892.07 miles in the aggregate length of all tracks, of which 3,988.55 miles, or 36.62 per cent, represented the extension of yard track and sidings.

The number of railways for which mileage is included in the report was 2,440. During the year railway companies owning 2,811.65 miles of line were reorganized, merged or consolidated. The corresponding figure for the year 1906 was 4,054.46 miles.

The report shows that for the year ending June 30, 1907, the mileage of roads operated by receivers was 3,926.31 miles, or a decrease of 45.12 miles as compared with 1906. The number of roads in the hands of receivers was twenty-nine.

EQUIPMENT.

On June 30, 1907, there were in the service of the carriers 55,388 locomotives, the increase being 3,716. These locomotives, excepting 1,237, were classified as—passenger, 12,814; freight, 32,079, and switching, 9,258.

The total number of cars of all classes was 2,126,594, or 167,682 more than for the year 1906. This rolling stock was thus assigned: Passenger service, 43,973 cars; freight service, 1,991,557 cars, and companies' service, 91,064 cars. These figures do not include private cars of commercial firms or corporations.

The average number of locomotives per 1,000 miles of line was 243, and the average number of cars per 1,000 miles of line was 9,350. The number of passenger-miles per passenger locomotives was 2,163,146, showing an increase of 108,510 passenger-miles as compared with the previous year. The number of ton-miles per freight locomotive was 7,375,585, showing an increase of 143,022 ton-miles.

The number of locomotives and cars in the service of the railways aggregated 2,181,982, of which 2,059,426 were fitted with train brakes, or an increase of 231,637 over the previous year, and 2,159,534 were fitted

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with automatic couplers, or an increase of 169.738. Nearly all the locomotives and cars in the passenger service had train brakes, and all but fifty-eight locomotives in the same service were fitted with automatic couplers. Only 1.17 per cent of cars in passenger service were without automatic couplers. Substantially all the freight locomotives had train brakes and automatic couplers. Of 1,991,557 cars in the freight service on June 30, 1907, the number fitted with train brakes was 1,901,881, and with automatic couplers 1,972,804.

EMPLOYEES.

The number of persons reported as on the pay rolls of the railways in the United States, on June 30, 1907, was, 1,672,074, which is equivalent to an average of 735 employees per 100 miles of line. As compared with the year 1906, these figures show an increase of 150,719 in the number of employees, or 51 per 100 miles of line. Of the employees, 65,298 were enginemen, 69,384 firemen, 48,869 conductors, and 134,257 other trainmen. There were 53,414 switch tenders, crossing tenders, and watchmen. The total number of railway employees, disregarding a small number not assigned, were apportioned among the four general divisions of railway employment as follows: For general administration, 64,808; for maintenance of way and structures, 538,003; for maintenance of equipment, 352,181, and for conducting transportation, 713,465.

The report includes summaries showing the average daily compensation of 18 classes of employees for a series of years, and also the aggregate amount of compensation returned for the several classes. The total amount of wages and salaries reported as paid to employees during the year ending June 30, 1907, was $1,072,386,427.

PUBLIC SERVICE OF RAILWAYS.

The report shows that the number of passengers carried by the railways during the year ending June 30, 1907, was 873,905,133, this item being 75,959,017 more than for the year ending June 30, 1906. The passenger-mileage, or the number of passengers carried 1 mile, was 27,718,554,030, the increase being 2,551,313,199 passenger-miles.

The number of tons of freight shown as carried (including freight received from connections) was 1,796,336,659, which exceeds the tonnage of the year 1906 by 164,962,440 tons. The ton-mileage, or the number of tons carried 1 mile, was 236,601,390,103, the increase being 20,723,838,862 ton-miles. The number of tons carried 1 mile per mile of line was 1,052,119, indicating an increase of 69,718 ton-miles per mile of line in the density of freight traffic.

The average revenue per passenger per mile for the year ending June 30, 1907, was 2.014 cents. For the preceding year the average was 2.003 cents. The average revenue per ton per mile was 0.759 cent; the like average for the year 1906 was 0.748 cent. The earnings per train mile show an increase for both passenger and freight trains. The figures show an increase in the average cost of running a train 1 mile. The ratio of operating expenses to earnings for the year 1907 was 67.53 per cent. For 1906 this ratio was 66.08 per cent.

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES.

The gross earnings of the railways in the United States from the operation of 227,454.83 miles of line were for the year ending June 30, 1907, $2,589,105,578, being $263,340,411 greater than for the year 1906. Their operating expenses were $1,748,515,814, or $211,638,543 more than in 1906. The following figures present a statement of gross earnings in detail and show the increase of the several items over those of the previous year: Passenger revenue, $564,606,343—increase, $54,573,760; mail, $50,378,964—increase, $3,007,511; express, $57,332,931—increase, $6,322,001; other earnings from passenger service, $12,674,899—increase, $1,360,662; freight revenue, $1.823,651,998—increase, $183,265,343; other earnings from freight service $6,113,648—increase, $468,426; other earnings from operation, including unclassified items, $74,346,795—increase, $14,342,708. Gross earnings from operations per mile of line averaged $11,383, the corresponding average for the year 1906 being $923 less.

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The operating expenses were assigned to the four general classes as follows: For maintenance of way and structures, $343,544,907; maintenance of equipment, $368,061,728; conducting transportation, $970,952,924; general expenses, $65,404,655; undistributed, $551,600. Operating expenses averaged $7,687 per mile of line, this average showing an increase of $775 per mile in comparison with the year 1906.

The income from operation, or the net earnings of the railways, amounted to $840,589,764. This amount exceeds the corresponding one for the previous year by $51,701,868. The net earnings per mile of line for 1907 averaged $3,696; for 1906, $3,548; and for 1905, $3,189. The amount of income attributed to sources other than operation was $286,583,942. This amount includes the following items: Income from lease of road, $124,705,781; dividends on stocks owned, $88,523,952; interest on bonds owned, $24,361,054; and miscellaneous income, $48,993,155. The total income of the railways ($1,127,173,706)—that is, the net earnings and income from lease, investments, and miscellaneous sources—is the amount from which fixed and other charges against income are taken to ascertain the sum available for dividends. Such deductions aggregated $677,712,518, thus leaving $449,461,188 as the net income for the year ending June 30, 1907, available for dividends or surplus.

The amount of dividends declared during the year under review (including $49,297 representing other earnings to stockholders) was $308,137,924, leaving as the surplus from the operations of the year ending June 30, 1907, $141,323,264. The surplus from operations as shown for the preceding year was $112,334,761. The amount of deduction from income as stated above, $677,712,518, comprises these items: Salaries and maintenance of organization, $648,835; interest accrued on funded debt, $344,242,617; interest on current liabilities, $16,671,532; rents paid for lease of road, $128,766,452; taxes, $80,312,375; permanent improvements charged to income account, $38,552,890; other deductions, $68,517,817.

The preceding figures for the income and expenditures of railway companies are compiled from the annual reports of leased roads as well as of operating roads, and include duplications in certain items of income, and also of expenditures on account of the fact that, in general, the income of a leased road is the rent which it receives from its lessee. The statistical report includes, however, a summary which presents an income account for all the railways considered as a single system, from which intercorporate payments are substantially eliminated.

The complete report includes a summary showing the total taxes and assessments of the railways by States and Territories, and also an analysis showing the basis of assessment.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

In their annual reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission, carriers include returns for all casualties to passengers, employees, trespassers, and other persons. The following figures are therefore not comparable with details in the Commission's Accident Bulletin, based on monthly reports, since the latter relate chiefly to casualties to passengers and to employees while on duty on or about trains.

The total number of casualties to persons on the railways for the year ending June 30, 1907, was 122,855, of which 11,839 represented the number of persons killed and 111,016 the number injured. Casualties occurred among three general classes of railway employees, as follows: Trainmen, 2,537 killed, and 40,755 injured; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen, 169 killed, 1,091 injured; other employees, 1,828 killed, 45,798 injured. The casualties to employees coupling and uncoupling cars were: Employees killed, 308; injured, 4,353; the casualties connected with coupling and uncoupling cars are assigned as follows: Trainmen killed, 272; injured, 4,062; switch tenders, crossing tenders, and watchmen killed, 19; injured, 149; other employees killed, 17; injured, 142.

The casualties due to falling from trains, locomotives, or cars in motion were: Trainmen killed, 497; injured, 5,898; switch

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tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 19; injured, 160; other employees killed, 64; injured, 653. The casualties due to jumping on or off trains, locomotives, or cars in motion were: Trainmen killed, 147; injured, 5,496; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 12; injured, 171; other employees killed, 66; injured, 720. The casualties to the same three classes of employees in consequence of collisions and derailments were: Trainmen killed, 776; injured, 6,273; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 7; injured, 58; other employees killed, 111; injured, 1,019.

The number of passengers killed in the course of the year 1907 was 610, and the number injured 13,041. During the previous year 359 passengers were killed, and 10,764 injured. There were 376 passengers killed and 8,113 injured because of collisions and derailments. The total number of persons other than employees and passengers killed was 6,695; injured, 10,331. These figures include the casualties to persons trespassing, of whom 5,612 were killed and 5,512 were injured. The total number of casualties to persons other than employees from being struck by trains, locomotives, or cars, was 5,327 killed and 4,876 injured. The casualties of this class were: At highway crossings, passengers killed, 1, injured 20; other persons killed, 933, injured, 1,797; at stations, passengers killed, 34, injured, 102; other persons killed, 510, injured, 682; at other points along track, passengers killed, 4, injured, 12; other persons killed, 3,845, injured, 2,263. The ratios of casualties indicate that 1 employee in every 369 was killed, and 1 employee in every 19 was injured. With regard to trainmen—that is, enginemen, firemen, conductors and other trainmen—it appears that 1 trainman was killed for every 125 employed, and 1 was injured for every 8 employed.

In 1907, 1 passenger was killed for every 1,436,631 carried, and 1 injured for every 67,012 carried. For 1906 the figures show that 2,222,691 passengers were carried for 1 killed, and 74,187 passengers were carried for 1 injured. With respect to the number of miles traveled, the figures for 1907 show that 45,440,253 passenger-miles were accomplished for each passenger killed, and 2,125,493 passenger-miles for each passenger injured. For 1906 the figures were 70,103,735 passenger-miles for each passenger killed, and 2,338,094 passenger-miles for each passenger injured.

THE SALARY SYSTEM.

THE Reverend F. E. Hopkins, of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, of Chicago, which is one of the richest and most influential churches of that city, treated his congregation to a surprise recently, by declaring that all employees are underpaid, and that workers were the victims of gross injustices.

The *Chicago Record-Herald* prints the following excerpts from his sermon:

"What 90 per cent of the people of Chicago need, is more money."

Every one in the Pilgrim Congregational Church assumed an attitude of alert attention, when Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins thus began his sermon.

His next statement was:

"Most of them are entitled to it, because they earn it."

Then Mr. Hopkins proceeded, with decorous manifestations of approval from his congregation, to argue that inadequate salaries constituted one of the greatest injustices of the time.

"Look at the luxuries enjoyed by the comparatively few," he exclaimed. "The biggest profit in this city is made on salaried people, and everybody knows it.

"It never cost a man as much for a house to live in, or to supply his table, or clothing for his family, as it costs today. In the last ten years the expenses of living have increased 30 per cent, and salaries about 15.

"This gap between expenses and income is the ditch on the field of Waterloo for many. It is not fair, nor just, nor right that it should exist. For this reason salary is no mere economic question. Some have been treating it as though it were, and they have made a fine mess of it.

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"WANT WHAT THEY EARN.

"Salaried people do not want help. They want what they really earn. Rich people ought not to be pounded and hounded. They want to be shown the right or righteous thing. And I say this question of salary is a righteous one. All the ministers and evangelists in the world can never fill our churches until the churches bring their tremendous influence to bear in breaking up a cruel and unjust state of affairs which is the result of indifference, ignorance or selfishness. I asked a gentleman connected with one of the largest concerns, 'What is the average salary in this house, of married men?' He replied, 'I am ashamed to tell you.'

"What do you think of that?

"Do not sing 'God will take care of you,' nor talk about the special providence of God, nor of 'angels ever bright and fair,' and 'What a friend we have in Jesus,' to parents whose children are compelled to work to make both ends meet, and then they don't; whose only luxury is a nice walk on Sunday; whose only chance to ride is in a stinking street car.

"Not a word of this is meant for the loafer, for the wheezy old bum who never did, nor could do a square day's work; but it is meant for tens of thousands of men and women of good habits, industry and brains, who steadily enrich their employers, but receive only a meager stipend for themselves.

"In behalf of these, let the church raise its voice steadily and mightily, and declare, 'Woe to him that useth his neighbors' service, without wages such as they ought to be.'"

TRACKMEN UNITE.

THE National Union of Railway Trackmen, whose headquarters have previously been at Fort Scott, Kan., has amalgamated with the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, whose international headquarters are located in St. Louis.

The Trackman, formerly the official organ of the National Union of Railway Trackmen, prints the following in regard to the amalgamation, in its last issue:

On Tuesday evening, February 23, 1909, after having received the ballots of a majority of our members, who are in good standing, we declared the polls closed, and canvassed the vote upon the proposition as to whether the National Union of Railway Trackmen should amalgamate with the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

Five thousand, two hundred and eighty-three votes were cast, and of these votes, all but one was in favor of amalgamation.

We had sincerely hoped there would not be a single vote in opposition to forming the combination, but each man is entitled to have his vote recorded as he cast it.

We are extremely glad that so large a vote was cast, and in such a short time.

We have declared the proposition carried, and have so notified the officers of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

It is important that the two unions begin active co-operation at once. The spring work will soon be ready to open, and the trackmen can easily have contracts at the beginning of the season's activities on all the Mississippi Valley roads.

We hope there will be no lagging in the harness on the part of any of the old members of the N. U. of R. T. Give the Brotherhood the same earnest, honest, active support that you have given our union in the past.

Remember brothers, your opportunity to make a grand, strong and efficient union, is now within your grasp. Put the same faith and confidence in President Lowe, Secretary-Treasurer Pegg and the other officers of the Brotherhood that you have in us, and all will be well. Remember, also, that no matter how capable your officers may be, the strength and usefulness of your labor union will depend, in the main, upon your own efforts. The officers can only aid you by giving wise advice and counsel. They can direct and guide, but after all you must be the moving cause of all the benefits which you receive.

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It has often been said in the past that the trackmen of the country could not be organized; that they did not have their own welfare enough at heart. We know this is untrue; that is a foul slander upon a body of as honest and conscientious laboring men as the world has ever seen. Brother trackmen, let us show to the world, now that we have such a splendid opportunity, that we can and will organize solidly on every railroad in America.

We, the members of your Executive Committee, are each to take the road, and gather together in a compact body, all the members of the N. U. of R. T., and such other trackmen as we meet, who are still unorganized, and place them among the already organized forces of the I. B. M. W. E.

We want to show the officers of the Brotherhood how much we are in earnest in our new effort to aid the trackmen. We can only do this with your help.

Confidently believing that you will all do your part toward effecting a perfect and complete union of the railway track forces of the country, we are your brothers, and for the last time sign ourselves the Executive Committee of the National Union of Railway Trackmen.

EDWARD G. GASHEL,
H. A. VURPIA,
JOHN COTTER.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Six hundred and eighteen new members were initiated into the Order during the month of February.

The mailing list has been revised and only members with dues paid to June 30, 1909, will receive this issue from the regular mailing list.

It is stated that J. H. Stauber, whose name appears on the Katy Scab List, is employed at Cameron Junction, Mo., on the C. R. I. & P. Railway.

Indexes for the 1908 volume of THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER can be had by members free of charge upon application to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

An active crusade towards complete and thorough organization has been inaugurated, and every member is requested to lend a helping hand in this direction.

A warning has been received from the far West that that section of the country is overrun with telegraphers seeking employment and that others should refrain from going in that direction.

In the Personal Mention in the January issue, the death of Bro. C. A. Ross, of Vaughans, Miss., was chronicled, which was an error. Mrs. Ross, mother of Bro. C. A. Ross, was the deceased.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of article 5 of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders must pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of a semi-annual dues period.

Complaint is made to the editor that former members of the Order continue to wear their emblem buttons after having forfeited membership, and seek fraternal courtesies from members on the strength of wearing the button. In all cases where a member is approached by another member, a stranger, a request should be made to see his up-to-date card and no excuse should be accepted for failure to be in possession of one. Imposters have a series of excuses which they offer for failure to be in possession of a card, such as they have "lost" it; that it is at some other place, "in their grip," etc. No card, no favors.

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The attention of correspondents for THE TELEGRAPHER is again called to the fact that line-ups should not be sent in; it is proper to chronicle the various changes of members, but line-ups should not be given; also to the fact that the name of the station referred to should be given in every instance and not the office call.

Complaint is made to the general offices that W. J. Harrington, formerly Certificate 10694, who held card No. 10110 for the term ending June 30th, 1906, is still presenting that old card for fraternal courtesies and that the year of its expiration has been changed with a pen. Any member to whom it is presented should take it up, and return to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. S. J. Konenkamp, President of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, whose address is Monon Building, Chicago, Ill., requests the publication of the following announcement: "The progress of the C. T. U of A. has warranted the appointment of organizers, and we will be able to use a number of O. R. T. members for this purpose. We will pay liberal commission to the proper parties. In writing, give references and name territory you would prefer covering."

AS HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY FOR MANY YEARS PAST, THE MAY ISSUE OF THIS JOURNAL WILL BE GOTTEN OUT PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE GRAND DIVISION, WHICH MEETS IN ATLANTA, GA., ON MAY TENTH. ALL MATTER INTENDED FOR THE MAY ISSUE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR NOT LATER THAN APRIL TWENTIETH.

The member securing the most new members before June 30th, will be given a diamond ring to cost $150.00. The member securing the second largest number of new members, will be given a diamond ring to cost $100.00. Third prize, choice between a diamond ring or a watch, to cost $50.00. The member who secures five or more new members during that period, and who fails to obtain one of the prizes named above, will be given the choice between an O. R. T. emblem ring and an O. R. T. watch charm.

For further particulars in regard to this contest, reference should be had to the article appearing on page 17, of the January TELEGRAPHER.



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E. E. Pickard. N. E. See. C. S. Whitford. O. E. See.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been recorded since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. B. M. Murchison, of Rock Hill, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Edward Garrett, of Donie, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Beckon, of Portland, Ore., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. C. Donlevy of Carstairs, Alta., Can., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. M. Conklin, of Marine Mills, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Clarence Larimore, of La Plata, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. O. Johnson, of Du Quoin, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ernest G. Andrews, of Monaca, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. M. Skinner, Jr., of Malvern, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. H. Keyes, of Roy, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. E. Mattox, of Sallisaw, Okla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. John M. Phelan, of Baltimore, Md., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. N. Thornton, of Courtland, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. J. English, of Albany, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, of Danbury, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. H. Nelms, of Adona, Ark., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. Z. Swett, of Glouster, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Lowe, of Byron, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. O'Leary, of Emporium, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. D. Jeffry, of Portage, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Hysong, of Huff, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. H. Pickett, of Lucerne, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. C. Babcock, of Kendalla, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. G. Thomas, of Caldonia, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. V. Luther, of De Pere, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. F. Jaehnke, of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ellis Stroud, of East Durham, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Pat Heaney, of San Francisco, Calif., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. C. Starkey, of Roseville, Calif., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Needs, of Latrobe, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Boulais, of Oakdale, Mass., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harrison Hopper, of Pittsburg, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Murray, of Chittenango Sta., N. Y., twin girls.

To Bro. and Mrs. Edward Wilkins, of Camillus, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. J. Long, of Lock Haven, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Hetherington, of Green Bay, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Percy D. Booth, of Wellsboro, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Hrs. H. S. Evans, of Canon City, Colo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. I. Rawlings, of Latta, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Sam Slack, of Martin, Fla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Chas. S. Davis, of Pasco, Wash., a girl.

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The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. C. E. Nelson, of Div. 79, to Miss Mathye Belle Mikell.

At Dallas, Tex., Bro. F. B. Bridges, of Div. 126, to Miss Mayme Jefferson.

At Denver, Colo., Bro. Earl M. Clodfelter, of Div. 49, to Miss Maud A. Calkins.

At Vandalia, Ill., Bro. Sam'l Kelley, of Div. 130, to Miss Della Break.

At Rochester, N. Y., Bro. H. W. Perry, of Div. 8, to Miss Frances Brockelower.

At Greeley, Colo., Bro. Robt. J. Collins, of Div. 7, to Miss Anna C. Kervin.

At Eola, La., Bro. E. M. Baldridge, of Div. 88, to Miss Camillia M. Tiffreau.

At New Iberia, La., Bro. James A. Wherland, of Div. 88, to Miss Carrye Rougeot.

At Saginaw, Mich., Bro. G. H. Diamon, of Div. 1, to Miss Iris McRae.

At Colorado Springs, Colo., Bro. E. C. Hock, of Div. 77, to Miss Orphia Davison.

At Anselmo, Neb., Bro. Frank Doolittle, of Div. 130, to Miss Anna Bowman.

Bro. C. H Meador, of Div. 126, to Miss Lou Ryan.

At Washington, D. C., Bro. W. L. Dodson, of Div. 125, to Miss Violet Maddox.

At Canandaigua, N. Y., Bro. G. H. Fake, of Div. 100, to Miss Florence DuBois.

At Pocahontas, Miss., Bro. W. B. Sanders, of Div. 93, to Miss Eleanor Baker.

Bro. A. H. Brodeaur, of Div. 93, to Miss Mary Marshall.

Bro. S. A. Cathey, of Div. 59, to Miss Matie Barrenger.

At Mannington, W. Va., Bro. B. F. Wilson, of Div. 33, to Miss Ella Hall.

At Sallisaw, Okla., Bro. W. W. Neel, of Div. 31, to Miss Clevlie Leathers.

At Leoti, Kans., Bro. F. A. Thompson, of Div. 31, to Miss Rose Smith.

Bro. F. G. Rohde, of Div. 23, to Miss Ethel Nelson.

Bro. A. W. Steinback, of Div. 23, to Miss Pearl A. Eggleston.

Bro. S. A. Laas, of Div. 23, to Miss Clara Nehf.

Bro. Harry W. Perry, of Div. 8, to Miss Frances L. Dotzauer.

At Pittsfield, Ill., Bro. Horace Arnold, of Div. 59, to Miss Tipton.

At Maumee, Ohio, Bro. Raymond Hoover, of Div. 2, to Miss Marrie Zellar.

At Jacksonville, Ill., Bro. J. T. Quigley, of Div. 2, to Miss Anna Adams.

At Nottaway, Va., Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald to Sister Minnie Davis, both of Div. 14.

At Center Point, Ark., Bro. Chas. H. Womack, of Div. 5, to Miss Robbie F. Duncan.

At North Crandon, Wis., Bro. Geo. W. Brown, of Div. 117, to Miss Alma Marie Gerold.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. G. D. Johnson, of Div. 8.

At Moreland, Ky., Bro. Geo. W. Gooch, of Div. 62.

At Corning, Calif., Bro. A. E. Daswell, of Div. 53.

At Healy, Kan., Bro. C. C. Denney, of Div. 31.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., wife of Bro. J. P. Leahy, of Div. 6.

At Donie, Tex., Robt. Edward, infant son of Bro. Edward Garrett, of Div. 144.

At Bunker Hill, Ind., W. W. Smith, father of Bro. J. B. Smith, of Div. 126.

At Battleboro, N. C., Mary Allen Hobgood, wife of Bro. A. J. Hobgood, of Div. 58.

At Machias Junction, N. Y., Jeremiah D. Cashman, father of Bro. D. F. Cashman, of Div. 135.

At Purdy, Mo., Bro. J. C. Buchanan, father of Bro. L. A. Buchanan, of the Grand Division.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

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Present address of Sam Z. Kern. "Sam," if you see this write. C. M. EVANS, Clifford, Mich.

Present address of D. C. Wells. Last heard of 1906, Sumner, Miss.
I. H. HURT, Sumner, Miss.

Present address of T. A. Chatterton, last heard of at Zanesville, Ohio, in 1904. Important. MONT FULTON, Postmaster, Folks, Ohio.

Present address of Czarnie Geyer, last heard of at Kansas City.
MRS. R. H. MARTIN, Keene, Calif.

Present address of Theodore Lasater. Last heard of in Chicago.
F. D. HEARLE, R. F. D. No. 8, Pittsburg, Kan.

Present address of T. J. O'Donnell. Last heard of at Herrington, Kan. "Tom," if you see this write. A. J. FEUSTEL, Wapello, Ia.

Present address of Ed Sands, last heard of working for C. G. W Ry., Wilkinson, Ill. "Ed," if you see this write your old pal. R. E. LAMB, Elmhurst, Ill.

Present address of George Stretch, last heard of in New Orleans. "George," if you see this, write me.
MATTHEW MEEHAN, Silver Creek, Ohio.

Present address of Oscar, last seen in Savannah, Ga. "Oscar," if you see this, write me at once. I have news for you.
MAUD BROSCOE, General Delivery, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Present address of Jack Finn. Was at Spokane, Missoula, or Helena on N. P. about October 15, 1908. "Jack," if you see this please write me at Avon. Your letter came a week too late. Unable to locate you since. C. M. LEILICH.

Present address of Frank E. Holmes and David C. Smarl, formerly of U. S. Signal Corps. Anyone knowing their whereabouts please write. L. A. ANSTETH, Alpha, Ill.

Present address of Bro. A. J. Lussier. Last heard of at Verd, Nev., in 1907.
H. L. MANN, Merritt, Wash., G. N. Ry.

Present address of John and Clarence Connors, last heard of at Bay Mills, Mich. "John," if you see this, write me at Gold Creek, Montana, care N. P. Ry.
W. W. QUINN.

Present address of Norman Wellien, last heard of working for Northern Pacific Relay office, Portland, Oregon. "Norman," if you see this drop me a line, Dody.
A. H. SHERMAN, 1402 Willow St., Coffeyville, Kan.

Present address of David H. Essley, last heard of on Southern Pacific or Santa Fe in Southwest. "David," if you see this please write me here in the Chicago office and Ann Seber, 751 E. 9th St., South Salt Lake City, Utah. LIZZIE.

Present address of Pat Corbett; worked for N. P. Ry. at South Superior, Wis., August, 1905; last heard of working at Hammond, Ind. Important information for you; write me. L. CORMACK, 1710 Winter St., Superior, Wis.

Present addresses of James Stelle, James Spaulding, Harry McDonald and Opr. Brooks, all formerly members of 3rd Co. U. S. Vol. Signal Corps.
ARTHUR T WIPPLE, 90 Salem St., Woburn, Mass.

Present address of J. H. Carr, last heard of in Birmingham, Ala., in January. Formerly worked for Southern Ry. at Huntsville, Ala., and C. N. O. & T. P. Ry., Dayton, Tenn. Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated.
O. A. HARPER, Central Station, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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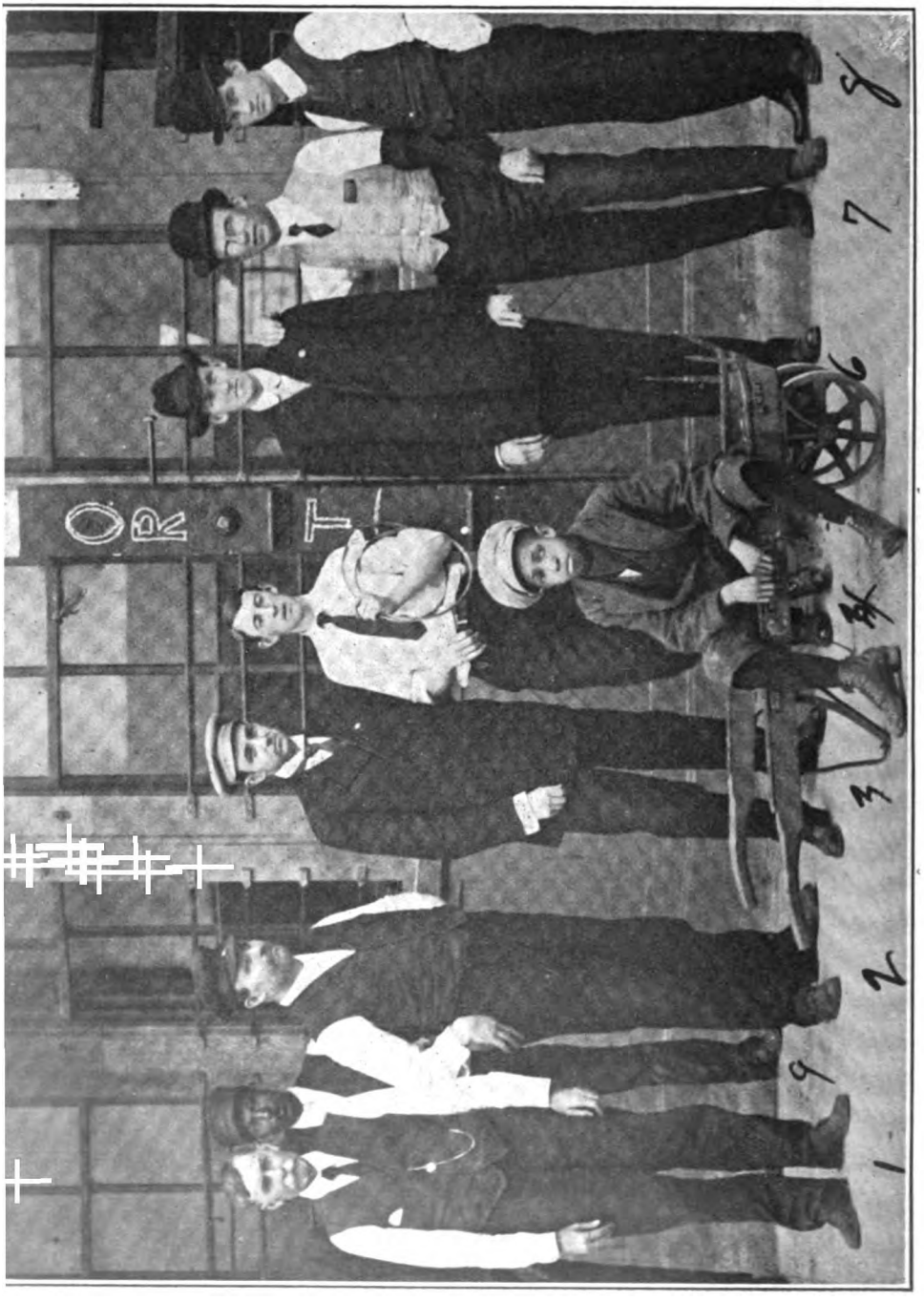
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Let our slogan be, "Longer wages and shorter hours."

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The best resolution of all is to purchase Union Label goods.

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Are your dues paid up to date? If not get busy; get in line.

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Don't mistake an oil can for a return of the "full dinner pail."

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The silent friends of organized labor—the union label and the ballot.

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The boycott is illegal, the blacklist perfectly legal. This is consistency.

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"Where the vanguard rests today the rear guard camps tomorrow."

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The unions are here, are necessary, will remain and have no apologies to offer.

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Let us strive to make the Benefit Association a model of fraternal protection.

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Work without enthusiasm is like a kite without a tail; neither goes very far.

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Always "boost" your union. There are plenty of outsiders to "knock" it. Don't help them.

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It is well for us to always remember that power erroneously used will inevitably bring disaster.

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Stick to your union. Be true to your union and the great cause of Labor, Justice and Human Freedom.

The wise union man will have the good sense to know that success of the union depends upon getting others to join it.

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"Give me above all other Liberties, the Liberty to Know, to Utter, and Argue Freely, according to Conscience."—Milton.

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"Promises" made by employers are all very well—just so long as a good, solid labor union is in existence to insure that such promises are "made good."

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Will your widow and children be as comfortable as your wife and children are today? Provide for them by securing a certificate in the Benefit Association.

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William E. Gladstone said that "trade unions are the bulwark of democracies," and the late Cardinal Manning urged the workers to protect themselves by joining trade unions.

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Denver, Colo., with eighty-nine local unions, nine central bodies, six state organizations and seven international headquarters, can justly claim to be the best organized city in the United States.

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The strength of a labor union is measured by the loyalty and courage of the average member. Look into your own heart, comrade; if you are all right you need not doubt your brothers.

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President Gompers is a cigar-maker, holding a card in New York union; John Mitchell is a coal miner, affiliated with the Spring Valley, Ill., local union; Frank Morrison is a printer, with membership in Chicago Typographical union.

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A word to the non-members: Are you interested in the size of your pay check? Well, then, just donate the amount of the initiation fee to the Order. Just everybody do this and see the result.

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Rockefeller breaks the law and is fined $29,000,000—which he never pays, and Gompers, et al., break no laws and go to the pen. Consistency, thou art a jewel.

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The community which does not protect its humblest and most hated members in the free utterance of his opinions, no matter how false or hateful, is only a gang of slaves.—*Wendell Phillips.*

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Organize the yet unorganized telegraphers. Bring them to a consciousness of their duty to themselves, their wives and children, as well as to their fellows now and those who are yet to come.

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A union card is the best recommendation any honest workingman can carry in his pocket, and employers are recognizing the fact to a greater extent each succeeding year, month, week and day.

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Labor organizations in one form or another have been in existence for more than five centuries, and it is not reasonable to suppose that a human institution could survive that long unless it did some good in the world.

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Today every student of economics, every philosopher, every honest statesman and many employers admit the necessity of labor organization, and they frankly declare if they were in the working class ranks they would join trade unions.

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A wise student of human nature gave expression to the following rather pertinent conclusion: "A man who refuses to pay his debts when he can is a thief at heart." Wonder if that is applicable to the man who can afford to pay his dues to his union and doesn't.

We have seen no statement from Van Cleave that the sale of Buck's stoves and ranges has increased to any alarming extent since the federation officials were sentenced to jail. This is a case where advertising does not pay.

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The labor movement was born of hunger—hunger for bread in the beginning. It is still a hunger, but now it is for the better things of life—better education, better ideals, higher possibilities and a higher place in the scale of civilization.

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In the juvenile court at Washington, D. C., Judge De Lacy rendered a decision concerning the act to regulate child labor in the District of Columbia, and decided that newspapers or journals, in the sense in which they are named in the act, are not merchandise.

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People who purchase the product of labor have a right to know under what condition the goods are manufactured. That is why they insist on the union label. It stands for a fair wage, reasonable hours, sanitary workshops, honest citizenship and competent workmanship.

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Every man, union or non-union, who is now at work is knowingly or unknowingly benefited by the union movement past and present, for there is not a single industry in civilized existence where wages and conditions are not better because organized labor has existed and fought than they would have been if unions had not existed.

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If it is unlawful for organized labor to systematically fight its enemies, it is certainly unlawful for the manufacturers' organization to exercise the blacklist. Yet see what success labor will have in exercising its supposed right. There are cases pending in the courts of the country—one of them in this city—and we venture to say that no such punishment will be meted out to any of the offenders that has been imposed in the case of the Federation officials. —*Baltimore Daily Leader.*

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Mayor Whitlock, of Toledo, recently made the opening address before the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks' convention in Toledo. "Give up nothing," declared his Honor. "Workers should hang to every luxury. If you let go, your standard of wages is reduced because your standard of living is lower. Concede nothing, and always demand more."

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A central labor union has been formed at Battle Creek, Mich., hitherto known as a non-union center. The central body is composed of 14 subordinate unions, with a combined membership of 1200. And this right under the nose of C. W. Post, after everybody was led to believe that he had wiped every vestige of organized labor off the Battle Creek map.

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Workingmen form organizations for the purpose of enabling them to retain a larger share of what they produce. In the sight of the capitalist, such combinations are illegal and a menace to society.

Capitalists form organizations for the purpose of enabling them to secure a larger share of what—not they themselves produce—but of what the workingman produces; and such combinations are considered perfectly legal and a good thing for the people. Pray, where is the difference? They are both legal, or illegal.

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An example of what labor unions may expect when rendered helpless by the courts, may be seen in the case of the Hatters' Union. The funds of its members, including the homes of those so unfortunate as to own homes, were attached by the courts to satisfy the three-fold damage suit of the Lowe Hat Co. The other hat manufacturers, seeing the condition of the union, thought the time opportune to put the finishing touches to the Hatters' Union. Therefore the National Association of Fur and Felt Hat Manufacturers threw out the union label and forced the hatters on a strike. Let no one buy a hat until this trouble is settled unless it bears the Hatters' Union label.

The poor, deluded souls of "independent" (non-union) persuasion who have organized themselves into so-called unions are to be pitied rather than scorned, for they "know not what they do"—in other words, they seem utterly oblivious to the fact that their "unions" are based upon rules and regulations dictated by their employers for the purpose of obtaining a more secure and lasting "cinch" on their "independent" slaves through the plan of organization.

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The labor movement today, by reason of experience, bought in many instances by costly sacrifices, is far stronger and far nearer its final triumph than ever before. Let every person who works at our trade bear this in mind; let those of us who belong to the union get all of the others in for the next great effort, and the improvements which must of necessity follow the struggle will repay us for the effort. This is true trade unionism.

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The Blackhill's Daily Register, commenting on the decision of Judge Wright, stated that it is reported on excellent authority that the Buck's stoves and ranges have not increased in sales in that territory since the general publicity given that concern through the daily papers throughout the United States, showing their attitude toward union labor. The Register further says that it is an exceptional case, and the only case on record where advertising does not pay.

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The decision of Judge Wright, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, in the Gompers contempt case, is the most far-reaching step yet taken to undermine and destroy the freedom of speech and of the press, guaranteed by the federal constitution.

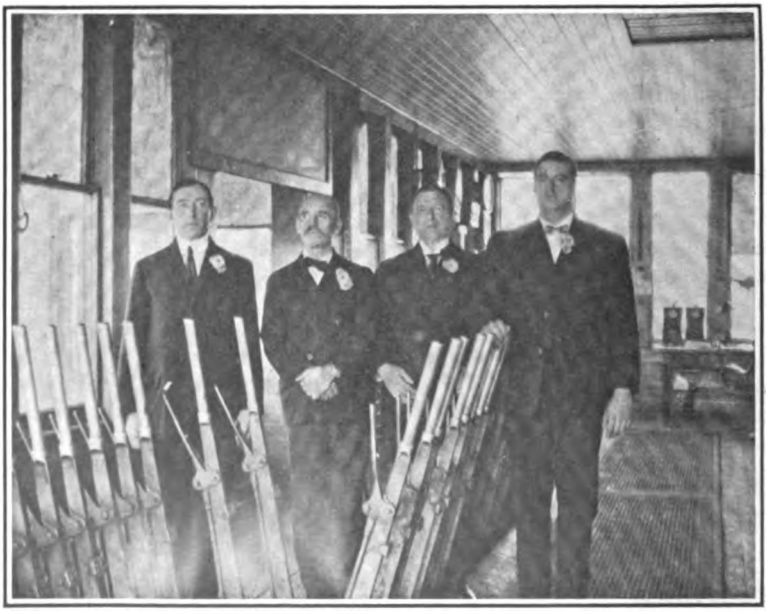
Primarily it is intended to curb the growing power of organized labor, if not to destroy the labor movement; but it can not be limited to that purpose. If finally upheld, it must ultimately lead to the general censorship of speech and of the press.

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MISCELLANY

SHIFTY SHIFT.

IT was New Year's Eve. Helmstaedter, the baker man, stepped out toward the curb, and turned and gazed with undisguised satisfaction at the sign which graced his window. It was modest in its way, done in an artistic, irregular, uphill fashion, and bordered with a neat edge of canton flannel, red as flame, stitched on. This is what it said:

PRIZE FOR NEW YEAR.

In all of these beautiful loaves of bread, caraway seeds. In one of them, a silver dollar.

Helmstaedter nodded with approval. "Every year for fifteen years," he said to a customer who had just moved into the neighborhood, "every year for fifteen years have I done it. Every year somebody gets the silver dollar. And such a dollar, fresh from the Subtreasury, and just as good as any dollar on the market. Better, maybe. Yes, sir; fifteen years and fifteen dollars."

The customer handed out a nickel. "Gimme a loaf," he remarked, "and if you don't mind, I'd just as soon have the one with the dollar in her. I ain't particular; anything is good enough for me." He snickered at this sally, and poked the baker in the ribs. The smiling baker wrapped up a loaf and shook his head. "Ah," he said, "you make fun. You don't get no dollar. I bet you don't." The buyer did not. He took home the loaf and commanded his family to eat it up at once, in order to bring forth to light that dollar if perchance it might be inside. But the dollar was not there.

Now Helmstaedter, the baker man, from the standpoint of his neighbors, was extremely generous. He was a popular man, was Helmstaedter. Much more popular, for instance, than Tortoni, the banker, the usurer, the vulture, whose dingy little counting house was just around the corner, and who held chattel mortgages on half the neighborhood. Helmstaedter, he put bread into your mouth; Tortoni, he took bread out of your mouth—that was the way. Even on this day he had told pretty Mollie Middleditch that he must have $2.95 she owed him, or out her things must go tomorrow. And tomorrow was New Year's Day. Molly was the pride of the neighborhood, a pretty girl, who lived all alone, and she worked hard all day. She had buried her father with Tortoni's money, and her payments came too slow for Tortoni, the banker. But then Tortoni was pushing everybody at the end of the year; he wanted to count his cash after the first, and pat himself on his back for having made so much.

And when Tortoni locked up his safe at 6 o'clock and went home on the last day of the year he felt at peace with all the world, for of all the days in the year this day had been the biggest.

"Good year, John," said Tortoni to himself, after the manner of his countrymen. But Tortoni was not the only man who was well aware of his immediate prosperity. The heart of at least one other man was gladdened. This man was a young gentleman of the name of Shifty Shift. That was his real name—he had others.

Shifty Shift's hours began when Tortoni's hours were over; when Tortoni locked up, Shifty Shift opened up. And he did it in a very simple manner. For he had a key to the boarding house of John Tortoni; a key which had been made for Shifty Shift and for no one else. And after Tortoni had gone, Shifty, while the crowd passed and repassed in the early evening,

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inserted his key in the lock of the outer door, and entered. It is simple enough when you know how. Once inside he knew well what to do and how to do it.

Half an hour later he was through, with the exception of stepping outside. Now this was a more ticklish proceeding than stepping in. For when he stepped in he could see who was outside; but when he was about to step out he was at a disadvantage. For all he knew a cordon of police might be at the next corner. However, he pulled himself together and took a deep breath. As he closed the door behind him he heard a shout.

"Hi, there!" exclaimed a stentorian voice. Shifty Shift took one look, and then ran. So did the owner of the voice.

It was a famous race. Shifty held the lead. But he and his pursuer had to contend with the crowded streets. And Shifty had to contend with the possibility of being cut off in front, as well as being overtaken in the rear. At last he found himself confronted by two coppers on ahead, while three assailed his rear; and then he did what only Shifty Shift could do— he disappeared completely, mysteriously, uncompromisingly. They looked high and low for him, but he could not be found.

Helmstaedter, the baker man, had not yet put up his sign when all this occurred. Helmstaedter's dollar sale did not begin until 6 o'clock on New Year's Eve. Down below the bread was waiting for the psychological moment to arrive when it was ready for the oven. In the meantime the bakery force had adjourned next door to the saloon to wet its whistle against the hot and heavy baking which was imminent. Helmstaedter was puttering over his beautiful sign, when suddenly a man dashed up to his shop and almost threw himself down the basement stairs. This man had been telling himself that he was a goner; that it wouldn't do to be caught with the goods on, and had been making divers other remarks to himself which indicated that he was hard pressed. He dashed precipitately down Helmstaedter's steps. He saw instantly that he had made a mistake. There was no way out, apparently.

He heard the sound of footsteps descending to the room in which he stood. He looked about. There was no hiding place. He was surrounded on all sides by huge pans of bread. He thrust his hand into a pocket and pulled it out.

He dashed the contents of his hand across the room, and dived for another handful. Then he paused, for the man upon the steps was not a policeman. He was Helmstaedter, the baker man.

"What you doing here?" exclaimed Helmstaedter, suspiciously.

Shifty Shift, for it was he, was relieved. "I was lookin'," he explained confidently to the baker, "for a man of the name of Mickey Sullivan—blind in one eye. He used to work down this cellar."

"You got in the wrong place," said Helmstaedter, "there ain't no Mickey Sullivan—not here—never was."

"Gee," said Shifty, "I got on the wrong street. Mickey works right back of here. I'm a guy f'r fair."

Casting a remorseful glance over to one side, he slowly and with becoming humility ascended the stone steps to the street. He looked up and down for a policeman. He saw none.

"Much obliged to you," he said to the baker man, as he trotted around the corner to find the imaginary Mickey Sullivan.

Molly Middleditch was sitting in her room, making over, for the fifth time, a dress which had worn out months ago, when she heard a knock on the door. She leaped to her feet, ran and opened it.

"Jimmy," she exclaimed, "Jimmy Burke." Then she stepped back a foot or two. "Jimmy," she exclaimed. "How tired you look. And how cold." Jimmy slid over to the sofa and half reclined upon it.

"Tired," he answered. "Cold! Well I guess yes. What do you t'nk? I walked fourteen miles this day if I walked a step, and not a job; not a job anywheres. There ain't no more jobs; that's what. And, by George, Molly, I'm up against it and no mistake. Any news?"

Molly Middleditch nodded her pretty head. "What do you think, Jimmy," she said, "Tortoni wants his $2.95, and says he'll take every stick I've got tomorrow."

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Jimmy Burke gave vent to a long, low, discouraged whistle. "Gee," he exclaimed, "here is you and me, encaitched now, goin' on four year, and you with your old father knocked clean off his pins, and me without a cent and without a job, and no chance to get one. Well, what d'ye think of it, Molly girl?"

Molly, smiled. "It might be worse Jimmy," she said. "What if you didn't have me and I didn't have you?"

Jimmy Burke brightened up. "I 'spose it'll all come right some day. I wonder now if it'll ever be that you and me can get together enough of the stuff so that we can walk down to th' Alderman's and get gived away in marriage, an' set up housekeepin' and have enough to eat. Gee," said Jimmy Burke, "but that reminds me. If I ain't hungry. Fourteen miles on an empty stummick ain't much in my line."

"Oh, Jimmy, Jimmy," wailed the girl, "didn't you get nothin' to eat." She fumbled about in a small purse.

"Come on out, Jimmy," she said, "and I'll blow you." Jimmy when he was sufficiently warm and sufficiently rested, accompanied her. She led him to the establishment of Helmstaedter, the baker man.

"Could you eat a loaf of bread, Jimmy?" asked the girl.

"I could eat two of 'em," said Jimmy, voraciously. The girl smiled.

"I'll lend you a nickel," she said, "and I'll buy a loaf and you buy a loaf, and we'll see who gets the dollar; and you can eat the bread."

Jimmy felt better. He took the proffered nickel. "Now no humbug. Helmstaedter," he remarked, "here's Miss Middleditch, my lady friend, and me, and we're after that dollar loaf. We're goin' to buy two loaves, and you'd better give me the dollar one, for I owe her a nickel, and then I can pay it back. Say, sport, can we pick out our own loaves?"

"If you have clean hands," said Helmstaedter, "you can pick out any one you please. If you have the other kind, you can pick out only one, and that one must be yours."

"Gee," said Jimmy Burke, looking reproachfully at his hands, "it's up to you, Molly. Here's wishin' that we get the dollar."

Molly picked out one. "Here's mine," she said. Then she picked out another. "And here's yours, Jimmy," she added. Jimmy's mouth watered, for he knew, even though the dollar was absent, he would have bread and caraway seeds. And the baker made good bread.

"If we get that there dollar now," said Jimmy, "we'll go to the show to-morrow night. That is, if I get it. I'll stay around all day and I'll show Tortoni and his men out if they turn up. And in the evening we'll have some fun. Might just as well. It's New Year's."

They reached the girl's room once more. Jimmy surreptitiously took a large bite out of his loaf. He could not wait. It tasted good.

"Go on," he said to the girl, pausing in his meal, "tear up your loaf first and see what luck you've got."

The girl obeyed. Piece after piece she tore from the fresh aromatic loaf. But no dollar made its appearance.

"Well," said Jimmy, "if you ain't got no luck, I ain't. But here goes."

With a sudden dig he tore the entire inside from his loaf of bread. Then he shouted aloud with glee.

"Gee," he yelled, "I got it! I got it, Molly!"

"Jimmy," cried the girl, "that isn't a silver dollar. It's gold—gold, Jimmy!"

With frantic haste Jimmy crumbled the bread in his hand. And then with sudden ecstacy he caught the girl by the wrist and waltzed with her around the room.

In place of the silver dollar that he thought was there, there was something else. And that something else was not a silver dollar; it was not a gold dollar; it was not a five-dollar gold piece—that is, not one five-dollar gold piece, but six of them, a round half dozen, nothing more and nothing less.

"Thirty dollars!" exclaimed Jimmy, "thirty dollars, and it's mine. Gee, but old Helmstaedter blew himself for fair. Won't we have a time tomorrow? Say, we'll—"

He stopped. His face paled. He trembled, for he had suddenly thought of some-

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thing. He stepped to the side of Molly Middleditch and put his hand upon her shoulder and looked down upon the ground.

"Mollie, girl," he said, huskily, "this must mean somethin' to us. I was thinkin' that we'd blow this in tomorrow. But I've thought o' somethin' else, little girl. It's what we've been lookin' for, Molly. We've been encaitched f'r now goin' on four years." He stopped. "Molly, girl," he went on, drawing her toward him, "will you come with me down to th' Alderman's—down to Mulligan's—and get hitched up, f'r better, f'r worse, f'r rich er f'r poorer. We'll be so happy. And I'll get a job somehow. I know I will. Will you come with me, Molly, girl?"

Pretty Molly Middleditch hid her face on Jimmy's shoulder. "I'll go with you, Jimmy Burke," she said.

They went. And from that time on pretty Molly Middleditch was Mrs. Jimmy Burke. And it was even so as Jimmy Burke had said. He did get a job, and a good one, and he kept it. For Jimmy Burke is a mighty good man whether he's a husband in the home, or a hustler in the shop. He's all right all the time.

That same night a man sat in an obscure part of town with a gleam of satisfaction on his face. The man was Shifty Shift, and he was counting over a roll of bills and a few glittering coins.

"Gee," said Shifty Shift, "I got away with old Tortoni, all right, I'm thinking. But, say, wasn't I scared when I run down them steps thinkin' that the cops was on my coat-tails. If it had been them instead of the Dutchman, say, I wouldn't have had time to unload. I'm only sorry, now it's all over, that I slung them shiners away as I did. Well, what of it. I got enough, and the half dozen or dozen yellows that I fired across Dutchy's room won't make much difference. Besides, Dutchy or his men will pick 'em up, and they'll make good New Year's presents for 'em. It's all right, Shifty Shift, my boy, all right."

The next day Tortoni did not disturb Mrs. Jimmy Burke. He was very much employed in bemoaning his substantial loss. His misfortune gradually became known in the neighborhood, and there was considerable enjoyment over his discomfiture.

One night Jimmy Burke came home to find Mrs. Jimmy Burke with a perplexed countenance.

"Jimmy," said Mrs. Burke, "what do you think? I asked old Helmstaedter if he put those gold pieces in the bread that night. He said he didn't."

"What!" said Jimmy. "What's that?"

"And what's more," said Mrs. Jimmy, "from what he said I do believe that those gold pieces used to belong in the safe of John Tortoni. What will we do about it?"

Jimmy was a moral young man. But he also was a philosopher. "Molly," he said, "is any of that money left?" Molly shook her head. "All right," said Jimmy, "I'm earning good wages now and we don't need it. But, as for me, I'm willing to let bygones be bygones with John Tortoni. And I want to tell you that John Tortoni's pile never did the good in the world that those gold pieces did to you and me, and I'm goin' to let 'em rest in peace. I'm honest enough at that, but I ain't got no kick coming. And you ain't either, little girl."

The next year, however, Jimmy, who had made a little strike, took six five-dollar pieces to Helmstaedter and handed them over. "Dutchy," he said, "I want you to put these in your bread tonight, one in a loaf. Just like as not some poor chap'll get one of 'em at the time when he's sufferin' for it."

Thus did Jimmy Burke even things up with his conscience; for Jimmy's conscience was in the right place. As for Shifty Shift, he was a man who had no use for consciences; not much.—By WILLIAM HAMILTON OSBORN, in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

THE FLOOD AT PEQUOT GULCH.

CHRISTMAS Day of 1905 is always sure to occupy a prominent place in the history of Red Horse Flat, that bustling little stretch of clearing at the junction of the Reno Short Line with the Tonopah and Goldfields Railway, because on that day the town as it then existed was as completely rubbed off the visual map by the breaking of the dam at Pequot Gulch, in

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the Nevada Mountains, as if it had never been a settlement. While it was effectually snuffed out on that day it can actually claim to have been started on its real, substantial existence, for the prudent foresight that has since directed Red Horse's rehabilitation will, in the judgment of those best qualified to give an opinion, never allow it to be the victim of another flood such as came out of the Pequot hills, those jagged outcroppings that, tier on tier, go to make up the Sierra Nevada range of mountains, as it surely was on that occasion.

Red Horse rested in fancied security at the foot of the gulch and, if it had not been for the building of the two great dams, one at Pequot Gulch and the other at Wagon Gap which created two immense lakes, miles in breadth, with water in their banks sufficient to float big battleships, without taking into consideration the possibilities of an occasional Chinook rainfall that might last from one day to three weeks, the facts for this narrative might never have been supplied and the incidents herein recorded might never have been chronicled.

The dictum of the government surveyors located these barriers in the gulch, about four miles separating the two dams, and as far back as a study of the weather chronology indicated, there need never be any anxiety felt that these obstructions would have to be strengthened or that they could not care for even a greater volume of water should it be necessary. But it is the unexpected that always happens and Red Horse got what it does not want any more of on that Christmas day without much time to get ready for its visitor at that.

Ranchmen and miners who had lived for years among the stunted pines and fertile mesas that surround Red Horse for a considerable time had compared notes about the unusual fall of snow that had marked the winter and speculated about its effect if the balmy Chinook would blow up a rain instead of the customary thaw. Here is where Red Horse's oracle, old Major Divilbiss, came into the discussion, and he quickly assured the residents that there was no earthly chance of a rain coming to melt the snow, "as for nigh almost onto forty years' observation had showed that a big snowfall meant no rain of consequence."

Lulled into seeming security by one to whose superior judgment all of Red Horse's people paid the fullest respect, its citizens went along with more than ordinary energy to celebrate the approaching Christmas festival. The year had been one of great activity, the mines been more generous in their yield of wealth than ever before, the ranches reported the biggest round-up of cattle since the State was named, and the government had come at an opportune time to locate its two big plants right at their door that would redeem tens of thousands of acres of soil heretofore given over to the coyote, jack rabbit and sagebrush.

While it is easy to move onward with the flow of the current we sometimes find in many communities one who does not rest in slumberous security because all are attuned to the same pitch, and happily for the easy-going denizens of Red Horse there was at least one man who did not interpret the signs of the future as by any means calculated to assure. This was Tim Mulvaney, the engineer of the steam shovel at the lower dam, who had watched the work proceed from its inception until the finishing touches were being put on the spillways and laterals. Big Tim, as he was called by his fellows on the work, was not satisfied with either the resistance power of the two dams to hold such a volume of water nor did he encourage the idea of security if rain should come and melt the snows that filled the draws, gorges and canyons for miles around Red Horse, pouring their flood waters right through the cut-outs into the great reservoirs below.

Mulvaney was an individual that when he reached a conclusion it was after a deliberative process of reasoning had taken place, and then he was as fixed and firm in his opinions as adamant. He made many tests of both dams, that at Wagon Gap and the one at Pequot Gulch, and he promptly warned the residents of Red Horse when the rain began that if it continued they were assuming great risk in occupying their homes in the valley below, and that they had better cut out for high ground.

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This led to a heated controversy with Major Divilbiss, the weather factotum, and Big Tim was howled down for the time being. Christmas preparation continued and the rain scarcely ceased day or night.

The morning of the 25th broke soft and muggy, with occasional showers appearing through the sun's attempt to shine. Mulvaney had ordered a sharp lookout kept on the work at Wagon Gap and directed that the spillways be opened to their limit in order that the discharge might possibly equal the inflow, hastily posting a messenger to the Gap who was to signal him the moment the water reached the 55-foot gauge in the dam. He did not have long to wait, as a call on the wire told the story of the threatening situation, and advising him to look out for his own safety as well as the safety of the crew, for surely their doom was at hand.

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It is one thing to be fully aware of danger and to possess the faculty of calmness that can make others also appreciate the situation. This Big Tim Mulvaney had in a remarkable degree. What he had been figuring on for more than a week as a certainty was now at hand. The dam at Wagon Gap when it did fall would carry with its flood the one at Pequot Gulch, and this in a twinkling would clean up every home in Red Horse, with perhaps a sad toll of human life as the penalty of indifference to timely warnings.

Mounting a spirited cayuse, that little broncho which he could almost carry in his own big and powerful arms, he made the shortest cut possible for Red Horse, and on the way to the settlement he stopped at the school house where some fifty pupils were going through their last rehearsal for the afternoon's Christmas anthems. Hastily conveying his warning message to the teacher, Daisy La Verne, whose father owned the Pioche Three Star Ranch, Mulvaney insisted that the gleeful pupils at once be placed in the vehicles that were hitched outside and without delay be driven to the highest mesas for safety. The lives of every one were involved, he declared, and there was no time to be lost. The teacher quietly communicated her feelings to the pupils and Mulvaney continued on his journey to Red Horse. At once advising the authorities of the imminent dangers that confronted them, they in turn spread the alarm. Thus all were aroused to their peril and if they took the risk of encountering the onrushing flood it was not because they had not been duly advised of the dangers they would face.

Hastily retracing his steps Mulvaney had reached the long draw that led up the canyon to the school house, intending to make a last appeal to any one who might loiter in the belief that no danger was near, when he heard a roar of distant thunder and looking up he beheld the toppled school house in a raging sea of swirling, angry waters, tossed hither and yon, until it was shivered and splintered on the point of rock that jutted out of the table land above the narrow flats that formed the base of Red Horse, with the little teacher in the flood waters being carried along. * * * Yes, the dams had gone out, and if any one had hesitated to act on the warning, only a miracle could save those living near the defile between the hills that made the gorge!

Stunned by the awful sight Mulvaney was riveted to the spot, as gazing into the whirlpool of the rushing stream, he beheld a woman's form in the angry cataract. Quickly to the rescue he leaped into the zone of peril and seized the girl, now unconscious, and allowed the force of the current to carry him and his burden to the edge of a projecting bowlder, from which he leaped to temporary safety. With his limp companion he struggled up the canyon's side, determined to leave every chance behind that would enable the waters, which in volume appeared hundreds of feet high, to overtake them. A high knoll, far above the neighboring juttings on which a deserted rancher's shack stood was finally reached and his inanimate burden quickly placed therein. Looking back he saw the flood was not gaining on his position, and he concluded that immediate danger had now passed. Observing signs of returning consciousness on the part of his charge, Mulvaney endeavored to stimulate the same in order that he might obtain for the girl's

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needs a supply of dry clothing as well as warmth and nourishment. To do this he would have to leave her where she was until he found a place outside the track of the flood where those things could be had. Dazed from fright and chilled from waters fed by the mountain snows the plight of Big Tim's charge was anything but inviting, yet things might be so much worse than they were that even an air of cheerfulness was bound to break through the uninviting situation of the moment as it was presented to them.

"If you will remain here for a short spell I will make that ranch up the mesa and return with such things as you need to make you comfortable and then you can go there yourself," said the stalwart fellow that braved the flood to save her life.

"You have already done so much for me and my scholars, as well as the people down at Red Horse, in notifying them of their danger," the girl said, " that I do not know how we will be ever able to pay you for your kindness," added the now slowly-reviving girl. "And I will promise you that I will not violate your instruction again as I did this morning when I went back to the school house for some trifle instead of hastening to a place of safety with the scholars, as I should have done. I got back just in time to be trapped before the building was struck by the flood, and the rest is known to you."

"I will be gone only a short time and you must make the best of the delay possible until my return," said Mulvaney, as he started across the valley for the ranch.

In less than an hour Mulvaney again made his appearance with a rescuing party supplied with dry clothing, blankets and stimulants, of which the teacher partook, and gradually she became herself again and was soon ready to quit the place for the settlement, which was reached with little effort.

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It is indeed an unusual experience to be almost unknown one day and the next to be hailed as a 70-ton hero without a flaw by not only the entire community but by the public and press and those who voice the general sentiment of the State as well. But that is what occurred to "Big Tim" Mulvaney, engineer of the steam shovel that dug the earth for the dam at Pequot Gulch. The flood which he predicted and which he kept such a close line on ripped up every house in Red Horse and frayed them into splinters against the walls of the frowning canyons miles below. Happily no lives were lost owing to the timely warning given by our hero, but everything within reach that could be struck by the battling waters was laid for all time on the scrap heap of destruction and marked the power of the flood when in angry mood and action.

Of course Big Tim Mulvaney had now become a welcome guest at every home for miles around Red Horse, and it must be said that he wore his honors modestly and becomingly; if anything, he was getting more popular day by day. The stricken town soon began the work of reconstruction on a better and more substantial scale than it was in the first instance, and he was consulted at every turn.

Mulvaney—he now has to stand for being addressed as "Mr. Mulvaney"—was unanimously chosen as a delegate of Red Horse citizens to superintend the work of rebuilding the two dams that were carried away by the flood, the only interruption to the task being a two months' vacation which was devoted to a honeymoon trip to his old home in New England, the scene of his joyous boyhood days.

Of course we need scarcely to mention that the beautiful bride who accompanied him was none other than the belle of Pioche Ranch, Miss Daisy La Verne, who declared she just couldn't say "No" to one to whom she owed her life with all the love that the recollection of that adventurous Christmas day recalls.—By COL. BILL HOLLOWAY, in *Steam Shovel Magazine.*

Beggs, Okla., is said to be the place where a minister, marrying a negro couple, asked the woman: "Do you take this man for better or for worse?" She interrupted by explaining: "No, judge, I want him jest as he is. If he gits any better he'll die, and if he gets any wuss I'll kill him myself."—*Kansas City Times.*

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THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGALS.

"WILLIE! Will-yum!" Aunt Emma's voice rang out on the crisp November air.

Willie crouched lower behind the wood pile, but made no answer. Through the chinks he saw his aunt standing in the kitchen door her sharp features outlined against the light from within. He saw grandma knitting by the stove, noted how the needles shone and how silvery grandma's hair looked in the lamplight.

Aunt Emma stepped out on the porch and called again.

"William Webster, Junior! I ain't goin' to stand here all night tellin' you supper's ready. If you don't know enough to come in and get it, you c'n go without."

The kitchen door slammed shut with a vehemence which Willie had learned to recognize and respect.

He shook a small, very dirty fist in the direction of the kitchen door. "Hateful old thing! You'll wait a long while 'fore I eat enny more supper in your house."

William Webster, "Junior" (this last had been so frequently appended to his name he considered it part of his heritage) crept from behind the woodpile, made a circuitous detour of the barn, cut across fields until he gained the main road, then somewhat out of breath and just a little bit frightened, he sat down to rest and formulate his plans, for be it known William Webster, Junior, had resolved to run away.

He was uncertain about the route to take, but of two things he was positive—further existence under Aunt Emma's supervision could not be tolerated, and he must go to the "city" and find his father.

As Willie regained breath and composure he looked back towards the old farm house, its outlines barely discernible through the November dusk.

He felt just like crying, but he remembered Aunt Emma's Spartan counsel, "only babies cry, and only cowards are afraid of the dark." Willie was neither a coward nor a baby—he was 'seven, going on eight'—so he puckered up his lips to whistle (but the whistle wouldn't come), hugged a small bundle close to his heart, and started resolutely towards the village. The warmth of the bundle was grateful, but a distinct thorn in his conscience. It contained a whole mince pie, fresh from the oven, and obtained without his aunt's knowledge or consent.

Willie had never before deliberately taken that which did not belong to him. The commandment "Thou shalt not steal" had been duly impressed upon his youthful mind. It might be added that aside from grandma's gentle teaching, his training had been confined to the "thou shalt not" order almost exclusively.

However, when a small boy started out on a long journey the purloining of a pie might be overlooked. "Enny way, I shan't be there to get a scolding when Aunt Emma finds it gone."

With this comforting conclusion, Willie trudged along.

The instances and circumstances which had led him to take this decisive step passed again in mental review, and as on previous occasions resulted in but one solution—he must find his father. He had no memory of a mother, but there were vague recollections of a big man who had once come to the farm house, who played with him, bought wonderful toys—and he remembered distinctly how grandma cried when the big man went away.

After Willie became old enough to realize that all little boys had fathers and mothers, he wondered at this omission in his own family. Aunt Emma's replies to questioning were not only discouraging, but promptly dismissed.

Grandma, too, avoided direct inquiry, but she always held out this promise: "When you're a bit older, dearie, I'll tell you all I know."

This very morning Willie had openly rebelled against family reticence. Across the breakfast table he hurled the bomb he had been preparing for a long while. "Aunt Emma, will you please tell me where my father and mother live? I want to see them."

Aunt Emma regarded him blandly for a moment, then, disregarding grandma's warning look, opened fire on the defenseless tormentor. "I'd tell you where your father lived," she mimicked, "if I knew

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myself. I presume your mother is in heaven—leastways, she's dead, an' she never left any address behind her. Maybe your father's dead, too, for all I know."

"Emma!" grandma's voice trembled as she interrupted, "don't you remember what day this is?"

"Yes, mother, I remember the day—and lots of other things I'd like to forget. I remember," she continued stubbornly, 'that twenty years ago today, your only son, my brother, ran away from home. I remember," pointing to Willie, "that this burden is the only legacy he left us. I remember he has never darkened our door but once since he brought the burden here for us to carry."

"But, Emma, you know William sent us money regularly for—for some time after he brought the baby to us," grandma faltered bravely.

"For just one year. An' you know, mother, just as well's I do that money never's paid for seven years' clothes an' food, or the worry it's cost me," was the bitter reply. "I've given up my youth, slaved from morning till night to lift the mortgage off this place, an' keep the roof over our heads. Folks say I'm sour, cross old maid—maybe they're right, but the Lord knows I've had enough to make me so. I've tried to do my duty by you an' William's child, an' if I've failed"—Aunt Emma rose abruptly and clattered the breakfast dishes together. Willie left the table with his mind made up.

His father had run away from home, and surely what his father had done must be right.

Grandma had told him once that so far as she knew, her son was in New York, at least his last letter had come from there.

Willie would go to New York this very night. He would find his father and ask him many things—why some little boys had fathers and mothers, while others only had grandmas and Aunt Emmas. He wanted to know what a mortgage was and why it was so hard to "lift." Most particularly, he wanted to know why he had been called a "burden"—perhaps that was part of his name, only he'd never heard it before. It was a good four miles to the village.

Willie had covered half the distance when he began to feel dreadfully hungry.

The odor of the purloined pie was more than he could stand, so he sat down, drew the bundle from inside his jacket and broke off a large triangle. His stomach soothed and his courage sustained, he was proceeding to return the dissected pastry to its newspaper wrappings when he was startled by the patter of scurrying feet. The roads were frozen, sounds traveled fast in the clear November stillness. Before Willie could scramble to his feet he was overwhelmed with moist kisses and tangled in a length of rope which dangled behind a big, shaggy yellow dog.

"O, Ginger," he cried in distress, "how did you ever get away? I tied you up so hard, an' now you'll spoil everything. I can't take you with me. Home!"

A small finger pointed in the direction the dog had come. Ginger wagged his tail furiously, but refused to stir.

Persuasion, commands, and even a small wedge of pie failed to alter Ginger's determination to follow his youthful master, so, somewhat disheartened but with firm determination uppermost, Willie climbed the long hill which led to the village.

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"What's this for?" the station master demanded as a small boy shoved a silver dollar and seven pennies across the ticket counter.

"To pay my fare to New York," Willie responded, standing on tiptoes to better regard his questioner.

"Going to the city to spend Thanksgiving?" inquired that official, with an amused glance into the serious upturned face.

"No, sir; I was goin' to find my father."

The station master's look of amusement changed.

He had little boys of his own, besides he knew as did every one else in the secluded township that William Webster's whereabouts were uncertain.

"I guess, Willie," he began kindly, "you'd better not start for New York tonight. This isn't enough money for your fare and the railroad wouldn't carry your dog, anyway," pointing to Ginger, who's eyes were fixed on his master.

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"You just run along home 'fore it gets any darker—and it's going to snow, 'less I'm no weather prophet—there's a train due here from the East in 'bout half an hour, perhaps," with good-hearted intention of cheering the disappointed traveler, "your father might come on it and you don't want to miss him."

With a heart beating painfully against the mince pie, Willie started on the return journey. His pride and dignity were hurt. Running away was beset with difficulties beyond his reckoning. Ginger kept close to heel, occasionally thrusting a cold nose into Willie's hand. The night grew very dark and true to the station master's prediction, snow began to fall.

It was growing colder, too; after a mile was passed, chilled, tired, and much depressed in spirit, Willie sat down to rest.

Again the pie was withdrawn from its wrappings and divided into two equal parts.

Ginger consumed his share with one gulp.

After the third mouthful Willie decided he wasn't hungry, but he was dreadfully sleepy.

Despite heroic efforts to keep awake his eyes closed tight—grandma, the scolding he knew he would get, his disappointment about going to New York were forgotten, for Willie was sound asleep.

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A big man swung briskly down the road.

It was snowing hard, now, and impossible to see the road distinctly, but the man walked with the confidence of familiarity with his surroundings. Somewhere ahead of him he heard a dog barking frantically, the barks interrupted by a mournful howl. "Some poor chap got caught in a rabbit trap," the man thought, and quickened his pace.

Guided by the sounds of distress he nearly stumbled over a big, shaggy, yellow dog who was standing guard over what appeared to be a small snow-covered heap. Brushing the snow aside, he assisted a very sleepy little boy onto a pair of wobbly legs.

"What you doing here?" the big man demanded, giving Willie a vigorous shake.

Digging a cold fist into his eyes, the boy stared vacantly at his questioner. Then he remembered, and in one confused sentence, told the man his troubles. He had stolen a mince pie—Aunt Emma would be awful cross—he had started for New York to find his father, but the station master said he hadn't enough money—Ginger had tagged along—he was cold and sleepy and—" further explanations were cut short by a sob which Willie had manfully tried to suppress.

"Where do you live?" inquired the big man.

"With grandma."

The man laughed good naturedly and began chafing two small hands which were blue with cold.

"What's your name?"

"William Webster, Junior."

The man looked keenly into the little lad's face.

After a moment's silence during which Willie's hands were warmed with a force that hurt, the stranger spoke.

"You were going to New York to find your father? Well, laddie, you won't have to take the journey. My name's William Webster, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if I was the father you're looking for. Come along, now, for the folks will be worried. I've a long account of myself to give grandma, and you," with another jolly laugh, "must square the damage done to Aunt Emma's pie." Tired, but supremely happy at having a real father of his very own at last, his hand held tight in the big man's, Willie trudged along.

"You won't leave me again, will you, father?" hesitating over the unfamiliar word.

"No, lad; you and I are pals, hereafter."

"And will you help Aunt Emma lift the mortgage?"

"Aunt Emma won't do any more lifting, now that I've come home. There's strength enough here," patting his breast pocket, "to lift two mortgages if necessary."

As they neared home Ginger ran ahead, barking his delight to get back.

As if in expectancy of guests the kitchen door swung open. Aunt Emma ran bareheaded to the gate, grandma stood on the porch holding a lamp high above her head.

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"Willie, my boy?" she called tremulously.

"Yes, mother," came the cheery answer, "here's both your boys. We're cold and hungry as bears—I hope you have saved some supper for us?"—By GERTRUDE MARYLAND MOORHOUSE, in *Painter and Decorator.*

AN INCIDENT OF THE LAST CHANCE.

IT has become a generally accepted belief that the operation of air brakes has established all the security possible in holding and stopping trains and that unlimited possibilities lie within the mechanism of the triple valve, brake cylinder and auxiliary reservoir. It may be true that the inventions now in use afford the greatest resistance known in overcoming the speed of trains, but the "unlimited possibilities" sometimes leave a lasting impression on the mind of him who has not a capable understanding of the limitations of this new braking power, and upon this subject my story hinges.

The topography of the country traversed by the N. E. & L. G. is not of that diversified sort which at once delights and interests the traveler with its green fields on one hand and its lakes and rivulets on the other, but is characteristic for the boldness of its scenery, hedged on either hand by hills or rocky walls that tower up to great heights, the varied, monotonous scene being broken only by deep ravines spanned by bridges, which bear up trains of human freight and impress one with a flying sensation as they suddenly emerge from the reverberating hillsides and feel themselves wafted, as it were, through space.

The big Atlantic type engines with their trains of seven cars frequently "found" some of the hills. Laboriously they worked their way to the summit while, frequently, some passenger whose heart was set upon arriving at his destination would ask impatiently, "Conductor, why are we moving so slowly?" Yet these same persons a few moments later would gasp, "What a terrific rate of speed!" To the man who has faced the sleet of the icy deck these movements of a train convey a picture to the mind that does not need words to explain. It may be suggested that conditions did not improve when winter came with its gusts of wind that hurled eddies of snow against the rocky faces of the cuts and piled it in mounds and pyramids upon the track.

It was a bad, wild night in the middle of January—the 13th to be exact, when No. 9 pulled under the sheds into the depot at L——, her front end piled high with snow and the cab windows of the engine completely blockaded. She reminded one of a spectre train in her immaculate robe, but soon porters were busy at the opened vestibules sweeping and cleaning, then came the flow of passengers bound in either direction. But all this is incident to the travel of any day. Up in the office above the waiting room sit four men listening to the ticks of the instruments that give them the situations at every point along the lines. They are grave, silent, yet keenly alert. Their eyes are fastened upon their train sheets while their hands rest upon the key, ready to respond in an instant to their call. The door to the office opened and a man in conductor's uniform appeared at the window.

"Any more orders for No. 9? They've put on an extra sleeper, so you know there'll be something doing on Iron Hill tonight."

"Nothing more for you, Kentwood—that's all."

Just as he was turning to go the dispatcher said:

"Oh, I say, Hal, would you mind handing Jess this little package—ought to send it by express I suppose—a little present to the girl. Couldn't get away Christmas—she couldn't either—be a thousand times obliged."

"Sure, old man. Do anything for that little sister down there at Owl Tank nights. So long."

When Hal Kentwood reached the platform engine 909 was just coupling on the train. The bustle of the attendants was in evidence everywhere.

"How are you fixed there, boys?" Hal sang out as he passed the baggage car.

"Three more pieces—let 'em go!"

Then in answer to the air signal came the whistling sound of the brakes as they released, while up along the line of the

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train was passed from one inspector to another the words:

"Right here!"

"Here you are, Joe," he said, handing old grizzled Joe Walker copies of the manifold orders. "Looks as if we were up against it tonight with eight cars."

"Does look that way. She will take 'em over all the hills unless it may be Iron Hill. She's a peach all right, but they will all fall down sometimes. Guess I ain't forgot how to double, still I never was stuck much on it." Following came the reading of orders, then Hal's "board!" and the vanishing of stools and a hustle of the negro porters to get into the warm cars.

Once outside the city liimts old Joe Walker glanced at the gauge and then at his watch.

"I'm going after 'em some, Charlie," he called across the big boiler head. Charlie seemed to know what was required, for he nodded and laughed as he pounded his gloved fist upon the boiler and got down to put in another fire.

Then came such a race against time that has, perhaps, never been equaled under as unfavorable circumstances. To have a good engine was one great pride of old Joe Walker, but to excel his fellows in making up time—well, it was delight, and as the miles stretched away behind they were forgotten; only those in front seemed in mind as his heart and mind centered in the efforts of the 909, and he underwent as if in sympathy every labored effort as she climbed each hill with slow, measured stroke.

Within the coaches nearly all had settled down to sleep after one fashion or another, except a few who kept awake to pass the vigil of the night with those who had their safety in their keeping. These were, of course, Hal and his two brakemen, Ed Collins and Tom Brown. Ed was known as rear brakeman, whose duties were chiefly to protect his train, and his station was in the rear coach with his lamps, flags and torpedoes, ready to go back at once should occasion require. Tom's duties, as he rehearsed them, was to assist the ladies, lift off the babies and make goo-goo eyes at the girls.

Hal, however, was of a more practical turn of mind. His constant admonitions to Tom to be vigilant and thorough in his duties at all times and his unceasing, watchful care, were characteristic of him, but all thought to be "borrowed trouble" by Tom, who sometimes criticised his captain before his bunkroom companions.

"This everlastin' watchin' for something that never will happen is wot makes me tired. Hal's a good feller, all right, but what's the use o' talkin'. He's sot as an old hen in his notions and he wants a feller to be Johnnie on the spot every minit, 'specially when I've got a little chinnin' on hand. Then, there's the air brake. I've got that little black book pat—just a-hearin' him tell what ought to be done. I'll tell him some day I'm a past master."

That some day came sooner than he had hoped, for as the door in the forward coach opened he saw Hal enter and approach him.

"Do you know where you are, Tom?"

"Pretty near to Owl Tank, I guess," Tom said, trying to peer through the frosted window.

"Pretty close guess—only about ten miles off. Now, see here, boy. I see that old Joe is falling down for some reason—snow, I guess—for it is coming down some, I thank you. If it's this way up on Iron Hill it means double, sure. Now, in case we double, I want to know if you know your business. You see, this train won't stand a week on that hillside with only the air set on the rear end to hold it. You want to get that jimmy of yours ready and release the air on the rear car, then lam up your hand brake with your stick——"

"Say, Mr. Kentwood, I'm a past master of this business. I broke on freight two years and I broke on passenger a year; now, if I ain't competent why don't you fire me?" he said boldly, feeling an inward pride that he had vindicated his word in telling Hal "where to back in."

The flush that came to Hal's face told that he resented the remark, but an instant later he said:

"When you prove to me that you are competent, I will quit coaching you, but so long as I handle human freight and divide my responsibility with you, and at the same

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time have any doubts about your understanding what you should do in an emergency, I am going to tell you. But, since you claim you are a past master, I shall give you a fair trial if we stick on the hill, and I shall let you anchor the rear end while I uncouple and double. This will save time and time is money; so be on your taps when old Joe calls for brakes and whistles out a flag."

The grinding of the shoes against the wheels followed the station whistle for Owl Tank, and soon the train was brought standing with the tank directly under the water spout. Hal hurried to the little night office with the package in his charge and entered. A petite, dark-haired, blue-eyed girl arose from the table.

"My signal is not out, Mr. Kentwood, is it? Oh, dear, what has happened? I sat up all day with a sick friend—I fell asleep —I had a dreadful dream—your train broke in two—you were on the engine—the local had passed my station and I saw them flying around the curves while far up the hillside I saw your train coming, closer, faster —then I opened my eyes and saw your train at the tank."

"Just a dream, little girl. Night work and charitable duties are too much for you."

There was an unusual sympathy in Hal's tone and the eyes spoke words that brought a flush of pleasure to her face.

"Here is a package that George sent by me—said he couldn't get here for Christmas —by the way, Jessie—haven't got but a minute to stay—I would like to make you a Christmas present, too—had it in mind now more than a year—don't want to wait till next Christmas, either, so I'll be like George, only different in a way if you will let me—this is it—just a little ring with a stone like that tear drop I saw in your eye when they sent you to Owl Tank nights."

He did not wait for aye or nay, but slipped the circle on her finger and dashed out to catch the open vestibule as it passed. He turned to look back, but the frosted window screened her from view. As she turned to O. S. the train her hand trembled and her eyes filled with tears of happiness.

"He didn't even give me time to say it was acceptable," she said aloud. "I wonder if he thinks I am so easily won? He does not know that I love him; I am sure I never showed it and he—well, his eyes often talked, and I am sure he is the biggest-hearted man in the world; but I'll just tell him I can't accept it—so there!" With a sobbing heart she finished her duties and then relapsed to—think.

Her mind reverted to her dream. Each detail seemed so vivid. What, she thought, would be her feelings now if that dream should be realized. Hal, her Hal, to be rushing down to death. She was startled by the shriek of a whistle calling for the signal permitting them to pass. She glanced at the clock, then at the sheet before her. Twelve minutes had intervened since No. 9 had departed. She had no right according to the rules to hold them, yet a nameless desire prompted her to hold the signal. What should she say when the impatient, blustering freight conductor demanded to know why she was holding his train beyond the time required by the rules that one train should follow another. Again that shriek split the air, which seemed to speak the very words, "Give us that board!"

"Shall I give them a white signal—Oh, Hal!"

While lingering between doubt and despair the door opened and Tim Kersteen entered.

"Aha, then, Miss Jess; it's not shleepin' ye are. It's not the likes of ye that ever shlapes phinn ye are on juty at Owl Tank, I'd have ye know. Noomber 9 had an extray cooach, I observed, and they're ont makin' up a divil a bit of the toime they be a givin'. I do be a lookin' for them to be a-hangin' oop on the hill."

"Oh, Mr. Kersteen, if No. 9 should stall and double would there be any chance for the rear part of the train to run back down the hill—could it get away from their control? I had an awful, awful dream. That was what I dreamed—that your train and Hal's—I mean Mr. Kentwood's—train met on the Black Creek trestle."

"Aha, then ye be not a holdin' tin minutes, but a-holdin' for yer drheam. Ye be

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a violatin' the rooles av th' toim card—is that yer rayson?"

Then seeing her eyes fill with tears and a pallor spread itself over her face, he said laughing:

"Did ye belave me a dirthy skunk. Would ye think old Tim Kersteen would cinsure ye for protectin' yer lover? Don't ye shake yer purty head, now—it's all off wid ye. But see here, now, since ye tould me yer dream a divil a bit will I move till ye tell me yerself that No. 9 is clear at Clyde. Do ye hear that, now? Yes, there be a lot of chance that the train could lake off its air and coom down the hill a tousand miles an hour; but that's not like Hal to let it do so—see? He's a careful fellow av his thrane—he'd be more careful av a heart, I've an ijee," Tim said, turning with a knowing smile.

Away up on the hill came the slow exhaust of the 909, until a final effort like some great monster yielding up the ghost it died with a "k-sh-." Ed had not waited for his signal to go back to protect his train, but knowing what would be the final outcome, had dropped off and was hurrying back. Tom, too, had taken his place at the rear part of the train and was apparently carrying out instructions.

"I've got 'em!" he called to Hal, who quickly unfastened the stay-chains, steam and air hose between the smoker and mail car. Then a jerk on the lever and he signalled Joe ahead. There came the sound of released air on the forward part and again the 909 began her ascent, but with lightened tonnage. Hal gathered his coat closely about him and stood on the rear end looking back until the first curve hid from view the rear portion of his train.

"I hope they will not be cold till we get back," he murmured, thinking of the passengers left behind without steam to warm the coaches. "I also hope that Tom—but what's the use worrying about him. He's all right. No wonder he cut me short; I guess I am a little crabby in some of my ideas. It will not take longer than ten minutes to go to Clyde, five minutes to cut off and start back, and ten minutes to get back and couple up."

Tom's ideas on air were not a little hazy. He had learned some things in the bunk-room not laid down in the Book of Rules, and one of these was that the brake cylinders on passenger equipment were absolutely perfect and reliable and would hold air indefinitely without leaking off. "What, then, could be gained by setting hand brakes?" he argued. Only one of Hal's notions, and he would show him when he came back that a train would stand perfectly safe without any of the precaution he preached.

He therefore waited until he could hear the approach of the returning engine, when he sauntered up the track in the direction of the returning engine to pilot it to the train, as had been Hal's instructions. He made an attempt to adjust the knuckle, but that attempt only caused a failure of the mechanism to operate as it should and the train recived a shock which started it, first slowly, then before old Joe could be made to understand that he was not coupled on it had gained in speed and every turn of the wheels added to its velocity.

Hal saw the danger that impended and succeeded in catching the hand hold of the first car, but uneven ground, together with his hard race for the train, had quite taken all his strength. He dragged at some length, receiving severe bruises, but still tenaciously holding fast until at last he drew himself up on the platform. Without thought of pain or suffering, he grasped the brake wheel and found to his astonishment that it had not been set. He threw all his strength into the work of applying it. He followed rapidly without care for the danger which he knew threatened every minute in a collision between the freight he had seen as he passed six miles beyond Owl Tank and which was then standing at Owl Tank held by the signal board of her whom he would make his wife.

Curve after curve was passed without any apparent decrease in speed. Only those who have felt the thrill that goes with the feeling that they are being whirled along by a relentless force, momentarily expecting death, can appreciate the thoughts that crowd into the mind at such a moment. With every brake set he stood on the plat-

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form with the keen sleet cutting his face like needles. Occasionally he looked behind as if to see if his engine were following, hoping against hope, as it were, that Joe might overtake and safely couple on. Then he realized the folly of such an attempt when Joe, too, must know that a terrible catastrophe must soon occur unless Providence interposed.

Then flashed across his mind Jessie's dream. "Poor little girl—will she think of me?" Then, as if angry at himself, said:

"What of me—nothing—nothing as compared to these poor women and little children. If I could but save them, I would willingly be the sacrifice—but how? Seventy miles an hour is not safe to drop off. I shall trust in God." Setting his jaws firmly, he gave the brake wheel another twist, but he had reached the last notch.

Six miles were traversed in five minutes, but the terrific speed could not continue long. The grade beyond would check much of speed and perhaps hold the train near its summit, if not then it must wind its way down another grade which would only end near Owl Tank, where, if he did not meet before, he would certainly find the freight at the tank. As the train rolled upon the summit of the hill, where he had hoped to hold it, his heart sank, for he realized that his brakes were inadequate. Down again on the other side it rolled, increasing its velocity as the telegraph poles were passed one by one, but not with that frightful speed that had characterized its flight down Iron Hill. It seemed to be inspired with a persistent effort to keep moving until it should have attained a level.

Within the little office at Owl Tank another mind was busy.

"Mr. Kersteen, you know what a train would do running away, don't you—I mean how far they might run—would it be possible to run back to Owl Tank—" Tim did not wait for her to finish, but leaped from his chair, shouting:

"Begob I do thot—it would be aisy to coom clean down beyant the tank—" he was out the next instant shouting:

"Back oop there—dom ye, back oop. Why be ye a sthandin' there whin I say back oop—back oop, bad cess to yez, back oop!"

The ponderous machine began to move its load back in answer to Tim's repeated signals, but not one word had been understood because of the escaping steam which drowned all other sounds. Tim quickly opened the switch leading to the long passing track when his train cleared, and then walked down where his engineer stood, with torch in hand.

"Meet somebody here, Tim?" he asked, naturally.

Before he could answer the red lights marking the rear of No. 9 came rounding the last curve and into view of the crew on the freight train.

"They be a-runnin' away, John. I'll cut yez off when they clear and then take afther thim like the very ould divil. They'll run true de east switch—but git 'em—"

Tim's precaution was unnecessary. The speed was spent, for as they passed into the siding Tim saw that they were safe. Tim met Hal hobbling toward him, and saw his apparent distress.

"Phat do this mane—ye are hurted, mon! O worra, worra, sure the shoes av yer feet are torn off ye and yer pants legs as well, ye are kivered wid blood—let me carry ye, Hal, me bye."

"Never mind me, Tim; has that engine of yours got steam heat hose connection?"

"She's a 900—yis sur."

"Get her around and keep those people warm 'till the 909 gets here."

As they put Hal in a chair in the office, Jess stood for a moment as if paralyzed. Then, noting the look of suffering on his face, and seeing the torn shoes and bleeding feet and limbs covered with blood and snow, she put her arms around his neck and sobbed:

"Poor, dear Hal. Please, Mr. Kersteen, it is my duty to attend him," she said, gently placing herself between. "Let them call," she said, as the little sounder rolled off her office call faster and more furious every minute. "I can't stop to tell you what has happened now," while her deft hands were making bandages from her own garments.

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Tears of appreciation were in Hal's eyes when she had finished.

"I intended to say more before I left you tonight—I did not mean that my Christmas gift should speak for me—merely a pledge of my sincerity, but I believe you know what is in my heart, still right here in the presence of Tim and John I am going to ask you to be my wife—"

"Hould on—hould on! Let me out av this. What be ye sthandin' there fer, John —now come out av that. Don't yez see ye are a entrusion."

"Don't mind about going unless you wish, boys. I am proud to ask this girl to be my wife, and proud that she consented."

"Oh, but I haven't consented—there's my call."

A long wire conversation was carried on at some length. At last she said:

"I have given a full report of the accident to the dispatcher, and have asked his opinion about your proposition."

"What has the dispatcher to do with your consent to marry me?"

"He is my brother," she said, smiling, and as I have neither father or mother I have asked him about it."

"What did he say?"

"I might do lots worse, but I think I could not do any better. An operator will relieve me in the morning and this office will be abolished, he says, so you see I have lost my job."

"And found another," said Hal, drawing her to him, "to take effect as soon as I get my train in."

Tom did not wait to explain what he had learned about air, but walked to the first station and took the train of a connecting line that took him out of the country.

Old Joe Walker finally arrived at Owl Tank, with the 909, but so completely unnerved that he could hardly proceed. Visions of a terrible wreck had so wrought his nerves that it was only when he had heard the story how Jess had held the freight that he regained his usual nerve.

Jess did not take up her new position as soon as Hal said, but it is rumored that she will be ready some time in the month of October.—By W. DEKEITH, in *The Railway Conductor.*

BOY AND LIMBURGER.

MA sent me to pay a bill at the grocer's last Saturday. The boss behind the counter made me a present of something wrapped in a piece of silver paper which he told me was a piece of limburger cheese. When I got outside the shop I opened the paper, and when I smelt what was inside I felt tired. I took it home and put it in the coal shed. In the morning I went to it again. It was still there. Nobody had taken it. I wondered what I could do with it. Father and mother were getting ready to go to church. I put a piece in the back pocket of father's pants, and another piece in the lining of ma's muff. I walked behind when we started for church. It was beginning to get warm. When we got in church father looked anxious and mother looked as if something had happened. After the first hymn mother told father not to sing again, but to keep his mouth shut and breathe through his nose. After the prayer perspiration stood on father's face and the people in the next pew to ours got up and went out. After the next hymn father whispered to mother that he thought she had better go out and air herself. After the second lesson some of the church wardens came round to see if there were any stray rats in the church. Some more people near our pew got up and went out, putting their handkerchiefs to their noses as they went. The parson said they had better close the service and hold a meeting outside to discuss the sanitary condition of the church. Father told mother they had better go home one at a time. Mother told father to go the nearest way home and disinfect himself before she came. When they got home they both went into the front room but did not speak for some time. Mother spoke first, and told father to put the cat out of the room as she thought it was going to be sick. It was sick before father could get it out. Mother then turned round and noticed that the canary was dead. Mother told father not to sit so near to the fire as it made matters worse. Father told mother to go and smother herself. Mother said she thought she was smothered already. Just then the

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servant came in and asked if she should open the windows, as the room felt very close. Father went up stairs and changed his clothes and had a hot bath. Mother took father's clothes and offered them to a tramp, who said: "Thanks, kind lady, they are a bit too high for me." Mother threw them over the back fence into the canal. Father was summoned afterwards for poisoning the fish. Mother went to bed. Father asked her if she had been fumigated. Just then father had a note sent him. Father came to wish me "good-night" at ten o'clock in the evening with a note in one hand and a razor strop in the other. I got under the bed. The people next door thought we were beating carpets in the house. I can not sit down comfortably yet. I have given my little sister what I had left of that limburger cheese. I thought it a pity to waste it.—*Trestle Board.*

THE SPECTER OF THE TRESTLE.

AN incident of thrilling and almost terrible interest, combining in itself all the palpitating chances of hair-breadth escapes and the strange, romantic ventures of that weird semblance of life, somnambulism, occurred not long ago on the A., T. & S. F. R. R. About 2:30 a. m., James, an express messenger, had his attention diverted from his duties as messenger by the train coming to a sudden halt. He threw down his pencil and tally book, and concluded that train robbers had held up the train and he was about to be checked up by road agents. Grabbing his pistol, he cautiously opened the car door and peered out. He could see nothing to excite his alarm, and so he threw open the car door. At this juncture one of the train men passed by and informed him that the engine had become disabled.

Well, that means a delay of some time, thought James, so I'll just step out and view my surroundings without losing sight of my safe. So he jumped to the ground and looked around him. The train had halted in a very peculiar position. The entire train, except the engine and express car, had halted on a trestle, which spanned a chasm of great depth. As he glanced along the cars his eyes caught a moving figure on the top of a coach just in the center of a trestle. Either a ghost or a human being was walking along the edge of the roof. An indefinable chill crept over the messenger. The shadow stole across the car top to the opposite side, made a circumference of the entire roof, and paused again on the same dizzy edge where it first stood when it was discovered. James got a good view of the figure, and saw that it was shrouded from head to foot in a long white night dress, about which a mass of long hair fell in wild confusion.

The spectral form walked to and fro on the apex of the roof, approaching in frightful proximity to the abrupt termination of the sides, and calmly turning to retrace the distance. The abyss over which the car stood was of terrible depth. One misstep would hurl the walker into eternity. The figure occasionally raised her hand to her head as though racked with pain. The head always maintained the same position. A low chimney stood near one end of the car roof, around which the figure passed with ease, although on the outer edge there was scarcely room for a cat. Again she would stand at tiptoe on the extreme edge. A waving, quivering motion of both hands accompanied this act. Then she would extend both arms, and with outspread fingers clutch at something that did not exist; and then her body would bend forward in such a way that the upper portion hung over the abyss, while the fingers reached out until there was no further reaching, and then clutched again with a quick, convulsive snatch and were withdrawn. James stood looking at the performance with eyes protruding, and a cold, clammy dew on his forehead.

"My God, she's lost! There she goes! Don't jump, woman, don't jump!" and his voice rang out hoarsely on the night air. His cry acted like magic. The woman started back, sought the center of the car roof, ran to the end and let herself down on the platform. James crawled back in the express car, sank down on his P. P. chest, and spent about fifteen minutes removing the moisture from his brow. Half an hour

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after the train started again, and the conductor came into his car and told him that he had found a handsome young lady sitting on the platform of the center coach. She had no knowledge of the occurrence or how she came there. All the information she could give was that she was at a little country hotel very sick, suffering from brain fever.

James and the conductor tried to give each other theories that would explain how the young lady got on the car roof, but gave it up.

When the next station was reached a telegram from friends of the lady explained it. In her delirium she had stepped from the hotel window to the car roof. She was held at the station for arrival of her friends.—*Express Gazette.*

ALL FOR THEMSELVES.

THE other day in public meeting three trade unionists bitterly denounced trade unions.

One of the speakers was a preacher, another a lawyer, and the third a physician.

They said trade unions were trusts which violated the precious liberty of a man to do what work he pleased.

It was rather astonishing to hear such sentiments expressed by men who have won for themselves the closed shop.

The clergyman wears the uniform of his union. A small executive board passes upon candidates for his trade, and one is not allowed to preach until he has received a certain education, undergone a long apprenticeship and acquired a series of certificates and diplomas.

The lawyer belongs to a union which is so strong that it has forced the legislatures to pass laws prescribing its rules and regulations. It has the power to expel members, and from among its own number it chooses even the judges that try its cases.

The physician also has a closed shop, rigidly restricted and legalized. The powers of the physicians' union is well illustrated by the following:

A short time ago in Denver an eminent professor of medicine, Dr. Cecare Chillini, was visiting an old friend. He had performed such miracles in surgery that his name is known throughout Europe, and crowned heads had sought his services.

One day in the Western city he saw a crippled child. Touched with pity, he straightened out the crooked limbs and sent it back to its mother strong and beautiful again. Other little crippled children were then sent to him and he performed other surgical miracles.

This was carrying the matter too far, and the Medical Union of Denver met and decided that this renowned physician would have to take out a card in the local union if he continued to practice.

He sighed when he heard the news, bowed to the inevitable and left other little crippled children to their sad fate.

Now, the clergyman combats the heretic; the lawyer, the shyster; the physician, the quack as fiercely as union men combat the scab.

It is rather amusing, therefore, to hear these well-fed professionals in their bottle-closed shops hypocritically protesting against the millions of wage earners who try to win the closed shop for themselves. For the wage worker the closed shop is often a matter of life or death. Most of the accidents in mines result from the carelessness and inefficiency of non-unionists.

It would not have endangered the life of a single physician in Denver to have had crippled children made well again, but a scab running an engine, working at a switch or taking his lamp and pick into a mine might cost the lives of thousands.

But despite this indisputable fact, these professionals denounce trade unions and demand the closed shop for themselves.

The trade union dignifies labor. While struggling for a decent existence, for proper food, clothing and shelter, for leisure, peace of mind, and security in life, the trade unionists do not seek to injure the scab. They desire only that the scab shall not come in and reduce them to starvation.

No one doubts that on the whole unions of professional men have been of value to the world. No one seriously objects to their unionism. But one does object when they demand rights for themselves which they wish to deny to others.

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Trade unions are the greatest force in the modern world for uplifting the mass of mankind, for making factories and homes sanitary, for making possible stronger and healthier children, and for assuring in the future nobler generations of intelligent and capable workers.

But like a few highly skilled trade unionists, these professional closed-shoppers draw themselves away from their fellows, and claim for themselves rights and privileges which they would like to see denied to millions of other human beings.—ROBERT HUNTER, in *Railway Carmen's Journal.*

A CLERGYMAN PAYS NOBLE TRIBUTE TO THE UNION LABEL.

IT is a pleasure to reproduce the following noble tribute to the union label by a Baltimore clergyman. Here is what he said:

"What can be more sacred, more holy or more deserving of the reverence of men or of the angels than the union label, which signifies that human life has been more highly valued in the production of human commodities than the mere profits sought for by greed?

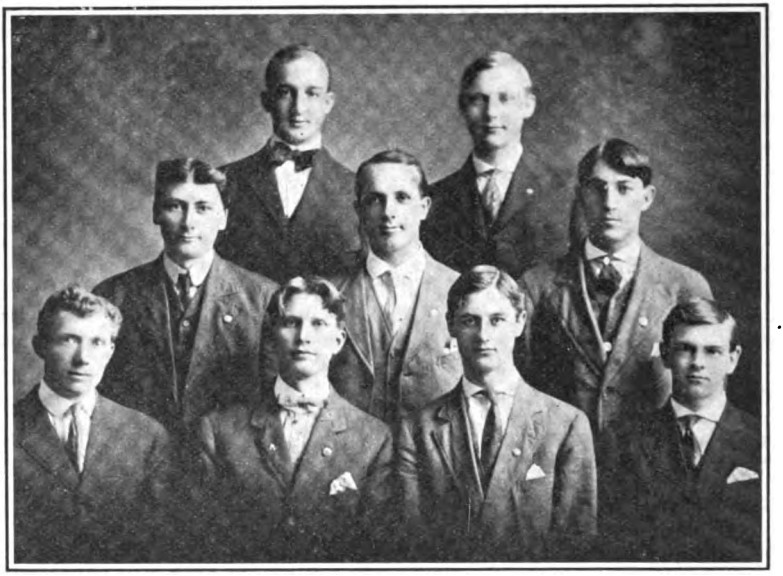
"The label is an emblem of justice, of fraternity, of humanity. When you find a label on a garment, or box of cigars, or loaf of bread, or a piece of printing you can be sure that neither was made in a sweatshop, that no little children's fingers were compelled to sew or sort the tobacco in the hours of night intended for childish sleep. When you see this label on any commodity you can buy it with a clear conscience, knowing that in doing so you are not becoming a partner in an institution that degrades humanity to private profit. You can sleep soundly and not be worried with thoughts of typhus fever or small-pox or leprosy, which are so often scattered broadcast from Chinese opium joints, penitentiary convicts' cells and tenement sweatshops, where the most degraded specimens of humanity put their life's blood into marketable goods, from which the poor unsuspecting public suffers all manner of foul and loathsome diseases.

"The union label is a religious emblem. It is a religious act to buy the goods to which this label is attached—an act blessed on earth and honored in heaven; while it is a sin to buy a cigar, a piece of clothing, a pair of shoes or a loaf of bread without this label, for then you do not know but you are building up the business of some heartless tyrant, who is extracting a fortune from the drudgery and degradation of his fellows at the risk of public health.

"God bless the label! And I hope that all of you as you leave this house tonight will carry away indelibly impressed upon your minds the picture of the union label surrounded by angels and that you will always know that the favorite banner in heaven represents justice to labor, fresh air and sunshine and healthful conditions to those who toil and the truth that human life is of gold."

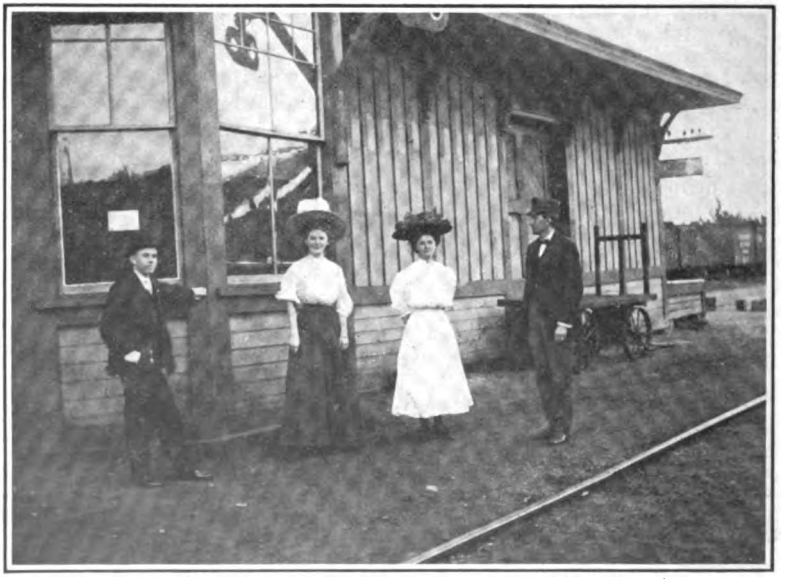


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Star of Hope.

The saddest words of tongue or pen,
"Potatoes are a dollar-ten."
We have to drill a good long hour
To buy a quart of pancake flour.

We hardly ever have a roast
And dare not dream of quail on toast;
In fact, our wages are so small,
We're glad to live on codfish balls.

And oft for "grub" our coin is spent,
Before we've even paid our rent.
And yet to add unto our woes,
We have to wear "instalment" clothes.

But yet from out the clouds we see,
That "Star of Hope," the O. R. T.
Good living wages is the prize
For us, if we will organize.

Our Order, then, will see us through,
If to her teachings we are true.
Our destinies she'll safely guide,
Whatever troubles may betide.

The Hymn of the Republic.

I have listened to the sighing of the burdened
and the bound,
I have heard it change to crying, with a menace
in the sound;
I have seen the money getters pass unheeding
on the way,
As they went to forge new fetters for the people
day by day.

Then the voice of Labor thundered forth its
purpose and its need,
And I marveled and I wondered, at the cold, dull
ear of greed;
For as chimes, in some great steeple, tell the
passing of the hour,
So the voices of the people tell the death of
purchased power.

All the gathered dust of ages God is brushing
from His book;
He is opening up its pages, and He bids His
children look;
And in shock and conflagration, and in pestilence
and strife,
He is speaking to the nations of the brevity of
life.

Mother Earth herself is shaken by our sorrows
and our crimes;
And she bids her sons awaken to the portent of
the times;
With her travail pains upon her, she is hurling
from their place
All the minions of dishonor, to admit the Coming Race.

By the voice of Justice bidden, she has torn the
mask from might.
All the shameful secrets hidden she is dragging
into light;
And whoever wrongs his neighbor must be brought
to judgment now,
Though he wear the badge of Labor or a crown
upon his brow.

There is growth in Revolution, if the word is
understood;
It is one with Evolution, up from self to brotherhood;
He who utters it unheeding, bent on self or selfish
gain,
His own day of doom is speeding, though he toil
or though he reign.

God is calling to the masses, to the peasant and
the peer;
He is calling to all classes, that the crucial hour
is near;
For each rotting throne must tremble and fall
broken in the dust,
With the leaders who dissemble and betray the
people's trust.

Still the voice of God is calling; and above the
wreck I see,
And beyond the gloom appalling, the great Government-to-Be.
From the ruins it has risen, and my soul is
overjoyed,
For the school supplants the prison, and there
are no unemployed.

And there are no children's faces at the spindle
or the loom;
They are out in sunny places, where the other
sweet things bloom;
God has purified the alleys, He has set the white
slaves free,
And they own the hills and valleys in this
Government-to-Be.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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A Silver Lining.

The day was so dark and dreary,
That the simplest task seemed long,
And life such an endless puzzle,
That everything seemed to go wrong.

Outside the drear wind whistled,
And heavy the falling rain,
And I looked for a silver lining,
With a longing akin to pain.

For I thought of the weary strivings
For heights we long to attain;
How oft our efforts are useless,
And end in longing pain.

And we feel almost forgotten
By those we hold most dear,
And long for a tender greeting,
Our aching hearts to cheer.

So I gaze with weary longing,
And eyes that are dim with tears,
And wonder if all this heartache
Will end with the coming year.

Just then a ray of sunlight
Broke through the gathering gloom,
And like a benediction,
Brightened the dreary room.

Then slowly the rain clouds parted,
And shone with a rosy glow,
And life seemed more worth living
Than it did an hour ago.

So I take up my daily burden
With a heart more free from care,
No matter how black the cloud is,
The silver lining is there.

—E. C. MACCORMACK.

Kin You.

Say! Kin you remember when you wandered, just a boy,
Down th' appled ways of glory through th' fields of no alloy?
Kin you?
Kin you wrinkle up your forehead an' gist sorter wander back
To th' Valley of Contentment where you hipered quite a stack?
Kin you?

Kin you conjure up th' river and th' fish you used to catch,
An' th' places in th' orchard where th' jaybirds used to hatch?
Where th' squirrels used to chatter an' th' swimmin' hole was cool,
An' th' waters swashed and laved you as you snorted in th' pool?
Kin you?

Say, kin you remember where th' whoppers used to grow,
An' th' pathway through th' woodland where us fellers used to go?
Kin you?
Gosh, it's like a breath of nectar from a honeysuckle vine!
Kin you git that whiff of suthin' that is tangler than wine?
Kin you?

It's the fragrance of th' meadow an' th' odor of th' wood!
I kin smell it gist as easy as I ever—um, whew! —could!
An' besides I feel th' pathway oozing muddy through my toes,
An' th' zephyrs sort o' blowin' through th' peek holes in my clothes—
Kin you?

Gee, th' same dog-fetched hornet is a daubin' up his hole
Where th' river sort of wrangles, singin' onward to its goal—
Kin you?
An' th' fisherhawk is yellin' like a grater on a string!
Hark! I hear a pheasant drummin' an' a whackin' of her wing!
Kin you?

Now I'm trapsin' through th' clover to the bread that mother made,
By the babble of th' river and th' maple's balmy shade.
An' by all th' rules o' boyhood I should have an appetite—
But, by cracky this part fails me! I can not seem to git it right!
Kin YOU?

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Domestic Politics.

"Whom did you support during the last campaign?"

"A wife, two children and a mother-in-law, and kept up my life insurance at the same time."—*Puck.*

Providing for Mourners.

A lawyer drawing up Enpeck's will.

"I hereby bequeath all my property to my wife," dictated Enpeck. "Got that down?"

"Yes," answered the attorney.

"On condition," continued Enpeck, "that she marries within a year."

"But why that condition?" asked the man of law.

"Because," answered the meek and lowly testator, "I want somebody to be sorry that I died."

Tommy had been asked to the minister's for dinner; and the reverend doctor noticed with pain that he showed no signs of waiting for grace to be said: "Tommy," he remarked, in a tone of reproof, "we say something before we eat in this house." "Go ahead and say what you like," answered the imperturbable Tommy; "you can't turn my stummick."

Willie Has Such an Active Brain.

"Was Daniel such a wise man, mamma?" asked Willie thoughtfully.

"Yes, dear, as wise almost as Solomon, Willie."

"Well, mother, I bet Solomon would have done better than Daniel did, anyway," continued Willie.

"Why, what do you mean, my son?"

"I'll betcher Solomon would have had sense enough to charge admission when he went into the lions' den!"—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

There Are Others.

Something more than quiet humor is in this paragraph, printed at the end of Edmonton Opera House regulations by Manager Brandon:

"Any old ladies afraid of taking cold may keep on their hats or bonnets."—*Argonaut.*

Man's Work.

"Pop!"

"Yes, my son."

"When a person saws wood it means they say nothing, don't it?"

"Yes, my boy."

"And do women ever saw wood?"

"No, women believe that sawing wood is a man's work."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

All There But the Tail.

Dressed in the latest and most improved motor-cycling costume, with goggles all complete, the motor cyclist gaily toot-tooted his way by Regent Park toward the Zoo. Suddenly he slackened, dismounted and said to a small grubby urchin.

"I say, my boy, am I right for the Zoo?"

The boy gasped at so strange a sight and thought it must be some new animal for the gardens.

"You may be all right if they have a spare cage," he said, when he could find his tongue, "but you'd stood a far better chance of you'd 'ad a tail!"—*Answers.*

As the Twig Is Bent.

"I hope you were a good little boy while at your aunt's and didn't tell any stories," said his mother.

"Only the one you put me up to, ma," replied her young hopeful.

"Why, what do you mean, child?"

"When she asked me if I'd have a second piece of cake, I said: 'No, thank you; I've had enough.'"—*Harper's Weekly.*

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To the Rescue.

A certain minister was deeply impressed by an address on the evils of smoking given at a recent synod. He rose from his seat, went over to a fellow minister, and said:

"Brother, this morning I received a present of one hundred good cigars. I have smoked one of them, but now I am going home and burn the remainder in the fire."

The other minister arose and said it was his intention to accompany his reverend brother.

"I mean to rescue the ninety and nine," he added.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

"The Official Minimum."

A somewhat doubtful story concerning the Bank of England has lately been going the rounds of the city. According to the rules of the bank members of the staff are required to sign the time book on arrival each morning, and those putting in an appearance after the ten minutes' grace limit have to state the reason for their lateness. On foggy mornings, of course, it is no uncommon thing for the bulk of the staff to arrive late. As a rule, the first man signing will state as the reason "fog," to which every one signing afterward will put "ditto" like the man who tried to save time in marking his shirts. On one occasion, so the story goes, the first late comer to arrive on a very foggy morning wrote in the time book, "Wife had twins." This the next man to sign failed to observe, and accordingly, there followed a whole string of ditto, ditto, ditto, ditto.—*Dundee Advertiser.*

The Modern Way.

"Will you have this here woman to be your lawful wedded wife?"

"That's what I 'lowed I would."

"Will you love, honor and obey her?"

"Ain't you got that switched around, parson?" said the bridegroom.

"John," said the bride-elect, "don't you reckon the parson knows his business? Answer the question!"

"Yes, sir," said the bridegroom, meekly. "I reckon I'll have to."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

At Last!

"If you'll wait a moment," panted the druggist, "I'll attend to your order. I've had a shock. You see the woman going out? Well, she's been living in this neighborhood for about two years. She's been in here nearly every day, and every time she came in she bought stamps—one stamp sometimes, sometimes two, and now and then three or four."

"Then what?" asked the waiting customer.

"Why just now," faltered the druggist, "she bought a cake of soap."

Willie was being enlightened by his older sister, who was telling him that God planted the trees. He very knowingly answered. "You can believe that, if you want to, but I saw Mr. Emerson plant ours."—*The Delineator.*

A Terrible Mistake.

"I once dreamed," said Pat, "I was with the Pope, and he ax'd me wad I drink? Thinks I, wad a duck swim? An' seein' the bottle and the lemons and the sugar on the sideboard, I tould him I didn't care if I tuk a drap of punch. 'Cowld or hot?' axed the Pope. 'Hot, yer Holiness,' an' be that he stepped down into the kitchen for the bilin' water, but before he got back, I woke strate up, an' now it distresses me that I didn't take it cowld."—*L. S. K.*

Dodging a Question.

It was during the dessert course. He had been sitting next to her for the last hour and a half and was deeply conscious of the beautiful contour of her arms and shoulders.

"Do you know," she said suddenly, "I've been in misery for a week. Sometimes I could almost scream with pain."

"Why, what's the matter?" he exclaimed sympathetically.

"I was vaccinated last week and it has taken dreadfully."

His eyes fell and his gaze was curious. But he saw no scar. "Why, where were you vaccinated?" he asked impetuously.

She raised her eyebrows and smiled sweetly. "In New York," she replied.

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Our Correspondents

THE SCIENCE OF HONEST DEVELOPMENT.

THE New York *Globe* for February 12th, gives us the recent public views of one of our magnates at the head of our most powerful monopolistic concern, the United States Steel Corporation. That gentleman says that capitalism and vested rights are compatible with popular rights, that the two can march together for public good, as long as vested rights and capitalism do their best to be the servants of the people for the good of all.

Can we prove that there is any sense in that kind of talk, forever used by all the shrewd despots humanity has had? Vested rights and capitalism mean—monopoly truly with a vengeance. That is just the worst social iniquity the earth has ever seen. Servitude, chattel slavery, wage slavery or any other conceivable one, can only exist through vested rights and capitalism. Both mean—human enactments giving to a small or large oligarchy the direct or indirect control of the natural resources of each social group. That places the working multitudes at the mercy of the relatively few, who fix the kind of existence the multitudes in question shall have to live. With mere variations in details, that has always been the condition of humanity on earth. And so it shall go on as long as the plain people remain passive against the fundamental wrongs of monopoly rule. No amount of foolish talk as that of our masters who pretend to be the servants of the people while taking the wealth produced by the people, no talk of that kind can ever be anything but froth and foam, cheap, idiotic chatter.

We can not afford to study human life through any mere keyhole views, when we shall only see detached fragments of that life. It is our imperative duty to take in the grand totality of important results in the combined life of groups of men, in civil and religious life, and thus properly connect them with general, fundamental causes and duties to all men and to God. Consciously or not we all still stand by conditions which force each one of us to work against the real happiness of all of us. While we perform some of the duties we owe to other men as private individuals, we refuse to perform the duties we owe to all men as individual members of God's nation. No individuality in the vegetable or animal kingdom can evolve a healthy life but through a healthy media. Yet, the wisest men, so-called, have always insisted upon placing themselves and all other men under civilizations repudiating all God's simple laws of manhood and joy universal. We thus abandon the only civil, political, social, industrial and religious healthy environment by which to evolve healthy bodies, minds and souls.

We still refuse to study the science of human life, the science of Economics. We don't even wish to know the meaning of that dreadful word Economics, or Economic Science. The meaning is approximately as follows: "To teach men how to apply to wealth production, transportation and exchange, the simple, moral, honest, Christian principles which alone can place humanity, nations and churches in peace with the simple altruism of all natural and divine commands. We keep yet, consciously or not, fighting against the plain wisdom of God and the order of creation. All wealth production, distribution and exchange rests yet on banditti-hood principles, on predatory methods, on industrial processes at war with all divine morality."

The only governmental function that gives to human government the right to exist, that is just the function that we, the

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best fellows on top of each generation, have always refused to give to government.

Yes, the only supreme, sound, righteous function due to government is that of preventing any man or group from interfering with the natural, equal, inalienable rights by God and nature granted to all men for their full life on earth.

Yes, we, fine ladies and gentlemen, have invariably given to government the right to grant privileges to groups of men for them to deprive all men of all opportunity to live a decent, honest life. We still prefer to live a miserable existence through laws giving us the opportunity of getting on top of each other.

In order to make sure that we shall not learn anything about the science of human life, of sound economics, we have, in the last twenty years, devised a science of Sociology. By Sociology we mean: "Any petty organized method, on the part of some of us, to diminish some of the bad results of some of our subsidiary social evils; so that to quiet our conscience while letting the kingdom of human abominations advance, thrive and prosper, for wealth accumulations where wealth has no natural, no moral right to go."

What we all need, as children of a righteous God, is the power to fix and retain our own real, honest, natural annual earnings, in the industrial activities of each social combination, without the existence of any gang of criminal meddlers or bunglers, as the words capitalism and corporations mean. There can be no peace for the human family as long as we insist upon trifling with all natural and divine truth. And that is what we do as long as we lean on any supposed beneficent system of legalized industrial robbery. By divine commands we all have the power to live the full life. We all are forced to live the mean life by order of human laws.

Every industrial corporation rests on a law of privilege, a law of industrial despotism. As such it tramples upon the rights by God granted to all men. As such it gives to human government rights which divine government has never given to any human government. Human government becomes then—godless government. The social organization repudiates then the whole divine plan of human development. We all then become godless citizens, a gang of rebels against divine law.

Whatsoever industrial function men can not perform for each other but through godless laws of favoritism, any such function belongs to government, local or national, to be organized in such a way as not to need the atrocity of any so-called securities, representing a perpetual mortgage, a burden on the earnings of the multitudes who produce all wealth, all capital, all needs, comforts, luxuries.

But oh—all that would represent the science of honest human development. And who has any longings for that glorious God-like development? Yes, who?

JOSE GROS.

SABBATH LEGISLATION.

In the December TELEGRAPHER a brother signing Cert. 169, Div. 51, makes a plea for Sabbath legislation on the ground that we are breaking God's commandment by working on the Sabbath day.

Now we are willing to admit that it is wrong to violate God's commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, and we also say that it is wrong for Congress to make a law compelling us to keep any day holy. This is purely a religious matter and must be settled individually between man and God. "The duty that we owe to our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, and is nowhere cognizable but at the tribunal of the universal Judge."

Sabbath legislation means the utter subversion of one of the great principles upon which this nation is founded—religious freedom—the Constitution itself declaring that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

While we assert for ourselves a freedom to embrace, to profess, and to observe, the religion which we believe to be of divine origin, we can not deny an equal freedom to those whose religious convictions are not the same as ours. If this freedom is abused, it is an offense against God, not against

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man. And an account rendered, therefore, to God, and not to man.

If an act of legislation shall define the law of God in one point, or point out one religious duty, it may, with equal propriety, define every part of God's revelation and enforce every obligation it adjudges to be a religious duty.

We presume our brother has reference to Sunday as being the Sabbath day he wishes protected by law. Now regarding this, there are differences of belief. Some of us believe the seventh day, Saturday, to be the Sabbath. Others believe Sunday, the first day of the week, to be the Sabbath; also the Mohammedans believe Friday to be the Sabbath. In view of this fact, can we refuse them the right to "worship God according to the dictates of their consciences?" It may be said that provisions could be made for those who observe other than Sunday as the Sabbath. But what about those who do not care to keep any day? We can not force men to be Christians. No man has authority from God to delegate religious duty to another. Neither has any man authority from God to require another to obey God in the manner he thinks that others ought to obey, or to worship God in a manner he believes that others should worship.

When the civil ruler obtrudes himself into the realms of the spiritual, and assumes to dictate the religious faith and practice of men, he has taken over a portion of the divine government, put himself in the place of the divine Judge, and has set himself against God and trampled upon his rights.

My brother, do we want to return to the Dark Ages, to the stocks, the pillory, and to the Sunday Blue Laws which has made millions of martyrs during that awful and iniquitous tribunal of the Inquisition? No, but let us say with U. S. Grant, "Keep the church and state forever separate." Christ needs no help from Cæsar. Let true religion triumph by the power of God in men's hearts, and not by the power of fines and imprisonments.

In the interest of pure religion, peace, prosperity, and good government, therefore, we appeal to every lover of liberty to oppose any movement that will tend to force the conscience or deprive us of our religious liberty, in which the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States is supposed to protect us.

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MAKING LAWS.

In the December issue an article entitled "Labor Must Make the Laws," by Cert. 3134, Div. 2, causes us to drift off into a vein of thought from which we have not as yet recovered and which has caused us to create this article and write it down on paper.

Verily, Brother Cert. 3134 is right, labor must make the laws, but the problem confronting us at the present date is how to hammer it into the heads of labor that they can make the laws, if they will only realize that they are a class, a class of workingmen, and nominate and elect to power their own men. Do not let the capitalist class delude you any longer into believing that they are lords of the universe by right divine, and that you are not competent to manage the affairs of this grand country of ours, therefore you must vote their candidate (Liberal or Conservative, Democrat or Republican, it matters not) into power to say what you shall and shall not do. Along about election time, or rather about one six months in four years they come before us and tell us all about the grand and prosperous country of ours, under the starry flag (or the Union Jack) that extends from where the turbulent Atlantic washes our rock-bound eastern shores, to where the limpid waters of the balmy Pacific taps with fairy fingers our California shores, from where the perfume-laden zephyrs of spring amble across our sun-kissed summery plains to where the eternal solitudes of perpetual snow mantle the summits of our ice-bound north. Never will its silken folds float over aught but a free people and our children's children will chant pæans of praise to this immortal "land of the free and home of the brave." By this time we are all wrought up to fever heat and cheering our fool heads off, and are ready to swear by that man that can think such high and mighty thoughts and better still, coin them into words—and dollars.

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Then they begin to tell us all about the marvels that our splendid protective tariffs have accomplished for us, of how we should bow our heads in reverence to the wisdom of our fathers that enacted these wise laws years ago, not mentioning the fact that these same protectors of infant industries continue till the infant grows to such a giant that he controls the law.

Witness, the Standard Oil Company; for some years the government has thrown sand in the eyes of the people by their prosecution of the octopus, and when Judge Landis soaked John D. with that $29,000,000 fine we vowed that at last the monster was vanquished, and law and order, and the majesty of the government had triumphed, but there is that superb tribunal of "Five to Four"—I beg pardon, I mean the Supreme Court—yet to be heard from. Did John D. pay the fine, were our pockets and the treasury of our country enriched by this fabulous sum? Well, not so as you would notice it; and in passing it might be well to note that that same prosecution cost the people of this country a trifle of $10,000,000, a mere bagatelle that, so we don't mind paying it. Oh, yes, this is a fine free country where they put a man in the penitentiary for stealing a loaf of bread and in Congress if he can steal a railroad, where we put a man in jail for being idle, and on the rockpile for asking for a job, where bawdy houses are licensed and men fined for preaching Christ on the street corners. Yes, we could go indefinitely with such beautiful comparisons. The mansions, palaces, libraries, hospitals, millionaires—and hovels, slums, sweatshops, brothels, penitentiaries, hobos and so *ad infinitum*.

Brethren, did you ever pause for one single moment and wonder just what has become of all this prosperity that our politician friend has told us we have? Pause, and while we throw up our hat with our right hand take a reef in our belt with our left, and wonder whether the old woman will have liver and spuds for dinner, or merely spuds without the liver. Personally speaking I've been watching with both eyes, and kept my arms ready for that dream-wraith of prosperity that has been sweeping this world for the past ten years, but am still pounding a mill and pecking at the insulated tip of the telegraph key. Somehow I don't go to Florida for the winter, nor to the Alps for the summer; I wonder what's the reason. God knows it is not lack of prosperity; hasn't Senator Sorghum just finished telling us of the extensions Harriman has made in his roads, of the warships that we have built to defend our rights, and the millions that have been spent doing both these things—but on second thought how many of us have a space of property six feet by two that we want defended? Do you ever realize that fifteen per cent of the people of this country own or control all the industrial enterprises in it, barring the few independent men that still struggle against the trusts and at best make a small wage out of their business, and over ninety per cent of them go to the wall every year. The land of the country is getting into fewer and fewer hands every year, the mills of the god of capital is grinding finer with every passing day and what will the outcome be?

I am satisfied that we have got to get into the political field where we can have a say by right of numbers. Perhaps my views are anarchistic; however, I am a thorn in the side of industry, not being satisfied, therefore society must pacify my discontent or do away with me, or else help me to solve the problem. What are you going to do?

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GET WISE.

Recently, while relieving the agent at a small way station, the name of which it is unnecessary to mention, had occasion to repair a relay that had a broken wire in the coil.

The regular man came to work before I had time to set it up again, and, seeing the instrument "knocked down," proceeded to give me a very severe lecture on the subject, winding up with the words: "We have no business to take apart or try to repair the telegraph instruments, as we know nothing about what is inside of them." This operator claims to have had eighteen or twenty years' experience in the business, and yet does not know what causes the instruments to work.

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Boys, if there happens to be any of you who do not know what the "inside workings" of a simple relay or sounder are like, for goodness sake get some old ones and investigate.

Even baby brother tears up his rattle to see where the "moosic" originates. Why should a telegrapher not know all about the instruments he handles every day?

There is nothing more interesting, let me assure you. CASEY, CERT. 512.

TELEGRAPHERS' HOME.

I have read with interest for some months past discussions of plans looking to the establishing of a home for old and dependent members of our Order, who have passed the age and condition where they are no longer able to support themselves. This is the true fraternity, and it is a duty to protect the old of our craft who reach that station in life without means of support and without the ability to earn it themselves.

In this connection there is another feature affecting these same brothers, and one to which I have given considerable thought during the past year or two.

We have many members who reach an age or condition without having accumulated any property that will support them in their old age. They suddenly become aware that they are without the means of making a living, except perhaps a very meagre one as a roustabout, flagman or something equally inadequate for his decent support, yet they manage to pull along and eke out an existence for the remainder of their lives. They have been members of the Order for many years, perhaps, but when these reverses come they are compelled to drop both their membership and insurance because they are unable to meet the payments.

The idea, as it occurs to me, is one which will not cost the Order anything, and will be a great assistance to the worthy brother who is forced to accept its conditions, and will probably enable him to provide, at least, for his final resting place and save him from a grave in the potter's field.

It would appear that it would work no hardship to the Order, and might be of great assistance to the brother, who is totally disabled from working at the trade, to give him a card for life showing the number of years he has been a member, and permitting him to retain his membership in the M. B. D. on payment of the assessments. In other words, allow him to keep his policy in force without being forced to pay the regular semi-annual dues.

The conditions need not be complex, nor many. Simply make it necessary that a committee of, say, three members be appointed by the chairman or chief telegrapher of the division of which he is a member, to investigate his case and report. He should be a member in good standing at time application is made for this benefit, and to have been a member for, say, five years previous. Conditions which would entitle him to this benefit should be disability to perform the duties of a telegrapher, or superannuated to such a degree that he can not secure employment from railroads, that he has no property that yields him support and that he is unable to earn at other vocations to exceed $50.00 per month.

Naturally, restrictions would have to be thrown around them to prevent some who have entered other lines of business from taking advantage of our cheap insurance without paying dues. Almost every case would have peculiarities of its own which would have to be considered by the committee in making its report, but the risk of the Order being defrauded is small.

This plan would cost our M. B. D. a few death claims and would to some extent reduce its surplus, but when we think of the men who have been good, consistent, and hard-working members for so many years, whose time, thoughts and efforts have been given to the general uplift of the Order and whose funds heretofore have gone to help create this balance, it seems hard that they should be deprived of that protection they have helped to make a success, just because they have outlived their usefulness as a railroad telegrapher, and can no longer comply with the rules of the Order that a member of the M. B. D. shall be in good

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duty to associate yourself with such a movement.

The Order is not only composed of good intentions, but it is invaluable to everyone in the station and telegraph business, not only for the new and better things promised in the future, but as a retainer of that which it has already secured through its efforts, which you are enjoying every day and without effort or cost to yourself, namely, three and four hours off your day's work now against a year and two months ago, and an increase in your monthly salary from time to time, with overtime, etc., and a very few dollars on a miniature salary figures largely and should be appreciated enough to do the honorable act of lending your aid.

You used to work twelve to eighteen hours per day and no consideration for the overtime; now your employer is compelled to work you no longer than the hours set down by law. Is it a benefit to you? You want the others to do the work while you do the laying around. By your statements you acknowledge you are void of the get up and get to make the start yourself; either knowingly or unknowingly you are disregarding your obligations to the fraternity, and it is a disgrace.

Backslider—Yes, I used to belong; I was a member for about sixteen years. I have been through the mill and seen it all. I don't consider the Order amounts to much; it's all rot, they have never won a strike yet and so what's the use of paying into a thing the likes of that.

Where I am I am getting $65.00 (or certain amount) per month and for the amount of work I do I consider I am getting a king's salary. I could do all there is here in my nine hours in one hour.

As to the nine-hour law that I heard you say the Order got, you are off on that; it is due to those big wrecks at Swallows, Colo., Washington, D. C., and others, which caused public sentiment to be aroused.

And anyway, I now have a family to support, and (chuckling) guess you notice that you ain't so very strong around here.

Answer—Here we have the very worst class of non—he has lost all the honor by being a member (as he claims) those years, and his advance upon our endeavors and success serves as an influence to bewilder and mislead our weaker and younger members, and is nothing less than a snake in the grass. After understanding the situation and all its relations, he turns a traitor to the cause, and an undercutter.

As to the failure of winning a strike, as he puts it, there has never been a strike so-called lost but what it voiced ten (prevented) won. These roads have no more desire for a strike than have we; they do not oppose us for the saving of the requests we may make today, but to weaken our strength of the future, and they bank their success upon the non. Therefore, he is our direct enemy. Without him no strikes would be, and if there were without him it would be a complete victory in every instance so far recorded. It is you nons who are to blame for the strikes.

The old adage that a barking dog never bites does not stand in our case. We must make the threat and if not heard we must strike to demonstrate that we mean what we promise. If we do not there would not be a schedule on the American continent this day.

You say you are getting a king's salary at $65.00 a month. I want to ask you how you come to be getting it. I worked on a certain line out West eight years ago that paid $50.00 then. They pay $65.00 now, and I don't consider it a king's salary either. I personally watched the Order of Railroad Telegraphers raise those $50.00 jobs gradually up to the present $65.00. Then I worked twelve hours and sometimes more and no overtime, two men on some jobs and one on others. Now there are in nearly every case either three or two men on those jobs (giving another man a chance to live) and they each work eight or nine hours and are getting $15.00 a month more each at that over what I received there before. It is the same all over; the present salaries have been raised from time to time, and the organization has prevented a reduction all the time. And you are not thankful, but continue to shield yourself behind a flood of misrepresentations. If you had been a member of the Order eighteen or twenty months ago you would have had a chance

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to vote for or against the nine-hour law through THE TELEGRAPHER, and thereby either aided or helped to offset that committee that did go to Washington and see the nine-hour law go through, and at the expense of the Order, and thanks to your reminder, those big wrecks did help out, inasmuch as to give us food for our arguments in presenting the case before the House.

Since you say you have a family to support, I would presume your king's salary, as you call it, does not prove very far-reaching after all. I know several getting those king's salaries who are busted from pay day to pay day so to speak. The trouble is you need more money, and there is always room to figure out to save enough to protect that king's salary from reduction and insure its advancement, if only the will power was there.

As to the limit of service in actual work you do, you are giving your whole time, are you not? And you take the position to handle all the business the company offers you, and get more if you can yourself.

This union business is far more of a business proposition than fraternal. The railroad has in the past, and so it is today, getting all out of you it can, and for as little consideration as is possible; it is a strict and fair business transaction on its part, and so it is for you to get all you can from it; it's business in a true sense as all businesses are carried on today. If your job is easy you are simply in luck.

The company tells you what work you shall do, and if possible just what compensation you shall receive, all at its own disposal.

You comply with the instructions as to labor performed and if you don't look out you will have to accept whatever is offered you in return. This you would be doing today if it was not for the Order. What are you going to do? (accept all you can get from whatever source and let the others do the work); at least place the credit where it belongs.

Relay Man—The Order is good and well for the men out on the line, but I feel there is a big difference between those on the OS. jobs and us. We are in a different class, and if there were a strike among us those out on the line will come in and hang on to the job as long as they can, and anyway, they are getting mills and trying to shape up for relay men all the time, anyway.

OS. Answer—Vanity Fair, and a poor excuse won't do. We are proud today when we realize that most all relay men are Order men, and our misfortune at having to take issues with this man is only one opportunity offered in many months' travels. The position of the OS. men and those on the relay job are one and the same from a labor standpoint. Their future welfare is one and they are identical with each other. On the road where I am now working I saw the men now getting $75.00 and $90.00 getting $65.00 straight on the same position in the same office a few years ago (that is, the relay men there were). The men on the terminals now paying $70.00 and $75.00 were getting $55.00 and $60.00. The OS. jobs now paying $65.00 (what the relay place paid before), then paid $50.00. I have seen the Order bring every one of those places up to their present standard and most of the relay men are working nine hours, too, which is on us, whoever are members.

To avoid having OS. men or any one else take your place in a strike the only surety you have is to come in the organization; not only carry a card, but be a real union man, and work on the others. At that time you will have no fears, and in the meantime you need not fear the Order men out on the line. We can not help black sheep being in the flock; if a man will lower himself to scabbery as a non, he possibly will as an Order man, but we don't rely upon the non for anything, and we happen to notice that some of the relay men fall, too.

As to the OS. man framing up for a relay job, I can direct your attention to hundreds of relay men, and even press men out on the line this day holding an OS. job, and what do we care just so they are brothers, fighting side by side on the same field, to reach the success that is of interest to all.

The Lazy Member—Yep, I b'long (long yawn, and a stretch), you bet the Order is alright; she's a bird. I don't know for sure if the other trick men belong or not (an-

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other yawn); they are darn fine boys, though. Jack is a rascal to dance, keeps me dodging the chief and the law about twice a week working his trick till he gets in in the morning after a night's ramble with Rachel (yawn again), and Dick is a noble old boy, too, down at Possum Apple Holler. You ought to drop in and see him; he's not a member yet (and he gapes again). Did you see Frenchy at Skylight? He's a strong Order man, you bet; gee, he gets mad if a person says anything different to what he thinks about the Order. Well, so long, old kid, hope you have good luck and get some of 'em lined up. I've been trying to get out to the meetings for the last four months, but don't seem to get in right shape somehow; don't know how it is, though; thought I was going sure last meeting, but had kind of half way promised to work for Jack while he took Rachel to the ball down at Sims. Well, be good. Oh, yes; yes, I'll get in and see about these lads (and he yawns some more).

Answer—We have here a jolly good fellow; he is fraternal beyond a doubt, and too much so. What we want is cold business and the hot truth. It is not the non of today who is an Order man tomorrow that we rebel against so strong, but that persistent non, who rambles on and on in defiance of all that is just, with apparently nowhere as his goal. He would doubtless have reached that destination long before this had it not been for us.

As a member it is your place to do all within your power to encourage our advancement. Don't sit down realizing this and yet do nothing like the non who knows, but won't act. Be as far away from the attitude of a non as it is possible to be.

If Jack, Dick or anyone else is anything of a startling crackerjack they will pay for what you are giving them. Of course it is the job we raise and not the man. He may be gone tomorrow, but he is a weak-kneed friend and much lacking if he hogs in the harvest from the seeds others have sown, and yet not a member to the party.

When you get your journal don't turn it over to the section boss, but read it; it's yours. I read everything from cover to cover, even the foreign lines' write-ups. Do you? If you will get the habit you will feel more industrious in a very short time. This thing of thinking everyone is a dead oyster because you are one, is no good. If the Order is worth belonging to it is worth fighting for; get in the swim and have the satisfaction of saying you not only helped by paying up those dues, but lent a helping hand and ambitious heart to bring in the sheaves. That non may tell you he is free born and it is his own affair. However, he finds himself in much different circumstances in after life, and it most assuredly is your business whether your progress is to be deterred by his kind or not.

H. L. MANN.



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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

At a regular meeting of St. Louis Division, No. 2, held February 1st, the following officers were elected: L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher; August Grunz, First Vice-Chief Telegrapher; E. P. Waples, Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher; John W. La Fever, Secretary and Treasurer. There did not seem to be much wire-pulling, and the best offer your correspondent could get for his vote was one cigar.

We read the articles in each issue of the journal about Sunday closing with much interest. Here in the Middle-West we think it hardly reasonable to ask or compel the railroads to suspend business on Sunday. Did you ever stop to think the railroads can do many things when they are forced to it. How about the old "blue laws" in the far East?

Bro. E. E. Chiles, of Pendleton, Mo., a member of Division No. 2, paid us a friendly visit recently, and incidentally left some coin with us.

Bro. E. L. Beula, of Division No. 137, dropped in for a social chat the other day. Bro. Beula has been doing the "tallow pot" act on the Wabash.

No. 2 continues to hold her own and "then some." The secretary informs us that some fifty-three new members have been taken in since the first of the year. May the good work continue.

DIV. COR.

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

Our regular meeting, at Sunbury, was called to order at 10 a. m., February 15th, by our Worthy Chief McCracken. It was a very good meeting, there being over thirty members present, and one visitor, Bro. C. R. Miller, of Division No. 24. After action was taken on a number of important questions, the following officers were elected: Bro. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Telegrapher; Bro. W. P. Johnson First Vice-Chief Telegrapher; Bro. E. B. Hess, Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher; Bro. W. D. Grant, Secretary and Treasurer; Bro. C. W. Kase, Local Chairman; Bro. C. W. Kase, elected as Delegate, and Bro. G. O. Stahl, as Alternate, to attend the Convention of Grand Division, at Atlanta, Ga. Two applications acted on, and now it is Bros. C. C. Showalter and H. F. Orth.

Following changes have been made at "RX," L. & S. Junction: Dispatchers Kinney and Wilson taken back in Sunbury office, and Everhart is now assistant yard master at Honey Pot, days. "RX" has recently been opened as a day and night telegraph office, Bros. H. P. Aurand and H. K. Bright working first and third tricks, while Telegrapher Schuster is working second trick.

Bro. J. F. Betz spent relief day calling on Bro. Lindner and friends at Shamokin.

Bro. Ed. Hess spent a week visiting friends at Philadelphia and Berwick. Mr. S. S. Sigler and Bro. W. G. Levan worked during his vacation.

Bro. J. M. Shade recently purchased some very fine hunting dogs.

Retreat and Wapwallopen passenger stations have been abolished as telegraph offices; all messages for these stations are sent to "UN" and "UC" towers, respectively, and relayed over telephone.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the home of our esteemed Sister L. A. Diehl, and removed from it her beloved mother, be it

Resolved, By the members of Sunbury Division, No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to Sister Diehl our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the record of the division, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

CHAS. W. KASE,
BRUCE MCCRACKEN,
EDW. G. BEEGER,
Committee.

Ottawa Div., No. 15.

In the last journal, Certificate 85 says, there are some good men on the 32d District. Well, I suppose there are, and if they only had a chance to attend meetings, I think they would be even better.

Would it not be possible to have meetings at Madawaska, which is, in my opinion, the best place, as it would give the brothers on the 21st and 32d Districts an opportunity to attend. I would like to see this given a trial.

There have been but few changes on the division.

Bro. Drewitt, from Depot Harbor, has been enjoying a vacation of fifteen days, around Toronto and the Falls.

Bro. Gibson, of Alexandria, has taken days in Depot Harbor.

Bro. Armour, of Algonquin Park, has been away for a few days, on account of Mrs. Armour's illness.

Bro. Madden, of Kinburn, on holidays; relieved by Bro. Parent.

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Bro. Pearce, of Sprucedale, away for a few days; was relieved by Telegrapher Jaynt.

Bro. Boal is at Renfrew for a few days, helping agent at that point.

We are all waiting patiently to hear what is to happen our bill for a nine-hour law, which is being presented to Parliament at the present session.

Would like to hear from the boys on the 31st and 32d Districts, regarding the meeting suggested at Madawaska.

Hope to hear from some of our brothers in the next issue. CERT. 87.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

It is a pleasure to report additional items of interest from Division No. 17. Our meetings are well attended, and all are working harmoniously for the very best results. The election of officers was a most pleasant one, all happy and enjoying the fellowship of true brotherhood. Bro. Wm. M. Skinner was re-elected Chief; Bros. T. E. Fidler and L. H. Nelson, First and Second Assistants; Bros. N. B. Curry, Frank Cole and F. O. Warner, Trustees; Bro. Frank Rupley, Chairman of the L. B. of A. of the Baltimore Division of the N. C. R. R.; Bro. D. L. Koller, re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, also Representative to the coming Convention; Bro. Rupley, Alternate.

Our Worthy Chief, Bro. Wm. M. Skinner, has the honor of succeeding himself three successive terms, and while there is a possibility of us losing the opportunity of again voting for him, on account of the system movement, we are sure Bro. Skinner, whether in or out of office, would say, like the Captain of the Republic, "I Shall Stand By the Ship."

Bro. A. K. Hoyer recently accepted a position in Baltimore, being employed in the superintendent's office as train clerk. We wish him success.

MAYFIELD.

Providence Div., No. 35.

The February meeting of Division No. 35 was unusually well attended, due, no doubt, to the interest taken in the election of officers and delegates to the convention. The elections were made a special order of business at 8:45, and went off smoothly; the following being the result: A. M. Ross, Chief Telegrapher; J. H. McCabe, First Vice-Chief Telegrapher; H. C. Williams, Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher; R. A. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer; E. C. Burt, Trustee; E. I. Phillips, Division Correspondent; Frank Brady, First Delegate, O. H. Toadvine, Alternate; R. A. Brown, Second Delegate, D. M. Callis, Alternate; Geo. E. Joslin, Local Chairman.

General Chairman Manion was there and wielded the gavel to perfection. Later he gave the boys one of those family talks on the good of the order. "Doc" always seems to say the right thing at the right time.

The meeting was an interesting one, from many standpoints, everyone lending a hand to liven things up.

Bro. Joslin gave us a talk on the good of the order. It's very evident, that both the local and general chairman, are wide-awake where the interest of the Order, or its members, is at stake.

Bro. George Sawyer, agent at West Barrington, who was on the sick list for a while, is able to be about, and will return to duty in the near future.

Bro. Stanley Sturtevant, bid in Warren station, second trick.

Bro. Joe Cloutier is back at Orma St., third trick.

The attention of the members on the Providence Division, is called to a notice in this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, relative to the ball team. The co-operation of all the ball fans is requested.

The secretary would like to hear those members who have not yet done so, to make a noise like a new card.

Five new applications read at the last meeting; individual effort works wonders in this direction.

This being the initial attempt of the new correspondent, the members are requested to be lenient. "OLIVER."

N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.—
CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all the members, who by their hearty co-operation, assisted in making the drawing, instituted in my behalf, a success.

By request of the committee having charge of the drawing, I also wish to announce that $145.60 was realized, which amount I have received.

Yours fraternally,

L. B. KINNEY,
Cert. 79, Div. 35.

NOTICE.

To all Telegraphers, New Haven Railroad System:

Last season considerable interest was attracted by the performance of the baseball team representing the Providence Division, and has developed into an effort to be made to organize a New Haven System Ball League, made up of teams representing each division, and composed of players who are preferably telegraphers.

A team to represent the Providence Division, is now being organized, and all telegraphers who wish to try for the team may have a chance by addressing the undersigned, who has been selected as temporary manager.

All divisions who have not, as yet, made any effort to organize a team are requested to do so, and any information regarding the proposed plan for a league will be furnished on application to the Manager of the Providence Division team.

E. I. PHILLIPS,
Manager Pro Tem.
Box 769, Warren, R. I.

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New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

February 12th, at the regular meeting, a delegate to the Convention and the following officers were elected: Chief Telegrapher, Harry Berger; Secretary and Treasurer, J. A. Hannan; First Vice-Chief Telegrapher, C. E. Christman; Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher, W. B. Giebert; Delegate, T. J. Gallagher; Alternate, E. B. Clay.

This meeting was the largest ever held by Division No. 37. Members coming from all points on the N. Y. and Shore Line Divisions. General Chairman Manion accompanied by Bros. Kelly and Murphy, of Division No. 29, were in attendance. Worthy Chief Bro. Maher turned the gavel over to Bro. Manion, who conducted the election in his usual up-to-date manner. Six applications were received at this meeting, and two members initiated.

Bro. T. F. Canfield, bid in and has been awarded the second trick at Harlem River superintendent's office.

Bro. J. P. McLaughlin, formerly of Pier 50, has secured the position of telegrapher at New Rochelle station.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Telegrapher Benj. F. Hill, second trick at Riverside. Mr. Hill was formerly a member of Division No. 44, but since his employment on the New Haven he has met with so much sickness that he could not retain his membership. We extend our sympathies to the family and sincerely hope for his ultimate recovery.

Bro. Wm. Mohrbach is now located at Saybrook Junction, on the Shore Line. Our worthy brother is greatly missed at the receptions of the Broux River Yacht Club.

The General Committee convened at New London, February 27th. General Chairman Manion and General Secretary Handy made their annual reports, which were ratified and sent to the local divisions. The following officers were elected: General Chairman, Bro. E. J. Manion, of New Haven; General Secretary, Bro. M. W. Handy, New Haven. The following members were present, which comprise the General Committee: T. J. Gallagher, New York Division; E. J. Manion, Shore Line; L. H. Dowd, Western Division; G. E. Joslin, Providence; L. J. Ross, Old Colony; M. W. Handy; General Officers, J. Leete, Midland; J. P. Reilly, Boston, and C. I. Wood, Boston Terminals.

COR.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

On the 17th of February Division No. 38 held its second annual ball and concert, at Touraine Hall, on State St., which was neatly decorated for the occasion. Over 100 couples who participated in the dancing were present, and some fifty or more who did not. A few of the Boston & Albany officials were in attendance and congratulated the officers of Div. 38, especially Bro. McCarty, chairman of the ball committee, on the program and the manner in which the crowd was handled. The music was furnished by the Philharmonic orchestra, and Bro. Bettars and Sister Kinnevan led the grand march. The ball was a success financially and socially. The proceeds go toward defraying the expenses of the Board of Adjustments.

Albany Division—

Bro. McManus, at Rensselaer yard office, has been transferred from night to day trick. Mr. Sanders is working nights.

Bro. Kaiser has returned to East Greenbush after relieving at tower 72 for two weeks in place of Bro. Drone.

Bro. Holmes is relieving Bro. Van Vaulkenburg for two weeks at East Chatham. The latter is on vacation.

Bro. Dresser, at Hinsdale, from second to third trick.

Bros. Kerrigan and McGrath have been relieved at Becket by L. W. Hammond and B. J. Burke.

Bro. N. P. Barrett was sick with the la grippe for almost a week and Mr. Austin relieved him. Bro. Barrett returned to work on the 18th.

Our last meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. A letter was read from Bro. Pierson explaining his absence, which we are sorry to say, was on account of illness. We all hope he will be able to attend our next. We had a record-breaking crowd—not a seat vacant in the hall. On account of the limited time of the members from the east end, it was decided to proceed with the election of officers and a delegate to the convention before taking up the usual order of business. Bros McCarthy and J. J. Powers were nominated for representative to the Grand Div. Convention, Bro. Powers winning by one vote. Bro. W. A. Lamberton was elected chief telegrapher for the ensuing year; Bro. Cardinal was re-elected as secretary-treasurer; Bro. Woodward, 1st vice chief telegrapher and Bro. Collins re-elected second vice chief. He was also elected chairman on the Albany Division by ballot sent to all members and Bro. J. J. Powers elected on the Boston Division. Bro. Collins was appointed correspondent for the ensuing year. After all the business had been transacted the division closed at 10 p. m.

Anyone having items of interest to the membership will please send them to P. O. Box 1417, Springfield, Mass., not later than the 20th of the month, in order that they may appear in the following issue of the journal. Remember that "line-ups" have been eliminated and only changes and the like should be incorporated in your "write-up."

"C."

Boston Div., No. 41.

The February meeting was called to order at 8:20 with a good attendance and an abundance of work on the docket. The interest shown in the election of officers and delegates to the convention was manifested by the goodly number present, some of whom came a long distance at consider-

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able inconvenience to take an active part in the business. Before opening the meeting in due form a representative of the Hatters' Union was presented and addressed the meeting for a few minutes on the stand taken by the hatters in their controversy with the manufacturers. His remarks were well received by the division and the stand taken by the hatters was indorsed. After the routine of business was transacted, the ballots sent out for the election of local chairman were opened and counted with the following results: Eastern Div., Local Chairman, J. B. Bode, Chelsea; Southern Div., W. R. Meikle, Waltham; Fitchburg Div., I. P. Clifton, Roberts Station; Terminal Div., James A. Wilson, Somerville. Local chairman of Western Div. to be elected by Div. 95. The matter of election of delegates to the biennial convention at Atlanta, Georgia, as well as the election of officers for the ensuing year was, on the whole, very harmonious, even if a little spirited at times, which added a little spice to the proceedings. The election of delegates resulted in Bro. Bode, of Chelsea, and Bro. Meikle of Waltham being elected first and second delegates, with Bros. Clifton, of Roberts, and Tuck, of Wakefield, alternates. The election of local officers for the ensuing year resulted in the present chief, T. J. Fogarty, being re-elected for another term, as was 1st Vice Chief F. C. McGrath, Winchester. John J. Lehan was elected 2nd vice chief. H. L. Cunningham, of No. Andover, was appointed marshal; B. G. Tuck, inside sentinel and J. J. Dugan outside sentinel. The remarks of Bro. Tuck in declining re-election for the office of secretary and treasurer were somewhat of a surprise, although not entirely unexpected. He worked hard for the division while in office, and as an organizer and worker his services were invaluable. It was with a feeling of regret that the division learned that he could not serve again as treasurer. Although he may possibly leave the railroad service the coming summer it does not by any means mean that he will sever his connection with or lose interest in the affairs of the order. I am sure that I voice the sentiment of the entire division in wishing him good fortune and success. He was given a rising vote of thanks by the division in session.

In selecting his successor, Bro. Morgan, the division made no mistake; bright, conscientious, a hard worker for the order and one of the most popular of the younger agents with the B. & M. officials, Bro. Tuck's mantle has fallen on worthy shoulders and the division is to be congratulated on having such timber from which to select officers.

The report of the treasurer for the year 1908, which will be presented at the March meeting, shows that Div. 41 has had a very prosperous year.

Starting in July, 1905, small in membership and with a still smaller treasury, our division has gradually increased numerically until it stands at the top, where we purpose to keep it. Our local organizers have been hustlers, and the members have been working hand in hand with them. There are still a number of nons in our territory, but the boys are after them individually, and judging by the applications presented at the January and February meetings, their efforts have not been without success.

The secretary's report will be read to the members at the March meeting and they can judge for themselves of our prosperity. Although we have lost three members by death, two by withdrawals on account of going into other business, and five by transfer, at the present time we have a larger membership than we have had since the division was organized, and a substantial sum in the treasury.

In the year 1908 the division contributed to members and to the aid of other organizations, $211.25, and since July, 1905 the division has contributed for the same purpose, $756.25, which goes to show the advantage of holding membership in this order.

The work in the division room has been very harmonious and the increasing attendance at each meeting indicates that the year 1909 will eclipse all previous records. The same relief committees have been appointed for the ensuing year, with the exception of one on the western division, which consists of J. A. Tuck, of Wakefield, chairman, with E. G. Wells, of Byfield, and D. A. Burns, of So. Lawrence, as the other two members.

A communication was received from the committee of the B. L. E. and O. R. C. regarding the proposed pension bill for the B. & M. employes, and Bro. J. B. Bode was apppointed to represent the B. & M. telegraphers to meet and confer with the other members of the pension committee. This is a matter that interests all employes, no matter in what capacity they are employed, and more will be said about it in the future.

The large attendance at the February meeting proves that there are a great many members who could attend the meetings if they were so disposed. We cannot 'force them to come, but it is to their interest to be on hand. Every man should take an active part in anything that affects his own affairs. You expect your local chairman to go before the management to secure better pay, better working conditions and to adjust numerous grievances. You expect your officers to look after the membership, see that dues are paid, and attend to a hundred and one other duties, yet you will not devote one evening a month, one evening out of thirty, to lend your moral support and show your appreciation of the work that is being done for you. Wake up! Show the officers you are awake and desirous of bettering your condition and thereby give them confidence and support in their labors in your behalf.

F. H. Flynn, Southern Division, chief dispatcher, recently spent a day pickerel fishing at Rutland.

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Bro. Jack Coolidge, agent at Berlin, Mass., who has been in bed for several days with the grippe, is back on the job. Jimmy Lombard, formerly of Lawrence Jct., filled in.

Tom Bates is on the third trick at Mystic Jct.

O. R. S. Johnson, formerly of Mystic Jct., No. Camb, Jct., Goffs Falls, Berlin and Scolley Square, is spending the winter with Bro. Heywood at Barre Plains, nights. COR.

New York Div., No. 44.

Regular meeting held at Jamaica at the usual time and place; attendance 64.

As it was election night all other business was put aside and the "battle of the ballots" commenced early. The following officers were elected: Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand re-elected chief telegrapher by acclammation; Bro. A. A. Leonard elected secretary and treasurer; Bro. E. Aston re-elected first vice-chief; Bro. J. Breen re-elected second vice-chief; Bro. F. H. Swine elected chairman for agents; Bro. E. M. Jones elected chairman for towermen; Bro. J. Lynch elected chairman for operators; Bro. J. L. Martin, elected trustee, three-year term; Bro. J. E. Shields elected delegate to convention; Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand elected delegate to convention.

After the election regular order of business was resumed and all matters of detail dispensed with in a hurry.

We had as guests for the evening Bro. T. M. Pierson, Second Vice-President, who favored us with a few interesting remarks, and Bro. L. A. Page, General Chairman of the lines east of Pittsburg on the Pennsylvania railroad, dropped in with Bro. Pierson just to see how we do business and to pay his respects. He favored us with a short, but very interesting address, which was well received.

The committee served cake, coffee, sandwiches and cigars during the meeting. For the past four or five meetings refreshments have been served. The few members who do not attend regularly might drop in once in a while and get something to eat and drink.

Bro. Van Nostrand relieved Bro. Hawkins of Elmhurst for one day recently to allow Bro. Hawkins to attend court.

Bro. A. B. Gentry, of Long Beach, enjoyed a few days' vacation during the past month. Bro. Van Nostrand in charge of Long Beach during his absence.

Bro. Jim Robinson relieved Bro. Redding, of Merrick, and Miss Whitmore, of Wantagh, during their respective vacations.

E. J. Duryea, of Calverton, took a short vacation trip to Washington and other points of interest in the vicinity of the Capital City. Bro. A. J. Petroske held down the agency at Calverton in the absence of Mr. Duryea.

N. Groskinsky has resigned as agent at Winfield and has accepted a position in the highway department, Borough of Queens. Relieved for the present by Relief Agent W. S. Leahy.

Bay Side again up for bid. Mr. L. M. McGuinnes has resigned to accept a position with one of the commercial companies. Bro. Van Nostrand in charge of Bay Side for the present.

A. S. McNally did not make a very long stay at Hommels. Think he played a one-night stand there. The job is up for bid.

A delegation from Div. 44 accepted an invitation sent by Div. 8 (N. Y. C. & H. R. R. G. C. Terminal) to attend their annual reception and ball at Majestic Hall, 125th st., New York city, February 17th, 1909. The Long Island party was made up as follows: Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand, Bro. and Mrs. A. F. Hellar, Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Shields, Miss Katheryn Guthrie and Miss M. Alice McInerney. All of whom were the guests of Div. No. 8 and the members of the various committees spared no pains in looking after the welfare, comfort and pleasure of the "clam diggers" from Long Island. Space will not permit printing the full program.

Bro. Jimmie Stimson and Sister Green led the grand march and there were 216 couples in the march.

One of the most noticeable features of the evening was the presence of so many N. Y. C. railroad officials, all of whom took part in the dancing. The following officials were present: Mr. D. W. Hempstead, train master; Mr. G. H. Wilson, chief despatcher; Mr. R. E. Slater, assistant superintendent, who was accompanied by his two sons; Messrs. Cottrell, Stegman and De Camp, despatchers; Mr. Herlihy, assistant despatcher and Mr. Viau, chief clerk.

The entertainment was a grand success from every point of view, and the members of Div. 8 are to be congratulated.

Mrs. A. A. Leonard, wife of Bro. Andy Leonard, secretary-treasurer-elect, is very ill in St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica. The many friends of Bro. and Mrs. Leonard are hopeful for her speedy recovery. However, her condition at this writing is considered very serious. COR.

Woodsville Div., No. 45.

Bro. J. P. Seery was assigned to the third trick at Tilton on January 26th, which vacancy was caused by the dismissal of Telegrapher Maddigan.

Bro. L. J. Berry was the successful bidder on the Northfield vacancy, caused by the transfer of Bro. Seery; have not heard who has bid in the third trick at Ashland.

Bro. F. V. Clifford is enjoying an extended trip through California and the Southwest. Bro. Clifford's position at Laconia is being filled by Bro. W. J. Yeaton, of the Woodsville office.

Mr. G. F. Plummer, agent at Ashland is quite seriously ill; the duties of agent at that point are being looked after in a very able manner by Bro. W. R. Atwood.

The wife of Bro. H. E. Fulford, first trick man at Meredith, passed away on the 7th inst., after a very painful illness; funeral services were held at her old home, Milford, Mass., on the 9th inst.

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Bro. Fulford enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends, who extend their sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Bro. F. J. Richards was compelled to absent himself from duty for a few days the first of last week account of a bad cold; Bro. Scott Mann, of the Woodsville force did the honors of the second trick at Plymouth in a masterly manner.

We learn that Bro. Casey, a member of Div. 105, is a member of the Concord city government. No doubt this gentleman will give a good account of himself in this capacity; he certainly did as a member of the General Committee.

Bro. R. E. Weare, agent at Scotts, N. H., is seriously ill with pneumonia in the hospital at Whitefield. Bro. C. A. Burnell is filling in during his absence.

Bro. Howard Hughes, of Littleton, is very ill; the day work at this point is being performed by Mr. Littlefield. Mr. Littlefield's position at Littleton, nights, is being filled by Bro. Bangs, one of our new members.

The regular meeting of Div. 45 was held on the 20th inst., with a fair attendance. The following officers were elected: Bro. E. E. Sprague, C. T.; Bro. Winslow, V. C. T.; Bro. Averill, 2d V. C. T.; Bro. King, Local Chairman Passumpsic Division; Bro. Evans, Local Chairman White Mountain Division; Bro. Evans, delegate to the convention, and Bro. B. C. Berry, alternate.

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Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Quite a number of extra men are in evidence—mostly commercial telegraphers. This would be a favorable time for all who wish vacations to make such requests.

Bro. Robt. Lang has returned to work after being off duty for several months, on account of an injured ankle. He was relieved by Bro. Buckley.

Bro. J. C. Trimble, who has been sick for about nine weeks, is improving; relieved by Sister Mary Flemming.

Bro. A. C. Gratz is enjoying a vacation of six days.

Bro. E. V. Bailey is on the sick list. Hope to hear of his recovery soon.

Bro. A. J. Shean was at Greensburg last week.

Bro. R. E. Burk and friends attended the grand opera in Pittsburg.

Bro. J. H. Cowan is taking a vacation of two weeks, which he is spending at his home in Chambersburg; can not say who is relieving him.

Bro. H. C. Hiney is enjoying four days' vacation; relieved by C. H. Campbell.

Bro. R. E. Smith has returned to duty, after several days' illness.

News seems to be scarce, but will endeavor to do better next month. Items should be forwarded to Post Office Box 141, Derry, Pa. COR.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Maryland Division—

February 17th we held our regular monthly meeting, with quite a number of enthusiastic members present.

The "up-to-road" members who are usually on deck, were conspicuous by their absence.

There are twelve members who work day-light tricks, and three or four who work 12 to 8 a. m. tricks, who could attend our meetings which are only held once a month. I think if we would make up our minds to have no other engagements on the third Wednesday, it would work out just as well.

A number of visitors were present from Division No. 17.

Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson paid us a visit, and was given a rousing reception. After listening to his able remarks on "the good of the Order," we proceeded to elect officers, with the following result: Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Thomas Truitt, Bro. Kennedy declining re-election; First Vice-Chief Telegrapher, H. B. Arrison. The remainder of the old officers were re-elected. Chairman Local Board of Adjustment, H. W. Lair; Assistants, H. B. Arrison and L. G. Jenkins. After March 25th we will be unable to secure our present quarters on the third Wednesday evening, owing to the fact that all the lodges of the Red Men in the city of Wilmington will, hereafter, meet in this hall. Beginning with our April meeting we will meet at the same place and time, on the third Friday of each month, instead of the third Wednesday. Keep this in mind.

In regard to holding a meeting on a stated Sunday for the benefit of the second trick men, we have this matter under consideration, and as soon as the Hall Committee can give us a satisfactory reply, which will be in a few days, we will be able to determine definitely whether it will be feasible.

You remember what Vice-President Pierson said about everybody lending a helping hand, well, let it sink in, and don't forget. We did 40 per cent better in 1908 than we did in 1907. Now, we intend to do 80 per cent better in 1909, than we did in 1908.

Our finances, as well as our numerical strength, is A-1 and still improving.

Get after the non. When he says he hasn't got the price, tell him how to save it. Show him that the protection he receives for himself and family far surpasses the paltry sum he is required to pay for it.

Delaware Division—

Bro. Butler spent his relief day in Little Creek; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bros. Freeny, Van Sant and Taylor spent their relief days in Delmar, Millington and Philadelphia, respectively.

Bro. Eason visited Philadelphia while off; relieved by Bro. Bennett.

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Bro. Jenkins, our worthy chairman, spent his relief day with his parents at Wyoming.

Bro. Hudson spent a day at his home, Bethel, on the quiet waters of the Nanticoke.

Bro. Sipple put in a day in the city; relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bro. "Bill" Quillen was with his parents, at Goldsboro, for a day; relieved by Bro. Bennett.

Bro. Wainwright and wife spent a day, recently, with his parents at Middleford.

Bro. Cannon, of Bridgeville, spent his relief day in the city; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. Mills, of Greenwood, visited his parents, near Delmar, recently; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. Hansen spent his relief day in the city; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. East has returned from a month's leave of absence, which he spent with relatives in Virginia; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. Russell spent his relief day in Philadelphia.

Bro. S. E. Elliott enjoyed a visit to Philadelphia lately.

Bro. Reed recently visited in the city; unable to say who relieved him.

Bro. Roe, with his wife, spent his relief day at Middletown; relieved by Bro. Morrison.

Bro. L. H. Wright and wife visited Mrs. W's parents, at Seaford, recently; relieved by Bro. Morrison.

Bros. Lynch and Brown spent a day lately at their homes in Harrington; unable to say who relieved them.

Bro. Owens was in Wilmington lately; relieved by Bro. Morrison.

Bro. Murphy spent two days with his parents at Berlin, during February.

Bro. Dryden, of Franklin City, recently spent two days with relatives at Millsboro.

Mr. Metz, of Snow Hill, spent one day with his mother recently.

Mr. W. M. Needles, of Franklin City, has resumed duty, after being off sick six weeks; relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bro. J. T. Taylor spent one day in Wilmington and Philadelphia, the latter part of February. We were all glad to see Bro. Taylor's smiling face, as it isn't often he gets away from Snow Hill.

Mr. Scotten, of East New Market, spent a day in Philadelphia recently.

Bro. C. B. Brown and wife is spending a month's vacation at Palm Beach, Miami and other places in Florida.

Bros. Anderson and Merrich, agents at Federalsburg and Easton, respectively, spent two weeks at various winter resorts in Florida, early in March; they report having an excellent trip; they were relieved by Bro. Allen and Mr. Roe, respectively.

Bro. Curry, of Greensboro, spent one day in Wilmington, in February.

Bro. Williams, of Rehoboth, off one week, latter part of February; relieved by Mr. Roe.

Bro. Truitt, of Clayton, was elected delegate to represent Delaware Division at the grand convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Jenkins, our able and worthy local chairman, was re-elected for another year. Give him all the support you can.

Bro. Melvin was also re-elected secretary and treasurer for another year.

The present reports are that all blocks closed last autumn will be re-established and opened by the time this appears in print, also that the 'phone system of dispatching trains will be in operation.

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Moncton Div., No. 63.

The correspondent requests the co-operation of the members of Div. 63 in securing news for the journal. Anything of interest should be forwarded in time to reach me by the 22d of the month to insure insertion in the following issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Don't forget the "cheap rate," the amount of $4.00, will establish membership until the 1st of May.

Regular meeting of Div. 63 was held at Moncton, Saturday, February 20th. Twenty-four members were present. Many important questions were brought up and discussed; Bro. A. J. Gray was elected delegate to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. S. C. Charters, of Div 63, and Bro. W. P. Hutcheson of Div. 66 were the candidates for chairman of the local board of adjustment for St. John to Halifax district. The ballot stood 30 to 56 in favor of Bro. Charters. The chairman elect spoke very cordially, thanking the brothers for their support, and after lodge passed a fine box of cigars which were highly appreciated.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Bro. R. A. Brown, chief telegrapher; Bro. R. M. Gross, secretary and treasurer; Bro. A. L. Fullerton, 1st vice chief telegrapher, and Bro. R. R. Smith, 2d vice chief telegrapher. Installation will take place at the next meeting.

What do you think of the train order system about to be adopted by the Canadian railways? They say it's a vast improvement over the old system, and much less work.

Bro. Landry is taking a few days' rest, relieved by Bro. L. Dalton.

Bro. T. L. Powell has been quite ill and Bro. F. Landry is relieving him. Bro. Powell has our sympathy.

The next meeting will be held at St. John, March 20, 1909. Everybody is cordially invited to be present. We expect each brother to have a new member.

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Rochester Div., No. 65.

Rochester Div. No. 65 met at Rochester, N. H., February 13th, at the G. A. R. hall, the attendance being larger than at any previous meeting for several years. There were twenty-six brothers present.

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The meeting was called to order by Chief Telegrapher E. J. Scott at 8 p. m., and the division soon got down to business.

The election of officers for the ensuing year and selection of a delegate to grand convention took up some time.

Under the head of unfinished business the matter of organizing was taken up and it was voted to pay the salary and expenses of an organizer to cover the Keene and Acton branches of the W. N. & P. Division, with the view of getting these branches into line.

The New Hampshire eight-hour law was next taken up and after the bill that is now in the legislature was explained to the brothers present it was voted to send a delegate to the committee hearing in Concord, N. H., to aid Mr. A. O. Alexander, who introduced the bill, and who was an O. R. T. member while in the railway service.

Under the head of "good of the order" remarks were made by several of the brothers of Div. No. 65. We were also addressed by Bro. C. E. Adams, of Springvale, Me., member of Div. No. 95. Here Bro. Chapman announced that the banquet hall was open and we repaired to that room and partook of a fine oyster supper. The meeting was called to order after supper and the business of the evening transacted.

There are not many changes on the W. N. & P. Division.

Bro. Beliveau is at Bar Mills, third trick.

Bro. L. R. Clark is now assistant agent at Westbrook.

Bro. F. H. Willard, chief telegrapher, now in despatcher's office, Nashua, having been relieved at Lancaster, Mass. by Bro. MacDermott.

Bro. A. J. Dugas is holding down the third trick at Sterling Jct.

The nons on this division are still to be seen and sometimes heard from, especially when they want favors, but the boys are handing them the war cry on every side "no cards, no favors."

Mr. Hynes, chief train despatcher at Nashua, is on six months' leave of absence; he is relieved by Mr. B. Thomas, first trick despatcher. Mr. Hynes has gone to Panama to install a telegraph system for the United Fruit Co.

Mr. Murphy is now holding down Nashua North Yard, which is Bro. Rollins' regular job.

Bro. Seeley is in Kanorado, Kansas, working nights for the Rock Island. He says he likes the country and is improving.

There were a number of new faces at the meeting on the 13th. Come again, for good attendance tends to raise enthusiasm and everything goes better when the crowd is large.

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Albany Div., No. 78.

Div. 78 met at regular meeting February 20th, 1909, and elected the following officers: G. A. Johnson, chief telegrapher; A. D. Wagar, 1st vice chief telegrapher; V. C. Wands, 2d vice chief telegrapher; B. M. Nicholls, secretary and treasurer; V. C. Wands, delegate to general convention.

We were honored at this time by the presence of the second vice-president, Bro. T. M. Pierson, whose name as a probable attendant is usually enough to fill to overflowing our rooms.

There were also present our genial general chairman, Bro. Moot, Bro. Shields, of the Long Island, and Bro. Potter, of the Boston & Maine, each a tower of strength for our order and in behalf of our division I wish to say that we very keenly appreciated the honor shown us by their presence.

After the regular order of business we were further honored with addresses by each of our visitors. Nearly every member knows what Bro. Pierson can do in the way of addressing an assemblage of telegraphers, and Bros. Moot, Shields and Potter are orators of considerable more than ordinary ability. Those who were absent missed a rare treat.

To those who were not there, however, I wish to say—the O. R. T. is your business. Telegraphing, selling tickets, checking baggage, billing freight, cleaning and filling switch lamps, and all the rest of it is the railroad company's business and they attend to it, thoroughly, through us and pay us for it, and if we don't do it right they stop our pay and do other mean (?) things. They make five or six per cent on the money invested and are well pleased. We—on the D. & H.—don't attend to our business at all. It is next to impossible for us to get to meeting once a month, but we can stay at home and growl nicely about what is done there and at what is not done by the general committee.

Those who attend the meetings, and the general committee too, are attending to their business, and to ours, although we are not interested enough to give even a small portion of one day a month to encourage and help them and to at least show our appreciation by our attendance. By a carefully compiled statement sent you recently it is demonstrated beyond a question of doubt that we, of the O. R. T., on the D. & H., draw a great many times more profit from our business than the railroad companies draw from theirs, although we don't attend to it at all; only allow some good brother to peg along as best he can, heap him with abuse (abuse is right) and fault-finding (also right) with his best efforts—efforts which pay big dividends to us—bigger than the far-famed and short-lived Miller Syndicate even promised to pay.

G. A. JOHNSON.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

We are stronger than ever, and we are growing stronger each month. We had a good turn-out at our meeting February 19th, and every one enjoyed it very much. Bro. Page, general chairman honored us with his presence at this meeting.

The following officers were declared elected: Bro. N. T. Bryson, chief telegrapher; Bro. A. S. Chamberlain, first vice-chief telegrapher;

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Bro. C. D. Sheppard, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Chas Parker, secretary and treasurer; Bro. N. T. Bryson, representative to Grand Division Convention at Atlanta, Ga.; Bro. R. Parker alternate to Grand Division Convention; Bro. N. T. Bryson, Local Chairman, New York Division; Bro. T. J. Callahan Local Chairman, Belvidere Division; Bro. C. D. Sheppard, trustee, to serve three years.

The following changes have taken place since last writing: Bro. G. E. Goddard, third trick at "MS," Coal Port, to third trick "DK," Dickinson. Bro. T. J. Callahan, second trick at "MS," Coal Port, to third trick at Coal Port. Mr. Kays, "K" tower, to second trick "MS," Coal Port. Bro. Gaunt, first trick at "MD," Milford, to first trick "KD," Dickinson, Bro. Goddard working first trick at "DK," Dickinson, until Bro. Gaunt can get moved down. Mr. W. P. Maloney, second trick at "X," Wilburtha, to second trick "DK," Dicksinson. Mr. W. H. Wilmot, Jr., third trick at "X," Wilburtha, filling third trick at "DK," Dickinson, temporarily. Bro. H. A. Cooper filling third trick at "X," Wilburtha, temporarily. Mr. C. C. Caldwell, second trick at "N," Niece, to second trick "X," Wilburtha. Bro. G. M. Wharton, third trick at "WC," Washington's Crossing, to first trick at "MO," Moore. Mr. F. L. Northrup, second trick at "SK," Stockton, to second trick at "MO," Moore. Mr. Ashcroft (Duke), extra man bid second trick at "SK," Stockton. Mr. C. Ritz is working third trick at Moore. Mr. Strike, third trick man at "N," Niece, bid in first trick same place. "13" a Mr. Wood is working second trick at "N," Niece, can not say whether he has it steady or not. Bro. W. L. Heaney, third trick at "MD," Milford, to first trick at Milford. Bro. Pierson, second trick at "FH," to third trick at "MD," Milford. "13" Mr. Koontz bid in third trick at "RH," Durham tower.

The following positions are up for bid at present writing: third trick at "FD," Frenchtown. First trick at "K" tower.

Mr. E. V. McKelvey was the successful bidder for relief schedule No. 1 from "WN," Warren tower, to "C" Belvidere.

Bro. A. Tucker is now working relief No. 2 from "RH," Durham tower, to "MS," Coal Port.

"13" that "C," Belvidere, will again be put on twelve-hour basis, making a day office out of it. Mr. F. F. Weaver doing the stunt.

"13" that Mr. Hill, first trick at "WN," Warren, is running a ham factory. Brothers, I think you know how to deal with a man of this kind. Let us be like our Western brothers (No cards, no favors). If a man isn't up-to-date out there, there is nothing doing. I think Bro. W. L. Heaney deserves a great deal of credit for the work he has been doing in landing the nons.

If all the brothers were like Bro. Heaney there would be very few nons.

Things look brighter at this time than they have for a good while.

Let us all work together and strive to have complete organization. DIV. COR.

Altoona Div., No. 86.

Bro. Chas. Sneath had an exciting adventure with a burglar some time ago. He went down stairs during the night to fix the fire and was coming out, when the masked knight projected a four-inch Hotchkiss under his smeller, held him up, securing 16 cents and a valuable gold-filled watch. The burglar fled up the track, and was afterwards captured and the goods recovered.

The division initiated sixteen new members during 1908; has a substantial bank account and a large increase in membership over 1907, on account of transfers from other divisions.

The books of the division were audited by a committee composed of Bros. Anspach, B. D. Miller and D. S. McAleese, who reported everything O. K.

Bro. Oakes' family has been visited by death, his little daughter, aged about eight months, dying of meningitis, during the past week. Our sympathies are extended to the parents.

Bro. H. G. Clemens, at "JC," has been appointed division organizer, and he will make a live one.

Just received remittance from Bro. E. D. Collins, who is now located at Bonnie Claire, post office Thorpe, Nev., on the Tonopah and Tidewater R. R. COR.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The regular night meeting of Division No. 89 was called to order at 10 a. m., February 6th, by Worthy Chief Bro. Ross.

This was done so that the second and third trick men might participate in our annual election.

If a stranger should have happened along, he would have thought the annual town election in Bingville was in progress, as there was something doing all day, the lobbyists being busy trying to pull votes for their favorites. The polls closed at 9 p. m., and when the tellers counted the ballots they found a total of 108 ballots cast. Then the contest began in earnest, there being seventy brothers present in the evening. It took considerable time to ballot, and have tellers announce the result. At 11:15 p. m. it was necessary to adjourn until the following Saturday to decide the several contests. The brothers came to order the following Saturday, February 13th, at 8 p. m., and after much balloting elected the following officers and delegates: Bro. Leonard J. Ross, chief telegrapher; Bro. J. N. McDermott, secretary and treasurer; Bro. L. T. Cushman, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. S. A. Prince, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. L. J. Ross, delegate, Bro. Cronin, alternate; Bro. C. I. Wood, delegate, Bro. Ewell, alternate; Bro. J. P. Riley, local chairman, Boston Division; Bro. C. I. Wood, local chairman, Boston Terminal; Bro. L. J. Ross, local chairman, Old Colony Division.

Between the acts the petitions for membership of five applicants were read and balloted on.

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Midland Division—

Mr. Generous, of Baltic, has bid in agency at Turnerville.

Mr. Woods and Bro. Lecuyer, agent and telegrapher at East Douglas, have been relieved pending an investigation of conditions at their station.

Bro. Trovens, from agency at West Thompson, to agency at East Douglas.

Bro. Corrigan, from second trick at Plainfield, to first trick telegrapher at East Douglas.

Bro. Weeks, from third trick at Hampton, to agency at Washington.

Mr. Rowland, from spare list, to third trick at Hampton.

Mr. Savage bid in C. & O. job at Baltic.

A CARD.

On behalf of my family, I wish to thank the members of Boston Division No. 89, O. R. T., for the beautiful floral tribute, and the kind and loving words of sympathy tendered us in our bereavement. MARTIN BLASENAK.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

Regular meeting of Elmira Division No. 100 was held in Elmira, Tuesday evening, February 23d, with but few members present.

The following officers were elected: Chief telegrapher Bro. T. M. Seem, vice Bro. C. M. Weeks; first vice chief, Bro. Charles Davie, vice Bro. T. M. Seem; second vice chief, Sister H. A. Kinney, vice Bro. W. S. Fox; secretary and treasurer, Bro. C. R. Elliott, who succeeds himself; representative to bi-ennial convention, Bro. C. R. Elliott; alternate to convention, Bro. E. L. Wood; local chairman board of adjustment, Bro. E. L. Wood, re-elected for two years.

Bro. Stauring worked second trick at Hall, Jan. 25th, and third trick at Hall, Jan. 26th. He also worked third at "D" tower, Jan. 29, 30 and 31, relieving Bro. Campbell. Bro. Stauring worked third at Newark for one week, relieving Mr. R. B. Havens.

Mr. Vandy, at Wallington, third trick, off Feb. 1st, relieved by Bro. Stauring.

Mr. Erway worked first at Penn Yan, Feb. 24th and 25th, relieving Mr. W. A. Carr.

Bro. E. K. Harris, second trick at "D" tower, Canandaigua, off a few days, relieved by Mr. F. P. Craugh.

Bro. W. W. McLaughlin, second at Penn Yan, off duty, relieved by Mr. F. P. Craugh.

Bro. Hill, third at "G," Himrod's Junc., at Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua, undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Bro. H. H. Pierson, regular third trick at Starkey, is relieving Bro. Hill during his absence.

Bro. C. S. Quick, first trick at Milo, has bid in first trick at Pine Valley, and will move about April 1st. The telegraph work at this point has heretofore been done by the agent, Mr. Palmer.

Bro. H. M. Gibbs relieved Mr. J. M. Bromley at Seneca Castle one day the last of January.

Mr. Erway is bumping the list on Canandaigua division.

Bro. Dan Utz, second at "BN," Southport yard, off a few days; relieved by Bro. D. R. Dunning, relief telegrapher on Elmira division.

Mr. Reidy at Starkey a few days in place of Bro. H. H. Pierson.

Sister Bower has recovered from her recent illness, and has again returned to the key.

Mr. Erway at Starkey a few days, working third trick.

Bro. U. G. Watkins, first at "G," Himrods Junc., off February 1st; relieved by Mr. W. T. White.

Bro. E. L. Hodges, second trick at Starkey, off February 8th; relieved by Bro. Tipton.

Bro. Tipton at Stanley, February 9th, in place of Bro. Charley Davie.

Third trick at Gillett closes February 15th, account no telegrapher available.

Bro. Hanmer, third at Coal Switch, unable to work his trick February 15th. Sister Bower worked in his place.

Sister Bower at Watkins, second trick, a few days in early part of February.

Bro. Jones, regular third trick at Pine Valley, is transferred to first trick until about April 1st. Mr. Craugh is working the third trick until further notice.

Bro. H. R. Reynolds, second at Milo, off February 18th; relieved by Bro. Gibbs.

Bro. Gibbs also relieved Bro. W. W. McLaughlin, second trick at Penn Yan, February 19th.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to remove from the family of our brother, Joseph R. Brewer, his father, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of Elmira Division No. 100, Order of Railway Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy sent to our official organ for publication.

H. S. TIPTON,
D. R. DUNNING,
E. L. WOOD,
Committee.

Regular daylight meeting held in Elmira, N. Y., Tuesday, Jan. 12, with 28 members in attendance. After a short time devoted to business, all present enjoyed the lunch and cigars provided by the refreshment committee.

Bro. H. R. Reynolds, second at Milo, off January 19th; relieved by Mr. Craugh.

Bro. A. O. Osgood, of Earl's, N. Y., a member of N. Y. C. system, Division No. 7, was a welcome visitor at this meeting.

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Bro. F. F. Seamans, of "G," Himrods Junction, off two weeks, relieved by Bro. Pierson, of Starkey.

Bro. U. G. Watkins, first at "G" tower, off four days, relieved by Bro. Pierson.

Bro. H. M. Gibbs, who was a relief agent on this division some time since, and who resigned to go into other business, has returned to work as extra telegrapher. Bro. Gibbs relieved Bro. Hodges, second at Starkey, January 13th.

Bro. E. S. Osgood, second at Rock Stream, off January 12th, relieved by Mr. Erway.

Mr. Erway promises to come across with the goods as soon as possible.

Bro. Hill, third at "G," Himrods Junction, off January 12th; relieved by Mr. Craugh.

Mr. Hunt, agent at Rock Stream, relieved January 11th by Bro. H. M. Gibbs.

Bro. Robson, first at Wallington, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Gibbs.

Mr. M. M. Farrell, first at Sodus Point, off a few days, relieved by Mr. White.

Bro. Reed, of Wallington, off a few nights; relieved by Bro. Stauring.

Bro. Heath, of N. Y. C. system, Div. 8, relieved Mr. Hildreth for a few days. Mr. Hildreth off on account of death of his mother. Mr. Hildreth has the sympathy of the entire division in his great loss.

"Matt" will have his hands full for awhile, as the ice harvest has begun. That makes quite a lot of business for the road, too.

Regular night meeting of Elmira Division No. 100 was held on the evening of Tuesday, January 26th. It is hard to account for the large number of members who failed to attend this meeting, as most of the boys promised to be on hand to take part in the nominations for division officers for this year, and also to nominate our delegate and alternate who are to represent us at the biennial convention.

Some very interesting matters were brought before the division at this meeting, and those members who were absent are losers.

It is hard to understand how the members who do not attend our meetings expect to keep informed on matters which from time to time come up. It seems as though the boys should be willing to devote one night out of a month to the division. If things are not going to suit the boys, it is up to them to get on the job and run the division as they think it should be run.

Bro. C. H. Cayward, first at Hall, off January 26th, relieved by Bro. H. M. Gibbs.

Bro. C. M. Weeks, first at Stanley, off January 27th, relieved by Bro. Gibbs.

Bro. G. H. Fake off until further notice, relieved by Bro. Stauring.

Bro. C. B. Johnson, third at Benton Siding, off January 26th, relieved by Mr. Craugh.

Sister J. L. Kisor, third at Hall, off January 26th.

The notes from the South end, not having reached me as yet, will have to be omitted.

DIV. COR.

Ayer Div., No. 104.

B. & M. R. R.—

Meeting of Div. 104 was called to order at 10 a. m., Sunday, February 21st, with Bro. Willard in the chair. A good crowd turned out and the meeting was a long and interesting one, lasting until 2 p. m. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Secretary-treasurer, J. F. Mullen, Marlboro, Mass.; chief telegrapher, G. H. Cook, Ayer, Mass.; 1st vice chief telegrapher, J. P. Rutledge, So. Lancaster, Mass.; 2nd vice chief telegrapher, J. K. Quackenboss, Ayer, Mass.; delegate, F. H. Willard, Lancaster, Mass.; alternate, J. P. Rutledge, So. Lancaster, Mass.

Bro. Willard, who declined to accept a nomination for third term as chief, was tendered a vote of thanks for his faithful services during his two years in that office.

We are sorry to state that Bro. St. Jean has been very ill, and, although improving at this writing, is still confined to his bed. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Willard has been assigned to the despatchers' office at Nashua to fill vacancy made by granting leave of absence to our chief despatcher, M. J. Hynes, who has gone to Costa Rica to work.

Bro. McDermott, of Ayer, has been assigned to agency at Lancaster formerly held by Bro. Willard.

The work of organization on the W. N. & P. Div. is progressing rapidly, and we believe that during the next month we will receive to membership all the desirable men on the line.

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Concord Div., No. 105.

Bro. Abbott, from Franklin Falls, who expected to spend a vacation at his home in Eufield, found when he arrived that his father had business for him in the printing office.

Mr. Durgin, from Halcyon, away for an indefinite season, attending Legislature at Concord.

Mr. Holey relieving Mr. Durgin at Halcyon.

Bro. Webster, at West Canaan, has been absent for a few days; relieved by Mr. Hair.

Bro. Sloan was seen recently in Manchester.

Bro. Gage called on the boys lately. All were glad to see him.

It has been reported that there will be a private wire installed at Concord to Franklin Junction., to accommodate the immense amount of business done at the junction.

With regret, we learn of the illness of Bro. Bettis' mother. We hope she will soon recover.

Only two or three nons on the division between Concord and "WR" junction. Everybody get after them, and make life miserable for them until they surrender.

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Hagerstown Div., No. 106.

There was a good "turn-out" to the February meeting, and we hope the performance will be often repeated in the future.

Bro. Naugle, night man at Shippensburg passenger, spent a few days in Lebanon.

Bro. Neff, "SF" tower, relieved Bro. Naugle during his absence; Bro. Neff relieved by a C. T. U. A man.

Bro. Gibble, from the Pennsy, is doing the stunt at "RN" tower, Harrisburg. He is now a member of this division, having recently transferred from No. 9.

Bro. J. J. Hursh, Jr., Newville, has the sympathy and condolence of the division in his recent bereavement, having the misfortune to lose his father.

The many friends of Bro. Hoover, "DX," Hagerstown, were shocked to hear of his father's death, which occurred February 4th, at his home, this city. Many beautiful wreaths and floral designs were sent. He was relieved for a few days by Bro. Hines, "BY," Berkely tower. He has our sympathy.

Bro. Larrick spent a short time in Winchester, some time ago, and reports a pleasant time.

I am glad to report that the condition of Bro. Schleicher's father continues to improve, and we hope for a rapid recovery.

Bro. Hyde, first trick at "BY" tower, Berkley, was a visitor at Bro. Snyder's house, while in Hagerstown, recently.

As a great many were anxious for a write-up, your correspondent will be pleased if you come up more promptly with the news items. It only takes a few minutes. Don't forget it. It is certainly no trouble to send them in for publication, if you will but take the time to send them to me, this will be done cheerfully. COR.

Cresson Div., No. 109.

Eight months have elapsed since the last write-up appeared in the journal from Division No. 109. But, while this silence has been maintained on the part of the correspondent, it is most gratifying to note that everything has moved along serenely, which can be verified by consulting the annual report submitted by our worthy secretary at the regular meeting held February 6, 1909. This report shows Division No. 109 to be in a flourishing condition. Judging from the large attendance at this meeting, and the unusual interest manifested in the various topics under discussion, by those who were present, there is no reason why the year 1909 should not be the banner year of Division No. 109.

As already stated our meeting was principally devoted to hearing the annual report for the year just closed, and the election of officers for the ensuing year. Meeting was called to order and presided over by Bro. H. D. Border, chief telegrapher. All officers were present with the exception of Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher C. V. Pickerill, who was absent on account of sickness; Bro. A. O. Seamon was appointed to fill the chair.

Owing to the fact that many members present were compelled to catch the last local passenger train scheduled to stop at Conemaugh, on that date, our time was limited and everything had to be rushed through. To expedite matters, a motion was made by Bro. John A. Fleck, which was duly seconded, that all the present officers be retained in office for the year 1909. The motion having carried unanimously, Bro. W. H. Pickerill was chosen to cast the deciding vote confirming the election of officers. The following is a list of those elected: Chief telegrapher, H. D. Border, of Portage; secretary and treasurer, Louis Biter, of Wilmore; first vice-chief telegrapher, Morse W. Eamigh, of Portage; second vice-chief telegrapher, Clayton V. Pickerill, of Conemaugh; past-chief telegrapher, John A. Fleck, of Conemaugh; marshal, T. W. Ryan, of Cresson; inside sentinel, E. C. Hollister, of Conemaugh; outside sentinel, George W. Bussard, of Cresson. The next thing in order was the choosing of a delegate to represent Division No. 109 at the National Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May. There was considerable interest manifested by several of the brothers, this being a plum much sought by the brothers in the field. It was finally plucked by Bro. T. W. Ryan, he having received a majority of votes cast. Bro. John A. Fleck, second best in the race was chosen as alternate.

Bro. J. Kiger, of Pittsburg, dropped in a few minutes before the closing hour and gave us a brief outline of the General Committee's work just completed for the year, showing conclusively that this committee had been laboring under great difficulties which they hoped to be able to overcome in the near future if entrusted with the work for the ensuing year. There seems to be no question but what Bro. Kiger will be re-elected on February 27, 1909, as he with the others has unquestionably discharged his duty with fidelity. COR.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular February meetings were held on the third and seventeenth of the month, at Corry and Emporium, respectively, with a fair attendance at each. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, but we are unable to give their names in time for this write-up. They will appear in next month's journal.

The members of the division join in extending sympathy to Supervisor John McDonald and family, of Driftwood, in their bereavement. Mrs. McDonald died at Lock Haven Hospital, February 22d, after undergoing an operation.

Telegrapher W. R. Catherman, of "HU," Hulings, received a message from Millmont, Pa., Thursday morning, announcing the sudden death of his mother. Mr. Catherman has many friends along the line who sympathize with him in his great trouble.

Bro. J. M. Pfoutz, of "HU," Hulings, is after the prize offered for the member securing the most applications for membership, and it looks

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as if he would win out. Bro. Pfoutz is looking for the day when the telegrapher can step into the pay-car and draw a salary in accordance with his responsibility and says that organization is the only thing that will bring about this happy state. We heartily agree with the brother in this.

Bro. Bechtold, of Wistar, is relieving Bro. Emert, at Keating, for a few days, while the latter is visiting his parents.

We are pleased to announce the elections of Bros. Page and Krape, of Cameron, to the important offices of Justice of the Peace and Auditor, respectively, in their town election. The O. R. T. can furnish solid men for any public charge. The doctrines of the Order advocate principles which fit its members to fill positions of trust with credit.

The members of the division take this opportunity to thank the retiring officers for their splendid work during the past year. Everything looks bright for the coming year, and our division is in excellent shape. Our ranks are being strengthened by new members, and it is very gratifying to see that some of the old friends who dropped out in the past are rejoining with renewed interest and loyalty. The day is not far distant when we will see every eligible telegrapher on the line enrolled on our list.

DIV. COR.

Whitehall Div., No. 122.

Our regular meeting was held February 19th at K. O. T. M. hall, at Whitehall, N. Y., and was called to order by our worthy chief at 8:15 p. m.

We were honored with the presence of our second vice-president, Bro. T. M. Pierson, who instilled life into the division, and his remarks and advice were received with enthusiasm and applause. His observation that each member should take an interest in the affairs of the organization applies to the members of this, as well as other divisions. Not only should they pay dues, but should attend meetings to acquaint one another with undesirable conditions existing along the line, so that necessary steps can be taken to correct them. Bro. Pierson paid a tribute to the division officers who have carried on the work for the past year, and felt certain that Div. 122 would be a banner division in the near future.

Our general chairman, Bro. M. D. Moot, followed Bro. Pierson, and his remarks were upon matters pertaining to the schedule and grievances. They were well received.

Bro. Johnson, chief of Div. 78, who was present, gave us a few remarks. Division 78 should feel proud to number Bro. Johnson among its officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chief telegrapher, Chas. H. Kemp, of Glens Falls; 1st vice chief, J. B. Snow; 2d vice chief, O. C. Benjamin; secretary and treasurer, H. G. Stevens; local chairman, P. W. Whyland; delegate to convention, C. H. Kemp; alternate, H. G. Stevens.

Bro. Kemp has been elected local chairman of Saratoga Division.

Among the visitors from Div. 78 we found Bros. Wagar and Johnson.

Bro. Bowers served as marshal.

After regular transaction of business our worthy chief announced recess for refreshments, which were partaken of by about 25 members, after which cigars were passed.

The matter of a chairman for the Q. M. & S. Ry. was talked over and will be looked into by General Chairman Moot.

The membership shows good strength, and several were given application blanks to cover all who are not in the fold.

COR.

Olean Div., No. 135.

No bulletins since the last write-up, and consequently very few notes for this month.

Business seems to be quite brisk on this end, caused by many shipments of coal and coke being received from the P. & E. at Corry.

Mr. T. J. Anderson, first trick at 45 Mile Siding, off a couple of days, relieved by Mr. K. V. Moore.

Mr. Drought, agent at Panama, off a few days last month. Mr. Sacket, relief agent, relieved him.

Mr. W. C. Richard has been appointed agent at Kinzua, Mr. L. H. Sacket taking the relief job.

Sister S. M. Dutton, first trick at Sherman, off a few days; relieved by Bro. Wickes.

In the last write-up we mentioned that Bro. Lytle, second trick at "NB" tower, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Kirkpatrick. This was an error, as Bro. Lytle was working second trick at Siverly, Bro. Rothfuss having left the service.

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Key City Telegraphers' Club.

The second regular meeting of the Key City Telegraphers' Club was held at Dubuque, Saturday night, January 23d, in G. A. R. hall, and about fifty members from the various lines entering Dubuque were present.

Bro. G. E. Soyster, of Div. 23, from Cedar Rapids, Ia., delivered an excellent speech on the "Good of the Order."

Several candidates were initiated and everybody had a jolly good time.

The next meeting will be held about February 27th, and all brothers in good standing are cordially invited.

CHIEF TELEGRAPHER.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Eastern Division, First District—

We haven't noticed many of the boys sending in news for a write-up from this division, so I fear they will continue to be rather short, unless some one takes it upon himself to render the correspondent some assistance.

Much interest is being taken in the selection of delegates, and on some divisions the contest has been quite keen.

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We have had an unusual amount of snow this winter, and trains have been badly delayed during the storms. The wing plows have been over the road a number of times, and the flangers have been kept quite busy all winter.

A number of the extra night offices will be closed as spring is approaching, and some of the night men will be compelled to look for pastures new.

Mr. Briggs is working second trick at South Paris.

Bro. Farrell is again back on his old trick at Deering.

We have secured several new members during the past month, and the old members seem to be paying dues very promptly, although there are a few straggling ones who are a little slow. I hope they will not delay too long, but pay up, get an up-to-date card, and stay in the procession.

Several members have been fortunate enough to win O. R. T. rings as prizes for securing new members. Let us hope that many others will try to win one of the prizes offered, and by so doing assist the officers in making and keeping the road solid.

Try to send some news to your local chairman each month, or send direct to THE TELEGRAPHER This will keep us informed as to what is going on.

Pay your dues, send in news and keep the ball rolling. CERT. 424.

Wabash Ry.

Peru Division—

Bro. Roy Zentmyre has bid in the first trick at Attica.

Bro. Robertson, of Danes, was seen in Logansport, a few days ago.

Mr. J. T. Cullen, chief dispatcher, was visiting his mother, in Lafayette, a few days ago.

Bro. I. J. Thompson, agent at Buckcreek, off for a few days, being relieved by Relief Agent R. M. Smith.

Bro. Bailey has returned to Roanoke. He was relieved at Wauseon by Telegrapher Underwood, who has bid in the third trick at that place.

Bro. Etnire, of Williamsport, has been off duty for a few days. We understand he has a very bad arm, on account of having been vaccinated a few days ago.

Bro. J. J. Dorren, agent at Whitehouse, is enjoying a vacation. He is being relieved by Telegrapher G. T. Edwards.

Bro. J. C. Cox, agent at Liberty Center, is taking a few days vacation, and is being relieved by Relief Agent R. M. Smith.

Bro. J. K. Lipsett, regular correspondent, has not yet returned to work, but it is rumored that he will return about March 1st.

Bro. Beatty, of Cecil, is enjoying a few days' vacation, and is being relieved by Relief Agent R. M. Smith.

Mr. A. W. Chapman is now at Colburn as agent, vice Mr. Younger.

Bro. G. W. Tillock, of New Haven, was off duty a few days, attending to business. He was relieved by Bro. Cochran, of Andrews.

Bro. Ray Gladden was off three days on account of having to attend to some business matters. He was relieved by Extra Telegrapher Brake, from the Pan Handle.

Telegrapher Purkhiser is working at Newell, while Bro. Chase is relieving Bro. Elvidge at Tilton.

Bro. Bechtal, after being off several weeks on account of sickness, has returned to his duties at Lafayette.

Bro. Tom Elvidge, of Tilton, has secured a leave of absence of two weeks, and will visit friends at Champaign, Ill. He is being relieved by Bro. Chase.

Bro. Spencer has returned to his duties at Westpoint, after a few days' leave of absence. Bro. Hellwig has returned to West Lebanon, and is working his regular trick there.

Bro. Bailey is at Wauseon, until some one bids in third trick at that place. Telegrapher E. I. Purkhiser is holding down his trick at Roanoke.

Bro. W. P. Shoutt, of Delphi, has been elected delegate to the seventeenth regular session of the Grand Division, to be held at Atlanta Ga., in May, 1909.

Bro. Lauber, of Maumee, was recently called to attend a Coroner's inquest, at Toledo, to give evidence regarding a man who was killed near his station, on the Ohio Electric Ry.

F. A. Schlosser, agent at Defiance, O., has resigned. He is to be succeeded by Mr. J. L. Craig, agent at West Lebanon. Mr. Craig will be succeeded at West Lebanon by Mr. A. M. Brown, who has been working at Peru ("Z" office), nights, for some time.

Bro. Etnire, second trick at Williamsport, is working as agent there for a few days, in place of regular Agent "Kieff," who is taking a few days' leave of absence. Telegrapher H. O. Murray, from West Lebanon, is working Bro. Etnire's trick at Williamsport.

Bro. Raddatz, who has been working Bro. Bechtal's trick at Lafayette for some time, has gone to Maumee, to work the third trick in place of Bro. Roy Hoover, who is relieving the agent at that point for a few days, on account of a death in his family.

Bro. F. L. Ribble, of West Lebanon, has been off duty for a few days.

Our committee has returned from St. Louis, where it has been in conference with the Wabash management. While we did not secure an increase in salaries, we secured several new rules, and had rule 15 revised. In the future all vacancies will be bulletined, and every telegrapher will receive notice of such vacancy, and will have ten days in which to make up his mind, whether he wants the position; the oldest bidder will be notified, in writing, that he is to receive the place regularly. This rule is worth a great deal to us, as we will know just what to depend upon. As far as getting an increase in salary is concerned, I do not think any of us expected that at the present time. CERT. 141.

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Detroit-Chicago Division—

Bro. Frank Hitchingham resumed work at "BO" tower, February 23d, after a month's vacation, part of which was spent in the South.

Sister F. Jones, who did the relief work at "BO" tower, is at present working at 17th Street, Detroit.

Bro. C. L. Iliff, agent at Romulus, laid off a couple of days last month; was relieved by Bro. W. H. Sellers. Operator R. A. Mills relieved Bro. Sellers.

Bro. J. L. Phillips, of Belleville, has returned to work after a couple of weeks' vacation, which was spent with his parents at Defiance, O. Telegrapher Floyd did the relief work.

Bro. G. B. Daniels of Sand Creek, off a few days the first of February; relieved by Miss Ida French.

Bro. J. W. Bloom and wife, of Sand Creek, visited his parents at Montpelier, February 20th; relieved by Telegrapher S. E. Turner.

Sister Cary Scott, of Kunkle, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Miss French.

The Wabash had a bad freight wreck near Cone, Mich., February 1st. Seventeen cars of high-class freight were ditched; caused by the rails spreading. Bro. Roy Vanness of Britton, did duty at the wreck until it was cleared up. Bro. Earnest Crook relieved Bro. Vanness at Britton, and Bro. N. E. Long took Bro. Crook's place.

Bro. A. F. Klages, of Romulus, took a business trip to Detroit, February 24th.

We "13" that Telegrapher Guilde, who has been on the extra list here for the last couple of months, has resigned, and gone to work for the C. M. & St. P.

Bro. H. T. Haus and Telegrapher Laing, of Hammond, "CN," office, doubled one night on account of Telegrapher Sampson taking suddenly ill. Mr. Sampson relieved Telegrapher Cudley during the formers illness.

Items received this month from Bros. Bloom and Haus. DIV. COR.

Springfield Division—

Mr. John T. Quigley, third trick at Bluff, was married February 17th, to Miss Anna Adams, of Naples, Ill.

Telegrapher Green, from Berlin, relieved Mr. Quigley for a few days, and Telegrapher Claus, an extra man, relieved Mr. Green.

P. R. Wetz, agent at Naples, has asked for a change of positions on account of insufficiency of salary.

The wires were removed from the depot when the nine-hour law became effective.

Bro. J. M. Suter, of Dawson, has been elected delegate to the seventh biennial and seventeenth regular session of the Grand Division, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., next May. Bro. S. E. Fouche, of Bluffs, alternate.

Extra Telegrapher Claus, at Lanesville, on third trick a few nights; unable to say who he was relieving.

Wires on this division were in bad shape for several days, due to the sleet storm that visited this section of the country February 15th and 16th.

We understand that F. Pennington, agent at Maysville, has purchased a hotel, and will run same in connection with his other work.

We were pleased to note that at our meeting of February 1st, it was decided to contribute financially to the defense of Bros. Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mr. Hough, one of the oldest conductors on our line, he having been continuously in the employ of the Wabash R. R. since 1857. He enjoyed good health until recently, when he suffered a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered. The funeral services were held at Clayton, Sunday, February 21st. Two specials were run, one from Decatur and one from Keokuk.

If the members individually will take the trouble to send in all items of interest relative to occurrences along the line, such as transfers, vacations, etc., we can be represented in the journal each month by a long, interesting communication.

The items should reach our local chairman not later than the 25th of each month, to insure insertion in the following issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Having been recently elected local chairman of this division, I solicit the co-operation and general support of the membership, which, if given, will benefit all concerned.

We miss the familiar face of Mr. Hayden Davis, passenger brakeman, who for some months past has been with Conductor Malley. Mr. Davis has severed his connection with the Wabash, and now represents a wholesale hardware company of Quincy.

How many are reading the proceedings of United States District Attorney Sims against the Santa Fe R. R. for violation of the nine-hour law? His success will have a moral effect, not only upon the company involved, but others that are trying the same method to evade the intent of the law.

Bro. Horace Arnold, of Baylis, has secured a position as telegrapher for the C. & A. R. R., at Jacksonville, Ill., and begins his duties March 1st.

Send your TELEGRAPHERS to some non of your acquaintance, when you have finished reading them. They are full of interesting reading, and will probably be the cause of doing some good.

CERT 957.

T. St. L. & W. Ry.

The heavy sleet storm which struck this line February 14th, put all wires out of commission for a day or two. Despatcher Farrell went to Delphos to handle trains and Despatcher Hufferd to Van Buren. Everything moved along nicely, with very little delay, and by the time this appears in the journal we will be doing business again.

In order to have our line represented in the journal each month, it will be necessary to

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assist the correspondent in getting the news; so do not neglect to forward him all items of interest.

Brothers Lynch and Pittinger, who are located at "J," Delphos Yards, have traded tricks, Bro. Lynch working the late trick and Bro. Pittinger the morning trick.

Bro. DeHart, at "VN," Van Buren, Ind., is working second trick at present.

In the January issue, under the head of "Clover Leaf Items," mention was made that "Bro. Russell," of Marion, Ind., was visiting at home. The writer being misinformed, called Mr. Russell brother. Mr. Russell does not belong, but we hope that he will see the necessity of being a member very shortly and come into the fold.

Telegrapher Benton, Relay Office, Frankfort, is working morning trick and Telegrapher Whitehall the afternoon trick.

On account of but few changes upon the line, and the fact that no one has assisted in obtaining news this month, our end of the line will be but poorly represented. CERT. 3399.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

I fail to see any write-up from this district in the January number of THE TELEGRAPHER, and am unable to ascertain who our division correspondent is. If I am interfering with him in sending in a few lines, I wish to ask his pardon for this intrusion, but I think it is no more than justice that we have a write-up each month, as we are progressing very nicely, taking everything into consideration.

Bro. E. E. Delaplaine is working south on this line and we hope to hear good reports from him. I beseech each and every member to get hold of the nons and endeavor to have them lined up before the organizer reaches you.

Brothers who belong to other divisions should forward their cards to Bro. Slaughter at Hume, Mo., for transfer to Div. No. 5, as we wish to make as good a showing this spring as possible.

Our genial acting local chairman, Bro. J. C. Harkrider, made a flying trip to Leesville a few Sundays ago.

Several of the boys from Div. 5 attended a joint meeting at the H. & S. freight depot, Shreveport, last week, and assisted in teaching Bro. Estes, of Div. 57, how to ride the O. R. T. goat. The meeting was enjoyed by all, and it is hoped we can hold regular meetings in the future and become better acquainted with each other.

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Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division, Western District—

Winter with its blizzards seems to have frozen everything except the ardor of the boys, which, I am pleased to state, has increased with cold weather. The last year has brought us many new men and lost several old ones, but the situation has been improving and a month or two of earnest work will put us in better condition than we have been for two or three years.

Mr. R. F. Miller, an old-time brother, has been with us for several months, but has been meeting with severe misfortunes. Coming from the far Northwest, facing sickness at every turn and bucking the extra list with a family to keep, prevented him from continuing his membership. Added to this, while every member of his family was seriously ill, he suffered the loss of his little daughter. We felt that a flower tribute would be appropriate and began soliciting contributions to that end.

The response was so liberal we felt it unwise to spend all the money for flowers, and after purchasing a beautiful wreath and forwarding it with our sympathy, the remainder was sent to him. This little demonstration of esteem and appreciation was participated in by members and non-members alike. To those on the Nebraska Division who were not asked to contribute we will say that the storm was at its height, wires were down and business congested, and for this reason only those were asked to contribute who could be easily reached. We most heartily thank the conductors who so kindly handled the contributions from various points, thereby enabling us to get the amount together with the least possible delay. The foregoing tends to show how strong the fraternal feeling among the telegraphers is when really aroused.

Bro. C. W. Horne has returned to Maxwell. His relief, Mr. M. D. Wright, who is bucking the extra list, is at Silver Creek, where his little daughter lies seriously ill.

Bro. C. T. Winters is again at his old stand at Gothenburg, Bro. Walton Odell going to Watsons Ranch, extra.

Bro. C. W. Nichols has returned to Overton as agent, after an absence of three months, Bro. Graham, relief agent, going from there to Gothenburg temporarily, to relieve R. F. Miller.

Bro. T. A. Costello at Cozad, off duty ten days, going to Omaha. Bro. J. R. Nicholson, second trick, relieved him and Bro. Joe Knezacek handled third.

Bro. G. C. Gabriel, of Lexington, left the service; Bro. Knezacek is working there temporarily, and G. C. Hansen is on third at Cozad.

Bro. C. E. Ford was suddenly called home on account of the illness of his father. At this writing he has not returned. Bro. Walton Odell relieved him at Watsons Ranch.

Mr. W. R. Moore also off on account of sickness. This left all new men at Watsons, with only Bro. Odell understanding the interlocker thoroughly, and occasioned some trouble in handling trains promptly. Messrs. G. A. Hood and J. H. Reese (a new man) working the other tricks at present.

Bro. G. G. Card, Wood River, is off for a few months, and expects to tour the West. Relieved by Bro. T. J. Brown, of Watsons Ranch, second trick.

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Mr. Collipriest has returned to his old station at Loup City.

Bro. C. E. Cole is again at "GE," Grand Island.

Mr. Moeder has been transferred to Mr. Anderson's office, making out the morning report.

There are no other changes on the branches that I am aware of.

Business is moving smoothly in Order circles this month. I shall now beg off and try to give you a more interesting write-up when I have time.

Let me call your attention to the fact that we expect to hold a regular old-time "revival" convention, with the end in view of lining up every desirable non. Will each of you do your part?

CERT. 765.

Eastern District, Utah Division—

Bro. J. P. Leahy, first trick Riner, on leave of absence account death of his wife, having taken her to Minneapolis for burial.

Bro. Leahy relieved by Bro. A. McClain, regular third trick man.

Bro. McClain relieved on third trick by Mr. Hartpence, from C. G. W.

Mr. Chester; from Blairtown interlocking plant, now "owling" at Latham.

Telegrapher Campion, formerly Latham, relieved Bro. Johnson at Wilkins. Mr. Logan, regular man at Wilkins, off account sickness.

New work begins on the double track from Riner to Wamsutter on March 1st, weather permitting.

Agent Hoover, relief at Point of Rocks, relieved by regular agent, Bro. Shaw. Mr. Hoover left for Bancombe, Ill., where, we understand, he will engage in farming.

J. L. Smith, third trick, Point of Rocks, relieved by Mr. E. F. Stevenson, Mr. Smith having resigned.

Telegrapher Moss, second trick, Point of Rocks, called home on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. W. Kemerling, of K. C.

Bro. Chism left Tipton December 22d on leave of absence, and has not returned.

Bro. C. E. Baker relieved Telegrapher Compion, at Tipton, Mr. Compion going to Latham.

Bro. Bailey, late of Tipton, has gone to Virginia on leave of absence. Telegrapher Edward C. Lepper relieved Bro. Bailey.

Mr. E. G. Kilpatrick, Bitter Creek, has left for parts unknown.

Mr. Kilpatrick relieved by Bro. Int Hout, who recently received his discharge from the regular army at Omaha.

Mr. P. Harry Chester, third trick at Blairtown, transferred to Latham, relieved by Bro. Compion, who was in turn relieved by Mr. C. M. Monroe. Mr. Monroe since transferred to Riner; relieved by Bro. P. A. McCormick, who came up from the 9th district, bidding in Blairtown third trick on recent bulletin.

Bro. A. W. Cue transferred from Green River to Granger.

Bro. E. V. Merrigan, Granger, second trick, has left for the coast.

Bro. A. W. Meyer will leave for Seattle, March 1st.

Bro. Cue relieved at Green River by Bro. Harris; Telegrapher Shumaker transferred from Wamsutter to Green River nights.

Bro. Schwondt, a newcomer, landed Green River recently. Unable to say where he hailed from.

Bro. Oscar Thigpen relieved on night report job "D" office, by Bro. H. M. Johnson, "13" Bro. Thigpen going to the O. S. L. Success to the brother.

Agent Ridge relieved by Bro. R. Dooley.

Bro. Dooley was formerly working second trick at Wamsutter, and was relieved by Bill Hogan, an old-timer. We like to meet old-timers, but prefer they introduce themselves with up-to-date cards.

R. F. Deckross, new man on second trick, Wamsutter.

Bro. Burch and family attended the dance at Wamsutter a few weeks ago and report an enjoyable time.

Understand Bro. Shaw, of Point of Rocks, has bid in Wamsutter second trick. This calls for another agent at Point of Rocks. Bro. Sherman, now third trick at Morgan, will bid it in. We lost Bro. Sherman about a year ago and would be pleased to see him back to the Eastern District again.

CERT. 410.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst the beloved wife of our brother, J. P. Leahy, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of Union Pacific Division No. 6, Order of Railway Telegraphers, that we extend to Brother Leahy and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, his hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to our brother, a copy spread upon the records of this Division and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. W. CUE,
C. J. FOSTER,
C. J. HORISKEY,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to express my sincere thanks through the columns of our noble journal to the brothers and sisters of Union Pacific System, Division No. 6, particularly those on the Western Wyoming and Eastern Utah Districts, for their kindness during my great bereavement occasioned by the sudden death of my beloved wife at Cheyenne, Wyo., January 27th, 1909, and for the beautiful floral design furnished. I assure you your kind words and actions were highly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

J. P. LEAHY, CERT. 315.

Riner, Wyo., Feb. 8th, 1909.

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Canadian Pacific Ry.

Ontario Division—

There were thirty members at our meeting in St. James Hall, West Toronto, Saturday evening, February 13th, some of whom deserve special credit for having traveled a long distance to attend.

Meeting was called to order at 9 p. m. by Bro. Wansborough, in the absence of Bro. Hill. Bro. Ivory "pushed the pencil" and kept tab on what was going on, in place of Bro. Carnegie, who was absent. The minutes of last meeting not being available, that part of the order of business was dispensed with. A lively discussion relative to the dinner hour was indulged in by Bros. Houston, Anderson, Wansborough and others. The Sunday call was taken up and many of the brothers present were "put right" on this point. Bro. Wansborough then asked the brothers present to air their grievances, and all responded in good shape.

Bro. W. A. Allison, our former general chairman, who is now enjoying superannuation, reviewed past trials and tribulations. Bros. Houston and Wansborough offered some good advice on several subjects, after which we were ushered into the banquet hall, where we partook of the appetizing viands, which were provided in abundance. Bro. Houston replied to the toast of the O. R. T. Bro. Allison replied to that of the General Committee, and Bros. Wilkinson, Anderson, Clarke and others responded to the Agents and Telegraphers.

Meeting adjourned at midnight, and we did not expect to be further entertained, but fate steered us into the midst of a Polak wedding and dance, in another part of the hall. Some of the younger members could not resist the temptation to "trip the light fantastic."

The brothers who were not present at the February meeting, certainly missed a treat, but all meetings can be made just as enthusiastic and entertaining, if we can but secure a good attendance.

The brothers should forward items to the "Scribe" each month, and he will do his part by having them inserted in THE TELEGRAPHER. In this way, we will be represented regularly in the journal.

Bro. McCaughrin, Mono Road, has gone to Bermuda for a month.

Bro. McCoullough is relieving Bro. Stinson at Bala, while the latter is in the West for his health.

CERT. 2310.

London and Windsor Sections—

A meeting of the O. R. T. District, No. 2, was held in London, Saturday, February 20th, and both sections were well represented, seventeen in all being present. We attribute this large attendance to our brother dispatchers, who put forth every effort to bring the boys in for the evening. The meeting proved to be one of the most enthusiastic gatherings held in the Forest City for many moons; important subjects were thrashed out to the letter, and a satisfactory settlement of all grievances arrived at.

Bro. A. E. Chapman was elected chairman by an overwhelming majority. Brother C. O. McHugh having resigned the position, which he held with marked ability for two years. We wish Bro. A. E. C. success, and I am sure he will have the support of the entire membership.

It was decided to have a first-class luncheon served in connection with the March meeting. No doubt a large number will assemble to do justice to the spread, and honor the officers we expect will be present.

In conclusion, I might say that all the nons, if there are any, on our sections should fall in line at once. Get in the ranks.

T. J. CROTTIE.

District No. 4—

As this district was not represented in the December TELEGRAPHER, will try and give you a few of the changes that have come to my notice:

J. A. Armstrong is in charge as agent at Waltham, relieving Bro. J. Chouinard, who is sick.

Agent J. Douglas, at Ashton, is relieving Bro. F. Clement, who we are sorry to learn is sick.

Hudson agency was advertised on January 16th. Bro. J. Park having to be replaced on account of defective "eye-sight." Can not say who bid it in. We regret to hear of Bro. Park's removal, but trust, after a clear record of nearly twenty years he will be substantially remembered.

Night offices have been opened at the following places: Franktown, Castleford, Pakenham and Rigaud.

There was a very poor attendance at the meeting held in Ottawa, January 22d, on account of the inclement weather. Considerable business was transacted despite the meager attendance. The general chairman's summary of work done for the year 1908 was read, as well as a report of the financial standing of our division, both of which were very satisfactory.

The report of our Third Annual Ball was as follows: Expenses, $258.40; receipts, $271.00; net profit, $12.60. All accounts are now paid, and District No. 4 has one more well conducted ball to its credit. Caterer Walter Nixon deserves credit for the manner in which he handled the supper, and for the quality of the viands supplied.

Now brothers, in order to avoid delay and expense to the company we represent, let us, one and all, give the very best service possible. Let it be said that District No. 4 has the best set of men on the Canadian Pacific Ry. Our officials, while rather stern, are fair, and met your committee half way on all propositions that were brought up. Let our efficient service show that we appreciate this, and keep freights moving briskly during cold weather.

In conclusion, as per Article 25, get your request for annual holidays in early.

CERT. 455.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to remove from this life the beloved son of our Bro. J. A. Merkley;

Resolved, That the members of District Four, Order of Railroad Telegraphers extend their sympathy to Bro. Merkley, in his bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this division, a copy forwarded to our brother, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication. J. B. GARTON,

Local Chairman, District No. 4.

Western Division, District No. 3—

Your correspondent has been very silent for the past few months, owing to so much business on hand, it was impossible to attend to it all.

Bro. Kramer, of Calgary dispatchers office, appointed agent at Taber. Bro. A. Moore filling Calgary temporarily.

Bro. W. L. Taylor, who has been working first trick at Laggan during tourist season, has returned to Red Deer. Bro. Kirby now doing the day stunt at Laggan.

Bro. Rick, of Wetaskawin, appointed nights at Canmore.

We held our regular monthly meeting in Red Deer, January 17th, with a good attendance. On account of train service Chairman, Bro. W. L. Macdonald was unable to be with us.

A very pleasing feature of our meetings is that they are held regularly and conducted strictly in accordance with the ritual to which our interest and success can be attributed. Some of the brothers on this district are either careless about attending our regular meetings or are backward about requesting transportation and permission to attend. This condition should not obtain, as our contract with the company covers the case entirely, and those who desire to do so can secure transportation and leave of absence by simply making the request.

One of the best means of strengthening our organization, and arouse interest in others is to attend meetings regularly. DIV. COR.

New York Central Ry.

Beech Creek Subdivision—

A special meeting was held in Clearfield, on Monday night, February 15th. These meetings are very beneficial and should be more generally attended. Through some error in getting notices out for this meeting, there were but few present, but if members who could do so, would attend, we would have interesting meetings. Very important matters frequently come up for discussion, and as they are of interest to all, we desire as many present as possible. Bro. Martenis is doing all he can to create an interest and induce the members to come, so the next time let us turn out and have a rousing meeting.

Miss Snell, graduate of the Keeler School of Telegraphy, at Lock Haven, Pa., has been placed at Mill Hall, third trick, to receive the finishing touches. Of late we have not heard her on the wire. Suppose she has gone in search of a place where assistance is "dished out" more liberally.

Bro. Bierly, third trick at Hayes, was off duty a couple of days last month; relieved by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. C. W. Fillman, second trick at Hayes, off one week last month, taking a trip through the South; relieved by Mr. Brown.

Chief Dispatcher G. W. Bullock and wife, of Jersey Shore, Pa., spent Sunday in Beech Creek, their old stamping ground.

Sister M. E. Kennedy, of Viaduct, made a very pleasant visit to Sister C. V. Holt at Beech Creek last week.

Bro. B. C. Gamble worked third trick at "SX" tower a while last month, but can not say who he was relieving.

Bro. G. W. Bierly, second trick at Gorton, off duty one day last month; relieved by Mr. Salisbury.

The positions advertised last month have been awarded to the bidders.

"CW" tower has been closed, first trick; Bro. Kyler has taken Philipsburg, second trick; second trick man took third trick, leaving Bro. Frazer to find a position elsewhere.

Have you an up-to-date card? If not, why not? It is time to pay dues.

Bro. I. C. Miller, first trick at Panther, worked at "NB" Junction a couple of days last month; he being relieved by Telegrapher Brown. Bro. Miller was also relieved one day last month by Telegrapher Salisbury.

Bro. C. W. Miller, first trick at Hayes, off duty on election day; he being one of the election board. Relieved by Telegrapher Salisbury.

Bro. Shoop, second trick at Mill Hall, called on Bro. Forcey and daughter, of Beech Creek, recently.

Many of the offices where telegraphers were working nine hours, have been placed on the eight-hour schedule again; this is the result of keeping clean offices; among those working eight-hours, are Viaduct, Gorton, Stark and Beech Creek. CERT. 2117.

Mohawk Division—

Bro. J. L. Ward bid in and has been assigned to second trick at B. S. 32.

Bro. Blanchard bid in first trick at B. S. 30-A.

During the recent storm, in which rain, hail and snow fell in abundance, closing with severe cold and a heavy wind nearly all communication by wire was cut off between Albany and Syracuse. Local and long distance telephone companies suffered greatly and in several instances were entirely put out of commission.

The telephone service recently installed on the New York Central between Albany and Little Falls, with which an effort has been made to dispatch trains for some time, did not successfully withstand the test. During the storm the telephones were working only between Albany and

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Schenectady or about one fifth of the distance to Little Falls.

It is reported that the only communication with Syracuse for a time was via West Shore telegraph wires. The automatic signals were "strictly out of business" standing at clear, giving trains a clear track when another train was in the block. It is this kind of a test that brings out all the weak points in blocking trains and protecting the public with automatic signals and telephone.

COR.

Hudson Division—

The "Old Hudson Division" certainly has started the New Year with a vim that means success, which was demonstrated by the meeting of February 16th. The night was so stormy that only those with business of an important nature cared to venture out. Notwithstanding this some of the members came a distance of seventy-two miles. This is evidence that the true union spirit is abroad in our division. The organization on the entire system was never more prosperous, with a record of the largest membership and less delinquents than any previous year.

Bro. Butterfield, one of the busy ones at B. S. 8, is developing his latent talent as a draughtsman, and the ability that is evidenced in his work in this line will no doubt cause a vacancy at B. S. 8, in the near future.

B. S. 8 has recently been equipped with a standard machine. Bro. Schultz informs the writer it is by no means automatic, and requires the same amount of "manualism" as the old one.

Bro. MacDonald, at B. S. 36, is one of our true-blue O. R. T. members. I wonder if Mr. French ever stops to think that it is Bro. MacDonald's dollars that is paying for the benefits that he, "Mr. French," is enjoying. "Can not afford it" is no excuse in this case, it is simply a case of "Hogging it."

Ex-Bro. Gramp, at B. S. 23, once prominent as an officer of Old Division No. 99, for some unexplained reason has for some time been shining among the ranks of the nons. I hardly think "Grampy" is proud of this distinction, and we hope for an early call for a set of blanks.

Bro. H. M. Henning, of Camelot, who joined our ranks in January, did so as soon as he became eligible, thereby setting a worthy example for those who are forever manufacturing excuses to evade getting a card, and be a man among men. Bro. Henning is located at B. S. 55 permanently.

Manitou, the place of many wonders, now boasts of Social Literary Organization, known as the "Manitou Literary Club." Bro. O'Donnell, of B. S. 42, is one of the "main guys" and "Chief Lecturers." On Lincoln's birthday the club gave an entertainment in which many shining lights displayed their elocutionary talent; quite a number of our O. R. T. brethren are members.

Bro. E. A. Paterson, third trick at B. S. 41, has had excellent success in the honey business the past season, having secured over seven thousand pounds of honey from his apiary.

Among those who had a horror of being classed among the nons and grafters, the following have filed their applications and secured an up-to-date card, and a clear conscience: C. J. Hacket, S. C. Bracey, F. Verbert, D. C. Moss, W. Carney, E. A. Boerner and A. Riley.

Bro. C. F. Heidel has returned to his old love at B. S. 58½, second trick.

Must we give up hopes of getting the applications of "E. and D. Shea," at B. S. 90, contrast the difference of principle of these two men with that of Bro. Colwell, who is working with them. Bro. Colwell pays his way.

Discipline is the order of the day, and to avoid coming under the ban, it is exigent that you give them your best service. Some say good service is not appreciated, but that will not help you in defence if you are caught with the goods on.

I will cut out, and if you like to see a good write-up in the journal each month, send notes to the local chairman who will turn them over to me.

CERT. 525.

Harlem Division—

Bro. J. O. Ensign is working second trick from 11 a. m. until 9. p. m., at Dover Plains. John formerly had third trick there.

J. Barrin is holding down first trick at Scarsdale.

J. Kozlarek assigned first trick at Bromville.

Bro. Grant withdrew his bid on "BA" tower, Ghent, and remained at Millerton. "BA" was again put up for bid, and Bro. Melius got it.

Assistant Agent Martindale has been sick and off duty for two weeks. He was relieved by Telegrapher Palmer.

Bro. Grant, at Millerton, has been off a few days, on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Larry Masterson.

Bros. Lee and Lind, at Boston Corners, were kept more than busy on the afternoon of February 1st, by a C. N. E. freight derailing a number of cars on the Harlem Crossover.

The third trick at Dover Plains fell to a Mr. White.

Remember the old saying boys, "No card, no favors."

H. R. G.

W. S. Electric Subdivision—

It is reported on good authority that Mr. A. R. Peters, first trick at B. S. 42, is running a "Ham factory." Understand that one of his students, a German lad, was down to take the examination a few days ago. Peters at one time was a member of the Order, but when our dues were raised 50 cents, he couldn't stand the pressure and dropped out.

The officials of the N. Y. C. have again been advanced another step in pay, as well as in authority, however, the question of importance to the average telegrapher is, when is our general committee going to meet these new officials?

We notice an article in the *Syracuse Journal*, under date of January 22d, which mentions a

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joint conference of the B. of L. E., the B. of L. F., the B. of R. T. and the Legislative Committee of the State Federation of Workingmen. The object of the conference was to discuss the semi-monthly pay law and to assist the Attorney-General who is preparing arguments to be presented in the test case before the Supreme Court on January 30th. The article further states that eight of the big railroad corporations are lined up against the new law, and, are going to fight to the last ditch. The brothers of the above-named organizations claim that it would be a benefit to them, for the reason that they would have money all the time, and could buy at the cheapest figure, which, no doubt, is true. These brothers are "up against it" on the salaries they draw; how about the telegraphers who are paid considerably less?

Hoping to see all the brothers on the W. S. Electric Subdivision out to the meeting, to be held in Syracuse, February 20th, I will cut out with "73" to all. CERT. 281.

Western Division—

Regular meeting of Div. 8 was held at Physica Hall, Syracuse, Saturday, February 20th, with a fair attendance. Meeting called to order by Chairman Egelson, who addressed the members present on the subject of seniority rights, and made clear to all some technical points which ought to set the matter at rest and prevent further controversy.

The financial condition of the division at present is far better than a year ago.

Bro. Huff, candidate for local chairman, made an able and interesting address.

Motion made and carried to thank Bro. Egelson for his faithfulness in looking after the affairs of the division. No one could have obtained better results and given more universal satisfaction than Bro. Egelson.

In looking backward over twenty-five years of active service, one cannot help but notice the wonderful change in conditions in all branches of the service, and more especially the telegraph department. Twenty-five years ago I was stationed at a small office near Syracuse on the D. L & W. (the old S. & B. Ry.) In connection with other duties I was expected to take care of 10 switch lamps, covering a distance of two miles. These had to be cleaned, filled and placed in position every afternoon and blown out in the morning. In order to do this it was necessary for me to start out at 3 p. m. during the winter, and 5 p. m. during the summer time. As 7 p. m. I relieved the agent and did expensing, and when the end of the month rolled around I assisted with monthly reports. For this service I received the magnificent sum of $30.00 per month. The N. Y. C. was paying the same salaries and the "Ho Jack" still lower. To compare salaries and conditions in vogue at that time with those of the present day naturally makes one inquire what has been instrumental in bringing about the change.

Today the minimum is $52.50. We have a national nine-hour and a State eight-hour law. We have been, so to speak, at least partially emancipated from slavish conditions and meager salaries.

I ask what has wrought this wonderful change? Was it the magnanimity of our employers that brought more money and better working conditions to the telegraphers, or was it through organization and concerted action on the part of employes? It would be well for nons and delinquent members to think this matter over intelligently.

Mr. J. A. Brown has accepted the position at Depew Shops, "Q," made vacant by the death of Bro. Breen.

Mr. Brown's leaving the signal service makes a vacancy in third trick at Lancaster, "BS-45." "BS-45-A" will be ready for occupancy about March 1st. This will cut out "BS-45."

Bro. Robert M. V. Breen, recently employed at Depew Shops as telegrapher, met with a painful accident, which later proved fatal.

On January 29 Bro. Breen, who lives in Lancaster, with other employes of the shops, was on his way home to lunch. Bro. Breen attempted to board a passing Lehigh Valley freight train, and in some way missed his hold and was thrown in the rear of the caboose, just ahead of pusher, which severed his left leg just below the knee. This was at 12:10 p. m. He was taken to his home, which is only a short distance from the place of the accident. Later he was placed on a N. Y. C. & H. train and hurried to the General Hospital at Buffalo, where it was found necessary to amputate the leg near the thigh. The shock attending the operation was too great, and Bro. Breen succumbed at 8:30 p. m., same date. The funeral was conducted from his late residence in Central Avenue at 8:30 a. m., February first.

Bro. Breen was a very popular young man, and will be missed. His sunny disposition won him many friends who will not soon forget him. He leaves a mother, brother and five sisters to mourn his loss. He was 27 years old. He had spent the most of his railroad career in the motive department.

Bro. Wilkins has bid in third trick at "BS-3," which makes it very convenient for him, on account of being near home.

Mr. Pinckney of "BS-3" is working days at "BS-7," Weedsport, in place of Bro. S. W. Bucks. We "13" Bro. Bucks has purchased a farm and has left the service.

We have a new agent at Amboy; a Mr. Gleason. Can't say whether he has the goods or not. If he has we gladly welcome him on the third Saturday evening in February at the lodge rooms.

Bro. R. F. Tobin has been assigned "BS-2," morning trick, Syracuse Junction.

Bro. E. E. Fish assigned "BS-7," Weedsport, day trick, in place of Bro. Buck, resigned.

Owing to reductions, Bro. Hart, of "BS-15," Lyons, takes Bro. Quinn's place at "BS-28," Rochester.

Understand Bro. L. McCowan, of "BS-24," Brighton, has been granted a month's leave of

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absence to try a crack at "Uncle Samuel's" U. S. Mail.

Owing to reduction, Bro. F. Huff, regular relief, takes Bro. Seeley's place at "BS-34," Churchville, Bro. Seeley relieving Bro. Dumphy at "BS-30," Rochester. Bro. Dumphy going back to extra list.

DIV. COR.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the members of New York Central System, Division No. 8, of the Western Division, for the floral offering furnished and their kind and fraternal actions at the time of the death of my husband and to assure them that they will always be held in grateful remembrance.

MRS. G. D. JOHNSON.

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Father of all to remove from us by death our highly esteemed and worthy brother, Mr. George D. Johnson,

WHEREAS, We recognize and appreciate his great service and loyalty to our cause, therefore be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his unswerving allegiance to truth and honor; his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, the qualities that endeared him to all, and be it

Resolved, That we extend to the companion and children of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this, their day of sorrow, and point them to the true source of all comfort in times of affliction, our Divine Creator, as their refuge and strength; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy sent to the journal for publication.

A. J. MILLER,
H. J. HAMMETT,
E. CORY,
Committee.

On Monday morning, January 11th, 1909, occurred the death of Bro. George D. Johnson, at his home in North Tonawonda, N. Y., at the age of 55 years and 10 months.

Bro. Johnson was born at Wayland, N. Y., March 11th, 1853. At the age of 23 years he accepted his first position with the Erie Railroad as telegrapher, where he remained until 1891, when he accepted a similar position with the D. L. & W., where he worked until 1896, when he resigned to accept a position with the N. Y. C. as telegrapher and signalman, and where he was employed up to the time of his death.

Bro. Johnson was well and very favorably known among the railroad fraternity. He was a loyal member of our beloved Order, and in his death our Order loses a good and faithful worker.

Bro. Johnson was married 26 years ago, and is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Dora E., and five children, Mrs. George Patter, of Buffalo, N. Y., Burt M. Johnson, of Atlanta, N. Y., Roy R., Earl R. and Mabel E. Johnson, of North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

The chairman of the different divisions and individual effort of the membership have made a noticeable impression on the non list recently. There seems to be none left except the same old bunch that has for a long time been reaping benefits at the expense of their fellow-workers. Even this list has been somewhat reduced, and we are hopeful that we can at some time wipe it out.

One of the most important matters for our attention at this time is prompt payment of dues. The organization needs your financial as well as moral support, and we are anxious to see those of our members who are in the habit of holding back dues until the very last of the term, send their remittances without having to be asked for them.

There is nothing to be gained by waiting. If we remain in the organization dues must be paid. We cannot afford to withdraw or drop out for any reason whatever. If you have a personal grievance don't stab your organization and stop your progress by the withdrawal of your support from something that is of so much benefit to the telegraphers of the whole country. Be a man and as long as you are getting the benefits, come up with your part of the expense.

I want to give you an idea of the extra and unnecessary work given the officers by not paying dues promptly.

In the first place Bro. Lankford is forced to make a list of all who have not paid and that list is forwarded to Bro. Layman, who in turn makes another list with enough copies for the officers on the entire system, which he forwards to the division and assistant chairmen, and in the meantime drops each delinquent a reminder. The chairman and assistants give their time and work to write each one on the subject and sometimes find it necessary to write even two or three times before results are obtained. Instead of the officers being allowed to give their whole time to other important work of the organization (of which there is an abundance) they are compelled to waste time in unnecessary correspondence.

Brothers, this is purely a business matter and let us handle it as such; when your bill is due let's all pay right up and not be a burden to our officers.

M. G. HARPER,
General Correspondent.

Scioto Division—

We were in hopes to be able to give some news in this issue relative to the work of our general committee, but owing to conditions, we are too far in advance of the matter.

Bro. A. V. Osborn, agent Fort Galena, is off duty on account of a serious attack of muscular rheumatism. Bro. O. L. Peake called to relieve him.

Bro. J. W. McKinney, agent at Williamsburg, off duty with a bad case of la grippe; relieved by Bro. O. L. Martin.

Bro. J. M. Marcum, agent at Dunlow, W. Va., attended court at Wayne, W. Va., February 9th. Relieved by Bro. R. H. Chitwood.

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Bro. D. S. Spriggs, agent at Lavalette, W. Va., attended court at Wayne on February 6th and 8th.

Quite a number of representatives from the different railroad organizations accompanied the remains of Engineer John C. Rutledge, who was killed in a wreck at Sciotoville, Ohio, on January 20, from Portsmouth to Roanoke on January 21st. The funeral was conducted by the B. of L. E.

Among the extensive improvements to be made on this division this year is a large coaling tipple, to be erected at Ironton, Ohio.

Work on automatic block signals in the tunnel district on the Big Sandy is in full blast, and it is claimed will be ready for operation by February 20th. With the introduction of these signals it is suggested a further reduction will be made in telegraphic forces. However, a line-up of wide-awake telegraphers is also a signal of safety.

Conductor Sam Plymale, who has been in charge of a work train on this division for several months was seriously injured in a smash-up with a cut of cars at Etna, Ohio, the night of February 2d. One leg and one arm were so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. Engine Watchman Anderson, who was on the train was also badly hurt. Latest reports of their condition make it appear that chances are in favor of Conductor Plymale, but little hope for Mr. Anderson.

Double track work between Ironton and Columbus continues. Another year will doubtless see the road completely double-tracked between Kenova and Columbus—at which time an unusually large amount of business can be handled.

Mr. Charles Blessing, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the new agent for the Adams and Southern Express Companies at Portsmouth, Ohio. He comes well recommended.

Bro. G. A. Mooney, weighmaster and agent at East Portsmouth, Ohio, has been promoted to the position of superintendent of weighmasters. This is a new office, which carries with it a handsome salary and expenses. The promotion is a worthy one. Here's congratulations.

Bro. C. H. Bushman, of our division, lately established permanently at North Fork, W. Va., on Poca Division.

Offices closed on this division February 20th: Crum, W. Va., second and third tricks; Webb, W. Va., first and second; Kermit, W. Va., second and third. Automatic block signals having been installed in this territory, there is apparently a reduced need of telegraphers in these positions.

CERT. 750.

Pocahontas Division—

Business on the Pocahontas Division does not improve as fast as we would like to see it, but we are glad to note there is one kind of business that is improving very rapidly, and that is the O. R. T. It does us good to see so many of the men lining up. I would like to see our division make as good a showing as the Shenandoah Division, which has only one non-member. See if we can't go them one better and make ours solid.

The idea has been advanced that we should let the treasurer deduct dues from the amount of our checks and forward to Bro. Lankford at the first of each term, so that we would have our cards early. This would be agreeable to me, and I, for one, am right in for putting this arrangement into effect. Let us hear from others.

Bro. Briggs bid in the agency at Delorme and has already been assigned.

Quite a number of our agents were in Bluefield, recently, attending a lecture on "how to handle high explosives and inflammable matter;" this is very important and should be watched very closely.

Our last bulletin was indeed gratifying; all the boys on Poca with a clean plate except one, and he got five days marked up against him for not looking after "Uncle Sam" as closely as he was expected. This mail business is beyond a doubt one of the greatest impositions ever placed on a lot of men and just such as this will be of great assistance in getting rid of the position of "mail toter." How much longer are we going to submit to this?

We were glad to see Bro. Harper of Bristol, Tenn., shaking hands with the boys in Bluefield, recently. Also Bro. Layman, of Troutville, Va., has been among the boys on the Poca. We are always glad to have visitors with us, and sorry to see them leave.

Bro. Williams, of Vivian, W. Va., paid Bluefield a visit about the first of the month.

We are glad to report that Bro. Conner is improving rapidly and that he will soon be out again.

Bro. Cohen was lucky enough to land the position of cashier at Graham, Va.

In conclusion I want to urge the members to see that their dues are sent to Bro. Lankford promptly.

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Radford Division—

Our general committee meets the management this week and we hope soon to be able to advise that we have a new agreement. Freight traffic is almost as good as before the crisis. The coal run is still light, but time freight is as heavy as it ever was.

Bro. Birchfield knocked the plum on the Virginian R. R., securing the agency at Roanoke, which is the best station on that line.

Bro. Harper, our general correspondent, has been elected general chairman of the N. & W. Clerks' Union. This is a good selection, and with him as an officer of this union we feel sure it will be a success. Our men are still "falling by the wayside"—sleeping on duty and violating rule G. This is very unfortunate, as the Order has frequently admonished us to be careful. Such actions as this on the part of our members makes it hard to negotiate for new agreements.

J. I. Scott, from "MH" office, Roanoke, secured third trick at Bristol.

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Bro. Bennett, from Crockett, assigned to Glen Var, third trick; Bro. Reily, second at Wills, assigned to second at Crockett.

We have the first letter or notes to receive from anyone this year, except the assistant correspondent, Bro. Williams. We cannot understand this indifference. Don't be afraid that "too many cooks spoil the broth," but everyone try and send us something, thereby showing your appreciation of this page of the journal.

Bro. Thompson, who has been very sick, is some better and we hope will soon be well again.

Shenandoah Division—

Before this is in print our committee will have met the management, and it is hoped that we will secure a schedule that will be satisfactory to all concerned.

We should feel exceedingly proud of the old Shenandoah Division, now that we have it solid, and we should all try to keep it that way. We would like to see the other divisions solid, making a solid system.

Bro. W. B. Walters, agent at Crimora, has returned to duty, and Bro. Ned Moffett who was relieving, has gone to Henry for a while.

Bro. W. T. Vest has returned to duty at Buchanan. Do not know who was relieving.

Bro. E. B. Spedden, agent at Shepherdstown, has returned to duty, and Bro. C. H. Moffett who was relieving, is on the sick list. Bro. E. L. McIntosh is relieving Bro. Moffett on the second trick at Shepherdstown.

We are glad to see Bro. C. T. Cross, third trick at Basic, back to work, after being on the sick list.

Bro. H. A. Bickers, third trick at Shenandoah, has been on the sick list for a few days. He was relieved by Bro. P. G. Parrett.

Bro. H. L. Burks, agent at Buffalo, has returned to duty after quite a long siege of sickness. Bro. H. H. Burks, who was relieving, has returned to his trick at Glasgow. Mr. M. G. Bush, who has been working the second trick at Glasgow, is taking a few days' rest.

Bro. H. M. Davis, at Shenandoah, second trick, off for a few days. He was relieved by Bro. H. A. Fix, from second trick at Stanley. Bro. B. G. Skelton relieving Bro. Fix at Stanley.

Bro. J. M. Brugh, extra man, who has been working the third trick at Loch Laird, off for fifteen days; relieved by Mr. M. G. Bush.

Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista, off for a few days. He was relieved by Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird. Bro. Bear in turn being relieved by Mr. R. Y. Melton, an extra man.

Bro. F. A. Calfee, second trick at Elkton, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. P. G. Parrett.

Bro. J. E. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Shultz, an extra man.

Bro. H. H. Burks to agency at Lithia for a few days. Bro. B. G. Skelton relieving Bro. Burks at Glasgow.

Bro. F. S. Shultz, agent at Pine Hall, has returned to duty after several months' leave of absence. Bro. J. W. Melton, who has been relieving, has gone to "UD," Roanoke, to relieve Bro. T. M. Sheets, who is off on account of the death of his mother. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Sheets.

Bro. L. J. Bryant, at Solitude, off for a few days; relieved by an extra man, by the name of Strickland.

Relief Agent Bro. H. J. Probst to Lithia, and Bro. H. H. Burks, from Lithia, to second trick at Glasgow.

Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird, is taking his vacation. He was relieved by Mr. K. A. Painter, who has been relieving Bro. J. W. Melton, second trick at Buena Vista. Bro. J. W. Melton has now returned to Buena Vista.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler, who has been working agency at Front Royal for some time, is off duty for a few days. Relieved by Bro. H. H. Burks; Bro. J. M. Brugh relieving at Glasgow.

Bro. J. W. Melton, second trick at Buena Vista, off one day to visit his home; and Bro. P. G. Parrett is relieving. J. H. B.

Norfolk Division—

We are still alive down here. If you do not believe it, you'd think so if you could see how nicely the non-members are responding to appeals made by the local and assistant chairman. Of course we still have a few nons, but we are reducing their number as rapidly as most any of the divisions, except the Shenandoah, who deserves much credit for her activity. Her splendid showing is partially due to the fact that they have less migration than we, who are located on main lines. We believe that when business assumes normal proportion, we too, in fact all divisions, will be able to present a solid front.

At this writing, our general committee is before the management for the purpose of arranging a schedule for 1909. Many points of vital importance to the telegraphers will be put before the management, and, no doubt, will receive their usual careful consideration. Our railroad officials bear the reputation of giving all organizations a square deal, so we have no fear that the negotiations will be closed without satisfaction to both management and committee.

While the Norfolk Division, much to our regret, can not lay claim to "clear records," the boys deserve credit for quite an improvement, and we believe that the time is not far distant when we, too, will be able to get on roll of honor with reference to service bulletins. It is pleasing to note that several telegraphers have been given credit for alertness in detecting defectiveness of equipment, possibly averting disaster to trains, etc. Keep it up, and don't forget to have the interest of our employer at heart under all conditions and circumstances. I believe it can be truthfully said, in railroading, as well as in all callings, that where service is appreciated, you'll find the employes more active in rendering the

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best service of which he is capable. These conditions exist on the Norfolk and Western, not only so in the telegraph department, but in train service as well.

We regret to learn that so few were present at the meeting held the third Saturday night in Roanoke. This must have been overlooked by some of our brothers. Your correspondent was very sick, and could not attend. I know these dates are hard to remember, and I want to suggest a "reminder." Suppose, when you get the minutes of the meetings, you make a note of the date on your calender. This, I think, will enable you to overcome this forgetfulness. It is absolutely necessary that we attend these division meetings, as they are the life of our organization, enabling us to keep in close touch with members of the division, and the officers. You are thrown in a position to study the character of the men, who are taking an active part in forwarding the cause which should be dear to all telegraphers. When time for election of officers arrives you will, by constant association, know who is the most capable man to serve the organization. More than this, your presence is stimulating to your officials, and association makes you a stronger member of the organization, creating an interest that can be obtained through no other medium.

Mr. C. F. Zitzer is holding the day trick at Bellevue, with the hope of falling into the new agency when the station between Bellevue and Goode is completed. Suppose Mr. Zitzer feels he's entitled to it under our schedule?

Bedford—Bro. J. T. Arthur bid in Ivor, second trick. Bro. Calhoun now working second trick, and Bro. Bland, extra, on third trick. Old reliable "Warner" still on first.

We deeply sympathize with Bro. Frank Jack, of Ironville, whose wife has been in hospital for some time. We are glad to learn she is improving.

Norfolk District, Norfolk to Petersburg—

Bro. J. Y. Nicholson, third trick at Norfolk, returned to "K" office, Crewe, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Bro. R. L. Burke, who has accepted a position in the bank at Appomattox. This puts third trick at Norfolk, on bulletin again. Bro. "Moon" Fitzgerald is holding this down until it can be filled regularly. Bro. Sidney Sutherland, extra, relieving Bro. Fitzgerald on second trick.

Bro. V. Branch, who works second trick at Portlock, off a few days to attend banquet in Roanoke, first Saturday in January; relieved by Bro. L. D. Shannon, from the west end, extra.

Bro. W. S. Rose, second trick at Juniper, off a few days first part of January; relieved by Mr. M. H. Rose, extra.

Bro. M. C. Ely, third trick at Windsor, off two day first, and eight days last part of January; relieved by Bros. C. P. Williams, extra, from west end, and J. Carmack, extra, from this district.

Dwight (coal and water station)—First trick on bulletin. Bro. E. C. Horton working first trick until filled. Relieved by Bro. W. P. Williams who was taken sick on the 28th, and relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra. Bro. E. H. Williams is still working second trick, extra; this trick not taken by the brother applying for it when advertised.

Bro. James was bumped from second trick, Ivor, by Bro. F. S. Layne, from west end. Bro. Layne not liking the east end was assigned to third trick at Tuggle, on bulletin. Bro. James working second trick at Ivor until it can be filled.

Bro. J. H. Tucker, third trick at Waverly, off six days to attend annual banquet and system meeting in Roanoke, first Saturday in January. He served on general committee the following week. Relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra. Bro. J. H. Wilson was also in attendance at banquet and system meeting.

Bro. W. B. Poland, third trick at Poe, off two days; relieved by Bro. A. C. Josnson, extra.

Bro. M. W. Gates, first trick at Petersburg, off one day first, and three days last of month; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook and Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra men. Bro. W. C. Huddleston off two days first of month; relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra.

We had the pleasure of seeing a good many of our brothers from Eastern District at the banquet in Roanoke, first Saturday in January. Among the agents were Bros. Kirchmire and Wilson, from Wakefield and Waverly, respectively.

Bro. Lane off duty one week, attending preliminary session of general committee in Roanoke. He was relieved by Bro. T. S. Harlan.

Chief Dispatcher, Mr. J. T. Ellett, off few days; relieved by Mr. Bray, night chief; who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald, with Bro. A. A. Owen filling Fitzgerald's chair on west end.

Bro. J. T. Sutherland, of Wellville, off three nights; relieved by Mr. Johnson, of Petersburg.

Bro. T. C. Coleman, agent at Wilson, off few days, hunting before season closes.

Mr. W. S. Hall, of Addison, off a few days on account of his child being very ill with pneumonia. The little one is reported improving, and he has returned to work.

We hope before you see another letter from this territory, that our committee will have met the management, and settled some of the questions that have somewhat vexed us during the past year.

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N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.

Third District—

Bro. D. D. Leeth, second trick at Latty, off for a few days on account of the sickness and death of his sister. Relieved by Bro. A. D. Turner, who formerly worked on this pike, then worked for the L. E. & W., but who has been out of the telegraph service for the last year or two.

Bro. G. Leeth, agent at Briceton, was off duty for a few days, and was relieved by Relief Agent Mr. Craig.

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Bro. C. L. Zimmerman, from first trick at Maple Grove, to third trick at New Haven. Bro. Stinman from New Haven to Ft. Wayne message room again.

Bro. Zimmerman was relieved at Maple Grove by Telegrapher C. R. Detlef, a new man from the C. M. & St. P.

I would like to ask the members to advise me when they are assigned positions, or when they hear anything of interest, so I can make mention of the fact in the journal. This will assist me materially in making our write-up interesting.

After having been located at Leipsic Junction for a month, the dispatchers have been taken off, on account of a decrease in business.

The wires have been down for a week or more, on account of the big blizzard. This gave some of the trainmen, who are always telling how much better it would be if there were no dispatchers, a chance to try their method. I noticed the men who were the hardest kickers were the ones who feared to take a chance. They got in the siding and laid there, while the fellows who "hit the ball" managed to get over the road with the least possible delay. "HIX."

Fourth District—

Mr. Brown took third trick at east end double track; relieving Mr. Dewey, who took agency at Millers City.

Telegrapher Carney relieved Bro. Cushman at east end double track, a few days, on account of sickness in Bro. Cushman's family. He also relieved Bro. Thompson, at Osborn, a few days, and went from there to Argos.

Telegrapher Beigh, first trick at Claypool, has been appointed agent at Argos. We understand there will be three telegraphers at Argos soon.

Bro. Holmes, of Argos, got first trick at Valparaiso, on bulletin. Telegrapher Arnold, who has been at Valparaiso some time on extra list is now on the road extra.

Telegrapher Hallander relieved Telegrapher Beedler, third trick at Stony Island, for a few days, on account of sickness, and then went to Leipsic Junction.

Let us try to have a write-up from the Fourth District each month. This can easily be done, if you will send in news, and we will forward it to the boys at "SD," not later than the 24th of the month. DIV. COR.

The following letter is self-explanatory.

C. F. MAYER,
G. S. & T., Div. 18.
Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 23, 1909.

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers,
City.

Gentlemen:

On Friday, February 19th, we delivered to Mr. C. F. Mayer, your general secretary and treasurer:

175 circulars—"To the Members of Div. 18."
175 Ballots.
175 Treasurer's Reports.
175 Instructions to Voters.
250 Envelopes.

The union label was omitted on all of the above-mentioned work through an oversight. We are a union printing office, as you can see by the union label that appears on this letterhead. We are indeed very sorry that this has occurred, but as Mr. Mayer was in a great hurry for this work, we would have printed the union label on the above printing matter the following day, but Mr. Mayer stated that it was absolutely necessary to send all of same out by mail the same evening, we delivered same to him.

Hoping that this will explain as to why the union label did not appear on this printed matter, we remain, Yours very truly,

ACME PRINTING CO.
per E. H. Heege.

New York, Ontario & Western Ry.

Southern Division—

The regular biennial meeting of Div. 20 was held at Codosia, N. Y., February 21, 1909, for the purpose of canvassing the ballots, Bro. Cochran in the chair. Bros. Bennett, Cullinan and Cassidy acted as tellers to count the votes, the result of which was that Bro. C. E. Downie, of Fallsburgh, N. Y., was elected local chairman for the Southern Division; Bro. P. A. Towner, of Sidney, N. Y., local chairman of the Northern Division, and Bro. W. F. Persbocker, of Dickson, Pa., local chairman of the Scranton Division. Bro. Cochran, of Kingston, N. Y., was elected delegate, as also was Bro. C. F. Ingersoll, of Guilford, N. Y., with Bros. De Graw, of Hancock, N. Y., and Bro. F. L. Hamilton, of Fulton, N. Y., as alternates.

The meeting was well attended. In fact, the writer is of the opinion it was the best ever held by Div. 20, and all present enjoyed themselves very much.

Each local chairman was instructed to hold meetings once a month on his division, and it is to be hoped that all will take an active interest and help make these gatherings as enjoyable as possible. If each one will but do his share this can be easily accomplished. Two applications for membership were received and acted upon. There are a number of new men on the line, and if they are non-members, it is requested that all make an effort to secure their membership. If they hold membership in another division have them transferred to Division 20. This will help keep our bank account in a sound and healthy condition.

It was voted to have rosters of the division printed, which will be done, and they will be sent to the membership as early as possible.

Division 20 wishes to extend its thanks to Landlord Boice for the use of his hotel parlors and the excellent dinner he furnished.

The meeting closed at 3:15 p. m., in order to catch No. 10. All hands voted it the best meeting ever held and expressed satisfaction at having come out. COR.

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C. H. & D. Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed brothers, J. T. Welch and C. C. Hamlin, and while we humbly submit to Him "whose will be done," and realize that our brothers have received an inestimable promotion, we can but feel a deep sense of personal loss; and

WHEREAS, We desire to show our respect for, and appreciation of, the high character and thoroughly honorable principles attained by the departed; be it

Resolved, That C. H. & D. System, Division No. 21, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives our sincere sympathy in this, their sorrow, which is truly our own; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next stated meeting, a copy sent to the relatives of the deceased brothers, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. F. STENGER,
General Chairman.
A. C. BUSHWAW,
Gen. Sec.-Treas.
C. B. MILLER,
Local Chairman.
S. W. MCCORMICK,
Local Chairman.
H. J. WARNEKE.
H. A. ROGERS.
Committee.

C. M. & St. P. Ry.

South Minnesota Division—

Another month has rolled around and it is up to me to again get busy and send in what news I can from the meagre items of gossip I am able to pick up. Evidently the members west of Jackson are not interested in having anything published from out there.

The past month has been short but accidents and snowstorms have kept the line blockaded most of the time.

No. 23 went in Root River, west of Money Creek, but fortunately no one was killed and although several were injured, none seriously. Conductor Walt Kingsley, who was hurt in the wreck, has not yet resumed work.

Several engines were derailed and two or three firemen hurt quite seriously in trying to open the line between Ramsey and Fountain. The rotary put in a week or so eating through the snow drifts west of Jackson and we are now in the midst of another storm and all plows, including rotary, are out again trying to get business moving once more.

Mr. H. M. Berg worked a few days at the office cut-in at wreck east of Rushford.

Bro. C. W. Stephenson, second trick telegrapher at Ramsey, was married the last of January. Bro. "Spike" Parker did the relief stunt at Ramsey while "Steve" was away on his honeymoon.

We are all glad to hear that Bro. Severson is back at the old stand at Hayward.

Bro. J. E. Clayton, agent at Alden, was recently called to Houston on account of the death of his father. He has the sympathy of all.

Mr. Tagland, clerk at Wells, helped out at Alden during Bro. Clayton's absence.

Bro. Jas. Sheehy is at present in the hospital at Rochester, having undergone an operation for appendicitis. Bro. Mathison, relief agent, is at Easton during the absence of Bro. Sheehy.

Understand Bro. Taylor, at Barden City, took a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Howard Wood.

I wish everyone would send in what items he can snare so we can be represented with a big write-up next time. DIV. COR.

C. & M. Division, Third District—

Bro. McNamara, of tower A-13, second trick, is off for a while and is being relieved by Bro. G. C. Brown.

Bro. W. A. Beaver is laying off for a few weeks. He will go to tower A-23, third trrick, when he resumes work.

Bro. B. J. Simen, of Libertyville (new station), reports an enjoyable visit at Butte, Deerlodge and Miles City. He reports having seen Bro. F. J. Alleman at the latter place and says he is doing fine.

Bro. F. J. Alleman's family left their old home at Libertyville about two weeks ago to join him in Miles City, Mont.

Bro. J. N. Julsen, who has been sick with diphtheria, is recovering, and will return to work in a week or so. He is at his home in Kilbourn, Wis., at present.

Dispatcher R. E. Sizer was recently on the sick list for about two weeks. He was relieved by Extra Dispatcher Shreenan, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Murback.

The name of Bro. A. G. Perkins should appear on the seniority list under date of August 10th, 1907, just after that of Geo. Jewert; with this exception the list is very nearly correct. If your record is in error write Mr. Hoehn about it and send in your employment card that the book may be corrected.

Bro. Bauer was sick recently.

A daughter of Bro. J. R. Grow, agent at Evanston, has been very ill with typhoid. She is now convalescent.

Bro. Winkle, of "WC" tower, at Grays Lake, was visiting in Wisconsin a few days the first of the month; relieved by Mr. Wm. Murray.

E. R. D.

Kansas City Division—

We are indeed sorry to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Thos. Delaney, father of our worthy Brother, T. D. Delaney, who is agent at Fairfax, Iowa. Bro. Delaney has the sympathy of all.

We are also very sorry to chronicle the sickness

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of our congenial ticket agent, Marden, of Ottumwa, Iowa. We hope to see him at the old stand soon.

We are reliably informed that our local chairman, in making his recent trip over the division, found things in good shape. On one occasion he rode a frieght train all night and went without breakfast, which speaks well for his tenacity.

He reports a few who still continue to sit around and growl and who are willing to let the other fellow do it all. This refers as well to the company's interest as well as their own. At some stations where he found the most help, he found things in the worst shape, especially as to the company's affairs, simply for the want of system in doing things. Desks were piled full of rubbish and old papers that should have been relegated to the attic or some back room; correspondence from the general offices thrown or laid around carelessly, and becoming yellow with age. We should not allow correspondence to become mislaid or lost, through carelessness. Keep old files and records put away in a safe place, where they will not be accessible to the public, and where they will not be in the way while attending to the more important business of the day.

DIV. COR.

C. & C. B. Division, in Iowa—

Any brother who has any news of interest should not fail to send it to Slater, Iowa, Box 264, in time to reach the editor's desk by the 20th of each month. We want all the brothers to take an interest in this so our division may be well represented.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek is back to "RT," Slater tower, working third trick, after an absence of three months at Covington. We are glad to see him return and hope his stay will be indefinite.

Bro. W. J. Storm, of Coon Rapids, enjoyed a few days' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Illinois. He was relieved by Bro. Chas. Rupp, who also relieved Bro. Mahoney while the latter was off a couple of days.

Bro. J. G. Etzel, first trick at Herndon, is laying off three weeks visiting friends and relatives at Excelsior Springs and helping his parents, who are moving to Rhodes. Bro. Rupp is working at Madrid during Bro. Miller's absence.

Bro. J. C. Etzel, first trick at Herndon, is laying off for thirty days to try his luck at train dispatching with the C. M. & St. P. at Des Moines. We all hope Bro. Etzel will make a success at his new vocation. Bro. W. J. Swenning is working first trick at Herndon during Bro. Etzel's absence.

When we read of the injustice which labor has received at the hands of the capitalistic class, we are filled with just indignation. The decision handed down by Judge Wright (who may be Wright in name but certainly not "right" in nature) adverse to the interests of labor and its foremost leaders certainly caps the climax. But what else could labor expect? Judge Wright got his position through the efforts of Senator Foraker, and Senator Foraker has his name on the payrolls of the Standard Oil. There you have the whole thing in a nut shell. Such judges could not be expected to act otherwise than adversely toward the interests of labor and favorably toward the capitalistic class. Another instance to show how important it is to vote right.

Mr. Horrigan, agent at Lanark, was called to his home in Kansas by the illness of his father. Bro. Overcash, of Pingree Grove, relieving him.

Bro. Herzog, of Hampshire, second trick, is relieving Bro. Overcash, and Bro. Norvall, of Kirkland, is relieving Bro. Herzog.

Mr. Murphy, of Kirkland, has returned from his trip on the extension.

Bro. Argenbright, of Kirkland, has left the service, Bro. Norvall relieving him. Mr. J. J. O'Connor, of the Illinois Central, relieved Bro. Norvall at Hampshire.

Mr. Abrams, better known as "Midget," went south with the birds.

Bro. Lafferty, second trick Bensenville, is off duty for a few weeks.

Bro. Decker, third trick Bensenville, relieved Bro. Lafferty, and Bro. Eldred relieved Bro. Decker.

COR.

S. C. & D. Division—

A great many changes have taken place on this end of the line during the past month. They may interest some of the ex-members of the division, or some of the sleepy brethren who never take the trouble to give us a write-up. I do not think we were represented more than four times during the year of 1908, which is a very poor showing. We should manage to have items in the journal at least once a month.

On February 8th occurred one of the worst blizzards since the year of '88. It lasted for about thirty-six hours, filling all the cuts to their maximum capacity. The Scotland cut, which is about half a mile in length, and all the way from 20 to 30 feet deep, was the worst we had. No. 1 was detained behind the snow-plow for 24 hours.

No doubt you have received the letters of Mr. Simpson and Mr. Beardsley relative to keeping a record of all cars ordered at stations. I would suggest that every exertion be made to keep this record as accurate and up-to-date as possible, as there is no telling when one will be called upon for information, especially by the co-operative elevators along the road.

The following are some of the changes: Bro. Wright from Gayville to Charter Oak; vice, Bro. Gorman, transferred to Mapleton. Bro. Robinson at Mapleton has resigned.

Bro. Dwyer transferred from Meckling to Tabor; vice, Bro. Scott, transferred to Ethan. A man named Mason Holder drew Meckling.

Mr. J. G. Love, our Div. F. & P. Agent transferred to the Des Moines Div.; Mr. C. N. Curtis was promoted to Div. F. & P. agent at Sioux City.

C. W. Felton, formerly agent at Yankton, was given the newly created position of Traveling F.

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& P. Agent for this division. Bro. Geo. Ransdell was transferred to Yankton in Felton's place.

Bro. John Rollins from Kenwood drew Dell Rapids. Kenwood and Gayville are now on the bulletin board.

You have no doubt received the official ballots to be used in the coming election for general chairman and delegate to the convention in Atlanta. I notice that Bro. McKinnon and Bro. Brock are in the race. Votes cast for them will be well placed. I'll bid you all a good-bye. I hope some of the rest of you will take a little more interest and send in items from this division, I'll wager the first thing you'll do each month is to turn through THE TELEGRAPHER in search of items from the S. C. & D. Division.

PULLITZER.

Dubuque Division—

A joint meeting of the members on the C. G. W., C. B. & Q., Illinois Central and the C. M. & St. P. Ry. was held in the G. A. R. hall at Dubuque, Saturday evening, January 23d, with a good attendance from each road. General Secretary and Treasurer Soyster was with us and gave us a long and most interesting talk. We were just a little surprised to see some of our oldest agents in attendance. These meetings are a very good thing, and every member who can possibly do so should attend. There will be a meeting in the above hall each month and every member in good standing will be notified as to the date.

There are still a few nons on this division. Some of them promise to line up at the next meeting.

There have been quite a number of changes since the last write-up.

Bro. Yohe landed second trick at La Crescent on bulletin. This is his home town, which makes the job a good one for him.

Night telegrapher taken off at Lansing, and Bro. Towle working twelve long hours, doing two men's work.

Bro. Boeckh working second at Harpers Ferry, which is a split trick.

Bro. Rellihan took charge of his station at Harpers Ferry after braking for a few months on the way freight.

E. B. Gibbs, at Waukon, has been off several months, relieved by Bro. Intlekofer. Bro. E. W. Burman relieved Bro. Intlekofer at Waukon Junction until a few days ago, when Bro. Christ took charge.

Bro. Burman now at Buena Vista relieving Agent Prolow, who is at St. Paul, attending his mother's funeral. As soon as Mr. Prolow returns Bro. Burman will go to Turkey River Junction and work twelve long hours, nights.

Bro. Christ landed third at Dubuque shops.

Second at Guttenberg bulletined until February first.

H. G. Bothmer on third at Dubuque shops until Bro. Christ can get there.

J. M. Trayer working side table nights in dispatcher's office for six months or less.

Bro. J. A. Lund agent at Dubuque shops for six months or less.

Bro. C. M. Bacon got Caledonia and Bro. H. A. Brown, Mabee, on bulletin. CERT. 1078.

International & Great Northern Ry.

Bro. H. D. Gode was recently transferred from Lytle to Bracken. Mr. C. H. Cable, from Bracken, going to Lytle until bulletined, which place has now been bidden in by Bro. A. J. Gidley, of McNeil. This creates a vacancy at McNeil. Bro. A. Piper is doing the relief work at Blacken and Lytle during the transfer. Bro. Piper has also been at Laredo, relieving Bro. F. E. Finnie, while he attended court.

Bro. Carroll, at Georgetown, is holding down the agent's desk at that place, as the regular man is sick. Bro. Livingston is doing the telegraphing.

Bro. Livingston has been assigned to third trick at Laredo.

Bro. M. Coleman, of Cotulla, had to go to the hospital a few days, on account of a broken arm. He was relieved by Mr. H. B. Miller.

Bro. E. I. Kellams is doing the telegraphing at the steam shovel.

Bro. R. D. Barnes, of Round Rock, has been quite sick, being confined to his bed for about a week.

Bro. C. B. Gullette, of Valley Junction, is spending a two weeks' vacation in Mexico, and is being relieved by Mr. J. T. Robinson, of Milano.

Bro. L. H. Hunate, of Marquez, spent a day or so in San Antonio, on committee work, and was relieved by Bro. N. E. Powell.

Bro. W. E. Gilliland, of Conroe, has been down with the small pox, but has sufficiently recovered to be doing business at the old stand.

Bro. W. B. Eskridge, of Lillian, has been absent from his post for the past three weeks, on account of sickness in the family. Mrs. Eskridge is recovering and will be back at the key on March 1st. Mr. Morris relieved Bro. Eskridge.

Bro. S. B. Werner, of Phelps, has left the service.

Bro. O. A. Kattner, of Leroy, has been on sick list for the past two weeks, but remained at his post. We are glad to state that he has recovered.

Bro. S. P. Dunlap, of Bryan, is relieving Bro. J. W. Marshall, of Mart, while Bro. Marshall was doing the dispatching. Dispatcher Sleight off duty to attend his mother's funeral.

Bro. C. S. Slagle, of Calvert, is relieving Bro. J. P. Taylor, of Magnolia, a few days.

Bro. O. H. McGee was absent a few days, but is at the key again. He contemplates going into other business in the near future.

We understand some of the boys don't like to be advertised on our non lists which are being furnished the conductors; the only way to keep off is to do the necessary by coming across.

CERT. 46.

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New York, New Haven & Hartford Ry.

Midland Division—

We were gratified to find this division so well represented at our annual meeting February 5th. Such a gathering is sure to be an inspiration to all who attend, to put forth the necessary effort to get to New Haven on the first Friday evening of each month.

Sister Foley made a short call at Windsor a few evenings ago.

After the smoke of the contest for local chairman cleared away, the result was found to be as follows: Bro. Joseph Leete, of Hartford, 48; Bro. M. E. Jacobs, of Franklin, 37. Total votes cast, 85.

Bro. Leete wishes to extend his thanks to the division, and hopes, with the assistance of the members, to complete thorough organization on this division, and to handle all cases in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. Bro. Leete's address is 138 Bellevue St., Hartford, Conn.

Burnside was well represented, as usual, at the last meeting.

Bro. Generous bid in Turnerville, vice Bro. F. L. White, who has accepted a position with a commercial firm in his home town.

Bro. Holmes has resumed duty as second trick man at Andover, having relieved the agent at that point during his absence.

Below is a list of positions up for bid at the present time: West Thompson, agent and telegrapher; Baltic, clerk and telegrapher; Plainfield, second and third tricks; Hampton, third trick; East Douglas, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; East Douglas, 5 p. m. to 2 a. m.; Abbington, agency; East Douglas, agency; Washington, agency.

Many brothers make the mistake of bidding in a position without first having looked it over. It is advisable to make a pretty close inspection of the prospective position before mailing your bid.

Bro. Chas. Fogarty was recently elected to the position of second vice-chief of Division No. 29.

One of the best helps to thorough organization is for each member to keep himself thoroughly informed on all matters pertaining to the Order, and thereby be enabled to answer all inquiries at a moment's notice. Familiarize yourselves with the amounts required to establish membership during the various months of the year.

If you are not in possession of a card giving you this information, write the secretary of your division and he will provide you with one.

In closing, I wish to urge any brother who has neglected to pay dues for this term to do so at once, as nothing is more encouraging to your general committee than a paid-up membership.

"EN."

Western Division—

Our February meeting was truly a very pleasing affair, and much can be learned from a gathering of this kind. It shows the interest members are taking in the business of the Order, and further shows that enthusiasm is the requisite for a good meeting.

Bro. Joslin, from Providence, in a few well-chosen words brought out the one great feature of our organization, that of assisting a needy brother, who through sickness, or other misfortune, has reached the stage where man looks upon life as a never ending night. We learn from this, that we are not only banded together for the purpose of protecting our interests financially, and endeavoring to obtain conditions under which a skilled workman may decently work, but to watch over and assist our members who need encouragement and cheer, in hours of trial. Bro. Manion gave an exemplification of the immediate action that should be taken in all cases of this kind, and we believe cheering returns were received.

Considerable over a hundred members attended this meeting, including Sister Miss Kaywood, of Milford, who was very much interested in the proceedings, and who took an active part in the actual routine of business, and the election of officers. We expect that many other sisters will attend the March meeting, since Sister Kaywood has shown the way.

From the Western Division were a large delegation of brothers alive to the important business to be transacted, and every one filled with the enthusiasm that brings about united action, which condition is the great power of the union worker. From Hartford we saw the old stand-bys, including Bros. Leete, Lally, Fogarty, Brooks, Dowd, and, in fact, too many to mention individually, each one present to help in working out in the good old way the questions that arise, and must be disposed of in a manner highly creditable to the man of business.

Bro. Terry, in a masterful way, spoke of the interests of the organization legislatively, and otherwise; pointing out the pitfalls, and making many suggestions that, no doubt, will bear good fruit.

Bro. Percy, on the Western Division, is taking a well-earned vacation. He, with his wife and family, are visiting relatives through the Southern States. Bro. Van Deusen is covering Bro. Percy's position, while Bro. Smith, from Lime Rock, is covering Bro. Van Deusen's trick,

Bro. Woodin, of West Patterson has been off for a few days.

Bro. Leonard, of West Patterson, who has been relieving Bro. Virkler, at Brewster, has returned to his old position.

Bro. Virkler, who has been ill and off duty for some time, has resumed duty at Brewster.

Bros. R. G. and C. W. Halsted, of Berkshire Junction and Hopewell, respectively, have returned from a visit with their parents up State.

Now brothers, while this is perhaps out of my line of business, I am trying to fill in with a word or two, and there is no way that you can help more than to rush every bit of interesting news to your division correspondent, who in turn will promptly arrange in divisions and send to the editor in time for the monthly issue of the official organ. We all delight in getting the journal, and we must bear in mind that individual

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effort in reporting news is what makes a good publication. It is absolutely essential to the success of a paper which has a two-fold duty to perform; that of giving you the news from your own and other districts, and reporting new work accomplished by the Order.

I desire to add to this bit of news a word of praise for the good showing of the Western Division. There is no questioning the fact that we find on this division as good workers as the country knows. Let us work hard, allowing not one moment to pass that is not fraught with definite action for the betterment of our Order and ourselves. If we follow this course for the next year, we will certainly look back with the satisfaction that this success will bring.

CERT. 23.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Central Kansas Division, Co. Grove District—

The recent snow caused considerable trouble on the Smokey Valley Division, but trains are now running as usual, and the snow embargo is lifted.

Among the official changes are the following:

Mr. F. J. Avery, train master, transferred to the Sou. Kansas Division. We wish him success.

Mr. E. C. Wills, an old-time dispatcher, is trainmaster on the Smokey Valley Division.

Bro. R. D. Lukens is working relief at Richland; haven't heard where Bro. Wells went.

Bro. H. J. Maurice enjoyed a vacation and spent Christmas at home. He was taken with pneumonia, at Council Grove, and was ill for over a month. He has returned to work.

Bro. Horton transferred to agency at Herington. C. R. Varnes is working third trick at Herington.

OH OR TEA.

Joplin Division—

The big snow storm of February 15th put out of commission all telephone and telegraph wires. They have gone on a strike.

We feel very grateful to the good brother who contributed a nice item or two for publication this month, and that he will continue in the good work is our fervent prayer. Is there another?

The seniority rights of Bro. H. T. Strahl have been restored, and he is watching the bulletin closely. He is working as agent at Hannon at present.

Bro. A. T. Blum, third trick man at Cornell is from the C. B. & Q., and holds the necessary to show that he is made of the proper stuff. We hope to receive his application for transfer soon.

Bro. Nance, our general chairman, intends to make a trip oved the entire division in the near future. Let every man who has not done so, get a current card to show him as soon as he lights.

Bro. C. L. Rouse, agent at Chetopa, was down at Bronaugh a few days ago, shaking hands with old friends and looking after business matters. Bro. F. M. Haight performed the necessary stunt at Chetopa during his absence.

Bro. E. A. Pearson, second trick man at Pittsburg, was called to Bartlett as emergency man, on account of four cars in the ditch at that point on the 12th.

Bro. F. M. Haight has his eye on some of the younger men who are working. Look out! He is going to strike soon, and down will come some good man, a victim of seniority.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Eastern Division, Sedalia District—

Bro. A. W. Williams is working extra at Lake City for a few nights. Mrs. Best having resumed third trick at Little Blue.

Mrs. Best had bid in third trick at Independence.

R. E. Best is working third trick at Blackwater.

Temporary office opened at Lamine on account of steam shovel working at this point.

Bro. Snapp has resumed as agent at Smithton, after an absence of two months, on account of sickness.

Brother Ebersole is back at work at Lake City, having enjoyed a short vacation; being relieved by Mr. Halstenber, who will soon be back in the fold.

Bro. Holtzen, at Sweet Springs, is taking a thirty days' vacation; being relieved by Bro. Williams, of Lake City, who in turn is being relieved by Bro. Olney, of Sandy Hook. Unable to learn who is relieving Bro. Olney.

Bro. Warden gets Osage, third trick, on bulletin.

Bro. Warden was relieved at Kansas City by S. Kelly, but I have not got a line on Kelly yet, and do not know how he stands.

Mr. Vanlandingham, third trick at Independence, has left the service. He was relieved by Mr. Watrous, until the vacancy is advertised.

S. Kelly worked a few nights, third trick, at "CD," Kansas City, relieving Bro. Warden.

Bro. Kendall was checked in at Centretown, relieving Bro. Gunn, who, I suppose, will take his regular position at Pleasant Hill, relieving Bro. Jones, who owns second trick at "CD," Kansas City.

Some of you slow boys may find fault with this write-up, but I can tell you truthfully, had it not been for Bro. Lampkin it certainly would have been a slim affair.

It seems to me that when a man in a busy office like "AD" can spare five or ten minutes after going off duty to write me a few items, that the balance could occasionally give me something.

There has been considerable kicking about the way things turned out at Osage and Centretown. I was unable to place the men at these points, as per seniority rights, and turned both cases over to General Chairman Bro. L. M. Nance, who is probably working on them.

W. L. W.

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Main Line, Colorado Division—

Although out of the journal for a few issues, we are still alive and very active.

The news could be furnished with much less inconvenience if some of our worthy brothers would be kind enough to give us the tip when something of interest occurs.

Anything in the news line sent to either Bro. P. A. Thompson, Leoti, Kan., or Bro. J. W. Hartman, Haswell, Colo., will be appreciated, and taken care of.

We have, you might say, a New Year to begin work, only one month gone. Now why can not we put our shoulders together and make our division the leading one. Not only of the Mo. Pac., but of the entire O. R. T.?

Bro. C. E. Black checked in as agent at Utica, vice Bro. J. M. Barr, resigned.

Bro. J. W. Hartman bid in Horace, third trick, on bulletin, expiring December 26th.

H. O. Berkley is working third trick, extra, at Horace, while Bro. Hartman works second trick in Bro. Lamb's absence.

Mr. Berkely promises to come in as soon as he gets the necessary.

Bro. Strange was checked in as agent at Sheridan Lake, vice Bro. Tanquarry.

Bro. Hagen relieved Bro. Hartman, nights, at Haswell.

Understand Bro. Barr resigned to go to California, where he has a fruit farm. Sorry to lose him, but the Order wishes him prosperity, and we hope he will be able to solve the problem of raising "Union Fruit."

Everyone on this division must remember that the old green card has done its work, and now we have a brand new one. You never know how good a new card looks until you open your mail and get a glimpse of it, nor how much good it will do you until you get caught in a tight place and have to produce it.

Come on boys, right away and get a new card, we need you, and you need our help, and you will never miss the money.

Bro. C. W. Curtis, at "RM," was off a couple of nights last week, on business somewhere East; relieved by Bro. Windsor, "Jr."

As we are unable to get hold of any more news will have to let this do this time, and now let every one help out in the future.

CERT. 1737.

ST. L. I. M. & S. RY.

Arkansas Division—

The depot at Higginson caught fire a few nights ago, but fortunately it was extinguished before much damage was done.

Bro. Werner has been working second trick at "BG" office.

Bro. Goodbar is working "UD" dispatcher's office, relieving Laird, who is regular telegrapher and extra dispatcher there. Bro. Laird has been doing the third trick stunt dispatching on the Valley for fifteen or twenty days.

Bro. Werner is doing the night stunt at Olyphant, temporarily, relieving Bro. Long.

I have been here but a short time, and am not informed as to the changes and other news on this pike. I noticed there was nothing mentioned of this division in the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Now boys, that's a shame! I have asked to have my membership transferred to 31, and hope I will get it fixed soon. Let's furnish items each month, and not be left out of the fraternal columns altogether. COR.

Central Division—

Telegrapher A. C. Cook bid in Lenapah, nights.

Bro. J. F. Vaden bid in Sallisaw, nights.

Bro. H. C. Vanwie bid in Newata, days.

Bro. F. V. McKee bid in Ft. Smith, nights.

Bro. C. B. Adcock bid in Clarence, days.

Bro. Adcock has fourteen years seniority, that is hard to beat on this division.

Telegrapher Stevenson, Nowata, nights, is taking a vacation; being relieved by H. C. Foster, a beginner.

Bro. Adcock has resigned the agency at Inola, to accept the day telegraph position at Claremore; relieved by Bro. Emery, of Division No. 32.

Bro. Hattendorf, at Denning yards, is taking a few days off, sight seeing in Ft. Smith; relieved by telegrapher Kuss, a new comer.

Bro. Nance, our general chairman, was over the line shaking hands with the boys, the first of the month. It always makes us feel good when he comes around, as he gives lots of useful information.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the boys for the news they "did not" contribute.

V. C. W., *L. C.*

Illinois Division—

Bro. Cartwright off duty a few days, attending court; relieved by Fred Roberson.

Bro. Gwinup laid off a few days recently, on account of the serious illness of his father. He was relieved by Bro. Biggerstaff, who was in turn relieved by Telegrapher Artz.

Telegrapher Maak off duty a few days, visiting in St. Louis. "13" he gets night trick at "PD," Racher, on bid.

Bro. Underwood, who was located at Bush, has left the service.

It is rumored that Telegrapher Foster, who is at present at Brownsburg, gets Valmeyer, nights. Transfer has not yet been made.

Telegrapher Gielden "resigned" some time ago, and has left the service.

Former trick Dispatcher Leo has been visiting in Chester for a few days.

Telegrapher E. G. Church, from Bond, on E. & W., is in the hospital with a fractured knee. When last heard from it was feared an amputation would be necessary.

Telegrapher O. R. Artz is working nights at Bush.

Bro. O. Underwood is working for the M. & O. at Percy, Ill.

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Night offices at McClure and Ward have been closed, and night offices established at Wolf Lake and Reynoldsville, and a day and night office at Raddle.

Bro. Bullard has left the service.

If the brothers will furnish me the news, we will endeavor to have a write-up in the journal each month.

It is almost time for the revision of our present schedule, which will, no doubt, be done during the present year.

The committee should go before the management, supported by a solid membership, and an ample treasury, as the better it is supported the better will be the schedule. COR.

St. L. & S. F. Ry.

Eastern Division—

I do not wish to censure the division correspondent, if there is such a being, but it shows lack of interest to "let the other fellow do the work."

There were items from two or three of the divisions on the Frisco in the January number, and I am sorry that I did not have the inspiration to get this up in time for the February number of THE TELEGRAPHER.

It certainly is interesting to see a write-up from one's own road. There is nothing that would be more beneficial to the Order than to have a correspondent for each division, but of course, he would require the assistance of the members.

We have been holding meetings at Springfield on the second Sunday of each month, and they have, generally, been attended fairly well, but still there is room for improvement. We are aware of the fact that doubling is impossible, and in a good many cases it is harder for the boys to get away than before the nine-hour law took effect, but many do not make an effort, with the result that just a few of the faithful are present. The last two meetings were not held, on account of inclement weather. It so happened that the very nights on which the meetings were to be held were the worst.

You have all, no doubt, received ballots to be used in the election of division officers, and we hope that all will vote. The recent blizzards blew the lines down in several places, and we were without wires to Kansas City and Wichita for a week or more. Miles of poles were down between Kansas City and Ft. Scott, Beaumont Junction and Wichita, and Beaumont Junction and Enid.

Business seems to be on the increase, and will soon present a normal aspect. The eighty-seven reports each day are showing a good increase over loads handled during the same date last year.

The Frisco has resumed operations on the new million and a half dollar locomotive works, north of the city of Springfield, which is to be completed some time in the fall.

There is one thing I wish to speak about, for the benefit of all, and that is the Red Ball reports. Most of you are, no doubt, aware of the trouble that errors in these reports cause. What I wish to point out is the manner in which errors can be eliminated, or at least, brought to a minimum, thereby saving the telegrapher considerable trouble and worry, and bettering the service.

It has been shown that a great many errors are due to the original copy being poorly or carelessly written. Most of us are aware that a considerable number of the symbols used are difficult to receive, especially when the telegrapher sending them does not use proper care and judgment in transmitting. Numerous times mistakes in reports are discovered through the telegrapher's familiarity with the different symbols and combinations. For instance, a few days ago, I received a Red Ball symbol "KY-201." Knowing "KY" (which is Wister symbol), did not run it that high series, and also that symbol date letter for that day was "T." I asked the sender if this should not be "KY-T-1." This office, which was a relay point, had received it as "KY 201." Later I received a correction on it. This is just one of many instances we encounter every day, especially in cases where the date symbols are from T or L. Unless these reports are sent properly, with a dash or comma between the combinations, it is very easy to make an error. If every one will use a little more care, we will have less correspondence to answer, explaining how such errors are made.

A word in closing: let's get busy on the nons with whom we are working day after day. It is next to impossible to converse with some of them over the wire, they simply refuse to talk, but at the same time a man can accomplish something by occasionally giving them a jog. The only way to secure their applications is to keep after them. Don't depend on the general chairman, but assist him in every manner possible to keep the division lined up solid. "COR. ?"

Southwestern Division—

Bro. Cushman, formerly day telegrapher at "NS," Neosho, Mo., has taken the cashiership at that point.

Bro. Story on days at Neosho, after working nights at that point for some time.

Bro. Denton, second trick at "FN," Afton, off a few days the latter part of January, on account of being sick.

Bro. A. J. Howard is the new man at Neosho, nights, and he carries the necessary. Hope he will be pleased with his new position.

Did you see that little write-up for the Southwestern Division in last month's journal? It was not a very large one, but if you boys out on the line would drop your correspondent a line whenever there is a change, it would help out very much. Let's get a move on, and let the other divisions on other roads, who have the big write-ups, know that we are alive.

Bro. M. H. Barton relieved Bro. Denton at Afton, in January, and is now working nights at "WO," White-Oak, Okla. CERT. 1694.

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Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Baltimore City District—

On Wednesday, February 10th, the regular monthly meeting of the local was held at the usual meeting place, Lafayette Hall, 609 North Fremont St., with the usual large attendance.

It is quite evident that the boys are not losing interest. Let the good work go on. The writer was very agreeably surprised to find a number of brothers from the Philadelphia Division present; among them were Bros. Frasher, secretary and treasurer, and Local Chairman Hill, as were also a number of the boys from Division No. 17. Should be glad to see them again. The meeting was called to order about 8:15, Bro. Pierce presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Bro. Hurdle, after which we were treated to a recitation by Bro. O'Mailey.

On account of the large number of visiting brothers present who wished to make remarks, Bro. Smith made a motion to limit each speaker to ten minutes.

Some interesting correspondence was read by Bros. Richardson and Hurdle, in connection with the coming convention.

Mr. C. P. Adams, former manager of "GO" office, Baltimore, and late superintendent of telegraph of the Southern Railway, died at his home in Washington, after an illness of a few days. Mr. Adams, who was at one time identified with the Rock Island road, and later with the Central R. R. of New Jersey, had many friends, and was beloved by all who knew him. A number of his old acquaintances in "GO" attended his funeral at London Park, Baltimore, February 10th.

PEN.

Wheeling Division—

Have you remitted your monthly assessment, and have you your new card? If not, why not?

It behooves every laboring man to stick to his union to the bitter end. "In union there is strength," so if you are in arrears, pay up, and place yourself in good standing.

Bro. Scholes was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. O. H. Adkinson. Bro. Adkinson also relieved Bro. Kinney.

Dispatcher Sam Smith has gone to his home in Virginia, on account of sickness; relieved by Dispatcher Deegan.

Since our last writing the dispatcher's districts have been changed, reducing that force from ten to seven men, which makes one dispatcher handle the east and west ends.

Dispatchers M. R. Rickey, Lovejoy and Rushford now copying.

It is hoped that the cut is but temporary, and that these boys will resume their old positions, on the revival of business.

Henry Boyce has been on the sick list for a few days, and Bro. H. B. Patterson took a "crack" at "patching."

Livingood is at present working second trick at Bridgeport, bumping Bro. Garry, who in turn bumped Telegrapher C. W. Secrest at Maynard, first trick. Secrest went to Cleveland for a few days. Telegrapher S. V. Adkins working second trick, and Telegrapher France third trick at Maynard.

White went to Pine Grove for a few days.

Bro. C. L. Allender is temporarily working second trick at Narrows.

The new interlocking plant at "WR" tower, Wheeling, was opened February 20th, with Bro. E. E. Holloway, first trick; Bro. W. M. Queen, second trick, and Telegrapher W. K. Carr, third trick.

Bro. F. F. Wallrabinstein is working day turn at "DX," Benwood, with Bro. Dowell, nights.

Bro. D. S. Jones bumped Telegrapher Yeater, second trick at Denver.

We sincerely sympathize with Bro. A. M. Garrison, in the loss of his sister, who passed away at their home recently.

The assistant correspondents will please be more particular in the future in getting the details of marriages and deaths, and report them in full.

A meeting was held in the Peabody Building, Wheeling, February 17th, with the following brothers present: A. G. Youst, M. C. Rathburn, W. Carr, R. A. Fitzgerald, J. E. Holloway, J. L. Fitzsimmons, P. E. France, D. S. Jones and W. M. Queen. The business at hand was thoroughly threshed out, and those present had a very enjoyable time. It would be very encouraging if more of the members would turn out to these meetings, and take an active part. "Come, let us reason together."

CERT. 729.

Chicago Division, West District—

Bro. C. C. Otto, third trick at Albion, secured third trick at Tiffin, on February bulletin.

Only a few of the brothers from the west end were in attendance at the February meeting at Defiance. Business of importance was transacted, including election of officers for the ensuing term.

Mr. W. U. Holderman, the agent at Albion, was seriously injured, February 17th. He was struck by a baggage truck which was standing too close to the track to clear No. 16. His nose was broken, and he also suffered several bruises, but is now recovering nicely.

Bro. M. W. Bishop is holding down first trick at McCools for six months, while the regular telegrapher Mr. Wilhelm is relieving at "GS," Chicago.

Bro. Davis, agent at Teegarden, was laid up several days, the first of the month. He was struck by a plank which was being thrown out of a car by the local crew. He has fully recovered, and will let the local do the work in the future.

Bro. Parent is relieving Bro. Read at Ripley. We understand that Bro. Read is contemplating leaving the service.

Bro. Fisher is holding down third trick at Albion, until the job is filled by bulletin.

Bro. Bill Baker, the veteran at Ripley, has taken a six months' leave of absence, and gone to Iowa

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to sell lightning rods. We will miss his pleasant face at our meetings, as he was always present.

It seems that there are a number of the brothers who can not spare time to attend meeting; several of the oldest members have never been present. It takes work to accomplish anything, and while paying dues assists in keeping up the financial end of the business, it does not promote fraternalism and arouse interest. This can only be done by mingling together. Try to devote one night each month to attending our meetings, and while you will lose a night's sleep, you will not regret it. CERT. 135.

Chicago Division, Eastern District—

Considerable damage done to the telegraph service was caused by the sleet storm which visited this section recently. All wires were out of service from 2 p. m. Sunday, the 14th, until 6 p. m. Wednesday, the 17th. A large force of line men were hurried to the scene of the trouble, which extended from Chicago Junction to Deshler, and at this writing all wires are working, although considerable trouble is experienced on account of the slack wires, which allows them to swing together during strong winds.

Bro. Hartsfield and wife, of Attica, spent several days with Bro. Hartsfield's parents, Bro. Reyff relieving.

Bro. France is transferred from second trick at Tiffin to Fostoria passenger station, days, temporarily relieving Bro. Streely. Extra Telegrapher Parkell on second trick at Tiffin during Bro. France's absence.

Bro. Mason, "RX," Chicago Junction, was off duty recently, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Geer, from "RA," Chicago Junction. Extra Telegrapher Parkell relieved Bro. Geer at "RA."

A new block wire is being strung from Chicago Junction to Warwick on the New Castle Division.

By the time this is in print the election will be over and we will know who are to be our division and local officers for the next year. I trust each member will give them his loyal support, as we all have the same object in view—better conditions. Don't let prejudice stand in your way. It doesn't pay. "SX."

Connellsville Division—

Two meetings, afternoon and evening, were held at Rockwood, Pa., February 19th. Both were presided over by Bro. Currie. The writer has not been informed of any business transacted.

Mr. A. J. Burke, formerly extra, who resigned to open a broker's office in Connellsville, has closed shop on account of lack of interest manifested in the game.

Bro. John Enold, first trick at Greene Junction, and wife, returned recently from a pleasant two weeks' visit to the former's home in Scio, Ohio.

Bro. W. C. Turpin, second trick at Mt. Braddock, was called to his home at Nashville, Tenn., on account of the serious illness of his father.

Bro. C. M. Barfoot, Connellsville yard office, nights, relieved Bro. Enold at Greene Junction during the latter's vacation. Bro. D. A. Young, extra, relieved Bro. Barfoot.

Mr. J. C. Galloway, extra, is at present relieving Bro. Turpin at Mt. Braddock.

Bro. R. P. Hardman, first trick at Uniontown, at present holding an agency on the M. & K. R. R. at Morgantown, was confined to his home at Hyndman by sickness, recently. We are pleased to note that he is back on duty once more.

It seems strange that almost every instance where members are continually looking for some excuse to leave the organization, they are the ones who have derived the greatest benefit.

Mr. Fitchett, for years agent at Opekiska, has accepted second trick at Morgantown. COR.

Pittsburg Division, P. & W. District—

By the time this is in print the election will be over, the local chairmen who were elected will be hard at work and the delegates-elect will be preparing for their trip to Atlanta. Now brothers, let us pull together and give these officers all the encouragement we possibly can. If you are unsuccessful in securing new members you can at least show your appreciation by attending monthly meetings and bringing a brother with you. The more solid Division 33 is, the less your local officers will have to contend with. We meet the third Thursday night of each month, at Wilson Hotel, second floor, 10 Smithfield street, Pittsburg, just around the corner from the B. & O. depot.

On last bulletin, dated February 4th, the following were successful bidders: Bro. J. H. Smith to Ribolds, second trick; Mr. J. F. Sweeney to Ribolds, third trick.

Positions advertised: Downieville, third trick; Ellwood City, second trick; Elfinwild, third trick; Goehring, third trick.

Bro. Olwell, of Schenley tower, off a few days, spending loose change that has accumulated recently. Bro. Phipps, of Schenley tower is spending two or three evenings of each week taking a course in shorthand.

We are sorry to state that sickness in the family of Bro. Baker, of Wildwood, prevents his attending meetings. We hope the afflicted ones will soon recover.

Bro. J. T. Williams, local chairman, was unable to attend the last two meetings on account of sickness at home. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Bro. J. T. Williams was elected judge of elections in the Borough of Mars on the Republican ticket, getting 97 votes, against Mr. Zeigler's 89.

Bro. Elmer Ayers has been transferred from Gorsuch to Lavenia.

Bro. C. J. Fisher is working second trick at Ellwood City, extra.

Bro. J. H. Smith, formerly of Goehring, is now at Ribolds.

Relief Agent Postarers has been relieving at Nansen.

Bro. Jos. Fleischner, of Butler, second trick, is off duty with the mumps. "SHORTSTOP."

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Monongahela Division—

The following appointments were made and became effective February 1st: Second trick at Webster, Bro. C. F. Theiss; second trick at Wolf Summit, Bro. J. B. Glenn; second trick at W. Va. & P. Junction, Telegrapher Roy Nestor; second trick at Byron, Bro. W. H. Alexander; Telegrapher and Clerk Bro. R. B. Horner transferred to Philippi; third trick at Byron, Bro. S. Law.

Bro. O. L. Farlow, from Gaston Junction has been granted a six months' leave of absence. He is going to Fresno, California for his health.

Bro. Singleton at Monongahela was off a few days on account of sickness, but has now resumed duty.

Bro. C. W. Satterfield has taken the third trick at Chiefton, he being older in the service than Telegrapher Sweeney, who has been holding this place regularly.

Bro. E. J. Hoover recently made a flying trip to Miami, Fla., and reports having a very good time while away. He was relieved by Mr. R. B. Horner.

Bro. R. E. McCutcheon, from Philippi, has succeeded in landing second trick at Tygarts Junction. He was relieved by Mr. Horner.

Bro. W. L. Thomas, relief agent, has been relieving Bro. England, of Arden, who was reported to be on the sick list. He is again at the key.

It is reported that Bro. Rexroad, of Allingdale, is going to take the agency at Pickens.

Bro. Mosby, of Erbacon, spent a few days with his parents at Buckhanon. He was relieved by Mr. Robinson, whom we understand is a new man on this division.

Bro. Staples, our first trick dispatcher, spent a couple of days last week going over the road. He was relieved by Bro. Dorsey, second trick dispatcher. Bro. Dorsey was relieved by Bro. Fordyce, copier. DIV. COR.

Pittsburg Division, River District—

Regular monthly meeting was held in Hotel Wilson, Pittsburg, Thursday evening, February 18th. Local Chairman W. E. Safford presided and Bro. A. J. Phipps acted as secretary in the absence of Bro. C. M. Stabler.

It was a pleasant and interesting meeting, with an unusually large attendance, especially from the River District. The "Pike" boys were conspicuous by their absence.

Bros. Young, Zimmerman, Getz and Tittle came all the way from Layton, and Bros. Gleisinger, Burton and Roberts from West Newton. This shows that the River Division is getting some "ginger" into it.

Bros. Yaeger, Phipps, Zimmerman, Young and Safford gave short and interesting addresses. It is needless to say that everybody enjoyed the cigars presented to the division by the local chairman.

The new Frick Building tower and plant at Bessemer was put in operation on Saturday, February 13th. It is no doubt one of the most up-to-date electric plants on the system, and is managed by Bros. Eiseman and Leonard and Mr. Wiedeman.

Telegrapher Shugart is working first trick at Versailles.

Not many changes have been made on this district during the last month.

Bro. K. A. Milar is sight-seeing in the west. Have not learned when he intends to return.

Time is drawing near for "doins" in Baltimore. Come out and give us your opinion. CERT. 1687.

Erie Railway.

Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting held in Warren, Saturday night, February 20th, was well attended and considerable enthusiasm was shown by those present in discussing the best means of increasing the amount of money in the treasury. After the matter had been argued pro and con it was decided to give a dance at Youngstown some time during the month of April. Chairman Harrington appointed a committee, composed of members from Youngstown, to make arrangements for a hall and report at the next meeting. If you are interested in this matter do not fail to be present and help push the thing along. Remember that we meet on the third Saturday night of each month. The hall is located on the third floor, over the Union National Bank, corner Market street and Park avenue, Warren, Ohio.

In order that we may be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, the writer requests that all items of interest to the membership be forwarded on or before the 20th of each month to Bro. Lowrie, our local chairman, who will see that they reach the correspondent.

It is reported that R. R. Biddle and R. S. Kistler, former Erie telegraphers, who left the service and started a college at Youngstown, have been forced to the wall on account of the financial stringency and lack of students.

E. D. Marvin bid in the third trick at Garrettsville, vacated by C. H. Fitch.

Mr. Fitch bid in second trick at Garrettsville, vice W. V. Saltsman.

W. V. Saltsman gets second trick "CB" tower, making the round trip daily from Phalanx on a gasoline speeder.

T. E. Deedy, of Boston, Mass., who has been working third trick at DeForest tower recently, failed to report for duty, and Messrs. Cutlip and Owens had to fill in. Mr. F. E. Brooks worked there until Mr. E. B. Bundy, a former Penna. Co. man was given the trick.

DIV. COR.

Susquehanna Division—

Owing to everything being quiet on the "Swale" this month, we haven't much to offer in the way of news.

No doubt you have read in the papers that automatic signals are soon to be installed on this division.

We hear that Telegrapher Leland King, who worked on this division some years ago, has

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returned to the "old reliable," and is on the extra list. He has been located in New York for some time in the employ of the Postal Telegraph Co.

Bro. Jones recently bid in second trick at Painted Post.

Bro. Hall bid in "VF," Hornell, and Bro. P. B. King bid in agency at Rathbone.

Bro. Walbridge is working for the L. V. at Geneva Junction.

Telegrapher Hanna, who recently returned from the west, is working extra on this division.

Bro. Ira Brooks has moved his family to Waverly.

Bro. H. M. King is working second trick at Canisteo until same is regularly assigned.

Bro. N. C. Jackson has been absent a few days, attending the funeral of his brother, who, we are sorry to learn, was accidentally killed. Bro. Jackson has the sympathy of the entire division.

G. B. Owens is working nights at "FD," Corning freight house.

Bro. H. Knickerbocker, of Big Flats, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Pitt.

Bro. E. I. Kelly, of Corning Station, is off duty on account of sickness. We hope to soon hear his familiar fist again.

Mr. G. M. Murray, of Great Bend, has taken the agency at Canisteo in place of Mr. J. E. Dicky, retired.

Mr. J. C. Flannery, of Horseheads, has taken the agency at Addison, in place of Mr. W. C. Colburn.

We are indebted to Bros. Barkalow and Derrig for a good part of the items from the west end. We hope they will continue to contribute. Anyone having items of interest will help us out greatly by sending them to 364 Wallace Place, Elmira, N. Y., on or before the 18th of each month. DIV. COR.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

On account of no assistance (with one exception), our write-up is rather short this month.

Mr. A. T. N. Herrington has been transferred from Wadley, third trick, to Pulaski agency, vice Bro. C. G. Rogers, who went to Dover as agent. Mr. E. H. Bevill, from Dover, to the good old farm.

Mr. J. D. Youmans, former agent at Adrian, who quit the service to enter the mercantile business, is now day telegrapher and clerk at Adrian.

Business is rushing; the fertilizer season is upon us and agents are working overtime to keep things moving.

We are unable to chronicle all the changes this month. On account of bad weather, or from some other cause, we have nothing from the Covington district.

Mr. E. H. Bevill to Dover agency, vice, Mr. J. N. Cail. Mr. Cail takes Rock Ford agency, relieving Bro. A. Burke, who has a more lucrative position with the Savannah Valley Ry., as auditor and general superintendent. We are certainly glad to see Bro. Burke advancing.

Bro. E. S. Youmans, Jr., has resigned at Nunez, Ga., on account of ill health. We understand he intends to farm, which will give him plenty of fresh air and exercise. Relieved by Mr. W. J. Brown, who was at one time agent at Pulaski.

The last meeting at Tennille was very well attended; our local chairman was not present, as he had just returned from a trip over the division, and no doubt was fatigued. Several B. & P. boys secured transportation and failed to put in an appearance, we are sorry to say.

Bro. Todd resigned Toomsboro agency on account of his health, relieved by Mr. O. P. Trapnell, of Metter.

Bro. C. G. Rogers has resumed work as agent at Pulaski, and Bro. D. M. Rogers has returned to Register.

Bro. R. S. Wilson has been transferred from Meldrim agency to agency at Palatka, Fla. We wish him the best of luck in his new position. Bro. Wilson is succeeded by Bro. D. W. Boland.

We are sorry to hear of the ill health of Bro. A. C. Todd, of Toomsboro, and hope he will soon recover.

Mr. J. M. Edens has been transferred to Mansfield agency, vice Mr. C. O. Osburn.

Mr. M. O. Smith is transferred to Brewton agency, vice Mr. J. G. Stanberry.

Bro. B. J. Moore from Halcyondale agency to Guyton agency. Unable to learn where Bro. Hemminger goes from Guyton.

Mr. Elkins, of Floyd, third trick, had a short vacation, a few weeks ago, relieved by Bro. P. E. Morgan.

Second trick man at Gordon has been feeding us on promises long enough now, and it is time he should do something towards materializing those promises; we cannot survive on promises.

Bro. H. N. Morris, of Division No. 132, is now at One Mile Post, second trick, and has been transferred to this division.

We are all glad to see Bro. B. K. Armstrong back in the service at One Mile Post, third trick.

CERT. 441.

Chattanooga Division—

We are glad to report a good meeting, with attendance above the average, at Lafayette, the third Sunday in February. These meetings take place at Lafayette on the third Sunday of each month. Let everyone who can come and bring some brother with him. These meetings are very enjoyable affairs, and much can be learned relative to our Order and our railway duties by hearing the brothers discuss matters in general.

We were glad to have with us Bro. Low, from the south end.

Bro. Stewart is off duty for a few days, relieved by Bro. Housch.

Bro. Murphy, of Whitesburg, is laying off for a day or so, relieved by Bro. Ansley.

"13" Bro. Ansley is engaged in tilling the soil at Whitesburg, pending a pick-up in business.

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We wonder what the ham factories are promising their students when so many experienced and perfectly reliable telegraphers are unable to secure employment.

There seems to be a slight improvement in the matter of our answering calls and reporting trains. Let's bring our average up a bit more in this line and give perfect satisfaction, as becomes Order men. CERT. 265.

Prince Edward Island Railway.

The death of Bro. David A. Lawson, which took place at the home of his son, while he was on a visit to far off Manitoba, came as a great shock to the members of our division. Bro. Lawson acted as chief telegrapher for a term, served on our grievance committee for years, and held membership ever since we were organized. As an officer and as a private member of the Order we always found him the same faithful, unselfish friend, ever ready to do anything in his power to further the interests of the members, and untiring in the cause of unionism. He had a keen conception of the situation, as regards our work, and was ever ready to give us the benefit of his experience. To his grief-stricken family we tender the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their loss, a loss, while great to us, is far greater to them, in that it deprives them of a kind and loving husband and father.

At the annual meeting held in Charlottetown, on the 18th inst., the following officers were elected: Chief telegrapher, W. H. Slackford; first assistant chief telegrapher, P. W. Clarkin; second assistant chief telegrapher, A. E. Clarke; secretary and treasurer, R. McEwen; delegate, Horace McEwen; alternate, D. Montgomery; local chairman, T. B. Grady; committee, G. R. McMahon, D. Montgomery.

The above slate of excellent officers elected for the ensuing year is in itself a sufficient guarantee that the affairs of the division are in safe hands for the present, and it should inspire us to look forward, with every confidence in the future of the Banner Division of North America. The fight for the different offices was keen, and no one was elected with a large majority, for the reason that the contestants were all good men. Old "war horses" went down in defeat before younger men, the feeling being that we should give the boys a chance. None who were snowed under (and the writer got it in the neck with several others), feel that because we are out of office, we should lose interest and allow those who were elected to bear the burden. But no, we will "peg away," and try again at some other time. After the reports of the various officers were read, and the usual vote of thanks tendered, remarks were made on "the good of the order." It was 3 o'clock, a. m., when Bro. Clarke started the closing chorus.

Bro. Enman, the veteran agent at Summerside, spoke to us in his jovial manner, and we thoroughly enjoyed having him with us. This was his first time, and we hope he will get the "habit" and come often.

Bro. Campbell told of the victories and achievements of the O. R. T.

Bro. J. E. Arsenault, of Wellington, who, next to Bro. Trainor, was the oldest gentleman present, expressed his happiness at being able to be with the boys, and hoped to come soon again. Bro. J. J. Tranior, filled with years and honors, told us of victories and defeats in which he figured.

Bro. Clarkin next took up the thread of the discourse, and spoke for some time, giving us an abundance of good advice.

Bro. Ross McEwen has returned from an extended visit in the West, looking well, and seemingly quite content to remain within the confines of the "Garden of the Gulf." Bro. McEwen was prevailed upon at the Georgetown meeting to speak on his travels, and gave us his impressions of the great West. He spoke very eloquently, without manuscripts, bringing in apt quotations from writers of the West, both in prose and poetry. He told of the wonderful rockies, of the great prairies and of the cities springing up like mushrooms in a few days, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the wonderful undertaking it was. In short the lecture was most interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Bro. James Trainor moved a vote of thanks in which he interspersed tales of his own travels from place to place, and gave interesting reminiscences.

After Bro. Slackford seconded the vote of thanks, the literary and musical program was continued as follows:

Dance—"The Highland Fling," Bro. Angus McKenzie.

Recitation—"From Barnaby Rudge," Bro. Nicholson.

Song—"I Can Not Sing the Old Songs," Bro. Geo. McCormack.

Vocal duet, Bros. Hodgson and Lewis.

We regret that Bro. McTague, agent at Tignish, is still indisposed, and we hope for his early recovery.

The pleasing information has been received from Bro. Quick, that our division has been awarded one of the prizes for solid organization.

The sympathy of the members goes to Bro. G. O. McLeod, of Montague, in the great loss he sustained by the death of his mother.

The members of Charlottetown Division were shocked at the news of the death of Bro. Cyril J. Ryan, of Division No. 47, which occurred at Moosejaw, where he was in the employ of the C. P. R. The body was taken to his home for burial, and the remains were followed to the grave by the different railway organizations, and the Knights of Columbus. The beautiful floral tributes, together with the expressions of sympathy, tendered the family, gave testimony of the esteem in which he was held by his many friends.

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Ann Arbor Ry.

Business on the Ann Arbor has been very quiet for the last month, and there is no immediate prospects of any great change.

The embargo placed on Michigan stock and hay seems to have been the prime cause of the depression.

There have been several changes made on the line recently, Mr. Lahy, third trick dispatcher, north end, has had the south end added to his district, doing the dispatching from Toledo to Frankfort, a distance of 292 miles. As business is light at present, this is not so bad, but when things get to moving it will be a pretty "fierce stunt" if they do not put a man on the south end.

The services of Dispatcher Johnson, who was extra man working south end, second trick, was dispensed with, on account of slack business. Dispatcher Fulse is working second trick, south end, and Bro. Klinck, who has been doing the third trick, south end, is back at his old stand on the message wires at Owosso, dispatcher's office.

Bro. Bates, who has been handling the message wires at "DI," Owosso, is again at "OD," Owosso freight house.

Bro. Kerwin, who relieved Bro. Bates at Owosso freight house, is working days at Lakeland, with Bro. Ide, of Division No. 1, as agent.

Bro. Mattis, formerly at Ann Pere, is working third trick at Durand, relieving Bro. Bohne, who is sick. Telegrapher Healy is working twelve hours at Ann Pere.

Bro. Scofield, who has been agent at Ann Pere for some time, is going to leave that place. Can not say where he is going. Bulletin is out for agency at that point.

Bro. H. J. Leonard, formerly at "DG," Alma, is now with the Pere Marquette at Clio, which position I understand is permanent.

The storm that visited this section, a couple of weeks ago, did considerable damage on the south end, blowing down quite a number of poles and tying up trains in snow banks.

The yard engine at Cadillac has been taken off nights, and Bro. H. H. Cudaback, who was at "CD," Cadillac freight house, doing the billing, is again at work at "CY" yard office, first trick. Telegrapher Orvis is working third trick; Mr. Wright having left in search of greener fields.

Bro. Battin has returned to McBain, as agent; relieving Mr. Kerwin.

Hamburg night office has been closed. This dispenses with the services of Mr. McNamee. We are unable to say what he is doing at present.

Several metings of the employes of the Ann Arbor have taken place at the Engineers' Hall, at Owosso, to which each organization sent a representative. The question under discussion was, "In the Interests of the Employe and Company, How Can We Raise the Standard of Efficiency?" Your correspondent has been unable to attend, but understands that there were some good ideas advanced, and all who can attend should do so.

Thompsonville, second trick, which was bulletined some time ago, has drawn a prize in Telegrapher Ulberg, who comes from Traverse City, where he has been acting as a "professor" of telegraphy. He seems to have had a cloudy past as regards labor troubles, and is reported as having helped out the poor Western Union Co. in the late "unpleasantness." It must be a comforting thought to know that one has helped the needy, and knocked against the well-to-do laboring man, who was asking for more money, so he could gamble in Wall St.

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Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Pueblo to Salina—

Bro. Richards, at Vallie, is back at the old stand doing business, after a six weeks' vacation spent in California.

Bro. R. D. Giddings, of Echo, was awarded second trick at Rouse Junction, on bulletin, relieving Bro. W. B. Davis, who went to Echo temporarily.

It seems to me, it would be a good plan to have a meeting every month, to see where we stand, and to know what is going on. Other roads do it. Why can not we? It is not very satisfactory doing business by letter. What do you think?

Portland agency is to be transferred February 23d, but at this writing we are unable to ascertain the name of the new man.

Mr. Barron has accepted a position at Katcina, Colo., with the A. T. & S. F. Ry.

Bro. Stakes was bumped from second trick at Portland, by Bro. Challis. We understand Bro. Stakes is visiting his brother in Pueblo.

Bro. Braylon returned from his vacation, February 17th, to resume duty as agent at Castle Rock, which displaces Bro. Lutz.

Bro. Lutz has been working extra for the past few months.

Third trick man at San Carlos, south end, has been taken off, which leaves Bro. Kennedy and Bro. Owens to run the business.

The night telegrapher at Dresden, south end, has been taken off. This releases Bro. Bower, who has gone to visit his folks in Kansas.

The night office at Orlando, south end, has been closed. Bro. Elliott who was employed at that point as night man is visiting Denver.

Mr. Commons, who has been working extra second trick at Castle Rock, north end, has left the service. "13" he goes to the Rock Island.

Bro. Eaton, an extra man, was transferred to West Slope. It is rumored that he has a good agency over there.

Superintendent F. R. Rockwell and several others in authority stopped at Portland not long ago, and stated that a new cement depot with electric light and steam heat would soon be built at that point.

Louviers, north end, is now a one-man job.

Two men are employed at Larkspur and Eden, north end.

Bro. O. E. Bain, of Huerfono, south end, has gone into the "hoss" business, purchasing one of Bro. Bailey's best bronchoes.

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Bro. Babbitt, of Parkdale, has returned to work after two weeks' sickness. We are all glad to know that he is able to resume duty.

Bro. Rumke is now at Riverton, having bumped Bro. H. L. Evans, who went to La Junta, Colo., for a few days.

Bro. J. C. McCloskey, formerly of Echo, has left the service, to go on his father-in-law's farm at Pikeview.

There are a few who have not paid dues. We earnestly request that they do so at once, and remain in good standing. We all know the value of a card, especially if we are in search of employment. CERT. 625.

Second and Third Divisions—

A few of the recent changes are:

Mr. Albert, at Minturn, third trick, to Wolcott, send trick, on bulletin.

Mr. Hardenbright, at Wolcott, to Red Cliff, third trick, extra.

Mr. Fordy, at Malta, third trick, to Buena Vista, second trick, on bulletin.

Mr. French, at Tenn Pass, to third trick, extra, then to Glenwood couple of days, relieving Dispatcher Wightman. Later Mr. French left the Rio Grande to accept a position with the Utah Copper Co., Sunny Side, Utah.

Mr. Bowlin, at Granite, to Malta, third trick, extra.

Mr. Whipple took Avon agency, on bulletin.

Bro. Hickey did extra work at Minturn, Red Cliff and Granite, recently.

Ye scribe off a few days; relieved by Bro. O. F. Bubb from Gunnison.

Bro. W. J. Stone working third trick at Minturn, extra.

'Twas 6 o'clock in the morning, about the break of day;
A stock train just rolled into town, as the non crawled out of the hay.
A gentleman appeared at the window and asked for more time on 3,
The answer received didn't suit him, so he goes in and handles the key.

It seems Mr. Non had his skates on, but how lucky some people are,
For right then and there he received rollers, and we guess e'er this he's rolled far.
The moral in this is an old one, but for fear you don't see it I'll say,
If you can not drink and attend to your business, quit the business, then go your own way.

Through a misunderstanding on my part Mr. Fordy has heretofore been referred to as brother. I regret very much at having to admit that Mr. Fordy does not carry a card, and I hope he will do the right thing by making good.

Bro. W. S. Cole took Sargent agency, on bulletin.

Bro. E. M. Clodfelter at Buena Vista, to Sargent, second trick; relieving Bro. E. A. Fondel, who was called into Denver.

Bro. Walters, at Sargent, to Cimarron agency, on bulletin.

I am indebted to Bro. Clodfelter for items this month pertaining to the Third Division. Bro. Clodfelter is now in a position to give advice as to the handling of steam, having recently come face to face with a pot of peas which blew up while cooking. VO.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

It is gratifying to note that we lost only four members by suspension, and two of these are not actively engaged in telegraphing. This, too, is a fine showing, and goes to prove that our faith in the organization remains unbroken despite the many disappointments. We are hoping day by day that business will pick up again so that we will be in a position to press our claim for the restoration of the relief day, also the old rate of wages.

Bro. E. A. Hudson has resigned to accept a position in Philadelphia with the Bell Telephone Co. We are sorry to have "HD" leave us and the best wishes of all are with him in his new field of labor.

Bro. D. B. McCracken was off duty a few days recently, relieved by Bro. H. T. Marsh, who in turn was relieved by Miss Shannon, from the extra list.

Bro. Wm. Rockwell was away for a few days lately, making a trip to Columbus, Ohio, on personal business.

Bro. John Say bid in third trick at "MR" tower, relieving Bro. E. D. Craig, who secured third trick at Lawsonham.

Bro. W. F. Reiner is back on the road, having been appointed agent at Tyler in place of Bro. V. E. Seeley, who resigned to accept service with the B. & S. Ry.

The many friends of I. L. Green, who for many years was a staunch member of our Order, will be pleased to learn that he has so far recovered his health as to permit of his resuming duty in the near future.

"My father does not allow me to" is the latest excuse for not becoming a member, handed out by a tender youth of 22. Such filial duty is worthy of a better cause.

The meetings at Kittanning are being very well attended, which is a good argument in favor of a system division on the P. R. R. Under the system division plan the local chairman is authorized, in fact it is his duty, to hold meetings at stated intervals at the most convenient point on the division; not necessarily the same place each time, but at any point that may be decided upon from time to time. BRIGHAM.

Belvidere Division—

Many new men are coming to this division. If they are nons, we should give them no rest until their applications for membership are secured.

New offices as follows: Moore, Wilburtha, Washingtons Crossing, Dickinsons, and Coalport

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are the new block offices south, including "FH" office.

Since the write-up in the last issue, Mr. Hurt, from one of the southern roads, has been appointed third trick man at Nieces.

Mr. Kreckel, commercial telegrapher, is now working second trick at Nieces.

Flemington Junction, three tricks, was bid in as follows: Mr. Julius Vetter, first trick; Mr. Darumple, second trick and Mr. T. E. Ryan, acting as third trick man.

Brother Parker is now holding down first trick at Wilburtha.

Mr. Charles Wharton is working the second trick at Washingtons Crossing.

Why is it that while trainmen pay dues amounting to over two dollars per month, telegraphers cannot afford to pay five dollars every six months. The question is usually answered as follows: "I cannot do it on $54.45 per month." While this is quite true, whose fault is it that we do not draw more money?

Mr. Ashcroft has been assigned to second trick at Stockton, having been the successful applicant for that position. Mr. Williams, the third trick man is doing the "owl" stunt.

Wake up, boys, the block, wire and messages make a great deal more work. How about more salary?

Reports are current that certain telegraphers are sleeping on duty. This doesn't look good, especially in view of the fact that we are only on duty eight hours.

There is no reason why the membership in the west should be any stronger than in the east, yet this is said to be the case. The west is stronger. Why? Because the men pull together and keep after the nons. Let us do likewise.

CERT. 23457.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento Division—

On account of heavy rains, landslides and washouts, we have been having strenuous times on this division for the past few weeks. Trains have been from one to five days late. The track between Davis and Sacramento is washed out and it will be some time before it is repaired.

The night telegraph office at Elmira has been closed on account of a washout. This means that Bro. J. E. Mather will be required to remain on duty twelve hours.

Bros. E. M. Sanford and G. C. Dove, from the Western Division, are employed on this division at the present time on account of the bridge over Stony Creek being washed out.

A. R. Thompson, from the Coast Division, who has been at Elmira for the past month relieving Bro. E. H. Roe, has been transferred to Bay Point. Bro. Roe has been visiting in New York.

Bros. Sackett and Coons, with the rest of the inhabitants of Emigrant Gap, have been quarantined, so we understand, on account of smallpox.

On account of the death of his little son, Bro. Baxter, of Vino, was off duty for some time before Christmas. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

On account of washouts, temporary night offices have been opened at Wheatland, Biggs and Vino.

Bro. H. C. Troth, who has been employed as clerk at Chico for some time, has been transferred to Auburn, exchanging positions with Mr. Butler.

Several nons seem to be showing up along the line. We should all make an effort to secure their applications for membership.

The election of delegate and alternate, also local chairman, has aroused more interest than usual. Indications point favorably toward the election of Bro. Blackford for local chairman, Bro. Walters, representative and Bro. Houston, alternate. Now that we will have a new local chairman, let us assist him. Bro. Bates has been a valuable local chairman and we trust that he will be of much assistance to his successor. DIV. COR.

"BD," General Telegraph Office, San Francisco—

Bro. C. L. Balliete has been off a few days on account of illness.

Bro. Al Kendall has moved from Elmhurst to Alameda.

Mr. McKenney, "G," has purchased a ranch in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The heavy storms in California during the past two weeks have "played hob" with our wires, especially the eastern circuits. Omaha has been down almost continually, and also Portland.

Bro. H. W. Glensor laid off a few days during the early part of January and took the bar examination at Sacramento, returning a full-fledged "attorney and counselor at law." All he now lacks is clients.

We were favored with a visit from Bro. Koppikus, secretary and treasurer of Division 53, a short time ago, who wrote several applications. There are now but four nons in the office, and we live in hopes. A. MUTT.

Shasta Division—

Business is rather dull at present, owing to the several slides and washouts during the past month.

The weather is clearing and we have indications of an early spring. Oregon is generally noted for its heavy rains, but it cannot be compared to California this season.

The nons on this division are gradually thinning out and we are in hopes the few who are left will be with us in the near future.

Bro. J. E. Beale, first trick Kennet, is transferred to the Coast Division, relieved by Telegrapher Geo. Corby. We wish Bro. Beale success. Telegrapher Corby is a new man on this division, therefore I am unable to say whether a member or not.

Bro. W. R. Long received second trick at Kennet on last bulletin.

Bro. H. W. Woods is back to the old stand after a siege of illness.

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Bro. L. S. Watts is relieving at Keswick.

Smithson is now open for bid. Bro. Shutt is relieving at Smithson.

Bro. M. P. Jarvis, relief at Redding, is working second trick.

Bro. A. J. Foster was the successful applicant for the agency at Castella.

Bro. A. C. Kallstead is doing the owl stunt at Cottonwood.

Bro. Townes is relieving Bro. F. A. Reiser, agent at Montague. Bro. Reiser is enjoying a three weeks' layoff in Southern California. Bro. L. W. Meyers has succeeded in landing the second trick at Montague. Bro. West is doing the owl stunt.

Bro. Rudolph, third trick at Red Bluff, has gone east, owing to the illness of his mother.

Telegrapher Fender is relieving at Hornbrook, second trick. It is rumored he was appointed assistant superintendent of telegraph, under F. S. Rawlins, superintendent telegraph, Pacific System. Also understand Fender is going to superintend the installation of phones for train despatching between San Jose and San Francisco.

The agency at Hilt is still open for bid. Bro. U. L. Hakes is relieving at Hilt.

The following positions, shown in Bulletin No. 9, are now open for bids: Agency at Macdoel; second telegrapher at Redding; first telegrapher and clerk at Kennet; night telegrapher at Smithson; night telegrapher and clerk at Montague, and the agency at Hilt.

Bro. and Chairman F. E. Walters is nominated to act as local chairman of Shasta Division, also nominated to represent the Shasta and Sacramento Divisions. Owing to Bro. Walters' excellent work in the past, I, for one, wish to see him our future local chairman and our representative at the biennial convention, to be held at Atlanta, Georgia. CERT. 2434, DIV. 53.

Oregon Short Line Ry.

Quite a number of our good brothers will be surprised to hear from the Oregon Short Line on account of our prolonged silence, but never fear, we will "bob up" occasionally.

Although the Oregon Short Line pays a minimum salary of $70.00 per month, which compares favorably with other roads in the west, we are in need of a schedule, as we have no means of holding our rights and adjusting grievances.

W. G. Talcott, who has been working third trick at Kemmerer, is now doing the stunt as telegrapher and bill clerk at North Kemmerer (or Frontier) on account of Bro. C. V. Foster being quarantined. His wife and baby have the scarlet fever.

Bro. A. S. Hurley is away on a visit. His brother Frank, who did the second trick stunt at Cokeville, is now at Sage relieving him. We are unable to learn when "A. S." returns.

Why should we be termed "dead ones," when there are, I am sure, some real lively men on this division. With a little encouragement from each other, and some effort, we can, within a short time, get everyone lined up and by pulling together, obtain the schedule, of which we are so much in need.

It is rumored that Bro. Tolle, agent at Pegram, is going to leave us in the spring. We cannot vouch for the truth of the report, but in case it is correct we wish him success in the future and it goes without saying we are sorry to see him go.

I am unable to furnish much of a write-up on account of the scarcity of news. I would request that each and every one on the division who hears anything of interest drop me a card advising relative to the same and I will see that it is incorporated in the news items and forwarded to the journal for publication. In this way only can we succeed in being nicely represented each month.

It is rumored that within a few days there will be an opening at Kemmerer. Openings at that office are of quite frequent occurrence, but they are usually filled by men from other roads. I am sure there are capable men on this line who would like the job, but on account of having no schedule they get no chance to bid it in. All positions should be bulletined when open, giving the older men a chance at the best positions, provided they are capable of handling them.

I should be more than pleased to hear from all brothers on the 1st District, Idaho Division, O. S. L., in time to furnish a nice write-up for the April TELEGRAPHER.

Let's all get in line now, and see what we can do for ourselves. CERT. 6417.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Lake Superior Division—

On a former occasion I promised to try my hand again if there were no kicks on the items sent in at that time. As no one has raised any objections, I will forward what I have gleaned since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. I am willing to do my best, but in order to make our write-up interesting it will be necessary for the members to lend their assistance by sending in items. They should be in the hands of Chairman O'Sullivan at Hinckley not later than the 20th of each month.

By the way, Harry is in the race for delegate to the Atlanta convention.

What do you think about having a meeting in the near future? If you have any suggestions to make, let us have them.

About two weeks ago the safe in the depot at Mahtawa was blown open and the next night the same thing occurred at Barnum, but it is understood the cracksmen got but little loot at either place.

The third man at West Duluth was pulled off recently, and it is rumored that Mr. Fairchild went to Elevator station and thence to Central Ave. Bro. Carlson went from Central Ave. to Carlton, second trick, and Bro. Jacksie from second to third trick at Carlton. Mr. Fiola, who

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held third trick, has gone to some point farther west on this road.

Mr. Abbott is night man at West Duluth at present.

Short Line Park has been closed, and Mr. Steele, third man there, went to his home in Duluth a few days, but is now night man at Gronigen.

Bro. Mason landed the second trick at Wyoming, and Bro. Ellwood Gray is now the only owl at Moose Lake, on account of a reduction in force.

Mr. Swanson was bumped from third at Wyoming and went to Gronigen nights, only to be bumped by Mr. Steele a few days later. He is now at his home in Stacy.

Mr. J. Carrol was bumped from Groningen nights, by Mr. Swanson, and went to his home in Stillwater.

Bro. Remmey, third at Pine City, made a flying trip to White Bear on No. 101, the first of the month, and was the guest of Bro. Harry MacDonald, of the St. Paul Division, until 104 came along.

Telegrapher Joe O'Brien, who sustained an injury to his foot a short time ago, is now out and walks as well as ever, and is to be congratulated on his speedy recovery. He was in Duluth seeing the sights, this week, and incidentally spending his spare cash.

Bro. Russell, from Short Line Park, was down the line a few days ago.

Bro. Donald, third at Rush City, had the misfortune to fall and injure his arm about a month ago. He went to the Brainerd Hospital, where he is still confined. He was relieved by Bro. J. A. Schroeder, a man from the Second District.

Bro. O. E. Peterson is now doing third trick at Wyoming. "R."

Hinckley, Minn., Feb. 24, 1909.

To all Concerned:

Bro. R. W. E. Remmey, located at Pine City, Minn., has kindly volunteered to act as Division Correspondent. It is now up to every man on the first, second and third districts to lend a helping hand by contributing items of interest to us that may come to his notice. These should reach Bro. Remmey not later than the 18th of the month, in order to enable him to get article in Bro. Quick's hands on or not later than the 28th, or same cannot be sent to press in time to appear in following issue of journal.

By the way, I would like to call attention to the fact that using company stationery for correspondence relating to O. R. T. business and using the railroad business mail service for forwarding same should not be practiced under any circumstances. Using company mail service for business of above nature is illegal and one is liable to a heavy fine. By using company stationery one lays himself open to censure.

Another thing, I would like to have the co-operation of every member in trying to discover the parties who are guilty of using obscene and coarse language over the wire—especially No. 111. Some nights the talk is absolutely disgusting. I trust I am right in believing that it is none of our worthy members who are guilty. They show such good sense in every way that it is hard to believe they would degrade themselves in this manner. Let us get together and endeavor to put a damper on this and the habit some have of breaking the circuit and interfering with and delaying business, which is frequently quite important. All those little things help to defeat our purpose of demonstrating to the officials that it is the members of our noble organization who are the most efficient, trustworthy and reliable employes they have in the telegraph service.

Trusting you will individually and collectively assist me in locating the persons guilty of the above practices, I remain, with best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

H. J. O'SULLIVAN,
Local Chairman,
Lake Superior Div.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. R. E. Breed, third trick from Weed, bumped Bro. T. W. Hildemann, second trick at Birdseye, who took third trick at Weed.

Bro. A. Y. Tuel, third trick at Birdseye, put in a bid for M. C. Crossing, but after he discovered that it was a lever job cancelled his application.

Telegrapher Earl, of Big Bend, is in Missoula hospital, suffering with pneumonia. Relieved by Telegrapher Clymer, a new arrival.

The following positions were bulletined during the past month: Third tricks at Drummond, Arlee, Gold Creek, Iron Mountain and St. Regis Junction; second and third tricks at Frenchtown, Lathrop and Rivulet; first, second and third tricks at Pontus.

Larson on C. D. A. branch opened as an agency.

Local Chairman Rundue, of Philipsburg; Bro. Witter, of Schley, and Sister Westberg, of Perma, were Missoula visitors during the month.

On account of St. Regis Paradise cut off put in operation offices at Sada, Olive, McDonald and Nine Mile were closed.

Bro. T. Sheridan, from third to second. Bro. R. J. Dilley, from second to agent, at Austin, on account of Bro. L. B. Mowrey resigning.

Chief Dispatcher Showalter is taking a two months' vacation, and is spending his time in California. Assistant Chief Hazen acting as chief during his absence. DIV. COR.

Idaho Division—

Bro. Kirkpatrick, first trick at Trout Creek, is now working third trick at 7th Ave. At present Bro. Mansell is working first trick at Trout Creek; Bro. Rice, second, and Mr. Doles, third.

Bro. Brown, at Tuscor, is on a short vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Beseke. Bro. Greene, of Tuscor, has resigned; relieved by Bro. Waugh, who has transferred to us from Division No. 7.

A new man at Kootenai, by the name of Barett. We are unable to learn what became of Bro. Morrison.

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Bro. Arndt, of Ramsey, laying off for a few days. Telegrapher Paula working third trick, and the other boys have moved up a notch.

Telegrapher Paterson from 7th Ave. to Plaza, as agent. Telegrapher Mason taking the agency at Greer, and Mr. Wagar returned to Peck.

Send your news items to Bro. Seward, at Trent, who will see that they reach me in time for the write-up. LOCAL COR.

Minnesota Division—

Mr. Logue, who has been taking several weeks' vacation, is again at Hawley. Mr. Skorheim, who relieved him, transferred to Henning.

Bro. Ogrosky secured Winnipeg Junction telegraph position, on bulletin.

Mr. Mahar has been transferred to second trick at Glyndon.

Bro. Anderson has been doing relief agent's work, and is holding down Grafton at present. Do not know who will get Grafton permanently.

Bro. P. J. Lund is holding down Gary station.

Latest reports are that Mr. Johnson is to be transferred to Grafton, and Bro. Anderson goes to Voss in his stead.

Bro. Hanna, of Lake Park, was on sick list for a few days. We are glad to know that he has recovered, and has resumed duty.

Understand Mr. McKay, from Wahpeton, is going to set the Staples agency, and Bro. Moses, who has been agent at Henning for some time, is going to Wahpeton.

We are sorry to lose Mr. White, our genial traveling auditor, who has been transferred to other and better territory. Mr. Donely succeeds him.

All members of the Order who have not yet paid dues, are urgently requested to do so, as a list will be sent to all up-to-date members some time in April, and you will all want your name on the up-to-date list. Don't overlook your insurance. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Pacific Division—

Line up between Portland and Goble.

North Portland, a new station recently opened, is a junction point with the Northern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle R. R. Bros. C. R. Gillespie, P. Brandon, H. Sayer, are working first, second and third tricks, respectively; Bro. Shinn, who had been assigned to third trick at this point, had been working there recently, until he was relieved by Bro. J. H. Hempstead. Bro. Hempstead was in turn relieved by Bro. Sayer. Understand Bro. Hempstead is out of the service now. Bro. Sayer carries a card in Division No. 76, C. & N. W.

Bro. Shinn is working at Kelso; says he expects to be relieved there soon, as there will be a new office opened shortly between Ridgefield and Vancouver Junction, which he expects to take.

Account of severe weather conditions, which caused a number of landslides on the line between Kalama and Vancouver, it was found necessary to abandon this line until weather conditions moderated to some extent; the old ferry across the Columbia River is being used again; the telegraphers who were working on the line between Kalama and Vancouver were removed to the stations on the old line between Goble and Portland, where they will remain until the former line is put into condition, which will probably be in the very near future.

Bro. E. C. Shirk, agent at Bucoda, who has been there for some few years, has grown tired of that job; Montesano agency being open was bulletined, Bro. Shirk signed for, and got it.

Bro. T. W. McNicle, who formerly worked in "WR" office, Tacoma, bid in the agency at Bucoda.

Bro. J. W. McKey, relief agent, who was at Montesano, is now working at Vancouver.

New agency opened at Wabash, a junction point with the Washington and Oregon R. R., and the Northern Pacific Ry., about two miles east of Centralia, was bulletined, signed for by Bro. H. D. Patterson, who got it, but was finally bumped by Mr. E. A. Freeman, a non. Bro. Patterson then took the agency at Dryad.

Bro. L. C. Thornton, who was working the second trick at Winlock, took the first trick there, when Bro. Patterson took the agency at Wabash. Mr. Joe Flobert is now working the second trick at Winlock.

Bro. Phares, who was working the telegrapher and ticket job at Hoquiam, has been assigned to the agency at Napavine. Bro. Joe Coughlin, regular agent, is laying off for a while.

Bro. H. D. Carstens, who has been East on a visit, is now at his old post as second trick telegrapher at Castle Rock.

Bro. L. E. Dike is now working the second trick at Tenino, he was formerly working the second trick at Kelso. COR.

Pasco Division—

Telegraphers put on at Wins Gravel Pit and Camp Four between Cheney and Marshall, while work trains raising track on Marshall Hill where S. P. & S. go under the N. P. tracks. Telegrapher Wilkinson at Camp Four, and McCarthy at Wins Gravel Pit; McCarty worked on N. P. years ago, and has just returned to service lately; is up-to-date in G. N. Division No. 70, but will be transferred to No. 54.

Telegraphers Wilkinson and McCarty sent to S. P. & S. Junction for a few days, and Bros. Voight and Mitchell sent to Vista and Ritzville. Bro. Voight came to Cheney the other day to see us, and incidentally to see his affinity.

During the work train service through Marshall, an extra telegrapher was put on, a Mr. Berger, from Umtanum. He was transferred to Fish Trap and later to S. P. & S. Junction. Bro. McCarty returned to Wins Gravel Pit.

Bro. Gore, from Fish Trap, visited the brothers at Cheney, lately. We regret to learn that he is on the sick list, and hope for his speedy recovery.

E. W. Blackstone, third trick at Tyler, traded with Telegrapher E. D. Myley, of Fish Trap. Bro. Windsor, from Providence, comes to Tyler, second trick, bumping Bro. Hunt to third trick.

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J. D. Hormers, first trick at Fish Trap, on account of Bro. Gore being sick. Mr. Blackstone got nicely fixed at Fish Trap, for batching, then was bumped by W. F. Berger, from Marshall, Blackstone going to "GN," at Everett.

Bro. Spurgeon from Tyler agency, to agency at Sunnyside. Haney from Sunnyside to Toppenish. McDougal back to Mabton. Mr. Wood from Mabton to Keystone, and Bro. Evans from Keystone to Tyler.

C. F. Basset, agent at Lind, resigned to go into bank at Davenport. Sainsbury, from Cunningham, gets Lind, and Bro. Freeman made temporary agent at Cunningham, this position may be permanent, am not sure.

Bro. Dan Putnam, first trick at Sprague, took a few days' leave of absence; relieved by Schrader, from No. Yakima.

Bro. Uhlin and Mr. Larabee at Sprague, fixed up tricks a little different while Bro. Putnam was gone.

Am shy any notes from west end, and can not give anything for that territory. CERT. 497.

East End, Montana Division—

Billings Yard—Bro. Preston, from Foster, is on first trick; Telegrapher J. T. Luetke, from the Union Pacific, has the second trick and Telegrapher A. Gaylord, from the Burlington, is doing third.

Laurel—Bro. Brehmer has exchanged tricks with Bro. Meadows.

Park City—Commercial Bro. H. L. Grunell is on second trick, relieving Telegrapher Howard, who goes to Lombard, Mont. Telegrapher Luckey is the new man on third trick.

Rapids—Telegrapher Blackford, from the big office, Billings, copped first trick at this point; Bro. F. H. Loomis, from Rocky Mountain Div. is on second trick, and Bro. H. A. Dahl, from the C. M. & St. P, is holding down third.

Columbus—Agent Cook is back at work. Bro. Logan is doing first and Telegraher Scott third tricks. Bro. Morrow is at Billings as a witness in Young's point case.

Merrill—Bro. Burnside has been transferred from second trick at Grey Cliff to first. Telegrapher Dedlake, from the Southern Pacific has second and Bro. Stephens from the U. C. & St. L. is on third.

Grey Cliff—Telegrapher Malekson, who has been with the C. & N.-W. at Chicago, is now on second trick, and Telegrapher Coey from Soo Line is on third.

Big Timber—Bro. Hannon, from Laurel, is on first trick.

Telegrapher Ogle has gone east on account of sickness of one of his children.

Springdell—Bro. Sweiger is relieving Bro. Van Ness as agent. Telegrapher Huntley, from "MU," transferred to third trick.

Mission—Bro. Hoover, from Hoppers, now has first trick at this point and two new men, whom I do not know are on second and third.

West End—

Bro. Jesse relieved a few days at Livingston, and was later placed at Whitehall.

Bro. Wintersteen, of Bozeman, is on the sick list. He is relieved by Telegrapher Medsker, from Wabash.

Bro. L. A. Nott, of Division 130, is the new man on third trick at Hoppers.

H. G. McMurphy, from the C. & N.-W., is working temporarily at "PP" Junction while Bro. Stewart goes to Missoula Hospital for treatment.

I understand that Bro. Woodruff at Butte is leaving the service and that Bro. English, of Townsend, gets the vacancy.

It is rumored that Bro. Fuller, third at Belgrade, has left there.

Thanks to Bro. Carpenter for his items. Come again. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Yellowstone Division—

Am writing this on the twenty-fourth, and have not, as yet, received a single contribution of items from anyone. This will account for Yellowstone Division being so meagerly represented this month. I shall make no more requests for assistance, as my pleading seems to be in vain, and unless the members come to my aid I fear the space taken up by the items of this division will be rather small.

Brothers Byrne and Youngs, from Belfield and Judson, made a trip to Huntley recently, to look over the position there with a view to making application for it when it is bulletined.

After an absence of six weeks Bro. Mosher has returned to the division, taking second trick at Belfield. He relieves Bro. Penberthy, who took third at Hebron.

Bro. Paul relieved Bro. Young at Judson while the latter went to Huntley.

Third trick at Terry is bulletined, and second trick at Hebron is to be. The outlook for a few of the men who were laid off a short time ago is good. L. C.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

The following is the result of the election held by Division 55: Bro. J. O. Peoples was elected delegate to the grand division convention; Bro. L. G. Haines was elected alternate to grand division convention; Bro. H. A. Niswanger elected local chairman, Toledo Division; Bro. E. F. Turner elected local chairman Cleveland Division; Bro. C. E. Baltzer elected local chairman Wheeling Division; Bro. A. H. Shabb elected local chairman W. P. T. and W. S. B. R. R.

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W. P. T., W. S. B., East End—

Bro. J. W. Scott, agent at Hopedale, is off on ten days' vacation, visiting relatives at Zanesville, Ohio. Mr. Dorn is acting as agent during Bro. Scott's absence.

Bro. Weiss, agent at Brilliant, with the assistance of the town marshall, succeeded in rounding

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up a gang of thieves who had broken into cars and stolen considerable freight. The guilty persons were all section men located at that point.

Bro. Dever, of Div. 107, was the successful bidder on the third trick at Mingo. We expect to have the brother transferred to Div. 55 ere this appears in print.

Bro. McKean, second trick at Hopedale, off for a few days, relieved by Mr. Ratzenberger.

After a thirty-day vacation Bro. Shaff has resumed duty as agent at Avella. Cannot say where he spent his vacation.

No items have been received from the west end for several months. This doesn't look very encouraging, I am sure. There should be quite a write-up each month from Div. 55, but it doesn't look like a square deal to expect one person to furnish it. Each member having items for publication will please send them to Bro. Guthrie, Jewett, Ohio, or the local chairman on his division before the 25th of the month. Let us get busy and show a decided improvement in the future.

Business is very dull on the east end, and although prosperity has been promised, we have not as yet experienced it in these parts.

CERT. 93.

West End—

On account of extra 2306 east derailing several cars, Bro. R. Ream, at Monroeville, was required to work the 13-hour limit, after which he was relieved by Extra Telegrapher Bro. C. C. Lohr, who was rushed to the scene of the wreck via the electric line from Norwalk.

The boys at "V" office, Bellevue, are working in a brand new office. The Nickel Plate put in a second trick at that place and the old tower stood in their way. The new tower stands where Bill Ray's flag shanty stood, and on account of the small space, is not as large as the old one.

February 15th found us in the grip of one of the worst sleet storms in the history of this part of the country. Wires were down for a couple of days and the damage amounted to thousands of dollars.

Bro. C. C. Lohr relieved Telegrapher H. C. Fry, third trick at Norwalk yard for a few nights, while he was laying off on account of a death in the family.

Bro. C. C. Perry has vacated the third trick at Hartland and bid in the second trick at Adena. He was relieved by W. F. Forbes, a new man from the Erie.

Extra Telegrapher Bro. C. C. Lohr relieved at Coshocton for a few days and later was sent to Lodi to relieve Bro. Marvin.

The following positions were advertised during the month: Curtice, agency bid in by G. D. Ricketts; Limestone, night telegrapher bid in by M. F. Berry; Kingsway, agency, no bids received; Williston, agency, no bid; Hartland, third trick bid in by J. C. Robinson; Adena, second trick bid in by Bro. C. C. Perry; Carnegie, agency awarded to Ralph Allen; Lodi, second trick, bid not closed; Miles Ave., third trick, bid not closed; Smithfield, agency, bid not closed.

Bro. Ed Drennen makes regular trips from Hartland to Norwalk to buy "grub." Ed has bought a mustang and expects to do a little farming on the side this summer.

Employes of the Huron Steel and Iron Co. now go to and from work on our Huron run. It keeps Bro. L. E. Brown at Norwalk depot busy in the morning selling them tickets.

CERT. 113.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

The regular monthly meeting was held at Valdosta, February 14th, with a good attendance and some very important matters were handled. These meetings are held at Valdosta every second Sunday and the members will never regret having spent a day in the city. Those on the Jacksonville and Palatka Divisions have an extra good opportunity to attend. Let us all make a special effort to be present each month.

Bro. W. O. Wilson, of Vienna, was elected general chairman to succeed Bro. L. D. Hamilton, who has accepted a position with the A. C. L. at Valdosta.

Mr. Ivey has been transferred from Hampton, Fla. to Vienna as clerk and telegraphed.

Bro. Haslam has been transferred from Bonaire agency to Hampton as clerk and telegrapher.

Mr. E. Walton, formerly manager of the Western Union at Vienna, has taken the Bonaire agency.

Mr. Middlebrooks is now working nights at Findlay.

Mr. J. W. Clark, third trick at Cordele union ticket office has left for parts unknown. He is relieved by Mr. Collatt.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, from the Central of Georgia at Albany, who has been working car clerk's job in freight office at Tifton, goes to union ticket office, first trick. Mr. J. J. Duggan, one of the C. T. U. of A. boys, is working second at union ticket office.

Mr. Carr, from the Central of Georgia, is now working the second trick at Valdosta freight house.

Don't forget the meeting at Valdosta every second Sunday; come out and be with us.

DIV. COR.

H. T. C. Ry.

On January 4th, First Division train dispatcher's office moved from the old office in passenger station to the new building erected for that purpose, at the freight yards about a mile and a half north. This change was made to make more room for Superintendent Sheehan's office.

The first floor of the new building is occupied by Yard Master Mann, and his assistants and yard clerks. The second floor occupied by Assistant Superintendent Mr. J. F. Sugrue, and train dispatcher's office.

The above change abolished the yard (N. Y.) office, and created a telegraph office in Mr. Shee-

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han's office. Bro. S. F. Hyde, from the yard, assigned to the new office. Bro. A. E. Laisure, from the yard, assigned to second trick, Corsicana, Texas. Bro. J. H. Barton, from yard office, assigned to third trick, Bremond, Texas. Abolishing the Ennis yard office, entitled the three men thrown out to bump the youngest men. Am unable to state who Bros. Laisure and Barton displaced.

Wires were cut into the ticket office at Ennis, and Ticket Agent, Bro. W. T. Turner is now handling train orders for passenger trains.

Bro. E. A. Tabler was assigned to second trick at Bremond, Texas, on the bulletin.

Bro. J. S. Brooks, agent at Kosse, Texas, has been off on leave, on account of sickness in his family; relieved by Bro. C. Lidsay.

Upon Bro. Daffans return from San Antonio he arranged with Bro. Bader, for the latter to go to Denison, Texas, for a month, thus allowing Bro. Daffan to work second trick at Dallas, where he can spend the time with his mother, sister and two brothers.

Bro. Haynie, an extra man, relieved Bro. Daffan at Denison, until he returned from San Antonio.

Bro. Mills was off about twenty days during the holidays, visiting relatives; relieved by Bro. B. C. Walker, an extra man.

Bro. Chris Earlander, doing the all-night stunt (Interlocker-telegrapher), was on leave a few days during the holidays; relieved by an extra man, Mr. Hinton.

E. C. Meredith, first trick dispatcher, north end, first division, has been on leave several days, accompanying his daughter, who was very ill, to the Infirmary, Llano, Texas. Relieved by Bro. A. E. Rawlings, regular first trick telegrapher. Bro. W. L. Snodgrass relieving Bro. Rawlings, Bro. Slagle relieved Bro. Snodgrass and Bro. C. H. Daffan, from Dallas, relieved Bro. Slagle. Bro. Barber, an extra man, relieved Bro. Daffan, at Dallas, and several days before Mr. Meredith returned Bro. Barber transferred to Ennis, and Bro. Daffan returned to Dallas.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Meredith's daughter reached Llano O. K., and is now rapidly recovering.

Bro. Ralston, agent at Kennedale, has been attending court at Ft. Worth, Texas; relieved by Relief Agent Mr. T. E. Hardaway.

Bro. B. H. Cooks is off on account of the serious illness of his daughter. We are sorry to hear of her illness, and truly hope she will have fully recovered before this reaches the press. Bro. Cooks relieved by T. E. Hardaway, who is relief agent.

Bro. W. D. Lindsay, relief agent, is holding down Thornton, Texas, until that station is bid in on next bulletin. Made vacant by Bro. Cabeen bidding in a day telegraph position at Van Alstyne, Texas.

Bro. Walker is holding down the agency at Benchley, Texas, until that station is bid in on next bulletin. This station was made vacant by the departure of Mr. Franklin.

Split trick in Ennis dispatcher's office has been pulled off on account of dull business.

Ballots have been issued for the purpose of electing chairmen for the year 1909. Following is list of the nominations:

For Local Chairman, main line and branches, south of Ennis, except Austin branch, or Second Division: Bro. W. W. Harris, day operator, Bryan, Texas; Bro. T. J. Ficklin, day operator at Bremond, Texas, for re-election.

For main line north of Ennis and Ft. Worth branch: Bro. S. S. Beene, day operator, Ft. Worth, Texas, for re-election; Bro. E. R. Inge, second trick operator, Sherman, Texas.

For Austin branch, or Second Division: Bro. R. P. Cabeen, operator at Elgin, Texas, for re-election; Bro. R. Fishbeck, operator at Llano, Texas.

For Representative to Grand Division: Bro. W. J. Burke, our worthy general chairman; Bro. S. S. Beene, our worthy local chairman.

For Alternate to Grand Division: Bro. J. A. McKey, our worthy general secretary and treasurer.

To all members of Local No. 57, including Second Division, or Austin branch. Mail all news concerning members and nons, and all changes, or any other news concerning the O. R. T., to Certificate 223, No. 460 South Walnut St., Sherman, Texas, and it will receive proper care. Remember a correspondent can not give you information through the journal without something to work on. Don't leave this for the other fellow to do.

Bro. Konenkamp, a member of the O. R. T. and President of the C. T. U. A., paid us a very pleasant visit while in Sherman.

On January 5th the Grim Reaper removed from our midst Mrs. C. H. Daffan, wife of our highly respected Bro. Chas. H. Daffan, first trick telegrapher at Denison, Texas. At 3 p. m., Bro. Daffan was notified his wife was sick. He was on duty, and quickly repaired to her bedside. She was considered very ill, but not dangerously so, however. About 6:20 p. m., Sister Daffan called her companion to her side, and stated that she could not recover, and requested him to allow her parents, Judge and Mrs. Bliss, of San Antonio, Texas, to take charge of and raise their two little sons, age 3 and 4 years, realizing, no doubt, that it is almost impossible to raise children without the tender care of a mother, and at 6:30 p. m. she expired.

Relatives had been notified and Mrs. L. A. Daffan, Sr., of Dallas, mother of Bro. Daffan, was on her way to Denison when she received the sad message, announcing the end.

Wednesday January 6th, the remains were conveyed by special interurban service to the residence of her sister, Mrs. W. K. Taylor, of Sherman, Texas.

Mrs. Daffan was reared and educated in Sherman, Texas, the former home of her parents, and the number of her friends is limited only by the number of her acquaintances.

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The funeral services were conducted at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, January 7th, at 11 a. m., and were attended by the broken-hearted husband, two motherless children, other near relatives, and a large number of friends.

The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, West Hill Cemetery, Sherman, Texas.

Saturday, January 9th, Bro. Daffan accompanied by his two little sons left for San Antonio, Texas.

It is impossible for us to understand why our loved ones are taken from us, especially as in a case like that of Sister Daffan's, where her loving, tender care is so much needed by little ones.

We are well aware that words of kindness and sympathy can but slightly heal the broken heart, however, in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones, we are sure we voice the sentiments of each and every individual member of Division No. 57.

CERT. 223.

Southern Ry.

Knoxville Division—

Saturday night, January 30th, the telegraphers of the Knoxville Division held a meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., and notwithstanding the extreme cold weather and the difficulty in obtaining relief there were some eighteen or twenty members present. Everybody seemed interested and promised their co-operation in arousing enthusiam and getting the division thoroughly organized. We believe the meeting will bring good results as the members present were not the kind to make promises and then forget them.

Several resolutions were adopted. One providing that the necessary steps be taken to draw up our own seniority list, showing the ages of agents and telegraphers. When these men bid for positions, two copies of such list to be made, one to be forwarded to the chief dispatcher and the other to the local chairman. This will eliminate cause for contention, and be more satisfactory to all concerned.

It was also decided to call upon the membership of the Division for an assessment of 10 cents per capita, per month, for the purpose of creating an emergency fund from which to draw, thereby obviating the necessity of calling on the division to pay miscellaneous expenses, such as postage, cost of floral offerings, social functions, etc.

As soon as this matter can be arranged it will be taken up with the membership, and we do not believe there will be a dissenting voice. A local treasurer can be appointed to handle this fund, which should be deposited in some bank to be drawn out only upon approval of the local board.

For the benefit of all concerned, we give below the name and address of assistant local chairmen:

Bro. W. T. Roush, East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bro. Jake Vaughan, Knoxville, Tenn.

Bro. W. T. Anderson, Russellville, Tenn.

Bro. T. J. Safford, Rankin Depot, Tenn.

You will note that we have an assistant on the east end between Knox and Bristol. An assistant between Asheville and Morristown, one located in Chattanooga, and one in Knoxville. Grievances should be forwarded to them.

Several brothers came to Knoxville to attend the meeting January 30th, and failed to show up at the hall. Such business as this is discouraging, and shows lack of interest. If we are not going to take any more concern in the welfare of our division than this we might as well discontinue holding meetings. After securing transportation, and coming to Knoxville, it seems reasonable to suppose they would put in an appearance at the hall.

It has been decided to hold our monthly meetings at different points on the road. The next meeting will, probably, be held in Morristown, some time in March, the date to be decided later. This will give the boys between Morristown and Asheville, and Morristown and Bristol, an opportunity to attend. It will probably be decided to hold an occasional meeting in Bristol to accommodate the members in Bluff City, and in the vicinity of Bristol. A number of the N. & W. and V. & S. W. brothers would, no doubt, be glad to attend. It has been suggested that we hold joint meetings in Chattanooga with the members located on the Q. & C., A. G. S and other roads running out of that city.

There will probably be a social function, in the way of a spread, in connection with the meeting to be held at Knoxville, in April. This never fails to arouse interest, and seems to be about the only method of enticing some of our members to the meeting. Matters of importance are to be considered, and should not be postponed, therefore, we hope to have a good attendance.

If we hold this social in April, I see no reason why the brothers can not bring their wives and sweethearts, and we will have music in connection with the feast, and enjoy a social time. I would like the members to talk the matter over, and I think by contributing one dollar each we should be able to make a success of it. If a favorable decision is reached, I will appoint a committee, consisting of members located in Knoxville, to look after the matter. Other divisions indulge in these social functions, and we should be able to do so occasionally. Several of the brothers have suggested this, and I hope everybody will take an interest and co-operate in getting this up.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Knoxville Division, between Morristown and Bristol—

After a thirty-day vacation Bro. Walker has resumed duty as second trick man at Morristown.

Several changes have been made on this end recently, as follows: Bro. Thompson bid in second trick at New Siding, Jonesboro: Bro. May, third trick at same place; Telegrapher Harmon, second trick at Midway; Telegrapher McFarland, third trick at Midway, and Bro. DeWald, first trick at Miller.

We were exceedingly glad to see such a good turnout from the east end at our meeting Saturday night, also we appreciate the way in which

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other portions of the division were represented. All the boys seemed to enjoy themselves, and apparently were very much interested in the welfare of our Order.

There are two things we should keep in mind, each and every day: The upbuilding of our Order, and the interest and welfare of the company by which we are employed. Too many of us fail to appreciate our positions as we should. Many times we could do little things which would greatly aid and assist in the movement of trains, but for the fact that the rules do not embrace these little acts of accommodation to conductors, dispatchers, etc., we very often fail to do them. That's not my idea of railroading. Let's put forth every effort to make our service better and more valuable than that of the non. If we can not show some improvement over the non, there is very little inducement for union labor. I am a union man, because I believe union labor is more satisfactory to all concerned, and one of our chief objects should be to make our services more satisfactory.

Fall in line, and let's make Division No. 59 famous for loyalty to our Order and satisfactory service to the company. CERT. 1567.

St. Louis Division, East End—

Bro. B. B. Melton, made a trip to Crandale, recently, to see his father who is quite feeble.

Bro. A. W. Stroud, second trick man at Taswell, made a flying trip to New Albany.

Bro. O. D. Longest, agent at English, off duty on account of rheumatism.

Mr. Kemp is doing agent's work at English at present.

Mr. Eskew aid agent's work at Taswell, while Bro. Melton was off duty.

Bro. Ellis, third trick man at Huntingburg, passed up the line not long ago.

Mr. Adam Tyler was recently called home on account of his father's death.

Bro. E. G. Stroud, third trick man at New Albany, was off one night; relieved by a new man.

Mr. J. M. Ausbrook has been doing the third trick work at Oakland City for a few nights.

Bro. Gibson will return to second trick at Milltown in a short time.

Mr. Tyler was relieved at Milltown by a new man named Cone. Mr. Cone is now working second trick at New Albany.

Bro. Ellis, from Huntingburg, made a trip over the west end, and was relieved by Mr. Head. CERT. 2011.

North End Charlotte Division.

Bro. J. J. Burns, formerly third trick at Greer, has been assigned to second trick at Wellford.

Bro. H. H. Savage has left the service of this company; "13" he's going to the N. & W.

H. M. Robbins has been assigned to third trick at Cowpens, permanently.

Bro. R. M. Allen worked second trick a few days at Charlotte "MR" office; he was relieved by Mr. J. R. Tyler and Mr. W. B. Joyner.

Mr. W. T. Collins, formerly third trick man at Gaffney, has left the service of the company; "13" he is working for an advertising company. We wish him success. Mr. Collins was relieved by Mr. P. Poole, who has been assigned to Gaffney permanently.

Mr. J. N. Wallace has been assigned to second trick at Grover. Mr. A. L. Kluttz, third trick at Glass, has been assigned to second trick at Sumner, relieving Mr. Wallace.

Bro. L. L. Benson, third trick at Kings Mountain, after six weeks' hard labor trying to get relief, finally succeeded. He has taken unto himself a wife, and is back at his old post after spending several days on a honeymoon trip in the south.

Bro. Martin has been taken from his regular position and put in the chain gang service. He is at present on second trick at Blackburg.

Bro. J. R. Craig, formerly agent at Converse, has resigned and accepted a position in the freight office at Columbia.

Bro. C. H. Lynch, withdrawing his resignation after due consideration, has returned to service at Air Line Junction.

Bro. A. C. Poole accepted the agency at Wellford, but being unable to secure a house, will return to his old position March 1st.

Bro. Murdock has accepted a position with the Southern Bell Telephone Co. at Charlotte.

Mr. Newman, formerly third trick at Concord, has left the service of the company, Mr. B. Ashley relieving him.

Bro. H. M. Smith, second trick at Gaffney, enjoyed a visit of ten days with relatives at Gastonia. He was relieved by Mr. Robbins.

The meeting at Charlotte on the 24th, was not so well attended as it should have been. But ten members from the south end were present, and not one from north of Charlotte. I can see no excuse for the north end members remaining away, as they could come down on No. 7 and return on No. 40. Those who were present seemed very much in earnest, and anxious to better conditions on the Charlotte Division.

Let every man work for the good of the Order and see if we cannot place this division in the class to which it rightly belongs.

The north end has not been represented in the journal for some time, and if the members will advise the correspondent when changes along the line are made, or when anything of interest occurs, the favor will be greatly appreciated.

In conclusion I will say that there has been a committee appointed to get a line on all non-members on this division, and on the backsliders as well, which committee will make its report at the next regular meeting, to be held on the first Wednesday night following the 20th. If you are in arrears, get up to date and help bring the nons into the fold.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. W. L. King, told one of the brothers that he had noticed a marked improvement in the service since the meeting in

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January. This is encouraging, and we wish to co-operate with him in bringing it up to a standard of excellence that will prove conclusively to the officials that the man with an up-to-date card stands for good service. We assure him that we will keep this matter constantly before the members of the Order at all times.

Remember that regular meetings are now held on each Wednesday after the 20th, over Belk Bros. store, Charlotte, instead of every fourth Sunday.

"XO."

Chattanooga Division—

Brother McCart, from Sherman Heights, is relieving Mr. Shelton at Tyner.

Bro. Cobble, from Whitesburg, has been working at Sherman Heights the past few days.

How about the vacancy of agent-telegrapher at McDonald, Tenn. which was not bulletined? These positions are covered by the contract and should be advertised.

The first trick at Summitt has been vacant for some time and no bulletin has been issued to cover the position.

Bro. Shelton, formerly agent at Cleveland, has been promoted to agent at Jellice. Mr. Davis has accepted the place made vacant by Bro. Shelton.

It has been reported that Bro. Scott has a student at Lenoir City, Tenn., and without the necessary permission. The matter should be investigated.

Glancing over our write-up in the November, 1908, journal, we note that quite a number of brothers from the Knoxville Division attended a show at Asheville, N. C. It occurs to me that if they would take as much interest in meetings as they take in shows and other things that are of no particular benefit, our division room would be filled at each meeting. Of course, it is perfectly right to take in a show once in a while, in fact a man engaged in such mental strain as the telegrapher should have a change—recreation—diversion from the old monotony. But he should also come to meetings. We need his co-operation. Here he can express his views and hear the opinions of others on subjects of vital importance to us all. The division room is the place where we are supposed to air our grievances. If we neglect to attend meetings and fail to do so, there is no room for complaint if things do not go to suit us.

Understand that Mr. Witt has been assigned the agency at Tyner, Tenn.

Our local chairman received a letter from Bro. Berlin, at New Line, stating that any time the brothers desire a meeting at Morristown he will arrange it and be on hand to push the thing along.

There are quite a number of applicants for the Mohawk vacancy, but at this time we are unable to say who is the lucky man.

DIV. COR.

Birmingham Division—

A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, to extend my heartfelt thanks to the local chairman of the Birmingham Division, who promoted the movement, and to all who so generously came to my financial aid during my recent illness. I sincerely hope, should occasion arise, to be in position to assist any brother as I have been assisted.

I assure each one individually that this kindness will never be forgotten. C. R. TONEY.

Queen & Crescent Route (North).

Cincinnati Division—

Bro. C. E. Gardner, agent at Wilmore, spent one day, recently, with his parents at Erlanger.

We appreciate the little certificates given us by the chief, when we were all called in recently, and in acknowledgment it is hoped that each one will strive to give the efficient service expected of us.

It is desired that a meeting be held at Lexington, near the first of March, in order that we may install those elected at the biennial election, soon to be held. Or, if it is more suitable it can be held elsewhere, to suit the convenience of the membership. In case you should get a notice of convention before this is out, it is hoped that you will get in readiness to attend this meeting, as this should be attended by all to insure an impressive installation, and show our appreciation of the efforts of the outgoing officers.

It is earnestly requested that those who have become delinquent in the M. B. D., will remit to cover this to insure their good standing. We should all carry some insurance, and you will not find a more secure insurance than this; and, then, it was organized for the benefit of you and every telegrapher. So why not patronize our own interests?

I made an appeal to several brothers for notes, intending to give you a thorough write-up this month, but I have not received a single response, as yet, therefore this communication will be very brief. I regret this, however, and I hope you will not feel slighted if you fail to see an account of yourself here.

Bro. M. W. Witt, formerly second trick at Lexington, has bid in third trick at Sadieville; relieving Bro. W. C. Nelson, extra man.

To the brothers who are at present employed on this line, I wish to say that we would be glad to transfer you to Division No. 62, which will be done if you will forward Bro. Gardner your certificate and division number. It is of vital importance that you should hold membership and come under the jurisdiction of the division that covers the line on which you work, in order to enable us to better look after your interests.

Beyond what I have already said, I have scarcely another idea, except the one that seems

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of paramount interest as regards the future advancement in pursuance of further concessions, and maintenance of those already secured. This is a question that we have threshed out, more or less, in our minds and through these columns for years; in fact, it seems to me almost an imposition to revive this subject incessantly. Though our familiarity with this does not detract a particle of interest and importance, for it is vital in its importance, and prevalence, is this great evil in our ranks, that of delinquency and the waywardness of the nons. I use the word prevalence, because there seems to prevail a profound disinclination towards unionism among a great many men who have been the most devout union men, and, of course, the same feeling prevails among the non element.

After years of earnest argument and submission of evidence in an effort to demonstrate the necessity for complete organization, it seems preposterous that not even a dent had been made on some of those hardened and obstinate nons. And it seems more absurd to our minds and sense of justice that the men who have made the avowals of support and recognition of our fraternity should become delinquent, unfaithful, and uninterested. These men who once stood so gallantly within our ranks, side by side with us, through victory and defeat, have calmly deserted us, leaving us the responsibility and burden of maintaining their rights and protecting them from imposition. The man who allows himself to become delinquent, and remains so, deserves a flaying more severe than the non who will not lend his support and co-operation in the first place.

As to the non, we are perfectly familiar with his many pleas and excuses. He must advance more plausible excuses before we can accept them. A man does not have to be reminded when he is hungry or sleepy. Inherent qualities of mental power tell him these things. They should also remind him of his fraternal duty.

After all, as we view the wonderful success we have achieved, the altitude of our present conditions and the bright prospects of the future, with its many promising opportunities, we must feel confident, for truly all these combine to inspire within us a feeling of hopefulness and encouragement. SKYGACK (*from Mars*).

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased almighty God to remove from our midst, our highly esteemed and beloved Bro. George W. Gooch; be it

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, that endeared him to all who knew him; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, By Q. & C. Division, No. 62 (north), Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread on the minutes, a copy given the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. C. SINGLETON,
G. F. DUNGAN,
B. P. SHEWMAKER,
W. B. COMPTON,
Committee.

A. G. S. Division—

Work for the year of 1909 is at hand.

Let us turn a new leaf, and endeavor to make the present year one of profit and prosperity.

We must not forget that it depends largely on ourselves whether the current year is profitable. It will be what we make it.

It is hoped that you will not only support your organization, but that you will at the same time discharge your duty faithfully.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have been handicapped by nons, we have gradually advanced from $25.00 to $50.00 and $75.00 per month. Mr. Non, where have you been while these raises were being obtained? How much have you put in the contribution box to defray the expenses of the committees? You were at your place of business enjoying the anticipation of promotion. Have you secured the promotion? If so, did you get it before the O. R. Ts. sent their committee before the officials? You worked from 7 a. m. to 7. p. m., and longer if necessary, without further compensation. Do you do this since the telegraphers with backbone and manhood about them identified themselves with the O. R. T., and sent their committee before the management? Think this over, and if your sense of justice is not dead, you surely will join the movement, and endeavor to improve your condition, and the condition of your fellow craftsmen.

The object of this organization is to strengthen the profession, better working conditions and protect its members from injustice from any source.

It is an excellent idea for each brother who has a friend or acquaintance on the line, if a non-member, to write a personal letter. A word from an acquaintance would influence him more perhaps, than any thing any one else could say or do. Keep these things in mind, and speak a good word for the O. R. T. at every opportunity.

When a new man comes to work at your office, request him to show his card. It is not enough that he says, "I am an Order man," or that he wears a button. Show him your card, and make him produce the goods. or treat him as a non, No cards, no favors, is our motto, and now is the time we observe it.

It is possible these items will not reach the journal until after the election, but in case they do, I want to caution the boys to be very careful for whom they vote. It is imperative that some one represent us who has the ability to

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handle our grievances in a satisfactory manner, and who will take an interest in the upbuilding of our organization.

Several changes have been made on the A. G. S., recently, but am unable to say just what they are, on account of the members not keeping me informed. DIV. COR.

Queen & Crescent Route (South).

We haven't had a write-up in some time.

Every one seems to be depending on some one else.

A regular correspondent should be appointed.

Mr. Weems is at Hattiesburg, relieving Bro. J. C. Bostick.

Bro. J. B. Dyess is working second trick at Laurel, at present.

Bro. A. A. Currie, at Poplarville, off on a three months' vacation.

Bro. Price is working second trick at Poplarville. New man working third trick.

Can not keep up with Eastabuchie lately, as they change men there every few nights.

The night office at Pachuta is closed.

Night offices have been opened at Enterprise and Vossburg.

Bro. J. B. and E. E. Read are back on the "spot," after a couple of weeks' vacation. They report having had a fine time. They were relieved by Bros. H. H. and S. E. Bilbe.

Bro. Hickman is back from a vacation; relieved by Bro. H. C. Dearman.

Bro. Punch, at Picayune, contemplating on a two weeks' vacation in February, says he is going to see the home folks.

Bro. H. H. Bilbe relieved Mr. Singleton, agent at Pearl River, for a day.

We are glad to see Bro. Hollowman has returned to work at Purvis, after a short illness.

Bro. W. O. Bilbe, of the N. O. G. N., is running a store at Picayune. We wish him success in his new business. CERTS. 57, 109.

Great Northern Railway.

Kalispell Division—

The Kalispell Division for the past few months has apparently dropped out of existence. Wake up, fellows, and get out of the brush.

Although we have many loyal brothers on this division, we seem to have no official head. We have no meetings, and I fail to see how we can accomplish much under existing circumstances.

Why not all add our little mite by sending in fraternal items? Where there is so small an opportunity for members to come in contact other than by wire, coupled with a lack of interest, as seems to be the case on this division, it is almost impossible to procure items for a good write-up.

Will do the best we can, trusting that our worthy brothers will aid us in a good cause by giving such information as will enable us to give a complete account of the changes in next months' TELEGRAPHER.

Have you paid your dues? If not, why not? Get in touch with the nons; every little bit helps.

Bro. McDougal is working third trick at Troy.

Bro. Olson is doing the owl stunt at Rexford.

Bro. Barry is holding down Fernie.

Bro. Barter, agent at Baynes, has resigned. We understand he goes to Mexico.

Bro. Davidson, "WX," Whitefish, has taken to train service. Bro. Connant is now holding down Whitefish.

Bro. Bryan, of Essex, has been spending his vacation in the east.

Have you got the price? If so, be generous and buy a card.

Let's hear from others on this division.

DIV. COR.

Marcus Division—

There is not much doing in the news line this month, but we should be represented in the journal, so I will send in what items are available.

By keeping steadily at it we should be able to secure some new members. I have not heard a word from any of the brothers as to what they are doing towards getting the division lined up solid.

Understand Bro. S. T. Moore, of Northport, goes to Kalispall as agent.

D. W. Williams, of Republic, goes to Northport.

We understand that Bro. W. E. Ketchum, of Waneta, is slated for Republic.

Mr. Snyder, at Clayton, is laid up with pleurisy. His son from Deer Park is relieving him during his illness.

Mr. Igo, of Orient, failed to pass the physical examination. Mr. J. Ingram has the agency there now.

Please send us any items of interest you have at your disposal. We should be represented in the journal every month. Wake up and get in the game.

The steel is moving for the V. V. & E. This means more work for all concerned, and we should get lined up to get the advantages arising from the change in conditions. CERT. 1038.

Butte Division, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—

Mr. J. E. Reeve has been transferred from third trick at Rimrock to second trick at Judith Gap, relieving Mr. F. K. Barrett, who in turn relieved Mr. B. B. Reece, recently from New York State.

Mr. Reece had previously relieved Fred Manley, who was discharged. After being relieved by Mr. Barrett he went to Cascade.

Bro. A. Frelick, agent at Broadview, spent a few hours in Billings one day during the early part of the month.

It is rumored that Mrs. J. A. Craig, until recently agent at Craig, contemplates taking up ranch life and hen culture.

Bro. Yahnke returned to work at Conrad the first of the month, relieving W. A. Golden, who in turn relieved Bro. A. T. Farmer at Belt, while the latter spent a few days in Great Falls.

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This is rather a short write-up for a division of this size, but who is to blame? I am sure it isn't Bros. Smith, Yahnke, Mr. Golden or me. We made an effort to get the news and if others had done the same we would have made a much better showing. What about the other three districts of this division? Poke your assistant local chairman in the ribs and tell him to get busy.

Don't forget to place your TELEGRAPHER each month in the hands of a non. If a man's heart is in the right place, the reading of a few numbers will bring him in out of the cold.

Before me is a subscription list which is being circulated among the telegraphers on different roads out of Butte asking for a small contribution to help defray the medical and funeral expenses of a well-known telegrapher who died in Butte last July. The Mutual Benefit Department of the Order makes such as the above unnecessary. If a member is in good standing at the time of death, his friends can rest assured that he will be given a decent burial at least, and that there will still remain a few dollars for the ones left behind. Don't overlook this very important part of the Order.

In looking over the subscription list referred to above I note with pleasure that the brothers are showing the right principle. Invariably when you find a man who cannot spare twenty-five cents to help bury an old-time telegrapher, he is a non. For the sake of charity at least, we should all contribute something. COR.

The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

On Thursday, February 16th, a joint meeting was held at the Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati. Considering the weather a very good crowd turned out. Considerable business was transacted and a number of vital points discussed, the most important one was "Is Your Neighbor a Non?" After business was dispensed with Bro. Fryburger, as sponsor for the division, presented Bro. Peck with a slight token of appreciation of his untiring efforts in behalf of Division 74.

Those present were: J. M. Peck, A. Fryburger, V. B. Turner and T. E. Fitch of the general committee, and Brothers Frank Leckner, W. S. Snyder, L. F. Roller, Perry Kerr, O. D. Schooley, John Mather, Alfred Huntington, W. Nixon, C. E. McKay, E. L. Carrico, H. Davis, J. M. Huffington, E. M. Fitzgibbon, E. C. Harper, O. G. Harper, A. J. Romine, W. W. Wires, L. W. Miller, W. Wilson, O. W. Ferris, O. E. Marsh, J. J. McGinnis, A. R. Huber, H. F. Howard, A. W. Sutton and R. K. Sheets.

A few regulars did not show up; possibly they were sick or detained at home for other reasons.

A few days ago L. H. Berthisel, without any apparent reason, mysteriously disappeared. Four days later he was heard from in Wyoming, Okla.

Bro. Droege was off duty two days on account of sickness. CALAMITY HAP.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Madison Division—

In our last write-up we mentioned that January was exceptionally mild, and so it was until Thursday, the 28th, when it commenced to rain and turned cold.

The telegraph wires were soon coated with ice and by morning they were all dead on the south end. A great many of the poles were broken down on account of the heavy weight of ice and snow.

Mr. G. B. Vilas, our assistant superintendent and Mr. J. W. Herrington, with a crew of line men, were early at work clearing the tracks of wires and poles.

By numerous patches connection was made between Milwaukee and Madison, also Madison and Galena, and trains were dispatched from Madison. Mr. L. F. Boehm, F. E. Warner and Bro. C. B. Adams worked first, second and third tricks, respectively.

A division meeting was held Saturday evening, February 6th. We were to have elected local officers, but did not do so as Bro. James Troy, our general chairman, was present, and those in attendance decided that it was more important to hear what he had to say. When called upon by our local chairman, Bro. L. F. Schneider, he chose for his discourse the subject of telephones as applied to railroad service, and explained his opinion in a forcible and lucid manner, which was to the effect that even though they supplanted the telegraph, the change would not materially affect our organization.

Bro. T. A. Corcoran, second trick at Caledonia, has been enjoying a two weeks' vacation. He was relieved by J. H. Starry, who hails from the Illinois Central.

When the late storm cut wire connections with Baraboo office, Bro. C. B. Adams made a dispatcher's office at Caledonia and dispatched trains Afton to Harvard, between which points wires were working. When a wire was run through he was taken to Madison, and later to Baraboo, where he is at present working the cross-line trick. Bro. Adams was relieved first trick by Bro. Lewis, a new man on this division.

Two new telephone men at Brooklyn. Mr. T Kreklow works first trick and Arthur Tuttle the last trick.

Mr. E. P. Wright, of the train dispatcher's force, has been entertaining an attack of the mumps for some time past.

Mr. E. T. Boehm is working his old trick on the north end during E. P. Wright's absence.

Continuous offices are to be established at all stations between Janesville and Elroy for train order and blocking service. This means that there will be several new positions open for bulletin by the time this appears in print.

B. S. Mitchell, of Leyden, has been transferred to West Salem.

Bro. A. G. Elsner is holding down Jefferson Junction, days, during Bro. W. H. Hansen's absence.

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The Trainmen's annual ball was held at Baraboo, February 22d, and, as usual, there was a very large attendance. The boys certainly get up fine decorations on these occasions. The Madison Division should give a ball or some other social function. There's enough of us to make it a success, and it could be held either at Baraboo or Madison.

Bro. S. W. Stephens, agent at Cuba City, was off a couple of weeks on account of an injury received by a casting falling off a truck.

Bro. H. L. Lippold resumed work at Cuba City on February 1st. His leg, which was broken, is now well. Bro. Cottingham, who relieved him, went to Whitson Junction and relieved Bro. Sengpiel, the agent.

Assignments made on Bulletin No. 10 as follows: North Fredom, C. G. Partor; Benton, Bro. F. H. Main; Dane, Bro. P. W. Avery; Tower "EA," J. H. Meirer.

Bro. W. A. Browne, agent at Cobb, is on the sick list, and is being relieved by his son, N. A. Browne.

Bro. H. L. Reeves, agent at Waunakee, has just returned from visiting his sister, who resides in New Orleans, La. Bro. J. H. Meiers was acting agent at Waunakee during Bro. Reeves' absence.

Bro. Meiers was relieved second trick at tower "EA" by Bro. C. W. Wahlquist, an old-timer, fresh from the "Omaha line." Later he was transferred to first trick at Elroy, relieving Bro. Grimshaw, who took a couple of weeks' vacation and is visiting at Milwaukee and Madison.

Telegrapher C. Willis relieved Bro. Wahlquist at Tower "EA" and worked there until Bro. Meiers resumed duty.

Telegrapher Adams is still working second trick at Elroy during the absence of Bro. Tomlin.

Bro. Jordan has resumed work at Reedsburg.

Telegrapher M. Hendrickson is working second trick at Dane.

Bro. A. Anderson, second trick at Monona yard, "M," is visiting Evanston, Ill., and is being relieved by Bro. Wahlquist.

Bro. C. N. Schleck, of Madison, was off one day to rest up; relieved by Bro. P. M. Keefe. Bro. Keefe had been relieving F. E. Warner on the "B" job at Baraboo. F. E. Warner has resumed duty at the yard.

W. Holden relieved Bro. Keeffe, second trick at Madison.

DIV. COR.

East Iowa Division—

Cert. 6, in the last issue, broke the silence of several months' duration. Why this utter lack of interest in a write-up from the best division of the road? Each month a large percentage of the membership looks eagerly for at least a few words in THE TELEGRAPHER from the home division, only to be disappointed.

F. C. Lowe landed Otis, second trick.

Several good agencies have been open lately, including the telegraphers "roast," at Mo. Valley, 7 a. m. to 5. p. m.

We understand Bro. Story, formerly agent at Fairfax, is making good in a bank at that point. Success to him.

It looks as though the double track would be completed this summer, betwen Cedar Rapids and Otis.

Have heard our superintendent has recommended that the staff system be installed between Cedar Rapids and Beverly.

Was unable to attend our last meeting, so am not informed as to what occurred.

We have a splendid meeting hall in the Acme Insurance Building, Second Ave. and Sixth St., Cedar Rapids, and should have large meetings.

Now, altogether! No card, no favors.

"NEWCOMER."

Minnesota Division—

My small write-up for the month of January will be found just ahead of the heading "C. & N. W. Ry.," and was evidently placed there in error.

It is hoped that this wintry weather will soon cease, as everything is in such shape that it is impossible to tell much about the train service. The last storm tied everything up. Trains are stuck in from 5 to 10 feet of snow.

J. J. Schlekeau, agent at Meriden, off duty a few days in February; relieved by Telegrapher Kranz.

R. H. Krause, agent at St. Peter, off a few days; relieved by T. C. Ferris, who in turn was relieved at Owatonna by Telegrapher Kranz.

Telegrapher Kohlhas, who has been second trick at Sy Eye for some time, has resigned, and entered the service of the Western Union at Calumet, Mich. Relieved at Sy Eye by F. C. Evans, who later secured this position by bulletin.

Telegrapher Green at his post at Dodge Center after a few weeks' vacation.

G. W. Cotton is holding second trick at the Winona dispatcher's side wire for a few weeks, during the snow blockades.

W. E. Skeels secured first trick at Tracy, on bulletin. Telegrapher Wood getting the second trick in the same manner.

G. B. Zepp, who has been working third trick at Tracy, was recently taken to the hospital at Winona to undergo an operation, which, we are pleased to state, was successful. Geo. is now working second trick at St. Peter Junction, "CK."

C. D. Roach is working third trick at St. Peter Junction, for a few weeks.

The meeting held at Mankato, January 23d and 24th, was not very well attended. Good talks were given by several of the boys. Our local secretary and treasurer made a very able speech, and those who failed to attend the meeting missed a great treat.

C. G. Porter was appointed agent at Tracy last month. This is one of the "stiffest propositions" on the division, and Porter is one of the best men that could have been selected to handle it.

DIV. COR.

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Black Hills Division—

As a bit of news for the boys who have come and gone during the past year, I will mention the appointment of Mr. F. W. Saxton to the position of chief dispatcher at Chadron, Neb., succeeding Mr. W. M. Kleber, resigned. Mr. Saxton comes to us from the Eastern Division. That Mr. Saxton intends to live up to the schedule, there can be no doubt. I feel quite certain that we can expect a square deal from our chief, and any telegrapher who does not in turn give Mr. Saxton a square deal, in the way of reliable and competent service is not only doing an injustice to that gentleman, but to himself and the profession as well.

The past year has, without doubt, been marked by wonderful advancement and great achievements, on the part of our organization and the great cause of labor generally. The strongest powers in the universe have concentrated their efforts, and still the grand cause of God and humanity has more than held its own, which beautifully exemplifies the fact that "right, not might, must prevail." It is very gratifying to know that never in the history of our organization has it been in such a healthy condition from every standpoint as it is at the present time.

It is the duty of every member to pay his dues promptly, and be in good standing all the time. If you know of a non-member, it is your duty to try and bring him in, and show him the error of his ways. It is your duty to attend every meeting that you possibly can, and dón't be afraid to make a little sacrifice at times to do so; if not convenient for you to attend, make an effort to let some other brother go. Our meetings during the past year, although few, have been the one source of benefit in assisting our personal interests, as well as the organization in general. You need the assistance of the Order, and the Order needs your assistance in this respect. Even if you have nothing to say, your presence is encouraging to those who are trying to protect your interests. Where any infringement of our schedule comes to your notice, it should be made known at once to your local chairman, as it is only in this way, by the hearty co-operation of all, that our interests can be properly looked after.

H. E. Brown drew third trick at Long Pine, on bulletin.

Bro. Lewin, who recently accepted the agency of the Colorado & Southern, at Fort Russell, Wyo., was operated on, a short time ago, for appendicitis. We are glad to note he is rapidly recovering, and will soon be back to work.

Bro. Thomas VonDruska, of Crawford, spent Sunday in Lusk, with friends.

Bro. C. H. Cook, of Orin, made a short visit in Casper, last week. CERT. 679.

Galena Division—

J. A. Crotty, from Chicago, gets agency at Gilberts.

Bro. Starks, at East Elgin, attended the ball at West Chicago; relieved by H. E. Saumby.

K. M. Jarrett, telegrapher at Carpentersville, days.

Bro. Hilliker, of Mango, off for a few days, visiting his old home at Lake Mills; relieved by Lester Acox.

Bro. Kehoe, of Belvidere, was off one day, attending the funeral of his aunt; relieved by Bro. Dillingham, from "BJ" tower.

Bro. Swarner, of Akron, has bought a farm in Kansas, and will leave for there this spring.

L. D. Agnew bid in agency at Rock Island Junction.

The sad case of Bro. Twiggs, of Rockford, was brought up at the January meeting, and it was decided to raise a fund by subscription, to aid in sending him to a sanitarium for treatment. Recently he suffered a nervous breakdown from overwork, and it was feared the result might be serious unless he was given skillful medical treatment. He was the support of a mother and sister, and of course could not be in the best of shape financially. In case the list did not reach some of the brothers, it is hoped they will remit direct to Chairman E. H. Webster, at Dixon, Ill.

Those who attended the February meeting at Dixon, February 20th, were pleasantly surprised to meet Bro. Manton, of Maywood, who with his wife and child recently recovered from typhoid fever.

Officers for the ensuing term were elected unanimously at the February meeting: Bro. E. H. Webster was elected delegate to the convention, and Bro. J. E. Agnew, alternate. We wish to lay plans for future meetings, and would like to see a large crowd in attendance at the next meeting to talk matters over. I understand, of course, that it is sometimes inconvenient to attend, but this is your organization, your business is to be transacted, and you should be there.

The man who neglects the organization of which he is a member is apt to be the kind of an agent who files his tariffs in the stove.

Get out to local division meetings, and keep your card up-to-date.

The books of treasurer H. E. Aye were audited at the February meeting and found to be correct, and in excellent shape. CERT. 154.

North Wisconsin Division—

Bro. Heinzelmann, of Watertown, was off duty for a week on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Hildebrand, formerly local chairman on Wisconsin Central, who is at present relieving Bro. Zuehlke at Appleton Junction.

Local Chairman Hackbert was off duty a few days on account of a touch of the grippe.

The members of Division 76 sympathize with Bro. Wolverton in the loss of his wife, who died on February 16th, at their home in Jefferson.

LOCAL COR.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us the wife of our loyal brother and co-worker, Bro. Wolverton, therefore be it

Resolved, That the North Wisconsin Division, O. R. T. extend to the bereaved brother its heartfelt sympathy and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread on the records of our division and a copy sent to the bereaved brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. M. BOLLER,
J. B. COOK,
P. L. HACKBERT,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us the father of our loyal brother and co-worker, J. B. Cook, therefore be it

Resolved, That the North Wisconsin Division, O. R. T. extend to the bereaved brother its heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread on the records of our division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. M. BOLLER,
J. H. GILBERT,
P. L. HACKBERT,
Committee.

A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the brothers for their kindly consideration in sending the beautiful floral offering—a token of their sympathy—in my hour of sorrow.

I little thought when contributing to others for the same purpose that I would be the recipient of this expression of love so soon. It touches a very tender chord in my breast and will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

Sincerely yours,
S. M. WOLVERTON.

Chicago Terminals, Wisconsin Division—

Here are a few items from the terminals. We have been keeping quiet on account of the rush of work.

Whoever heard of a negro running a tower? We had one on the Terminals named Fred Gales, and on the night of February 10th, through his inattention and negligence, the electric tower at River Junction burned to the ground. While he was asleep the stove became overheated and caused the conflagration. All the passenger trains were detoured via Ravenswood the morning following. At this writing Nos. 52, 90 and 86 are still going via Ravenswood.

Bro. Ray Stanford, of Waukegan, third trick, has been transferred to Ohio street tower, Chicago, third trick. Mullaney got third trick at Waukegan on bid.

Mr. Hennessy resigned third trick at Central street, Evanston, to become a fireman on the Chicago Fire Department. He was relieved by a Mr. Frusher, who is now working at South Janesville yard. Bro. Kaspari, of Lake Bluff, third trick, got Central street, third, on bid. Mr. I. R. Jackman, former interlocking repairman at Lake Bluff, is working third trick extra, while it is up on bid.

Bro. Anholt, of Highland Park, first trick, has been very sick for the past three weeks. Latest reports are to the effect that he is not improving very rapidly and may be confined to his bed for months. We all sympathize with him, and more especially those of us who have gone through the same experience. Bro. Anholt is being relieved by Bro. Williams, of North Chicago.

Mr. Thomas Brazell, formerly of Wood street block tower, died Saturday, February 6th, from a carbuncle.

On February 2d the new freight house at Evanston was opened. We understand it was not dedicated until pay day, February 16th.

Is it not about time for the committee to go up for a revision of the schedule? The C. M. & St. P. and C. R. I. & P. secured revisions during the panic and the C. B. & Q. committee is in Chicago now. The Chicago terminals should have a minimum of $100, but we will not even get a $75.00 minimum if we make no effort.

We have just heard that Bro. G. R. Brandt has received the third trick position at Lake Bluff.

BUM HARMONY.

Peninsula Division—

Chief Telegrapher Little being absent on account of sickness, the division meeting was called to order by Bro. J. W. Murray, local chairman. After disposing of ordinary business the election of officers for the ensuing year was in order and the result of the election reflects credit upon the members.

Bro. W. J. Murray was elected chief telegrapher; Bro. F. W. Phillips, 1st vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. C. O. Peterson, 2d vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Schuette, secretary and treasurer and correspondent. The marshal and inside and outside sentinels will be appointed by the chief telegrapher when the installation of officers takes place, which will be at the next meeting.

Bro. Kennelly takes Ishpeming on bulletin; understand Bro. Baiken is going after the third trick.

Bro. Peterson resumed his manifold duties of "slinging lightning" and moving the "old loads," after a brief vacation.

Bro. J. Murray drew Menominee on bulletin and Bro. Sullivan is going to Little Lake in his place.

Bro. Raymile drew Loretto agency on bulletin.

Bro. Simon is leaving the railroad service, having taken a position as bookkeeper with the mining people of Loretto. We wish him success.

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Bro. Crikelair, relief agent, is at present relieving Mr. Rochon at Nadeau.

Third tricks at Little Suamico and Stephenson are bulletined; as yet cannot say who drew the positions.

The next meeting will probably be at Menominee, where the installation of officers will take place, and I understand General Chairman Troy will be with us. Brothers, turn out and make this a record-breaking meeting. COR.

Lake Shore Division—

P. C. Dedrick is again working for the C. & N.-W. He allowed himself to become delinquent while away, but promises to make good on the first pay day.

The positions of first and third tricks at Duck Creek have been advertised since the last issue.

Mr. C. E. Reynolds secured third trick at Montrose Junction on bid and Bro. Von Roy secured third at Calumet yard.

Mr. C. E. Reynolds is on a vacation and he writes that he is undecided as to when he will resume work.

There was not a very large crowd at our last meeting; cause unknown. It seems that the boys should turn out better than they do.

Bro. Brewer is at present working third trick at Montrose Junction, and Bro. Early has relieved Mr. P. C. Dedrick as second, on account of being older in service.

Understand there will be quite a number of night offices opened up soon, which will make easier work for all concerned.

Bro. Nelson, at Mountain as second, but up to date, have failed to see bulletin of this position.

CORNER.

Northern Iowa Division—

This division has been in the throes of an old-time blizzard on several occasions during the months of January and February. Passenger and freight trains were abandoned at terminals and business practically suspended.

Bro. Lane has been assigned to the agency at Laurens, we understand.

P. M. Laux died at his home in Eagle Grove, Sunday, February 14th, after an illness extending over a year. He was a victim of that dreaded disease dropsy. "Pete, as he was familiarly called, will be remembered as a trick and later night chief dispatcher on this division. He was obliged to give up railroad work on account of his health, and lately has been engaged in the news and confectionery business. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

Bro. Cheever and "family," of Jewell Junction, are occupying the new depot, the old one having burned.

Bro. Smith, of Laurens, assigned to Orange City station.

Mr. Meeker and Bro. Miner, of Orange City, have resigned and gone to Idaho to engage in the telephone business, we understand.

Mike Winkel, of Algona, is in the southwest, on leave of absence.

Bro. O. R. Harrold, of Webster City, is temporarily acting as agent at Algona.

Mr. Art Steffler, night clerk at Eagle Grove, is relieving Harrold, of Webster City.

Bro. LeBlanc, of Renwick, has enjoyed a much-needed vacation.

Bro. Ralph Tremaine, of Alton, is on the dispatcher's force, being assigned the "graveyard" shift.

Mr. Burke, an old-time Western Union pressman, has been working at various points on this division for several weeks.

Mr. Welch, of Jewell Junction, is a recent addition to the dispatcher's force.

Mr. Ensey, cashier at Eagle Grove, has taken a leave of absence and is traveling out of Minneapolis for a shirt company.

Business on the North Iowa Division was never better during recent years and the prospects are fine for a continuation of good times.

Bro. H. P. Fagan, an old-timer on this division, has returned from his wanderings, and is at present filling the cashier's job at Eagle Grove.

The rotary snow plow has been called into service recently on this and the Iowa Division.

An employes' meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Eagle Grove, February 8th. The attendance was slight on account of the bad weather.

We chanced upon an issue of the Fireman's Magazine for the year 1905—nearly four years ago. In it was an able article relative to the telephone system of train dispatching, about which we are reminded from day to day. It reveals the fact that several roads were using the system with more or less success and the prophecy at that time as to its extended uses is about in line with what we have today. Many of you no doubt are laboring under the impression that within a very short time our beloved key and sounder will be relegated to oblivion. Anyone thus afflicted should read Mr. Dailey's article in the September Northwestern Bulletin and learn the truth. The telephone is a fine thing when used in connection with the telegraph. RAIN-IN-THE-FACE.

Dakota Division—

Bro. R. J. Holmes was relieved as cashier at Aberdeen for a few days.

Bro. O. J. Breen has decided to leave the telegraph service and has purchased a hardware store in Henry, S. D. Otto is still holding the station until the bulletin is settled. There is no doubt that he will make a success in his new undertaking, as he is a progressive man and will keep up with the times, which is the essential thing in the business world of today. If he should return to the Dakota Division he will find the glad hand extended because he is a good man and a strong supporter of the Order.

Please do not send O. R. T. business by railroad mail. Three letters were received by me this month and each one had been opened. This is not the only reason for not using the railroad

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mail service; it is not business-like, and it is said to be unlawful.

Hicks guessed too close for the month of February. Although he did not have his dates booked just right, at the same time he had the "dope" straight on the quality of the weather, and two of the worst blizzards since '88 tied things up until the rotary cleared the way.

Preparations are being made to gravel the south end this spring and summer. It is reported that a tract of land has been purchased near Salem and the pit will be opened there.

Bro. E. H. Zollar is now copying 31s in an elevator. The depot at Northville burned to the ground on February 1st, only a small part being saved. All the station books, etc., were lost, including about $175 worth of Bro. Zollar's personal property. A new depot will be built at once on the same site.

The 2-cent rate bill, that caused so much "rag chewing," was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the governor, but the opposition was waiting with an axe and immediately swore out an injunction. The State had also taken action and the courts at Pierre and Sioux Falls made their decisions at exactly the same time, 3:50 p. m. The 3-cent fare is still in effect until the courts decide the tie.

The last two bulletins contained a good assortment of stations, which should give many of the younger agents a chance to better themselves. Bro. John Carl, who has received Clark, has but five years' rights. The brothers with two or three years to their credit should grab some of these.

Bro. Bert Laity spent a few days at his home in Manchester, Iowa.

Bro. J. M. Stockwell, who received Hetland on bulletin, took up his work at that station, relieving Bro. E. L. Klingelhofer, who relieved Bro. J. C. Meyer at Henry, until that station is bulletined. Bro. Meyer took Ferney on the bulletin.

Bro. Price, of Athol, expects to leave the service of the North-Western for a while, at least, and go into business for himself. He will go about March 1st.

On account of the snow the train crews and mail clerks on the passengers had a hard time keeping their runs. No. 514 left Pierre with a mail car with the usual amount of mail but without a clerk. At Blunt the train crew smelled smoke, but thought it was hot box. Upon investigation they found all boxes in good condition and proceeded east. At Harrold smoke was seen issuing from around the doors and windows of the mail car. An axe was procured and the door broken down when it was found that the whole interior was on fire. The train crew carried water and succeeded in saving the car, which was taken to Huron in the train. A large quantity of mail was destroyed, most of it being printed matter.

Bro. L. J. Kendall laid off a few days to attend the funeral of a relative. Bro. Bert Laity relieved him.

Bro. Mahoney, of Waseca, second trick, passed through De Smet on his way to Pierre, where he is visiting a few weeks with friends. Bro. Mahoney was day telegrapher at Doland about four years ago, and is well known by a number of the boys on this division.

Bro. T. A. Yates has accepted the agency at Pleasant Prairie, Wis., where his family resides.

Bro. R. E. Holbrook took a few days' vacation. Mr. Cross relieved him at Verdon.

Bro. Schlekau, of Aberdeen, was called to St. Peter, Minn., on account of the sickness of a relative.

There is considerable misunderstanding relative to the handling of grievances. If you have a case strong enough to warrant a kick, it is strong enough to be handled as a grievance. If you work overtime and are not properly compensated, if you lose out on a bulletin when you think you are entitled to the position or if for any other reason you have a complaint to make, be sure and take the matter up before you knock the Order. First bring it to the attention of the chief train dispatcher, then the superintendent, then the local chairman, and, as a last resort, the general chairman. We have unusually good officers on this division, and a person who can't get a square deal here will have to quit looking for one. Bro. Troy is one of the best general chairmen in the West and he has oftentimes squared up things that looked hopeless. He is an old-timer and knows all the ins and outs of the telegraph business. When you write him be sure and tell the truth and he will do the rest.

L. P. Von Arx, agent at Aberdeen, has been appointed traveling passenger agent for the C. & N.-W. at Portland, Oregon.

The traveling saleman of the National Office Supply Co., of Zion City, Ill., is an old telegrapher and has made application for membership in the Order.

Bro. O. C. Hunter, of Van Meter, had the misfortune to lose a child. The exact cause of death is unknown, but it is supposed to have been heart trouble, as it was apparently in the best of health.

Bro. Vern Postal has taken his regular position at Elkton, nights, bumping Bro. T. C. Connelly. A Mr. Warren relieved him at Brookings, third trick.

I wish to thank the brothers with whom I had the pleasure of visiting for their many courtesies and accommodations. During my trip over the division my expenses were next to nothing, and at all times my money seemed to be "wooden." I had very good luck in securing new members. Bro. R. J. Holmes relieved me at De Smet, second trick.

H. A. STIMSON,
De Smet, S. D.

Sioux City Division—

Those who were not present at the meeting held at Sioux City on February 14th missed a chance to see and hear our general chairman, Bro. Troy.

Mr. Hansicker, agent at Mapleton, has left the service, purchasing the ice cream plant at that

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place. It is rumored that Bro. Nokes is to return there as agent.

Bro. Trumer has been laying off for a few days on account of a fall he received while pulling a truck. Bro. M. Christopherson is relieving him at Carnarvon.

Mr. L. W. Hills, for several years agent at Wall Lake, and now night ticket agent at Sioux City, after undergoing a severe operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, is taking a few weeks' lay-off, and is visiting in Los Angeles, Calif. He intends to visit points in Oregon and Washington before returning. Understand that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe has been asked by the Federal government to explain its action in disregarding the purpose of the nine-hour law by splitting the tricks of the telegraphers.

Bro. Riddell, agent at River Sioux, has resigned, and is going to farm this summer for a change.

Bro. Ketterer, agent at Arthur, has been transferred to the agency at Herring. Mr. Clifford is now holding down Arthur.

Bro. Haymond is laying off for a few days to assist in checking over Bro. Kempkes' books at Nevada. CERT. 231.

C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.

Nebraska Division—

Another month of snow and blizzards has rolled around, and we have been getting our share. The Norfolk and Bloomfield lines, and everything on the north end, north and west of Emerson was snowbound completely for four days. Many post-card pictures have been made and sold of the different scenes showing trains and engines in the drifts, one being an engine standing almost on end in a huge drift. Another shows three large engines buried in a drift so that only the tops of the stacks show above the snow. These drifts were in cuts where the high wind had a good chance to pack the snow in.

Bro. Foutts made a short visit at Carroll, after relieving Agent Reed at Lyons. Mr. Reed made another trip to California, to see his wife and little boy.

Bro. Ed. Johnson, days, at Oakland, relieved Mr. McDonald, agent at Randolph, for a couple of weeks, while the latter was visiting Eastern Iowa, occasioned by the severe illness of both his parents. Bro. "Carrie" Wilson, who is one of the old-timers here, relieved Bro. Johnson at Oakland.

Bro. Wassum has returned from a vacation of three weeks, and again takes up the reins at Ponca. Bro. Jones, who relieved him, went to Thurston to relieve Mr. Ayers, for two days. After relieving Bro. Ayers, Bro. Jones went to Newcastle and relieved Bro. Whitaker, who had business in Omaha.

Bro. Buchanan, of Coburn, was surprised recently, when, upon opening the station in the morning he found that during the night robbers had enetered and appropriated what valuables they could find. Rumor has it that Bro. B. sustained some loss, as the burglars did not stop to ask who the money belonged to. About $50.00 was secured. The same night both the Omaha and Burlington stations at Dakota City were burglarized, but nothing of much value was taken.

Bro. Schrumpf, agent at Laurel, made a trip Omaha, recently, for examination; relieved by Bro. Jones.

There are always a few telegraphers on a division who would not assist in maintaining improved conditions, even if they had the money at hand. They had rather others would do the work, and bear all the expenses, while they sit back, draw the increase in salary and laugh in their sleeve, with the extreme satisfaction of knowing that they are getting something for nothing.

Telegrapher Jerry Crepper, recently from the Burlington, is at present holding down the morning trick at Wakefield.

Telegrapher C. J. Hutton has left the service, and we understand is in the neighborhood of Denver.

Bro. L. S. Wise, agent at Fordyce, is off for a few days, on account of his baby being sick at Blair. Relieved by Bro. Foutts.

We desire to thank Bro. Hedges, at Wakefield, and Bro. Jones, who were so kind as to help out in the matter of items for this month's offering. DIV. COR.

Eastern District, Wisconsin Division—

There has been a plentitude of blizzards in this vicinity during the past month. We had three in succession. The snow plows and flangers were kept busy for several days.

Bro. A. R. Chase, agent at Knapp, recently had a miraculous escape from death. He was caught in a shafting of the engine, at the pump house, and whirled through the air several times. When found on the floor he was unconscious and covered with cuts and bruises. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in St. Paul, where he remained for two weeks. At present he is at Blosmer, visiting relatives until he is able to resume duty. While at the hospital he was shown every attention by the brothers in East St. Paul.

Mr. Fletcher has left Millston, and we understand is now relieving the agent at Stanton. He was relieved at Millston by Bro. J. O. Kneer.

Bro. M. J. Horpold made a trip over the east end recently, spreading the gospel of unionism among the benighted nons. DIV. COR.

Minnesota and Iowa Division—

Not in twenty years has this country been visited by so severe a snow storm as the one just passed. On the 28th of January a light rain set in, which later turned to sleet. About midnight the temperature dropped and a blinding snow storm, accompanied by a light wind, came from the Northeast, completely putting telegraph, telephone and electric light wires out of commission. For three days not a wheel turned on the M. & I. Division, and telegraphic and telephone communications were entirely cut off. A gang of over 100 linemen soon had one wire working,

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and two weeks later were able to get six through wires, which we understand is all that will be repaired until spring.

As a result of the recent storm many of the boys have forgotten that there is such a thing as a nine-hour law. The storm is over and conditions have almost assumed a normal aspect, yet a number of the telegraphers are being required to work twelve and thirteen and even sixteen hours a day, and not in emergency cases either.

Bro. Jamieson, of Beaver Creek, is off duty, taking a trip for his health.

Bro. R. A. Westbrook, who has been acting agent at Beaver Creek, vice Bro. Jamieson, was called to Goldfield, Ia., recently, on account of the serious illness of his father, his wife accompanying him. His father's condition being much improved, he returned on the 19th inst., and relieved Bro. Miles, at Doon, for a few days, later returning to Beaver Creek.

Bro. and Mrs. Ollie Miles had the misfortune to lose a child recently. They have our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Bro. E. E. Stolte, is being relieved at Mendota by Bro. F. E. Anderson, the regularly assigned man, visited a few days with his parents at Elmore, and on the 19th opened the night office at Windom.

On account of the recent snow storm a night office was opened at Grogan, Bro. C. R. Williams in charge; from there he was transferred to Org, where a temporary night office was opened, and later sent to Mitchell to relieve Bro. J. M. Locke, who was called to Beldenville, Wis., on account of his father's illness.

Bro. A. M. Kehrer is taking a few days off on account of sickness; was relieved by Bro. Funk, who in turn was relieved by Mr. G. O. Dauffenbach.

As we frame up these items there is another blizzard raging, which promises to tie things up for some days to come. CERT. 251.

Northern District, Wisconsin Division—

The members are rather negligent when it comes to furnishing news items, leaving all to the correspondent, probably thinking he has an eye like a hawk, and can keep "blinkers" on their movements. This is not the case, so kindly wake up and furnish items for next month's communication.

In the January TELEGRAPHER the suggestion was made by our local chairman that a meeting be held at some point in his territory, but have heard no further suggestions relative to the matter. We should hold meetings by all means, and I would suggest Spooner as a meeting point, it being located conveniently, and connections being good. Let us hear from the brothers, and get a good thing started.

The election of local chairmen of the various divisions, and delegates and alternates to the next session of the Grand Division Convention is over, and everybody seems to be well satisfied.

Bro. S. S. Brodt, agent at Clear Lake, is off duty for a few weeks. He was relieved by Bro. Brandt, who was in turn relieved by Mr. Reid. Duluth freight office is now open, with Bro. Gus Anderson in charge.

Bro. Marquette writes of a visit from Bro. C. W. Berends, of Division No. 23, who is a comedian, with the Daker Medc. Co.

Bro. Norman is the agent at Minong, and Bro. Clock is agent at Sarena.

Results of January bulletin, is as follows: Chili, agent and telegrapher, A. W. Wendorf; Minong, agent and telegrapher, A. G. Norman; Sarona, agent and telegrapher, A. B. Clock; Prince St., day telegrapher, T. F. Hurst.

If any of you have not remitted dues or assessments, do so at once and get up-to-date.

We are sorry to state that there is a non on this division, who can never again hold an O. R. T. card. He used to hold membership, but is now a disgruntled office-seeker in the Order. He is enjoying the benefits of our work of years, and not only refuses to bear his share of the expense, but is trying to influence others to stay out of the Order. He bites the hand that feeds him, and is a thousand times worse than a common non, who stays out and keeps his mouth shut. He spends his spare time in manufacturing untruths, and repeating them to others for the purpose of injuring our members. Every man in the Order, and on the Omaha especially, should remember this man who works first trick at Turtle Lake, Wis., and if ever they have the opportunity of hearing "His Would-be Oily Tongue" pass him up as a "knocker." DIV. COR.

Gulf & Ship Island Ry.

As I have been looking in journal after journal for a write-up from the G. & S. I. Ry., and have failed to see anything, I will take upon myself the responsibility of sending in a few items.

Not many changes being made at present.

Extra Telegrapher Bro. P. A. Warren went to Florence, Miss., to work for a few days.

Notice Mendenhall, third trick is now open for bid.

If you have anything of interest to send in, let me have it, and I will send it to THE TELEGRAPHER, and continue to act as correspondent.

A. M. BULLOCK.

Box 361, Gulfport, Miss.

Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Ry.

Mobile and Louisville Divisions—

The last two issues of THE TELEGRAPHER have contained nothing from our division, much to the disappointment of our members, no doubt.

We beg to thank Bro. Cobb, of Louisville; Bro. Spivey, of Merrill, and our brother at High Point, for contributions to the Fraternal Department, which were received and incorporated in this communication.

Bro. W. E. Price, agent at Ovett, leaves the service, to accept a position as bookkeeper with

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the Cudabac Lumber Co. of that place. He was relieved by Bro. Newbill, from Deemer, Miss.

Bro. Blake, from McCallum bid in Deemer, and was relieved by Bro. A. C. Trest. Bro. Trest was formerly employed as helper under Bro. Price at Ovett.

On the 19th, Telegrapher Burden, first trick at Louisville, left the service, going North. He was relieved by Bro. Cobb. Mr. Fowler, from the M. & O. Ry., secured second trick at Louisville.

Bro. H. D. Evans spent a couple of weeks during the latter part of last month visiting friends at Ovett, Laurel and New Orleans. He was relieved by Relief Agent Murray.

Bro. Goff, late agent at Houlka, is now at Houston, having exchanged agencies with Mr. Kernodle.

Dispatcher Holland, of the north end, was off a few days this month, occasioned by the death of his father, but is again working regular trick. He has the sympathy of the division.

Lately we notice students working on the north end Postal wire. Who is guilty? Cut it out!

DIV. COR.

Western Maryland Ry.

Main Line—

Dispatchers Koontz and McCubbin were off a few days, on account of sickness. Bro. J. E. McClain worked as dispatcher during their illness.

Bro. V. B. Young is holding the job at "BY" tower.

Bro. W. I. Krichton was slightly injured about a week ago, pulling levers, but will resume duty in a few days.

Bro. Arnsparger has been placed regularly at Walbrook.

Telegrapher A. J. Barnes has returned to his old job at Hancock.

Telegrapher N. H. Crouse is working among the owls at "XS" tower.

Mr. Rhyland, at Westminster, was off two days; relieved by Bro. Breighner, the B. & H. extra man.

Mr. J. T. Clark, storekeeper at Union Bridge, was injured by a keg of spikes falling on him, at this point, and died at the hospital Friday, 12:30 p. m.

Mr. Barnhart, a well-known railroad carpenter, has been seriously ill, but has recovered, and is again able to be about.

Bro. Jewell, at "BY" tower, resigned December 19th, and went back to his home in Roanoke, Va.

Bro. W. T. Harbaugh, now at Highfield, is going to take the agency at Pen Mar this summer.

Bro. Shepherd has been removed from "BY" tower, and placed at "GU" tower.

The special meeting called at Hanover, February 12th, was well attended. I hope we can hold meetings at least once a month at some point on the B. & H. Division.

There are a few who have not yet paid dues for the current term. They should keep along with the rest by carrying an up-to-date card.

Bro. Morrison, at Thurmont, was relieved for three days by Bro. Breighner, while on a visit.

Bro. Chas. Flickinger, first trick at York, off one day, visiting Baltimore; relieved by Bro. Breighner.

Bro. Shepherd, second trick at Guilford, relieved one night by Bro. Breighner.

Bro. Young, second trick at Bayles tower, relieved at that place, and Mr. Sterner fills the vacancy.

Bro. Forster, second trick at Hillen, off duty, on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Barnes.

Bro. Perrin, at Lawndale, was off one day last month, on a business trip to Westminster; relieved by Bro. Breighner.

What is the matter with the West Virginia Division? It has not been heard from for a long time.

Send us items for next month's journal.

DIV. COR.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Southern Division—

Since the last write-up our general committee convened at Bangor, and went before the management, adjusted several grievances, revised the seniority list, and secured a small advance in salary at a number of places.

Bro. Stewart, of Milo, recently took a day off, and went to Stockton to look the place over, preparatory to bidding on the agency.

Bro. Thorpe landed South LaGrange agency, on bulletin.

Bro. Hamilton secured assistant's position at Patten.

Bro. R. H. Clark, from Sherman, nights, to Fort Fairfield as telegrapher.

Mr. M. W. Mosher, freight clerk at Brownville, returned recently from a three weeks' trip to Washington, D. C.

We have lately secured three or four new members on this division, and hope to "rope in" two or three more before many moons.

Why doesn't some brother on the Grierville branch furnish a few items for THE TELEGRAPHER. With the co-operation of the members, the correspondent could have our write-up teeming with notes that would be interesting to all.

CERT. 90.

Northern Division—

It is about time there was something in the fraternal columns from the Northern Division, as it has been several months since we were represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. When last I wrote, I requested that the members send a few notes to aid in keeping the Northern Division represented, but as yet the spirit has moved no one to comply with the request. Of course, I am aware that it is a very uncommon occurrence for the division correspondent to get assistance from his division. When THE TELEGRAPHER comes out each month, we naturally look for division notes, and if none are to be found, blame the correspondent. I will make one more request. If

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any member is in possession of items of interest to the membership, send them to the correspondent, who will be very grateful and gladly incorporate them in the division write-up.

Our committee has just returned from Bangor, having secured an amendment to the schedule of 1907. This is very gratifying, and I think it is as much as could be expected at the present time.

Under the amendment just secured, the positions of assistant agent at Patten, assistant agent at Limestone and telegrapher at Ft. Fairfield, which for some reason have not heretofore been advertised, have been bulletined. The names of train dispatchers have also been placed on the seniority list, and they now have the privilege of bidding on station jobs if they desire to do so.

Mr. W. J. Bartlett, third trick at Ashland Junction, bid in position of assistant at Limestone.

Mr. A. E. Bedford, telegrapher at Ft. Fairfield, secured position as assistant at Bridgewater, on bulletin.

Mr. C. R. Thistle, assistant at Ashland, got Caribou, nights, on bulletin.

R. H. Clark, a Southern Division man, got position of telegrapher at Ft. Fairfield.

Bro. Johnson has returned to Houlton.

There are two new men on the division. Mr. C. A. Campbell, at Caribou, and Mr. H. A. Austin, at Bridgewater.

Position of assistant at Ashland is now up for bid.

This is a good time to get after the few nons remaining on this division. Some of these are of the hard-boiled variety, and are hopeless cases, but there is still enough material to work on outside of them. We have more than the average percentage of members, but the percentages of nons could be lessened if members working in the same offices would get busy. DIV. COR.

Illinois Central Railroad.

Anna, Ill., March 3d, 1909.

To all Concerned:

In accordance with my circular letter February 11th, 1909, the ballots cast for the election of officers of Division No. 93 were opened and counted by Brothers Akin, Alexander, Allen, Godfrey, Cameron, Lynch, Robertson and Waggoner, who were appointed by Bro. Mulhall for that purpose. The following having received the highest number of votes, were declared elected:

Chicago Terminal: Local chairman, F. A. Thomas, 3506 Lake Ave., Chicago, Ill.; delegate, none.

Chicago Division: Local chairman, W. H. Morrison, Peotone, Ill.; delegate, W. H. Morrison, Peotone, Ill.; alternate, C. O. Stone, Paxton, Ill.

St. Louis Division: Local chairman, G. E. Chance, Mounds, Ill.; delegate, G. E. Chance, Mounds, Ill.; alternate, R. L. Shannon, Anna, Ill.

Springfield Division: Local chairman, B. W. Tilbury, Weldon, Ill.; delegate, Ned Warrick, Kenney, Ill.; alternate, S. Messinger, Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Peoria Division: Local chairman, C. J. Walker, Newton, Ill.; delegate, C. J. Walker, Newton, Ill.; alternate, F. A. McGinnis, Latham, Ill.

Freeport Division: Local chairman, Walter Kelly, Rutland, Ill.; delegate, R. C. Eiser, No. 1 Arcade Ave., Freeport, Ill.; alternate, L. J. Bartle, Argyle, Wis.

Dubuque Division: Local chairman, F. W. Lacy, Gladstone Flats, Dubuque, Iowa; delegate, J. H. Wells, No. 1027 Clay St., Dubuque, Iowa; alternate, B. W. Pierson, Manchester, Iowa.

Omaha-Cherokee Division: Local chairman, E. W. Hill, Aurelia, Iowa; delegate, M. A. Penney, Denison, Iowa; alternate, E. W. Cooper, Parkersburg, Iowa.

Louisville Division: Local chairman, C. A. Mulhall, Clarkson, Ky.; delegate, C. A. Mulhall, Clarkson, Ky.; alternate, R. L. Pulliam, Clarkson, Ky.

Tennessee Division: Local chairman, E. Cosgrove, Fulton, Ky.; delegate, E. L. Mathis, Greenfield, Tenn.; alternate, W. B. Romine, Fulton, Ky.

Mississippi Division: Local chairman, J. E. Bull, Grenada, Miss.; delegate, J. E. Bull, Grenada, Miss.; alternate, H. R. Weston, Starksville, Miss.

Louisiana Division: Local chairman, J. W. Miller, Union Station, New Orleans, La.; delegate, F. E. Rehorst, Ponchatoula, La.; alternate, C. A. Head, Jr., Jackson, Miss.

Birmingham Division: Local chairman, O. M. Wood, Red Bay, Ala.; delegate, none.

Memphis Division: Local chairman, W. P. Moore, Lula, Miss.; delegate, W. P. Moore, Lula, Miss.; alternate, W. M. Furlong, Clarksdale, Miss.

Vicksburg Division: Local chairman, R. P. Walt, Cleveland, Miss.; delegate, R. P. Walt, Cleveland, Miss.; alternate, none.

New Orleans Division: Local chairman, R. L. Montgomery, Hermanville Miss.; delegate, R. L. Montgomery, Hermanville, Miss.; alternate, W. E. Daugherty, Gloster, Miss.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.: Local chairman, G. B. Calvert, Sullivan, Ind.; delegate, F. B. Fox, Stoy, Ill.; alternate, G. B. Calvert, Sullivan, Ind.

In accordance with Sec. 71, of the Constitution, the officers elected will assume their respective duties immediately. The newly elected local chairmen should call on those retiring for what stationery, files and unfinished business they may have so there may be no delay in conducting the affairs of the division. They should also advise Bro. Mulhall whether or not they will serve in the capacity they were elected for, so he may secure the necessary transportation. With best wishes I am, Yours fraternally,

R. L. SHANNON.

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Dubuque Division—

The write-up for last month did not appear in the journal for the reason that the contributors failed to get their notes in early enough, and consequently the scribe could not get the manuscript to St. Louis within the time limit. All notes should reach us not later than the 25th of the month.

Agent E. L. Hamblin has returned to Glenville, and Mr. F. Davis, who relieved him during his vacation, is now relieving Bro. H. G. Farley on second trick at Glenville, while Bro. Farley relieves Mr. E Pankhurst as agent at Lyle, Minn. Mr. Pankhurst is enjoying a short vacation.

Bro. J. D. Vanderburg withdrew his application for position as day telegrapher at Osage, and has decided to remain at Myrtle.

Bro. L. E. Loefler, third trick man at "CW," Waterloo, secured day telegrapher's position at Osage on bulletin and was relieved at Waterloo by Bro. C. O. Butler until bulletin bids are filed.

Bro. A. V. Hillary, first trick man at "CW," Waterloo, has left the service and was relieved by Mr. C. A. Heath. Mr. Heath, by the way, seems to think that the O. R. T. can do nothing more for him, or at least, it would appear that way, as he has joined the "backslider's" club and won't give any reason for not paying his dues. Remember the slogan, "No card, etc."

Bro. S. V. Braden, formerly first trick man at "EE," Independence, secured first trick at Waterloo "CW," on bulletin.

Bro. E. E. Truitt has returned from his vacation and resumed work on second trick at Independence.

Mr. M. B. Norman is relieving Bro. R. D. Brown temporarily on third trick at Independence.

Bro. J. J. Duffy, of Masonville, secured Dyersville station on bulletin and was relieved at Masonville by Bro. O. O. Kilgore, until bulletin bid filed.

Bro. I. N. Swain, of Warren, Ill., was the oldest applicant for Dyersville, but afterwards changed his mind and withdrew his application in favor of Bro. Duffy. Bro. Art Miller has resumed work as first trick telegrapher at Dyersville.

Bro. B. H. Clark has resigned as local chairman of the Dubuque Division, he not having time to properly look after the work connected with that office and attend to his many duties as agent. Bro. Clark while in office put forth his best efforts toward the upbuilding of the Order, and has the thanks of the division for his services. Bro. M. P. Gallagher, of East Dubuque, accepted the local chairmanship and will no doubt be an aggressive champion for the cause.

Bro. H. F. Weimer, second trick man at Portage interlocker, had the misfortune to freeze his ears quite badly during the recent zero weather, and was obliged to lay off while receiving medical attention. He now wears a cap with earlaps. He was relieved by Bro. W. G. Orstendorf, who later went to Dyersville to accept second trick on bulletin bid.

Bro. E. H. Lacy, of Galena, attended the meeting on January 23d. It's a shame the way some of the brothers on the east end miss these good things. We hope they will be present at our next meeting and find out what's doing.

Now a word in regard to the Key City Telegraphers' Club. This club was organized for the purpose of holding regular monthly meetings at Dubuque, jointly with the three other roads that run into Dubuque and as a method of getting the brothers more closely together, creating an interest in the work of thorough organization. At every meeting we expect to have one of the general chairman, or general secretary of one of the roads present and it is a fact that the boys hate to leave after the meetings are adjourned. Last meeting we brought in three new members. Bro. G. E. Soyster, of Division No. 23, was present, and treated us with the best talk for the "good of the Order" that the scribe ever had the good fortune to hear. Brothers from all roads entering Dubuque were present and everybody conceded that it was the most enthusiastic meeting of its kind ever held in Dubuque. The meeting adjourned after midnight and even then there were many subjects left to talk about. Next month we expect to have Bro. M. J. Johnson, of Division 130, and Bro. O. W. Renshaw, of Division 23, with us, and a large attendance is looked forward to. Everybody come.

Keep after the nons. Try every honorable method to bring them into the fold and at the same time remember the backsliders in connection with "no card, no favors."

HOOK AND EYE.

Tennessee Division—

Everything is seemingly quiet, and no special changes are taking place.

I notice the boys are getting new cards promptly and by the time this goes to press no doubt this division will be 90 or 95 per cent paid up. This shows that we are not dead ones.

Bro. C. R. Collins, formerly from the ticket agency at Fulton, Ky., has been promoted to the agency at Covington, Tenn. The vacancy was caused by the death of our worthy Brother Maloney. Bro. Collins was succeeded by Bro. W. H. Norman as ticket agent at Fulton. This leaves the position of second trick telegrapher and assistant ticket agent open for permanent appointment, which is on bulletin now.

Bro. Dye, of Ballard Junction, was off a few days, recently, attending court, Marion, Ill.

"13" Bro. Starkweather bid in second trick at Cairo, Ill., ticket office.

Bro. J. C. Mills, of Greenfield, Tenn., who has recently been suffering from la grippe and fever, is much improved and will soon return to work. He was relieved by Bro. Roy Scott, who, having two artificial limbs, fell on the ice and injured himself very badly. Bro. W. B. Midgett, from Rives freight house, relieved Bro. Scott.

Bro. Bob Wooldridge, of Holly Srpings, has been off duty a few days, relieved by a Mr. Matthews.

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Bro. C. W. Stockdale, of Frogmoor, better known as "Jackson, Tenn., Yards," has been visiting home folks and friends at Big Sandy, Tenn., for a few days.

Bro. Warner Maxwell, of Jackson, Tenn., yards, has been visiting in Memphis. Both he and Bro. Stockdale were relieved by Mr. Jim McPiggott, a new man.

I have noticed quite an improvement in the service since the 9-hour law went into effect. The men seem to have more energy, answer calls more promptly and endeavor to do their work better than when they remained on duty for twelve hours at a stretch. We should continue to give first-class service, thus proving to the company that it is to the interest of all concerned not to overwork us.

CERT. 1099.

Freeport Division—

H. W. O'Toole was successful applicant for Freeport yard office, second trick, but withdrew his application. Bro. R. C. Eiser, the next oldest applicant, also withdrew his application, which gave Bro. John Hayes the position permanently.

Bro. Scott Bellows, of Bloomington, is enjoying a few weeks' vacation. Bro. James Davis is relieving him. Bro. Davis but recently returned to the service of the I. C.

Bro. B. E. Melloan relieved Bro. John Funk at East Junction one night, account of sickness.

Bro. B. E. Melloan is at present doing the extra stunt on third trick at Coleman.

You will all be glad to hear that Bro. W. R. Keister has returned to his trick at East Junction, the company having reinstated him with all his rights.

Bro. J. Funk, who was holding down Bro. Keister's place regular, is now on the extra list.

Bro. C. E. Harrington is at present doing the extra stunt at Burlington on the second trick. Conners has been taken out of the service.

Bro. John Funk relieved Bro. Granger at Freeport yard, first trick, for a few days.

Bro. A. H. Brodeaur was successful applicant for Cloverdale agency, relieving Bro. C. W. Knapp, who has been doing the extra stunt there for the past few weeks.

Mr. C. G. Garner, who is at present working at Double Track Junction, on the Chicago Terminal, second trick, was married recently.

Bro. John Funk relieved Bro. G. Cox at Freeport yard office, third trick for two nights.

Bros. Walter Kelly, R. C. Eiser and L. J. Bartle are the only candidates for local chairman, representative and alternate on this division, so it is an easy matter to guess who will be elected.

Bro. J. M. McGowen was the successful applicant for Coleman, third trick.

Among the most recent bulletins we have Haldane, nights, and Dixon, first trick.

Bro. E. B. Lund is at present taking a 30 days' leave of absence. I '13" he has not decided whether he will return to the telegraph service again.

Bro. C. Peterson was successful applicant for first trick at C. G. W. Crossing.

Bro. W. C. Boldt is at present doing the extra stunt on third trick, Peterson's old trick. "13" Bro. R. J. Steele, who is at present on the second trick, C. G. W. Crossing, gets the third trick on the recent bulletin.

Bro. James Davis worked a few days on first trick, Freeport yard office.

Bro. Granger, of first trick, Freeport yard office, has been on relief several times during the month, as telegrapher in the dispatcher's office.

We have a few men on this division who are in the habit of taking out cards when the committee is expected to go to Chicago and dropping out again as soon as a raise is secured or some concession granted. It is high time they were getting in for good or at least stop posing as O. R. T. men.

Mrs. M. M. Gossard, mother of Bro. Wm. Gossard, of El Paso, died at her home in Wapella, February 10th. Bro. Gossard was relieved by Bro. McGowen. The members of Freeport Division extend to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Bros. Mulhall and Kelly were in Chicago in conference with General Superintendent Ewing some time ago in connection with a few grievance cases, most of which were adjusted satisfactorily.

Bro. Kelly was relieved by Mr. Guthrie, who closed up shop one morning about 2 a. m. and Bro. J. Davis was sent to the rescue.

Bro. Shephard and family, of Rutland, attended the auto show in Chicago.

Bro. Renfroe, of La Salle, who has been trying for some time to get relief, has at last succeeded and is now visiting in the neighborhood of St. Louis.

Bro. Sam Davis is laying off, having been in the Southwest for some time.

Bros. B. C. Barber and John Funk are relieving.

SHORTY.

St. Louis Division—

It has been some time since items from the St. Louis Division appeared in the journal. Let us each and every one lend a helping hand, and make the correspondence from this division interesting.

Bro. Arter, first trick at "KT," Cairo, is off for a few days, and is being relieved by Bro. B. F. Elsey.

John Mulvehill, second trick "KT" office, Cairo, has left the service. This cleans up the nons on the Cairo Terminal, with the exception of one, the oldest man on the pike.

Bro. Starkweather bid in second trick at "KT" office, Cairo.

Bro. Dye was off duty several days, attending court at Marion, in the interest of the company, and was relieved by Extra Telegraphers Bros. Haggard, Calhoun and Nesmith.

Bro. Peart got second trick at Cache, on bid.

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Two quad sets and two repeater half-sets with three high voltage motor generators for same, and in addition two small machines to furnish local battery doing away with the blue stone battery, have recently been installed in the yard office at Mounds. With the twenty wires now working in that office, Mounds ranks as an important office. An additional position, nights, for this place is on bulletin.

Bro. W. M. Sawrey, of Herrin, bid in third trick at Illinois Junction.

Bro. E. T. Etling secured Ballard Junction, third trick, on bulletin.

Makanda open days again, with Bro. Mulcaster on first trick; Bro. D. M. Hartman, of Illinois Junction, second trick, and Mr. Briggs, third trick.

Jobs out on bulletin at present, as follows: Third trick "UN" office, Mounds; third trick "DA" office, Carbondale; second trick, Cache.

Bro. W. H. Milo was recently assigned to third trick at Branch Junction. DIV. COR.

Memphis Division—

Several changes have been made in agencies on the Memphis Division.

Bro. J. J. Burns, formerly at Hollywood, is now at Minter City.

Bro. Atkins has gone to farming.

Bro. Stevens, formerly at Parchman, has resigned, to act as traveling salesman. He is selling some sort of patent horse collar.

Bro. W. T. Dungan, agent at Charleston, had the misfortune to lose his baby by fire. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Bro. R. R. Green has returned from Hot Springs, and will now be found at Doddsville, doing the stunt as agent.

Bro. R. L. Harris, formerly agent at Banks, is at present agent at Lake View. Mr. Everett having been dismissed from the service.

Bro. R. E. Rhew, former agent at Rome, was appointed agent at Merigold, succeeding Mr. R. A. Tribble, resigned.

Bro. F. A. Brown is agent at Tutwiler, having relieved Mr. W. H. Moore, who is holding down the agency at Hollywood. Mr. Moore, I understand, made application to the O. R. T. for membership, but same was turned down for cause.

Bro. A. S. James, who was agent at Money for some time two years, is now located at Webb. The agency at Money is filled by one Mr. E. R. Hudson.

Bro. F. A. Brewer is holding the agency at Dublin.

Bro. S. F. Johnson who has been doing the "owl act" at "MS" for some time, is out of the service at present. Understand his case is being investigated, and we hope to see him back on his old stand at "MS" soon. His place is now being filled by Mr. Smith, who I understand is an extra dispatcher from the Southern Ry. It seems a little queer that some of the telegraphers on this division, who are capable of filling this position with entire satisfaction, did not get a chance to do so, as this is one of the positions which should have been bulletined.

Bro. B. F. Parrish is at West Junction.

Bro. Tucker, formerly at Shelby, is at Lake View. He being relieved by Bro. Schmullen, of Coahoma.

Bro. Walker is now holding the second trick at Greenwood.

Bro. R. O. Burns is at Minter-City, assisting his brother with the agency.

Bros. Holliday and Lindsey doing the second and third tricks at Coahoma.

There have been several changes made on this division within the past month, and I am sorry to say that the majority of them have been filled by nons. It is time for us to get after these people. Those who are desirable should be approached and gotten into the Order as soon as possible.

By the time this is in print the election of local chairman will be verified, and let us hope that our worthy Chairman Bro. W. P. Moore has been elected by a large majority, which will assure him that the boys of the Memphis Division have not gone back on him.

There has been quite a little dissatisfaction among the brothers of the Memphis Division, on account of positions not being bulletined, as per our contract, and they would like to have it remedied at the earliest opportunity. Bro. W. P. Moore has taken the matter up with General Superintendent W. S. King for adjustment to have these positions not only bulletined, but filled from the ranks.

There are quite a number of the brothers who are not up-to-date. It is about time that all worthy members should show an up-to-date card. So those who can not, had better get busy.

Our lately deceased Bro. W. E. White was one of the oldest members, and one of the "Old Guard" who went to Chicago and obtained for us our first schedule. He was always an enthusiastic member, and we could always find him at our meetings. He only survived his beloved wife one month, which seems to us who knew him well that he was a beloved husband as well as father, and could not stand the separation from the one who went before him.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has deemed it wise to remove from our midst our worthy Bro. W. E. White; be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to Him, who called our beloved brother before Him, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who will miss his presence most, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy forwarded to the family of our deceased brother.

H. O. SHELLMAN,
W. M. FURLONG,
J. H. ARRINGTON,
Committee.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Mrs. W. E. White, beloved wife of our late deceased Bro. W. E. White and mother of Sister Gertrude White, be it

Resolved, That while we bow with humble submission to Him, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sister White, and those who will miss her presence, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy sent to Sister White.

H. O. SHELLMAN,
W. M. FURLONG,
J. H. ARRINGTON,
Committee.

Louisiana Division—

The members on this division are very much interested at the present time, in the result of the election now being held, to determine who is to be our next local chairman, and also to ascertain who we are to send to Atlanta as representative and alternate to the Grand Convention.

By the time this appears in the March TELEGRAPHER, the result will be known. In view of the fact that we have a 90 per cent membership, that our meetings are enthusiastic and largely attended, and our members wide-awake, it is only natural that we should take much interest in the election. It is to be hoped that the most capable men will be placed in office.

The following are candidates for local chairman: F. E. Rehorst, J. R. Youngblood and J. W. Miller. For representative to Grand Division: F. E. Rehorst and W. B. Sanders. For alternate: S. C. Turner, W. B. Sanders and C. A. Head. As all the candidates are extremely popular on the division, the contest will be quite spirited, although friendly. All ballots must be in the hands of General Secretary and Treasurer Shannon by February 28th, and on March 2d, at Fulton, Ky., where an O. R. T. meeting will be held, the ballots will be counted, and the winners announced.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Sunday night, February 14th. On account of the inclement weather, the attendance was not as large as usually, although we had a red hot meeting, and the enthusiasm made up for the shortage. All three of the candidates for local chairman were present, and the "candidate handshake" was very much in evidence. Several applications for membership were balloted upon; one of the applicants proved to be a scab who worked at Knoxville, Tenn., during the last commercial strike; of course, his application was summarily rejected. The superintendent, chief dispatcher and the division agent had been invited to be present and address the boys on several important subjects for the good of the service, but owing to the special train of President Harahan and Mr. E. H. Harriman being on the division they were unable to be present, but promised to be on hand next meeting.

No more postal card notices will be sent out for the metings at McComb; these meetings will be held every second Sunday night in each month, and the members are urged to be on hand, and not to forget the date. It is the intention to have meetings at Jackson, Miss., in conjunction with the Y. & M. V. after March. This will give the boys on the Yazoo District, and some on the Canton District, an opportunity to attend meetings, also those on the Y. & M. V., who heretofore have been unable to attend on account of train service.

We are sorry to announce that Bro. Chas. Galvani, agent at Manchac, La., is seriously ill at his home in Magnolia, Miss.

Bro. J. W. Ecker, first trick at Yazoo City, has resumed work after having been confined to his bed for some time; also Bro. W. D. Stanley, who was seriously shot in the foot accidentally some time ago, has resumed work at Manchac, La.

Several of the brothers are complaining of the telegraph school at "HO," Tangipahoa, La. It is alleged there are three students at this place, and unless the necessary permission is obtained from the president, or the students dispensed with, something will have to be done.

Bro. W. R. Davis, conductor on the Burlington, and his wife and two children, have returned to their home in St. Joseph, Mo., after a pleasant visit to his brother-in-law, Bro. J. G. Hayes, agent at Chatawa, Miss.

Jim Magee, agent at Osyka, Miss., has invited several of his friends to accompany him on a big fishing trip, on the beautiful Tangipahoa. The lucky ones are: H. W. Fitzgerald, Stewart Gant and Ed. Dunning.

Mr. A. J. Drane, agent at Wesson, Miss., has shown his capacity for increased responsibilities, by getting an O. R. T. card. There are only three exclusive agents left who are eligible for membership, and who are shown on our seniority list. Mr. E. R. Radford, ticket agent at Yazoo City; Mr. P. H. Moody, agent at Kentwood, and Mr. A. P. Guntharp, agent at Hammond, La., and it is hoped they will soon follow Bro. Drane's example.

Since our last write-up, Bro. Geo. Gouldman at McComb, Miss., who allowed himself to become delinquent, has paid up-to-date.

Bro. Barney Bee, formerly agent at Osyka, Miss., for a number of years, has accepted the agency at Tylertown, Miss., for the Fernwood and Gulf R. R.

An extra telegrapher was put on at "BD," New Orleans, during the Mardi-Gras festivities. Bro. Bob Servat, from McComb, did the stunt, and at the same time enjoyed a short stay at home.

Bro. L. H. Witherspoon has again accepted employment with the I. C., and is carrying the "hod" at Canton, Miss.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. J. A. Wolf, one of our oldest passenger conductors, who was buried at Amite, La., February 21st.

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Among the recent arrivals who are working extra on this division are: Bros. F. C. Hipsch, J. V. Haffmaster, J. S. Wilkinson.

Bro. S. N. West, who has been "slaving" at Hammond, La., for several months, has been assigned to third trick at Gwin, on bulletin, rolling Bro. W. I. McFatter, who is sick and off duty. DIV. COR.

Springfield Division—

Mrs. Bowman, mother of Bro. C. E. Bowman, agent at Toronto, Ill., died at her home at Waggoner, Ill., February 3d. We extend heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. X. B. Holland is relieving Bro. S. Miller at Farmersville. Bro. Miller has been granted sixty to ninety days' leave of absence. Understand Shuey is going to try the chief clerkship at the new mine at that point.

Mr. R. C. Fortman relieved Bro. C. E. Bowman at Toronto, Ill., a few days first week in February, on account of the serious illness and death of Bro. Bowman's mother.

Mr. J. A. Vallow, of "CO," Clinton, did some extra work in dispatcher's office. He was relieved by Mr. R. E. Lewis, of East Grand Ave. Mr. Lewis relieved by Mr. Tobin.

Bro. Stone, of Marine, and Bro. Farlow, of Barclay, have both been taking vacations, are you on?—Married.—Prosperity must have returned to the Springfield Division. J. C. W.

A CARD.

This will acknowledge receipt of your remittance presented by members of the Springfield District, compliments of my friends, of which you are one. I have no words at my command that will express my appreciation for your kindness, and I assure you same will not soon be forgotten. Yours fraternally,

A. LANKFORD.

Peoria Division—

Bro Caster is working New Harmony agency for sixty days, relieving Bro. Boyer, who is off on vacation.

Bro. Manion, first trick man at Evansville "FS" office, was sick a few days in January; relieved by Bro. Wilson.

Bro. Endicott, on extra board, relieved by Mr. Webb at Harwood, a few nights, on account of sickness.

At the last meeting of the O. R. T. held at Newton Bro. R. E. Bayles was elected local division treasurer and Bro. Boyer elected secretary.

Bro. Lynn, car distributer in "CM" office, Mattoon, was off a few days in January visiting friends at Evansville; relieved by Bro. Wilson.

While the last O. R. T. meeting was the best in the history of the Order on the Peoria Division, we missed several faces who should have been present. Let us all do our best to make the next meeting a rousing success and all be present.

Our local chairman, Bro. C. J. Walker, spent a day or two in Anna, the second week in February, conferring with Bro. Shannon on business matters of the division, Bro. Wilson relieving him on first trick at Newton.

Bro. Ben Knight, on the extra list, worked a few days at Poseyville, relieving Bro. Pleasants.

W. R. Phillips, ticket clerk at Newton, and Bro. C. J. Walker, first trick telegrapher, "NE," Newton, left for New Orleans, February 15th, to attend Mardi-Gras. They expect to visit several other places of interest on their way home.

Bro. Wilson is working second trick at Pekin, relieving Bro. Perry, who, we understand, is off looking after his chicken interests.

Bro. Andrews is relieving Bro. Walker on first trick at Newton and Bro. Kennet is relieving Mr. Phillips as ticket clerk, he in turn being relieved by Bro. Knight on third trick.

The Order of Railway Telegraphers, Peoria Div. No. 93, held a meeting at Woodmen Hall, Newton, Ill., Sunday, Jan. 24th. About twenty-eight of the boys were present, and they say it was one of the most interesting meetings Peoria Division ever held. The following officers were present and presided at their respective stations: C. J. Walker, Newton, chief telegrapher; E. E. Bayer, New Harmony, secretary; H. J. Rothrock, West Salem, 1st vice-chief telegrapher; W. A. McClure, Bone Gap, 2d vice-chief telegrapher; H. A. Bolinger, Newton, marshal; W. W. Rothrock, Greenup, inside sentinel; F. A. McGinnis, Latham, past chief; R. E. Bayles, Newton, treasurer.

Other telegraphers present were: W. S. Hall, Lerna, Ill., C. R. Pleasants, Poseyville, Ind., O. L. Bridges, Mattoon, Ill., J. T. Carter, New Harmony, Ind., J. H. Gallagher, Olney, Ill., J. M. Endicott, New Harmony, Ind., W. E. Gladville, Stewartsville, Ind., B. F. Riley, Parkersburg, Ill., F. S. Wilson, Calhoun, Ill., R. F. Short, Hartsburg, Ill., O. D. Greenfield, Grayville, Ill., J. W. Jones, Browns, Ill., H. P. Steppins, West Liberty, Ill., R. Hocking, Hidalgo, Ill., B. B. Knight, Pekin, Ill., J. C. Clark, Sullivan, Ill., B. E. Johnson, Rose Hill, Ill., and Earl Kennett, Newton, Ill.

Telegrapher Clements, of Bloomfield, Ind., local chairman of the Indianapolis Southern Division, and Telegrapher Calvert, of Sullivan, Ind., were visitors at the meeting.

At the morning session the regular routine of business was handled after which the knights of the key adjourned to do justice to what Uncle Joe had in store for them at the New American.

At the afternoon session the time was mostly taken up in making speeches for the good of the Order and a general social good time, after which the meeting was closed, and the boys left for their respective homes. CERT. 1315.

Chicago Division—

Twenty brothers were present at our meeting in Kankakee, February 12th. The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., and a few matters of business handled. At 8:30 p. m., the door-

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keeper admitted the visitors, who attended on special invitation.

Those present were Mr. D. J. Higgins and Mr. W. G. Tiley, of Champaign and Mr. W. J. Hevron and Mr. C. G. Richmond, of Kankakee. Mr. G. E. Patterson was unable to meet with us on account of sickness in his family.

These gentlemen favored us with short speeches, after which we had a general discussion relative to various subjects which were suggested. Mr. Hevron, having a switch board in the room, gave us some very valuable information with regard to the use of the board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p. m., in order that the boys from the south could catch train No. 21. A vote of thanks was tendered the local officials who so kindly consented to spare their time to meet with us.

Such meetings are a benefit to all, and tend to show the friendly feeling existing on the Chicago Division between the local officials and the telegraphers.

Bro. Munson, of Gibson, relieved five days by Telegrapher Fitzpatrick.

Bro. G. McNabney has been assigned to the agency at Harpster.

Bro. C. C. Jewel has accepted third trick at Otto.

Bro. Barr, of Roberts, has returned to work after fifteen days' leave of absence. Bro. Phelps relieved him.

Third trick at Kankakee Junction is bulletined on account of Bro. McNabney having bid in the Harpster agency.

About thirty agents were in attendance at the staff meeting in Chicago, February 6th, in response to the invitation from Superintendent H. Battisfore. Many very important subjects were discussed, and all voted it a day well spent.

If you have not yet done so, please pay your dues for present term so the local chairman will not have to write you about it.

Brothers, I think we should in some way show our appreciation to our local chairman, Bro. Morrison, who has so faithfully executed his part. Undoubtedly he has made sacrifices for us in his work of the past year. DIV. COR.

Chicago Great Western Railway.

Eastern Division—

If the members on this end will take the trouble to send what news they can glean, the writer will be pleased to have them inserted in the journal, and in this way the Eastern Division can be well represented each month.

Bro. L. L. Sheckler drew agency at South Freeport, on bulletin.

Bro. C. F. Koehn has been transferred to the Syracuse agency, and Bro. Roy Hulett to the agency at Stockton.

Bro. Downey drew third trick at Syracuse, on bulletin.

Mr. O. A. Quigley is relieving at Stockton.

Wm. Marr, a C. T. U. A. man, drew the Esmond agency.

Bro. Pentscoff drew third trick at Stockton, and is now doing the agent's "stunt" there, while Bro. Hulett is on the sick list.

Quite a number of the boys seem to be quiting the C. G. W., and several positions are on bulletin. Among them the following: Agency at Oneida; second trick and agency at Aurora; third trick at Dyersville.

It is rumored that Bro. R. F. Nelson, agent at Lombard, has become a benedict. If such is the case we wish the happy couple much joy.

Bro. R. E. Lamb, of South Elmhurst, recently took a ten days' vacation which he spent attending to business in the West. He was relieved by Bro. Geo. Tiezona, who later went to Sycamore, third trick.

Mr. J. E. McNully resigned at Bellwood, to accept a position on the C. T. T., at 12th St. Station, Chicago.

The second trick at Bellwood is now on bulletin.

The station at Fox, Ill., has been closed. Bro. Caustine, the agent, went to St. Charles, first trick.

Bro. R. J. Steele, was the successful applicant for "CX."

Address all communications to your local chairman, who will see that same reaches St. Louis in time for publication. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Northwest Division—

The northwest division is still "moving," although traffic was somewhat impeded for a few days. Train service was entirely suspended on two occasions.

In last month's issue we neglected to mention the return of Bro. P. Stenstrom, to Randolph, second trick. He had been spending several months at his home in Iowa.

Bro. F. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, was recently laid up a few days, on account of sickness.

Telegrapher Luscomb, who has been at Skybury for the past two months, has been dismissed from the service.

Bro. J. E. Jenny, first trick at South St. Paul, was absent a few days, on account of sickness.

We have to thank Bro. F. R. Mills, agent at Vlasaty, for a large contribution to this write-up.

Bro. H. R. Grannis has resigned as local chairman of the Northwest Division.

Telegrapher L. J. Green has second trick at Skyburg at present.

Word reaches us from General Chairman Albrecht that our committee will be convened early in March, to negotiate for a revision of our present schedule. Bro. Albrecht can be found at the Foley Hotel, St. Paul.

Our semi-annual election is at hand, and by the time this reaches you a new force of local chairmen will have been installed. There are two can-

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didates in the field for the Northwest Division, and General Chairman Albrecht says, from personal acquaintance, that each man is "equal to the emergency, and a good worker."

Keep an eye on the non working in the office with you, and never neglect an opportunity to point out to him the benefits of Unionism. You can do more toward winning him over, than brothers who are miles away. DIV. COR.

Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Second Division—

By the time this is in print the new local chairman will be elected, and we shall know who are to be the delegates to the convention.

Business, in general, is improving, and through passenger traffic is good.

Bro. Weathers, at Raleigh, is working the third trick.

Telegrapher Livester has been relieved by Mr. Allison.

W. G. Parker, at Cary, has been relieved by Bro. Cancome.

Northam, from Southern Pines discharged, but reinstated as extra man.

Bro. Herring is working third trick at Vass.

Mr. Kirkman has been visiting his folks.

Carl Sauls has resumed duty.

Hamlet has been flooded with telegraphers and trainmen, standing examination on the N. & W. rules.

All who have notes for the R. & R. write-up, should send them in by the 20th of each month.
R. & R. COR.

Richmond District, South End—

As I have seen nothing in THE TELEGRAPHER from this district for quite a while, will try and furnish a few items.

Having a joint agency here, I have but little opportunity to get a line on the boys.

Trestle No. 225, this side of Parkton, caught fire recently, but was extinguished by the crew on 2nd No. 85, delaying them for a short time.

Second and third trick at Pembroke, second trick at "FV" office, Fayetteville; second at "FY" tower, Florence, and first and third at Elm City, "A," are on bulletin—assignments to be made the 12th.

Judging from the number of messages sent out from the superintendent's office within the last few weeks, calling for empty boxes to fill a shortage on the Second Division, business must be picking up.

The two sets of dispatchers taken off at Rocky Mount, have been replaced, which also indicates that business is increasing.

Bro. R. H. Merchant, agent at Pembroke, has tendered his resignation, but has not yet been relieved, as there are few men who care to take that agency.

Fifth Division—

The outlook seems good for a 95 per cent line up on this division at no distant date. The members are working with renewed activity, and applications are coming in, in an encouraging manner.

The commercial fertilizer business is again upon us, and each member will be afforded an excellent opportunity to fraternize with the "wool hat boys." Perhaps, if you will rush out and help them load their wagons they will bring you a nice rotten ended watermelon later in the season.

The biennial convention will soon be upon us, and it is understood that quite a number of the boys from this division will attend.

No doubt Bro. W. L. Tidwell, agent at Vidalia, will be our next local chairman. Though we dislike for the present incumbent, Bro. Smith, to relinquish the office, we believe that Bro. Tidwell will handle the business satisfactorily. Each member is requested to assist him in every way possible.

There were very few transfers made during the past thirty days. Every man seems to be "saying nothing, and sawing wood."

If you have not already done so, 'tis high time you were paying semi-annual dues and assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department for current term. Don't overlook this important matter, but do it now.

We thought so; the first thing you looked for on receiving the journal was a write-up from your division. Then why not assist in getting up a respectable collection of interesting items, each month? Very likely you know a few things that would prove of interest to the membership. Send 'em in any time before the 25th of each month.

Don't overlook making arrangements to attend the monthly meetings. Your presence is needed. They will make a better union man of you, to say nothing of improving your service to the company. Let our next meeting be the largest we have ever held. It will be easy if we all attend.
CERT. 147.

T. & O. C. Ry.

After dispatching trains at Bucyrus for ten days, Extra Dispatcher A. L. Bearns returned to Columbus as copier on Corning Division. This change places Telegrapher Ebert, on Western Division, as copier; Bro. Amburg, at Broad St., first trick, and Bro. Forrest, at Thurston, third trick.

Telegrapher Burke, of Fulton, bid in second trick at Clemons, and Telegrapher Eiseman, of Woodside, third trick.

The position of telegrapher and clerk at Bellefontaine, bulletined.

Mt. Gilead and Rushville agencies, bulletined.

Bros. Cox and Wiseman at Whitmore, first and second tricks, have gone into the clothing business, and are doing fairly well.

Agent G. F. Cox, of Spore, was visiting relatives at Toledo, January 24th.

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Bro. Lesk, formerly of Clarksburg, W. Va., now working for the Pa. Co., is visiting in Bucyrus, for a few days.

Telegrapher Green, second trick at Tiverton, and Telegrapher Bates, second trick at Clemons, made flying trips to Columbus, a few days ago.

Earl Martin, the student who robbed the cash drawer at the T. & O. C. depot, in Mt. Gilead, entered a plea of guilty before Judge Campbell, January 27th. The judge imposed a fine of $250, and a sentence of ninety days in the work house. Agent Wright says he will never take another student.

Dispatchers Hompton, Corey and Williams, each had three days off in the month of January, to learn the road more thoroughly.

Mr. Kinehart is relieving the agent at New Riegel for a few days.

Mr. Lockhart, third trick at Fostoria, has purchased a fine dwelling at that place.

Bro. Shelhouse, second trick at Fostoria, took dinner with Telegrapher Lockhart and wife, at Berwick, January 29th.

Would request that some of the brothers at Corning send in notes, as the writer is so located that he can not hear the news on Corning Division.

Business on T. & O. C. was almost paralyzed February 15th and 16th, on account of the heavy sleet storm. All wires were down between Bucyrus and Toledo, on Eastern Division and between Columbus and Cygnet, on Western Division.

Bro. Simon, night man at Findlay, off sick; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Beightler, of Columbus.

Bro. Gordon, second trick at Bowling Green, off duty February 20th; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Beightler. CERT. 64.

Lehigh Valley Ry.

Division No. 124—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our highly esteemed and beloved Brother Albert W. Palmateer, be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endear him to all, and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow, and point them the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge, and be it further

Resolved, By Lehigh Valley Railroad System, Division No. 124, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

WM. DAY,
J. S. STRADLING,
J. C. NILLEGAN,
Committee.

Kanawha & Michigan Ry.

Division 118—

Bro. Allen, second trick at Dickinson, was off duty for several days, on account of sickness.

Bro. Joe McLaughlin, second trick at Black Betsey, relieved the agent at Raymond City for a few days, recently.

Bro. McKnight, of Middleport, who has been working extra since the job at Doty was abolished, made a flying trip to Toledo and other points on the T. & O. C. and K. & M. about the middle of February.

Telegrapher Stalder, copier in dispatcher's office at Hobson, was in Corning, recently, on business.

Bro. Romine, second trick at Chauncey, was off February 15th, attending court at Athens. He was relieved by Telegrapher Davis, who worked for awhile at Dunbar, W. Va.

Bro. Johnson, agent at Albany, was at Trimble, recently, looking over his old stand.

Business on the K. & M. is at rather a low ebb at the present time, but will be on the boom again as soon as the lake season opens up.

Brothers, if you want to see the K. & M. write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, send me what notes you can and I will try and get them in. I haven't had a single note for two months.

CERT. 337.

M. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

Missouri River Division, Bismarck Line—

Bro. E. C. Stocker is again the head mogul at Wilton, relieving Bro. Harris, resigned. Bro. Stocker was agent at Wilton some time ago, and is well known to most of the boys. "13" Bro. Harris goes back to the east end.

Bro. Stevens is again doing business at Merricourt. He had a serious attack of typhoid, and the boys are glad to know that he has fully regained his health.

Bro. E. C. Butler has a new depot to work in, of which he is very proud.

Bro. Donnehower, who recently underwent a very serious operation at Rochester, is back at Lidgerwood again. The boys are all glad to see "Donne" back and to know that he is in good health once more.

Bro. J. H. McGoggy, at Ashley, is laying off. He has gone to spend the winter in the sunny South. Here's hoping he enjoys himself. Mr. C. M. Huhn is relieving him.

This division is in first-class condition, which shows good work on the part of our local chairman. We should render him every assistance, for we want to stay in good shape. CERT. 70.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Tomlinson, formerly at "NP," Valley City, relieved Telegrapher Stevens, third trick at Drake. He will transfer soon.

Bro. J. S. Lawson, of Portal, has decided to leave us, having accepted a position with a Brazilian railway.

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Bro. Rusk, also of Portal, has resigned and intends to become a real farmer. He is going up into the wilds of Saskatchewan on a homestead.

Bro. B. J. Thorn, late first trick at Minot, is now acting as ticket clerk at that point.

Understand that Bro. Holliday, of Kenmars, like Bro. Rusk, has intentions of removing to a farm.

Telegrapher Reid is relieving Agent Fessenden. Some one had better get after him.

Bro. E. O. Park has returned from his vacation, and is working third trick at Carrington.

Several of the boys ask when we are going to have another meeting, and why it couldn't be arranged to hold it at Minot, so as some of the boys at the extreme west end of the line can attend. DIV. COR.

Wisconsin Central Ry.

Fourth District—

While splitting wood Bro. Carlson had the misfortune to cut his foot. He is able to be around, and at last report was improving.

On January 23d Bro. Kotas had the misfortune to lose his house and part of his furniture by fire. This was quite a severe blow, especially in zero weather. We are glad to learn that he carried insurance, and that his claim was settled promptly.

C. Leighty, chief train dispatcher from the Southern Division, accompanied by his wife, visited at Phillips with friends and relatives, lately.

Bro. Semerea visited with folks at Butternut between trains.

Bro. Kotas sent his wife and family to Auburndale until such time as he can arrange to go housekeeping again, Auburndale being their former home.

Business is picking up all along the line. At Park Falls they have an assistant. We should secure all the business possible. If the company reaps a good harvest we may reasonably expect something better later on.

Dispatcher Whittenbach is taking a vacation for a couple of months, visiting his parents in Canada. Mr. Hunt is working his trick while he is absent.

Some of the boys are in the habit of asking a few minutes off, and then staying an unreasonable length of time. When we promise to return at a certain time, we should make it a point to do so. No dispatcher will refuse to let one off for a few minutes if he gets back when he promises.

COR.

C. R. I. & P. Ry.

Arkansas Division—

Business is fairly good, but the force has been slightly reduced.

We are almost solid on this division between Little Rock and Booneville; hope the balance will come into the fold before long. "In union there is strength."

Mr. J. R. Jones is again at Magazine, his home.

Bro. J. W. Allen is again on the Rock Island, and is holding the Des Arc agency, for which position his bid is in. Bro. Allen worked at Roland a few days, relieving Mr. Lee, who was granted a vacation.

Bro. D. H. Nelms has bid in Adona agency.

It is rumored that the night man has been pulled off at Danville.

Boys, if you will give me the news, I will see that we have a write-up in the journal each month.

We are soon to have a new seniority list. I suppose our local chairman, Bro. Nelms, is having this done.

Hot Springs Branch—

I will again endeavor to write without the assistance of anyone this side of Biddle.

Bro. J. C. Allen, at Belleville, has kept me informed as to the west end. He has about as heavy a station as most of you, and I can't understand why if he can spare the time to ask what is going on some of the rest of us cannot show the spirit of unionism by taking enough interest to forward items to the correspondent.

Mr. McLaughlin, agent at Bauxite, got Benton on bid and staid there but a few days.

Now that we have two pay days a month, we will get a better "whack" at the nons; it will either cause them to tell more falsehoods or come across with the price. I have never yet approached one of them that he didn't begin to whine about "no money" or that he would "come across" with the price next pay day. They are either up and gone to some other road by "next pay day," or have been sick or bought a home. These are old excuses, worn perfectly threadbare.

I am sorry to see Bro. C. L. Foster, in "RK" office at Little Rock, misunderstood my article in December journal as applying to everyone in that office. I didn't intend it that way. Bro. Foster is well worthy the prefix brother.

Bro. A. T. Holland has returned from North Carolina, where he has been visiting his grandparents, and is back at his old stand, nights at Germania.

Mr. McLaughlin has returned to Bauxite on account of the heavy work at Benton, and no help.

Bro. Kisner, at Lonoke, has been helping to advance our interest on the east end by giving us a line-up and getting after the nons.

Bro. L. R. Cotney, Duvalls Bluff, has been appointed division correspondent. Let us keep him informed as to what takes place on this division, so that he can give us a write-up in the journal each month.

I have not had to take up a grievance since I have been elected to the local chairmanship, as all grievances were settled by the brothers themselves. Don't think that I want to shirk my duty, for I don't. Any time you have a grievance I am willing to see you through as far as I can go with it.

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Bro. Brown will be with us in a short time and we hope to get thoroughly organized while he is down here.

Mr. W. S. Rea, a former chief dispatcher for the third time in one year. Mr. J. P. Quigley has been transferred and promoted to train master of the Louisiana Division. I understand that Mr. Rea will assume his duties as train master as soon as he recovers from injuries received in a motor car wreck last fall. It is hard to tell who will be our chief then.

The boys at Haskell all had to take a trip to Little Rock, a few days ago, to take an examination on wire tests. L. C.

El Paso Division—

Mrs. Ralph Stokes, wife of the agent at Calhoun, is reported to have been very sick with typhoid fever, and was taken to the hospital at Hutchinson, Kan. We are glad to learn that she is getting along nicely at this date.

O. R. Powers has been off for a few days on account of a company lawsuit at Abilene.

Bro. T. O'Connell is spending a few days in Logan, account night man taken off at Texoma, and day man taken from Stratford. We understand that a night clerk was put on at Texoma, and a helper given the agent at Stratford.

Bro. E. E. Johnson, of Naravisa, has been transferred to first trick at Liberal.

C. M. Pierce, who worked first trick at Liberal, went to Naravisa nights.

Day telegrapher at Naravisa has been taken off, and Agent Patterson is doing the nine hours' telegraph trick, with the assistance of a helper.

The night telegrapher at Hooker has been taken off and the day clerk put on as night clerk.

H. Hollingsworth, agent at Tampa, has returned to work after a short vacation. He was relieved by Bro. V. P. Chase.

Brothers H. B. Chambers and G. C. Sparks are working the tricks at McPherson, relieving Wilson and Smith. Understand that Wilson and Smith will engage in other business.

Bro. A. H. Maytum, agent at Fowler, is off on a vacation; being relieved by Bro. V. P. Chase.

Bro. A. H. Bryden, of Topeka, is working in the dispatcher's office at Pratt.

Bro. R. E. Clasby, member of the C. T. U. A. No. 98, of Kansas City, is working second trick at Arkalon. He has promised to line up with the O. R. T. soon.

On account of not being able to give the office of local chairman on this division the proper attention, I have tendered my resignation to Bro. Brown, who, no doubt, will arrange for an election or appoint some one to fill the place, of which you will be advised in due time. I wish to thank the brothers who have given me their assistance during my term as local chairman, and I hope that they will continue their efforts and lend all the assistance possible to the next man who fills the place. With best wishes to all, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
E. L. MERRILL.

Sixth Seventh Eighth Districts Missouri Div.—

Bro. R. Lunsenby, Buffalo, has returned to duty after a few months' vacation. Unable to say where Bro. Slaughter went.

Bro. E. O. Schribber, Harvard nights, worked "RN," Trenton, extra, then went to Columbus Junction, third trick extra.

Agent O. M. Calvin, Columbus Junction, has been promoted to traveling division agent, a new office created lately. First Trick Telegrapher Bro. E. M. Smith takes the agency until bulletined. Bro. J. T. Barrett, third trick, has taken first trick until bulletined, being relieved by Bro. E. O. Schribber, extra.

Mr. J. L. Stewart, Columbus Junction, second trick, has left the service. He was relieved by Bro. B. H. Carson.

Bro. C. F. Fisher, agent County Line, has returned to work after a short visit in Kansas. He was relieved by Bro. Carson.

Bro. C. W. Hollis, who has been laying off for a few months, is working at Mercer nights, relieving Mrs. M. O. Madsen.

Agent H. A. Mohler, of Fairfield, has been promoted to traveling auditor, with office at Esterville, Iowa. Bro. T. F. McNew, first trick telegrapher, is relieving Mr. Mohler until regular man is appointed. Mr. F. A. Brown, third trick telegrapher, is relieving Bro. McNew, and a Mr. Carter is relieving Mr. Brown. Don't know how Mr. Carter stands.

Bro. S. E. Miller, Seymour, third trick, had the misfortune to fall on the ice and cut his right wrist. He also dislocated a finger. No extra telegrapher being available, Mr. Haines and Bro. Briggs, first and second trick men, had to double.

The following from the Chicago Inter-Ocean: "The A. T. & S. F. Ry. was made defendant in a suit brought by Dist. Atty. Sims for violation of the Federal law regulating the hours of service of train dispatchers. This is the first suit of this nature brought against any railroad by the Government and if won, will stick the Santa Fe on seven violation charges of $500 each. Mr. Sims says: 'Nine hours is long enough service for any man employed at train dispatching. The Santa Fe is not, in our opinion, complying with the law when it breaks a nine-hour shift in any twenty-four-hour period.'" .

Bricklayers and Stone Masons' Union No. 1, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the happy possessor of a lady member. Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth was obliged to take out a membership card before she could participate in the exercises of laying the corner stone for the new Grand Rapids Federal building. Next.

The Bricklayers' Union's schedule for the ensuing year is 75c, with no drawback. Heads of local unions say they see a dollar flat for 1911 or 1912. Shall we go on for $55 per forever?

Owing to my "game" wrist and finger, I will have to quit with the hope to be in the ring again by next month. "73" "TM."

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Colorado Division—

The meeting held at Goodland, February 7th, was well attended, and a number of important subjects were brought up for discussion. First an open session was held, in order that our officials might meet with us. We were addressed by Mr. Ellis, Chief Dispatcher, Mr. J. S. Jones and Mr. W. H. Cheighton, first and third trick dispatchers. Each of these gentlemen gave us a nice talk, and informed us that the service was good; stated that they had no complaints whatever to make.

The open meeting was called to order at 8:45 p. m., and closed at 10:30 p. m., after which the closed session was called. On account of lack of time we could not consider as many subjects as we had intended, although we all feel that we were well repaid for our time.

The following members were present: Bros. Widmoyer, Brown, Garber, Conners, Allen, Koonts, Raborn, Harold, Fletcher, McKee, Franklin, O'Brien, Annuson, Winnegar, Strain and Cuthbert.

Bro. Potts, who is located at Jennings, was sick during the first of the month, and was relieved for a few days by Mr. MacDermody, night man at that point. Mr. MacDermody was relieved by Mr. Cook, third trick, from Norton.

Bro. Sarvis, third trick at Norton, off duty for two weeks; relieved by Mr. Cook, from the Big Four.

Bro. Rathbun, at Selden, was sick and unable to work for a few days, and the boys at Selden doubled until relief arrived.

Bro. Barry, who has been absent for some time, on account of the sickness of his father, has returned to Rexford. Mr. Allen is spending a few days with his family at Colorado Springs until something turns up.

Mr. Cook has been assigned to Selden, third trick, in place of Bro. Fugate, who resigned. We are unable to say where Bro. Fugate goes.

Dispatcher J. S. Jones off duty for a week, while visiting in the East, and attending Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Wichita; relieved by Dispatcher Moore.

Bro. Riggs, at Flagler, resigned, and was relieved by Mr. Hough. Bro. Riggs going East.

Mr. Holmes assigned to second trick at Limon, relieving Bros. McGrath and Sievert, who were doubling.

We did not notice many of the brothers from the nine-hour offices at the meeting. We have six such offices on this division, from which there was but one attendant. This shows unconcern and lack of interest, and we hope to see a better showing made at the next meeting.

Bros. Cuthbert, Strain, Winnegar and Widmoyer are at one-man stations and had to almost double the distance it would have been necessary for others to travel if in evidence. We wish to thank all for their presence at the meeting, and especially thank Messrs. Ellis, Jones and Cheighton for their remarks. CERT. 186.

Oklahoma Division—

The year 1909 is passing swiftly, two months have almost gone; are we improving the passing moments by benefiting the Order and our fellow men? If not, there is something wrong. Let me urge upon every member the importance of getting right down to business and making the year 1909 the record breaker.

News is very scarce this month, but I will give what little I have gathered, with the assistance of one good live brother.

Bro. Winger has landed the agency at Okarche, being promoted to that position from day telegrapher at same place. He was relieved by Bro. Hoopingarner, from Concho Box Car. Can not say who relieved Bro. Hoopingarner.

Bro. Meador, of Anadarko, has taken unto himself a better half; he says the Rock Island bunch around there pounded holes in all the old tinware they could find, celebrating the occasion.

Bro. Harry (Pinkie) Cavin, telegrapher at Lawton, was hunting a few days last month; being relieved by a Mr. J. Turner.

Inez Dudley was relieved at Anadarko, second trick, by Mr. H. E. Ogle.

Operator Joice laid off a few days in December, being relieved by Bro. Meador and Telegrapher Berry.

Bro. Higgins is again at Carnegie.

Bro. Meador, of Anadarko, was off four days in January; relieved by Telegrapher Berry.

Mr. Berry has accepted Box Car Powers.

The new standard train order signals are being installed on the main line of the Oklahoma Division, and they are a great improvement over the old ones. Ye scribe has one at his office, and it's "fine biz," only he would like to have some cheap boy to climb it and put up the light on a windy, icy night. It makes a "feller" feel "kinder" weak on the backside of his knees when he gets down from the first trip; they are 31 feet high.

Haven't heard a word from any one in regard to holding division meetings; suppose by this that no one wants them. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. Williams is again with us after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Missouri. He was relieved by Mr. C. H. Fuller.

Bro. G. D. Lee, of Formoso, has returned from an extended visit through Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri, and is ready to give us a good write-up each month, if the brothers on the west end will render him assistance.

Our last meeting, at Belleville, was poorly attended. We all should avail ourselves of the opportunity to get together. Bro. Merrill gives sufficient notice of these meetings, and we have ample time to request our superintendent for transportation.

Mr. Fred. A. Lee, agent for the Rock Island at Roland, Ark., visited his brother, G. D. Lee, at Formoso, a few days recently, after an extended visit with his parents at New Madrid, Mo.

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Bro. Blauvelt, of Fairview, our assistant correspondent, reports that the boys on Morton line are making but few changes.

Bro. John Henry of Powhattan is getting tired of the branch line, and we understand he is trying for one of the nine-hour jobs.

Bro. Blauvelt, of Fairview, expects to spend several weeks at Hodgenville, Ky., as soon as he can secure relief.

Bro. H. Moore is again with us, working at Berwick until this station is filled by bulletin. Mr. W. A. Young leaves the service.

Mr. Lucas, of Lewiston, has resigned, and we understand is to try fruit farming in Colorado.

Bro. Couch, of Ellis, has bid in Montrose. We understand he is to be relieved by Mr. Geo. Manion, of "MU," Omaha.

Bro. Ray Manion has bid in third trick at Jansen; relieved, nights, at Scandia, by Mr. C. H. Fuller.

Bro. I. Leavitt has resigned the agency at Clatonia, to engage in other work. Have not heard who gets this station.

Bro. Ray Wells resigned first trick at Lincoln, to accept position as O. S. & D. clerk in Superintendent Brown's office, with a substantial increase in salary. First trick at Lincoln is bulletined, but at present writing have not heard who holds the lucky number. Mr. Goodlander, regular second trick man, is holding first trick until the place is filled. Mr. Goodlander, in turn, relieved Mr. A. R. Corwin.

The depot at Albright burned during the recent blizzard. Understand the boys saved all station records, and their personal belongings. They are using a box car until new depot is built.

I wish to thank Bro. Lee, on the west end, and Bro. Bauvelt, of the Horton line, for rendering assistance in this write-up. More of the brothers should come across with news, as it is next to impossible for the correspondent to do the job justice without help. If you have but one news item send it along, as it will be very thankfully received. E. M.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has deemed it wise to remove from this earth the beloved mother of our worthy Bro. C. E. Ingram; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of C. R. I. & P. Division, No. 126, extend to Bro. Ingram our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to Bro. Ingram, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. A. MERRILL,
E. C. GREEN,
W. E. SLEEPER,
Committee.

Chicago Terminal & Illinois Division—

We held no meeting in Chicago, February 13th, on account of poor attendance, and the annual election of officers had to be postponed. Every member was notified in ample time to have been present. We must do better than this. The meetings are for the sole benefit of the members, and they should at least be interested enough in their own welfare to attend.

Train Dispatcher Hicks, first trick, Peoria branch, is on the sick list. Extra Dispatcher Teeters is holding down the trick, while "Bro." L. C. Albright is filling in on Teeter's trick in "RK" message room.

Mr. H. Hanson, second trick at De Pue, is holding down 20th St. Rock Island, in place of Mr. J. H. Meehan, who was appointed depot ticket agent at 31st St., Rock Island, some time ago. The position was formerly filled by Bro. F. J. Meehan, from Davenport freight station, but understand he has returned to Davenport.

Telegrapher J. W. Nolan, an extra man from "MD," Morris, is holding down the second trick at De Pue.

We regret very much to hear of the death, at Peoria, of the mother of Telegrapher Wilson. He has our sincere sympathy.

The following are candidates for representative and alternate to represent us at the session of the Grand Division, soon to be held in Atlanta, Ga. Representative, C. D. Wagoner; alternate, W. F. Kay, of the Illinois Division, against J. F. Stewart and J. H. Wilson, of the Missouri Division. They are hustling for the honor.

The first trick at Washington Heights; second tricks at South Chicago, Morris, Depue and Bureau, were up for bids from February 1st to 10th. We have not learned to whom they were assigned.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Eastman, at Peoria, is off duty suffering with nasal trouble, which necessitated a surgical operation. Last reports are that he is at his home in Galesburg, and getting along fine.

We would like to hear from some of the brothers on the Peoria line, and will ask them to send items to the local chairman in time for them to reach him before the 25th of each month.

CERT. 1310.

Cedar Rapids Division—

We were certainly pleased to see the Minnesota Division come to the front with two newsy write-ups in the February TELEGRAPHER. They are starting the new year right.

We are sorry to report the critical condition of C. S. Stebbins, agent for United States Express Co., Independence, Ia., who at this writing is on his way to Arizona for his health. Mr. Stebbins has been agent at several different places on the Cedar Rapids and Dakota Divisions. We wish for his ultimate recovery.

Bro. D. C. Sterrett, of Riverside, was absent for a few days this month, attending the funeral of his step-mother, which occurred at Morning Sun. We extend our sympathy.

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Bro. G. W. Hunter, of Barnes City, took in the sights at Cedar Rapids, the 20th, and on the 21st went to Iowa City for treatment for his eyes, returning to work the following Monday. He was relieved by an extra W. U. T. man.

Bro. Orin Jenkins, at Elmira, has been transferred to our division.

Bro. McDonald, at West Branch, reports L. G. Owens as third trick man at that station.

We are very thankful to Bro. McDonald, of West Branch, for the assistance rendered in our write-up this issue, and hope that more brothers will take an interest and furnish at least one item for publication, which would help out materially.

CERT. 197.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Eastern Division—

On account of Division 129 having been poorly represented in THE TELEGRAPHER for the past few months, the writer is taking the liberty of "butting in," and hopes this action may induce others, who are more capable, to do likewise.

It is not for want of news nor for lack of capable writers that our division does not take up more space in THE TELEGRAPHER, but we are in the habit of waiting for the other fellow to do what we should attend to ourselves and while we know that we have neglected our duty in this respect, the first thing we do after receiving THE TELEGRAPHER is to go through it in search of L. S. & M. S. news.

The saddest event that has occurred in some time was the death of the wife and infant daughter of our local correspondent, Bro. C. P. Kane, of Dunkirk, N. Y., which occurred Thursday, February 4th. The remains were taken to Mrs. Kane's former home in Titusville the following evening. The brothers were unable to attend the funeral or to see Bro. Kane, but their hearts went out to him and he has the sympathy of one and all.

On February 4th, at Angola, N. Y., occurred the death of Mr. Walker, father of Bro. J. H. Walker, of Hillsdale, Mich., local chairman for the Michigan Division. Bro. Walker has the sympathy of all.

Bro. G. F. Lansill, of Buffalo, who has not been able to work since April, 1907, is steadily improving in health, and the doctors have prophesied he will recover. Bro. Lansill's trouble is curvature of the spine, causing partial paralysis. He wishes to thank the boys, one and all, for their help, although the subscription list was not started at his solicitation.

Bro. W. E. Wakely, of Athol Springs, N. Y., acted as treasurer for this fund, and at last accounts he had received in the neighborhood of $200, all of which has been turned over to Bro. Lansill. Bro. Wakely requests that those whose names appear on said list and who have not paid, to do so at once in order that the matter can be closed.

Bro. Kipp, of Blaisdell, N. Y., reports that Mrs. Kipp is able to be around, and that his son has also recovered after a week's illness; Mrs. Kipp was on the sick list about five weeks.

Bro. J. G. Frawley reports that Mrs. Frawley's health is greatly improved. Mrs. Frawley has had a long siege of it, and, sorry to say, a heavy blow in the loss of her mother, who died a short time ago. They have our sympathy, and we wish them health and better luck in the future.

The dispatchers' telephone is doing battle and the new test panels are being put into all the offices.

We understand that two or three night offices have been closed and telephones put up on the outside for the trainmen.

No doubt when business increases it will pay the railroads to have men where they can reach them rather than wait for trainmen to get in trouble and then "fone" the dispatcher about it.

There was a time a few years ago when there was no eight or nine hour law for telegraphers, and no O. R. T. Telegraphers were drawing $40 per month, and when business fell off, telegraph offices were closed, just as readily as they are closed today; the only difference, I'm told, being in the fact that there was no O. R. T. on whose shoulders they could lay the blame. Some of the old-timers, who have been here a number of years, say they have seen the dispatchers work twelve-hour tricks when expenses were being curtailed. Too bad all of us don't know all about these things.

UNKNOWN.

CARD OF THANKS.

Members of Division 129:

I desire to extend my sincere thanks to members of Division 129 for the beautiful floral piece and for sympathy extended during my recent great bereavement.

CHAS. P. KANE.

Michigan Division—

Telegrapher Guy Cunningham relieved at Holland during the absence of Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Snyder, at Wauseon, was off a few days, relieved by Telegrapher Kline.

Bro. Rudy Mecklenberg, second trick at Kendallville, is doing extra work at Three Rivers. It seems as though what extra men are on the list are incompetent, and they are having to call on regular men to fill in.

Telegrapher H. A. Beck is working at Kendallville during Bro. Meckelenberg's absence.

"13" Mike McGuire's "ham factory" is for sale. This is not intended for free advertising. It seems as though he has not met with success as an instructor, but for getting the money he's an expert. It seems to me telegraph schools are more of a benefit to us than a detriment; they turn out very few telegraphers, and discourage hundreds by taking their money and giving nothing in return.

Bro. Phibbs, of Three Rivers, has taken a short lay-off, and "13" he is taking in the sights of our western country.

CERT. 358.

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C. B. & Q. Ry.

Burlington Division—

If any of the brothers are kicking because there has been no news from our division in the last few issues of the journal, please do not blame the division correspondent, but send him items and keep quiet.

Bro. E. M. Stout has tendered his resignation, to take effect March 1st, and will accept a position as assistant cashier of the Birmingham bank. This will, of course, put Birmingham on the bulletin soon.

I wonder what has become of the big drove of operators that the company was figuring on when they started this telephone scheme? Right at the present time if some of us were to be called away from duty, I do not know how we would get relief, as there is not an extra man on the Burlington Division.

Some time ago a circular was received addressed to all agents reading as follows: "Please give name and age of student, if you have one, and say when he will be ready to go to work." Signed by the chief dispatcher. This would look as though they were in need of more men, but where can they expect to get them under existing conditions?

One year ago I had a standing offer from three young men, of this place, to set my price for teaching the art of telegraphy. At this time it would be words wasted to try and interest them in learning it. This is because the railroads have nothing worth while to offer them in return for their efforts and money spent in learning it.

We have a new man at Des Moines by the name of Lynn.

Mr. L. Leeper, of Geneva, Iowa, on the Iowa Central Railroad, was in Martinsburg, a few days ago, and made a call on the writer. He was once a member, but for some reason dropped out. I think with some work on the part of hustling brothers on his division, he could be persuaded to reconsider. If we drop out of the Order now, we are only nibbling at the bait on the companies' line, and will soon be found strung up like so many fish, on the "bank" line. (Please don't be a fish.)

In closing I wish to request all of you to send a few items each month if possible. Let us see if we cannot have as good a write-up as the rest of the Burlington divisions. I was ashamed of our division when, upon looking through THE TELEGRAPHER this month, I found all of the other lines well represented and our portion not included. Address all items to Martinsburg, Iowa, and don't forget to mail them. DIV. COR.

Wymore Division—

It has been ruled by the railroad officials that all grievances must first be handled with the chief dispatcher and division superintendent by the local chairman, before being carried up to the general managers. Any brother having a grievance should be governed accordingly. Don't hunt for trouble, but if you should have a grievance do not hesitate to have it straightened out, as we have been assured that all would receive a square deal.

Have you paid your dues for the present term? If not, why not?

Bro. Cook, days at Syracuse, has been relieving Bro. Skinkle, agent at Palmyra, as Bro. Skinkle is on the sick list. A Mr. Stewart, from Rulo, relieved Bro. Cook.

"13" the phone men between Atchison and Rulo received an extra ten on their January pay checks.

F. C. Johnson, Humboldt, took a vacation recently. He was relieved by Bro. Harper.

Mr. E. S. Dunn, who has been traveling auditor for some time, has been made agent at McCook.

Bro. Zettle, who has been doing the heavy stunt at Cuba, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Harris, for a number of years freight man at Superior, relieved Mr. F. B. Fuller as agent at Hanover. Mr. Fuller is going to farm.

Bro. Jessup, agent at Johnson, has been enjoying a 30 days' leave of absence, visiting in Salt Lake City. He was relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Paul Blankenship, phoner-agent at Blue Springs, recently caused quite a bunch of excitement by leaving his station between two suns. At first foul play was feared, but later a telegram announced his safe arrival at Ogden, and that he would not return.

Mr. A. G. Smart, who has been on this division a number of years, and chief dispatcher for the past four or five years, has been appointed train master at McCook. Mr. L. O. Murdock has been promoted to position of chief dispatcher at Wymore, Mr. Jackson filling the night chief's chair.

Mr. Hadsell, nights at Fortescue, recently enjoyed a two weeks' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Harper.

Bro. P. C. Jones was recently transferred from days at Concordia to agent at Morrow. He was relieved by Mr. Skyrme, a "fone" man from Hollis.

We have a number of nons on this division; in fact, they are too numerous. Cannot the brothers make a hard try to line some of them up? The Wymore Division is one of the best organized divisions on the system, but there is still room for improvement. Let us all get busy. If you want the names write to the local chairman.

No card, no favors. DIV. COR.

Sheridan Division—

Bro. Bradley, of Frannie, has resigned, and returned to Indiana. We understand he was relieved by Bro. Robt. Butler, recently from the C. N.

A telegrapher has been put on at Kirby, days, to assist the Agent Bro. Stall.

Bro. J. F. Mills, formerly of Sheridan relay offices, to Kirby, days, relieving Bro. Stall. Don't know where Stall goes.

Mr. Geo. Taylor, formerly helper at Newcastle, relieved Local Chairman Meehan for a day, while Bro. Meehan went to Sheridan to transact business. Upon Bro. Meehan's return Mr. Taylor

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went to Manderson, in the place of Mr. W. Mallison, who has been relieving Bro. Sipe. Bro. Sipe is on the sick list. Mr. W. Mallison went to Lovell to relieve Bro. Mangrum, while he is on a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Hinman, one of the genial assistants from Toluca, third trick, has gone to Newcastle, third trick, relieving Mr. Brindley. Mr. Brindley goes to Ballantine to relieve Mr. Chillson, who has resigned.

Bro. Butler transferred from Frannie, nights, to Toluca, second trick. Frannie has been closed nights.

Mr. Burton takes third trick at Toluca. He has been working second trick at that point.

Mr. M. J. Fox goes from Moorcroft, third trick, to Arvada, second trick, on bulletin; relieving Bro. Smith, who goes to Moorcroft.

The night office at Dewey has been closed. Bro. Powers goes to Clifton as night man, relieving Cliff Thomas, who has been working temporarily.

Bro. Jacobs, from the Union Pacific, relieved A. P. Brown, at Clearmont, third trick. Mr. Brown left the service.

Mr. C. C. Vaughn, cashier at Newcastle, is taking a vacation.

Bro. Carl Kugland, formerly agent at Cambria, is holding down the county assessor's job, having been elected to that position some time ago.

Bro. Smith, at Moorecroft, third trick, resigned, and was relieved by Bro. Kesinger, from Rozet, on account Rozet closed. Rozet re-opened and Bro. Kesinger was sent there to resume duty. He was relieved at Moorcroft by Bro. Federick, from Osage. Mrs. Federick is holding Osage, having relieved her husband at that place.

Bro. E. E. Law is holding a job in the freight house at Sheridan, and expects soon to be transferred to an agency.

A brother requested me to ask the opinion of the members on the division, relative to holding a meeting and entertainment in Sheridan, some time in May. I believe we could depend on our superintendent and chief to assist us, by arranging to let the members off to attend such a meeting, where possible. Let us have your opinion.

Before this issue of the journal reaches you, you will have elected a local chairman and delegate together with an alternate for the Grand Convention in May, held at Atlanta, Ga.

I have been honored with the nomination for the position I now hold, and if re-elected will continue to work for the good of the Order, as I have been trying to do in the past. Let me thank one and all for the able support given me while holding the chairmanship, and should some other brother be elected to supersede me, I trust you will give him your hearty support. Every brother and sister has done his duty toward building up the division which ranks as high, if not higher, than any other on the system. Bros. Kesinger and Hinman, my two able assistants, have certainly done their share, and they can not be too highly commended.

J. P. MEEHAN, *L. C.*

Sterling Division—

Bro. W. M. Feary transferred from Curtis to Mitchell; being relieved by a Mr. Booth, from the C. & S.

Bro. H. P. Schroeder has returned to Scotts Bluff, after a few days' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. B. O. Jordan, who has been with Uncle Sam for the past year.

Bro. F. A. Bullock, formerly at Wellfleet, is now located at Brush, as cashier.

The station name of Mercer, Colo., has been changed to Peetz, Colo., to agree with the name of the Post Office. There being another Mercer in the State.

Bro. S. J. O'Connor writes a cheerful line from his new location at Elsie, Neb., where he is cashier in the Commercial State Bank.

Diphtheria is said to have invaded the home of Bro. Broughton, at Venango, carrying away one of his little ones, but we have failed to learn any definite news as to this misfortune. Understand the station has been quarantined.

We are up for re-election as local chairman, and whether elected or not, we wish to thank one and all for the interest taken in the affairs of the organization during the past.

If you have a grievance take it up with the local chairman, instead of the general chairman, and when you start to have a grievance adjusted, don't spoil it by resigning your position. Our Chief Dispatcher Mr. J. C. Coughlin now bulletins all vacancies by telegraph. This is appreciated by all concerned.

Bro. B. O. Jordan, who joined the signal corps about a year ago is again with us, being at this writing located at Bridgeport, handling third trick.

J. T. MADDOX.

St. Joseph Division—

We hope to see St. Joe Division the strongest on the Q., and if we get busy it will be but a matter of a very short time until we reach that point.

In the January journal reference was made to Bro. R. R. Field as a non-member; this was simply an oversight, as Bro. Field is one of our staunchest members.

J. D. Morgan, at Forbes, was off for a few days; relieved by E. C. Baird. Bro. H. E. Millen working Mr. Baird's place.

Fairfax bulletined; Bro. Newlon having bid in Weston.

Bro. Henderson, second trick at Nishuabotua, filling vacancy at Nebraska City Junction, until bulletin closes.

Nishuabotua has been closed indefinitely as a night office.

Bro. W. E. Atherton, second trick at Hamburg, sick and off duty one night; relieved by Telegrapher T. L. York.

Bro. W. L. Harper, first trick at Council Bluffs, enjoyed a few days' vacation; relieved by Mr. York, third trick man at Council Bluffs. Mr. York relieved by Mr. J. Hayes.

Bro. G. W. Courier, night man at Nishna, has traded positions with Bro. W. M. Henderson,

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night man at Bigelow. Nishna has been closed as a night office, and Bro. Henderson has gone to Nebraska City Junction, nights.

Telegrapher York, of Council Bluffs, off duty for a few days, on account of the death of his mother, at Watson. This left Telegraphers Hayes and Huartson to work twelve-hour tricks at Council Bluffs for several days.

Bro. F. A. Arnold and wife spent Sunday in Council Bluffs. COR.

Brookfield Division—

The following offices have been opened on bulletin: Agency, Anabel; second trick, Woodland; third tricks, Kearney and Stewartsville; first trick, Meadville, and third trick, Bucklin.

We look for a number of desirable offices to open in March, but there has not been much interest taken in the bulletins lately. Is every one satisfied?

I wish the brothers would make it a practice to forward the division correspondent an account of what takes place on the division, and not expect him to gather the news without assistance.

Bro. G. E. Chipman, of Monroe, off duty a few days, on his honeymoon. We extend our heartiest congratulations.

Mr. E. S. Hamm has resumed duty at Withers Mill. Bro. Withers has returned to Hunnewell.

"YD" office, at Brookfield, has been closed temporarily. Bro. Rightmire has gone to Meadville, extra, first trick, and Bro. Leaton to Shelbina. We are unable to learn where the other brother went.

Bro. R. E. Leake is working at Moody, second trick.

Bro. Stevens, of Hunnewell, is contemplating a trip to California, in the near future.

Bro. W. I. Ritter secured Anabel agency on bulletin, and began duty there the 18th.

The general committee will meet in Chicago, the first week in March, to elect officers, and finish negotiations with the railroad officials for the revised schedule.

Mr. Wm. McCue off duty one night, attending a hop; relieved by Bro. Shackleford.

Bro. R. K. Sturgis secured first trick at Meadville, on bulletin.

Bro. Sprague is working second trick, and Mr. H. L. Clark is working third trick at Lathrop, until the second trick is bulletined and awarded.

Bro. Wood at Kearney, retains third trick there. The hours at Clarence did not suit his taste.

Bro. C. A. Bittleston secured second trick at Woodland, on bulletin.

Mr. B. W. Welch bid in third trick at Stewartsville.

Bro. Nolan, of the "YD" office, is back at Bucklin, second trick, and R. E. O'Neil goes back from second trick to third at Bucklin.

Bro. Weatherly secured third trick at Clarence, on bulletin.

Bro. Deems is off a few days, on account sickness, and is relieved by Bro. O. Smith, the regular second trick man. Bro. Yount is filling second place, while Bro. Smith is doing the extra stunt.

Bro. Pierron off a few days, visiting in St. Louis; relieved by Bro. Yount, the regular relief telegrapher for Osborn station. ASST. L. C.

La Crosse Division—

George P. Lyman, assistant general freight agent, with headquarters at St. Paul, was in La Crosse a week ago on business.

J. O. Schelvan, a car repairer at Grand Crossing yards, was run down and instantly killed by a switch engine a couple of weeks ago.

An extra going south on the evening of February 7th, got a car off the track about two miles north of Prairie du Chien, and delayed trains Nos. 48 and 50 a couple of hours, waiting for track to be cleared.

Mr. Judson and our Superintendent Mr. D. Cunningham came down from St. Paul several weeks ago and spent the night at La Crosse, and the next morning continued their trip South on a special.

Telegrapher Hastings, of Charme, attended court at La Crosse this month, and also visited many of his friends.

Business has begun to pick up within the last couple of weeks.

There is a great deal of coal passing through for points west.

Bro. Krueger, of South Junction, has been visiting at East Dubuque for a couple of weeks. He intends to leave the service this spring, and go into the poultry business.

Bro. J. E. Flanagan was sick the early part of this month, but has recovered and is at his key again.

Bro. C. E. Dyer, of De Soto, has been transferred to Grand Crossing depot, second trick.

Mr. Gus Simonson, freight conductor on this division for several years, has been promoted to the position as freight car inspector

There has been a great deal of talk of putting the phones in on this division, and cutting the wages when they are in. Don't get frightened, talk is cheap.

The ice dealers of La Crosse are shipping a great deal of ice from La Crosse over our line to points south. COR.

Alliance & Sheridan Division—

Telegrapher S. S. Parkison, who has been working third trick at Anselmo, for the past six weeks, has returned to his old trick at Whitman.

Bro. Alstadt has been transferred from the agency at Dunning to second trick at Anselmo. Understand the change was made on account of ill-health.

Bro. W. H. Zobole, from second trick to third trick, Anselmo.

Bro. W. H. Prettyman is off a few days, relieved by Bro. Thompson, an extra agent.

Bro. Fox has left the service; understand he has gone to California.

Telegrapher W. O. Marcy is working third trick at Whitman.

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Bro. McKinnie is working second at Ellsworth.

Bro. L. A. Nott has left the service and gone west.

Telegrapher A. J. Nelson has been transferred to Deadwood as wire chief.

I understand the "fone" is giving very poor satisfaction on the high line; it is in trouble about half the time and it is almost impossible to receive common messages over it, on account of so many words sounding alike. In some instances they use the number of the letter in the alphabet; for example, they would spell the word "and" thus: "1-14-4." This seems as though the "fone" was making very short strides toward success.

B. L. Livingston bid in the agency at Hill City, recently.

E. A. Chambers has returned to Custer after his vacation.

Bro. L. D. Parrin, at Mystic, seems to be the lucky one, he being allowed to keep his instruments in on account of the "Windy and Dusty" getting so many messages.

Bro. A. F. Dagaard is working third trick at Seneca.

Dispatcher Helpbringer is taking a vacation. He is relieved by Extra Dispatcher Coleman.

Bro. Broich and Bro. Williams are working second and third tricks at Crawford.

Bro. Fountain, at Whitman, has the pleasure of looking through a bay window, but he claims he experienced some cold weather before it was completed.

Telegrapher Miller is working third trick at Ellsworth.

Mr. McCarthy has at last made a fortune and says no more railroading in his for awhile. Understand he has bought a hotel at Hemingford, and intends running it. CERT. 1307.

Ottumwa Division—

Bro. F. G. Graham, first trick at Biggsville Cabin, is off duty a few days, relieved by Bro. L. A. White.

Bro. I. A. Sharon, of Biggsville Station, absent from his post about a week or so, relieved by Bro. L. A. White. Understand he spent some of his time visiting relatives and friends in Iowa.

Mr. J. L. Stafford has moved back to Cameron, and is now second trick telegrapher at that place.

Bro. L. S. Grabow relieved Mr. Stafford at Biggsville Cabin. Bro. Grabow has just returned from a visit with home folks.

Mr. C. D. Wynne, recently agent at Avery, resigned and has accepted a joint position with Wells-Fargo and Rock Island Southern R. R. at Monmouth.

J. W. Booth has been transferred from third trick at Melrose to second trick at Woodburn. He was relieved by Bro. J. M. Carr, from Tower 307.

Mr. L. A. Mitchell relieved Bro. Carr, second trick at Tower 307.

Bro. G. R. Goorough has resigned second trick at Maxon to go west. Understand he will locate in the Big Horn basin.

Bro. C. A. Johnson, third trick at Maxon, is filling second while third trick is bulletined. Think he will draw it permanently.

Bro. A. G. Straley has the small-pox, and is quarantined. The Glendale station was closed for several days. Bro. Mat Hayes, of Beckwith, is relieving Bro. Straley.

Beckwith has been made a twelve-hour trick. Suppose this is only in effect while Bro. Hayes is at Glendale.

Mr. G. E. Van Meter is agent at Avery at present.

Bro. I. G. Miller, third trick at Mt. Pleasant, is on vacation. He is relieved by Bro. Bartlett, a new man. Bro. Miller is viewing sights in the East, and will attend the inauguration of Mr. Taft at Washington, D. C., before returning.

Mr. J. H. Baldwin, a new man, is working third trick at Batavia.

Bro. W. A. Littleton, third trick, New London, has been to Maxon looking over the ground there. Did not learn whether he decided to bid for the third trick or not.

Bro. M. B. Ambercrombie, second trick, Albia, has just returned from a 30-day vacation, taking in California and other Western States, and reports a general good time. He was relieved by Mr. J. L. Graham.

Bro. B. C. Roberts, agent at Beckwith, was off duty about two weeks, on account of having to take his wife to Fairfield to have an operation performed for appendicitis. Getting along very well at last report. Bro. Roberts was relieved by Bro. O. E. McBride.

Bro. F. A. Sense, of Fairfield, second trick, off a few days, and relieved by Bro. L. J. White, recently from the Santa Fe.

Bro. O. E. McBride, after relieving at Beckwith went to Woodburn.

Let us make the Ottumwa Division solid from one end to the other. We have a good start and the nons are getting scarce. We have one of the best divisions on the system, and it is only through hard work that it has been put in that condition. Let us not fail to keep it so. If you have a non working with you or at the next station where you can get at him handy, do not let up on him until you have his application. We certainly made a good showing here, and now let us see if we can not make it better and stronger than ever.

By the time this appears in print the Ottumwa Division will have a new local chairman and I feel sure that we will find in Bro. Walters one who will do the business. He is a hard worker and none can excel him at securing new members. Owing to individual effort the division is in far better shape than ever before; practically every member on the division is taking an interest and getting every non in sight. We have several applications on hand, with promises of money March pay day.

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Only three "foners" on this division and they all have up-to-date cards.

Some parts of the division look especially good, especially Cameron to Agency, inclusive.

It makes us feel good to see such old-timers as J. B. McKenna, J. L. Stafford, John Collins and J. W. Walsh with us. These are the kind that stick when they do come.

It is hard for me close this, my first attempt, without saying something about the men on this division who have received the greatest benefits from the organization and are not willing to give ene cent in return. The first trick jobs at Chariton and Osceola have each received an increase of not less than $12.00 per month for more than two years, due to the efforts of the organization, but still the men located at those places say they did not get what was coming to them. There is another case where Bro. Johnson, after a hard fight, succeeded in getting $98.00 back pay for a certain telegrapher. In looking over some correspondence a few days ago I notice where he tells Bro. Johnson he is sending application and that he would never again be without a card. He paid up one term's dues after making that statement. If I had the postage I have wasted on him since I could go to Atlanta.

Bro. Walters will give you all the news in his write-up. I wish every member on this division would drop him a card about the 24th. He will do the rest.

Thanking you all for the support you have given me, I am Yours fraternally,

G. A. SHIELDS.

Hannibal Division—

We will again undertake to give the Hannibal Division a write-up, but as we have received nothing from the boys, we will have to do it partially by guess work.

Bro. G. W. Davis is doing the stunt at Patterson.

Telegrapher N. T. Block is working at Viele, and Mr. D. L. Davis at Canton.

Bro. R. E. Ainge, of Saverton, was off a few days last month on account of the death of his uncle. He was relieved by Telegrapher Stratman.

Bro. T. A. Powell has landed third trick at Elsberry; did not learn who took his place at McIntosh.

Mr. W. T. Mitts, of Clarksville, was off duty a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Stratman.

We do not know who secured the agency at South Troy or Hawk Point, nights. Some brother would do us a favor by keeping us informed. We have plenty of work before us, so keep a stout heart and our cause can not fail. Great fortunes are standing evidences of small wages. Millionaires are not uncommon, and stories of poverty and distress are coming from every city in the land. The day of unorganized and individual job hunters is passing away; wise men organize and combine, foolish men compete and fight each other. Well knowing the value of organization, capital combines and makes greater profits. Small or individual capital makes little profit, and the big combinations laugh at the chumps, and soon swallows them up.

Never in the world's history has there been so much organization as now, doctors, lawyers, manufacturers and farmers are organized.

The laboring class is awakening, and organizing more rapidly than ever before, and when we learn to vote together our "masters" will treat us with more respect.

Mr. James C. Ridpath, the famous historian, whose works have been used for years in the public schools, says "the privileged class has no conscience on the subject of privilege," and all the histories of the world do not show a single instance where the rights of labor have ever been restored without a struggle, after once they have been taken away. This means that it is absolutely essential that labor organize to maintain its rights. It is of vital importance that we get the facts instilled in the minds of our brother workers, which will arouse them to supreme efforts and cause our organization to grow by leaps and bounds. Each brother can help to some extent at least. Will you do it? We need volunteer workers, will you be one? These words are addressed to each and every one of you CERT. 436.

Galesburg Division—

Mr. T. R. Wray, of Augusta, is working at Plymouth, relieving Agent Heston, while he is on vacation.

Bro. V. H. Austin, of Camp Point, is at Augusta, relieving Mr. Wray.

Bro. J. E. Flack, of Colchester, off duty three days, taking a short rest; relieved by Bro. W. H. Harris, of Bardolph.

All will be pleased to learn that Bro. Harris's hand is getting along nicely, and he will soon be able to use it again.

Bro. Farrell, of Fowler, is working extra as agent at St. Augustine, while Mr. Haden is sick. We hope Mr. Haden will soon be able to resume duty.

Bro. C. E. Brown and wife were visiting in Quincy, betwen trains, January 31st.

Bro. Waldron, of "QD," Quincy, visiting between trains at Bushnell, January 31st.

Bro. A. A. Graves is building a fine residence at Camp Point, to cost between $3,000.00 and $3,500.00. We are all well pleased to know that Bro. Graves is able to afford this fine home.

Most all the delinquents are paying up, and I wish to thank them for their prompt replies to letters sent them. Such service is appreciated.

Bro. Roy Ward, of Augusta, has landed the evening trick at Rock Island depot, relieving Mr. Rector; can not say where Mr. Rector is going.

Mr. Florence, of "GT" relay office, spent a Sunday with Bro. F. S. Omer, of Camp Point, during the month.

Bro. Bower, of Camp Point, enjoyed a vacation during the month. I understand he has become a benedict. While off he and Mrs. Bower visited

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his home, Clinton, Ia., and Chicago. Relieved by Bro. R. H. Gray.

Mr. Murphy, agent at Golden, off duty a few days; relieved by second trick Telegrapher Fowler, who in time was relieved by Bro. Austin.

Bro. Gray, first trick at Prospect Street, Galesburg yards, off for two days; relieved by Bro. Brothers, from Seminary Street. Brothers was relieved by Phoner Allen, extra.

Bro. German, from Seminary Street, Galesburg yards, to Oak Hill, extra; did not hear who he relieved there.

Bro. Root, at Knoxville, has been on the sick list; relieved by Bro. German, but is O. K. again.

A few members on the Quincy branch seem to have a misunderstanding in regard to the case of Bro. C. R. Gray, at Quincy passenger station. They seem to be under the impression that Bro. Gray was not given a "square" deal. For the benefit of any one who may happen to entertain this view, I will say that Bro. Gray, while in Galesburg, told Mr. Fuller and our local chairman that the move was perfectly satisfactory to him, and it was taken for granted that such was the case. So far as is known Bro. Gray is satisfied, and the kicking seems to be done by other members, who it appears were not informed.

Our local chairman has received no suggestions from any of the brothers in regard to holding meetings. He would be glad to hear from any one on the subject. A place should be selected that would be convenient for all the members.

One thing more: I would like to request that each and every member who hears something of interest to the members of this division, make a note of it and forward to the correspondent. In this way, and no other, can we be represented in the journal each month.

We notice that Bro. Fling has returned from his trip through the West. He is located somewhere on the north end, but is not at work.

Conductor Rogers, formerly of the Peoria Local, is relieving Bro. German at Seminary Street, extra.

It was very comical to hear Bros. Brandon and Saunders tell of the many excuses they encountered while organizing, and how the boys would keep stepping backward until they reached the door, then skidoo as soon as they found out what their business was. COR.

McCook Division—

Mr. W. H. Gilbert, third trick at Akron, left the service; relieved by Bro. R. E. Chapin, temporarily. Chapin was later transferred to Roggen, third trick; relieved at Akron by Bro. F. W. Cowart, from Holbrook.

Understand that Bro. Paul Jones has got Eckley, permanently. He is going to cut out the extra agents stunt, and settle down. G. S. Scott, of McCook is now acting as extra agent; however, I do not think this will be permanent.

C. F. Avery, second trick at Akron, took a trip to Roggen a few days ago, ostensibly to visit Bro. Chapin.

Bro. A. C. Hugg and family spent Sunday in Trenton with his parents, returning to Akron, Monday.

I find upon going over the line west of McCook that there are a few students. This should, by all means, be discontinued. If an agent, with what help the company furnishes, can not keep up the work, he should be willing to change stations, if necessary, in preference to harboring a student. If this plant were adhered to, methinks the company would 'ere long provide more help in some of our "roasts," of which there is no scarcity on this division.

We are in receipt of a letter from Bro. C. E. Sandberg, now at Deming, N. M., who states that he has gained five pounds since arriving there. He is staying on a ranch two and a half miles out of town, taking plenty of exercise, and is getting along nicely in every way. I give these particulars, as I feel sure the entire division is interested, and all join in wishing him steady improvement. We hope to hear from him often.

Bro. Geo. Spahn, at Culbertson, second trick, recently took a lay off, and embarked on a matrimonial voyage. All brothers who have not asked for a cigar, should do so at once.

Bro. Huston, at Yuma, met with an accident, and is laying off.

Bro. A. R. Jones, who recently left this division, is now with the Northern Pacific, at Belnap, Mont.

Pinneo has been made an agency with J. G. Colfer as agent. The company has erected a new depot at that place.

We understand the people at Max Siding are trying hard to get a depot with an agent. Hope they succeed.

The young son of Bro. Chambers, at Stratton, is very sick with diphtheria.

The Culbertson to Imperial branch is now equipped with the "phones."

Bro. Weyl, at Trenton, is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Hanks, lately returned from Denver. Bro. Hanks bumped at Trenton by Bro. Anderson, and is now visiting friends at Stratton.

Telegrapher Showalter, who has been acting as agent at Eckley, goes back on night trick, now that Bro. Paul Jones has taken that station.

We understand that while traffic was being delayed by a freight wreck in McCook yard, Bro. Weyl, at Trenton, and Mr. Baily, at Stratton, were both held on duty three hours overtime in order to get No. 76 to McCook.

Business seems to be fairly good judging from the number of extras moving. Much corn and hay going west, also sugar moving east.

There are several nons along the line who should receive an invitation to get in line. Brothers, if you have one in your office, see that he is furnished with the necessary blanks.

Come again boys, with your news, I assure you each effort on your part will be appreciated, not only by me, as correspondent, but by the entire division as well. All items should be mailed so as to reach me not later than the 19th of each month. DIV. COR.

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Atlantic Coast Ry.

Lakeland District—

Another month has rolled around, and we have not been standing still. There have been changes, and new members. The latter being very gratifying to us.

Mr. F. A. Black, agent at Trilby, promoted to the agency at Dunnellon. This is quite a big jump for Mr. Black, who has been on the district but a short time.

Mr. W. H. Hoffman, formerly at Dunnellon, goes to Lakeland, as agent, succeeding Mr. C. A. Robinson. Have not learned where Mr. Robinson goes.

Mr. J. E. Barnes goes to Trilby as agent.

Bro. W. Brantley, local chairman, has been assigned the Dade City agency; relieving Mr. R. J. McCutchen. Understand Mr. McCutchen is leaving the service.

Martel agency is being handled by Mr. J. W. Griffis, formerly first trick at Trilby.

Homosassa agency has been given to Mr. F. M. McCutchen, at $40.00 per month. Mr. J. F. Harbage, the "ham," who accepted it at a reduction of $20.00 per, having been dismissed from the service.

Inverness agency, transferred from Bro. F. E. Henry to Mr. R. M. Selvidge. Understand Bro. Henry goes to Winter Haven agency.

The following positions are now on bulletin list: Agency at Wauchula, first trick at Trilby, and clerk-telegrapher position at Wauchula.

We hope the next list of transfers will show the names of a much larger number of brothers. The list this month is made up, largely, of the agents who do not telegraph, which, of course, is no reason why they should not be members of our organization.

Notes are scarce this month, and time limited, but we hope that after election of officers, and the local board gets down to work we can get a thoroughly up-to-date report from the district every month. We also expect to see a much larger percentage of members than at present.

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Waycross District—

The old Waycross District has been hustling for new members this month, and not without success. The latest is Bro. H. T. Horne, of Brookfield, son of our faithful brother and former agent, J. N. Horne. We welcome this young brother into our ranks and extend to him all the friendship for which the O. R. T. stands.

Bro. W. P. Horne, another son of Bro. J. N. Horne, has left the service and is interested in the drug business. We wish him success in his new line of work.

Bro. H. L. Davis has been assigned to agency at Baconton, vice Bro. G. L. Youmans, who goes to Willacoochee as clerk-telegrapher. This sends Bro. Youmans back home.

Bro. J. T. Bramlett and wife are visiting relatives in Albany. They were but recently married, and we wish them a happy life. Mr. W. E. Holley is relieving Bro. Bramlett at Dupont.

Bro. G. J. McCreary, of Albany, has been off duty for some days at the bedside of a very sick child. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. McCreary and his wife at this time. Mr. H. E. Pearce is holding down the third trick at the yard during Bro. McCreary's absence.

Am very sorry to report that Bro. B. L. Stephens, agent at Homerville, was suddenly stricken with rheumatism, a few days ago, and had to be taken home. We trust he will soon recover.

Bro. H. M. Morris, from Nahunta, was in Waycross, a few nights ago, shaking hands with friends..

Bro. J. G. Kirkland, of Tarber, is on ten days' vacation, and attended the opera in Waycross, recently. He has also been visiting friends and relatives in Alabama.

Bro. Austin, of Valdosta, has taken a vacation.

Mr. H. B. Graddy, first trick telegrapher at Waycross yard office, left for his home in Alabama, three or four months ago, on account of illness of relatives, and has not returned.

We understand that Bro. D. B. Harrell, of Lake City has resigned because he was moved against his wishes. The official wanted him to go to Dupont. We are sorry that Bro. Harrell did not take the usual course in such cases, as we are quite sure he would have been permitted to return to his regular place. He was relieved at Lake City by Mr. Nobles.

Mr. J. W. Dickson has been assigned to the Savannah District, and Bro. L. T. Wasdin, from Winokur, comes to Waynesville.

Brother O. C. Kight has left us and is now working extra on the Lakeland District. He was last heard from at Bowling Green, Fla.

Bro. G. S. Perry has been assigned third trick at Dupont.

Bro. O. L. Dunn, of Pidcock nights, is spending a few days among friends at Fitzgerald being relieved by Mr. P. T. Jones.

Bro. L. E. Maloney, formerly agent at Pidcock, has been assigned to Hildreth nights. He was relieved at Pidcock by Mr. L. J. Murray.

We had two or three members on the honor roll in January. Can't we make a better showing in March?

CRACKER.

Gainesville District—

On account of having received very few notes it will be impossible to contribute much at this time, but Gainesville District must be represented each month during the present year. If the members will forward to the local chairman all items of interest by the 20th of each month, we will be represented regularly.

This division boasts of having a member who attended the Chattanooga convention, held in

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1892. This member is none other than Bro. J. N. Craig, agent at Tarpon Springs. Bro. Craig has been nominated as a delegate from this division to attend the grand convention to be held in Atlanta next May, and we are sure the members will make no mistake in electing him. He and Bro. Wheeler would make first-class representatives.

Bro. R. A. Boyd, formerly at Newberry is now holding down Wilcox.

The telegraph service has been discontinued at Trenton and the agency is now in charge of Mr. J. S. Slocum. Bro. A. W. Smith, who was located there as agent when it was a telegraph station, is in business at that point.

Haynesworth nights is now filled by Bro. R. W. Best, who was formerly on the Savannah District. This is one of the offices that was opened in order to evade the nine-hour law. Burnetts Lake was a day and night office until March 4th, 1908, then Haynesworth was opened at night and Burnetts Lake closed.

Mr. A. B. Collins is now working third at Lake Butler.

Have no notes from the south, so can't give anything from that end.

We expect to see Bro. Thompson re-elected local chairman, and the members co-operate with him in getting the division solidly organized. I am willing to do my part, not only willing, but anxious, and I shall begin work without waiting for anyone else. We can make this district 90 per cent strong in sixty days if we make an effort in that direction. DIV. COR.

Richmond District, South—

It is with a feeling of regret that I commence to write these items, as they are probably the last ones on which I will have the assistance of Bro. Boswell, of Contenta, he having declined to accept renomination for local chairman. I believe, however, that he will continue to render some assistance, as he is too earnest a worker to sit down and let things run themselves. He is always found in the front ranks when there is anything to be done.

His probable successor, however, is a very good man, and one in whom we have a great deal of confidence, as he has filled the position with credit in the past.

We note with regret that Bro. A. B. Williams has left the service on account of having been suspended for 15 days while agent at Sharpsburg. That agency was bulletined and given to Mr. A. A. Hamilton, first trick man at Elm City.

Assignments have been made on bulletin as follows: R. B. Hutson to Elm City second trick; O. H. Harvey to Kenly second trick; R. D. Jones to Elrod second trick; J. M. Scott to Rennert second trick; J. L. Rawlings to Latta second trick; C. E. Teague to Fayetteville third trick; G. T. Gaines to Latta third trick; L. L. Jeffreys to Elm City first trick, promoted from second; A. L. Reynolds to Fayetteville second trick, going from Benson, N. C., third trick.

J. E. Foster goes to Pembroke second trick. He is a new man. Cannot say whom he relieves.

There are now eight third tricks, two second and one first trick on bulletin.

In addition there will be the first trick at Wilson to bulletin, as Bro. Roberson, who has been in the service for a number of years was recently cut off on account of failure to stand the examination required by the relief department, although he was already a member. It is such actions as this that makes the relief department so obnoxious to a large number of employes, and not the telegraphers alone.

A law will yet be passed regulating this matter, even though some few telegraphers are opposed to it. There is justice behind it and justice, though ofttimes long delayed, will prevail.

DIV. COR.

C. C. C. & St. L. Ry.

Chicago Division, East—

We are again nearing the good old summer time, and find business steadily increasing, and understand that old railroad heads predict that business will be as strong as ever within six weeks after the inauguration, and we trust that it will.

February found us with some pretty severe weather, but, in general, everything moved along nicely, except the nons, and, although I understand they are coming in faster at the present time than ever before, I think there could be a great deal of improvement on this division. We find a bunch of new men on the road from time to time; I would like to remind the brothers who are coming in contact with them that it is their duty to find out whether they are members, and if not ascertain the reason why, and if no good reason, it's up to you to get busy. It is an utter impossibility for your chairman to keep in touch with all these men, although it would not be if each member took the interest he should. If you are afraid to approach the men, kindly drop me a line, and I will endeavor to do what I can to relieve them of the pall under which they rest, but you certainly understand that more good can be done in five minutes' talk than in writing a hundred letters. A non can exercise more nerve in writing than in talking to a man personally, and therefore all kinds of excuses are put forth on paper. This being the case I urge the brothers to take enough interest to keep in touch with the extra men who from time to time are bound to cross your paths. I am ever so much pleased with some of the new men, especially those from the C. & O. and B. & O., as it seems they understand what organization means.

We certainly ought to be ashamed of the lack of enthusiasm we are showing. Not long ago there came to my ears this spiel from a non, "No one even said any thing to me about joining;" of course, he was as much to blame as any one, but nevertheless he got in line after being reminded

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there was such a thing as an organization which embraced telegraphers. These brothers from the above mentioned roads are used to seeing things move lively, and I thank them for the interest they have already shown, although they have only been here a short time.

Brothers, I wish to impress emphatically on your minds that the welfare of the organization rests with you, as a body. If you are dormant so is the organization, if you are enthusiastic the organization prospers. Your organization is precisely what you make it.

I am inclined to think that you expect too much of the chairman. The feeling seems to prevail that the chairman is the man to look out for all the ills to which the organization is heir, and it is up to him to pilot it through. Brothers, we are pulling up stream, and the responsibility of rowing rests with each and every one alike. Remember this and do your part, and the organization will prosper.

I am unable to give you much news this writing, as no items were received from along the line, so all you fellows who laid off, or secured new members will understand why no mention was made of it.

Bros. A. I. and B. L. Paramore, of Fairland, are off several days, owing to the death of their mother.

Bro. S. G. Martin is off several days on account of the death of Mrs. Martin's mother.

Bro. Hall, from the B. & O., is relieving Bro. Lang.

We are glad to hear Sister Andrews' familiar fist again, after passing through a siege of mumps.

Bro. C. S. Richey, of Fairland, is off at present. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to bear to that eternal home the dearly beloved mother of Bros. A. I. and B. L. Paramore, also the mother-in-law of Bro. S. G. Martin; be it hereby

Resolved, That C. C. C. & St. L. Division No. 138, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brothers and families, our most heartfelt sympathies in this their bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved brothers, and a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. O. BRINKMAN,
J. M. DUPPS,
M. H. DARLING,
Committee.

Cleveland and Indianapolis Division—

No union can live without the support of its membership. There is a lack of enthusiasm along the line, especially in regard to interesting non-members and inducing them to join our ranks. Do you think it is right to impose upon a few brothers, by letting them do all the work? Wake up and take an interest, and it will be but a short time until this division is solid.

The second trick at Harper is surely an undesirable job. Nine telegraphers have worked there since October.

At this writing the following vacancies have been advertised: Second tricks at Clark Ave., Lindale, Columbia, Wellington and Harper, also third trick at Lindale.

Mr. O. E. Bishop is working extra at Vernon Junction, third trick. Bro. Fisher doing the agent's stunt at West View.

Bro. Carey, third trick at Longville, was on the sick list for a few days. He being relieved by a Mr. Fiscunes.

Bro. Dunson, second trick at Longsville, is acting agent at Agosta, the regular agent being on the sick list. Bro. Kimball is filling Bro. Dunson's place.

If we wish to be better represented in the journal, send items to W. B. E., Rushsylvania, by the 23rd of each month, and we will assure you, this division will be there with the goods.

BILL-E.

Indianapolis Division—

Bro. Carl Martz, of Mix, is laying off and visiting his parents at Rosewood.

Bro. Bud Fardly, of Gretna, is laying off. Bud is going into the "hoss bizz" this summer.

The general committee met at the English Hotel in Indianapolis on January 20. All except two members were present. Business affecting the good of the division was gone over.

Did you ever stop to think how the eight-hour day was secured, why you get paid for overtime, what brought about the use of the eight-day lamps and numerous other changes in the last few years? Why were salaries not reduced when the nine-hour law went into effect?

Think these things over and endeavor to keep everyone lined up and the division solid.

Bro. Harry Hess visited in Ansonia, recently.

Grim gets "BR" yards, third trick. CANDY.

St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—

Through an error in the general correspondent's address, our items failed to reach the proper place.

Bro. R. C. Lasley has been off for a few days, on account of sickness.

Bro. H. F. Wilson has bid in the third trick at Delmar.

Bro. F. T. Hungate, third trick at Carbon, has left the service. He was relieved by Bro. E. F. Wade, of the Grand Division.

Bro. R. W. Roller, second trick "JB," has exchanged places with Bro. E. E. Evans, agent at Lena.

George Gray, of Fontanet, has left the service. Did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. W. J. Wright, agent at Vermillion, has been off quite a while on account of sickness.

DIV. COR.

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St. Louis Division, West of Mattoon—

Bro. Frazier is back at work at "RD," Hornsby, after a vacation of several weeks. Bro. Frazier was relieved by a Mr. Glassgow.

First trick at Witt fell to the lot of Telegrapher Welch.

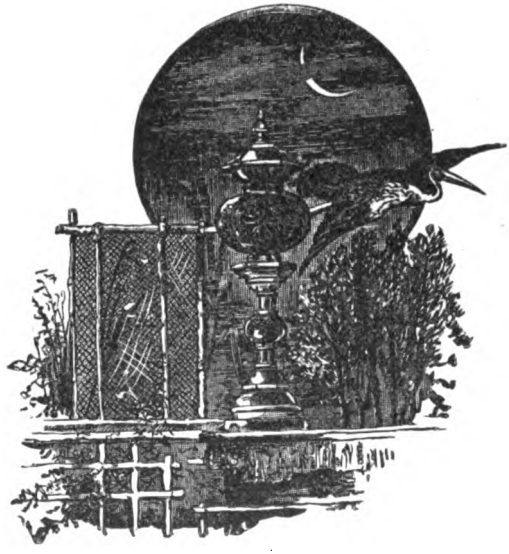
Bro. Fitzpatrick bid in Nokomis second trick, and Bro. Lancaster bid in third trick. Bro. Fitz was relieved by Telegrapher Fitzgerald.

Bro. R. A. Gibbins has been reinstated after being held off two weeks on account of application. He is now doing second trick at Gays.

Telegrapher Grant Lewis is back on the short line.

Bro. Cross is still off, spending his vacation at Gays with his mother.

Let's all come up with an item or two and turn them over to Bro. Cook. J. N. COOK,
CERT. 668.



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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 120 is due MAR. 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires APR. 30, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A).....20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....60 cents each

BENEFITS PAID DURING FEBRUARY, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
649	Geo. O. McCoy	Heart Failure	52	10712	A	$ 300 00
806	Daniel J. Scully	Diabetes	35	16830	A	300 00
809	Herman W. Porter	Acute Nephritis	76	18945	B	500 00
825	Leber Watkins	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	97	16745	C	1,000 00
842	Frank P. McEntee	Catarrh of Bowels	42	8248	A	300 00
843	Roscoe L. Harris	Malaria Fever	59	19124	B	500 00
847	D. M. Sanderson	Acute Bright's Disease	42	6427	C	1,000 00
848	James T. Welch	Bright's Disease	21	1496	B	500 00
849	Benjamin F. Maxfield	Intestinal Auto-Infection	126	13597	A	300 00
850	Oren E. Hoover	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	4686	C	1,000 00
851	John W. Leavitt	Crushed Between Cars	93	10742	C	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to January 31, 1909	$739,081 49
Received on Assessment Account February, 1909	14,930 13
	$754,011 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to January 31, 1909	$494,981 47
Death Claims paid in February	6,700 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,132 96
Assessments transferred to dues	193 73
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, February 28, 1909	251,003 46
	$754,011 62

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th and Keller sts., Harrisburg, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. J. S. Leyder, Chief Tel., Thompsontown, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

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No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. District No. 4, H. B. Spencer's. section meets fourth Friday of each month. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 141 Dunn ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

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No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.

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No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va

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No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Falls View, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Harford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

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No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; A. C. Bushwaw, Gen'l S. & T., 55 Samuel st., Dayton, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 2744 Eighth ave, New York City.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

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No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l

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No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George St., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, chairman Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, chairman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of chairman.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st.. Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman, J. E. Boyd, R. F. D., No. 4, Macon, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Boliver, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen't S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333 Williamstown, Ky. J. W. North, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., High Bridge, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Cincinnati and A. G. S. Division subject to call of the General or Local Chairman.

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No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T, Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T, Box 682, St Joseph, Mo.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Sinton Bldg., 3 East Fourth st., Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway system. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffinderfer, Chief Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.

No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st, Trenton, N. J.

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No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 35 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. H. R. Childs, Gen'l Chairman, Warsaw, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. J. E. Jones, Chief Tel., Oak Grove, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st, Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albright, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer, H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. F. H. Willard, Chief Tel., Lancaster, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. J. L. Seibert, Chief Tel., 318 W. Washington st., Hagerstown, Md.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

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No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets third Wednesday of each month at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., and first Wednesday of each month at Corry, Pa. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.

No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. F. W. Bishop, Gen'l Chairman, Arkville, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.

No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.

No. 115, QUEBEC, ONT.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.

No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahanoy City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. E. Arnold, Gen'l Chairman, Nelsonville, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.

No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Dorchester, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.

No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.

No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. C. B. Butterworth, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Milford, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Whiting, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.

No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; J. F. Kenney, S. & T., Alborn, Minn.

No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.

No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. H. Rogers, Jr., Acting Gen'l Chairman, Victory, Wis.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION QUE.—C. A. Bilodeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

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No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. &. E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Houck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlemoir, Local Chairman, Carriers Mills, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. T. E. Powers, Chief Tel., W. Valley Falls, N. Y.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyan House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. M. F. Leeds, Gen'l Chairman, Alice, Texas; G. H. Roddy, Gen'l S. & T., Rockdale, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay and Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. A. Donart, Gen'l Chairman, 2616 Force st., Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Geo. W. Cox, Gen'l S. & T., Pellston, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Tex.

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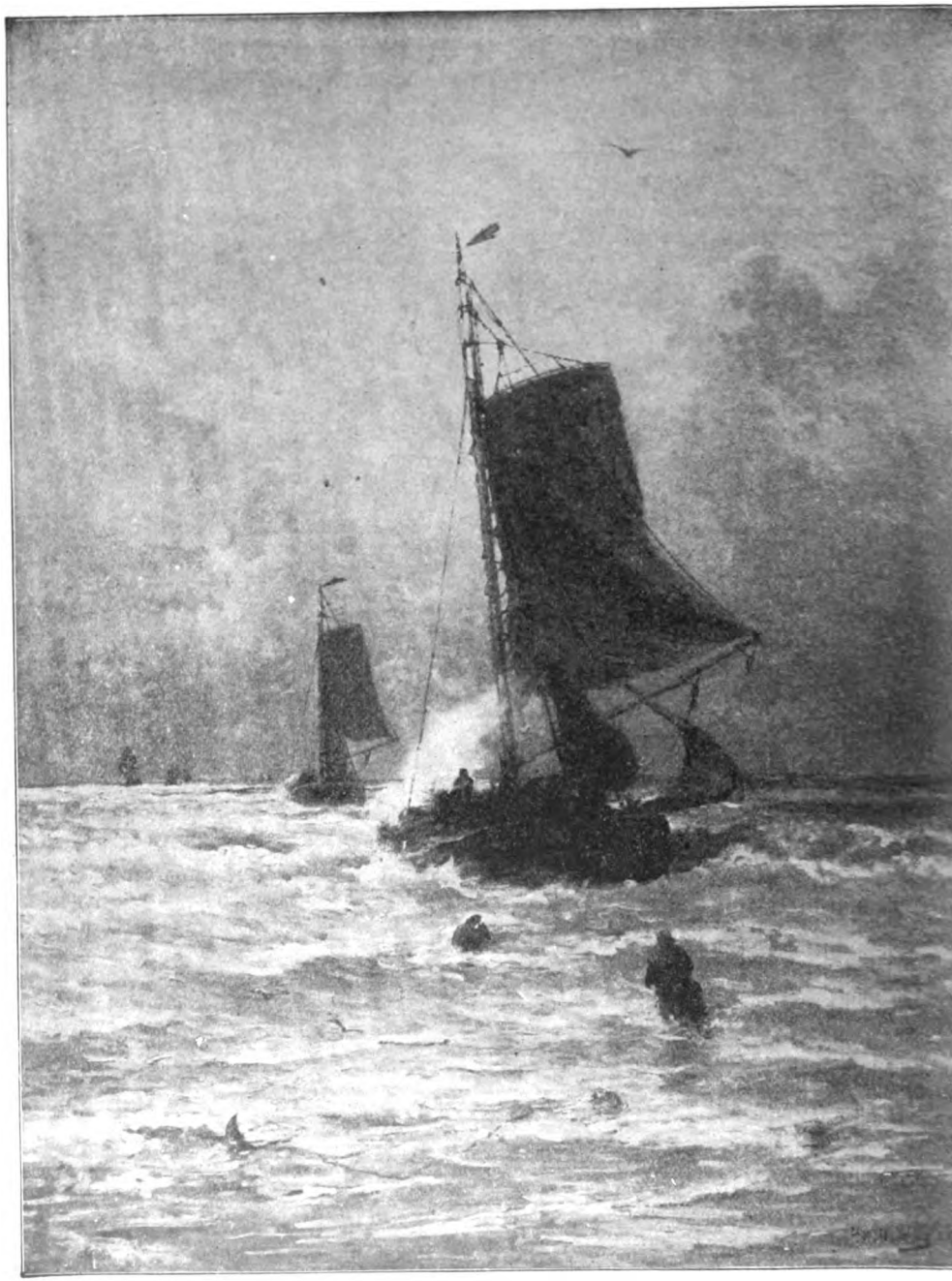
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INVESTIGATION OF COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

ON May 28th, 1908, the following resolution was adopted by the Senate of the United States:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor be, and is hereby directed to institute an investigation into all the telegraph and telephone companies (engaged in the conduct of an interstate business) as to the method used in handling the public's business, the wages paid telegraphers, telephone operators, and other employes of such company, and the working conditions of the employes thereof, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures of such company for a period of five years. And he is further directed to report the results of such investigation to the Senate on the first Monday in December, 1908."

In compliance with the foregoing resolution, a partial report was submitted to the Senate on February 15th, which has just been printed and distributed and which contains some interesting facts and figures.

The report shows that the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies were furnished with the necessary blanks on which to furnish the desired information.

In referring to the methods adopted in securing the information, the report says:

In addition to this information supplied by the companies, information was obtained by special agents of the bureau who visited a large number of selected cities and reported to the bureau on the first two schedules data secured as the result of their personal observation and from interviews with individual telegraphers. In each city visited the managers of the companies were themselves requested to furnish to the agents of the bureau the names

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of telegraphers whom they desired to have the agents interview; in addition to those thus designated by the companies, the agents of the bureau interviewed a number of other telegraphers whose names were suggested by others than representatives of the companies.

The cities for which schedules and copies of pay-rolls for both companies were requested were as follows: Boston, New York, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Washington, New Orleans, Atlanta, Richmond, Louisville, Nashville, Mobile, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Denver, Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Portland (Ore.), Seattle and Omaha. In addition to these cities Birmingham, Ala., was taken for the Postal Company only and Ogden, Utah, for the Western Union Company only.

The report then goes into a detailed explanation of the method of handling the public business, and describes the various kinds of messages handled. It then deals extensively with the question of certain kinds of messages being given preference over other business, and in effect charges the company with doing away with the pink message blank when this investigation began, presumably to cover up their use. In dealing with this question, the report says:

The business originating with the public is of various kinds, such as commercial messages, the transmission of news by correspondents to papers not having leased wire service, and general business and social messages. An effort was made to find out whether, in the practice of the companies, there was any order of precedence for the various sorts of messages, and, if so, what this order was. Where for any reason a message was to be given precedence over other messages, a pink slip was attached to such messages in order to attract the operator's eye, and such messages were then expected to be given precedence over any other messages on his operating table.

Inquiry 52 on the schedule submitted to the telegraph companies reads as follows:

"Pink slip and all other rush business. Give rules and regulations controlling all differential business. Give a list of names of any individuals, firms, and corporations having pink-slip privileges at your office."

In answer to this question in most of the cities from which schedules were requested the reply of the Postal Telegraph Company was generally "None."

The answer by the Western Union representatives in all the cities was practically the same, and in most cases it was identical in phraseology, and was as follows:

"No pink slips. Other than business of the United States Government, there is no order of precedence for business of the same class. All traffic is transmitted according to the requirements of the business interests of the public, except where regulated by statute."

The answer states, first, that no pink slips are used. This answer was correct enough at the time the reply was made, but it developed during the investigation that the practice of using pink slips, as stated above, was in common practice in practically all the cities, and was discontinued, presumably, in anticipation of this investigation. It will be noted further that the statement is made that "there is no order of precedence for business of the same class." The question asked for the "rules and regulations controlling all differential business." If business was classified and some classes of business given precedence over other classes, a full and frank statement to that effect should have been embodied in the reply.

The facts as developed by this investigation are simply these: Up to the time of the beginning of this investigation, preference was given in every city visited in this investigation, and by both companies to certain classes of business. In lumber districts it was lumber business; in flouring-mill centers, it was flour; in fruit-growing districts, fruit; in the South, it was cotton, and in practically all places what is called "market orders" or stock brokers' and board of trade business was rushed during the

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hours the stock exchanges and boards of trade were open. The cumulative evidence upon these points is wholly convincing. This practice is probably what is referred to in the concluding sentence of the company's reply that "All traffic is transmitted according to the requirements of the business interests of the public, except where regulated by statute."

The market-order telegrams resulting from the stock quotations furnished by the company itself are usually transmitted first on the wire regardless of filing time. That is to say, they are given the same order of preference that the commercial news department or stock quotation business is when transacted over Morse wires, or wires other than the ticker. The company's position on this is that market orders depending entirely on time for their value, owing to the rapid fluctuations of stock markets and the short hours of business maintained by stock exchanges, must be classified by themselves and be specialized. In the case of C. N. D's., whether or not over wires used for public business, the matter of the message is of course the property of the company and is in that sense at least the company's own message. The classification outside of C. N. D's. and market orders are largely a question of local conditions. The preference to particular firms depends upon amount of business they have to do or upon their persistence in complaining about inadequate service, sometimes upon both.

The circumstances under which individual patrons secure special services over other patrons, whether in the same class or not, seem to be about as follows:

When a firm doing a large telegraph business was induced by one telegraph company to transfer from the other company, it was generally upon a promise made by the solicitor to give better and quicker service than the other company, and to rush the business of the firm being importuned to "change companies." Business so secured was rushed and given precedence, for a period of time at least, usually from one to three months. Again, when a firm complained seriously of delays or of inadequate service, and threatened to give its business "to the other company," a representative of the company called and promised that special attention would be given to the business of the complaining firm, and its business was specialized and rushed in preference to other firms for a time. The practice of giving rushing privileges to firms and individuals and to classes of business in order to get or to hold such firms and business was used precisely as cut rates and rebates were used before the "understanding" between the two companies abolished rebates and cut rates. This preferential business can not be abolished or materially checked by either one of the companies alone. State legislation is powerless because it can not control business one end of which is in another State, as is the case with practically all telegraph business. Federal legislation either transferring the telegraph and telephone companies to the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission or in some other way reaching the same result, is the only agency through which the preferential business could be reached. In this connection it may be well to state that in only two or three cities was there evidence secured that the telephone companies were giving preference over long-distance lines to certain favored classes of business or firms.

Originally the pink slip or other indications that a message should be put out of its turn and rushed were intended for use in case of death messages, government messages, etc., where it was very apparent that they should have the right of way over unimportant and so-called "social" or "sentimental" messages. A message which merely announces a safe arrival at one's destination might very properly be delayed, if necessary, to give way to a message summoning its recipient to the bedside of some one dying. Unquestionably also, in the case of a message addressed to a man on board of a train, to a stock broker where the exchange will close in a few minutes, and in many other easily conceivable cases, where the time element has an infinitely greater importance and value than in other messages, some discretionary power should be exercised somewhere to regulate the trans-

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mission of such messages. The abuse of this power by the traffic managers of the company in the cities covered by this investigation, is beyond question. The use of this power to secure business by favoritism in promptness of service likewise does not admit of doubt.

In Europe what is known as "priority," which is the same thing as is here designated as preferential business, is secured by paying an additional fee for such priority. In some countries this amounts to double the regular price of the message and in other countries three times the price of the regular message; it is the application of the idea of the special-delivery stamp as used by our postal system to the telegraph message.

Many of the States have fixed severe penalties for holding messages out of their order. In New York the penalty is $100 for each offense; in Illinois it is $50. Some States permit a certain stated order of precedence for certain classes of messages, but require that all other messages shall be transmitted in order of filing. The States which require transmission in order of filing without classification are Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut. In Georgia the law of 1908 requires messages to be transmitted "impartially." Idaho penalizes telegraph operators for wilfully postponing messages out of their order; Illinois and Louisiana, like Idaho, penalize the employe and also the company; Maine, Massachusetts, and Michigan require messages to be sent in order of filing, but provide that arrangements may be made to forward news matter out of its regular order; Missouri requires messages to be transmitted promptly, impartially, and in good faith, and its courts have decided this refers to transmission only and not to the delivery of messages; in Montana, while the civil code provides for a classified preference in sending, the penal code provides penalties for postponing messages out of the order of their receipt; Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah (except official and news), Virginia (same as Utah), Washington, and Wisconsin require messages to be transmitted in the order filed.

Some of the States permit certain preference in order of transmission, these usually being specifically named in the law. California, for instance, requires that messages must, if practicable, be transmitted immediately on and in order of receipt; if not practicable, then in the following order:

1. Messages from public agents of the State or of the United States on public business.
2. Messages for immediate publication in newspapers, and not for any secret use.
3. Messages relating to sickness or death.
4. Other messages in the order of filing.

An actual damage of $50 for each message postponed contrary to above order of precedence is fixed by statute, while the penal code makes it a misdemeanor to postpone a message out of its order.

The Indiana law provides that all messages shall be sent in order of filing, except that news matter may be sent out of its order and messages from officers of justice shall be given precedence. Michigan permits arrangements to be made for sending news matter only out of the regular order of filing.

Minnesota law provides that all messages shall be sent in order of their receipt, except that when special request for precedence is made the following may be sent ahead of other business in the order named, *i. e.*, government dispatches, those relating to the movement of trains, those relating to sickness or death, and those relating to criminal law. Similar in effect are the laws of Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota; Tennessee provides that special arrangement may be made for news matter; Utah provides that precedence may be given only to messages to or from public officials on public business, and news matter; and the Virginia statute is similar. It will thus be seen that nearly every State in the Union has tried to deal with the question of favoritism in the matter of the order of transmission of telegraphic messages. The laws of the United States enacted in 1866 require priority for government messages.

In Europe some effort has been made to deal with this matter, which is there known as "priority."

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English law provides that all telegrams of the government departments shall have priority over all other messages, but in order to secure this privilege the word "priority" must be specially stamped or marked on the face of the telegram.

In France the order of priority is as follows:

1. Telegrams affecting security or public order, the safety of travelers on railroads, or the demands and appeals for aid in case of fire, flood, etc.
2. Telegrams of the state and government officials in general.
3. Telegrams relating to the service itself.
4. Urgent international private telegrams.
5. Private telegrams.

In most other countries in Europe telegrams of state have priority over all others. Senders of private telegrams may secure priority over other private dispatches by paying sometimes double the usual charge, as in Belgium, or treble the usual charge, as in Spain, Italy, or Germany. In France, private telegrams are transmitted in the order of filing, except messages of more than one hundred words, which can be held back and must cede priority to briefer messages filed later.

In this country and within the last year or so several States, either through legislative enactments or through the action of railroad commissions, under whose supervision the telegraph companies have been placed, have attempted to reach the question of preferential business by requiring that the time of its filing at the originating office be transmitted with every message and placed on same at the receiving office. This is intended as a remedy for and check upon favoritism in the transmission of messages by enabling the recipient of the message to determine exactly the lapse of time between the filing of the message by its sender and the delivery of it by the company.

Bills embodying this were introduced in several States during 1907 and 1908. In the State of Maryland the following law was enacted:

"MARYLAND.

"(Acts of 1908, Chapter 280, page 72.)

"SECTION 1. Telegraph companies engaged in the business of transmitting communications by telegraph in the State of Maryland, and charging tolls therefor, shall show conspicuously on each and every telegram delivered the time it was filed for transmission and the time it was received at the office from which it is to be delivered.

"SEC. 2. The time of filing the telegram at place of origin and the time received at destination of each and every telegram transmitted, as provided in Section 1, shall appear on each and every telegram under the captions 'Time filed' and 'Time received.'

"SEC. 3. Failure to comply with the provisions of Sections one (1) and two (2) of this Act shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars ($10) nor more than two hundred dollars ($200) for each and every telegram delivered in violation of said Sections one (1) and two (2)."

This Maryland law relates, of course, only to messages between points within the State. The following is the report of the agent who visited Baltimore as to the practice there:

"The Baltimore offices were instructed from headquarters to comply fully with the provisions of the law and have done so continuously since. The law applies only to messages sent from one part of the State to an office or point within the State. No form or waiver has ever been in use and no messages sent or received on which the filing time had not been entered and the extra words required to cover same paid for by either the sender or receiver of same at regular rates for messages. Should an operator at a small station send a message to either of the Baltimore offices the instructions to the receiving operator are to stop the message at once and not to receive same until the filing time has been forwarded for message. This on pain of dismissal for neglecting to do same."

Bills similar to the one passed in Maryland were introduced in other States, notably Massachusetts and New York.

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The regulations in Oklahoma relative to filing time are embodied in Rules No. 4 and No. 5, which are as follows:

"RULE No. 4.

"The receiving clerk or receiving operator must give any aid or explanation necessary to enable the sender to prepare his or her message, and must also correctly mark on the face of the message the year, month, day, hour and minute that it is filed.

"RULE No. 5.

"In sending a message the sending operator must observe the following order of transmission:

"1. The number of the message.
"2. The operator's personal signal.
"3 The correct and exact filing time as per Rule 4.
"4. The check of the message.
"5. The place from.
"6. The address of the message.
"7. The body and signature of the message."

The railroad commission of Georgia issued an order to telegraph companies to transmit the filing time of messages, as follows:

"TELEGRAPH RULE No. 3.

"The following is hereby adopted as Telegraph Rule No. 3:

"Telegraph companies are required to show on each telegram they transmit and deliver between points in Georgia the correct time, expressed in hours and minutes, that such telegram was received at office for delivery. And where the sender of any such message desires to show also the correct time of filing with initial office, the transmitting company shall, where the words necessary to express the filing time added to the words in the body of the message do not exceed 10 words, carry said information free. But where such words added to the words in the body of the message exceed 10 words, a charge of 2 cents per word for each word in excess of 10 shall be allowed, subject to a maximum extra charge for showing said time of filing of 5 cents."

In reply to an inquiry as to what had been the experience in Georgia under this law, a representative of one of the companies in one of the large cities of Georgia reported that "the law is a dead letter."

In a private letter from the editor of a telegraphers' journal in London, the writer states that—

"Every European telegraph administration, without exception, transmit free the time each message is filed at the originating point. The only messages coming into this country without the filing time marked thereon are those from the American cable companies."

In this country the blanks supplied by both companies to patrons upon which to write messages have printed on them a place and space for entering the filing time. The receiving clerk is required by the companies to enter the filing time upon all messages, and it is so entered, but it is not transmitted with the message nor made known to its receiver.

The discussion concerning the number of words that would necessarily be added to a message in order to transmit the filing time is very conclusively set at rest by what is reported as the actual practice of English and continental companies by a very simple code system, in which the exact time of filing, to the minute, is transmitted by three or at most four letters. By the same system the approximate time of filing, never more than two and one-half minutes different from the exact minute of filing, could be transmitted by two letters, or at the very most three. The average word is assumed to be five letters, so that the transmission of the filing time on a message would be the addition, on the whole, of less than one-half of a single word.

Most of the operators interviewed, or from whom schedules were secured, stated that the messages most seriously discriminated against were those classed as ordinary messages. It was claimed that until the beginning of this investigation these messages were held back and gradually accumulated until the leased wires were released after 3 o'clock p. m., or until messages on certain wires had piled up to such

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an extent that an extra man would be put on. It was argued by them that if the filing time were required to be transmitted with every message and placed on every message delivered, this piling up of ordinary business would be automatically eliminated, as the delay in the transmission of a message would be made evident on the face of the message. The use of the telegraph by a patron is for the purpose of a prompt transmittal of his message, and it would seem a perfectly reasonable proposition that the companies themselves should furnish the evidence of their promptness with each message without charge. This appears to be the practice everywhere except in the United States, and it is probable that this requirement would itself be sufficient to insure promptness in the transmission of messages.

The report then deals with existing contracts between the commercial telegraph and railroad company, classifying in detail the number of offices in different States and the amount of commercial business handled by them. The report on this subject is in part as follows:

Both companies, the Western Union to a much greater extent than the Postal, have extended their service to parts of the country that would not support an independent office by arrangement with railroad companies through which the railway office becomes also a Western Union or Postal office, and the operator employed by the railway for its own business acts also as the operator of the telegraph company, and receives and transmits commercial messages.

The extent to which the Western Union Telegraph Company has availed itself of the facilities offered by railroads to establish offices that would not support an independent telegraph office is shown by figures given below for certain selected States. In a number of the States figures are given for the independent offices in which the company maintains its own operator and also for the railroad offices in which the railroad operator also receives and transmits Western Union messages. These railroad offices are called joint offices in the paragraph given below.

Figures are also given for certain selected States, showing the total number of offices in the State, classified according to their monthly gross receipts. In a number of the States figures are given showing the independent and joint offices. In the States for which these figures are not given it can be assumed that all offices earning less than $50 gross per month are railroad offices where the operator also acts as the agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Some of those above $50 may be offices of this kind also, but all those below $50 are unquestionably so.

FLORIDA.

Independent offices	50
Railroad offices	238
Total	288
Offices earning—	
$2 or less per month	22
Over $2 but not over $5 per month.	38
Under $10 per month	79
$10 but not over $25 per month	68
$25 but not over $50 per month	28
$50 per month	53
Total	288

INDIANA.

Independent offices	72
Railroad offices	691
Total	763
Offices earning—	
Under $2 per month gross	243
$2 or under $5 per month gross	184
$5 or under $10 per month gross	121
$10 or under $25 per month gross	88
$25 or under $50 per month gross	48
$50 or over per month gross	79
Total	763

IOWA.

Independent offices	43
Joint offices	1,057
Total	1,100

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Offices earning—

Under $2 per month gross	261
$2 or under $5 per month gross	221
$5 or under $10 per month gross	243
$10 or under $25 per month gross	221
$25 or under $50 per month gross	75
$50 or over per month gross	79
Total	1,100

MINNESOTA.

Independent offices	43
Railroad offices	567
Total	610

Offices earning—

Under $2 per month gross	163
$2 or under $5 per month gross	142
$5 or under $10 per month gross	120
$10 or under $25 per month gross	105
$25 or under $50 per month gross	37
$50 or over per month gross	43
Total	610

MISSOURI.

Independent offices	36
Joint offices	801
Total	837

Offices earning—

Under $2 per month gross	235
$2 or under $5 per month gross	177
$5 or under $10 per month gross	149
$10 or under $25 per month gross	152
$25 or under $50 per month gross	61
$50 or over per month gross	63
Total	837

NEBRASKA.

Independent offices	13
Railroad offices	574
Total	587

Offices earning—

Under $2 per month gross	117
$2 or under $5 per month gross	124
$5 or under $10 per month gross	93
$10 or under $25 per month gross	134
$25 or under $50 per month gross	74
$50 or over per month gross	45
Total	587

TENNESSEE.

Independent offices	28
Joint offices	318
Total	346

Offices earning—

Under $2 per month gross	102
$2 or under $5 per month gross	84
$5 or under $10 per month gross	46
$10 or under $25 per month gross	54
$25 or under $50 per month gross	26
$50 or over per month gross	34
Total	346

TEXAS.

Independent offices	76
Joint offices	699
Total	775

Offices earning—

Under $2 per month gross	136
$2 or under $5 per month gross	126
$5 or under $10 per month gross	128
$10 or under $25 per month gross	144
$25 or under $50 per month gross	96
$50 or over per month gross	145
Total	775

The Western Union has a large number of railroad contracts establishing these small offices at all points where railroads are compelled to keep a telegraph operator for their own purposes. These operators are railroad operators, are agents often, and in addition to this they are frequently express agents. One of the complaints of the Western Union is that these railroad operators, having so many other things to look after, give the commercial telegraph business of the Western Union the least of their attention, and only transmit a commercial telegram when they have nothing else to do, and that much of the delay in transmission of messages originating in small offices comes from this source. The railroad contracts vary considerably in their terms. In a few cases the railroad gets all the profits from the commercial business; in most cases a varying percentage of the toll rates goes to the railroad or the oper-

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ator. A copy of the form of this contract will be found in Appendix C.

An official of the Postal Telegraph Company stated in relation to railroad contracts, that his company had a few, but they had of late years refused to be made a party to a seesaw competition that enabled the railroads in the end to get practically all the revenue from commercial messages sent through these offices and get their own business deadheaded in the bargain. He considered that the railroad contract in its present form was an evil that would eventually bankrupt the telegraph companies.

The report then deals with the question of Leased Wires, and briefly shows the vast revenue derived from this source. It says in part:

Associations or firms which lease wires have the exclusive use of certain wires transferred to them during certain hours of the day or night, as the case may be. In this way the same wire between two cities may be leased to more than one party in the same day. Thus a broker may have the exclusive use of the wire up to 3 p. m.; the wire may then be used as a public wire in the service of the company for several hours, and then during a considerable part of the night may be leased out for the exclusive use of a newspaper or a news association.

The lessee employs his own operators, and during the hours that the wires are at his disposal sends and receives his messages entirely independent of the companies, subject to certain restrictions provided in the contract. In addition to certain restrictions as to the character of the messages to be sent by the lessee, the contract of the Western Union, and in a lesser degree the contract of the Postal Telegraph Company, provides that the operators of the lessee shall be subject to the approval of the company leasing the wires.

The usual rate paid for leased wires is $20 per mile of wire per annum. In certain cases a flat rate between cities is made, though, generally speaking, the $20-mileage rate obtains. When flat rates can be secured, they are slightly below the amount that would be charged by the mile. The following flat rate charges will give a sufficiently adequate idea of these rates. So far as ascertained they are uniformly maintained by both telegraph companies and by the telephone company, which leases for telegraph purposes wires that are used ordinarily for telephone purposes:

LEASED WIRE RATES PER ANNUM.

Albany, N. Y., to Boston, Mass....	$ 4,000
Albany, N. Y., to New York City...	2,500
Baltimore, Md., to Chicago, Ill.....	16,000
Chicago, Ill., to Minneapolis, Minn..	8,000
Chicago, Ill., to St. Paul, Minn.....	8,000
Chicago, Ill., to St. Joseph, Mo.....	10,000
Chicago, Ill., to Cairo, Ill.....	7,300
New Haven, Conn., to Boston, Mass.	3,000
New York City to Boston, Mass....	4,000
New York City to Washington, D. C.	4,000
New York City to Pittsburg, Pa....	8,900
New York City to St. Louis, Mo...	21,000
New York City to Chicago, Ill.....	16,000
New York City to Philadelphia, Pa..	1,800
New York City to Baltimore, Md...	3,500
New York City to Cleveland, Ohio..	12,500
Omaha, Neb., to Des Moines, Iowa.	2,900
Philadelphia, Pa., to Harrisburg, Pa.	2,100
Philadelphia, Pa., to Chicago, Ill...	16,000
Springfield, Mass., to New York City	2,500
St. Louis, Mo., to Chicago, Ill.....	5,000

The largest users of leased wires are the stock brokers and board of trade firms, and the Associated Press and United Press associations.

The Western Union is the principal owner of leased wires, and one of its officials stated that this business was so much more profitable than handling messages that the company had considered a suggestion that it cease to handle messages entirely and turn its entire attention to leased-wire business.

The telegraph companies represented by the American Telegraph and Telephone Company have recently entered this field and are now leasing their wires for telegraph purposes. They have so far confined themselves principally to brokerage business. Their leased-wire rates are the same as those of the telegraph companies.

The report then deals with deadhead messages, and says in part:

During the course of this investigation an effort was made to secure from the tele-

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graph companies the exact extent of the business done by them on free passes during the past five years; what percentage this bore to the total business and to the total paid business; what was the number of annual passes issued each year, the total number of books of franking stamps issued, and the total number of persons to whom such books had been issued.

The deadhead business was abolished by the Postal Company January 1, 1907, and the company reported that it had no annual passes outstanding. The company also reported that 1,208 books of franking stamps had been issued to a total of 1,060 persons during 1907, and that these books of franking stamps had been "issued to newspapers as a part of the reduced rate allowed all newspapers as compensation for advertising notices from time to time."

The Postal Company stated that it was impossible to give the information asked for the years previous to 1907.

The Western Union Company reported that it was impossible to get the information for past years, as the only record was that supplied by the messages themselves, and these were destroyed at stated intervals. It is stated, furthermore, that to furnish the information above asked for the last six months of 1908 would necessitate going over the files of messages themselves and would require an amount of time and labor that would prevent the information being given for a considerable time to come.

In the business of the telegraph companies, just as in the business of the railroads, somebody pays for the transmission of messages or the carrying of passengers for which or to whom the services of the companies are given free. To what extent this is an evil in the telegraph business, from this point of view, is a matter that ought to be reported. There is also good reason to believe that in other obvious respects the giving of free telegraph passes is vicious in the same ways in which the giving of free railroad passes is vicious, and although it was not possible to secure this information in time for this report, it seems that the information ought to be made public and the extent of the evil disclosed.

The report then deals quite extensively with the question of "Toll Rates," and refers to the efforts made by certain States to regulate the rates and also show the rates existing in other countries, from which the following is taken:

Some of the States, notably Florida, Kansas, and New Jersey, and more recently Oklahoma, have attempted to fix rates by statute to and from all points within the State. Florida statutes provide that for land telegraph transmission the rate shall not exceed 20 cents for ten words and 1 cent for each additional word, exclusive of date, address and signature for the first 100 miles, and proportionate rates for greater or less distances. For messages sent over ocean or cable telegraph lines a distance of 100 miles a charge of 4 cents a word for the first ten words and 3 cents for each additional word may be made.

The Kansas law limits charges to 15 cents for the first 10 words and 1 cent for each additional word between points in the State for regular messages, news matter one-third of a cent per word for messages of more than 10 words if filed between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m., and one-sixth of a cent if filed between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. Delivery within the limits of an incorporated city or within half a mile of the receiving office shall be free.

The New Jersey law limits to 25 cents the charge for 10-word messages between points in the State, and 10 cents for each 10 words in excess of the first 10, provided the message is sent over but one company's line.

The Oklahoma scale of rates is:

	Day Rate. Cents.	Night Rate. Cents.
175 miles and under, air-line distance	25	25
250 miles and over 175, air-line distance	30	25
Over 250 miles, air-line distance	35	25

For each additional word over 10 words the day rate shall be 2 cents.

For each additional word over 10 words the night rate shall be 1 cent.

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All telegraph companies are required to receive and transmit each other's messages when necessary to reach point of destination.

Whenever a message is sent over two or more telegraph lines owned, controlled, and operated by a separate and distinct corporations, or individuals, the joint rate shall be 10 cents in addition to the single-line rate named herein, of 10 words or less, and 1 cent for each additional word over 10 words: *Provided*, That the additional cost, or rate, shall not be charged when the same company has an office at the point of origin and destination.

The rate charged to the United States Government is 1 cent a word for 1,000 miles, counting each word in address and signature as part of the message.

Below is shown in a general way the telegraph rates in foreign countries:

TELEGRAPH RATES IN EUROPE IN UNITED STATES MONEY.

Belgium—Fifteen words $0.09650; for each 5 words or less, in addition, up to 50 words, $0.01930; for each 10 words or less above 50 words, $0.01930 additional.

Italy—Fifteen words or less, $0.19300; for every additional word, $0.00965.

United Kingdom—Twelve words or less, $0.1217; for every additional word, $0.01015.

Switzerland—Uniform tax on each telegram, $0.05790, plus $0.00482 for each word of message.

Germany—Ten words or less, $0.11900; for each additional word, $0.01190.

France—Ten words or less, $0.09650; for each additional word, $0.00965.

Norway and Sweden—Ten words or less, $0.13400; for each additional word, $0.01340.

Russia—Tax on each telegram, $0.02575, and for each word in telegram, $0.02575 extra.

Spain—Fifteen words or less, $0.19300; for each additional word, $0.01930.

Holland—Ten words or less, $0.1005; each additional 5 words or less, $0.0201.

In most European countries the address and signature are counted and paid for as part of the message.

The report also deals extensively with the "Hours of Labor and Methods of Work," "Split Tricks," etc.

The report also deals with the question of furnishing typewriters, as follows:

Both companies require Morse receiving operators at all principal points to use typewriters in preparing messages for delivery. Since practically every operator is alternately sending and receiving, all must use machines. The companies require the operators to buy or rent these machines, the companies furnishing only ribbons. The cost of a new machine is about $100; second-hand machines are sometimes secured for $50. The rental price is usually about $3 per month.

With few or no exceptions the operators seen, considered this requirement of the companies to be a special hardship. It was strongly stated that companies could equip their offices with these machines for less than half the cost of the same facilities when shifted to the individual operator. It is stated, for instance, that only one machine would be needed for a wire, or for a receiving position. The same machine would do for day and night operators, for relief and extra operators; whereas, as now, each operator must have his own machine, move it from table to table when he changes wires, and put it away when tricks change, while the man taking his place must bring with him his own machine. It is claimed that four times as many machines are owned by the operators as are ever in actual use at one time in the operating room; that by buying them by the thousands the companies could get them at a much lower rate than the men can get them one at a time; and finally, that on any basis when the companies required their use they became a part of the equipment of an office, which the company and not the employe ought to supply.

The companies claim that the operators' preferences for certain machines make the purchase of any by them unsatisfactory, and that the operators would not use the machines with reasonable care if they were not owned by themselves. The further statement of the companies is that when

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typewriters were first introduced those having machines were paid $5 more per month than like operators without machines. In reply to this it is contended by the operators that the use of a typewriter enables the receiving operator to take messages from the wire more rapidly than by hand. As messages can be sent more rapidly than they can be received and transcribed, any increase in the speed of the receiving operator enables a larger number of messages to be transmitted each hour, and it is contended, therefore, that the company was compensated for the increase in wages by the ability of the company to handle an increased traffic by the same number of operators. The employes further insist that while it is true that the $5 increase was granted when machines were being introduced, subsequently, when all the operators had machines, they were transferred from position to position with salary changes until finally the increases granted were practically withdrawn, and that on the whole the wages of those using machines are today less than they were before the typewriters were put in use,

The question of the "Black List," was then taken up and discussed at considerable length. In referring to this subject, the report says:

"In the very nature of the case, there is nothing more difficult to establish than the matter of a black list. During the course of this investigation, a great deal was said about blacklisting and a number of specific instances were presented, and several of them were followed up as carefully as possible, but there was not sufficient conclusive evidence to warrant a finding in this report. Only a court with power is qualified to determine the facts in a case of alleged blacklisting."

The report then gives in detail both sides of the question, and continues:

"Beyond the question of a specific black list of certain individuals, is the further question of discrimination in general against operators, because of affiliation with the Telegraphers' Union (The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America). There can be little doubt that each of the companies is endeavoring to do what it can to make it difficult for the Telegraphers' Union again to get any strong foothold among its employes."

At the conclusion of the strike of 1907, the Postal Company formed an organization of its own employes. The association was made attractive to the employes by benefits paid to them by the company during periods of disability involving loss of wages. The association is restricted to employes of the Postal Company, and each employe desiring membership is required to agree not to retain membership or accept membership in any union while in the employ of the company.

A copy of the notice announcing the formation of this association, a copy of the application for membership, and a copy of the constitution of the association are given, in Appendix E, pages 551 to 554.

The Western Union Company has not formed any such association or offered any such advantages to its employes, but is apparently doing what it can in more direct ways effectually to discourage its employes from becoming members of the union.

The clause in the leased wire contracts requiring that operators employed by wire lessees "shall be subject to the approval of and satisfactory to the company leasing the wires," has been evidently made use of by the Western Union Comapny to prevent the growth of the Telegraphers' Union.

In a large office employing a large force and where a representative of the employer can practically give his whole attention to the matter of dealing with the employes, there are numerous ways of learning of the growth of a union among the employes, and numerous effective ways of checking it available to the employer. In leased wire offices where only one or several operators are employed, and where the employer has little time to concern himself with the affairs of these operators, membership or non-membership in the union is of less concern and receives little attention. It is in these quarters, therefore, that the union would naturally be expected first to recruit its strength, and accordingly it is in these

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quarters that the companies could probably do the most effective work in preventing the growth of the union.

One company which employs a number of telegraphers, and which is a large leaser of Western Union wires, employed only union operators, and had a trade agreement with the Telegraphers' Union governing the wages, hours and conditions of employment. The Western Union Company endeavored to secure the dismissal of one of the employes of this lessee, on the ground that he was prominently identified with the union propaganda, and was therefore obnoxious to that company; and later on the telegraph company made a flat demand upon the lessee to abrogate its contract with the Telegraphers' Union, and to discharge its employes who did not agree to withdraw from the union. Unless these demands were complied with, the telegraph company threatened to withdraw its wires from the further use of the lessee. The lessee, under protest, dismissed the operator, as demanded by the telegraph company. This operator thereupon brought suit for damages against the Western Union Company, and in the trial court was awarded $1,200 damages. The demand made by the company upon the lessee to abrogate its contract with the union was not specifically complied with, but while the controversy was going on between the company and the lessee the contract of the lessee with the Telegraphers' Union expired, and the lessee, though perfectly satisfied with its contract relation with the union, and perfectly willing to renew that contract, did not do so on account of the pressure exerted by the leasing company, and the trouble it could cause the lessee. This company leases wires from the Postal Company, but has had no demands or intimations of any kind from that company concerning the relations of the lessee with its employes.

The report then deals with the question of "Wages and Earnings," "Overtime and Bonus Earnings," "Receipts and Expenditures," "Growth of the Telegraph Business," and concludes by devoting nearly 500 pages to the publication of tables of statistics.

WILLIAM CLANCY DEAD.

FOR the first time in the history of the Order, the grim reaper of death visited the General Offices and removed Bro. William Clancy, who has been for the last eight years secretary to President Perham, to his last resting-place. Bro. Clancy was born July 9th, 1865, and died April 11th, 1909, from heart disease at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the city of St. Louis, Mo. He had been marching in the ranks of the Knights Templar and had just sat down with his Commandery to rest, when the summons came and he passed instantly, and I believe painlessly, into the Great Beyond.

For one whose life has been an exemplification of love and service to his fellows, the final setting was impressive.

On Easter, the day set aside for the commemoration of the Resurrection of the Savior of men, clothed in the uniform and decorated with the regalia of the Order he loved so well, in the midst of friends he was called to a higher sphere.

His remains were accompanied to Bellefontaine Cemetery on April 13th by an immense concourse of people.

He leaves a disconsolate widow to mourn his loss, who surely has the heartfelt sympathy of thousands of friends.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

Since the last announcement, the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

E. J. Abbott (5), G. E. Aikman.

W. S. Barner, V. N. Bastin (4), J. J. Bailey (2), L. A. Bigelow (3), W. V. Bidwell, C. R. Bingham, E. L. Belden (7), J. P. T. Burton (7), J. W. Burgess (2), J. E. Bull (4), W. Bross.

H. H. Chambers, C. E. Carpenter (2), F. H. Campbell, J. F. Carder (3), C. D. Carlton (5), E. E. Clement, C. W. Christopherson (7), J. C. Cherry (2), J. A. Cross, G. J. Clark, E. R. Curry, W. H. Cord, L. E. Crandall, J. H. Cook (2), A. W. Cue (2), Sherman Correll (10), C. B. Conyers, R. R. Cole.

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F. G. Denison (2), F. P. Darland (2), G. A. Dumphy, J. F. Denney (2), W. H. Day (2), Sherman Dye, W. A. Ditts, E. R. Derrickson (9), D. F. Drake, Jno. D'Lloyd (3).

C. P. Ellison.

A. A. Fitz, F. L. Finley, Miss M. Fuqua, J. C. Featherston (3), C. W. Furguson, W. A. Frost.

L. G. Ging (7), C. W. Goodrich, R. D. Garber (2), Jos. Gleisinger (4), Phil Goudeau (3), S. T. Gilroy (2).

J. W. Haley, W. H. Henderson, H. T. Harshberger (2), J. J. Harding (2), B. D. Hatch (3), H. A. Hannington, J. C. D. Harkrider, L. Hockett (2), F. G. Hart, C. E. Hosler (3), C. R. Hicks (2), J. F. Hoover (5), A. L. Hughes (5), E. C. Hodges, W. H. Holmes (2), H. B. Holloway, D. A. Hubbartt (3), E. F. Horner, W. H. Husted (5), T. W. Hildmann.

H. O. Irwin (7).

E. P. Jenkins, S. E. Jones, M. E. Jacobs (8).

J. T. Karl (4), F. R. Kozlik (4), Wm. G. Kuhnel (2), W. T. Knight, S. E. Kisling (3).

W. W. Lynch, L. B. Lamb, R. E. Lund, Arthur Lankford, F. W. Louks (2).

H. M. Maurice (2), Mrs. G. W. Malone, J. P. Meehan (4), B. I. McDonald, G. H. McCoy (2), A. E. McCullough, C. B. McNeilly, A. E. Mathis (2), J. W. Martenis (3), A. T. Matzek, F. P. McGuinness, Chas. R. More, I. B. Miles (2), D. Mulquin, G. H. Moulton, H. V. Murray, J. D. Morgan (6), M. S. Mullin, O. P. Mullin (4), W. H. Morrison (5), G. J. Moyer, L. J. Murry, D. Mitchell.

J. E. Nelson (3), H. B. Newland (4), T. F. Noon (5).

B. O'Brien (5), J. A. Oglesbee (2), John P. Osgood, H. E. Olsen (2), R. L. Odell (2).

R. B. Peck, W. H. Polsgrove, Jr. (5), J. E. Pinault, J. F. Percy (2).

W. W. Quinn.

B. J. Rowell (2), E. E. Reid (2), R. A. Raymer (4), R. C. Rudy (3), H. A. Roberts, D. M. Rogers, H. E. Rothrock (2), S. L. Rugman (2), M. C. Robbins.

R. R. Searle, E. G. Simmons, J. B. Siller (2), L. J. Sharpe, Thos. Sasser (3), O. P. Salter, R. A. Sewell (11), J. H. Shepherd, R. H. Schaffer, M. C. Slaven, S. A. Shoemaker (2), J. C. Shoults (2), S. T. Strong (2), Thos. J. Stafford, D. E. Sullivan, M. A. Smott (4), H. W. Stabler (3), D. W. Smith (5), Thos. A. Suprey (5), W. E. Sutherland, W. A. Smith, E. W. Smith (4), H. L. Spencer, T. H. Stanton, R. E. Spear, E. L. Smith (2), E. D. Smith (5).

P. A. Towner (2), J. G. Tarvin (2), T. J. Tedder (3), R. P. Thomson, Geo. Talbert, Jr., John E. Taylor, Thos. Truitt (5), W. N. Thornton (2).

D. P. Verdry, W. R. Van Deusen, Mrs. C. A. Van Sandt, C. E. Vogel (2).

L. D. Webster, M. J. Wood (3), J. B. West (3), V. C. Walker (7), W. L. Wilmarth (2), C. A. Walter (3), J. P. West, A. P. Webster (2), F. O. Wille (2), C. D. Williamson (2), C. C. Williams, H. L. Willis, J. R. Wilson, B. Wheeler, H. D. Wright (2).



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EDITORIAL NOTES

Six hundred and fifty-two new members were initiated into the Order during the month of March.

The members of the Board of Directors are at headquarters making their annual check of the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

An active crusade toward complete and thorough organization has been inaugurated and every member is requested to lend a helping hand in this direction.

The Grand Division will convene in Atlanta, Ga., on Monday, May 10, 1909, in regular biennial session, which convention will be the largest ever held in the history of the Order.

The surplus in the Mortuary Fund of the Mutual Benefit Department now exceeds $253,000.00, which is the high-water mark. This department has proven itself to be one of the best of its character in the country.

A letter, together with a set of blanks, was recently mailed to at least 90 per cent of the non-members in the United States and Canada. Every member should interest himself in assisting in completing thorough organization.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of Article V of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders must pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The mailing list of THE TELEGRAPHER has been revised, and only members with dues paid to June 30, 1909, will receive a copy of this issue from the regular mailing list. Inquiry should be made of members who complain on account of failure to receive the journal as to whether or not they have paid their dues.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The member securing the most new members before June 30th, will be given a diamond ring to cost $150.00. The member securing the second largest number of new members, will be given a diamond ring to cost $100.00. Third prize, choice between a diamond ring or a watch, to cost $50.00. The member who secures five or more new members during that period, and who fails to obtain one of the prizes named above, will be given the choice between an O. R. T. emblem ring and an O. R. T. watch charm.

For further particulars in regard to this contest, reference should be had to the article appearing on page 17, of the January TELEGRAPHER.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of January, 1909, shows that there were 43,868 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United

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States during that month; that there were 816 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Imbeciles, 3; feeble-minded, 8; epileptics, 1; insane, 7; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 277; professional beggars, 2; mentally or physically defective, 17; likely to become public charges, 293; contract laborers, 162; accompanying aliens, 7; under sixteen years of age, unacommpanied by parent, 2; assisted aliens, 6; criminals, 19; polygamists, 4; prostitutes and procurers, 57; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 50; other causes, 1. The number of aliens landed at the various ports of entry for the month of January, 1908, was 27,220.



1. Mrs. Lula Mulder (Div. 5).
2. R. A. Bryson (Div. 2).
3. Bartine Burkett.
4. Carl Harkrider (Div. 5).
5. B. M. Marshall (Div. 66).
6. W. A. Pitre (Div. 57).

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Rougeux, of Frenchville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. T. Murdaugh, of Jackson, Tenn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. W. Kelley, of Butte, Mont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Setty, of Terre Haute, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. M. Eggleston, of Golden Bridge, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Spaulding, of Katonak, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Arthur, of Edgewood, Ia., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Seese, of San Pierre, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. N. Thornton, of Courtland, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Forbes, of Nappan, N. S., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. M. Tribble, of Columbus, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Tschantz, of Dunfee, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Shaw, of Jacksonville, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. L. Rudicel, of Markleville, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Edward Middlekauf, of Jonesboro, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Shade, of Nanticoke, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Wyman, of Quenemo, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Brinkman, of Sunman, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. W. Raettig, of Eland Jct., Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. F. Penny, of New London, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. A. Fiedler, of New London, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Byron Gray, Jr., of Akron, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. A. Buzza, of French Creek, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. V. Osborne, of Fort Gay, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. O. Walthers, of Benedict, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. A. Knotter, of Fort Hill, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. King, of Fort Steele, Wyo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. T. Glass, of New Hill, N. C., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Franklinville, N. Y., Bro. Henry Stevens, of Div. 135, to Miss Ella Wheeler.

Bro. C. J. Filer, of Div. 126, to Miss Blanche Seavey.

At Adrian, Mo., Bro. Harry L. Donahey, of Div. 31, to Miss Tessie Fern.

At Lonoke, Ark., Bro. E. Kisner, of Div. 126, to Miss Minnie Eagle.

At Plano, Tex., Bro. Chris Erland, of Div. 57, to Miss Josie Nelson.

At Ursina, Pa., Bro. T. S. Pitt, of Div. 33, to Miss Lillian C. Waller.

At Garrett, Pa., Bro. J. C. Tucker, of Div. 33, to Miss Laura Pyle.

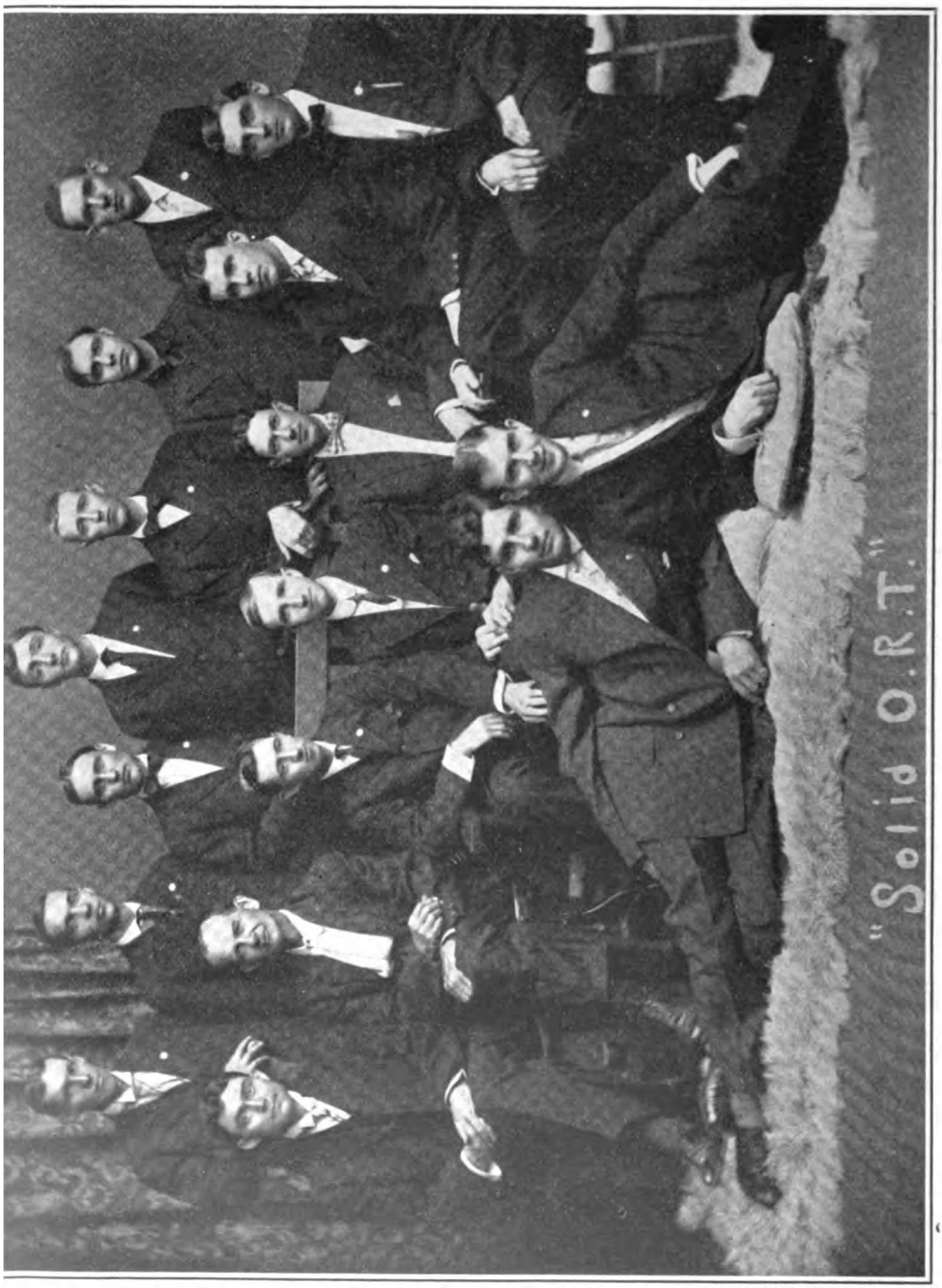
At Roanoke, Va., Bro. Edward Moffett, of Div. 14, to Miss Wilhelmina Franklin.

At Greenville, N. C., Bro. J. H. Keel, of Div. 132, to Miss Alice Irene Smith.

At High Bridge, Ky., Bro. J. W. North, of Div. 62, to Miss Beulah McCrosty.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

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Back row—L. C. Scott, A. E. Shingleton, Arden Lynch, M. F. Johnson, R. E. Smith, Roy Nestor, E. B. Scott.
Middle row—F. L. Losey, L. T. Graham, C. E. Ogden, C. E. Hosler, Local Chairman, C. M. Conley, J. C. Cain, U. V. Lang.
Front row—M. C. Owen, R. R. Thrasher.

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The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At St. Louis, Mo., Wm. Clancy, of Div. 2.

At Ottumwa, Ia., Bro. G. E. Marden, of Div. 23.

At Auburn, R. I., Bro. John Wood, of Div. 35.

Chas. Stanton, son of T. H. Stanton, of Div. 25.

At Berlin, Pa., daughter of Bro. B. C. Bowers, of Div. 33.

At Nappanee, Ind., wife of Bro. C. J. Marsh, of Div. 33.

At Romulus, Mich., infant son of Bro. W. H. Sellers, of Div. 2.

At Clarkston, Mich., infant daughter of Bro. M. M. Smith, of Div. 1.

At Machias Jct., N. Y., father of Bro. D. F. Cashman, of Div. 135.

At Memramcook, N. B., Mrs. Patrick, sister of Bro. S. C. Charters, of Div. 63.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Geo. T. Stains, father of Bro. Warren S. Stains, of Div. 49.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of J. H. Boyles.
C. H. FRY, Duncanville, Ill.

Present address of R. W. Hill. Last heard of at Tracy, Wyo., working for U. P.
W. B. ROSS, Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

Present address of F. X. Hearn. Last heard of at St. Larent, Man.
S. C. HARRIS, Oak Point, Man.

Present address of R. Keeler, last heard of working for Santa Fe in New Mexico.
A. CHRISTMAN, Villa Grove, Ill.

Present address of J. A. Kelley, last heard of at Fremont, Neb. Any information will be appreciated. J. S. DAVIS,
Box 6. Teegarden, Ind.

Present address of H. L. Blackstone. Last heard of in Butte, Mont. "Lee," if you see this write. Important.
AN OLD FRIEND, Lena, Wis.

Present address of M. C. Bunn, worked at Latonia, Miss., on M. J. & K. C. in 1902. Have some information for him.
G. L. JARNAGIN, Shipman, Miss.

Present address of W. T. Gettis. Last heard of at Warren, Ark., September, 1908.
LEWIS V. TRUEMAN,
215 9th St., N. W., Roanoke, Va.

Present address of W. J. James. Formerly dispatcher Mo. Pac. "W. J." if you see this write me at Waurina, Okla., P. O. Box 171. J. F. HOOVER.

Present address of Wm. E. Mahoney. Last heard of on way to Texas. "Bill," if you see this write. JACK,
60 East 127th St., New York City.

Present address of G. H. Morris. Last heard of at Stony Creek, Va. Worked for A. C. L., or Plant System at Hardeeville. S. C., about twelve or fourteen years ago.
J. E. BOYD, R. F. D. 4, Macon, Ga.

Present address of Perley W. Johnson. Last heard of was with N. P. Terminal Co., at Portland, Ore.
RALPH W. E. REMMEY,
Pine City, Minn.

Information as to the whereabouts of Walter Lacey, formerly of the South African Republic Telegraphs. Was with the Northern Pacific Ry. eighteen months ago. Information of value to Mr. Lacey can be had by addressing Wesley Russell, Room 930, Monon Building, Chicago, Ill.

Present address of Fred E. Chaffey. Last heard of, working for Western Union in New York City, supposed to have gone South about December, 1908. Anyone knowing his whereabouts, kindly communicate with H. K. KLINGENSMITH,
243 Grandview Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

O. H. Milloway, Benaja, N. C.

Ray G. Barkley, Walkerton, Ind.

W. J. McDonald, North Mountain, W. Va.

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J. L. Franks, 325 Beech Ave., Altoona. Pa.

W. L. Cornell, 512 N First Street, Olean, N. Y.

E. F. Bechtol, Orleans Cross Roads, W. Va.

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Card 6,991, Cert. 55, Div. 139, for term ending June 30, 1909.

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GLEANINGS

Discontent is the mainspring of progress.

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Pay dues promptly and get prompt benefits.

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Organize yourself first, then attempt it on others.

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Can it be possible the Wright was wrong after all?

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When you ask for the Union Label, be sure and see that you get it.

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The telegraph and telephone operators of Paris, France, have won their fight.

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A union hat fits better and looks better than a scab-made one for the same money.

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The United Mine Workers of America demand an eight-hour day with no reduction of wages.

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The union stands for the integrity of its arbitration contracts, and their observance in letter and spirit on both sides.

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Some employers are making a persistent effort to destroy the union label. If they succeed the ballot is all that remains.

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In any of the numerous announcements of general reduction of wages, we have failed to observe that the princely salaries paid to the "executive" officers of big corporations have been cut. There's a reason.

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The Chilean Government has appropriated 6,000,000 pesos, or $2,190,000 gold, to be used in building homes for the poor working class. A large portion of it is to be expended in the city of Valparaiso.

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Labor asks no immunity or special privilege for anyone, whether laborer or other, for any unlawful act; but it does insist upon equality before the law for every citizen, and will never cease its efforts until it achieves justice.

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The Musicians' Protective Union has adopted an amendment to its constitution which exempts from all dues and assessments members over sixty years of age, who have been members of the union twenty-five consecutive years.

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There are affiliated to the American Federation of Labor 118 International Trade Unions, with their 27,000 local unions; 36 State federations; 537 city central bodies of 650 local trade and federal labor unions having no internationals.

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Cast aside all petty jealousies in your union. Pull together and build. Any person can find fault. Only the true union man can overcome the small things in others, and become, by doing so, the bulwark of his organization.

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Cowardice has never won anything. The theory of a half loaf is better than none, is to next take a quarter of a loaf, then a crust, and finally to starve without protest. What is wanted is human rights and human justice. Capital is thoroughly organized to protect what they consider their rights, and the working class will never get anything but the short end of the stick until they also know enough to organize to protect their rights.

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Mr. Gompers, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Mitchell, although being classed as "undesirables" by Mr. Justice Wright, are not wrong in their contention "that a free country must have free press and free speech."

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There is not a Bucks stove sold in the Toledo market. For over two years Mr. Van Cleave's product has been missing from that city as a result of the publicity given the non-union tactics of the St. Louis man. —*Exchange.*

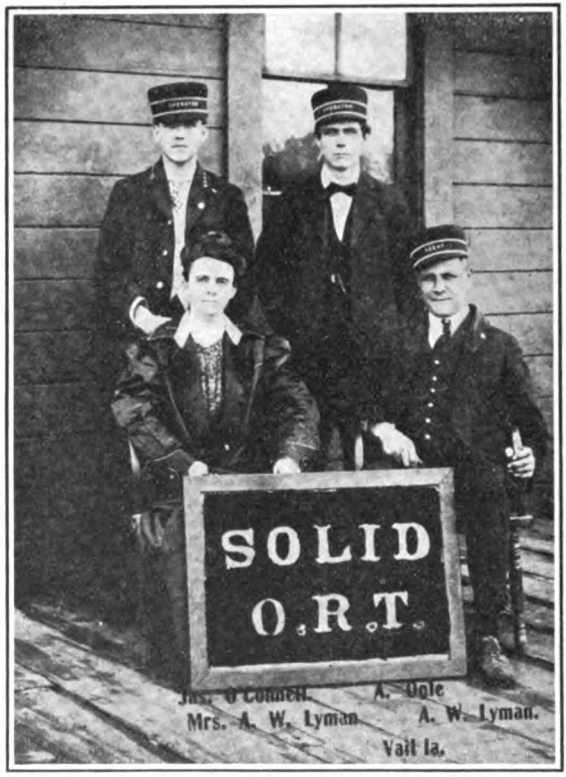
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There seems to be no relaxation in the general protest against the decision of Judge Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The protest comes not only from organized labor, but also from various civic and progressive bodies throughout the country. The Socialist party locals are taking an active part in the movement against government by injunction.

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Labor claims the right to organize and to be recognized in its organized capacity. It should not, and in fact does not, when properly conducted, object to the employer being organized.

It is far better to make contracts between organized bodies than with individuals.



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Discipline should and does come with organization. Individuals stand alone without any force or influence, and destroy mutual agreement. Individuals in their unorganized condition stand in the way of collective bargaining and better conditions. This condition is deplorable, the remedy is in the hands of the individual; therefore individuals outside the brotherhood "get wise," join the order, thus helping yourselves and helping those who are trying to help you.

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The long-fought case of the Typothetæ of America against the International Printing Pressmen's Union was decided in favor of the union by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The decision establishes an eight-hour day.

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Labor was known before capital was dreamed of, yet capital feels itself superior to labor. Any man of common sense knows that capital could not exist if it were not for labor, so we see no ground on which capital can claim superiority.

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In the realms of thought courts have no jurisdiction. No injunction can restrain us from thinking, nor from reading and equipping ourselves mentally to battle for our rights. Let us think and read and fortify ourselves with knowledge for future use in the cause of labor.

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New York.—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, second department, sitting in Brooklyn, has determined that a contract made by a corporation with labor organizations to employ only union men in its business, should be upheld as valid and binding.

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When judges administer the law, their decrees, though manifestly erroneous, should be respectfully obeyed. This is necessary to good order. But if judges usurp authority, their lawless edicts should be ignored. This is necessary for the preservation of liberty.

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What labor secures it must be strong enough to take. A shorter work-day secured through the pressure of collective effort is of much more value than one secured through legislation, for the latter is frequently taken away by being declared unconstitutional.—*Moulders' Journal.*

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One of the most dangerous tendencies of modern times in democratic countries, is a certain blind worship of the judicial bench. Even as it was once said that the king can do no wrong, meaning that whatever he does must be loyally approved, so now it is widely felt that the judiciary can do no wrong which it can not and will not itself repair. This tendency is dangerous, because it fosters submission to usurpation of authority by the bench.

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From ripened cornstalks are now obtained cellulose, celluloid, smokeless gunpowder, lacquer, roofing cloth, and a substance equal to papier mache. The old suggestion of the adoption of a cornstalk currency will have to be dropped. The raw material is too valuable.

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Trade unions are based on business principles, and are usually managed by business methods. The more complete the mastery of these principles the greater the success attained. There are labor organizations in this country that do a larger business than some metropolitan banks, and much more cheaply and safely. The idea once obtained that their existence promoted disorder and strife, but this opinion has been dispelled, for statistics prove not only that organized branches of industry experience less disturbance than the unorganized, but also that in proportion to the completeness of organization is the decrease of disturbance manifest.—*Moulders' Journal.*

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The despotism of capital and the growth and power of labor's organization are the two greatest opposing elements of modern effort. This is an age of unionism. The masses have progressed from a state of passive submission to a position of active and determined resistance.

Labor is irritated and discontented with unjust and overbearing conditions, and capital, denying the injustice of its methods, contends for the supremacy in the unequal co-partnership the two powers must preserve.

Without harmony these mighty principals in the great industrial problem can not hope for social and economic improvement.

The greatest good to humanity must result from harmony, and incalculable evil lurks in the latent fires of discord.

There are vital issues to be settled between capital and labor.—*Railway Times.*

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Justice Wright, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, who sentenced Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail for alleged contempt of court, has added insult to injury by shouldering upon these three gentlemen the burden of costs in the contempt proceedings, which amounts to about $1,500. This is "rubbing it in" on labor's representatives, but there is still nothing whatever, in or out of court, to compel a person to buy a stove or range made by the "scabs" employed in the Buck Stove & Range Company's plant. This company's goods are still on the "unfair list," injunctions to the contrary notwithstanding.

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It is not generally known that Governor Cummings, of Iowa, who recently received the votes of a large majority of the citizens of that State to represent them in the United States Senate, an honor so long held by the late Senator Allison, is a carpenter by trade and a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and carries a paid-up card. At a recent meeting of local union No. 132, of Washington, D. C., a letter of congratulation was sent to Brother Cummings, and it was also decided to give him a grand reception on his arrival in Washington.

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According to a story from Philadelphia the United States Government has placed itself in the same class with the common, every-day labor crusher. Machinists and tool-makers for $3 a day, with the understanding that they were to receive $3.25 after six months, and ultimately $3.75. When the six months' period expired recently, the men received word from Washington that "because of the industrial depression" the government could secure all the machinists desired at the rate of $3 per day, and consequently there would be no increase as promised.—*Erie Labor Journal.*

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Whatever plan be followed organized labor must be alert and insist on having a voice in its operation. If the continuation school be adopted we must have representatives on the boards of education; if distinct technical schools be established working men must be on the boards of directors. In this way we can prevent misdirected efforts, avoid inefficient methods, protect our interests, and in doing so we shall be guarding those of the students and of the general public. We must eliminate prejudice and give our hearty support to all practical propositions and so prevent the unscrupulous from using the demand for better technical education for unworthy ends.

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Much is being done in an attempt to alienate from the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union the sympathy of other labor organizations in its present fight with the employing interests. Remember, brothers, "united we stand, divided we fall." This is a crisis in the life of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union wherein they need our help. Let us stand manfully by them, and absolutely refuse to buy any shoes except such as bear the union label of that organization. In buying shoes there is only one safe course for the members of organized labor to pursue if they are true to their principles as such, and that is to buy none but those which bear the label of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.

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Through all the years of trade union effort, it has been well known that in solidifying the ranks of labor, the lash of the employer has been more potent than the preaching of the organizer.

In spite of all argument and reason dictating the advisability that the forces of labor should be united and harmonious, they frequently divide in factions and quarrel among themselves until attacked by the employer, when they are then forced to unite for the purpose of common defense.

The American Federation of Labor issues an organizing circular entitled, "Why We Unite," which sums up the entire matter in a few words—"we unite because we must."

Though times may be prosperous, jobs plentiful and wages fair, those workers who neglect their union duties are sure sooner or later to be brought to a sharp realization of the stern necessity of Union and all that it implies.

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The union label speaks an eloquent language. It tells of men's rights to the employment of life's best blessings and how they may be obtained.

It tells you that the goods you buy carrying the emblem were made in the union shop by union workmen, under union conditions. This is the mission of the label. It is up to union men and women to make it a glorious reality.

The label is beyond reach of the injunction; it can not be adversely affected by any court decision; when you patronize it you are doing your part towards solving the questions of blacklist and boycott.

Keep in mind that every dollar spent for an article made by non-union labor is helping to deprive some union man or woman of employment.

We urge our union people not to become indifferent in regard to the importance of boosting the label.

Let every union man and woman be a label booster. The time has come when we must concentrate all our energies toward increasing the power of the label.



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MISCELLANY

FINISH OF A FEUD.

"THERE was a time around here when a gen'leman just nachelly couldn't have no peace onless he was always shooting somebody," said Judge Dudley Pennroyal, "but in a gin'ral way of speaking that ended when Colonel Bud Crittenden organized the Limestone County Pure Food Association. The whole transaction is still as fragrant and green in my memory as an April mint bed.

"I was setting over on the cotehouse steps one evening, waiting for fo' o'clock to come, that being the reg'lar time for cutting the watermelons that we kept in the county clerk's water bucket, when Colonel Bud Crittenden comes acrost the square and calls me round behind the sheriff's office. He looked like he had a right smart on his mind. I suspicioned for a minute that he was thinking about his business. Owing to reverses due to the war and the action of some hellish yankee bankers in insisting on collecting certain notes which he signed in moments of exuberance, the Colonel had been compelled to sort of embark hisse'f into a mercantile pursuit, and at the time now being referred to, he was running the only hardware store and ammunition emporium in our fair city. Subsequent, he felt constrained to assign, naming his wife as preferred creditor, having first used up part of his stock in ventilating the pusson of a nail drummer from Pittsburg, U. S. A., who made hisse'f offensive by insisting on presenting an account or something after the Colonel had distinctly told him he regarded the whole transaction as a closed incident and had, in fact, crossed it offen his books.

"But I started out telling about that there feud. As I says, I suspicioned for a minute the Colonel might have his business on his mind, but right off the thought came to me that a high-sperited and chivalrous Kentucky gen'elman like Colonel Bud Crittenden wouldn't let sordid business affairs pester him to no great extent, so I waited with consid'ble interest for him to narrate what he had to say.

"'Judge,' he says, 'I have been thinking of late regarding this here Underbit-Talbottom feud, and I have about re'ch the conclusion that she air being overdid. Ordinarily speakin',' he says, 'a feud, properly conducted, air a good thing for a county—it stimulates public interest, helps certain lines of endeavor, notably undertaking and hardware, and keeps the populace from setting around too much and getting malarial; but there's a limit,' he says. 'It's agetting so,' he says, 'that these here Underbits and Talbottoms begin gunning whenever they meet up with one another on a county cote day or a circus day, and they not only thin theirselves out, but they almost invariably garner in more or less bystanders. It's acutting down the Dimmycrat vote too fast,' he says, 'what with Republikans filling up the crik country and niggers coming in fum Tennessee. I view with alarm,' he says, 'the permanent removal fum amongst our midst of so many gen'lemen who could be depended on annually to vote at least oncet,' he says, 'for the imperishable, unchangeable and everlasting principles of Dimocracy just as soon as they could find out from Lincoln, Nebrasky, or New Yawk City, as the case mount be,' he says, 'what them principles was. The Talbottoms and the Underbits is all good Dimocrats, as yourself, Jedge, well knows, without me telling you,' he says.

"I disremember exactly how that there feud started, but seems to me like it come up over a hound dawg. It's mighty poor

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etiquette, down here, to hurt another gen'leman's hound dawg's feelings. Well, anyhow, Pleas Underbit and Cal Talbottom had a misunderstanding one Sunday mawning coming out of church, and Pleas he 44'd Cal purty toler'ble bad. Got him five shots out of six. They had the services at the church the same day, being as Cal was right there on the ground, so to speak, and dressed up in his best clothes anyhow. And then, long in about two weeks, several of the Talbottoms kind of laywayed Pleas Underbit as he came along the big road from prayer meeting and shot at him in such a manner that it became necessary to bury him. Which they done so. While the mourners was on the way to the funeral they ran into a passel of Talbottoms and more sharp words came up. If I remember right, deceased lost an uncle and two pallbearers, but the Underbits had come out heeled and about half of the Talbottoms rid home as perishable freight. And then everybody see the unpleasantness was getting serious and began to predict a feud, and purty soon there was a feud.

"Every little while an Underbit would go down the lot to call the cows and be harvested by a Talbottom out gunning for a mess of the opposition; and then a Talbottom would get careless and walk in front of his window at night, with the light behind him and be plunked by an Underbit on duty just outside the garden fence. And so on. But it peared like after awhile that small investments and prompt returns didn't satisfy neither side no more, They taken to wholesaling—coming to town en massey every little while, hoping to get large bags, which the same led to the unhappy conditions set forth by Colonel Bud Crittenden to me behind the sheriff's office,

"'All too true,' says I to Colonel Bud Crittenden when he paused for breath, 'but what air you going to do about this here feud? Public sentiment is, as you are fully aweer. agin outsiders mingling with such private controversies in Limestone County.'

"'I purpose to stop it unbeknowst, as it were,' says Colonel Bud. 'I have a plan,' he says, 'which I do not feel at liberty to eloocidate at present,' he says, 'but it is my intention,' he says, 'to organize anonymously a pure-feud association.

"'A which?' I says.

"'A pure-feud association,' he says. 'I hear considble about 'em in the newspapers. Outside of the *Turf Register* I don't spend much time over literary pursoots, but my daughter, Virginia Ellen, reads the papers out loud, and it seems like they're getting up these here pure-feud associations all over the North, although 'twas news to me,' he says, 'that they had feuds in the North. But,' he says, 'live and learn.'

"'Excuse me, Colonel, I says, 'but you air getting kind of twisted. They have but few feuds in the North and them too trifling to be took note of. But the discovery has been made that the Yankees is adulterating every necessity of life something scandalous,' I says, 'even whisky. It's got so,' I says, 'that the only way a gen'leman up there can avoid insulting his system with red ink and ta-arical acid and glucose and sich like,' I says, 'is for him to live on hard-boiled eggs and do the boiling hisse'f.'

"'Even whisky, you said,' he groans, sort of shuddering. 'Why, Jedge, it's a lynching matter.'

"'In the North,' I says, 'they don't lynch; they pass resolutions. But,' I says, 'in this case they have just gone on feeding themselves adulterated vittels and microbes and protaplasms and bivalves—'

"'Not them,' he says, with another shudder, 'surely not bivalves, Jedge?'

"'Yessuh,' I says. 'And worse. Corpuscles—millions of 'em. But,' I says, 'the worm will turn. They have begin to organize pure-food associations, for the purpose,' I says, 'of securing better and more wholesomer vittels.'

"'Then why,' he says, 'don't they call 'em by the right name—pure vittels club or pure grub society, say? Anyway,' he says, 'mine is agoing to be the Pure-Feud Association —F-E-W-D—feud! and she will be ushered into glorious being on next Monday, the same,' he says, 'being county cote day. Jedge,' he says, 'remain silent and watch developments.'

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"So I watched. You never see anything turn out more wonderful. Monday morning, bright and early the Talbottoms and the Underbits came riding into town, by different roads, of course, bringing all their feuding tools with 'em. Each bunch rid up to Colonel Bud's store and got new cartridges all around, same as they always done on such occasions, and throwed away what few old shells they had on hand. Then they began maneuvering around the square for position, with wimmen and children hunting the cellars, and a few timid and gushing pussons climbing down inside of rain barrels. Presently, Tunk Talbottom he snook up close on Chad Underbit, where Chad was quiled upon the distillery steps, and taken dead rest on a hitchrail, let him have it six times about as prompt and expedient as he could work the trigger. Then he squatted down under the smoke to work a few button holes into any wellwisher of Chad's who might come up to look over the remains. He diskivered Chad Underbit, apparently unhurt, but consid'able surprised, in the act of drawing his Colts and preparing to do a little fancy work on Tunk's frame. Them two stood there five minutes shooting off cartridges about ten feet apart and never damaged nothing but their mutual peaces of mind.

"Simultaneous, similar distressing scenes were occurring all over our business center. To a man that knowed good shooting when he seen it, the spectacle was mighty nigh heart-rendering. Them there feudists were using up nough powder to burn down a stone monument, and not a leaf stirring. The head of the Talbottoms, Uncle Peaceful Talbottom, worked his Winchester until he set his own whiskers afire, and then, realizing he hadn't hurt nothing but the fresh air, he set right down in the mouth of an alley and wept like a child. And while he was asetting there, overcome with shame and hoomiliation, the Reverend Anderson Underbit crope down the alley and let him have both barrels of a shotgun so close't he blowed Uncle Peaceful's wool hat hrough a window. When the fog thinned out and the Reverend Anse seen he hadn't even swinged Uncle Peaceful, he busted out crying, too. There warn't but one pusson hurt. Talt Talbottom, in his disgust at not being able to filter the fattest Underbit in sixteen tries, throwed his repeater acrost the square and hit a mule and the mule came right over and kicked Talt with some violence where his suspenders crossed.

"Well, suzz, in about fifteen minutes the most disgustedest gang of feuding gen'lemen you ever seen anywheres was standing around in plain view, in attitoods of deep dejection. There warn't a cartridge left in the crowd. It was at that crucial moment Colonel Bud Crittenden appeared in the square, somewhat ostentatiously displaying two large handsful of nickel-plated hardware.

"'I would kindly ask the attention of all who have just took part in the fire-works display to a few remarks emanating,' he says, 'from myself. And for fear any gen'leman within the sound of my voice might so far forget hisse'f as to interrupt, would state that the speaker at least has not lost the rudiments of the art of manipulating a britch-loading planting iron. As per example,' he says, and bored a hawg that was rooting under the front steps of the Palace Millinery Store.

"'Unaccustomed as I am,' resooms Colonel Bud, after the hawg quit expiring in an audible manner, 'to public speaking, I feel it my duty to let fall a few words on this occasion. The bumbardment which has just took place is enough,' he says, 'to pump salt tears to the eyes of every gen'leman who can distinguish the difference between a Roman candle,' he says, 'and the popular brand of pocket piece manufactured by Messrs. Smith & Wesson. This here feud,' he says, 'as at present constituted, can serve no purpose except'n' to bring the blush of shame to the fair escutcheon of Limestone County, whatever,' he says, 'an escutcheon mout be. Before night the whole world will be aiming the finger of scorn at our beloved community,' he says, 'as the only place in Kintucky where thirty men destroyed 700 cartridges in half an hour and the only casualties was inflicted by a mule. I move you,

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therefore,' he says, 'that it be the sense of this meeting that this here feud be declared adjourned, siny die, world without end, amen.'

"And do you know, them fellers was so sick and sore and disgusted with themselves they agreed right then and there and quit. We ain't had no reg'lar feuding from that day to this. And not a one of them Talbottoms and Underbits don't suspicion nothing, neither. Most of them put their defective aim down to the licker they was drinking. Several changed brands right away, and Uncle Peaceful Talbottom taken it so to heart he come in one of swearing off altogether. Friends talked him out of it.

"Colonel Bud Crittenden told me how he done it the first good chance he got.

"'It was the cattridges, Jedge,' he says; 'excusing about a dozen I reserved for myse'f there wasn't a cattridge in the store that would 'a' killed a chinch bug. I spent several nights, he says, 'extracting all the lead in them cattridges and replacing it,' he says, 'with a little Yankee adulteration of my own. Which the same,' he says, 'looked like lead and felt like lead, but which, under the inflooence of gunpowder, jest natchelly scattered itself into thin air, without fear and without reproach, forming in so doing a kind of smoke which is not only not serious, but which,' he says, 'I have every reason to believe, if properly inhaled, mout cure the hay fever. Natchelly,' he says, 'my action in the premises entailed more or less pussonel sacrifice. Next to the undertaker, I made more out of this here feud,' he says, 'than anybody in town, but,' he says, 'whenever the grand old Dimmycrat party calls on Colonel Bud Crittenden,' he says, 'hes' right there, or,' he says, 'thereabouts.'

"And that's one of the things that makes me say Colonel Bud Crittenden is probably the most public-spiritedst gen'leman in Limestone County."—*Evening Sun.*

Some employers are making a persistent effort to destroy the union label. If they succeed the ballot is all that remains.

THE TELEGRAPH IN PERU.

OWING to its remoteness, altitude and other peculiar features, a few notes from this part of the world may be of interest to some of the readers of *Telegraph Age.*

First of all, I will try to describe, briefly, this section of Peru, then to give a description of our telegraph service, which is unique in its being probably the highest telegraph line in the world throughout its entire length.

The town of Cerro de Pasco is said to be the highest town of any size in the world, and is the terminus of a modern and in every way up-to-date railroad known as the Cerro de Pasco Railway, which serves the rich copper mines belonging to the Cerro de Pasco Company. The other terminus of the road is La Oroya, a station on the Ferrocarril Central del Peru. The "Central" is our only outlet to the coast, and our supplies are shipped from New York to Callao via Cape Horn (in urgent cases via the Isthmus of Panama) and thence via rail to La Oroya. La Oroya is but 138 miles from the Pacific Coast, but in the first 106 miles the road has crossed the cordillera of the Andes (at an altitude of 15,665 feet above the sea) and begins its descent on the Atlantic watershed of the cordillera until Oroya is reached.

We have 175.3 kilometers of telegraph line (about 109 miles), 132.3 kilometers along the main line of the railway and 43 kilometers on the Branch. Galvanized iron poles are used between Oroya and La Fundición (the smelter) where but one wire is supported, but a substantial wooden pole line has been built between Cerro de Pasco and La Fundición where we have a number of wires.

At no place does the line descend below an altitude of 12,272 feet above the level of the sea, and the altitudes at the various stations along the line are as follows: Oroya, 12,272 feet; Tingo, 12,945 feet; La Cima, 13,822 feet; Junin, 13,555 feet; Carhuamayo, 13,568 feet; La Fundición, 14,011 feet; Vista Alegre, 14,199 feet; Cerro de Pasco, 14,208 feet.

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The altitudes on the Goyllarisquisga branch are: Vista Alegre, 14,199 feet; Vinchuscancha, 13,822 feet; Alcacocha, 14,386 feet; Goyllarisquisga, 13,722 feet.

Our line wire is No. 8 G. I., and we use standard American instruments, 150-ohm relays and 4-ohm sounders, etc.; gravity battery is used and requires remarkably little attention, due, probably, to the decreased chemical action of the battery due to generally cold weather.

All of our operators are natives of the country, and we at one time used American Morse the same as in the United States, but the Government now requires that all telegraphs in the republic use the alphabet known as "International." This alphabet was published in the January 1 issue of *Telegraph Age*. The Peruvian Government requires the addition of the following to that which appeared at the date mentioned:

á .—.—
ch ————
é ..—..
ll —...—
ñ ——.——
ó ———.
ú ..——
"sig" .—.—.—.

Commencement of body of message: .—.——..

"G.A." .... —.

"All copy" ..—.. ...—.

Naturally, this alphabet is slower than Morse, and to a Morse operator it is at first puzzling, to say the least. Spanish is, of course, the language all communication between the dispatcher and the operators is carried on in, and but two of our operators understand any English at all, and their knowledge of that language is limited.

The latitude is but some six degrees below the equator, but owing to the altitude the weather is almost always cold and snow storms are frequent, although the snow does not remain on the ground long, and the line of perpetual snow in this latitude is something like 16,000 feet. We are surrounded by high peaks—some of them 20,000 feet and more high, and they are always covered with snow. The snow storms are almost invariably accompanied by violent electrical storms. Many animals (llamas, sheep, cattle and horses) as well as people, are killed on the pampa that extends for miles on each side and bears the name of Junin, and the electrical storms are no less severe in the mountains, but fewer people lose their lives from that source in the mountains than on the pampa, probably from the fact that the mineral in the adjacent peaks acts as a sort of conductor for the lightning.

Lightning is a continual source of trouble on the line, and nearly every storm blows out fuses and destroys arresters in several of the stations. We use Argus lightning arresters and they have given good results, as we have not suffered any damage to the instruments, although the helix of wire that is a part of this arrester has, in several instances, been fused by the discharge.

We have a telegraphone installation in connection with our telegraph line, and it has done good work, but the lightning played havoc with the delicate tin-foil paper condensers that are bridged around the telegraph instruments in every office, and that are used between the telegraphones and the ground, until finally we installed single-throw double-pole in the telegraphone circuits, which the operators open at the first appearance of electrical disturbances, and in this way we are now protecting these instruments.

A system of electric train staff has been recently installed between Cerro de Pasco and La Fundición. There are two blocks or sections, the first between Cerro de Pasco and Vista Alegre—nine kilometers—and the second between Vista Alegre and La Fundición—five kilometers—and the same means of protecting these machines (the switches) has been adopted as that used for the telegraphones, although I do not believe as much protection is needed, the switches merely having been installed to reduce the likelihood of damage to a minimum. The "staff" has been doing fine work since its installation.—By OTTO HOLSTEIN, in *Telegraph Age*.

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WINIFRED'S DARKEST HOUR.

AS WINIFRED LAWRENCE came out of the skyscraper to the street a gust of wind caught her and whirled her about like a resistless leaf. In a way it seemed to express the hopelessness of everything. In that moment all of her troubles came to a climax. She had just learned that the last chance of work she had counted on was vain, though for the second it wasn't that that dulled her spirit so much as the holes in her umbrella, the wetness of her skirts about her ankles, and the consciousness that the wind was bringing her shabby shoes into full view. After all, it is not poverty itself one resents nearly so keenly as the small outward and visible signs of it that can not escape the eyes of one's neighbors. For a moment Winifred stood there whirling about, the tears of despair running down her cheeks. Then her sense of humor, which had withstood everything so far, stirred itself and came to her rescue. She smiled broadly into the red face of a puffy old man who looked at her in astonishment and then bravely trudged on to the elevated station to go home. By the time she climbed the steps of the station and the soles of her shoes began to feel clammy against her feet, the sense of humor had taken unto itself wings, and her troubles surged back upon her. She stood waiting on the platform shivering with cold and nervousness. She felt a sudden animosity towards the persons that passed her. She hated the women that seemed to flaunt prosperity and well-being in her face, and she began estimating the cost of one's furs and thought of the utter absurdity of a gold purse that swung from another's wrist, representing what a month's salary would do to Winifred.

"I wonder how many such trinkets she'd have if she had to earn them for herself," she thought, as the owner of the purse pushed her way ahead of her into the car. It was but one more straw that she had to swing to a strap while she saw a fat porpoise of a man plump into the only seat and spread his paper in front of him with satisfied air. A diabolical desire came upon her to aim the point of her umbrella at his placid, rounded front, but she did nothing more desperate than to step on his foot with some emphasis as the train swung around a curve and to pretend not to see his scowl.

As she trudged the three blocks from the station to her room she determined on her course of action. She had exactly one dollar and seventy-five cents in the world. With seventy-five of it she would buy Fuzzy-Wuzzy a tube of rose madder paint. Fuzzy-Wuzzy lived on the top floor. He wrote soap advertisements in the day and studied illustrating at night, and was the only person that really cared. All his life seemed one mad scramble to purchase rose madder. With fifty cents she would buy a bunch of jonquils for the landlady, because Winifred loved them so herself that she felt if anybody were going to depart from the world owing her three weeks' rent, that would be the most cheerful companion she could have. Twenty-five cents she would appropriate for herself, with ten of it to buy ice cream soda and the other fifteen a grape fruit, because those two things at the present moment stood for luxury to her. And with the other twenty-five she supposed something could be purchased to ring down the curtain. Of course, she could be economical and just turn on the gas, but she fancied that made one all black and horrid, and she had an objection to Fuzzy-Wuzzy's—but she shuddered and would not follow out the thought. By the time she climbed to the top of the three flights of steps and reached her own door she had every detail of her plan arranged, and she took a bit of pride and comfort in it. Even the two cents she had set aside for the purchase of a stamp to write particulars to her old doctor guardian in the far-off village she had come from.

When she had lighted the gas she flopped down dejectedly on the side of the couch without any attempt to take off her wet things. Even that effort seemed useless. Her eye traveled listlessly around the room and stopped at a wooden box in the middle of the floor. She knew vaguely that it had not been there when she went out early

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in the afternoon, and yet it meant nothing to her. She read the name on the top in a big, scrawly hand, "Miss Winifred Lawrence," and she repeated the first of it to herself two or three times. "Winifred, Winifred—why did it have to be Winifred? It has always reminded me of pink chiffon ruffles and beaded satin slippers. If I had been plain Mary or Ann, I could probably make up my mind with perfect calmness to go into a store and work behind the counter like any self-respecting girl should, instead of throwing it all like this. If only it made much difference to anybody in the world," she thought, "except to Fuzzy-Wuzzy, and I am only a bother to him."

Suddenly, through her clouded consciousness, it came to her that the box was addressed to Winifred Lawrence, and that there must be something in it that was meant for her.

She stooped down on the floor by it and examined the card that bore her name. The writing was strange to her, and there was no sign from whom it had come; just a blurred express tag. She must have sat there on the floor five minutes wondering foolishly how to get the box open, yet without making a move, when she heard Fuzzy-Wuzzy's step on the stairs. She called to him, and he popped his head in the door, with its mop of hair more towsled than usual. It was that that had won his name at the art school, though Winifred made use of it because he seemed to her the finest of the lot.

"Hello! what's the matter?"

"It's a box for me, and I can't open it," said Winifred, hopelessly.

"Were you trying with your fingers or a hairpin?" he asked.

"Please don't be silly, and go get a hammer," Winifred answered, and Fuzzy-Wuzzy hurried off downstairs in the region of hammers and the landlady. He was back in a minute with the necessary implement. There were nails and nails in that box. Winifred had to stand on one end while Fuzzy-Wuzzy hammered at the other end with all his might. Finally two boards were pried off and Winifred dived in. On the top, beneath several layers of paper, was a card, "To Dear Miss Lawrence, from her fond friends, Mr. and Mrs. David Foote."

"Oh, Fuzzy-Wuzzy," Winifred gulped, "think of those blessed people doing that for me!" It was several seconds before she could explain that it was the couple up in the mountains where she had spent a month in the fall to rest and to paint to her heart's content. Tearing aside the paper, she brought to light something rolled in cheesecloth, and when there was revealed two fat partridges, she screamed with delight.

"Think of it! think of their doing that, Fuzzy," and Fuzzy was as glad as she, and almost as foolish. There was a dressed chicken, doughnuts, cookies, a loaf of home-made bread, a package of butter, a box of eggs, some jars of jelly, and all the vacant space filled up with potatoes big enough to have taken prizes at any county fair.

They went over the things again and again and fingered them. Winifred held the chicken above her head. "Look, Fuzzy, isn't it the most beautiful chicken you ever saw?" And he picked up each one of the eggs. "And the most flawless and shapeliest eggs that mortal hen ever laid."

"And home-made bread and doughnuts, and real butter. Oh, what a feast we'll have! Bless their precious old hearts! I'm so happy, Fuzzy."

He reminded her at last that she had not taken off her hat, and that her skirts were dropping all over the bread, so she sent him away while she dried off. With the aid of the chafing-dish and the one-burner gas stove, they would have a spread for the gods.

She sang disconnected snatches of songs as she flew around and made preparations, and sometimes she cried just for joy as she thought of the countryman killing those partridges for her, and his wife baking the bread and making the doughnuts, and of the long ride through the snow to the station to send the box.

"It's against the law to shoot partridges, too, and that shows a person really likes you when he breaks the law for you," she had said to Fuzzy.

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Fuzzy came bolting in soon with a white tissue paper package in his hand. Unwrapped, it proved to be a big bunch of jonquils. "We had to have a centerpiece," he said, with frank joy.

The sight of the flowers brought everything back to her. Her face clouded, and she dropped suddenly into a chair.

"Oh, Fuzzy-Wuzzy," she said, "to think I had meant to end it all tonight!"

"You mean—the game?" he asked, looking at her with his face contracted with horror.

She nodded. "I know it was cowardly, but it seemed the only thing."

He came over to her side and stood there in silence a moment, looking at her as if he would protect her against herself. Then, with apparently little connection, he said: "I had a surprise, too, tonight. I have been promoted from soap to perfume."

Each was silent and looked at the other. Winifred knew that it was because of soap that he had never asked her. There was a question in his eyes now, and she turned away.

"I am so glad, Fuzzy," she said, adding quickly: "Will it mean you can always have rose madder?"

"Yes, dear—and you?"

For answer, her head fell into her hands and she sobbed. He stopped and gathered her in his arms. Neither noticed that the flowers had fallen to the floor, and it was several seconds before the smell of burning partridges penetrated their consciousness.—By KATHERINE GLAVER, in *Express Gazette.*

A PACK OF CARDS.

A PRIVATE soldier of the name of Richard Lee was taken before the magistrate of Glasgow for playing cards during divine service. The account of it is thus given in an English journal:

A sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, and when the parson had read the prayers he took his text. Those who had Bibles took them out, but this soldier had neither Bible nor common prayer book, and pulling out a pack of cards he spread them before him. He first looked at one card and then at another. The sergeant of the company saw him and said, "Richard, put up the cards. This is no place for them." "Never mind that," said Richard. When the services were over the constable took Richard prisoner and brought him before the Mayor. "Well," said the Mayor, "what have you bro't the soldier here for?" "For playing cards in church." "Well, soldier, what have you to say for yourself?" "Much, sir, I hope." "Very good; if not, I will punish you severely." "I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither Bible nor common prayer book. I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I hope to satisfy your worship of the purity of my intentions." Then, spreading the cards before the Mayor, he began with the ace.

"When I see the ace, it reminds me that there is but one God; when I see the deuce, it reminds me of the Father and Son; when I see the tray, it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; when I see the four, it reminds me of the four evangelists that preached—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; when I see the five, it reminds me of the wise virgins that trimmed their lamps—there were ten, but five of them were wise and five of them were foolish and were shut out; when I see the six, it reminds me that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth; when I see the seven, it reminds me that on the seventh day God rested from the great work he had made and hallowed it; when I see the eight, it reminds me of the eight religious persons who were saved when God destroyed the world, viz., Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives; when I see the nine, it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour—there were nine of ten that never returned thanks; when I see the ten, it reminds me of the Ten Commandments, which God handed down to Moses on the tables of stone; when I see the king, it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a woman as he was a man. She brought with her fifty boys and fifty girls, all dressed in boy's apparel for King Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls.

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The King sent for water for them to wash. The girls washed to the elbows and the boys to the wrists; so King Solomon told by that."

"Well," said the Mayor, "you have described every card in the pack except one." "What is that?" "The knave," said the Mayor. "I will give your honor a description of that, too, if you will not be angry." "I will not," said the Mayor, "if you do not term me to be the knave." "The greatest knave I know of is the constable that brought me here." "I do not know," said the Mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but I know that he is the greatest fool."

"When I count the number of spots in a pack of cards I find 365, as many days as there is in a year. When I count the number of cards in the pack, I find 52, the number of weeks in a year. I find there are twelve picture cards in a pack, the number of months in a year, and on counting tricks I find 13, the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see a pack of cards serves as a Bible, an almanac, and a common prayer book."

"You are discharged."—*Exchange.*

A CANADIAN ROMANCE.

"JUST listen to that!"

"That" was a particularly long drawn-out howl as the snow-laden wind made yet another futile attempt to wreck our shanty and render us homeless, the hard-frozen, powdery snow rattled against the frost-covered window pane and an eye-racking puff of smoke filled the one room of our dwelling and set us both coughing violently.

Manitoba, at all times lavish with her blizzards, was as my chum and brother bachelor, Ted Wade, expressively put it, "blamed well showing us what it could do this time."

At every fresh gust of wind the flimsy board shack shook to its log foundation, the snow filtered in long, thin ridges through cracks of the door, only to melt as soon as it came into contact with the fierce heat of the interior of our abode.

Ted was lolling back in his bunk, reviling in good, hearty English the cruelty of the fates that took him and left him in a country where, as he said, a man was boiled to death one-half of the year and frozen stiff the other half.

He was a type of man to be adored, was my friend Ted—tall, and one of the build that made me contrast him enviously with my own meager five-feet-six and ten stone weight. Anyone who did not know him as well as I did would probably put him down as morose and sour-tempered; but Ted and I had been through hardships and grim struggles with ill times together, and I had grown to love that silent man with the love that surpasses that felt even between brothers.

After we had been silent for some little time, during which the wind had been continuing its attack on the creaking, protesting shanty, I crammed more poplar sticks into the voracious maw of the air-tight heater, which was roaring a defiant challenge to the elements outside and daring them to do their worst. Soon the fresh wood was cracking merrily away.

"Seems to me, Ted," I said, "that, considering everything, you might unbend a little and tell a poor beggar who is ever agog for new stories, how you ever came to leave your peaceful Eastern home to try your luck in a new land."

I looked sideways as I spoke; but Ted never heard my words for all the notice he seemed to take of them. He was puffing away at his pipe, and although it was bubbling horribly at every draw he took, the look of content on his face told me that such a little matter as a foul pipe was beneath his notice.

As I looked at him, his features cast in the shade of the dirty lamp glass, he presented a magnificent spectacle. In his shirt sleeves—which were rolled up above his elbows, exposing arms that would have delighted a Samson, and the collar thrown open to show the full curve of his massive throat—he looked a veritable god amongst men. I felt a thrill of pride pass through me as I recollected that this man had chosen me as his friend five long years ago, when I, as a friendless greenhorn, had entered a construction camp.

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He raised himself suddenly on his elbow and looked at me with his fine blue eyes, with a slight, inscrutable smile playing round his lips. Then finding his pipe had gone out, he rolled out on the floor and came to the stove for a fresh light. The pipe going to his satisfaction again, he settled down into a home-made chair and answered me.

"It's not a nice tale, Phil," he began, "and I never told it to you before because I always thought you English despised a man who had slid from the strict path of virtue—though, perhaps, I might have known you yourself were not made that way.

"Well," he went on, caressing Bluff, our collie dog, who was lying contentedly at his feet in the full heat of the stove, "seeing that we both seem to be in a talkative humor, I'll tell you the story; and you can judge me accordingly.

"I told you, Phil, that I came from Ontario seven years ago, but if I remember right, I never told you anything more. Well, my father was or is, if he is still alive—one of the C. P. R.'s head men; and I was brought up with the intention of being something similar. I never told you, but I was sent to one of your English public schools.

"And then I started a course at the Institute of Civil Engineers. I met a girl then, and—and fell in love with her. I'm not going to trouble you with a glowing account of her; sufficient for me to say that she was everything a man could look for in a woman. I was merely a lad in those days; and she but a winsome little maid of eighteen summers; but we became engaged. Then I thought my cup of happiness was full to the brim; but there came to the college a bounder to whom I took an intuitive dislike. I couldn't have explained then why I detested the fellow, but it seemed fated from the very first that he and I should be enemies.

"The first thing he tried to do was to alienate my sweetheart's affections from me. But Madge—that was her name; she was the daughter of one of our professors—remained true to me, until—"

He paused and seemed to have lost himself in thoughts which, to judge by the dark look on his face, were far from pleasant ones.

"Yes"—Ted was still staring at the small opening in the front of the stove—"Yes, Phil, Madge Irving remained true to me until an incident cropped up that made me lose all faith in womankind forever.

"As you know, over here they do not think any less of a fellow if he indulges in a little gambling, so long as he can pay his debts. So you see it was quite innocently that I practiced my old habits. And nothing was said about it for a while. But one day a check was presented at the bank, and the cashier refused to honor it—said it was a forgery. So it was—it was made out in Madge's father's name, and the professor spared no pains to bring the forger to boot.

"Then my enemy got his work in. He began to spread tales abroad about my card-playing; and immediately I was under suspicion. Needless to say, I was innocent—but, well, you know yourself that if there is any mystery as to the personality of a wrongdoer it is invariably the gambler who is suspected.

"I would have stayed and faced the matter out, only that bounder—Morgan was his name—went and told the whole yarn to Madge, and I could not meet the cold contempt with which she treated me, so I skipped out and came back to Canada. Perhaps, I misjudged the girl; and I know I was a coward; but I suppose it is too late now to mend the matter. But I do know this: If ever I come across that Morgan fellow it will be a bad lookout for him; I have heard that he favored this country with—"Hallo!" he broke off suddenly.

Bluff had stirred uneasily at his feet, and then ran to the door of the shack, barking excitedly.

"What's got into the dog?" asked Ted wonderingly. "Surely there is no one outside on a night like this! I wouldn't turn a cur out in this weather. Lie down, Bluff, and behave like a good dog."

But Bluff would not be pacified. Instead, he whined and scratched at the door, till at

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last Ted thawed out a spot on the window-pane and peered out.

"My goodness!" he said, "I believe the dog is right, and there is some poor wretch in the yard!"

I was hunting feverishly for my outdoor gear by this time; and Ted was not slow in following my example.

As we stepped out into the stormy night we saw dimly a team of horses, smoking in the frosty air, hitched to a cutter sleigh, but on looking closer we saw the outline of a huddled-up figure on the floor of the vehicle. It was the unconscious body of a man. Between the two of us we managed to carry him into the warmth of the shanty, and by the aid of much rubbing with snow we managed to restore life to the frozen limbs.

Once I saw the color returning to the man's face I bethought myself of his horses, and again went out into the night to find a bed for the poor shivering brutes. On my return our visitor was sitting up close to the stove and on the verge of sleep. I looked across at Ted, and was somewhat startled to see his face had grown very hard and grim.

"Know him?" I asked.

Ted nodded, but offered no further reply.

"Feeling better?" I inquired.

He was asleep, but started when I addressed him.

"Whose ranch is this?" he demanded.

He was a good-looking fellow at the first glance, but on looking closer it was apparent he had lived a somewhat fast life, though his appearance was that of a gentleman in spite of his ill-fitting overalls.

I took in these details while I answered his question.

"It belongs to me," I said, "and my partner is staying with me for the winter. His place is next to here. My name is Garside, and my partner is—"

"You need not tell him my name, Phil," interrupted Ted. "He wouldn't remember it if you told it."

He was standing in the shadow of the room, and though the stranger turned to look at him, he apparently did not get a very good sight of him.

"Well, sir," the stranger offered, "you've told me your name, so I suppose there is an explanation due to you. I'll tell you everything. I'm a homesteader and my place is, I should guess, about fifty miles from here, though it was hard to keep track of my whereabouts in that storm. My name is Wilks—"

I heard a peculiar sound issue from Ted's direction, and the stranger must have noticed it also, for he again peered closely at the man behind him, though he evidently got no more satisfaction than before.

"As I was saying, I am like you fellows, inasmuch as I am trying for the patent for my homestead, and I also have a partner living with me. He sprained his knee this afternoon, and I determined I would fetch the doctor to him. Well, I got lost in the blizzard, which is not to be wondered at, considering what a storm we are having. That is all, I think."

"Quite enough, too," came Ted's voice, in a tone I had never heard him use before. "A fine lot of doctors would turn out on a night like this for the sake of a sprained knee. No, you'll have to tell us something more plausible."

Wilks looked up angrily as he listened to my friend's words; then, as Ted stepped out into the full light of the lamp, he sprang to his feet with an oath.

"Heavens!" he gasped. "It's you!"

"Shouldn't be a bit surprised if you were right," answered Ted, coolly. He turned to me, after flashing a look of infinite contempt at Wilks.

"Would you like to know who he is, Phil?" he asked.

I nodded.

"All right, then, his name is Morgan. You remember we were talking about him just before he came along."

To say that I was surprised would be to put it mildly. I was astounded.

"Yes," Ted resumed, noticing my look. "Call it luck or coincidence, whichever you choose, but the fact remains that the day I have waited for so long has arrived at last."

There was something in my friend's voice that made Wilks' face turn deathly pale; but, by a supreme effort of will, he assumed

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a careless demeanor, and made as though to leave the shack.

"Oh, no, you don't!" said Ted, as he intercepted his burly figure between Wilks—or Morgan—and the door. "I've something to settle with you before you leave here. You know what I am referring to, I dare say. Sit down!" Then, as Morgan seemed inclined to demur: "Do you hear." And so terrible was the expression in Ted's eyes that the coward fell back limply into the chair he had vacated. "That's better. Now, I'm not low-down enough to take advantage of a man who has been through what you have, so I'll leave over till tomorrow what I am going to do to you." Ted turned to look out of the window.

"Phil," he exclaimed hastily. "I do believe the storm is letting up a bit! Care to come out to the stable to see how things are doing out there?"

I glanced doubtfully at Morgan, who was sitting with his head buried between his hands.

"Oh, that's all right!" he assured me. "He won't move. Anyhow, he wouldn't try to get out without his horses, and as they are in the stable he'll have a time getting them when the two of us are there."

The storm had certainly abated somewhat. Though the wind was still blowing as hard as ever, the snow had ceased falling and the moon was to be dimly seen through the still whirling snow.

"Let's take a look at the fellow's outfit," suggested Ted. "I never said anything to you, but it struck me that team he came alone with was hardly the sort used by an ordinary homesteader. Too light, you know. Looks more like a business man's turn-out rather than a team that would pull a plough."

The same thought struck me, though not before Ted mentioned it.

My chum was feeling amongst the horse blankets in the bottom of the sleigh, and finally he picked them up, along with the heavy carriage rug he found, and carried them all into the stable, where by the light of the lantern he proceeded to examine them.

"H'm! Thought as much."

He turned the rug over, and on its reverse side was plainly to be seen the name McLeod.

"Why," I exclaimed, "that's the banker at Bridgeway, forty miles away!"

"You're right," agreed Ted. "It looks as if things had not gone very well with Mr. Morgan in this country, if he's had to turn to horse-thieving for a living. Ah, this plot thickens! What's this?"

Something had crinkled in the lining of one of the blankets. I ripped it open with my knife, and out fell a pile of bank notes. Ted whistled.

"Looks to me as though I am going to have a different revenge to what I had calculated on," he remarked thoughtfully. "I was only going to give him the soundest hiding he ever had in his life. As it is, the fact of being able to send him down will be enough for me. Shouldn't be surprised now I know the fellow's character, if it were he who forged that check that cost me so much. Hallo, the door's open. Shut it, Phil, please. We mustn't let the beasts get cold."

I turned to close the door when Ted's voice rang out, "Look out, Phil!" But it was too late. Something descended onto my head with crash, and, with a dull buzzing in my ears I relapsed into unconsciousness.

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The wind was still howling dolefully round the shanty when I opened my eyes to look dazedly about me.

"Feeling better, old man?" asked a voice gently, and Ted leaned over me anxiously.

"I'm all right, thanks," I replied, though my head was humming like a top. "What happened, though? Oh, I remember now! Did he get away?"

"Not he!" was my friend's grim rejoiner. I followed his gaze, and in the corner of the room I saw the figure of Morgan, bound hand and foot.

"I just gave him a touch of what he gave you—not quite so hard, perhaps, but hard enough to serve the purpose. As soon as it is daylight we'll march him off to the Mounted Police Barracks."

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Morgan was listening, and as soon as he heard Ted's intention he began to moan pitifully.

"Denbig," he said. There was something more than fear in his tones, I thought.

"Well?" answered Ted gruffly. "That's my name all right, though its so long since I used it I had almost forgotten it."

"Denbig," repeated the prisoner, "do you remember Madge Irving?"

I heard Ted's breath drawn in a long gasp, then he released it in a long sigh.

"Yes?" he said briefly and inquiringly.

"I married her," went on the wretched Morgan. "Things did not go well with us, and we came out here. But they did not improve at all, and, to crown all, Madge took ill, and the doctor's verdict was that if she did not get out of this country she would not live another year. I hadn't the money, and so I—so I stole it, and the team you saw outside. There's only five hundred dollars, but it would be enough to get her away from here."

A fierce struggle was waging in Ted's breast, I could see. I knew what he was thinking of as well as though it were my own affair.

He turned to the prisoner.

"Is this true?" he asked, as though hoping the man was lying; but the man's face was sufficient good faith as to the veracity of his words.

"If you don't believe me," said Morgan wearily, "then you can come with me, and you will see Madge with your own eyes."

There was a deep silence, tempered only by the mournful wailing of the wind. For a full hour not one of us spoke, and as I watched him I could see Ted's face grow more and more haggard as he battled with himself.

At length he gave himself a prodigious shake, as though ridding himself of any remaining hesitation, and he said:

"I believe you, Morgan. I—I'll let you go free on one condition, and that is, that you tell Madge nothing at all about this affair?"

He stooped down and released the prisoner from his bonds. Morgan rose stiffly to his feet.

"You are a good sort, Denbig," he said huskily. "I know I did the mean thing by you over that forgery business. It was I who did that."

I half expected Ted to fall on his enemy and rend him, but when I came to look at him I saw that his face was alight with the joy of his new-made resolve.

"Now, Morgan," said he, authoritatively, "there's nothing more to say about the matter. If you manage to get clear away, do so. I won't do anything to stop you. I will drive you over to the place, if you will tell me where you live; but you must let the banker have his team back without loss of time."

"I will," said Morgan, gratefully. "But —but the money I stole. I shall have to send that back as well, I suppose?"

"You will do nothing of the kind," snapped my friend. "What would be the good of stealing it, and how would your wife benefit if you did?"

I stared amazed at the speaker.

"What—" I began; but a look from Ted silenced me, and his object dawned on me.

The next morning Wilks climbed into our sleigh, and Ted drove him away to his homestead, and that was the last we ever saw of him. I never mentioned the subject to my friend again, but a paragraph in a weekly newspaper told me as plainly as I could wish how he had solved the problem.

"The sequel to the daring Bridgeway bank robbery," so the paper ran, "is that both the stolen team and money were returned to the manager's hands anonymously yesterday. Apparently the thief was stricken with a fit of remorse at his action, and did it anonymously to save himself arrest."

There were only two men who knew the whole story, and of those two one only formed his conjecture by guess work. Ted himself offered no enlightenment, but that was just like him. But a little later in the year, when we had need for money, I noticed that Ted was surprisingly short of ready cash. And I knew he had $500 in the bank that winter. Perhaps he saved Madge's life, after all.

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I have often wondered if, had I been in Ted's shoes, Morgan would have got away free, as he did. It is hard to tell. Love takes some strange forms sometimes.—*St. Louis Star.*

THE SINGING FROGS OF HATCHIE COON.

"HERE'S a story about a scientific chap who trains flies to do acrobatic stunts," said the red-headed man in the corner, as he laid down his paper and struck a match. "Now, if he'd just train 'em to keep out of the butter he'd be the greatest man on earth."

"I read that story," remarked the passenger from Pittsburg, "and was much interested in one feature of the scientist's method of training. He says he just finds out what the flies want to do, and lets them do it. That idea opens up great possibilities in the training of animals of all kinds. If we can just—just—"

"Develop the talents with which nature endowed them," suggested the bishop.

"Er—yes," assented the Pittsburgundian, "that's it. There is music, for instance. Nearly all animals love music, and some have knowledge of the principles of harmony. Certain birds have been taught to sing tunes. Why not, then, train cats to warble arias from Italian operas. They have voices of great power and range, as all of us know, and they delight in the exercise of their vocal talents. Caruso himself can not develop the high notes with as great ease as a tomcat of my acquaintance. Fancy what a sensation the sextet from Lucia would make if sung by a company of well-trained felines. Of course, they couldn't bring out the words, but that makes no difference. Nobody ever has discovered what that sextet is about, but it's great, and just imagine—"

"Say," interposed the little man with the squint eye, "you think you're gettin' off somethin' funny, but I want to tell you, my friend, there's more truth than po'try in what you're sayin'. I don't believe a cat could learn to play the fiddle like that one in 'Mother Goose,' but I'd bet any money I could teach one to sing if I wanted to and had the time an' patience."

"I am inclined to think," insinuated the red-headed man in the corner, "that you have had some experience in that line."

"You're guessin' about right," admitted the squint-eyed passenger. "I'm not a scientific investigator, nor a vaudeville performer, but I did a little stunt in the trainin' way once that would a made my fortune, but for one thing."

"How was that?" asked the sorrel-topped person.

"Well, I guess I'll have to begin at the beginnin' or you wouldn't understand it, an' maybe you wouldn't believe it. I'm a telegraph operator. Been at the business for thirty years, and expect to be poundin' a key, as we say, for the rest o' my life. An operator, especially a railroad operator, get's into queer places, sometimes. He's got to go where he's sent, and he can't be sure today where he's goin' to be tomorrow. Back in the 80s I was workin' at a nice town in Kansas. I'd been there three months, and was beginnin' to think I was livin' there, when I got orders to report immediately to Kansas City. When I got there the chief handed me a pass to 'Hatchie Coon.'

"'Where in the dickens is Hatchie Coon?' says I.

"'It's down on the Arkansas division,' says he. 'Tain't much of a place,' says he, 'but you can't miss it. The conductor'll put you off when you get there.'

"And he certainly did. He had to. I wouldn't 'a' stopped if he hadn't. It was down in the sunk lands in the northeast corner o' the State, about sixty miles from Memphis, an' it wasn't any town at all. It was right in the middle of a big swamp an' the only dry land in sight was under the railroad tracks. On both sides o' the road, close up, stood big cypress trees, hundred feet high, some o' them. The company had drove down a few posts, laid a platform, an' on top o' that put a tent about twelve feet square. That was the telegraph office. Not a house in ten miles. Straight up I could see a narrow strip o' the sky, below was a narrow strip o' dirt, an' all the rest

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was black water an' cypress trees. Gee! but it was lonesome! Most o' that country's been drained since then an' they say it's gettin' to be the garden spot o' the world, but this was twenty years ago.

"The only company I had was the water snakes, the frogs an' the mosquitoes. I never did like snakes very much, an' the mosquitoes down there weren't a bit friendly, so for the lack of anything else to pass away the time I got to takin' a great interest in the frogs. There was all kinds there an' some o' them was as big as my hat. The noise those big fellows could make was somethin' terrific, and when the big ones an' the little ones and the middle-sized ones got to croakin' at once it was a regular concert. An' that's what put the idea in my head.

"I know a little somethin' about music, an' I had a concertina then that I could play on pretty well, if I do say it myself. Hearin' all those frogs a-croakin', each one with a different note, I got to imaginin' that I was leadin' an orchestra, an' I'd stand up there on the track an' try to beat time like Sousa. Man gets funny notions in his head when he's all alone. But that crazy notion led to another that looked crazier, but wasn't. Why not, thinks I, why not get a bunch of 'em an' train 'em. It wasn't any trouble at all to catch as many as I wanted, an' after a lot of experimentin' I picked out eight that had voices runnin' right up the scale an' makin' a complete octave, as they call it.

"Now, every frog has just one note. He knows that one by heart, and he likes to play it, but there ain't much use tryin' to get him to sound any others. I didn't try. My scheme was to get them to work as a team. In that way, you see, all I had to do was to train each one to holler at the right time, just like a piano key'll sound one note an' only one when you hit it. I petted 'em an' fed 'em until they got so they'd hop right up to me whenever I'd call, an' then I comenced teachin' 'em the first principles of harmony. I'd get 'em in a row an' then I'd sound C on the concertina until I got the big bullfrog at the foot of the line to croak. Then I'd take D for the next frog, and so on up the scale. After days an' days they begin to catch onto the idea and would run up an' down the scale as fast as I could play it on the concertina.

"Then I commenced to teach them simple little tunes, and it would a' made your eyes water to see how the poor things enjoyed it. I'd git so interested sometimes that I wouldn't hear my call on the wire an' the train dispatcher 'ld crawl all over me he'd be so mad. After a while they learned to sing without the concertina, and every once in a while little snatches of music would come up from the pen I'd fixed up for them down in the swamp beneath the telegraph office. I tell you what, I was proud of 'em.

"A man never knows how big a little thin's goin' to turn out," pursued the operator, after he had paused to relight his cigar. "I trained those frogs just to pass away the time, not knowin' that they was goin' to save my life."

"To save your life!" exclaimed the bishop. "What do you mean?"

"Just what I said, parson. An' not only my life, but maybe a lot of others. One day a couple o' niggers dropped off the blind baggage on the Memphis express. I didn't see 'em at first, bein' busy at the wire. I'd just closed my key when I felt somethin' cold stuck against my head an' somebody said: 'Hands up, boss!' I didn't stop to argue the point. My hands went up. They trussed me up with a rope an' put a gag in my mouth an' then commenced lookin' for my switch key. From what they said I learned that their scheme was to throw the switch and run the Kansas City fast train onto the siding and into a string o' flat cars that was standin' there. Whether they was goin' to rob the wreck or just wanted to do some devilment, I don't know, but as soon as they found the key they commenced to argue as to whether they should kill me at once or wait a while. They were agreed that I had to be put out o' the way, but one of 'em hesitated. The other one insisted on immediate action, and my finish seemed to be pretty close, when out of the swamp there came the question, musically rendered:

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"'Where did you get that hat?'

"The niggers' eyes widened. They looked at me and then at each other. Out of the depths came another refrain:

"'Granny, will your dog bite, dog bite, dog bite?'

"'Fo' Gawd's sake, Eph,' one of 'em gasped, 'what's dat?'

"The other, the one who wanted to make quick work of me, didn't answer. He was scared almost white, but he went outside and looked around. There was, of course, nothing in sight, but Hatchie Coon at any time was enough to worry the superstitious and it was growing dark. He came back in, still trembling. Then there came the warning, seeming to be much closer:

"'Run, nigger, run, pat-er-ol 'll catch you. Run, nigger, run, you'd better get away.'

"And run they did. For all I know they're running yet. The train dispatcher couldn't get an answer from me, and he had the express stop there to see what was the matter. They untied me and I resigned by wire. I had all of Hatchie Coon I wanted."

"'But what became of the frogs?' asked the red-headed man.

"'Oh, I took 'em to Chicago,' answered the squint-eyed passenger, 'expectin' to make a million out of 'em, but the climate was too much for 'em, or they was homesick or somethin'. Anyhow, they never sung a note again.'"—By C. S. YOST in *St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

"OUR WIFE," AN EDITORIAL ON DRINK AND DIVORCE.

THE story opens in 1877, when, on an April morning, the yellow-haired "devil" arrived at the office of the Jack Creek *Pizenweed* at 7 o'clock and found the editor in. It was so unusual to find the editor in at that hour that the boy whistled in a low contralto voice and passed on into the "news room," leaving the gentlemanly, genial and urbane editor of the *Pizenweed* as he had found him, sitting in his foundered chair with his head immersed in a pile of exchanges on the table and his venerable Smith & Wesson near by, acting as a paper weight. The gentlemanly, genial and urbane editor of the *Pizenweed* presented the appearance of a man engaged in sleeping off a long and aggravated case of drunk. His hat was on the back of his head and his features were entirely obscured by the loose papers in which they nestled. Later on Elijah P. Beckwith, the foreman, came in and found the following copy on the hook, marked "Leaded Editorial," and divided it up into "takes" for the yellow-haired devil and himself:

"In another column of this issue will be found, among the legal notices, the first publication of a summons in an action for divorce, in which our wife is plaintiff and we are made defendant. While generally deprecating the practice of bringing private matters into public through the medium of the press, we feel justified in this instance, inasmuch as the summons sets forth as a cause of action that we are, and have been for the space of ten years a confirmed drunkard, without hope of recovery and totally unwilling to provide for and maintain said wife. That we have been given to drink we do not, at this time, undertake to deny or in any way controvert, but that we can not quit any time we do most earnestly contend. In 1867, on the 4th of July, we married our wife. It was a joyful day, and earth had never looked to us so fair or so desirable as a summer resort as it did that day. The flowers bloomed, the air was fresh and exhilarating, the little birds and the hens poured forth their respective lays. It was a day long to be remembered, and it seemed as though we had never seen Nature get up and hump herself to be so attractive as she did on this special morning—the morning of all mornings—the morning on which we married our wife. Little did we then dream that after ten years of varying fortune we would today give utterance to this editorial, or that the steam-power press of the *Pizenweed* would squat this legal notice for divorce, a vinculo et thoro, into the virgin page of our paper. But such is the case. Our wife has abandoned us to our fate, and has seen fit to publish the notice in what we believe to be the spiciest paper published west of the Missouri River. It was not necessary that the notice should be published. We

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were ready at any time to admit service, provided that plaintiff would serve it while we were sober. We can not agree to remain sober after 10 o'clock a. m. in order to give people a chance to serve notices on us. But in this case plaintiff knew the value of advertising, and she selected a paper that goes to the better classes all over the Union. When our wife does anything she does it right.

"For ten years our wife and we have trudged along together. It has been a record of errors and failures on our part; a record of heroic devotion and forbearance on the part of our wife. It is over now, and with nothing to remember that is not soaked full of bitterness and wrapped up in red flannel remorse we go forth today and herald our shame by publishing to the world the fact that as husband we are a depressing failure, while as a red-eyed and rum-soaked ruin and all-around drunkard we are a tropical triumph. We print this without egotism and we point to it absolutely without vainglory.

"Ah, why were we made the custodian of this fatal gift, while others were denied? It was about the only talent we had, but we have not wrapped it up in a napkin. Sometimes we have put a cold, wet towel on it, but we have never hidden it under a bushel. We have put it out at three per cent a month and it has grown to be a thirst that is worth coming all the way from Omaha to see. We do not gloat over it. We do not say all this to the disparagement of other bright young drinkers who came here at the same time and who had equal advantages with us. We do not wish to speak lightly of those whose prospects for filling a drunkard's grave were at one time even brighter than ours. We have simply sought to hold our position here in the grandest galaxy of extemporaneous inebriates in the wild and woolly West. We do not wish to vaunt our own prowess, but we say, without fear of successful contradiction, that we have done what we could.

"On the fourth page of this number will be found, among other announcements, the advertisement of our wife, who is about to open up the old laundry at the corner of Third and Cottonwood streets, in the Briggs building. We hope that our citizens will accord her a generous patronage, not so much on her husband's account, but because she is a deserving woman and a good laundress. We wish that we could as safely recommend every advertiser who patronizes these columns as we can our wife. Unkind critics will make cold and unfeeling remarks because our wife has decided to take in washing, and they will look down on her, no doubt, but she will not mind it, for it will be a pleasing relaxation to wash after the ten years of torchlight procession and Mardi Gras frolic she has had with us. It is tiresome, of course, to chase a pillowcase up and down the washboard all day, but it is easier and pleasanter than it is to run a one-horse Inebriate Home for ten years on credit.

"Those who have read the *Pizenweed* for the past three years will remember that it has not been regarded as an outspoken temperance organ. We have never claimed that for it. We have simply claimed that, so far as we are personally concerned, we could take liquor or we could let it alone. That has always been our theory. We still make that claim. Others have said the same thing, but were unable to do as they advertised. We have been taking it right along, between meals, for ten years. We now propose, and so state in the prospectus, that we will let it alone. We leave the public to judge whether or not we can do what we claim."

After the foreman had set up the above editorial he went in to speak to the editor, but he was still slumbering. He shook him mildly, but he did not wake. Then Elijah took him by the collar and lifted him up, so that he could see the the editor's face.

It was a pale, still face, firm in its new resolution to forever "let it alone." On the temple and under the heavy sweep of brown hair there was a powder-burned spot and the cruel affidavit of the Smith & Wesson that "our wife had obtained her decree." The editor of the *Pizenweed* had demonstrated that he could drink or he could let it alone.—By BILL NYE, in *Hot Springs I. T. U. Souvenir.*

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THE LONG BOX IN THE FREIGHT HOUSE.

WHEN Dave Miller, night operator on the Erie at Sand Ridge, stepped out into the storm to walk a mile and a half to the lonely depot, he wished in his heart that he had a different job. It was late in December, and the blinding snow was made more disagreeable by a bitter wind that blew full in his face. Dave had never been in love with night work, and now that winter had come and the old station was more deserted and lonely than ever, his post was well-nigh intolerable. The slow ticking of the clock and the weird shrieking of the wind were often the only sounds of the night for long intervals, until the wire would finally "wake up" and someone would get a train order or a station report.

He kicked the snow from his feet, threw his overcoat on the desk, stirred up the fire in the old office stove and settled into his chair ready for duty.

"If anybody comes after that feller there, don't let 'em have him," said the station agent, pointing to a "rough box" that stood on a truck in the freight-house end of the depot. "They's a mistake in the way-bill that's got to be fixed up before we can let the old boy go," he explained.

Dave cast his eye through the open door and thought of the cheerful company that was to be his that dreary night and he nearly mutinied there and then, but the stern necessities of life held him back.

"Ain't they no way you can get rid of him tonight?" he asked. "I ain't so darned fond of workin' next room to a corpse all night."

"Nope," answered the agent laconically, "you'll haf to stick it out titll mornin'. Good night!" and the door slammed behind him.

Dave went grimly at his task, whistling lustily to keep his courage above zero, but ever and anon his eye would wander toward the sad long box on the truck. I was working the West Bloomfield station at that time and early in the evening he opened the key and began calling my signature. I gave him a "G. A." and it was easy to notice the nervousness in his sending as he ticked off:

"Got a stiff in a rough box up here about twenty feet from where I am sitting. How would you like my job?"

I cheered him up by replying:

"Not for a million dollars," when the dispatcher broke in with a train order and saved more hard words about the dead. Along toward 11 o'clock tired nature came to Dave's relief and he dropped into a typical telegrapher's doze, a sleep from which his own office call will waken him instantly, but which a passing freight train will hardly disturb. This time, however, he woke with a jump of terror, for he was certain he had heard the truck move. He stared through into the dark freight room with dilated eyeballs. At last he was convinced that he had been mistaken, but he was nevertheless certain he could not stick it out until morning, and in desperation he went to the telephone and called up the undertaker:

"Say," he began, "You come down here right away and get your old corpse that's here in the freight house. I've had enough scares for one night and I want you to get down here and be quick about it, see?"

The undertaker's reply was brief and very much to the point. Having consigned Dave to the most torrid portion of the Inferno, he slammed up the receiver and returned to bed.

Dave was turning away in despair when the truck suddenly got under motion and went plowing into a towering stack of egg crates, sending the debris down with a deafening crash. At the same instant a blood-curdling yell burst from the rough box, the lid flew up and a wild-looking fiend came tearing toward the paralyzed operator. But in the shriek of the demon Dave had recognized the familiar voice of his friend "Doc" Boyd and with that timely recognition had come a return of his presence of mind. Timing the rush of the destroyer to a second, he pulled the rope that operated the trap door to the musty old cellar in the nick of time and the tenant of the rough box crashed through into the mud and debris and insufferable cold below.

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Beside the discomforts of that awful pit the Black Hole of Calcutta would have been Paradise.

Doc suddenly grew good in those surroundings. He offered to apologize publicly on the postoffice steps if Dave would release him, but the operator was implacable. He slammed down the trap door, threw a couple of heavy trunks upon it, and left the ghost in those inhospitable underground confines that are usually considered the proper abode of spirits.

The nerve-racking experience of the operator in the earlier hours of the night was grand opera compared to the mental and physical anguish that befell his tormentor between midnight and morning. When Doc sat still the cold congealed him and the rats screeched around his feet. When he attempted to walk he stumbled into pools of muddy water and against stone piers and the cob-webs of ages dragged across his face. Neither his tearful appeals or his sulphurous cursings produced the slightest effect on the sphinx at the telegraph key, and when they dug him out after the day man came on duty, he was a pitiful wreck.

Thus it happened that the most elaborate plot ever hatched by "Doc" Boyd, the practical joker who would lie awake every night for six months to perfect something really good, perished in the final act. The agent, the undertaker and half the village were in with him; the rough box, the defective waybill and the wiring of the truck were all correctly planned and plotted, but when the would-be villain went through the trapdoor he became at once the most abject victim the village had ever known.

He spent twenty dollars for cigars before the demands of the crowd were satisfied and it took three days in bed to stave off a threatened attack of pneumonia. The evening he came out he chanced to meet Dave Miller on his way to work. He seemed much absorbed in other things and stared far over the operator's head without a word of recognition, but Dave only smiled grimly as he thought of the proverb about the man who laughs last.—By M. W. A., in *Railroad Men.*

WHISKEY DRINKERS, READ THIS.

THE following story has been floating around the press for a good many years. Just now, when a prohibition wave is sweeping over the country, it is interesting as an evidence of the divergent views of two men who were at one time very much in the public eye. But if it be true, as many have stated who claimed to know Bob Ingersoll, that he was a total abstainer, and knowing as we do that Bishop Potter became sponsor for a saloon in New York, but a few years ago, the story could have no basis in fact so far as these two eminent gentlemen were concerned. It is a beautiful word picture, however, and interesting because of that, if for no other reason:

"Some years ago Robert J. Ingersoll sent to a famous Kentuckian a jug of old whiskey, and with it went the following note:

"'I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove a skeleton from the feast or painted landscapes on the brain of man. 'Tis the mingled soul of wheat and corn. In it you will find the sunshine and shadow that chase each other o'er billowy fields, the carol of the lark, the breath of June, the dead of night, the wealth of summer and autumn, rich content, all golden with imprisoned light. Drink it and you will hear the voices of men and maidens singing gaily the harvest home, mingled with the laughter of children. Drink it and you will feel within your brain the starried dawns and dreamy dusk of perfect days. For forty years this liquor joy has been within the staves of oak longing to touch the lips of man.'

"The jug and the note were seen by Bishop H. C. Potter, of New York, who affixed the following postscript to the letter:

"'I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever brought a skeleton into the closet or painted scenes of lust and bloodshed in the brain of man. It is the ghost of wheat and corn, crazed by the loss of their natural bodies. In it you will find transient sunshine, chased by a shadow as cold as an arctic midnight; in it the breath

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of June grows icy and the carol of the lark gives place to the foreboding of the raven. Drink it and your eyes shall behold strange women and your heart shall utter perverse things. Drink it and you have woe, sorrow, babbling, wounds without cause, and worse, orphan children mourning the loss of a father who yet lives. Drink it deep and long and serpents will pass in your ears, twine themselves about your body and seize you with their fangs; at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. For forty years this liquid death has been within the staves of oak as harmless there as purest water. I send it to you that you may put an enemy to your mouth and steal away your brains and yet I call myself your friend.'"—*Labor Clarion.*

HOW THEY REASON.

THERE are men outside the ranks of organized labor who refuse to join because, as they say, "they want to work where they will, when they want to, as long as they want to, and for what they want to." They greatly prize their independence.

Some of these men are accepting the hours and wages created by organized labor without assisting in any way to further the cause of organized labor.

The man who insists that he will not join a labor union because he wants to work where, when, as long and for what he wants to, is a joker. Where can a man be found who can do it?

A man who is compelled to earn his living by hard work must accept work when and where, and on such terms as he can secure it. His boasted independence is a mere wordy vapor.

Organized with his fellows, he has an opportunity to have a say regarding his own labor, but alone he is as helpless as a sapling on a moor in a tempest. Many a good man outside of organized labor clings to this idea of personal advantage (which he believes he would lose if he joined a union), and issued by his brainier fellowman who urges this idea upon him continually.

It is possible to understand this type of man, but it is difficult to get an angle of a man who will take a fellow worker's place when offered a premium to do so in order to starve his fellows into submission. No lower animal will treat his own kind worse than this. But then man is the only animal that hunts its own kind.—*Labor Review.*

"THE HOLY CITY."

THIRTY men, red-eyed and disheveled, lined up before a judge of the San Francisco police court. It was the regular morning company of "drunks and disorderlies." Some were old and hardened, others hung their heads in shame. Just as the momentary disorder attending the bringing in of the prisoners quieted down, a strange thing happened. A strong, clear voice from below began singing:

> Last night as I lay a-sleeping,
> There came a dream so fair.

Last night! It had been for them as a nightmare or a drunken stupor. The song was a contrast to the horrible fact that no one could fail of a sudden shock at the thought the song suggested.

> I stood in old Jerusalem,
> Beside the Temple there,

the song went on. The judge had paused. He made a quiet inquiry. A former member of a famous opera company, known all over the country, was awaiting trial for forgery. It was he who was singing in his cell.

Meantime the song went on, and every man in the line showed emotion. One or two dropped on their knees; one boy, at the end of the line, after a desperate effort at self-control, leaned against the wall, buried his face against his folded arms, and sobbed, "Oh, mother, mother!"

The sobs, cutting to the very heart the men who heard, and the song, still welling its way through the court room, blended in the hush.

At length one man protested. "Judge," said he, "have we got to submit to this? We're here to take our punishment, but this—" He, too, began to sob.

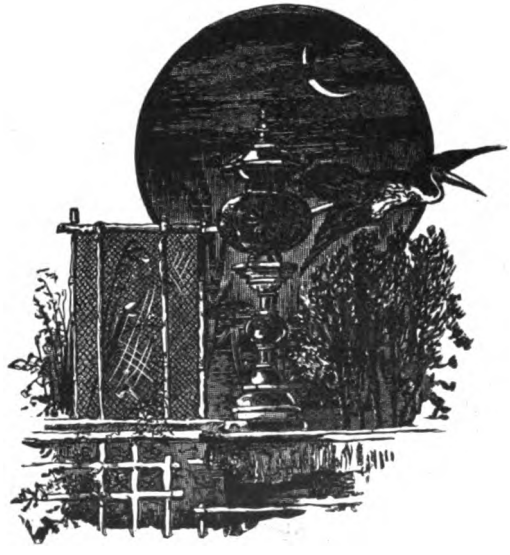
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It was impossible to proceed with the business of the court, yet the judge gave no order to stop the song. The police sergeant, after an effort to keep the men in line, stepped back and waited with the rest. The song moved on to its climax:

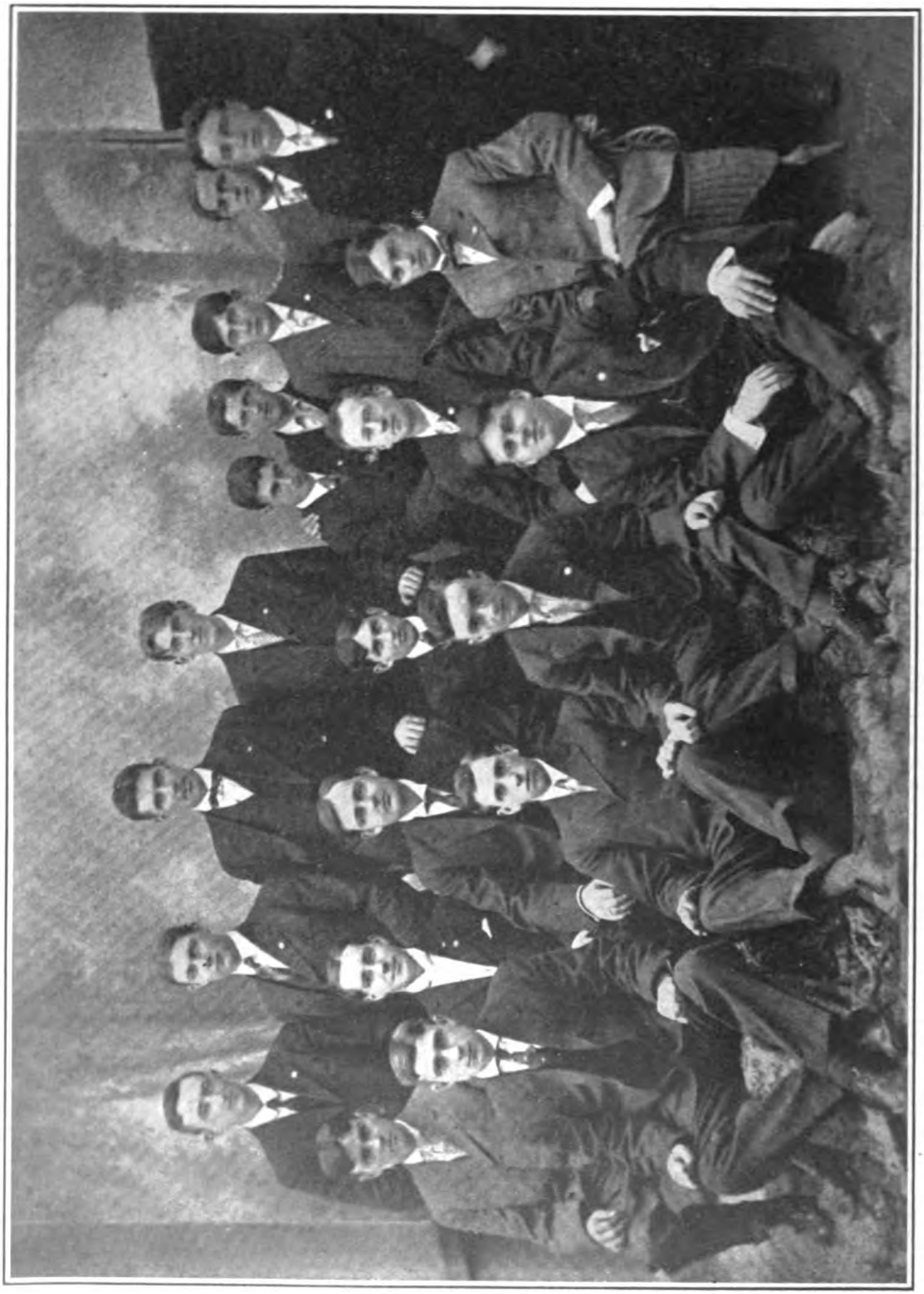
Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest! hosanna for evermore!

In an ecstasy of melody the last words rang out, and then there was silence.

The judge looked into the faces of the men before him. There was not one who was not touched by the song; not one in whom some better impulse was not stirred. He did not call the cases singly—a kind word of advice, and he dismissed them all. No man was fined or sentenced to the workhouse that morning. The song had done more good than punishment could possibly have accomplished.—*Youth's Companion.*



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POETICAL

The True Aristocrats.

Who are the nobles of the earth,
The true aristocrats,
Who need not bow their heads to lords
Nor doff to kings their hats?
Who are they but the men of toil,
The mighty and the free,
Whose hearts and hands subdue the earth
And compass all the sea.

Who are they but the men of toil
Who cleave the forests down
And plant amid the wilderness
The hamlet and the town—
Who fought the battles, bear the scars,
And give the world its crown
Of name and fame and history
And pomp of old renown.

These claim no gaud of heraldry
And scorn the knighting rod.
Their coats of arms are noble deeds;
Their peerage is from God.
They take not from ancestral graves
The glory of their name,
But win as once their fathers won
The laurel wreath of fame.

—STEWART.

Oh, Joy!

A Citizens In-dust-rial member one day
Removed from the home of his childhood away,
And took all his union disrupting repute
To an organized town—now, wasn't that cute?

The retail stores there all observed union ways,
And even gave Saturday half-holidays,
He purchased no dry goods, his pantry was bare,
The barbers were union—he cut his own hair.

He called on the butcher shops there, not a few,
To find that these places were unionized, too,
But they told him of one, way up the street
Where they thought he could buy all kinds of scab meat.

Resolving he'd purchase the head of a calf—
A beefsteak or pig's foot, some meat we must have;
He toiled through the sun, oh, the walking was hard,
And found at the butcher's—the Meat Cutters' card.

The butcher came forward, a smile on his face;
The enemy charged with exceeding bad grace.
Said he, "I would purchase the head of a calf,
But no union meat in my house will I have."

The butcher then placed on the counter for view
The head of a calf, but 'twas union clear through.
"Wait just half a minute," he said with a smile,
"The head I'll convert to exactly your style."

He picked up a cleaver, gave one hearty blow,
And said with a wink, as he wrapped it up slow,
"A union calf's head it no longer remains,
'Twill suit you, I know, I've extracted the brains."

H. C. CREEL.

The Other Fellow's Job.

The farmer looks discouraged
He hates the rake and hoe;
He wants to try the city,
Where money seems to grow;
The other fellow gets the grain,
And leaves for him the cob,
So in his heart he covets
The other fellow's job.

The business man is worried,
Both ends will scarcely meet;
Last month he lost a million
Upon a deal in wheat;
He looks with longing to the farm,
And drops a tearful sob;
It seems to him like heaven—
The other fellow's job.

The doctor notes with envy
The lawyer's bouncing roll,
And wishes he had studied
With Blackstone as his goal;
The clerk is far from satisfied,
He sees the artist's daub,
And cries, "Oh, how much better!
The other fellow's job."

'Tis quite the style to grumble
And sigh for other stars,
To wish we were transported
To somewhere, even Mars;
And if we reach the Happy Land
This thought the joy will rob,
For some will surely covet
The other fellow's job.

—*Commercial Telegraphers' Journal.*

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A Child's Faith.

I met a little girl, one day,
Beyond the railroad bridge;
With a pail of berries she had picked
Along the bank's high ridge.

"Where do you live, my child?" I asked,
"And what may be your name?"
She looked at me with eyes askance,
And then the answer came:

"The house upon the bluff is ours,
They call me Bonnie Bess;
My father is the engineer,
Who runs the night express.

"Ten forty-nine, on schedule time,
Scarce ere a minute late;
Around the curve his engine comes
At quite a terrific rate.

"Sometimes a fog o'erhangs the globe,
And the light he can not see;
Then twice he whistles for mamma,
And rings the bell for me."

"And are you not afraid," I asked,
"That he may wreck a train,
And there may be some sad mishap,
And he nowise to blame?"

"God watches over us," she said,
"And He knows what is best.
What we must do is pray and trust,
And leave to Him the rest."

How great the childish faith of hers!
It made my own seem weak.
I bent my head with throbbing heart,
And kissed her on the cheek.

And I said to her in a cheery tone,
"God bless you, Bonnie Bess,
God bless your mother, and the man
Who runs the night express!"

"I'm Going to, Anyway."

When you've set your head to do it,
When your judgment says you're right,
When your conscience gives its sanction,
Then pitch in with all your might.
Don't let anything prevent you,
Though the odds seem big and strong;
Every obstacle must vanish
As the swift days roll along—
If you set your jaw and say:
"Well, I'm going to, anyway!"

While the whole world loves a lover,
Yet it loves a winner best;
Loves the man who, till he conquer,
Stops not e'en for sleep or rest,
Oft he may be worn and haggard,
Often he may weary be;
Yet the lion heart within him
Has been firm as rock since he
Set his quiet jaw to say:
"Well, I'm going to, anyway!"

O the loose-hung jaws encountered
In the course of but a day!
O the lives devoid of purpose,
That we find along the way!
They the weaklings are, who know not
What strong faith and will may do;
Know not that the world's a servant
To the man who's game and true—
And who sets his jaw to say:
"Well, I'm going to, anyway!"
—S W GILLIAN, in *Los Angeles Herald.*

Divided They Vote.

The whistle has blown and each man takes his place,
To toil for the world at a death-dealing pace.
Each movement is skillful, each brain is alert.
While they patiently work in the factory dirt.
Just look at that picture and then make a note,
That united they sweat, but divided they vote.

The machines and the belts and the shafting are still,
And not a wheel turns—there's a strike at the mill.
A strike! Every workman has solemnly vowed
To stand by his mates till their claims are allowed.
'Tis a brave thing to do, but don't fail to note
That united they strike, but divided they vote.

The sun brightly shines as there passes along,
In holiday raiment, the Labor Day throng.
Each man is decked out in his Labor Day best—
"Labor omnia vincit," the banners attest.
Yes, labor may conquer, but never, please note,
While united they march, but divided they vote.
—ELLIS O. JONES.

Courage.

When the Beacons of hope have vanished,
And the mile posts seem farther apart,
The road of the future is doubtful
To the weary and sad of heart;
A longing for rest and sunshine,
And the joys of childhood days,
Comes over the soul that is burdened,
At the parting of the ways;
One is the pathway where Courage
Illumines the way to the goal,
And gives new life and vigor
To the weary and burdened soul.
The other, an abyss of darkness,
With naught but the wings of night,
Holds for the tired pilgrim
No hope of eternal light.
In the choosing, the mind is baffled,
Despair seems to hold full sway;
The struggle is vain, for the end to gain,
Is farther and farther away;
But the heart that will cling to its moorings,
Imbued with the vigor of life,
And fight with vim is bound to win,
In this seemingly endless strife.
—PETER W COLLINS, in the *Electrical Worker.*

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FACETIOUS

Natural.

Bishop Goodman was one day addressing a Sunday school when he said in a most impressive way: "And now, children, let me tell you a very sad fact. In Africa there are 10,000,000 square miles of territory without a single Sunday school where little boys and girls can spend their Sundays. Now, what should we all try and save up our money and do?"

And the class, as one voice, replied in ecstatic union: "Go to Africa."—*Ex.*

His Instructions.

A certain Minneapolis wholesale house received the following message from one of their traveling salesmen in South Dakota:

Deadwood, South Dakota, 12-2-07.

S—— & Company, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Snowing hard. Snow plows stalled. Good here for week. Wire funds and instructions. G. S.——.

The manager immediately replied:

Minneapolis, Minn., 12-2-07.

G. S.——, Deadwood, S. D.:

Telegram received. Hundred telegraphed you. Lose no time. Play poker, remit winnings to house. B.——,
Manager.

—*Harper's Weekly.*

Taking Her Pick.

The following was told at a smoker recently, and it is not so bad, either: The narrator told of another little feed he once attended, where eight men were sent home in one hack; and the driver simply rang the door bell and when a feminine voice called from an upper window, "Who is there?" The Jehu replied, "Missus, will you be so kind as to come down and pick out your baby?"—*Lippincott's.*

Point Well Taken.

A bashful young couple, who were evidently very much in love, entered a crowded street car.

"Do you suppose we can squeeze in here?" he asked, looking doubtfully at her blushing face.

"Don't you think, dear, we had better wait until we get home?" was the low, embarrassed reply.

He Knew.

Jaggsby (2 a. m.)—I shay, offisher, is thish—hic—Black street?

Policeman—Yes.

Jaggsby—Wish you'd—hic—d'rect me to 411. Goin' to 'tend lecture there.

Policeman—What! Attend a lecture at this hour of the morning?

Jaggsby—Yes. Thash's where I—hic—live, and I'm married. Shee?—*Chicago News.*

What Happened to Jones.

One day a tall, gaunt woman, with rope-colored hair and an expression of great fierceness, strode into the office of a county clerk in Virginia.

"You air the person who keeps the marriage books, ain't ye?" she demanded.

"What books do you wish to see, madam?" asked the polite clerk.

"Kin you find out if Jim Jones was married?"

Search of the records disclosed the name of James Jones, for whose marriage a license had been issued two years before.

"Married Elizabeth Mott, didn't he?" asked the woman.

"The license was issued for a marriage with Miss Elizabeth Mott."

"Well, young man, I'm Elizabeth. I thought I oughter come in an' tell ye that Jim has escaped."—*Harper's Weekly.*

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The Real Issue.

"My son wants to marry your daughter. Does she know how to cook a good dinner?"

"Yes, if she gets the materials for one. Does your son know how to supply them?" —*Baltimore American.*

No Excuse.

The judge had his patience sorely tried by lawyers who wished to talk and by men who tried to evade the jury service. So when the puzzled little German, who had been accepted by both sides, jumped up the judge was exasperated.

"Shudge!" cried the German.

"What is it?" demanded the judge.

"I tink I like to go home by my wife," said the German.

"You can't," retorted the judge. "Sit down."

"But, shudge," persisted the German, "I don't speak good English."

"You don't have to speak at all," said the judge. "Sit down."

The little German pointed to the lawyer to make the last desperate plea.

"Shudge," he said, "I can't make noddings of what these fellows say."

It was the judge's chance to get even for many annoyances.

"Neither can any one else," he said. "Sit down." With a sigh the German sat down. —*Tid Bits.*

A Hot Weather Phantasy.

They have such hot weather in Arizona in summer that heat stories of an almost incredible sort are bandied about, says an exchange.

They say that a Jerseyman once went to Arizona for his health. He settled in Yuma, and, by keeping a wet towel tied around his head, and bathing every hour, he managed to pull through the first few months of Yuma's intolerable climate. After that he got accustomed to the heat. He seemed to thrive on it.

A few years passed, and one July the man was so unwise as to take a business trip East. He had hardly gotten as far as Chicago, when an attack of pneumonia seized him. To be brief, he died of double pneumonia, superinduced by exposure, in two days.

The man's friends decided to cremate the body. They took it to a crematory, wrapped it in a sheet, and consigned it sadly to the white heat of the great oven.

Then they waited in the ante-chamber. When the usual time had elapsed they gathered around to receive the ashes of their friend.

An attendant opened the great oven door, and, to the surprise of all, the man from Yuma sat up in his white sheet and shivered, and said:

"Shut the door! I never felt such a draught!"

Following Precedent.

A whole-souled citizen the other evening received the jolt of his career as a parent. While reading the evening paper the door bell rang, and a parcel from a big department store was announced. The cost was thirty cents, and he gave his little bright-eyes, a girl of six, a two-dollar bill with which to pay the boy. Half an hour later the subject recurred to him.

"Here, Mabel," he said, "where is that money I gave you for the boy?"

"Why, papa," was little bright-eyes' reply, "I did the same as you did yesterday with the newsboy, I told him to keep the change."

Explained.

Two laborers were having a friendly chat over a pipe and a pint when one of them said:

"Bill, what's all this 'ere in the noosepapers about liability companies?"

"Oh, don't yer know?" was the response. "Well, I'll explain it to yer. It's like this 'ere. You an' Jim, an' six others of our mates planks down a penny each, and yer goes and buys a clay pipe an' two ounces o' terbaccy. Then I calls myself the managin' director, an' I sets down an' smokes that pipe an' that terbaccy—an' there you are!"

"Yes, but where do we come in?"

"Ho! You! Why, you're the shareholders. You looks on, an' spits."

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Our Correspondents

CULTURE—THE KIND WE NEED.

THE wisdom of the ages has always proclaimed that "order is heaven's first law." That proclamation has been principally applied to the need of submission on the part of the plain people to any kind of social order we, the chosen of the Lord, saw fit to establish in the national compacts everywhere.

We have two old proverbs which run as follows: "Before you run in double harness look well to the other horse." "Even the best men are but men at best." How many wrongs and troubles we would have escaped from if those two proverbs had been applied to the social order! And what a disgraceful, disorderly order we have had in all nations thus far! It has been the order of human despotism, when it should be the order of divine freedom, the freedom of universal love for universal joy.

There is but a simple, fixed, scientific process with which to properly perform, in the shortest time and least effort, any mechanical job, from the most insignificant to the most important. Why should that law of creation cease to exist in the most important job, that of our human development? Why should there everything be a bundle of contradictions, a chaos of sins and blunders with every group of human creatures called a nation or anything else?

Then, why to assume that progress must be dreadfully slow? Slow progress means low, wrong, vitiated progress. It means that those who fight against wrong are either opposed by the powerful classes in each nation, or fight in forms spasmodic and empirical, when we give to wrong the power to react even when partially defeated. A slow progress means the absence of logic and sense in the supposed victories against wrong. It shows that the fights or battles have only been against this or that isolated redoubt in the intrenched camp of evil. It proves that the citadel in that camp has never been even taken cognizance of by the attacking forces, by the powerful or the multitudes of plain people. When scientifically attached, that citadel, by at least a majority of the powerful and the good, in any given nation, then the citadel shall be rapidly captured and social peace shall rule forever. Thus far the select classes of nations have never had moral courage enough to even try to localize the citadel of evil. Hence our foolish, slow progress.

The unity and indivisibility of evil is as inexorable as that of the truth. There is but one essential distinction between those two indivisibilities or unities. That of the truth is for the purpose of evolving universal joy and completion with all conscious individualities in space infinite, willing to develop under the influence of God's laws. The unity and indivisibility of evil is inexorably connected with the evolution of universal sin and sorrow among any group of conscious individuals that may see fit to legislate in defiance of the eternal fixity and simplicity of divine truth, of divine commands, the very ones which deal with the mechanical order of the universe, as well as with the higher one of conscious development. The indivisibility of the truth rests on a few simple, forever fixed processes and details. Evil can work through a boundless diversity of processes and details evoluted by consciousness when refusing to abide by the eternal simplicity of all divine ideals.

Take now that fantastic culture of all powerful nations. What has it done for our distracted humanity? Yes, we the cultured classes, we the uncultured ones, what have we done in relation to what we ought

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to have done, when we have attained social importance enough to be a force in the healthy destinies of humanity? Why should not we all be cultured,with the real, useful culture, when nineteen centuries ago Jesus gave us the simple principles of that culture? "Gentleness blended with hunger and thirst after righteousness, and hence working for the few fixed principles of equity in all social activities that alone can place humanity, nations and churches, in peace and friendship with God." There we have the kind of culture we all need and badly lack, have always lacked.

Perhaps the most curious fact in the progress of all times is that the influential people have invariably spent all their energies in learning and teaching men how to stand and live under the extremely complicated, erratic and troublesome knowledge that runs away from all real joy. Yes, we have always refused to learn and teach how to live in accord with the extremely simple, easily apprehended and established wisdom of God. We have preferred the hardships of our own human wisdom to the joys of God's wisdom, in all our moral and spiritual develpment. Only outside of that have we accepted the gorgeous knowledge of the Omnipotent.

While we have a great many short and long cuts with which to prolong the kingdom of social wrongs, we have only one short cut with which to suppress that kingdom. All the simple, constructive processes of creation proclaim the short cut into all beauty and completion. We apply that short cut to ornamentation, to the artificial comforts of some of us, and even to the destructive processes of militarism. In health physical, mental, moral and spiritual, there we say we have no royal road, no short cut, no simple process to make human life sensible, honest, complete. What a barbaric philosophy!

Culture, intelligence and wealth, science, philosophy and religion—have we obtained all that as a substitute for the power of obedience to divine command? If so, have we not made a very wretched contract? Or is it possible that the simple and beautiful wisdom of God is practicable everywhere in creation except among men on this little bit of a planet called the earth? What a fallacy!

The culture, intelligence, philosophy and religion we need is that which should place Christ's teachings on the throne of human laws, where they belong. If they are not there, then that criminal neglect poisons and distorts the life of everybody, from that of all the infants born yesterday in huts or palaces up to that of the top heroes and saints anywhere.

Perhaps it is through the labor movement that alone can we expect a genuine Christian civilization teaching men the need of goodness and Christianity, not only in the private acts of private individuals, but in the social conduct of all of us as individual members of national groups. "Put them in fear, oh Lord, that nations may know themselves to be but men." Even in the moral and spiritual order the larger sum includes the lesser. Hence the need of a Christianity embracing the whole life of every one of us, and not simply a few fragments of our private conduct. Why to trifle with the truth and thus prolong the miserable evolution which develops so many absurdities and crimes forever?

JOSE GROS.

A COMPOSITE VIEW.

The complexities of our boasted civilization prevent us from arriving at correct conclusions; the decisions reached usually depending largely upon the viewpoint. A subject from one point of view may appear sublime, but observed at a different angle, and in its relation to other subjects, may lose some of its importance, if not some of its sublimity. A correct conclusion regarding a subject can not be reached until that subject has been viewed from all sides and its relation to other subjects noted. The result will be a sort of composite view. This is not a newly-discovered truth, nor even a new way of stating a well-known truth, but regardless of the fact that we are conversant with this truth, most of us view a subject only from the side in which it happens to be presented to us.

There has been much said, in recent magazine articles, regarding the work in

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experimental surgery at Rockefeller Institute. These experiments are of great importance to the science of surgery, and are carried on by unselfish men whose skill would bring them more money if employed in actual work instead of experimental research. The articles in question are well written and interesting and worthy their place in current literature, but their general tone gives one the impression that we care a great deal more for human life than we really do. One writer calls those engaged in these experiments, "Saviors of the human race rather than of individuals." Another writer predicts the time when consumption will be eradicated by the help of transplanting healthy lungs in place of diseased ones, and when the loss of a limb need cause no great concern since another limb may be grafted in its place.

The saving of human life is noble and those who labor to that end deserve our gratitude. Man will risk his own life to save his fellow-man from sudden death, and for doing so may receive a hero medal, which shows that we appreciate the value of life.

Men have labored, ofttimes unselfishly, and by their labor the art of healing has slowly advanced, conquering this and that supposedly incurable disease, performing one seemingly impossible operation after another, until today whole organs may be taken from one person and placed in another where they may go on functioning for a time.

Even in time of war our love of humanity asserts itself. Certain munitions of war are barred. Both sides furnish nurses and doctors to care for the injured of either side, and both have priests and preachers to give religious burial to the slain foe as well as their own dead, and to invoke Divine blessing upon the slaughter.

In contradiction to this seeming regard for life, both sides intend to kill all they can; and the strife between the resisting power of armor plate and the penetrating power of projectile continues. We still strive to make better guns, although our present engines of destruction equal, if not excel, any constructive machinery of which we can boast.

Our disregard for human life manifests itself in time of peace as much as in time of war. The number of persons killed and wounded by machinery, in America alone, in one year, exceeds the killed and wounded of any year in the great Civil War, the bloodiest and most fatal struggle in history. And the most of these industrial horrors could be prevented if necessary precautionary measures were adopted. . .

Consumption also has its industrial cause. The tenement houses, the garrets, the cellars, where some workers by half requited labor, or lack of work, are forced to live, the unsanitary mines and shops and mills, where not only men but women and children toil, are breeding places of the white plague.

Why should we be so elated over the transplanting of organs and limbs when we refuse to take the precaution necessary to preserve those we already have?

To place guards on the machine, to encase their dangerous parts, to adopt safety appliances, to render the mines and the mills and shops sanitary, would reduce the dividends. To replace the disease-breeding tenements with sanitary dwellings, to pay the laborer even a decent per cent of what, by the use of the machine, he produces, so that he may live decently instead of just exist; to employ men and pay them at least living wages, instead of women and children, because women and children can be hired cheaper; to furnish employment to the six million idle men in the United States, would reduce the profits. And therein you have the answer why it is not done. For while the saving of human life is noble, the saving of dollars is nobler. The rights of humanity are great, but the rights of property are greater.

Child labor, with all its demoralizing influence on the present and future generation, flourishes that some capitalist may acquire more profits and thereby live a more idle and useless life; that his children may enjoy the good things of life in proportion as some other children are deprived of them; that the good lady may wear raiment too fine for the childish hands that tended the looms, or the baby hands that

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pulled the basting threads in the sweat shops; that the lady's lap dog may feast on such viands as Chicago's fifteen thousand starving school children never heard of. Children producing velvet blankets for dogs while the producers themselves are in rags! Two million child slaves in America alone! Do we value human life?

In one of the articles referred to above, the author, speaking of the surgical experiments performed on animals, seems to think some apology necessary for the slaughter of the dumb brutes in the interest of humanity and asks this trite question: "How many dogs is your baby worth?" Viewed from the point of child slavery, and in relation to the extravagancies of the over-rich, the question may well be inverted. How many babies is a dog worth?

The mother of a growing family, threatened with consumption, if she lacks the money to take curative measures, must die. The government has no help to offer. But if the hired man should tell the farmer that the old sow had the cholera, and the farmer should write the Department of Agriculture, immediate steps to save the hog would be taken. The hog is worth money. Another pertinent question suggests itself. How many mothers is a hog worth?

The doctors of the Rockefeller Institute are not the "Saviors of humanity." They can not be as long as the present industrial conditions prevail. The employers of labor can not be expected to do anything to better conditions. Many of them have no desire to do so, and if any of them should so desire, the spirit of competition would prevent them from putting that desire into effect. It is up to humanity to save itself; to work out its own salvation.

The key to the situation is union. United we stand, divided we fall, for in union there is strength. The present labor union movement, which on its face recognizes the class struggle, predicts the future political union of the workers of this country, and finally the carrying out of that entreaty voiced a generation ago, "Workers of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains, you have a world to gain."

EDWARD ELLIS BUTLER.

THE MINIMUM.

I noticed an article in the November number of THE TELEGRAPHER by Bro. H. W. Lewis, of Div. 33. I most heartily approve of his plan for increasing our pay and placing our craft on the high plane that it should occupy. That is, on a par with, if not above, that of the B. of L. E. and B. of R. T. While his price may be a little high to start with, I think the main idea is excellent and it would be hard to improve upon it. I believe that if we stand together in a body all over the United States for eight hours, for every telegrapher handling train orders, and stand firm, we will get it. Of course, we must have thorough organization to do this. But if each member will talk to the non and give him the best arguments at his command, there is no excuse for not being thoroughly organized. I say, there is no non so hard-shelled but what some one can get him if the right kind of talk is used and each point reasoned out in detail. Do not take "no" for an answer. "Where there is a will, there is a way." Don't get discouraged. I had the honor of getting a non in the fold the other day who has been telegraphing for twenty-six years, and two local chairmen had been after him for a long time without success. I do not say this to brag of my ability, but to show what we can do if we persevere. The same is true of the eight-hour workday and the $75.00 minimum. If we go after them right, we can get them.

Brothers and sisters, look at the other organizations that are getting from $85.00 to $350.00 per month, and tell me if any one of them has graver responsibilities than has the telegrapher. Tell me, if their schedules call for meal hours, do they sit down and say, "Oh, well, I don't need it." Remember, the meal hour you pass up is but a small thing in your eyes, but stop and consider how much effort has been expended in incorporating that meal hour in your schedule. Again, think you, if we pass up such points in our schedule, will the railroads be willing to comply with the larger ones? Do other organizations let any part of their contracts go unheeded? You wail because the chief or the trainmaster turns

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you down on some point. Whose fault is it that our schedules are not lived up to by our employers? I can tell you. It is our fault. Yes, you and I, the very ones who have worked and toiled and sent our representatives to the management, and paid our money to secure these things, we are the ones who are letting the privileges that we have paid for go by default. Now, do you suppose for one minute that the railroads would let us fall down in the performance of any part of our duty? If you think so try leaving the office without permission from the dispatcher, fail to send in your daily car report, or let a train go by without reporting it and see how quickly you will receive a letter from the chief telling you "such services will not be tolerated." I am not speaking from hearsay, but from actual experience.

Yours for eight hours and $75.00 minimum and better conditions.

CERT. 817, DIV. 31.

AGENTS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR U. S. MAIL.

It seems to me that this is a duty unjustly thrust upon an agent, as it is entirely out of his line of work, and I believe steps should be taken to relieve him of this responsibility. Of course, we realize that the railroad companies are under contract to handle the mail within a certain distance, but as they are compensated by the government, why should this extra responsibility be thrust upon the agent, who has a great many things to look after, especially at passenger train time? The most important duties are the handling of U. S. mail, baggage and express. We all know a man cannot be in two places at the same time, yet very often while he is unloading baggage and express an agent is called upon to deliver a piece of freight, baggage or express, or innumerable questions are asked regarding trains. At the same time his mind is constantly on the U. S. mail, else he may forget it and be forced to pay a fine, if nothing worse. Why is it so much responsibility is forced upon the agent's shoulders? Can some of it not be taken off? I would suggest that we be relieved of the U. S. mail. I hope that this question will receive consideration at the hands of committees when in conference with the managements of the various roads, and that satisfactory results will be obtained

CERT. 955.

A REVELATION.

Recently I received a visit from an incorrigible "non." I seldom use anything but serious argument when dealing with this type, but for once I decided to be ironical and sarcastic. Picking up the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, after he was seated, I apostrophized as follows: "Poor old O. R. T.! I have paid my last dues. When my card expires I am through with you, for what good have you ever been to me? I can not afford to pay anything more."

Imagine my surprise when the "non" opened up on me with an eloquence far surpassing that of Bryan, Cockran or Depew, and proved beyond a doubt that I could not afford to drop my membership. He especially called my attention to the fact that the New York State eight-hour law, which was before the Supreme Court of Westchester County, in a case to test its constitutionality, had been carried to the Federal Courts on an appeal; that the O. R. T. was undoubtedly under a burden, bearing its share of the expense of litigation, and how dreadfully stupid it would be for the railroad telegraphers—especially of New York State—to permit the case to fail because of the lack of proper presentation in the courts through an insufficiency of funds.

Now, this "non" was terribly in earnest—he held an eight-hour trick and knew it would affect him should the law be declared unconstitutional. I gasped, and before I could recover my breath to ask why *he* didn't "chip in" by establishing his membership, he "beat it" to catch his train.

What do you think of that for impudence? And isn't it a revelation? "Nons" well know what promotes their interests, but they accept favors secured by the Order in a matter-of-fact manner, knowing that we will continue to foot the bills and fight their battles. They feed on our rations and hang in the rear ever ready to demoralize

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our retreat should we lose or to appropriate the glories of victory in case we win.

To call them parasites is a misnomer. They are of a more contemptible species, for they have one characteristic which distinguishes them from parasites—they seem to be anxious for the continued healthy state of the body whose life blood they are sucking. F. PATRICK.

A PLEA FOR THE TWELVE-HOUR MAN.

I consider the time ripe for something to be done to better the condition of telegraphers at one-man stations. These men are compelled to work twelve hours each day without compensation for the three extra hours; while telegraphers at points where three men are employed enjoy the privileges accruing from the nine-hour law.

As union men we should all enjoy the same privileges in this respect, and it is unfair that telegraphers at one point work three and four hours longer than at another without extra compensation. If the way is not clear to legislate for these men, let us have the schedules revised.

I maintain that telegraphers at one-man stations have always had the greater amount of work to perform.

We should take into consideration that many are old-timers who have never missed an opportunity to assist in bringing the O. R. T. to its present high standing. Through thriftiness many have managed to get a little home of their own. Is it not too great a sacrifice for them to start life anew in a nine-hour locality?

Let us hope that something definite will be done ere long. "BILLY GALE."

THE TELEGRAPHERS' EIGHT-HOUR LAW IN CANADA.

We have seen very little in THE TELEGRAPHER relative to the eight-hour law in Canada, therefore I would like to express my views.

Most all of us are aware that at the last session of Parliament, Mr. Ralph Smith, member of Parliament, representing Nanaimo, B. C., constituency, introduced an "eight-hour law" covering railway telegrapher in Canada, and owing to its being late in the session, the bill was laid on the table until Parliament convened this winter.

Now is the time we must all get busy if we expect to see this bill made a law. We are all aware that Third Vice-President Campbell is working hard, but he needs the assistance of the entire membership to make a success, and if we give him the support we should and which we are capable of rendering there is no reason why our efforts should not be crowned with success.

I believe every member should at once write the member of Parliament who represents the constituency to which he belongs, setting forth the reasons why we desire this bill passed and made a law, and further explaining that voters of the whole country are with us in this measure.

Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, the Minister of Labor, at Ottawa, should also be communicated with, as, by reason of his position, he will likely be a conspicuous figure when this bill comes up for discussion.

The people of Canada require that every precaution be taken to make traveling by rail as free from accident as possible, and will, no doubt, readily give us their support.

Fully 90% of the errors made by telegraphers are traceable to three causes: (1) exhaustion caused by working long hours, rendering the worker physically and mentally incapable of properly performing his duty; (2) multiplicity of duties, making it impossible to give proper attention to telegraphic train orders; (3) the employment of young telegraphers, undeveloped mentally and physically, and inexperienced in railroad work.

Some young and inexperienced telegraphers, ambitious to draw a large check, are willing to work night and day to make a little over-time, although in the end it ruins their health and keeps other men out of employment who may be badly in need of it.

These are a few of the reasons why a law should be passed limiting the hours of service.

There are but few men in the telegraph service who care to work over-time, as most

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of us have reaped the usual reward of doing so to our sorrow, and experience has taught us that we are unfit for duty when kept at the key an unreasonable length of time. One may stand the grind for a few years, but it will eventually tell on him.

Although I have been telegraphing but eight years and need money as badly as anyone, I would not work a minute overtime, unless forced to do so. On one occasion I worked forty-eight hours at a stretch, and at different times thirty-six straight, and on each occasion I was, of course, completely exhausted and unfit for duty long before I was relieved.

The limiting of a day's work to eight hours, would, I dare say, do more to preserve health and prolong life than all the doctors and medicine in the land.

There is nothing in the world to be compared with good health; then why should we not place it above the almighty dollar? Medical scientists claim that close confinement to business, and the nervous and mental strain connected therewith, are doing more to undermine health and bring us to a lower standard of physical perfection than the amount of heavy, hard or dirty work done.

Is there a class of men to which this applies more than to the railway telegraphers?

Do you consider that 25c an hour overtime is sufficient compensation for one to receive (if we are to consider compensation) after having exhausted himself by a hard day's work?

Do you know how the hours in Canada compare with other countries? England, railway telegraphers, 8 hours; England, postal telegraphers, 6 hours; Russia, railway telegraphers, 8 hours; India, railway telegraphers, 56 hours per week; South Africa, railway telegraphers, 8 hours, with pay equal to one hundred dollars per month. There are but few countries in the world outside of Canada and Mexico where railway telegraphers are required to work 12 hours a day.

If the shortening of the hours of railway telegraphers in the United States was considered by Congress a good way to protect the lives of the traveling public, is there any reason why Parliament in Canada should decide differently?

If actual experience has proved that fewer errors are made by telegraphers in the United States since this eight-hour law took effect, will it not do the same in Canada? Are not Canadians entitled to a law that will protect them against loss of life and limb while traveling as well as Americans?

Are not the telegraphers of Canada as hard working, honest, respectable, and therefore as worthy of an eight-hour law, as the telegraphers of the United States?

Are we not as fond of our families, health and liberty as Americans, and should we have to work four hours longer a day for same pay?

Are not the railways of Canada as able to put on the third man as those of the United States?

Are the railway clerks on the Intercolonial Ry. any more entitled to an eight-hour day than the telegraphers? They have an eight-hour day. Are they more skilled labor than telegraphers?

Cannot every telegrapher name from five to thirty telegraphers who are out of employment or who have entered other lines of business on account of long hours, poor pay and general unsatisfactory conditions in railway service? If so, would there be any trouble in securing extra telegraphers to put the eight-hour day into effect?

If an eight-hour law was enacted in Canada would it not attract a great many of the old reliable telegraphers to the service who deserted the profession on account of having to work from twelve to twenty-four hours a day?

Why are we not becoming alive to this movement and flooding all members of Parliament and the Minister of Labor with letters relative to this law? The people are with us in this movement, and if we do not secure an eight-hour day it will be our own fault.

In circulating a paper asking voters to support us in this legislation I first secured the signatures of the town officials, business men next, and had it full in a short time. Everyone was willing to sign and

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nearly all wished us success. What better encouragement could we wish?

Something like a year ago, when this bill was introduced in Parliament, I wrote the M. P. representing this constituency requesting that he support it. Some time later I had a personal talk with him, and in speaking of the bill he informed me that I was the only telegrapher who had written him or mentioned it to him. This looks discouraging, and I hope he has ere this received a number of letters, as I promised him he would.

Probably a great many are not aware of the fact that the Department of Labor, in Ottawa, publishes an organ which gives the record and results of all labor disputes in Canada, legal decisions affecting labor, general conditions and demands of labor and government fair wage schedule on all government contracts.

This is supposed to be perfectly neutral, and as the subscription price is only 25c a year for the monthly issue, every member who is at all interested in trade unionism should become a subscriber. Likely it will contain articles relative to our eight-hour law as it progresses.

Below is a clipping from a daily paper which gives the Canadian Railway Commissioners the power to decide when railways shall put a regular agent at flag stations.

This will completely upset a novel scheme which the new Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. had arranged, viz.: They were intending to put on a man called a train agent. His duties were to sell tickets to passengers, deliver and receive freight at all stations, collect freight bills, issue receipts and do agents' work at each station. He was to remain on the train and act as agent at all points. He surely would be a busy man, and so would the farmer who drove into town with a tub of butter in the morning and had to wait until after noon, when the train came in, to get a receipt for it. This would be pleasant, of course, especially if it was raining or snowing, or if the train was a few hours late. No doubt everyone would always be on hand to receive freight receipt and pay charges to this train agent, no matter when train came in, how far out in the country he lives, or what train freight came in on.

Let us all prepare to battle for the eight-hour law for telegraphers in Canada, and never surrender until victory is ours.

You will find below a clipping from a daily newspaper which is self-explanatory, also a list of the different members of Parliament, showing the constituency represented. This list, although not official, is very nearly, if not absolutely, correct. All petitions and letters relative to the teleggraphers' eight-hour law should be forwarded accordingly:

The Winnipeg Jobbers' and Shippers' Association received yesterday judgment of Chairman Maybee in their application to the Board of Railway Commissioners for better facilities at flag stations. Mr. Maybee states:

"I think it not unreasonable that the company should, at all stopping places known as flag stations, erect a suitable shelter or waiting room which could be used for both freight and passengers; it should be provided with a door and windows. It would not require a caretaker to be kept, nor would it be unreasonable to require this building to always be kept heated or lighted. There should be some sort of platform and proper approaches. If the railway companies are willing to accept the foregoing views, the board will hear them as to the sizes of building and platform to be provided. If they desire to appeal from the holding that the board has jurisdiction, we will delay until such appeal is disposed of before settling these details.

"Dealing next with the question of appointing permanent agents at flag stations, I think the board has jurisdiction to so order if it deems a permanent agent part of the station equipment necessary to furnish to the public adequate and suitable accommodation for unloading and delivering traffic, or for receiving and loading of traffic, and in this view I am confirmed by the late chief commissioner. The question is what amount of traffic warrants the appointment of a permanent agent. I think the Minnesota law not an unreasonable one

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in this respect. There the total freight and passenger carrying of $15,000 requires the appointment of a permanent agent, and I agree with the recommendation of the operating assistant upon this point, and think the Canadian companies should be required to appoint and maintain permanent agents at stations where the total freight and passenger earnings amount to $15,000 for the year, and that points where the business consists principally of shipping grain, where such shipments amount to at least 50,000 bushels, agents should be appointed and maintained at such points during the grain-shipping season, and at points of shipment where the telegraph operator is located for the handling of trains, such operator should, while he remains at such a point, be provided with the necessary equipment to enable him to take care of all traffic at such point.

"Strong objections are made, and, I think, with good reason, to the form of release required for traffic for delivery at flag stations, but I refrain from dealing with this matter, as it is now under consideration by the joint committee assembled, pursuant to the request of the board made in the circular of April last, and will be dealt with by the board when considering the standard form of shipping bill."

ONTARIO.

Constituency.	Candidates.
Algoma	W. R. Smyth.
Algoma, West	A. C. Boyce.
Brant	Hon. Wm. Paterson.
Brantford	Lloyd Harris.
Brockville	Hon. G. P. Graham.
Bruce, North	John Tolmie.
Bruce, South	J. J. Donnelly.
Carleton	R. L. Borden.
Cornwall-Stormont	Maj. Robert Smith.
Dufferin	Dr. John Barr.
Dundas	A. Broder.
Durham	C. J. Thornton.
Elgin, East	David Marshall.
Elgin, West	T. W. Crothers, K. C.
Essex, North	Hon. R. F. Sutherland.
Essex, South	A. H. Clarke, K. C.
Frontenac	Dr. J. W. Edwards.
Glengarry	J. A. McMillan.
Grenville	J. D. Reid.
Grey, East	Dr. T. S. Sproule.
Grey, North	W. S. Middlebro.
Grey, South	H. H. Miller.
Haldimand	F. J. Lalor.
Halton	D. Henderson.
Hamilton, East	S. Barker.
Hamilton, West	A. Zimmerman.
Hastings, East	W. B. Northrup.
Hastings, West	E. Gus. Porter.
Huron, East	Dr. Thomas Chisholm.
Huron, South	M. Y. McLean.
Huron, West	E. N. Lewis.
Kent, East	D. A. Gordon.
Kent, West	A. B. McCoig.
Kinkston	Hon. Wm. Harty.
Lambton, East	J. E. Armstrong.
Lambton, West	F. F. Pardee.
Lanark, North	T. Caldwell.
Lanark, South	Hon. John Haggart.
Leeds	Geo. Taylor.
Lennox and Addington	Uriah Wilson.
Lincoln	E. A. Lancaster.
London	Major Beattie.
Middlesex, East	Peter Elson.
Middlesex, North	A. Smith.
Middlesex, West	W. S. Calvert.
Muskoka	Wm. Wright.
Nipissing	Geo. Gordon.
Norfolk	A. McCall.
Northumberland, East	C. L. Owen.
Northumberland, West	J. B. McColl.
Ontario, North	Capt. Sam Sharpe.
Ontario, South	F. L. Fowke.
Ottawa	H. B. McGiverin, Sir Wilfred Laurier.
Oxford, South	M. S. Schell.
Oxford, North	E. W. Nesbitt.
Parry Sound	Jas. Arthurs.
Peel	R. Blain.
Perth, North	Dr. J. P. Rankin.
Perth, South	G. H. McIntyre.
Peterboro, East	J. A. Sexsmith.
Peterboro, West	J. R. Stratton.
Prescott	E. Proulx.
Prince Edward	Dr. Morley Currie.
Rainy River	J. Conmee.
Renfrew, North	Gerald White.
Renfrew, South	T. A. Low.
Russell	Hon. Chas. Murphy.
Simcoe, East	M. Chew.
Simcoe, North	Daniel Wilson.

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Simcoe, South—Jas. Campbell.
Toronto, Center—E. Bristol.
Toronto, East—J. Russell.
Toronto, North—Hon. Geo. E. Foster.
Toronto, South—A. Claude MacDonel.
Toronto, West—E. B. Osler.
Victoria-Haliburton—Col. Sam Hughes.
Waterloo, North—W. L. Mackenzie King.
Waterloo, South—Geo. Claire.
Welland—W. M. German.
Wellington, North—A. M. Martin.
Wellington, South—H. Guthrie.
Wentworth—W. O. Sealey.
York, South—W. F. McLean (Accl.).
York, North—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth.
York, Center—Capt. T. G. Wallace.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Carleton—F. B. Cavell.
Charlotte—W. G. Ganong.
Gloucester—O. Turgeon.
Kent—Hon. O. J. Leblanc.
Kings-Albert—D. H. McAllister.
Northumberland—W. S. Logie.
Queens-Sunbury—Col. H. H. McLean.
Restigouche—James Reid.
St. John, City—Dr. J. Daniels.
St. John, City and County—Hon. Wm. Pugsley.
Victoria-Madawas'a—P. Michaud.
Westmoreland—Hon. R. H. Emmerson.
York—O. S. Crockett.

QUEBEC.

Argenteuil—Geo. Perley.
Bagot—J. E. Marcil.
Beauce—Dr. H. S. Beland.
Beauharnois—L. J. Papineau.
Bellechasse—O. E. Talbot.
Berthier—A. Ecrement.
Bonaventure—Chas. Marcil.
Brome—Hon. S. A. Fisher.
Chambly-Vercheres—V. Geoffrion.
Champlain—P. E. Blondin.
Charlevoix—R. Forget.
Chateuguay—J. P. Brown.
Chicoutimi—Saguency
Compton—A. B. Hunt.
Dorchester—E. Roy.
Drummond-Arthabaska—L. Lavergne.
Gaspe—Hon. R. Lemieux.

Constituency. Candidates.

Hochelaga—L. A. Rivet.
Huntingdon—T. A. Robb.
Jacques-Cartier—F. D. Monk.
Joliette—J. A. Dubeau.
Kamouraska—E. Lapointe.
Labelle—C. B. Major.
LaPrairie-Napierville—R. Lanctot.
L'Assomption—J. A. Seguin, L. C. Laurier.
Laval—C. A. Wilson.
Levis—L. A. Carrier.
L'Islet—E. Paquet.
Lotbiniere—Edmond Fortier.
Maisonneuve—A. Verville.
Maskinonge—H. Mayrand.
Megantic—F. T. Lavoie.
Missisiquoi—D. B. Meigs.
Montcalm—F. O. Dugas.
Montmagny—E. Roy.
Montmorency—Geo. Parent.
Montreal, St. Anne—C. J. Doherty.
Montreal, St. Antoine—H. B. Ames.
Montreal—St. James—H. Gervais.
Montreal, St. Lawrence—R. Bickerdike.
Montreal, St. Mary's—M. Martin.
Nicolet—G. A. Turcotte.
Portneuf—M. S. Delisle.
Pontiac—G. F. Hodgins.
Quebec, Center—A. Lachance.
Quebec, East—Sir Wilfred Laurier.
Quebec, County—Jos. Turcotte.
Quebec, West—W. Price.
Richelieu—A. Lanctot.
Richmond and Wolfe—E. W. Tobin.
Rimouski—J. A. Ross.
Rouville—Hon. L. P. Brodeur.
St. Hyacinthe—A. M. Beauparlane.
St. John and Iberville—Jos. Demers.
Shefford—H. E. Allen.
Sherbrooke—A. N. Worthington.
Soulanges—Dr. Lortie.
Stanstead—C. H. Lovell.
Temiscouata—C. A. Gavreau.
Terrebonne—Bruno Nantel.
Three Rivers and St. Mary's—Hon. J. Bureau.
Two Mountains—J. A. C. Ethier.
Vaudreuil—G. Boyer.
Wright—E. B. Devlin.
Yamaska—E. O. Gladu.

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Constituency.	Candidates.
Annapolis	S. W. Pickup.
Antigonish	Wm. Chisholm.
Cape Breton, North	D. D. Mackenzie.
Cape Breton, South	J. W. Maddin.
Colchester	Chas. Hill.
Cumberland	J. L. Ralston.
Digby	C. F. Jamieson.
Guysboro	J. H. Sinclair.
Halifax (two members)	R. L. Borden, A. B. Crosby.
Hants	J. B. Black.
Inverness	A. W. Chisholm.
Kings	Sir Fred. Borden.
Lunenburg	A. K. McLean.
Pictou	E. M. McDonald.
Richmond	G. W. Kyte.
Shelburne-Queen's	Hon. W. S. Fielding.
Yarmouth	B. B. Law.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Comox-Atlin	Dr. Quinlan.
Kootenay	A. S. Goodeve.
Nanaimo	Ralph Smith.
New Westminster	J. D. Taylor.
Vancouver	G. H. Cowan.
Victoria	G. H. Bernard.
Yale-Cariboo	Martin Burrell.

MANITOBA.

Brandon	Hon. Clifford Sifton.
Dauphin	Glen Campbell.
Lisgar	W. H. Sharpe.
MacDonald	W. Staples.
Marquette	Dr. W. J. Roche.
Portage La Prairie	A. Meighen.
Provencher	Dr. J. P. Molloy.
Selkirk	S. J. Jackson.
Souris	Dr. F. L. Schaffner.
Winnipeg	A. Haggart, K. C.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Assiniboia	J. G. Turriff.
Battleford	A. Champagne.
Humboldt	Dr. Neeley.
Mackenzie	Dr. E. L. Cash.
Moose Jaw	W. E. Knowles.
Prince Albert	W. W. Ruttan.
Qu'Appelle	J. T. Brown.
Regina	W. M. Martin.
Saltcoats	Hon. T. McNutt.
Saskatoon	G. E. McCraney.

ALBERTA.

Constituency.	Candidates.
Calgary	M. S. McCarthy.
Edmonton	Hon. Frank Oliver.
MacLeod	A. B. McDonald.
Medicine Hat	W. C. Simmons.
Red Deer	Dr. Clark.
Strathcona	Dr. W. McIntyre.
Victoria	H. A. White.

PRINCE EDWARD.

Queens (two members)	A. B. Warburton, L. E. Prowse.
Prince	Jas. W. Richards.
King's	A. L. Fraser.

WILL MAMMON WIN?

The greed of Midas was his undoing; the penuriousness of Dawes lost him his eternal happiness. How truly it is said, "What does it profit a man, though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." True, no right-thinking person cares to give up his chance for immortal life that he may satisfy his greed of gain, and still we have men on every hand today who eagerly grasp any scheme that will bring a little more wealth into their already overflowing coffers—anything, be it legitimate or not; the idea is to possess a little more of the filthy lucre. Men who will jeopardize their chance of heaven for a few paltry dollars; not that they need more cash in order to live, but the inexplicable desire to obtain; to possess it. Why do men give up so much and get so little in return. Men who are able to retire from business and live in affluence, will barter the most sacred in life in order to emulate the most wealthy. He it is who has such little thought of the public weal; the man who can afford to ever keep his representative in our legislative halls, lobbying for special interests—the interests of the aristocracy. Mankind has gradually won its rights from the aristocrat and the tyrant. The cycles of history are marked by documents declaring rights. In England, early in the thirteenth century, the common classes won the Magna Charta; in 1620 a band of pilgrims aboard the Mayflower confirmed the Mayflower compact before they landed on the shores of Massachusetts, and at once we discover

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that in recognition and protection of human rights it was far beyond the principles of the great English charter.

The Magna Charta was granted by King John, only after repeated efforts on the part of the people to obtain some justice and respect for their inalienable rights, and, at last, when the country had taken up arms against him, he granted the charter. It was confirmed and signed at Runnymede on June 15, 1215, and was subsequently confirmed by kings and Parliament more than thirty times, and today this great article is the foundation of civil liberty in Great Britain.

The most important clause was: "No freeman shall be taken, or imprisoned, or be disseized of his freehold, or liberties, or free customs, or be outlawed or exiled, or any otherwise destroyed, nor will we pass upon him, nor condemn him, but by lawful judgment of his peers, or by the law of the land. We will sell to no man, we will not deny or defer to any man, either right or justice." Still, this did not give the English people the freedom they sought, and when America was discovered they came here that they might have the freedom they desired; the right to worship God according to their own belief, and to enjoy all the inborn freedom of man, yet England's tyranny pursued them.

Next we have the colonies declaring their independence, saying "all men are created equal; * * * that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; * * among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and, for once, patrician and plebeian were equal.

Our constitution gave us freedom of speech and of the press, and laws were made that each man's rights might be protected, but ere long our legislative halls began to be a resort for the man seeking a special privilege; not for protection of life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness, but a protection for his business, that he might increase his fortune.

Of course, the seeking of special privileges has existed from time immemorial. King John was clothed in special privileges. Could he have withheld the Magna Charta he would have done so, as it was his desire to have absolute control of his subjects; to punish them at will. Likewise it is the desire of the men of wealth, the privilege-hunting class, of today, the aristocracy of this nation, to dominate and control the common class—to make serfs of them.

Thanks to the good sense of the men who long ago organized the common people—the people who labor for their sustenance—by united effort we may yet maintain our rights. Still, many of us, I fear, don't realize the importance of unity of action; we are too prone to be neglectful and to let our prejudice rule our better judgment; to forget that our own happiness should be in the uplifting of our fellowman. Let us try, if possible, to have our laws so amended that our labor leaders may not be facing a jail sentence for simply exercising their rights of freedom of speech and of the press. We might prevail on the judges to observe Section 2, Article 3, of our constitution, where it says: "The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury, and such trial shall be held in the State where the said crimes shall have been committed." I wonder if life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness would be better preserved if we could live in accordance with the constitution, instead of being ruled by judge-made laws and tried by a jury composed of a judge.

The trend of the nation, judging from events of the past two years, is toward the abolition of freedom of speech and of the press. I suppose we will still be classified as trusts, and our right to protest by speech or press taken away.

No doubt the next move, if Mammon has his way, will be to forbid a laborer to even think of unionism. It is queer that an organization working for the upbuilding and uplifting of the poorer class should meet with so much opposition. Many people will oppose us and then give a goodly sum to missionaries, that foreign heathens may be educated, but they have no thought of the poor families at home thirsting for education; that have time for nothing but work and sleep. The advocate of high protection for home industry might compatibly

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advocate a little protection for home morals and Christianity. If the magnate is to be protected, why not give us a share? But as Mammon and altruism do not go hand in hand, we must look to ourselves and our fellow-unionists to outdistance our enemies, and thus gain the guarantee of equal rights to all. CERT. 3124.

ED, THE MACHINIST.

He had no particular talent. He was just an ordinary machinist. But Ed Douglas was more highly respected by the two thousand men in the shop than any other chap in the place. His was one of the names that were familiar to nearly every fellow working in that big plant. Ed was not popular with the men because he set out to make himself popular by always agreeing with his shopmates. Indeed, he frequently went full tilt against their opinions, and, principally, against their actions. Often I have seen him approach the fellow who had just ripped out a string of oaths and rebuke him, although never with a suggestion of pharisaical supremacy. He was simply trying to show the blasphemer that it would pay him to cut out his foolish, senseless swearing.

He did not belong to any of the fraternal organizations, but I have known him to spend many a night with a sick shopmate. Frequently he left in the home part of the not over-abundant cash in his pocket, but, better than that, he left a smile on the face of the tired, discouraged nurse-wife; the children wished that he might come again, and the sick man felt the cheer of his presence.

He was an arbitrator in personal disputes in the shop, and the boys never repudiated his decisions. Not infrequently he dared approach the boss in behalf of a supposedly-wronged fellow-workman. The boys admired his disinterested nerve. Somehow, he seemed to know when the rest of us had met with adversity, or even the smaller discouragements which made life seem hard. Always was there a strong, cheerful word which usually braced up the fellow who thought that the whole world had gone wrong. The apprentices were particularly fond of him, because he appeared to have a lively interest in their affairs. Never did he seem to hand out wisdom in large chunks, with an air of patronage or paternalism. Never was there a suspicion of cant. Ed was just a sane, healthy-minded, strong-hearted Christian working man, who felt that there was a place for Christian living outside of the church building and away from the Sunday services.

May his kind increase. We need them. The sympathetic touch of a shopmate counts for more than most of us imagine. Every morning brings its weight of woe, and every evening its burden. No matter what the cause, the need is ever the same, and relief is usually found in the simple, manly message of love and sympathy manifested in the life of the fellow who works by our side. At least, it will help, for it is doing just what the Great Carpenter did and what He would continue to do were He upon earth. That's what made Douglas, the machinist, a bigger factor in the lives of those two thousand working men than any other single individual. It paid him, too. Anyway, you'd think so, if you could see his face while he worked—worked for man and for God—just as a machinist.

REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' HOME.

I wrote an article in September, 1908, TELEGRAPHER, proposing a plan to build a home for the old and disabled telegraphers. Now I want to take a vote on this proposition, as I have gotten several letters encouraging the movement. My plan is to raise the dues 50c higher than they are at present, this amount to be turned over to a special committee, elected by the membership, and put under bond, for the purpose of building and maintaining the home. Telegraphers who have been in the Order for a certain length of time to be eligible, time and other eligibility clauses to be determined upon after the home is built. I would like to know how the membership stands on this proposition and therefore ask every member to vote, sending ballots to me. T. M. NELMS, *Local Chairman*,
Arkansas Div. C. R. I. & P. Ry.,
Germania, Ark.

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BALLOT ON TELEGRAPHERS' HOME FUND.

I vote to build a home for telegraphers by raising the semi-annual dues 50c.

I vote not to raise the dues or build a home for telegraphers.

Name .....
City or Town.....
Street and No.....
Cert. No.....
Railway employed on.....

Vote by drawing line through the one you are against.

THE ATLANTA CONVENTION.

Soon after it was decided to hold the convention of 1909 in Atlanta, the boys in the southeastern territory began talking about the organization of a telegraphers' club, which should take in as members both commercial and railroad telegraphers located in the South. In February, 1908, a call was issued to all telegraphers by Mrs. E. B. Smith, requesting that representatives from roads in the South attend a general meeting of telegraphers. The meeting, while quite a success, did not come up to the expectations of the members in Atlanta. In March another call was issued, which resulted in but a small attendance. In April we met with the same disappointment, but the Atlanta telegraphers never gave up hope, and Mrs. Smith again issued a call for a meeting in May. This meeting was a success, a representative crowd being present.

At the May, 1908, meeting, the Dixie's Twin Order Telegraphers' Club was organized, and since that time we have not missed a meeting. In October, 1908, the arrangements for convention were talked over, and it was decided that in November, actual work looking to the preparations for convention would begin. At the November meeting, another representative gathering, the club selected an Atlanta General Committee. upon whose shoulders the details of the entertainment and accommodation of the big convention crowd would rest.

This committee, consisting of R. A. Clarke, chairman; C. H. Livsey, Mrs. E. B. Smith, O. S. Travis, J. C. Ewing, J. L. Stanberry, P. L. Murphy, H. A. Morris, B. H. Harkins, Miss West, T. S. Whittiker, and Mrs. M. E. Patterson, was appointed by the president, Chas. H. Livsey.

Six regular standing committees have been appointed, together with sub-committees, which have been working diligently, and at the roll-call each committee has not failed to report work done, and plans laid for further work. In this manner these committees have been working for several months and have everything in shape for the arrival of Brothers Perham and Quick, when final arrangements will be made. Miss West, who is chairman of the Ladies' Entertainment Committee, already has the ladies of the southeastern roads in line, and before another month will have every lady detailed to some special duty. These committees are working with the regularity of an army of soldiers, and Miss West deserves credit for the efficient manner in which she has performed her duty.

The entertainment of the delegates and visitors to the convention will be strictly informal, and at each special feature of the entertainment the members of the Dixie Club desire that the delegates and visitors feel perfectly "at home." The ladies should come supplied with plenty of washable dresses, short skirts, and "sunbonnets." The gentlemen will be at liberty to remove their coats, make themselves comfortable and smoke.

The General Committee requests that all style and "stiffness" be laid aside; come with the intention of working during the hours of the convention, and then be ready to enjoy the many attractions which Atlanta holds for the visitor, among them being the battle ground of Atlanta, now set apart as "Grant Park;" Gen. Jno. B. Gordon's home, known as "Southerland;" the great Southern poet's home, better known as "Uncle Remus's Snap Bean Farm;" Stone Mountain, 18 miles from Atlanta, the largest solid rock in the world; the Federal cemetery at Marietta; Ft. McPherson; Federal Prison, and the many beautiful drives, including the drive from Brookwood to College Park. At Atlanta's great playground, better known as "Ponce de Leon,"

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will be found the largest ball park in the South, and in all probability the Southern League will play several games in Atlanta during the stay of the telegraphers, so that all those who enjoy baseball can have their longings in that direction gratified. At this playground is located one of the largest skating rinks in the South, and at the Casino every night will be found the very best of summer plays, the plays booked there for the summer season being the best that have ever appeared on the summer stage. The Bijou and Lyric theaters, in the heart of the city, are booked to May 30, therefore these attractions will serve for many an evening's entertainment. The General Committee and the Dixie Club will give several splendid entertainments, which will be strictly "Southern style," and will be a treat to all those who have never visited the sunny Southland.

The souvenir badges are unique, and typical of the South in every detail, they being so made up that the medallions will, after the convention, serve as watch fobs, with the emblem of the O. R. T. thereon. Jerome Jones, editor of the *Journal of Labor,* will get out a souvenir edition of his splendid paper, to be presented to the delegates upon their arrival. This paper will be a splendid creation, and will be a good reminder of the visit to Atlanta.

The souvenir cards, or membership cards of the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club, are now ready to be issued, and all telegraphers who receive THE TELEGRAPHER can secure membership by applying to Mrs. E. B. Smith, S. & T., P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga. The cards are beautiful creations, and will be prized by anyone getting them as a memento of the convention of 1909. Not only those who attend the convention are urged to get cards, but those who are not coming—get at least this much of the convention. The price of membership, good to June 30, is 50c, the only provisions being that one must hold an up-to-date card in either the O. R. T. or C. T. U. of A. This club will likely keep up its splendid work after the convention is over, as the dues are only 50c per semi-annual term.

Those delegates who wish to stop at private homes or boarding houses instead of hotels will do well to communicate with Sister Smith as soon as possible, stating how many to room, etc. The Hotel Committee is now at the service of the delegates and visitors, and the sooner the information is in their hands the better accommodations can be secured.



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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Bro. S. Parks, of Quanah, Tex., was a recent visitor at headquarters.

Through the efforts of the Secretary of No. 2, the following brothers secured positions: Bro. J. W. Fiedler, of the Grand, to the Frisco. Bro. T. E. Williams, of No. 36, to the Iron Mountain at Chester, Ill. Bro. R. H. James, of the Grand, to Madison, for the I C. Bro. J. S. Lawson, of No. 119, to the Missouri Pacific, and Bro. J. C. Watkins, of Division No. 2, to the Wabash at Decatur, Ill.

Bro. A. O. Sinks, the "old-timer" from No. 53, member of Board of Directors, has just put in an appearance, and we are again reminded that another year has rolled around, and that another check of the receipts and disbursements of the Order will be made.

According to your correspondent's way of thinking the Order has been more successful during the past two years than during any two previous years of its existence. The numerical gain has not been so great, but we must remember we are now some twenty-three years old, and the work of organization becomes more complete each year. During the past year and a half the country has been in the throes of a financial and business depression, the like of which has not been seen for many years. Naturally the policy of the railroads has been retrenchment. Notwithstanding all this, the salaries of railroad telegraphers on scheduled lines have not been cut, and what to my mind is more important is the very material shortening of the hours of service. Many of us have plodded along for years and years, twelve long, weary hours a day, including Sunday, until life has become a monotonous drag. When the time comes that six or eight hours shall constitute a day's work, we can begin to sit up and take notice, and life will again be worth living. There is a way to bring this about. Will you help?

DIV. COR.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Tyrone Division, B. E. V. Branch—

We have expected for several months that some one would give our division a write-up. It can hardly be expected that our local chairman will do it all, as he has troubles of his own. Other divisions have division notes in the journal each month, why can not we? I hope every brother will send at least one item to our Local Chairman, W. E. Berkholder, Bellefonte, Pa., not later than the 22nd of each month, so it can be forwarded to St. Louis in time for publication.

There has been considerable changing on the Valley of late.

Bro. M. B. Williams, formerly of "MD" tower, assigned second trick at Powelton.

Telegrapher C. R. Lord, third trick at "NA" tower, assigned third trick at "MD" tower.

W. E. Beck assigned third trick at "NA" tower, and M. H. Hall, extra telegrapher, assigned second trick at "NA" tower.

Bro. M. E. Flynn has been assigned third trick at Snow Shoe Intersection. Telegrapher R. E. Shively, an extra man, is working second trick at "CX" tower, until it is bid in; Telegrapher C. W. Lorrah, formerly second trick at "CX" tower, having bid in Bro. Flynn's old stand, third trick at "CX."

Telegrapher C. R. Richards assigned to third trick at "MW," Martha.

No doubt it will be noticed that a number of these men are not members. Let us get our division well organized. Every little helps, and if the members will make an effort we will soon have a solid membership.

Bro. A. G. Hill, formerly third trick at Snow Shoe Intersection, has resigned and left for Rochester, N. Y. We understand he is acting as assistant ticket agent there.

Bro. C. A. Fetzer, third trick at "RU," Milesburg, was off duty one night on account of sickness; relieved by Telegrapher B. J. Frontz.

Bro. L. S. Way, second trick at Snow Shoe Intersection, off duty one night, attending the meeting at Tyrone; relieved by Bro. B. J. Frontz.

Bro. W. S. Hattwick, first trick at "MO" tower, Mill Hall, and family, visited their home at Woodland for a day.

Bro. S. L. Straley, third trick at "MO" tower, with his family, visited home folks at Williamsport, Pa.

Bro. W. A. Stallsmith, first trick at "BF" tower, Bellefonte, accompanied by his wife, visited Bro. Stallsmith's home at Hanover, for a week. Telegrapher L. R. Corman worked first trick during Bro. Stallsmith's absence.

Telegrapher A. J. McLaughlin, first trick at "RU," Milesburg, was off duty a couple of days recently, visiting his home in Snow Shoe. He was relieved by Extra Telegrapher L. R. Woodring.

Bro. H. G. Nagle, second trick at "RU," Milesburg, was off one night recently, visiting his home in Williamsport, Pa.

The brothers congratulate Bro. Burkholder upon having been elected local chairman of this division, and no doubt will do every thing in their power to assist him in the discharge of his duty.

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Lancaster Div., No. 9.

The regular monthly meeting for March was called to order by Chief Bro. Shope, Jr. The regular routine of business was transacted. At this meeting the following officers (who were elected in February to serve the ensuing year) were installed by Past Chief Bro. Kacy. Chief Telegrapher, Bro. W. W. Shope, Jr.; first vice-chief, Bro. Harry M. Stevens; second vice-chief, Bro. E. R. Ebersole; secretary and treasurer, Bro. A. B. Hambright. The Chief, after the installation, made his usual appointments, including standing committees, which remain the same as in 1908. A better combination of officers could not be found, and it is our duty to give them our undivided support, and attend meetings. Show by your presence that you have the interest of the fraternity at heart, take part in its deliberations, remembering that the success of the division rests not upon one, or a few, but all, and in addition let each and every one of us endeavor to secure at least one new member during the year.

The auditing committee, composed of Bros. Hess, Aument and Stevens, made its report, which was received by the division, and a vote of thanks tendered the members composing the committee for the able manner in which they performed their duty.

The committee on by-laws, appointed some time ago and composed of Bros. Hess, Aument, Ebersole, Mohn, Stevens, Hartwick, Brandt, Kern and Kacy, would be glad to receive suggestions with the end in view of making our by-laws the most complete ever gotten up, when brought before the division for approval.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Harry Borngesser, interlocker at "CG" tower, who had part of a finger taken off on March 4th by being caught in a switch, has resumed duty.

Bro. Harry Cox, of Manheim, Pa., has gone to Cincinnati, O., to visit friends. Bro. Cox was at one time wireless telegrapher in the employ of Uncle Sam, and while so employed was one of a party of five who held the record for setting up a wireless station in the shortest time.

We are glad to know that Bro. A. J. Mowery, "CG" block, who has not been in the best of health for some time, is improving. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Bro. A. B. Hambright, our secretary and treasurer, has moved to Elizabethtown, Pa., on account of not being able to get a house at Landisville, Pa.; therefore, after April, 1909, all mail should be sent to Elizabethtown.

At our last meeting we were pleased to have with us Bros. Steiner and Crouse, from the low grade. We trust they will call again, and bring more of the brothers from that territory.

We are in receipt of a book containing 133 pages, entitled "Labor Conference." Proceedings of the conference with the representatives of labor held in the office of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, February 10th and 11th, 1909, at Washington, D. C., and note that our Worthy President, Bro. Henry B. Perham, was called on for an address, to which he responded in a very able and creditable manner.

The two special trains run over the Philadelphia Division, the latter part of March, known as "The Orchard Demonstration Train" and "The Educational Special Train," were well received by the farmers and others enroute, and it is expected much good will result. The running of these trains shows to what extent the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. is interested in the material welfare of the people whom it serves. The management is to be congratulated for its foresight and the able manner in which these trains were handled. We feel safe in saying that all who attended these lectures were well pleased and well repaid for their trouble.

By the time you are reading this, Bro. Kacy will be looking Atlantaward, where he expects to represent Division No. 9, and take care of her interests. Any suggestions will be gladly received by him.

If you know of any items not chronicled here, please remember it is impossible for one to gather all the news without assistance. When you hear of anything that would be of interest to the fraternity, please notify the division correspondent, who will see that it is printed. We especially urge all brothers to send a few items by the 23d of each month, as they must be in the hands of the editor not later than the 28th. Thanking those who have assisted us, we are yours for success. DIV. COR.

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

I hereby make the following appointments for the term:

Marshal, G. R. Blecer, Catawissa; inside sentinel, W. T. Dyer, Sunbury; outside sentinel, E. S. Boyer, Selinsgrove; division correspondent, A. R. Johnson, Catawissa; assistant correspondent, W. K. Brobst (Schedule No. 1); assistant correspondent, W. J. Engle (Schedule No. 2); assistant correspondent, C. L. Keyser (Schedule No. 3); assistant correspondent, W. S. Pegg (Schedule No. 4); assistant correspondent, W. W. Boyer (Schedule No. 5).

The assistant correspondents will send their communications to Bro. Johnson, who will forward them to THE TELEGRAPHER.

Assistant secretary, G. O. Stahl.

Relief Committee: W. P. Johnston, H. F. Hagan, J. A. Montgomery, S. H. Kern and W. D. Grant.

Committee on Entertainment: W. D. Grant, G. N. Cooke, G. E. Burns, J. D. Mettler, G. O. Stahl and W. H. Dunkelberger.

Committee on By-Laws: B. A. McCracken, W. D. Grant and C. W. Kase.

(Signed) W. H. DUNKELBERGER,
Chief Telegrapher.

Bro. J. H. Barto, who formerly held down "WN" office, called on Wilkesbarre, Pa., friends recently. He is holding a responsible position at Yardley, New York Division, of the Philadelphia

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& Reading. We are advised he has about closed a deal with a chiropodist of E. Northampton St., Wilkesbarre, and will desert the key to embark in this business. He, therefore, solicits your patronage.

Bro. K. A. Ashworth, who has been having extremely poor health lately, has taken a two weeks' vacation. We learn he is rusticating at Wapwallopen, Pa. We hope he will soon recover.

Bro. C. E. Bryant also contemplates a two weeks' vacation, we understand.

We note several new men on the division. The old familiar faces are disappearing, and new ones are taking their places. Bro. J. G. Ashworth, who for years gave good service on the Sunbury Division, is now holding a responsible position in the superintendent's office, at Dunmore, Pa., on the Erie R. R.

Bro. C. R. Miller, another old Sunbury Division boy, was last heard from at Savannah, Ga., where he went to accept a position as "lightning manipulator." He will endeavor to interest some of the boys in the advantages and fine climate of the South.

Bro. C. E. Hummell, who for years held down Buttonwood, has resigned, and retired to his farm in Lancaster County, Pa., where he expects to pass his remaining years. He declares he never knew what it was to enjoy peace and happiness until he was relieved of the responsibilities of a telegrapher.

Bro. T. J. Hahn, who held down Buttonwood a number of years, is now "One-of-the-Finest," on the Wilkesbarre, Pa., force, and any time you visit Poli's Theatre you will find him doing special duty and always delighted to give an old comrade the glad-hand. He is one of the many who could not see his way clear to serve a two weeks' suspension when he did not deserve it.

Bro. J. R. Brandon, our ex-local chairman, has had a somewhat varied career since leaving our division. He worked on many roads from Chicago to the Pacific Coast, returning East to spend the holidays with his parents. He accepted a position on the Baltimore Division, P. R. R., but found the East too tame. He is employed at Emerson, Ia., on the C. B. & Q., at the present, and would be glad to hear from any of the boys who contemplate a trip to the "wild and woolly" West.

Bro. C. E. Bryant was called to Philadelphia recently, on important business.

Bro. T. F. Walker spent his relief day at his home, in Pottsville, Pa., renewing old acquaintances and having a chat with a number of the boys.

Some of our boys appear to be color-blind, as they continue to display a blue card instead of the drab. Perhaps they think the one card is good for the year. Keep your optics on these fellows and try to put them wise.

We learn that Bros. H. P. Aurand, Joseph Nucklace and H. K. Bright, have bid in and now hold positions at "RX," L. & S. Junction.

Some of the offices on the division are not in a sanitary condition. They would scarecely pass inspection should the health board visit them. Is it possible that three men in an office will permit this state of affairs? Eight hours' duty is very nice, but it might be wise for some of the boys to pay more attention to the condition of their offices during their hours on duty, for fear they might be given a little suspension, as a result of which they would feel very sore.

We note a number of changes in and around "S" and "SB" offices, at Sunbury. These frequent changes keep the boys in suspense. It is a hard matter to determine where they will get on and off these days.

Bro. J. J. Murray is off a week visiting friends and relatives in New York City; relieved by Telegrapher Ashworth.

There are a few men in our midst over which doubt of joining us is expressed, also some who have not satisfactorily explained where they were and what they were doing during the commercial strike. It would be a good idea for the brothers to practice the "No Card, No Favors" motto more than we have been doing heretofore.

Bro. Ed. Hess, who has had considerable sickness in his family this winter, was off a few days this month, on account of the illness of his wife, but is again on duty.

Some of the third trick men working on the upper end of the branch are doing a considerable amount of sleeping on duty. All ye guilty ones cut this out. Your carelessness brings censure not only upon yourselves, but upon the Order as well. Let us be careful that by word or act we reflect nothing but credit on O. R. T.

The article in the February TELEGRAPHER in regard to Telegrapher J. A. Diehl, should have read Bro. J. A. Diehl, as he is a worthy member in good standing.

Some persons have been agitating forming a system division to include Division No. 12. If this were passed by our men we might not get one meeting in a year. Our chief telegrapher might be located in Philadelphia, and our secretary in Pittsburg.

In my mind, this is not a good plan; we need and want our own officers and committee. Our division is well off in membership and cash, we will have meetings at Nescopeck, and make everything as convenient as possible for all the members to attend and find out what is going on.

Telegrapher Ed. S. Breisch, of "AG" tower, has resigned to accept a position with an oil pipe line company in Ohio; getting better pay and having less responsibility.

Bro. A. R. Johnson, second trick at Bluf, spent a six days' vacation at his former home, Zion Grove, Pa.; relieved by Telegrapher John Schuster.

March 24th the block instruments were removed from offices, and all trains between "DY" tower, Sunbury and Nescopeck, are being blocked by telephone. It is reported the train dispatching is to be done by telephone after April 1st.

Business is getting very slow on the divisions, many train men have been laid off at Sunbury.

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I greatly regret to inform you of the double misfortune that has befallen Bros. J. F. and T. J. Coan, both members of our division. Their father died February 24th after a brief illness, and Bro. T. J. Coan, one of the surviving sons, was seized with appendicitis, which made it necessary for him to be removed to a hospital in Philadelphia, while the father lay dead at home. The father was not buried until the 27th, and the operation on Bro. J. F. Coan was to have been performed on the 26th. We have received no word as to how Bro. Coan is getting along, but wish him a speedy recovery and extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the home of our esteemed Bros. T. J. and J. F. Coan, and removed from it their beloved father, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, that we extend our brothers our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and one sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. O. STAHL,
W. D. GRANT,
G. N. COOKE,
Committee.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

The meeting of Division No. 29, March 5th, was successful from every point of view. Much business was disposed of, including the reading of the reports of the secretary and treasurer, general chairman and general secretary. These reports show a satisfactory advance in unionism, as well as a thoroughly well-kept division of the Order. The report of our general chairman shows good work, and proves the good judgment of the members on the several divisions on the N. Y. N. H. & H., in placing a general chairman on the road to attend wholly to the affairs of the organization. It also shows that a local division can support a general chairman and general committee in this manner.

The auditing committee reports finding the books of the division in first-class condition, and gives us figures indicating the conclusion of a very successful term. All of these reports fill us with pride, and the future looks very bright and encouraging.

Much to our regret, Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson was called away on committee work at the last moment. The unusually large amount of business on hand kept us busy until a late hour, but cigars, eatables and coffee, with an occasional joke or speech, kept every one in excellent spirits.

We believe that the members should make it a point to be present on the first Friday evening of each month, and allow nothing unimportant to interfere with this arrangement. While we have a good attendance, we believe that others could be present if they would make an effort. We know it is inconvenient for some of the members to get to New Haven and return, but it seems as if they could make the trip once every other month at least. The business of a division is transacted by its members, and every one who can possibly attend should do so, and cast his vote, thereby lessening the chances of dissatisfaction with the manner in which the business is conducted.

Your humble servant, whose name is appended hereto, was recently appointed division correspondent, and will serve to the best of his ability. If the brothers, on both the New Haven and the C. N. E., will lend their assistance by contributing items each month, they will be assured of a better representation. Forward them by United States mail to Box 163, Brewster, N. Y., on or before the 15th, which will enable your correspondent to get them to the editor in ample time for publication. T. A. ALLEN,
Division Correspondent.

Western Division—

Bro. Stevens, second trick at Stormville, visited relatives and friends in Greenfield, Mass., the latter part of February.

Our Worthy Chief, Bro. Lee H. Dowd, first trick at Danbury, was sick and off duty a few days during the early part of March; relieved by Bro. B. H. Dunbar, the second trick man.

Bros. Dunbar and Halsted, of Danbury, visited Waterbury recently.

Bro. Porter, of Ansonia, has been absent a few days, on account of the death of a friend.

Bro. O. C. Wheaton is subbing at Hawleyville Junction, while regular man is holding down Hawleyville until it is bid in.

Bro. Aiken, of Ashley Falls, is away for a few days, attending the funeral of a friend.

Bro. Percy and family, of New Milford, recently returned home from a four weeks' trip in the South.

During the absence of Bro. Percy, Bro. Van Deusen covered first trick; Bro. Shepherd, second trick, and Bro. Kane, of Canaan, third at New Milford.

Bro. Shepherd made a flying trip to Waterbury a few days ago, to look over the new tower jobs.

Bro. Osborne, of Brookfield Junction, has been on the sick list for the past four weeks. He has our sympathy.

Bro. Ryan, of Still River, spent Saturday and Sunday, March 6th and 7th, in Bridgeport, seeing the sights. Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, relieved him.

Bro. O'Connell, of Canaan, is on the sick list, but we understand his condition is improving.

Bro. Gordon, of Derby Junction tower, attended the inauguration ceremonies at Washington, March 4th.

Bro. Baker, third trick at West Pawling, is sick and off duty. He is being relieved by Telegrapher McKnight. DIV. COR.

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Providence Div., No. 35.

Surprises were numerous at the March meeting of Division No. 35: First the resignation of chief telegrapher-elect; second, resignation of division correspondent-elect, and third the absence from installation of a division official-elect.

Past Chief Bro. Joslin, ably assisted by Bro. W. J. Smith, acting marshal, performed the installation ceremony in an impressive manner.

Division No. 35 is prepared to creditably handle any condition that may arise during the coming year. There were about forty brothers present. Two applications were received, and committees appointed; four favorably voted upon, four initiated by mail, and two received by transfer from other divisions. This is the record for the past month.

Again we are called upon to mourn the loss of a beloved brother. One whom to know was to love and esteem; one whose every thought, act and almost every breath was for the good of his fellow-man; one who considered no labor too hard or sacrifice too great, when taken in connection with his beloved Order or division. In the death of Bro. John Wood the Order in general and Division No. 35 in particular suffered an irreparable loss. A loving husband, a staunch and true friend, a wise councilor, coupled with a spirit of honesty that could never be questioned, he was respected and loved by all. Division No. 35 stands today as a memorial to Bro. John Wood. May he rest in peace.

The annual report of the general chairman was both instructive and interesting, showing the amount of labor which, contrary to opinion, is connected with the office. We have in Bro. Manion the right man for the place.

Bro. Frank Gardiner bid in first trick at Slocums.

Bro. E. J. Gardiner transferred to second trick at Slocums.

Bro. Cafferty, from third trick at East Greenwich, to third trick at Sharon Pit.

Bro. Hearn, from third trick at Wood River Junction, to nights, Midway yard.

A. Stevens, a C. T. U. of A. brother at Midway yard, to third trick at East Greenwich.

Bro. Greene, third trick at Holden St., Attleboro, had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, putting him on the shelf for a few days. He is again on duty and as lively as ever.

Bro. W. Graham is covering third trick at "CN," Attleboro, waiting for some one to bid it in.

Bro. H. A. Savarice, second trick man at "CN," Attleboro, is off duty on account of rheumatism.

Bro. Pinault, second trick at Holden St., Attleboro, is also suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

The brothers on the east end are highly pleased over the unanimous choice of Bro. Joslin as local chairman. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, On the 11th day of March, 1909, God, in his infinite love and wisdom, saw fit to call our beloved Bro. John Wood to his reward in heaven; be it therefore

Resolved, That in the death of our dear friend and co-worker we have lost one of our best members; one to whom we have always looked for advice and counsel; and who, by his rugged honesty, courage and devotion to our cause, endeared all with whom he came in contact—a manly man—one whose example and memory we will always cherish, and which will be an inspiration for all that is good and true.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family in this, their great loss, and that we remember them in our prayers to Almighty God; asking Him to comfort and sustain them and give them grace to enable them to say: "Not our will, but thine, O Lord, be done." Be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for six months; a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy given to our departed brother's family, and a copy sent THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. R. MAXWELL,
GEO. E. JOSLIN,
JOHN TRAINOR,
Committee.

All members of the Order in New England are mourning the death of our oldest member, Bro. John T. Wood.

Bro. Wood was born at New Orleans, La., October 21, 1856, and was the son of Emma J. and the late John Wood. His death, which occurred on March 11, 1909, deserves more than passing mention in the history of the Order, as he was one of the pioneer members in the Order, and particularly in the New England States, joining in 1888. The members on scheduled roads in New England have much to be grateful to him for, as it was his mind that directed and brought about the movement in 1895 that gave birth to Providence Division No. 256, by arranging for a meeting of the isolated operators in Southern New England, who carried membership cards of the Order, in the parlors of the old City Hotel at Providence, R. I.

Bro. Wood was the first chief telegrapher of Division No. 256, and their first delegate to the Peoria convention in 1897. He did not content himself to stay idle, but continued to advise and watch over this division and younger divisions that grew up in the vicinity from this movement, and to the time of his death was a consistent attendant of every meeting of his division, which, through a change in 1901, was renumbered Division No. 35.

Providence Division No. 256 was the nucleus from which emerged the splendid organization that exists on the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., and which enjoys one of the best schedules east of the Mississippi River. The labor movement among the operators in New England spread

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from this success until practically every road in the northeast corner of the United States is protected by a working agreement.

Bro. Wood's untimely and sudden death was particularly sad, and a severe shock to his many friends, he being stricken down with paralysis of the entire left side, while on duty in Auburn (R. I.) signal tower, March 9th, and loyal to the last, managed to attract attention from the outside that the traffic might not be impeded. He soon after lapsed into unconsciousness, dying within forty-eight hours. Division No. 35 had charge of the funeral at his late residence in Auburn, R. I., and escorted the body to Franklin, Mass., where they were met by the Franklin Lodge of Masons, and accompanied them to the grave for the last rites.

He received his early education in the public schools of New Orleans, La., and at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. His railroad career began at Delta, La., on the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Ry., 1872. In 1876 he came North and worked on the New York & New England Ry., at Boston, as train dispatcher, resigning this position in 1879 to go to Texas. His popularity among the operators at that time was demonstrated by their presenting him with a solid gold chain and charm. Returning to Boston in 1881 he was re-employed, November 11, 1881, by the same company, and in the same position, and in Hartford, Conn., when the offices were moved to that city in March, 1882, and remained until August of the same year. He was married to Clara A. Hosie, on December 12, 1881, who is also an operator. He again went to Texas, and was agent at Gonzales, Gainesville, Tex., and Pauls Valley, Ind. Ter., and at Texas Creek and Pueblo, Col. While agent at Annona, Tex., in 1890, he studied law with Capt. Burdett, and was admitted to the bar, at Clarksville, Tex., March 21, 1890, and by the Supreme Court, at Austin, Tex., March 19, 1891. Not finding the practice sufficiently remunerative he once more removed North and entered the employ of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., at Stonington, Conn., on December 24, 1892, and in June, 1893, secured Auburn tower when the block system was installed and held that position until his death.

New York Div., No. 44.

Division No. 44 held a very interesting meeting on March 13th, and quite a volume of business was tranacted.

The following elected officers were duly installed by Past Chief Telegrapher Bro. F. H. Surine: Chief telegrapher, Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand; first vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Edward Aston; second vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. J. J. Breen; secretary and treasurer, Bro. A. A. Leonard; trustee for three years, Bro. J. L. Martin.

There seems to be a general awakening among the members, and we hope it will continue. It is encouraging to the officers to see both sides of the hall filled with good O. R. T. brothers and sisters.

Since our January meeting the average attendance has been fifty-five. We would like to see that number at each meeting, if not more. There does not appear to be any plausible excuse for the brothers or sisters who work on the west end of the Island for not attending the meetings. Train service is good to all points and members working first and third tricks should lay aside all personal engagements for the one night we meet, and come out and assist the officers in making a success of the organization.

We would like to receive a few notes from some of the brothers on the east end. Don't be afraid that we will be swamped if you write a few; just think that there is no one else sending any, and send all you can to the secretary.

Bro. W. D. Ruse, of Sheepshead Bay, has bid in Vanderveer Park, and before this gets into print will, no doubt, be transferred.

Sheepshead Bay and Sea Cliff up for bid.

Bro. Jim Robinson, who has been regular relief agent for the past two years, has bid in Bay Side. Sister Leonard has accepted the position of telegrapher at Bay Side.

Sister Wall leaves Garden City to take second trick telegrapher and ticket agent position at Hempstead.

Bro. F. H. Haley has resigned the agency at Sea Cliff, and will go into other business. Bro. Haley made many friends among the employes and also the patrons of the company during his stay at Sea Cliff. He handled that station better than any of his predecessors, and all who know him wish him success in his new field.

Bro. C. C. Carey has again taken to the road, and will act as regular relief agent. Bro. W. E. Rogers returns to Peconic in place of Bro. Carey.

Bro. Ira Baker, who has been with the New Haven for the past year or more, has returned to the little old L. I. R. R.; and is stopping at Cedarhurst for the present.

Bro. W. S. Leahy has resumed duty as North Shore relief.

Mr. J. T. Sheldon has been installed as agent at Winfield.

Once more Mr. Lewis has shown that he is a fair and square man, and will do business on the level and play no favorites; therefore be it said that Bro. Jack Lynch has been appointed manager of "HP," Long Island City.

It is not necessary to go into details in connection with this appointment; suffice it to say that Bro. Lynch was the oldest man in point of service, with a clear record that bid for the position, and he secured it.

Now brothers, it looks as if we were entering into an era of fair play and honest dealings. Mr. Lewis has been with us long enough to show that he is a fair and just man, so far, at least, and it behoves every member of Division No. 44, no matter in what department he is employed, to put his shoulder to the wheel and render the very best service possible.

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The agent whose duty it is to sell transportation must be a business man, and sell it to the best advantage.

The telegrapher should attend to his duties in a business-like manner, and give A1 telegraph service.

The tower man and signal man should be careful in the performance of his duties. Remember a derailment costs the company money. A serious accident costs a large amount of money. Avoidable accidents are a reflection on all concerned, to say the least.

It is therefore hoped that there will be no laggards in the ranks of Division No. 44, that each and every man will do his part, and help to make Mr. Lewis' administration a success, and from the way he has treated the employes, for whose acts he is responsible, he deserves the best there is in them. See that he gets it.

A few pointers in regard to the coming business for the summer: If any employe knows the name and address of parties who have engaged cottages, or houses, on Long Island for the coming season, or board at the various hotels, send name and address to Mr. W. Van Valkenburgh, superintendent, so that he can supply the patron with information in regard to the L. I. R. R. system of transferring and handling baggage, which system is unknown to many travelers. And it would be well to send the above information to Mr. H. M. Smith, general passenger agent, so that he could supply maps, time-tables, rates, cab information, etc.

Remember, this means dollars to the company, means dollars to you.

Long Island is the greatest summer resort in the world, and it is our business to let those on pleasure bent know it. Don't neglect these matters. Attend the next meeting, there will be a talk on this subject. Times are hard, and we must get the money.

Well, it has just leaked out. We thought it was so, but was not positive, so did not dare mention it, but it's a fact, nevertheless. Ed. Rixon of "GO," Long Island City, one of the most popular, as well as one of the best telegraphers in New York City, and a prince of good fellows, has gotten married; and the lucky girl is none other than the genial, charming as well as very popular Telegrapher Miss Agnes Sullivan. Here's luck to the happy couple. May their joys be many and their sorrows few.

Bro. A. F. Hellar was called to his old home in Pennsylvania recently, on account of the serious illness of his father.

What some of the members on the east end are doing:

Bro. Corwin, of Sag Harbor, busy with real estate.

Bro. Rodney Valentine, of Rockville Center, takes great pride in the fact that he's a union man. Says it makes him feel good when he shakes hands with one of the train men, looks him in the eyes and says I am as good as you are. You know the engineers, conductors, firemen and brakemen have little or no respect for agents and operators who do not carry an up-to-date card.

Bro. E. M. Robinson, of Manorville, the same honest, sincere, true friend and brother, is secretary for the Long Island Produce Association.

Bro. Schwartz, of Farmingdale, ordering cars for the spring cabbage crop.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Bro. Irvin C. Sickels; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of New York Division No. 44 of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family, in this their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to his family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

C. B. VAN NOSTRAND,
E. ASTON,
A. F. HELLAR,
F. H. SURINE,
Committee.

Bro. G. J. Turner and wife on a two weeks' vacation in Delaware, visiting Bro. Turner's parents; relieved by Mr. Decker.

Bro. Hudson, first trick at "WT" tower, seriously ill, and confined to his bed with a severe attack of bronchitis; also the measles, but at this writing is some better; all hope for a speedy recovery; relieved by Bro. Donovan.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of our popular Bro. E. E. Lewis to Miss Agnes May Fredericks, one of Jamica's most estimable young ladies. The Division extends them its most sincere congratulations, and wishes them a long and happy life.

Bro. A. A. Leonard was taken seriously ill a few days since, of ptomaine poisoning; off duty one week; relieved by Bro. P. J. Hopkins.

Bro. Thos. Curiale, third trick at "JE" tower, Jamaica yard, wanting purer air and a daylight position, bid in first trick at Far Rockaway.

Bro. M. S. Scotton, third trick at Jamaica Cross Switches, bid in first trick at Chestnut St. Junction, "The Air Ship." Relieved by Bro. Rowland, temporarily, until job is advertised.

Bro. Jesse Wilkins, third trick at Hollis, has left the service; understand has a better position on some other trunk line.

Bro. A. P. Sinderhauf returned from a two weeks' vacation from the Sunny South. Rumor has it that he was accompanied by Mrs. Sinderhauf. Congratulations are in order.

Bro. Wm. Scally bid in St. Albans Cabin, third trick, and is now holding forth there.

Sister Wall, at Garden City, transferred to some better position on North Shore Division.

Bro. G. C. Sprague returning home from work one night last week, at 1 a. m., came in contact

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with somebody's picket fence. What the game was I am unable to say. But he came away with only part of his coat; probably the rest is still there. Moral: "Keep away from back fences." "Especially when bull pups are around."

Bro. Cornell has left the service; understand he is connected with a broker's office in the city; we all wish him success in his new venture.

Bro. H. G. Penny and family visited a few days with his parents at Cutchouge, L. I.; relieved by Mr. Frank Carnnan.

Sister Terry, who has been off duty for nearly a year, is still unable to resume duty, and is spending part of her time with friends at Centerport, N. Y.; all wish her a speedy recovery.

Bro. C. T. Curran is back to his old position at Jamaica Block, after relieving Bro. P. H. Hayes at Fresh Pond Junction, who in turn was at White Pot on main line, where construction work was being done for the new branch to Glendale Junction.

Bro. Peterson, of New Haven Division No. 29, is working third trick at Hollis, until vacancy is filled.

Bro. H. Oliver transferred from third trick at St. Albans Cabin to second trick at Chestnut St. Junction.

Bro. E. V. Willis spent a few days with friends at New Haven, Conn. Relieved by Bro. D. H. Powers.

Bro. Frank Heisch, agent at Slatbush Ave. subway station, dealing out the pasteboards in approved style. The right man in the right place.

DIV. COR.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Second regular meeting in February, held February 27th, presided over by Chief Telegrapher J. J. Standley. All officers were present. Ten petitions for membership were read and acted upon, including eight from the Allegheny Division, and two from the Conemaugh Division, P. R. R. Bills amounting to $18.75, and sick claims amounting to $25.00, were read and ordered paid. Secretary announced the result of the election of local chairmen as follows: Pittsburg Division, P. R. R., John Kiger; Allegheny Division, P. R. R., D. M. Young; Mon. Division, P. R. R., H. A. Roberts; Conemaugh Division, P. R. R., C. B. Courtney; P. & L. E. Division, P. & L. E. R. R., E. G. Andrews; Yough. Division, P. & L. E. R. R., H. H. Kreiser; Mon. Division, P. & L. E. R. R., T. H. Alexander; all of whom assumed the duties of office immediately. Various subjects were discussed, after which meeting closed at 10:15 p. m. Number of members present, thirty-three. First meeting in March, being installation night, the usual routine business was dispensed with and the officers elected to serve for the ensuing year were installed by second Vice-President T. M. Pierson, after which the balance of the evening was at the disposal of the entertainment committee, who had prepared a most excellent program for the occasion. Those present were served with refreshments, which could not have been improved upon. This entertainment was a fitting finale in every respect to a very successful year for this division. The entertainment committee deserves the thanks of the entire division for the able manner in which they handled the social affairs of the division for the year which has just drawn to a close.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: Chief telegrapher, A. A. Kolb; first vice-chief telegrapher, J. L. Collins; second vice-chief telegrapher, R. J. McCombs; secretary, H. K. Klingensmith; treasurer, C. C. Campbell; trustee, D. M. Young.

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Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Maryland Division—

The meeting night of this division has been changed to the third Friday night, instead of the third Wednesday night of each month.

We have taken in quite a number of new members since the first of the year, and trust the good work will continue. So, boys, turn out and give us a helping hand.

Bro. J. T. McGonigal bid in second trick at Iron Hill, and is going to engage in farming as a side line. We wish him success.

On March 1st Mr. P. E. Richter was assigned second trick at Stanton, until further orders, which we trust means that he is to hold it permanently.

The boys were kept busy handling specials during the inauguration period. All went well until a severe blizzard set in around Baltimore and Washington, which badly deranged schedule trains, causing them to run several hours late.

Bros. Melvin, Kennedy, Denny and Mr. Uffleman were out on construction trains for about one week, testing wires, but have returned to their respective positions in Wilmington office. No doubt the boys were glad to get back home.

Mr. Ayden has been on the sick list for a few days; Bro. Steel is filling his place, and Bro. Cosden is working the owl in "D" office.

Bro. C. S. Dempsey, of Newark, was absent several days during March, owing to the death of his father. He has the sympathy of Division No. 58.

Bro. H. B. Arrison, our genial relief telegrapher, was assigned to other duty during the inauguration period, and the relief discontinued for that time.

The eight-hour day has now been in operation for more than a year and I am sure we are all under obligations to the O. R. T. for same (not exempting nons), through the instrumentality of which it was secured. Boys, let's turn out and give our officers hearty support at our monthly meetings.

Judging by the way schedule trains were delayed during the blizzard, on account of telegraphic communication being cut off, it appears that the telegraph figures prominently in the running thereof, and it will be some time before we will have to seek the soil for support.

Brothers, any items for next month's write-up will be appreciated by your division correspondent; get busy and let's hear from all. DIV. COR.

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Moncton Div., No. 63.

The regular meeting of Division No. 63 was held at St. John, March 20, 1909. Fifteen members were present. Bro. H. W. Jones, chief telegrapher, occupied the chair. This being the last meeting for this term Bro. H. W. Jones vacated the chair in favor of the newly elected chief, Bro. R. A. Brown, who was duly installed as chief telegrapher; Bro. A. L. Fullerton, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. R. R. Smith, second vice-chief telegrapher, and Bro. R. M. Gross, secretary and treasurer, for the ensuing term.

The brothers of "63" were delighted with the work of Bro. H. W. Jones while chief telegrapher, and no doubt will be called upon to act in the same capacity at some future time.

Bro. J. F. Kelly, of Island yard, "OR," has been quite ill, but is improving rapidly; relieved by Bro. P. C. Ryder.

Bro. J. H. Forbes has been called to Halifax, on account of the illness of his wife, who has been visiting her parents; relieved by Bro. Fairweather, of Rothesay.

Bro. Ross Brown, who has been on a three months' leave of absence, returned last week, and is expected to resume duty soon.

We regret to hear the sad news of the death of Mrs. Pattrickin, sister of Bro. S. C. Charles. We extend to the members of the bereaved family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction.

There are two or three members who have not yet paid the special assessment. It is decidedly unfair for some of the brothers to pay these assessments, while others pull through without doing so.

Another thing, we are two slow in paying dues. It is true, we can put this matter off a month or so, and still save our necks, but by procrastinating we become careless, put it off too long and soon find ourselves suspended. This causes the secretary a great deal of unnecessary work.

We are glad to see business improving so rapidly. Everyone looks forward to a good season's work. We must make an extra effort to increase the earnings of the road by keeping on the alert for business.

I have received letters from several of our members who have left this road, asking why Division No. "63" is not represented in the "Fraternal" department of the journal. Notes from this division are always interesting to members who have worked within its jurisdiction; therefore, I would request that the brothers make an especial effort to furnish the division correspondent with items for publication.

DIV. COR.

Oskalooska Div., No. 71.

Sister Weldon, of Mason City, days, has returned from a week's vacation. She was relieved by a Mr. Covey.

Another change of agents at Mason City Junction. The lucky (?) man this time is a Mr. Kelly.

The company finally concluded to put on three men at Hampton and Marshalltown. At Hampton, Roberts goes on at 9 a. m., works till 3 p. m.; Telegrapher Covey from 3 p. m. till 12 midnight; Telegrapher Vaughan, 12 midnight to 9 a. m. At Marshalltown, Mr. Nutz, a non, is working first trick; Bro. Mitchell, second, and Mr. Pixley has been working third, but can not say whether he is there at the present time.

On March 9th, No. 2 struck four feet of snow between Geneva and Faulkner, and stuck in it for fourteen hours. No. 41 stalled between Geneva and Hampton for several hours from same cause. Trains were delayed on all roads from one to several hours, and snow shoveling was the order of the day.

Bro. J. W. Rankin, of Liscomb, is off on a three weeks' vacation. He is being relieved by Bro. L. Quinlen.

Two of the daughters of Bro. Flynn, of Belmond have had the diphtheria this winter, but we are pleased to say that they have gotten over it nicely.

The new superintendent (Mr. Kruse) has failed to show his "Smiling Face" on the Algona branch thus far.

A large delegation is expected at the April meeting, if the passes materialize. There must be a "nigger" in the wood-pile somewhere, regarding this pass business. We've got to do something.

Understand Geneva agency is to be vacant April 1st.

Bro. J. W. Howard and family, of Olds, have returned from Florida, where they have been spending the winter.

Bro. C. R. Hunter has been transferred from Marsh to Little York.

Bro. J. P. Sweet, of Fremont, was recently called to Des Moines on account of the serious illness of his wife, who had undergone an operation at one of the hospitals a few days previous. We have since heard that Mrs. Sweet died, and was buried at Des Moines, March 20th. This leaves Bro. Sweet with several small children. He has the sympathy of the entire division in his bereavement.

Bro. M. J. Cahill, who has been acting as relief agent at Olds, was called to Union a few days since, on account of sickness in his family; relieved by Bro. J. B. Odem, of Division No. 2.

The last meeting was not very well attended on account of so many of the boys getting turned down on transportation. This will be something for our committee to look after. It was agreed, and always has been understood that our boys would be furnished transportation to these meetings. We are having too many new officials to break in, all in a bunch.

We understand that Ross Brown has resigned as chief clerk to the superintendent, and that he has again taken his old position as day ticket clerk. This pushes the other boys back to their old places. A gentleman from the office of general superintendent, of C. & N. W., relieved him.

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Bro. Walker, of New Sharon, attended our last meeting. He is thinking of resuming duty in the near future. This brother has been doing some "missionary" work while convalescing, which certainly goes to show that he can see something in the O. R. T.

W. A. Heritage now holds first trick dispatching on east end.

Up to March 24th, our committee was still waiting for Superintendent Krause to relieve them, and give them that long promised "pow-wow." We are advised, by a member of the committee, that the sixty-day limit will soon be up, and that Mr. Krause has asked the members of the committee to meet him in Oskaloosa, Sunday March 28th, to go over the preliminaries, although he has not yet relieved them, claiming he can not find men to do so. We hope this Sunday meeting will be the commencement of the grind.

Agent H. T. Boyd, of Mason City, is to be transferred to position of contracting freight agent for the Iowa C. M. & St. L., at Des Moines, relieving Mr. Hannam, who is to go to a like position at Minneapolis. Understand the agent of M. & St. L. from Waseca will be transferred to Mason City.

No card, no favors. CORRESPONDENT.

Scranton Div., No. 87.

Bro. M. D. Moot has been re-elected local chairman of this division, and all correspondence from the main line should be sent him, including grievances.

The local chairman has appointed Bro. E. S. Taylor, assistant chairman, covering the Nineveh Branch, and Bro. F. S. Stephenso, assistant, covering the Honesdale Branch, and all correspondence, grievances, etc., on those branches should be forwarded accordingly.

At our March meeting the following officers were installed: Chief telegrapher, W. F. Davenport, Archbald, Pa.; first vice-chief telegrapher, H. C. Miller; second vice-chief telegrapher, W. E. Taylor; secretary and treasurer, M. G. Grennell, Carbondale, Pa.

The division is holding its own very nicely at present, but we want to do a little better in the future. Before the summer is over we want to be able to say that every telegrapher on this division of the road is a member. The grand secretary and treasurer has agreed to assist in this matter, and if every member of the division will put his shoulder to the wheel this will be an accomplished fact before fall.

The local chairman and assistants are going to meet in the near future, and they will outline a plan which, with the assistance of the membership, will, we hope, solidify the whole division.

Numerous changes have taken place on this division during the past winter. In fact, they have been so numerous that it is almost impossible to keep track of them.

Messrs. Betts of Indiana, Tennant of the Erie and Lewis of the D. L. & W., are working in the dispatcher's office, taking the place of Messrs Clune, Bolles and Hastings.

Mr. Clune has a very nice position in the dispatcher's office on the A. & S. Division. Mr. Bolles is working first trick in Lookout tower, Carbondale, and Mr. Hastings is working first trick at "WB," Wilkesbarre yard office. Bro. Doyle changed from Lookout to Moosic tower, first trick. Bro. Berry from first trick to third trick at Moosic tower. Bro. Davis from first trick at Moosic to third trick at Carbon St. tower, Scranton. Mr. Knickerbocker is working second trick at Moosic tower, while Bro. Danks is on a temporary leave of absence.

Report is ripe that Bro. Danks is going to give the flour and grain business a trial, and if he makes a success we will have to bid him a fond adieu.

Bro. Clancey is working second trick at Green Ridge, vacated by Bro. Yorke, who is now working at Avoca for the Erie.

Bro. Smith, of City Station, Carbondale, who had leg broken some time ago, is getting along nicely at this writing, and the chances are that before this is in print he will be back on his old job.

Bro. J. W. Samson has accepted the position as agent at Olyphant, which was vacated by C. W. Connelly, who is off duty on account of ill-health.

Barton Williams has accepted the position of agent at Providence, formerly held by Samson.

P. H. Mullen, formerly with the Laurel Line, has accepted the position of agent at South Scranton; formerly held by R. Taylor.

At this writing Bro. Broad, at Jessup-Peckville, is off on account of illness, and Bro. Spellman, of Winton, is acting agent in his place.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Nineveh Branch—

Business continues to be brisk, despite the miserable condition of the power. Engine failures are an every-day occurrence.

Mr. C. W. Armstrong, first trick at Tuscarora, is yet unable to see the benefits of the O. R. T. Still he enjoys the eight-hour day and his seniority rights as much as anyone.

Bro. E. S. Taylor, second trick at Lanesboro, attended the inauguration of President Taft. He reports rubber boots and umbrellas as being in vogue the 4th.

Bro. R. A. Unangst, second trick at Tuscarora, was called to Binghamton recently, on account of the illness of his mother. She is improving at this writing.

Bro. Edson, at East Windsor, is still wondering when the night telegraphers will make their appearance at his office. We understand they were to have arrived there about February 1st, but have not yet shown up.

Mr. M. H. McMasters, the "Professor" at North End, is enjoying a forced vacation, owing to a derailment at North End recently, when three cars jumped the track at the switch points and damaged the track for a considerable dis-

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tance, and tying the road up for five or six hours. We understand that the switch was not properly latched, hence the vacation. Have been unable to learn whether the "Prof." or one of his numerous students threw the switch, but understand that there was a "ham" around the office when the accident occurred. Perhaps he can appreciate the true value of a ham now. A Mr. Sherry, lately of the Erie, is working in the "Professor's" place.

The yardmasters at the turntable between Lanesboro and Jefferson Junction have been replaced by men who are telegraphers, and the dispatcher's wire cut in their office so that they may keep themselves posted as to the position of trains. Mr. W. D. Bachman has the day trick and S. Traynor has the night trick. Lee Foster and Stephen Maroney, who formerly held these positions, have been transferred to Carbondale and Wilkesbarre, respectively. COR.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

At our last meeting, March 27th, a large number of members were present, and we pleased them all by adjourning promptly at 10:30, as we stated we would do in our notice in the February TELEGRAPHER.

First Vice-President Newman was present, and as usual made an interesting talk for the benefit of the members. At the conclusion of his remarks, the division passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Division No. 91 tender First Vice-President Newman a rising vote of thanks, for the interest he has taken in our division, and for the instructive and beneficial talks made during the past; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and a copy forwarded to Grand Secretary and Treasurer Quick, for reproduction in the April number of THE TELEGRAPHER.

The following officers were elected for the term commencing March 1, 1909: Chief telegrapher, G. Dal Jones; secretary and treasurer, W. F. McDonald; First vice-chief telegrapher, W. E. Carter; second vice-chief telegrapher, A. E. McCullough; delegate to the National Convention, in May, Geo. H. O'Brien; alternate to the National Convention, A. E. McCullough; delegate to State Federation of Labor, Past-President G. D. Ramsay; alternate to State Federation of Labor, G. Dal Jones; delegate to Chicago Federation of Labor, to serve the unexpired term of W. C. Long, E. M. Moore.

The members present were requested to consider methods of establishing central relief bureaus for members of the Order, and to report at the next meeting.

Bro. Thomas, of the Illinois Central Terminal Division, spoke briefly, calling the attention of the members to the appeal for aid from Bro. E. C. Wells, of Division 32, on page 270 of the February TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Downie, one of our earnest workers, was present and spoke on the benefits of the Bond Company.

Meeting adjourned promptly at 10:30, and everybody present was delighted with the idea of having the proceedings start promptly at 8 o'clock and close in time to catch their trains and get home at a reasonable hour. This new rule is going to be kept in force so all brothers can attend, knowing that they will not be asked to wait until midnight in order to hear the entire proceedings. S. & T.

E. J. & E. Ry.—

Bro. G. E. Balesbaugh is holding third trick at "EJ" tower, Chicago Heights. We understand that he hails from the U. P.

We have a smoke coming, as Bro. W. E. Aultz, second trick, Chicago Heights, was married February the 18th. Here are hearty congratulations to both. Bro. E. W. Schillo held second trick at Chicago Heights during Bro. Aultz's absence, and Bro. Hylton is working the first trick.

Bro. Knitter, third trick at Frankfort, was off a few days, Mr. Allen, from Chicago, taking his place.

It is understood there are to be changes made at Frankfort, Walker and Chicago Heights the first of March, but we are unable to say what they are.

Let's hear from some of the boys each month. No items appeared in the February TELEGRAPHER from this end of the pike.- CERT. 485.

Meridian Div., No. 94.

Our election of officers resulted as follows: Chief telegrapher, Bro. R. Del Buono, Yellow Pine, Ala.; secretary and treasurer, R. L. Howell, Mobile, Ala.; first vice-chief telegrapher, H. C. Gilmer, Fruitdale, Ala.; second vice-chief telegrapher, W. J. Hubbard, Elrod, Ala.; local chairman of Mobile Dvision, M. & O. R. R., R. Pearson, North Port, Ala.; local chairman of Southern Ry. in Mississippi, L. M. Tribble, Columbus, Miss.; representative to Grand Division, R. Pearson, North Port, Ala.; alternate, L. B. Duncan, Reform, Ala.

Now that the election is over, I hope that every member will do his part towards accomplishing thorough organization. Our membership is so strong on the lines covered by this division that it should be an easy matter to get in the few who are not now members. I have received a number of complaints from members, claiming that the railroad company is not living up to the contract. Now I want to say just a word to all the brothers on this subject: First you should study your schedule carefully, and endeavor to live up to it in every respect; and you should strive to give the company the very best service of which you are capable, and then you should demand that the officers of the company fulfill their part of the contract. As a general thing the management of railroads is in the hands of broad-minded, capable men, but they sometimes

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make the mistake of promoting narrow-minded subordinates who cause the telegraphers trouble. The average telegrapher is such a meek fellow that the management seldom hears of his grievances. Now that you have good committees there is no reason why you should be backward in making a complaint when you are not treated right. Tell your local chairman of your troubles, and let him advise you what is best to do. Some people don't seem to understand what the duties of a local chairman are, and to these I would say that he represents you before the company the same as an attorney represents a client in court. As an example, should the company for any reason decline to allow you overtime, as provided for in the schedule, first write a straightforward business letter to your superior officer, calling his attention to the fact and requesting that he straighten the matter out; you should keep a copy of this letter, and if a satisfactory reply is not received within a reasonable length of time, refer a copy of the letter to your local chairman and request him to either handle the matter or advise you what to do; in other words, make all your kicks to your local chairman, and give him something to do, and quit kicking in the air. With best wishes to all, and hoping our present grand officers will be re-elected at the convention, I am,

R. L. HOWELL, *S. & T.*

Southern Railway in Mississippi—

Boys, wake up! And see what is in store for you.

I hear some one say, "Oh! Since we have been cut loose from the 'Old Southern' and been placed under the management of the M. & O., we haven't got any show." This is a mistake. The trouble lies in us; we haven't been doing anything for the good of the Order; waiting on the other fellow. There was hardly enough interest manifested recently to nominate a brother for local chairman. However, we are glad to say that Bro. L. M. Tribble was nominated and has been duly and constitutionally elected to serve us for the ensuing year.

Bro. Tribble says this election was very much against his wishes, not that he is not willing to serve for the good of the Order, but that he feels there are others who are better fitted for the place. We would like to say to Bro. Tribble that we are not sure about this. With the assistance the members of this division are going to give him in way of organizing, and otherwise, no doubt before his term expires he will be proud of the fact that he served in the capacity of local chairman. Let every member who holds an up-to-date card write Bro. Tribble, giving him his certificate number, and names of nons he may chance to know; also gives name of delinquent members. I am not very well acquainted with the situation at present, and am unable to furnish our local chairman with the complete line-up he desires. If we make no effort, what can we expect?

Bro. S. O. Neyman has resigned as agent at Mathiston; relieved by Mr. J. C. Green.

Everybody seems to be getting along smoothly with but a few changes.

In future we will try to keep in touch with everything, and report to our local chairman, who will give us a write-up each month.

A MEMBER.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called to her reward, in the great beyond, the mother of our esteemed Bro. C. M. Weeks; be it

Resolved, By the members of Elmira Division No. 100, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the brother and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the records of the division, a copy sent to our brother, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. ELLIOTT,
H. S. TIPTON,
C. S. ROBINSON,
Committee.

Ayer Div., No. 104.

Regular meeting of Division No. 104 was held at Clinton, March 21st; Bro. Willard presiding. The attendance was very good, and the meeting throughout was a lively one. Speeches were made by the newly elected officers, who were installed at this meeting. Bro. Willard, who has served the division faithfully for the past two years as chief, turned over the gavel to Bro. Cook, who will serve us for the next year.

The applications of Mr. Randall, of Worcester; Mr. Murphy, of Nashua, N. H., and Mr. Jones, of South Acton, were received and acted on at this meeting.

Organization work is advancing very nicely on this division; "slow but sure." We are sorry to say that there are a few who are holding off, although they have been members and know and admit that the O. R. T. has benefited them. Let us hope that they will wake up before another month.

We are lately in receipt of General Chairman Bode's report for the year ending December 31st. This report is just the thing to let the members know what the general committee is doing, and should enlighten the nons by showing them what has been done and what is being done for them. Everyone should read it.

Now that we have started the ball rolling by having an open meeting, let's all get busy and help to make the W. N. & P. Division solid. There is much work to be done on the west end and on the Keene Branch. Let each individual member take it upon himself to see the nons, show them the benefits they are deriving through the efforts of the Order, and convince them that

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it is to their advantage as well as to the advantage of their fellow-workers to get in line.

Another thing which needs our attention is the attendance at meetings; we have good times and get in touch with the work of the Order. Come to the meetings and put up a kick for your rights. Don't stay away and then say that you don't like the members who have been elected officers, or that you don't like the way things are run. You have the same privilege as others if you attend meetings, as every loyal member should.

Division No. 104 has started out for big game, and has appointed a committee, composed of Bros. Willard, Harrigan and Rutledge, to formulate plans for a big open meeting, to be held in Fitchburg, Mass., some time in June, the date to be determined later. COR.

Concord Div., No. 105.

Our February meeting was well attended. An election was held and Bro. Hall was chosen "Chief," Bro. Walters declining re-election. Bro. Marshall was elected "Marshal," and Bro. Gage, delegate to the convention. He was also nominated for local chairman, and ballots are out.

The pension question was discussed, and by the way it is understood, think the boys would like to see it go into effect.

When the question was asked "What shall we do about the switch-light?" Bro. Haley briefly answered "light 'em," which seemed to be about the proper answer for the question.

We understand the committee meets in Boston early in March to revise the wage scale, and probably by the time this is in print we will have a copy of the schedule. Here's hoping that Article V will be changed to our advantage.

Bro. Gage went over the C. & C. recently, and no doubt applications will soon be coming in, as the nons talk the right thing, and all seem to be with us in spirit, if not in membership.

Have you paid dues yet for the period ending June 30th? If you haven't, do so. Not a member has been suspended or dropped during the past year. This is a pretty good record.

I trust some of the boys will send me news now and then.

This will make THE TELEGRAPHER more interesting to the members, especially those who cannot get away from their duties to attend meetings.

SECY.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular Emporium meeting was held at the St. Charles Hotel, Emporium, March 17th, with a good attendance. The newly elected officers were installed for the ensuing year. Chief telegrapher, J. E. O'Leary; secretary and treasurer, A. L. Goodwin; first vice-chief telegrapher, M. L. Vought; second vice-chief telegrapher, L. R. Newberry; marshal, I. B. Perry; delegate to convention, J. N. Edwards, with I. B. Perry as alternate. Bro. Edwards was unanimously elected local chairman. With these able and loyal brothers at the helm, the prospects of Division No. 110 look very bright. All are men of the highest standards of character and fidelity, and it is safe to say that they will fill their respective offices with credit and honor.

In these times of uncertainty and antagonism, it behooves us to stand together and not allow personal grievances to hamper the good of the Order. Every member will have his opportunity in due time, and I hope by the time this article appears that everything will have resumed its normal condition. If I may be allowed to digress a little into verse, I will say this:

"For better conditions, let our energies blend.
Stand firm for the Order, may our zeal never end.
Put malice aside; warm our hearts, one and all,
For 'united we stand, divided we fall.'"

There will be a meeting in Kane some time in April, to arrange for alternate meetings to be held at Kane and Emporium, monthly instead of twice a month as heretofore. This seems to meet the approval of the membership.

We are sorry to announce the death of the infant son of Bro. J. E. O'Leary, of Emporium, and also "13" Mrs. O'Leary is in very poor health. We extend sympathy to the brother, and hope for his wife's speedy recovery.

Former Bro. W. J. McCartan, of Renovo, lost his wife on March 10th, after a short illness. As Mr. McCartan has been unable to make both ends meet for some time past, he was unable to keep up his dues, and had to drop from our rolls. However, he informs us that he will be in the fold as soon as circumstances will permit, and the entire membership extends heartfelt sympathy to himself and his family in their great sorrow.

As usual, the division correspondent is up against it for news, so don't kick if the division is not well represented in the journal. There is a good Smith-Premier and a hustler to run it, who is anxious and willing to publish the ideas and views of the members through the columns of the journal. Will expect something from Bro. James, of Garland; Bro. Griskey, of Kane, and in fact every one of you for the April write-up.

Now brothers and sisters, wake up once and give us a few words. "PLYMOUTH ROCK."

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

It has been so long a time since anything appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER from this division, that I am inclined to believe our worthy correspondent has gone into politics and left us in the lurch.

Last night's meeting was one long to be remembered by the boys of No. 117. In the first place, not a single one knew at what point in the city the meeting was to be held, and we came strolling in like a country band. Up and down the streets we roamed, staring into the faces of all passersby and searching coat lapels until

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finally we collected into one large group. Then the crowd went in search of the hall. Stairs, stairs, stairs galore; up and down, all over town. At last some accommodating chap said he had heard of a brass pounders' meeting in a hall near the jail. Now a blind telegrapher would have no trouble finding the bastile, and so the victory was as good as won.

Bro. Wallaner, chief telegrapher, opened the meeting. The Secretary, Bro. Michael, was absent on account of illness, and Bro. Keyser acted in his stead.

We had just gotten down to business when Bro. Pierson, accompanied by Bros. Martines, Boylon and Phillips, of the N. Y. C., arrived. They had also discovered that the city of Billtown is noted for its many stairways.

The illness of several members had a great deal to do with this misunderstanding, and no one in particular was to blame, but Bro. Pierson was not aware of this fact, and had a choice lot of ammunition in readiness to discharge at the earliest opportunity.

Notwithstanding this, we enjoyed his address all right.

The meeting was fairly well attended. The P. R. R. boys disappointed us somewhat, as we expected quite a number from Division No. 24, whereas only one, Bro. Konkle, of South Williamsport, was present.

The P. & R. boys were not there in force. They haven't all seen the light as yet.

Brothers, there is work to do. Let us not rest until the scalp of every non on the division dangles from our belts.

Give your employer your best services. Teach him that you are more proficient and trustworthy than the non, that he can depend upon you at all times, and that you are not a member of the O. R. T. simply to strike and cause him trouble.

Your employer already respects you above the non. He realizes that the man who has no respect for himself or his craft can have little for anything else.

Several applications were presented last evening.

Newberry Junction, Halls, Milton and West Milton were well represented at the meeting.

Bro. Ernst, of "NF" tower, has bid in third trick at Williamsport.

Bro. Caldwell hustled around to hear Bro. Pierson, after his relief came, at 9 p. m.

Don't forget the next meeting. CERT. 17.

Olean Div., No. 135.

Chautauqua Division, Pennsylvania Ry.—

Bro. Buckley, at Cemetery, was home for a few days this month on account of the sickness of his father. He was relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Bro. Carr and wife, of Mayville, attended the motor-boat show in Buffalo, one day this month.

Bro. Ide, of "BC" tower, was off duty a couple of days last month, and was relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Read over your block rules and time-tables, and be ready for a trip to Oil City. Do not let the officials catch you napping when they call you in for examination.

Several of the second and third trick boys were called in for examination last week.

Bro. W. H. Williams is off duty for ten days, and is being relieved by Mr. McKnight, who has returned to us after a year's absence.

Division Operator Foultz has been on the sick list for the last three or four weeks. We understand that he has been confined to his bed.

Organizer Mayhood visited a few of the boys lately.

How about that ham factory at Twenty-mile Siding? We understand the "farmer" working first trick has two "sausage grinders" at work. The rest of the boys there are "O. K."

Have you been keeping an eye on the markers lately? We "13" that the last time the pay-car went through they took markers down at certain stations, and put them up again before they got to the next. Look out for it.

J. J. Pettitt, formerly second trick at Sherman, has gone into the milling business at Summerdale, and the position is being filled by Mr. Scott. We have seen nothing of the bids for this position.

Sister Dutton, of Sherman, was off a few days last month; do not know who relieved her.

Bro. McKnight is now relieving Mr. Scott at Sherman.

Bro. L. D. Webster was off three days this month; relieved by Bro. S. L. Kilpatrick, the first day, and by Bro. B. J. Meising the other two days.

A good many extras are now running between Mayville and Corry, on account of the ice business.

The dicipline list looks very bad. Whether members of the O. R. T. or not, we should strive to give first-class service. It is especially expected of the members, as they have been frequently admonished and know better.

We had a struggle to get the nine-hour law through, and now that we have it we should appreciate it, and see that no man works over the nine hours, except as provided by law.

Let us work in harmony with the officials, and stand by them as they have stood by us. In this way we can do more for our cause than by being continually at swords' points.

Remember that if you have a poor record, and the company for that reason declines to promote you, we can do nothing for you, as it is your fault. If on the other hand your record is clear the matter can be investigated. CERT. 179.

Pennsylvania Ry., Buffalo Division—

Bro. Shear, first trick at Ebenezer, was absent three days last month, on account of the death of his father-in-law. He was relieved by Bro. Hixon.

A. J. Joslyn, agent at Ebenezer, is taking a trip through California; relieved by Bro. Farnsworth.

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Bro. Granger, third trick at East Aurora, was off duty several days last month, visiting friends.

Bro. Minard was off a week last month; relieved by Telegrapher Eddy.

Bro. Plack, Protection, off duty one night last week, attending a ball at Buffalo.

Bro. Cashman, of Chaffee, was absent from duty several days recently, on account of his father's death. He was relieved by Telegrapher Snell.

Bro. Kettering bid in third trick at Delevan.

Bro. Brownell and Bro. Burt, of Delevan, were in Buffalo one day last week. CERT. 23.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Members Northern and Eastern Divisions—

The result of the recent election of officers leaves me unable to find words with which to express my gratitude. I can but thank you for the honor conferred, and say that I feel the responsibility resting upon me. I assure you that I shall keep the interests of this division ever in mind.

Many important questions requiring prompt and energetic action will confront us during the next few months, and I hope that each and everyone will realize his responsibility and act accordingly. Let me urge upon each member the necessity of earnest action in the matter of soliciting membership. The results of individual effort will be astonishing and well worthy the slight effort put forth.

Again thanking you for your confidence, I am,

Yours fraternally,
J. A. BELL,
Local Chairman.

Western Division—

Let us make an effort, and, no doubt, by June 30th, the Grand Trunk can be made nearly solid.

Don't depend on the other fellow to do the work, but "get busy" yourself.

Each and every one of us should be able to land at least one new member.

We have a local chairman who is making every effort to get us into line, and I am glad to note that his labors are not in vain. He should be assisted and encouraged by the members at every opportunity.

Bro. R. G. Sillway, of Ada, has gone into the hardware business. We regret to see him leave, as he was a good worker.

Bro. Diamon, of Burt, has been acting agent at Montrose for the past two months; his predecessor, a well-known student instructor, being a bit light for the position.

Cut out this student proposition, and let the road furnish a porter if the work can not be done by one man.

A number of Grand Trunk employes are members of the Order, but belong to foreign divisions. They should transfer to Division No 1, and give the home lodge the benefit of dues.

CERT. 690.

Wabash Ry.

Peru Division—

As proof of the inefficiency of the telephones for handling trains, read the following:

Columbus, O., February 27.—Five people were severely injured and a score were shaken up, bruised and slightly cut when a "line car" on the Ohio Electric Railway Company dashed around a curve, a mile east of West Jefferson, and crashed into a car from Springfield, filled with passengers. No one was killed. Misinformation through making reports over the telephone is said to have caused the collision.

Remember this is the first time in the history of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers that wages have been maintained during a business depression. If some are disposed to feel discouraged because their committees were unable to procure the desired concessions at the last conference with the management, they might experience a peculiar sensation up and down their spinal columns by reflecting on what the conditions of the telegraphers would be were it not for their organization. I notice almost every day where wages have been reduced in other classes of labor, especially the unorganized. Knowing this, I take a little firmer hold on my faith in the O. R. T., and look in my inside pocket to make sure that I am armed with the necessary weapon to defend that faith—an up-to-date card.

Bro. Lipsett has tendered his resignation after having taken a sixty days' leave of absence, in which to try his hand at other business. He purchased a motion picture show, and after trying it sixty days decided it was much better than the grind coincident with railroad work.

Sister V. M. Baker, of Ft. Wayne, laying off a few days. Telegrapher Edwards is doing the work in the absence of Sister Baker.

Bro. Edson, the third trick man at West Peru, is off duty a few days, visiting friends at Indianapolis. Mr. Todd, an extra man, is relieving him.

Dispatcher Webb is taking a fifteen-days lay-off. He was last seen at the Daugherty horse sale at Wabash, Ind.

There is some talk of opening the gravel pit at Attica this month.

Dispatcher Cavanaugh is laying off for thirty days to kill a few "ducks" in the Kankakee marshes.

Mr. Todd, a new face on the Wabash, worked a few nights for Mr. Lennon at West Peru. Mr. Lennon was at the bedside of his mother at Logansport, who was reported very low.

Mr. W. C. Seiple has accepted the agency at West Lebanon, Ind. He has been working at Defiance, O., as telegrapher for some time.

Mr. L. C. Finch has been checked in as agent at Elmira, Ohio.

Telegrapher Brake, at C. C. & L. Crossing, is laying off, on account of sickness in his family.

Second trick at Maumee is open for bid.

Bro. R. E. Helwig, of West Lebanon, is relieving Bro. Jones at State Line for a few days.

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Bro. Cox, of Libery Center, has resumed work, after being off for several days.

Miss Laura Ulerich has accepted the agency at Monclova, Ohio.

Mr. R. M. Smith is working first trick at Defiance, until the place is awarded on bulletin.

Mr. G. C. Kinsman, superintendent telegrapher of Wabash Lines, was in Peru on official business, with Chief Dispatcher J. T. Cullen, last week. CERT. 141.

To All Members, Peru Division:

Hoping to assist in bringing about thorough organization on this division, I have decided to try the plan of offering prizes for the securing of applications for membership.

The first prize will be an official emblem ring, valued at $4.50, and will be given to the member sending me the greatest number of applications for membership between March 19th and July 1st, 1909.

The second prize, a solid gold front lapel button, valued at $1.00, bearing the official emblem, the wreath and sounder, will be given to the member sending me the second largest number of applications between the above dates.

I believe a smaller number of applications will win these prizes than in other contests, because of the limited territory. The chances of winning are proportionately greater, because of fewer competitors. Two or three applications may win first prize, and, moreover, every application secured adds just that much more strength to our division, so all should take an interest and make an extra effort to enroll new members.

In case of a tie some plan can be mutually agreed upon for the awarding of the prizes. All get busy, until nothing but "undesirables" are left.

Blanks will be furnished upon request. Send all applications to me, and ask that they be credited to you in the contest.

Yours for a solid front,

W. P. SHUTT, *Local Chairman.*

Detroit-Chicago Division—

Sister Frances Jones bid in Cone agency, which was made vacant by Sister Jennie Wiley accepting the agency at Millersburg.

Bro. D. E. Taylor, of Milan, is off for thirty days; relieved by Telegrapher Wilkins.

Telegrapher Turner relieved Bro. J. Nelson, of Ennis, for a few days, while Bro. Nelson visited friends in Toledo, O.

Sister V. R. Towns, of Sand Creek, visited relatives in Indiana a few days; relieved by Bro. F. J. Osburn, who later went to Gary and relieved Telegrapher Don Wilkins. Wilkins relieved Telegrapher Lowe at Montpelier.

Bro. Frank Hitchingham, of "BO" tower, was at the hospital at Peru for a few days. Did not hear what was the trouble; Bro. N. E. Long relieved him

Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Seibert, of Romulus, visited Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, one day last month.

What a great improvement can be seen in the service of the telegraph department of this road, since we have been working shorter hours. This especially applies to the night telegraphers. You don't hear the dispatcher breaking his arm calling sleepy men as was the case when we were working twelve hours or longer.

We incurred the displeasure of the officials by fighting for the nine-hour law, as they could see nothing in it but an added expense with no benefits. It was natural that they should fight it. Now let us prove to them that they are getting as much benefit out of it as we. We can do this by paying strict attention to our duties, and being prompt and painstaking in everything we do. If trains are handled quickly and safely, it will increase public confidence and consequently increase the business of the road. There are many little things that we can do that will cost but a small effort on our part, but that will go a long way toward proving that the nine-hour law is for the benefit of all concerned.

There can be but very little complaint made of the telegraph service; still there could be a little improvement. There are still a few, a very few of us, who persist in sleeping on duty. Trains have been delayed and other trouble caused by this lack of attention to duty, and if we get into trouble through it and are dismissed from the service, we can expect no one to help us. The Order was organized to raise the standard of railroad telegraphers, and a person who will shirk duty or sleep on an eight or nine-hour trick, certainly is not helping to raise that standard, and, therefore, can not look to the Order for protection. Everything we do for the betterment of the service is a stepping stone for our own betterment. DIV. COR.

Springfield Division—

Bro. Guinan, third trick at Kinderhook, is off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Lipcamon.

Bro. Frederick, agent at Valley City, resumed work March 12th, after thirty days' vacation.

P. R. Metz, agent at Naples, has resigned and sought greener pastures; relieved by Mr. Geo. East, formerly helper at Barry.

M. T. Driscoll, agent at Griggsville, is taking a month's vacation. Relieved by C. S. Klinefelter, from second trick, who was relieved by Bro. Chas. H. Claus, regular third trick telegrapher at Berlin. Bro. Claus was relieved at Berlin by Telegrapher Abbott. Bro. Claus was called home (Pittsfield) recently by the death of his sister.

Bro. Hatfield, agent at Illiopolis, is visiting home folks at Naples for a few days, on account of the illness of his mother; relieved by telegrapher Chinn, a new man from C. M. & St. P.

Mr. O. C. Little, car distributer from Springfield, was going over the road on locals early in March, with a view of getting in closer touch with the car situation on the division.

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Mr. P. J. O'Brien, from the general offices in St. Louis, accompanied by Trainmaster Karnes, went over the division the latter part of March, getting a line up of the cars on this portion of the road, and also seeing that the station records are correctly kept. Hope none of the brothers were found wanting.

Mr. E. F. Hatfield, the wire chief at Springfield, is off on a vacation; relieved by W. P. Patter.

W. V. Mills, who has for some years been occupying the position of telegrapher and ticket agent at Quincy, Ill., has at last been rewarded for his faithfulness, and been promoted to cashier in the freight office at that point. This change, we know, will be very much appreciated by Mr. Mills. He deserves the advancement and the increase in salary which the new position carries with it.

On account of the transfer of Mr. Mills to the position of cashier in the freight office at Quincy, Ill., Bro. Taylor, second trick, will hold forth as telegrapher and ticket agent at that place.

It is reported that some of the men are sleeping on duty. Let us hope that none of the brothers have given cause for this complaint, as there is absolutely no excuse for a man sleeping on duty, especially where he is working eight hours.

Bro. Green is now working as second trick telegrapher and ticket agent at Jacksonville.

Business seems to be pretty good, judging from the amount of freight that is being moved. We trust it will improve steadily at the rate it has been doing in the past. Perhaps, then, with the return to the 3-cent rate, we might get that "60 per" we have been dreaming about so long.

Commencing March 8th the locals between Springfield and Hannibal were allowed but two brakemen instead of three. Curtailment of expenses was thought necessary, owing to present conditions.

Private car No. 3, occupied by General Superintendent Cotter, of St. Louis, was attached to the rear of No. 3, March 3d, at Springfield, and passed over the division to Hannibal.

Private car No. 2, occupied by President Delano, of Chicago, passed over the division as a special, March 25th, in charge of Conductor Ashley.

Don't wait for the local chairman or his assistants to do all the work. Speak to that non with whom you are working. Do a little personal work. If you will refer to the January copy of THE TELEGRAPHER you will find a list of prizes offered for securing new members. Some of those emblem rings or watch charms should be won by members of this division.

We desire to thank the brothers who contributed to this write-up. Don't wait for a personal request for items, but if you know of anything of interest notify the correspondent.

We shall be pleased to receive the report of the convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May. This report will show the progress made by the Order during the past two years.

CERT 957.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

The general situation looks favorable, several new members are dropping into line, and I believe we will be thoroughly organized in the near future.

News is very scarce, as there are very few changes along the line.

Bro. Kimball, second trick at Shannon, has resigned, and gone to Booneville, Miss. He was relieved by Bro. Newsome, of Mayfield, Ky.

Bro. Estes, of Clamore, is laying off a few days. Relieved by Mr. Franklin, of Moscow, Ky.

Mr. D. E. Cunningham, of Trenton, Tenn., has resigned; Mr. Rutledge is his successor.

Bro. Robertson, agent at Moscow, was off duty one day recently, attending court at Clinton. He was relieved by Mr. R. Cunningham, of Cayce, Ky., who is an extra man.

Bro. Beadles, agent at Berkeley, is off duty on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. M. P. Rutledge.

Mr. O. Burke, day telegrapher, "WC," Murphysboro, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. J. D. Wilson.

Mr. Jno. Nelson is working second trick at Columbia.

Mr. W. N. Nolan, has been placed at Red Bud, second trick.

Bro. Earl Taylor, second trick at Percy, is taking in the sights of St. Louis. Relieved by Mr. R. A. Haynes, of Red Bud.

Mr. Loyd Lawrence, second trick at Pomina, is off duty for a few days, on account of the death of his uncle, at Columbia. Relieved by Mr. James Donahue, an extra man from Burkesville.

DIV. COR.

Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division, Second District—

Everything quiet but bulletins, which are numerous at present.

The third trick at Gothenburg has been made permanent, which relieves Bro. Hannum of telegraph duties. Bro. C. T. Winters draws first trick; R. F. Miller, third trick, and second trick is on bulletin.

Bro. F. H. Rice, agent at Brady Island, has resigned, to take charge of a ranch he purchased near that place. Suppose that instead of trying to decipher feed reports, which were not typewritten, he will soon be riding stock trains and furnishing the material from which to construct those reports.

Bro. Dart, third trick at Brady, has bid in the agency.

Third trick at Lexington bid in by Bro. B. O. Byrne, who has been in the hospital for over a month. He will soon resume duty. Bro. Gabriel having left the service; this leaves third trick Cozad open for bid at present.

Bro. C. E. Ford, third trick at Watsons Ranch, has resigned to go to his ranch in Colorado,

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where he will have nothing to worry him but that which makes him the most money. No one will dispute the fact that almost anything will yield more profit than a salary of $60.00 amounts to. Can not say who lands third trick at Watsons.

T. D. Grimes, at Oconto, is off duty for a week or so; relieved by G. D. Neal.

Bro. W. C. Stevenson, at Pleasanton, off duty two weeks; relieved by J. H. Hansen, a telegrapher from Denmark, who is getting next to how we work over here. He seems to have no trouble getting American Morse.

We notice how our French brother knights and their fellow-workers are trying to free themselves from a yoke that has become unbearable. And the prime cause of the trouble, Mr. Symian, has the law and army of France to back him. No wonder he is arrogant and arbitrary. It is where men have been given a superfluity of power that great wrong has been done to the working masses, or the public in general. We will watch for the result anxiously.

Bro. Gard has returned to work after a long vacation, a trip to the West and a chance to show Assistant Superintendent Cornell and Chief Anderson his ability in the vocation in which Nimrod was so proficient. Messrs. Cornell and Anderson tried it upon one occasion and succeeded in getting the trip written up in song and story by the Grand Island Independent, in a way that was not most calculated to give them the reputation of bagging everything in sight, including decoys. They went with Gard and brought back enough ducks to feed every one in Grand Island and headquarters in Omaha. We would not attempt to hold Bro. Gard responsible for their good luck, but believe they are both willing to vote him a jolly good fellow, whether it is rounding up business for the U. P., or in rounding up ducks for the slaughter.

As promised before, G. C. Hansen, who recently climbed up to the seventh heaven of telegraphy as he often dreamed of it, via the George Washington (Seivers) route, that most scenic route which allows you stop-over privileges at Boyles School of Telegraphy, has developed the practical view of the matter, and has lined up with his craft. Verily, things are not as they seem, sometimes. We believe more will follow. Let us emphasize the fact when one affiliates with a labor organization he is not taking sides as a sworn enemy of his employer. It is true, some unthinking persons on both sides seem to have this view, but an unbiased person knows this to be wrong. The corporation managers co-operate for their mutual benefit, and so do the employes.

I am enclosing an article mailed me by Bro. Smith, recently elected local chairman for the Nebraska Division. In conclusion let me ask that you read it carefully. Let us get together on the principles he outlines and give him our heartiest support. Let each one feel his personal responsibility. CERT. 765.

To Members of the Nebraska Division:

As the members at the recent election saw fit to choose me as delegate to the convention, and elect me local chairman for the coming term, I deem a few words not inadvisable. Those who know me intimately are pretty well acquainted with my ideas. We must work in harmony with the same end in view. The members should not depend on the local chairman to do all the work, but rather work in unison with him for the best interest of the division.

We have no apologies to make for the existence of labor unions. That we are here and here to stay every one knows. In a speech made in Chicago lately, Mr. Park stated that unions were necessitated by reason of petty discriminations, etc. Of course he could have gone to the bottom of the thing and said the whole system had been started wrong, but he hardly dared to do that. He tacitly admits there is a cause which we, too, well know. We have nothing to be ashamed of, as to support the union is honorable and manly. For this reason we ask every one who works with us to assist in strengthening and maintaining our Order.

Mr. Park intimated in the speech referred to that the union antagonized the "company man," or in other words, that union men did not have the company's interest at heart. This we emphatically deny. Take your own case for instance, you are working on an average fifteen hours a day, doing the station work required of you. How much time have you left to devote to rustling stock shipments, soliciting coupon ticket sales, and arguing freight rates and Interstate Commerce Commission ruling with prospective customers? Wipe every union out of existence, conditions would be even worse than at present, and I believe I am right in saying that the service would not rank so highly as it does. The union tends to equalize everything, not only wages, hours, etc., but work as well. The day of strikes is passing; the day of arbitration is being ushered in, and welcome it. When differences are left to arbitration we shall have unprejudiced and disinterested men to convince, and to them we are willing to submit our troubles. Give us the logical short hours, sufficient help, let us share more equally in profits, and I am here to state that there is not one man in a dozen who would not take an interest and do everything in his power to better the service and increase business for the company.

Each man knows the truth of the above statements. I read an editorial this week in Leslies, in which the editor said, "What is needed in the union today is the pacificator not the agitator." I take it by agitator, he meant one who continually stirs up strife. If so, I heartily agree with him. In the past the railroads have treated us more or less contemptuously and forced us to go outside for aid. Within the last year or so they have realized their mistake. They have not said so to us, but witness their desire to have us line up with them, as shown in every public speech

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recently made by railroad officials. To again quote Mr. Park, he recently said in a speech at Denver: "Railroad men have made mistakes as well as others, they had no precedent to guide them." Diplomatically, they have said to us, "We have been wrong in driving you to the other side to get your grievances adjusted, the combination is too disastrous to us. Come back, resume old relations and we will make it right." This, I believe, we are most willing to do. We did not want to go away from home for our rights, but necessity has compelled us to do so. Now, that we can get together again, we should show the railroad managers that it is right and profitable to take us into partnership with them. We are told that we are dependent upon them. Is it not equally true that they are dependent upon us? Certainly. Then, brothers of the Nebraska Division, my word of greeting at the beginning of the new term is to voice the hope that such a reunion may occur during the coming two years. I truly wish to do what I can to be a pacificator and not an agitator of strife. However, we do not feel we are getting a just remuneration for our services. We have our agreement with them, which we want to see observed as evidences of good faith, and as adjuster I shall always be at your command. As your servant and spokesman I shall, to the best of my ability, always be ready to "agitate" better conditions for the men, and also do anything I can to foster good feeling between the management and the telegraphers. I firmly believe our next meeting with the management of the Union Pacific will reveal the fact that they desire the friendliest relations to exist between the company and the men. I want to ask that you, as members of the O. R. T., begin now and, by every means possible, show them in advance that this is your feeling on the matter. It doesn't rest with the committee to convince the management of this, but with each member individually in whatever capacity he may be employed. It, therefore, rests with you what we shall tell the management, and for you to back it up with something tangible. With the resumption of good business conditions in prospect, and this evidence of our desire to meet them half way in this policy which they have lost no opportunity to publicly proclaim lately, I am sure they will do their part by us. In conclusion, let me say that no one feels his responsibility more than I, and none has a greater desire to assist in this work of uplifting his fellow-man and creating amicable relations between employer and employe. Do you desire to help? Line-up with us, get every man in reach of you, and I assure you it will not only be a duty, but a great privilege for me to assist in any way in my power to better the condition of our members.

G. H. SMITH.

Gothenburg, Neb., March 31, 1909.

Editor Telegrapher, St. Louis, Mo.:

We wish to thank the members of the Nebraska Districts, Union Pacific Division No. 6, for their kind assistance and the beautiful wreath of flowers sent us for the funeral of our beloved daughter, Edna. Their kindness will abide with us like unto the memory of our dear child. Friends in need are friends indeed. We can truly say that it is good to be identified with such an organization.

We desire to especially thank Local Chairman Bro. G. H. Smith, at Grand Island, for his action in our behalf, and the kind letter of cheer to us.

MR. AND MRS. R. F. MILLER.

Wyoming Division—

Have you joined the "Optimist Club" yet. If you haven't, you don't know what you're missing. What! don't know what the fraternal order of optimists is. Just another name for the O. R. T., that's all. Anyway you'll have to hurry if you want to get a good seat on the O. R. T. band wagon, for we've only a few more left on the old Wyoming Division. You never met a good genuine O. R. T. man in all your life who was not an optimist, that's one reason there are so many happy faces to be seen between North Platte and Rawlins. You aren't going to spoil the scenery by wearing that long-drawn countenance so conspicuously displayed in the visage of the confirmed non are you? I think not.

To tell the truth, I don't know of a single individual on the Wyoming Division that you could class among the "hopeless case" element. That is why I am going to venture the prediction that by June 31st every available telegrapher in this territory will be enrolled with us, and we will all go marching toward better things.

I received a letter the other day from a young telegrapher, not far from Cheyenne, who said although he did not figure on remaining in the business but a short time longer, owing to other interests, he deemed it his duty to lend his assistance to so good a cause, and was keeping his card up-to-date; that it would always be a source of satisfaction to know that he had not been a draw-back to the best interests of the profession. Isn't that a patriotic and honorable way to look at it? I'll bet he sleeps well. I'd like to meet him.

Boys, if you would be happy and prosperous don't be selfish. By helping others you are bound to help yourselves. The world hates a dead one, and there never was a non who belonged to that classification very long that was a live one.

It's good business judgment to carry an O. R. T. card. Financially as well as socially. It is a certificate of intelligence; a letter of introduction to a business man, and a pass-port to the esteem of men who stand for a square deal everywhere. Those are a few of the things it means to you when you are traveling and among strangers. When you are at home, it assures honorable treatment from your fellow-telegraphers along the line. It is, beyond the question of a doubt, a guarantee of proper treatment from your superior officer, and in the event of actual trouble it is a retainer for counsel to represent your side of the matter. I say it means all these and many

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other good things to you, provided only you are a man, and the O. R. T. has long since reached the point where she wants none but real men. Men of honor and respect. So the Wyoming Division wants none but men who will lend prestige to our union. Men who are willing to work for a living. No booze-fighters or dynamiters are desired. This explains why there are one or two telegraphers now working between North Platte and Rawlings, whom we are pleased to see remain on the outside. But the good men we welcome. In fact, we seek them. Therefore, all Order men should set a good example. Do your full duty always, and never be afraid to do a little more. Bear in mind that while you are in the employ of the Union Pacific your interests are very much identical with hers. Boost the Union Pacific whenever you have a chance. Tell them it's the best railroad in the United States, and it is.

In our last article we told you that at the time of writing it was the rumor that Mr. W. C. McKeown was to be promoted to the superintendency, vice Mr. Anderson, retired, with Mr. H. J. Roth, assistant. These appointments have been confirmed, and, I dare say, meet the hearty approval of all employes of the Wyoming Division. At the explosion of the 219, which occurred on the 13th instant, I came in contact with both of these gentlemen, and on this occasion they were exceedingly pleasant to all of the men. They should receive our heartiest co-operation, to the end that this division may make its usual good showing.

The first wreck to occur on the Wyoming Division, since the new superintendent took up the reins, took place near Hermosa, at 7:30 p. m., March 13th, when engine No. 219, which was coupled to engine No. 258, at the head end of 1,730 tons on a one per cent grade, blew up, seriously injuring both the engineer and fireman. The explosion wrenched the No. 219 entirely free from the No. 258, the lead engine, and threw her clear of the main line. At the time of the accident they were making about twenty miles per hour, and the train was stopped in less than three car lengths.

Fifth District—

Last month we promised you something from the North Platte Sidney end. When I made that promise, however, I had no idea just how I was going to "get the news." When a man is needed to fill a want of this nature he usually springs up somewhere, and the man to arise to this emergency is Bro. O. P. Mullin, who presides at O'Fallon's.

Telegrapher Ewing, formerly of Alton, requested the papers, and when you read this, will undoubtedy be Bro. Ewing. He knows it is "The Only Way." I take pleasure in stating that this is not the Andrew C. Ewing of "Katy" notoriety.

Bro. Sinclaire, agent at Southerland, contemplates a vacation about April 1st. While he is off he will visit his mother in Illinois.

Bro. Hostetter and Mayrott are the only agents on the North Port Branch. How lucky some people are. But it's not all luck after all.

The Fifth District is fortunate in having a chief dispatcher who lives up to his name. Anyone who has ever met Mr. White, or worked under him, knows that he was appropriately named, for he is as white as snow in his dealings with us, and we appreciate it. Let us respond with the best service there is in us. The dispatchers are, every one of them, fine as silk, and I hope no one is overlooking the fact.

Telephone business is good; of course, the dispatchers have their troubles with them, but the gong is an excellent invention. Now, when you lie down to sleep you are assured that you will hear your call. Someone has said they were originally designed for use in the fire department of a large city.

If you see any of the box car men wearing that famous Quakers Oats smile, it is probably due to the intelligence that they are to have a brand new office.

Bro. Ed. Gerrans, "GX," of "N," Cheyenne, is getting into the lime-light around that city, through his efforts to line-up an "allstar" base ball team for the cowboy town. It is said that "GX" is the recognized authority on the National game around that part of the country, which assures him the support of all the best fans thereabouts.

C. T. U. A. Bro. Nordmarks, "YN," also of "N," Cheyenne, has moved his family from Manhattan, Kan., and intends to make the West his future home.

In a letter to Local Chairman, Bro. C. J. Horiskey, Cheyenne, Bro. E. L. Stump, our general chairman, Denver, writes, in part, as follows:

"We have today completed a check of the accounts of the general secretary and treasurer.

"We find a balance of $563.35. It was not necessary to make any corrections; all entries were correct and no errors in addition; all disbursements were covered by receipted bills. I have assisted, on several occasions, with the check of such accounts, both on this and other divisions, but never have I found a set of books in as good shape as those of Bro. Hughey's."

It is superflous to say that we all appreciate the services of Bro. Hughey beyond the expression of words. The importance of having such a man as Bro. Hughey retained in the responsible office which he now holds, is too well known to warrant further comment. He will be re-elected unanimously.

Last month Bro. E. C. Miles, of Buford, spent a few days at St. Johns Hospital, but refused to stay, and one day shortly after his arrival he got up, put on his duds and appeared at Mr. Daley's office for transportation home. And he went.

Sensational news comes from Ogallala, which is intermingled with sorrow and happiness. Sorrow, to know that any telegrapher should sink so low; happiness in the thought that the culprit is not a member of this organization. C. E. Beyers, alias

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Walter Jameison, lived up to the standard of men of his kind, when he, with the aid of a skeleton key, conducted a series of small robberies against his fellow-telegraphers in "GT" office, by taking a few cents each evening from the money drawer, for which Bro. O. E. Hunter was responsible. This parasite was turned down by the Bond Company, and before leaving decided to make a "haul." During the meantime Bro. Hunter had suspected him, and subsequently shadowed him, with the result that he caught him in the act. He followed this personage who had boasted that the O. R. T. was not good enough for his association, and was led to Jameison's private boarding house, where, with the aid of others, he cornered the humane derelict and secured from him the two ten dollar bills which he had just stolen from the drawer, together with another ten which he had stolen from Hunter. They also found on him a ticket which could be made to read to whatever destination he might determine was healthy for him. He made a written confession of it all, including other infamous acts. Therefore, in addition to robbery, he shamefully confessed to being a pervert of the lowest degree.

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Kansas Division—

Mr. F. W. Hildrup and Bro. A. C. Schuchman are working extra in "GN" office, Kansas City. Bro. Schuchman is also doing the heavy in chief dispatcher's office.

Bro. D. W. Cadigan, from Division No. 130, relieved Bro. Shannon, at Bonner Springs, several weeks.

M. E. Hochman senior applicant for Lenape.

F. L. Bigelow is the new agent at Tonganoxie.

The notes from the L. & W. Branch failed to materialize this month.

Bros. Schwartz and Mierotta are doing the extra work at Topeka, Sister Doering being on the sick list, and Bro. Johnson having resigned. Bro. High, senior applicant for the second trick at Topeka.

Bro. Klasse relieved Bro. Carson at Ft. Riley. We understand Bro. Carson's sister is seriously ill in Kansas City. Mr. Boyle is doing the work, days, at Ft. Riley, extra; Bro. Wiggle having gone to Salina.

Mr. Kilander, Junction City, nights, quit on short notice. Bro. Mierotta going over from Ogdensburg. Bro. V. L. Owens, senior applicant from Junction City.

Bro. G. H. Gross, Wilson, senior applicant for Waldo.

Mr. C. J. Deves, Beloit, senior applicant for Black Wolf.

Mr. L. O. Price is acting as agent at Kanopolis until bulletin is filled, and Mr. L. E. Price, his brother, is acting as day telegrapher.

Bro. H. L. Armstrong, relief agent, relieved Bro. Temple at Yocemento.

Bro. J. A. Line, at Black Wolf, has resigned.

M. B. Maxwell, a promoted helper from Vavaria, bid in Culver; Bro. Holiday resigned. Also Doe Williams, student helper at Wilson, has been promoted to telegrapher, so far we have been unable to locate him.

Bro. F. G. Denison, Detroit, Kan., and Bro. S. McNeil, Miltonvale, Kan., have been appointed assistant local chairmen of the Western District, and the Leavenworth Western Branch.

Ask your local chairman for a list of the nons, and get in on Bro. Quick's offer; we guarantee you your money's worth.

Bro. Hughey was extended a vote of thanks by the general committee for the able and efficient manner in which he dicharged the duties of his office during the past year.

Bro. C. A. Lunsford bid in Wamego, nights.

Bro. Chas. Alexander is back at Silver Lake, after a visit to Springfield, Ill.

Bro. John Wray relieved Bro. Kendall at Blue Rapids; Bro. Kendall was called home on account of the illness of his father.

Bro. Mierotta relieved Bro. Deighan at Junction City. Bro. Deighan is on the sick list.

Bro. Gregory, of Lindsborg, has resigned to go into the milling business.

Bro. Holliday, of Culver, has resigned. We understand he is going into the egg and cream business.

Mr. Benedict relieved Bro. Pumphrey at Blaine.

Bro. Pumphrey has gone to Leonardville, relieving Bro. McIntosh.

Bro. McIntosh is at Irving, visiting friends.

Chas. Dankers, from Leavenworth, nights, to Havensville.

Bro. Sidney McNeil, from Havensville, has gone to Miltonvale, regular. Mr. Carver has accepted a position with the Santa Fe.

Let me urge you to give your local chairman some assistance during the next year; get in the game and get your feet wet. Try it once. Conditions are changing; if you would be up-to-date, change with them.

Did you ever stop to think how very foolish it is for a man to drop the Order, simply because he has a personal dislike for an officer or member of the Order? Occasionally we hear of such a thing. Since they cannot both be in the same Order, is there any reason for them both remaining on this old earth? We give it up, ask us something easy. But, really, what's the difference?

If you are in need of a good spring tonic these nice warm days, ask your local chairman for a list of the non-members; we guarantee your money's worth all the time.

If you are being used to violate the schedule, or think you are, It's hear from you; don't close up like a clam and then get sore when your local chairman doesn't hear about it.

Whenever you hear one of these chronic knockers breaking loose from a long hard-luck story, don't shed too many tears over his sad plight until you have a chance to investigate. The chances are this is his business in life. COR.

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Canadian Pacific Ry.

District No. Three—

A meeting was called at Eholt Junction, March 16th, for the benefit of west end members, and was fairly well attended. Meeting opened in due form, with Bro. McPherson in the chair. Several subjects of interest were brought up, including "Discipline by Brownie System," a number of brothers having been victims of undue punishment. Matters pertaining to the "Medical Board" were also discussed. Practically speaking, outside points have no medical attention, unless same is paid for privately. This is unfair, inasmuch as we are all paying regular R. R. dues monthly. The action of the medical board will be watched with much interest.

Bro. Bean was appointed correspondent, and a write-up will be expected of him in future. Don't neglect to advise him when anything of interest takes place at your station.

Meeting adjourned at 2 o'clock.

Several temporary offices have been closed. Much anxiety is felt over the district generally, as a result of the decline of the copper market, and the diminishing of ore shipments.

Bro. Roberts quit Granby Smelter, for reasons unknown to the writer. Understand that A. J. McLeod is the successful applicant.

Mr. A. G. Gish, second trick dispatcher at "DC," has been relieved by Russel Clark. Mr. Gish goes to Revelstoke.

Don't forget the eight-hour law. Put in the right word at the right place, and at the proper

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Creator to remove from our midst the beloved wife of Bro. C. P. Russell, and

WHEREAS, In token of our universal respect and sympathy for Bro. Russell; be it

Resolved, By the membership of O. R. T. System, Division No. 7, of Third District, C. P. Ry., that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to him in his bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent our bereaved brother, placed upon the records of this division and published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

J. H. FORREST,
L. R. BAKER,
Committee.

Central Division—

As no notes appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER from this district last month, we will endeavor to supply a few, with the help of a brother who has very kindly furnished us with a write-up from his end of the pike.

The meeting held at Napinka, on February 26th, was certainly a hummer. Seventeen members were present, which is a pretty good attendance for this district. On account of poor train service, that part of the road west of Napinka was not represented.

A motion was made and carried to request a contribution to defray the expenses of the local board of adjustment, when on committee work. The amount will be fifty cents or a dollar at most, and when the call is made we earnestly ask that each and every member remit promptly to Bro. Baker, at Napinka.

A vote of thanks was tendered the local board for its services. It is gratifying to know that its efforts are appreciated by the membership.

By the time this is in print the members will doubtless have received Bro. Morris' circular-letter announcing the result of the election of delegates to the convention, and will know that they failed to elect a representative from the Fourth District.

There were four spoiled ballots from this district, which would indicate that the brothers failed to read the circular-letter that accompanied the ballot.

Several members wrote the names of the candidates for whom they voted on the wrong line, which, of course, rendered the ballot void.

I wish to thank the membership for the support they gave me, and the interest they took in the election. If any one has any suggestions to make to Bro. Mein, do so at once in order that he may be able to represent Districts Two and Four in a manner which will reflect credit upon himself and the districts.

Bro. Morris states that our division is in a flourishing condition. We have several thousand dollars to our credit, and no liabilities.

Frobisher agency is again vacant, and we understand it has been bulletined.

Bro. Campbell, from Bender, was the lucky individual to capture Sinclair, and Bro. Krafft, who worked in "UR," Souris, was transferred to Bender.

We understand that E. B. Laughlin, of Melita, is going to United States for a month, and that Bro. Cairnes, our regular relief agent, will do the stunt at "BA" during his absence.

Bro. Beau McLeod, of Souris, nights, has just returned from a visit to Vancouver and other coast towns.

Bro. C. G. Williamson, former night telegrapher at Napinka, transferred to Deloraine, days.

Bro. F. W. Glidden, who has been on the Saskatoon District as third trick dispatcher, is with us again, and is working the owl stunt at Napinka.

Bro. J. F. Donald, day telegrapher at Souris, "UR" office, who has been absent for two months, is again at his old stand.

Bro. E. J. Hicks, agent at Pilot Mound, is on a six weeks' vacation, to points in Ontario; relieved by Bro. M. M. Shore, who has since been appointed agent at Alameda. Bro. H. Evans, former agent at Alameda, has been transferred to Carnduff agency.

Bro. McFarlane, who has been relieving on this district for the past six months, has been appointed agent at Wauchope. Bro. H. Casey,

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former agent at Wauchope, has taken Redvers agency.

Bro. A. D. Anderson, who has been relieving on this district for the past eight months, is working nights at LaRiviere. LOC. SEC.

Eastern Division, District No. 4—

Having seen very little news in THE TELEGRAPHER from Eastern Division during the last few months, we feel that it is up to some of us to send in a write-up.

Bro. J. A. Merkley is at Haley's, relieving Bro. W. H. Worley, who is off duty on account of sickness.

Bro. John Douglas is off on leave of absence, and has gone to the Silver Country (Gowganda) prospecting.

Bro. Harvey Boal is at Hull for a few days, relieving Bro. T. McPhail, who is attending the funeral of a sister. He has our sympathy.

Bro. W. J. Boyce, of N. Y. & O. Jct., is on leave of absence for three months, and is being relieved by Mr. S. R. Pawson.

At Ottawa Central Station Bro. J. T. Armstrong is working, nights, relieving Mr. W. Ellis, who is off duty on sick leave, he being troubled with his eyes.

We are seriously considering the question of trying to secure the next convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for our Capital City. The present Central Station and our proudly won "Stanley Cup," would be good old time relics to show our visitors. Get busy and see if we can not have the honor of extending a right royad Canadian welcome to our brothers across the line. We want this convention in Ottawa, and for side trips, by boat, "Chats Rapids" and Grenville can compete with any in the country. Delegates can return via Toronto and Niagara Falls, or go across Lake Ontario and through the Garden of Ontario by electric car to Buffalo. Electric car rides to Aylmer, Britannia and Rockliffe, and a trip through the Thousand Islands, would complete a list of attractions that would be hard to beat.

At Graham we find Bro. H. R. Bradford installed as agent. Bro. Bradford replaces Bro. W. L. Kearns.

We extend our congratulations to Bro. J. B. Barton, recently elected local chairman for District Four; also to Bro. Rooney on his re-election as assistant general chairman for Eastern Division; apparently his services in the past two years were appreciated, as he was re-elected without opposition.

Before this is in print our general committee will be mapping out a program for the next two years' work, as well as appointing a new general chairman, or re-appointing Bro. G. D. Robertson. This position he has filled with credit during the last nine months. Bro. G. S. Morris needs no words of praise from my pen, his work is before us, and bespeaks the interest he has shown. We hope to see him re-elected to the position of general secretary.

While discussing work for the next two years, it would be well to carefully weigh some of the decisions given by officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The last schedule was promulgated by the board of conciliation, and both parties were required to accept it at the last moment without discussion. First, we lost "dispatchers Sunday overtime;" second, "the agent's ten-hour day at three-men stations;" third, "any position added or omitted from 1905 scale to date shall remain unless local committee and superintendent otherwise agree" (this overruled by general superintendent on this section); fourth, "Our right to reside elsewhere, if we elected to do so." The above items represent some of the "special advantages" (?) telegraphers derived from the Lemieux act. We find that instead of being granted privileges they were denied us, and any one upon reading the board's decision can draw his own conclusions. We should not, today, be working under these adverse conditions, but as the depression had set in before all these questions were brought up for consideration we were compelled to take our "medicine" and look pleasant. We are today working under the same disadvantages, and if Government officials are to render decisions they should do so with proper regard for both parties.

Dispatchers are surely entitled to Sunday overtime, if compelled to work seven days a week. The men are certainly entitled to the privilege of living away from their stations, even if there is houses there. We know a railway station is no place to bring up children, further, practically all the stations lack many of the necessaries which go to make a comfortable home.

We had the pleasure of a call from Bro. Ed. Smith, now working for the C. N. R. near Toronto.

Bro. C. Tucker, from Kazubazua, recently paid us a visit. He was accompanied by his young son, who came in with his father to see a specialist.

We understand that Bro. Chinour, of Waltham, is soon to leave us to seek his fortune in the mines of Gowganda. We all wish his success.

We extend our sympathy to Dispatcher Nickel, of "Q" office, in his said bereavement. He lost his wife and two children in the appalling disaster which overtook the Boston express at Windsor Street Station, last Monday. It is claimed a plug in the engine blew out, driving the engineer and fireman from the cab, the train rushing on unchecked almost through the massive walls of Windsor Station, spreading death and disaster in her wake. A later report states that Engineer Cunningham has since died from his injuries.

With the returning indications of prosperity, and the good old summer time, it behooves us to greet all genially and be courteous to the company's customers. Give first-class service and show the company that it has at present one of the finest set of men on the continuent.

"BILL DUGGAN."

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London and Windsor Sections——

The O. R. T. members of District No. 2, held their first banquet in the City of London, Saturday evening, March 20th. Which was attended by some thirty-five or forty of the staunchest O. R. T. boys that any railroad can produce.

The committee deserves all the praise and good things that can be said about it, for the manner in which the affair was conducted from start to finish. It was composed of picked men who showed their ability.

The repast, which was enjoyed by all, consisted of ham, tongue, turkey, tea and coffee. Apart from this there were fruits, cakes, wines, etc.

After banqueting, Bro. A. E. Chapman gave the address of welcome and introduced the toast list, "The King" and "God Save the King."

Our esteemed General Chairman Bro. Robertson was present and gave a grand "spiel" on the "Order of Railroad Telegraphers," which was appreciated by every member in the house.

"Our Guests" responded to by D. McCaughrin, local chairman from District No. 3, and Bro. G. A. Rowe, from "C" office.

"Our Officers," responded to by Bro. M. D. McPhee, local chairman, District No. 2, "RS" office.

Telegraphers and linemen were handled to a finish by Bros. Perley, Gilby and Hannah.

Letters of regret from Bros. Campbell, Houston, Allison and D. L. Show (all good O. R. T. members and officers) were read by Bro. A. E. Chapman, explaining their absence.

A first-class three-piece orchestra furnished entrancing music during the evening. The orchestra consisted of harp, piccolo and violin.

Bro. John Shaw put on two cornet solos, which were certainly fine.

Mr. Pink, an old O. R. T. boy, sang several fine selections, which were appreciated. The boys showed good taste in securing Mr. Pink for this part of the program.

Candidly speaking, a better time among the boys was never spent, and we will look forward to the next one with pleasant anticipations.

Now, in conclusion, I will say that all the members desire to thank our Chief Dispatcher, W. Killingsworth, most heartily for the way he assisted in getting the men to the city to enjoy themselves. We all appreciate the kindness very much, indeed. For the present "Au Revoir." Long live the O. R. T. CERT. 307.

New York Central Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to call away the beloved father of our brother and friend, R. R. Donovan, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in his death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted father; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing son, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our division, a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

F. VON HATTEN,
E. NEUMULLER,
M. J. GEOGHEGAN,
Committee.

Electric Division and G. C. Terminal—

The regular March meeting was held on the 17th (St. Patrick's Day). Local Chairman O'Meara, of the Electrict Division, and Local Chairman Murty, of the G. C. Terminal, made their report of the progress of the general committee up to date.

Chairman Noon made the report of the entertainment committee, and thanked the members for assistance in making the ball, held in February, a success.

Bro. J. H. "King" Dooley, the treasurer, made a report, showing a nice balance in the bank, and more money coming in.

General Chairman Manion, of the New Haven Road, came down from New Haven, and gave the members a very lengthy talk on the good of the Order, and the good a paid general chairman on the N. Y. Central System could do. A rising vote of thanks was given Bro. Manion for the information. A special committee then took him in hand to cheer the inner man.

The Irish half of the entertainment committee, Noon and Dooley, assisted by F. Lester, thought it proper to celebrate the day in a fitting manner, and got very busy. Sandwiches, cigars and refreshments were served, after closed meeting had adjourned.

In answer to a general invitation to pay us a visit on this occasion, and enjoy the songs, recitations, music and refreshments a number of non-members put in an appearance.

Mr. Edw. F. Geoghegan, a brother of Mike Geoghegan, rendered some fine piano selections.

Bro. Dick Sloat was applauded for his violin selections.

Bro. F. Lester sang several songs, accompanied by the piano and violin.

Bro. W. C. McManus took the house by storm with his song, "A raffle for a stove."

Bro. Ed. Fenstermacher, recitations.

Bros. Alrutz, Jagger, Hopper, Fenstermacher and Dykeman deserve a vote of thanks for their services as waiters.

Bro. F. Pequingney took first prize with his green tie and green river.

Bro. C. Dougherty took second prize, as his green tie has been in fifteen previous St. Patrick Day Parades.

Bro. Holbrook reported that the failure to hold the wireless exhibition at the hall, was caused by the proprietor of the hall who feared the hall would be damaged.

Bros. J. Lutz and L. Thaler are still on the sick list.

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The Electric Division was extended to Crestwood on the Harlem Division, about the middle of February, and if the N. Y. Central and the town of White Plains can reach an agreement it will be only a short time until electric trains will be running to North White Plains, and the Electric Division extended to that point.

The officials are trying out an electric engine on freight trains on Sundays.

First test twelve loaded coal cars, and another time forty-eight freight cars. It is reported the electric engine walked away with the train and had no trouble.

The officials had a number of instruments on the engine.

Mr. Joe Murphy, of "WC," Wakefield, has resigned, and Bro. J. J. Egan has been transferred to Wakefield.

We are sorry to report the death of Bro. R. R. Donovan's father. We extend our sympathy to the family.

DIV. COR.

Mohawk Division—

Our new Local Chairman M. B. Lynch was in Buffalo from March 5th to 10th, inclusive, on committee work; relieved by Telegrapher Hoyt, from South Amsterdam.

Bro. F. O. Fairbanks, third trick at "BS," "NE," was off duty March 1st to 4th; relieved by Telegrapher Hoyt.

Bro. M. J. Wood, second trick "BS," "NE," was on the sick list a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Hoyt.

With the number of changes taking place on the division there should be an abundance of material for write-ups every month. Each member hearing of changes or news, that might be of interest should advise the correspondent.

Bro. A. N. Loring, "BS," "NE," has been on the sick list for a few days; relieved by Mr. L. Pilkington, extra leverman.

Bro. Carlson, extra telegrapher, is now relieving Agent Gage, at Guilderland Center.

Mr. Joe Fox, So. Amsterdam, first trick, has resigned, and the position has been assigned to Bro. Brewster, formerly of Fultonville, second trick.

The general committee met the officials in Buffalo, on March 2, and continued in session until the 9th, succeeding in getting a nice set of rules. Although no increase in wages was granted, the committee secured pay for over-time in cases where men are compelled to work more than thirteen hours, meal hours included.

Where men are compelled to work more than thirteen hours from time of going on duty until relieved for the day they will receive a flat salary to cover the over-time and will also be relieved for meal hours so as not to conflict with the law as the company interprets it. For instance, if a man goes to work at 6 a. m. and works until noon and is then relieved for an hour and returns at 1 p. m. and works until 6 p. m. and returns at 7 p. m. and works until 9 p. m., actually working but thirteen hours, but putting in fifteen hours from the time he goes on duty until he is relieved for the day he will receive an increase in pay, making a flat salary to cover the over-time, and will be allowed two hours for meals just the same. Hereafter all agencies paying $75 per month or less will be advertised. Several other rules which mean much to us have been agreed upon, and, on a whole, it is considered that the committee did very well.

This report from the committee should be a reminder to all who have not paid dues, and give them encouragement to continue their membership in the Order through which we are striving to better our conditions. I hope all who read this and are delinquent will send dues to Bro. Blim at once, and each take an interest in increasing the membership.

Bros. Lynch and Evans have been elected to represent the signalmen and stationmen, Bros. Morey and Loring retiring. I hope the members will give these officers their support and do everything possible to assist them in the performance of their duties.

Bro. Greene, B. S. 22, is taking a forced vacation on account of sickness. Bro. Brown is relieving him.

Bros. Loring and Morey have just received gold emblem rings as prizes for securing members in the contest which closed December 31. Each secured twenty-four members during the last year.

DIV. COR.

St. Lawrence Division—

Our local chairman's report of the conference held at Buffalo, March 2 to 9, is greatly appreciated by all. Most of the important concessions granted are shown in the report, which is in the hands of the membership, so it is not necessary to enumerate them here.

The members of this committee are entitled to the thanks of each individual member, especially those on our single-track division, who have been working the split trick for a year. This matter seems to have been settled very satisfactorily, and we should extend a vote of thanks to those who have been instrumental in bringing about a satisfactory change without a rupture of any sort.

The advertising of agencies is also another question seemingly settled satisfactorily. Many requests for this have been made, and now that it has been made the rule, let us all appreciate it.

Ere this appears in the journal we will all have a complete copy of the schedule, setting forth new working conditions, which we were anxiously awaiting.

G. J. Farnell has been appointed agent at Deer River, vice M. G. Mullen, who returns to "MJ" tower, his old position.

"MJ" tower was almost destroyed by fire some days ago. It caught fire from the stove, and was not noticed until the flames had made considerable headway.

J. A. Crandall has been assigned to third trick at Watertown Jct.

C. A. Waters is now at G. & O. Jct.

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Sister Lilah Ross is now holding down second trick at Marcy.

A. C. Gillespie has taken first trick at Woods.

W. E. Eddy has been assigned to Black River, second trick.

R. J. Shidleman has been transferred to second trick at Woods.

Considerable construction work is under way this spring. The Walsh Construction Company is working between Utica and Stittville. It is expected that the job will be finished in time for the summer time-table to take effect in June. This ten miles of double track will facilitate matters when the soldier boys get to coming thickly.

Bro. Virkler, of Castorland, is off duty on an extended trip through the West and South. Having secured a leave of absence of two months, he should see considerable of the country.

About twenty of those who won prizes selling tickets for the ball are sporting new gold buttons.

We continue to hear of new members coming in with us. This is the best news that can reach us, except the occasional bulletins of the local chairman. DIV. COR.

Harlem Division—

Have you paid dues for the current term? We should pay dues as promptly as possible, thereby keeping the wheels of our order running smoothly. It is an easy matter to stuff your notice of dues in your pocket and forget to remit. I hope all who have not paid for the current term will remit as soon as possible.

Dover furnace has been opened as a telegraph and block office, the call being made "FN." A Mr. Irland has been installed as telegrapher and agent.

Assistant Agent at Martindale, Mrs. Shults, has been sick; relieved by someone from Hillsdale.

Quite a number of the boys have made trips to New York, lately, to take the color test. As far as can be learned everyone made good.

The Electric Division has been extended to Creswood, and it will be but a short time until the electric engines will be shooting through Mt. Vernon, Bronxville and Tuckahoe to Creswood.

It is time to talk baseball, and it is expected that ere this appears the O. R. T. team will be near completion. Brothers Tuttle, Day, Grant, Nickerson, Masterson, Whalen, Groversteen, B. J. Corrigan and Rheinhart, who took part in most of the games last season, will probably be on hand this season. There are no doubt a number of brothers who are good ball players and are relatively unknown. We need all the material we can get, as it is very often difficult to get relief. Anyone wishing to play will kindly drop a line to Bro. Nickerson at Pawling, who will see that they are given an opportunity. We expect to turn out a winning team this summer, and if we do not the writer will be very much disappointed.

Bro. Porter, third trick at Pawling, was off a few days, recently; relieved by Bro. L. P. Masterson. BOB.

Hudson Division—

Everything is moving along smoothly on the Hudson Division. Only one telegraph trick up on last bid, which is evidence that the boys are sticking. About the only thing that is in the limelight at present (and all of us waiting for the long drawn-out final decision) is the semi-monthly pay bill, which should have gone into effect last October. The old saying "Law is no respecter of persons," is certainly a misfit in this case, for the nine different railroads throughout the State have successfully evaded it, and are making a desperate struggle to have it declared unconstitutional.

If they have not yet reached you, you will son receive a copy of the rules, which took effect March 1, 1909. Read them over carefully and you will note many improvements in the old ones, and the addition of several new ones. We will be governed by these rules until revised. They were formulated with a view to serving the interests of the majority, and should anyone have a criticism to offer, first consider that they govern 2000 men or more. Your General Committee labored hard and earnestly in formulating these rules and securing the approval of the general management. Let each of us endeavor to keep our organization at its present high standard. This is strictly a business proposition, for, if we let our stock depreciate, our business (working and financial conditions) must deteriorate.

News is scarce this month. No contributions have been received.

As predicted in last month's issue of this journal, Bro. Butterfield's talents have been recognized, and he is now on the road to fame, having been appointed draughtsman in Mr. Weigand's office.

Bro. Schultz's inventive genius has again cropped out, and has sounded the death knell of tuberculosis, by inventing a dustless dustpan. This, with many other household articles he has patented, has been catalogued.

Bro. Keck, formerly second at B. S. 19, informs us that he is now loiated on the C. & N.-W. R. R., at Paulina, Iowa. Bro. Keck went West for a vacation, intending to return in 30 days, but upon his arrival in Chicago, he found that telegraphers were in demand and accepted a position.

It is with regret we chronicle the death of our worthy Brother F. Love. Our organization loses a staunch member, and the company a trusted employe. He was one of the oldest employes in the service, his record showing twenty-eight years in the service as signal-man. The sympathies of Div. 8 are extended to the bereaved family.

Bro. Hyatt, second trick at B. S. 54, has been absent from duty on account of sickness.

Bro. Riley has been assigned to second trick at B. S. 61. CERT. 525.

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Western Division—

The committee was in session with Assistant General Manager J. P. Bradfield, from March 2 to 9, inclusive, and succeeded in getting the new working rules adopted with practically no changes. In many ways the new rules are the best we ever had. The wage question was not taken up at this meeting, as the time was not considered opportune, owing to business conditions. Second Vice-President Pierson was with the committee during the negotiations, and offered much valuable advice. Bros. Woolley and Blim were re-elected general chairman and secretary, resepectively.

Bro. F. B. Huff has been elected local chairman, with headquarters at Churchville, taking up the duties of Chairman Egelson, who contemplates going into business for himself. With the withdrawal of Chairman Egelson from the service we lose one of our most faithful workers. One who early and late devoted his time to the welfare of the Order, taking up the grievances of his brother telegraphers and signal-men, and, in his quiet way, adjusting them with a master hand. Elected chairman practically at the beginning of the financial depression, he had many things to contend with, which had to be overcome in no ordinary way. In appreciation of his services, a very pretty scene was enacted just previous to the adjournment of the committee, when Second Vice-President Pierson, in behalf of the brothers and many nons of the Western Division, presented Bro. Egelson with a beautiful gold watch fob, "the finest that could be purchased in Buffalo," and from all accounts "a work of art." To say that he was taken by surprise is putting it mildly, and for a few minutes he was unable to say anything. He certainly appreciated the gift, and is glad to know and feel that the boys appreciate his efforts in their behalf.

We understand that Port Byron has been made a one-man office, and Seneca River opened nights. Twelve-hour tricks.

Mr. J. E. Ryan, a new man on the road, is filling in at B. S. 3.

Bro. H. Bartholomew bid in B. S. 1, third trick, in place of Bro. Tobin, transferred to B. S. 2.

Bro. Cornelius displaced Mr. Brown, third trick at B. S. 2a. Brown is rusticating at Memphis.

Come, boys, send us items of interest; each one helps to make the write-up interesting to many readers. DIV. COR.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

I want to urge every member to read and consider very carefully the recent minutes of the general committee. You can very easily see the opposition our committee had to overcome in order to make a few changes in our present agreement that were very necessary for the best interest of our entire membership, our seniority clause being the item of most importance. While it costs the company nothing to meet the requirements of a majority of our men in this matter, had our committee been without the backing of a strong organization, we, doubtless, would have been denied this right. Another matter of vital importance to the telegraphers is the telephone, and our committee was denied the right to even consider this question, notwithstanding the fact that it meant the loss of positions to some of our men.

I want to say to you, boys, that the only way to handle this question is through your committee, and it must be backed by a solid organization. It of reliable and competent men in the telegraph department on the N. & W. system that the committee is taking up this question and it should have the hearty support of every man on the entire system. If the N. & W. or any other railroad desires to use phones in the place of telegraph instruments in the transmission of train orders, why should they want to again resort to cheap and incompetent labor? They have a supply of rellable and competent men in the telegraphic service, and, while we maintain it is not as safe to handle train orders by phone as by telegraph, the telegrapher will use phones for the same money, and they should certainly be given the positions. If each man will support his committee as he should we believe they will be able to induce the railroads to use the telegraphers for the proposed telephone service.

Our membership has shown implicit confidence in the committee by its re-election. Now that our elections are over, and our schedule revised for another year, let each one (defeated candidates and all) do his duty to the company and to his organization and enable this committee to handle the problems of the future in the same able way they have been handled in the past.

GEN. COR.

Scioto Division—

Work of improvement in all departments on this division is most encouraging. Renewed activity is in evidence, especially on the M. of W. double track between Kenova and Columbus, Ohio. Mr. L. C. Ayres, formerly superintendent of the M. of W. has been placed in direct supervision of the work, which insures its speedy completion. Mr. G. W. Echord, of the Clumbus District, is filling the position of general supervisor in place of Mr. Ayres.

On March 2 Mrs. E. M. Grossman returned to Poca Division, where she was installed as third trick telegrapher at North Fork, W. Va., until further notice. Mrs. Grossman is a sister of our genial chairman, Mr. R. J. Watts, agent at Dingess, W. Va.

Bro. B. B. McCormick, formerly second trick at Webb, W. Va., which is now closed, succeeds Bro. J. M. Satcher, second trick at Naugatuck, W. Va., effective March 7. Bro. Satcher has not yet decided as to his future.

Bro. J. S. Hall, agent at Chattaroy, W. Va., was called to court at Dingess, W. Va., March 11, as a witness for the Southern Express Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McNamara are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a brand new

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boy on the 4th inst. Mr. McNamara was formerly division roadmaster, and is jubilant over the new assistant.

Bro. R. H. Chitwood relieved second-trick telegrapher at Simms, Ohio, a few nights during the first week of this month.

Bro. A. L. Peake is working a few nights as ticket agent at Portsmouth, Ohio, during the vacation of the regular man.

Twenty-two railroads for the third week in February 1909, show an increase of 11.89 per cent.

Mr. J. B. Shumate is the new car distributer on Poca, vice Mr. L. L. McIntyre, who is now in the service of the C. & O.

Bro. W. P. Kessel, assistant chairman of our division, represented Bro. R. J. Watts on general committee at Roanoke, first of this month, and assisted in the work of auditing the accounts of Division No. 14. The books were found to be in good shape, and the division to have plenty of funds.

The ballot for S. V. District, of Division 14, at general election, in February, was as follows:

R. J. Watts, local chairman, 52; re-elected unanimously, without opposition.

Delegate—W. M. Jaynes, 37; C. O. Pancake, 14.

Alternate—Henry E. Burling, 33; W. R. Bailey, 18.

On the non list we notice some good men who formerly were up to date. Application of the individual-effort rule, we think, will induce every one of them to return. We know they do not refuse us credit for having obtained present working conditions, etc., and hope their acknowledge will soon be a new card for 1909. Brothers, don't overlook your friends on this list and prevail on them to renew membership. CERT. 750.

Pocahontas Division—

The meeting held at Bluefield, March 20, was a success. We had a good turnout from this division, but the attendance from other divisions was small. Bro. Harper was the only one from Radford Division.

I regret to note that some of the men at Roanoke are inclined to pull back. They are deriving the same benefit as other men, and should put up their part of the expense. I want to ask these fellows if they read the report of the last general committee meeting? This should impress them with the importance of keeping a solid organization. If we would continue to derive benefits we must stand behind our committee. We want every man to do his duty in making our organization strong, so we will be in position at all times to give our committee the support it so justly deserves.

The office at Cooper was closed recently. Haven't heard where these boys will cast anchor.

We are glad to have with us again Bro. W. M. Joint, who was formerly one of the Radford Division boys.

Bro. Harper has at last secured a regular correspondent for the Poca Division. We shall expect a writeup each month. Our correspondence in the journal is showing wonderful improvement. This is a very interesting part of our journal, and we should all do our part to keep the good work up. Send a few notes each month to Bro. Hale at Rock or to Bro. Harper, direct.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

Radford Division—

Our general committee has succeeded in securing a revised agreement with the company. As there was no prospect of securing an advance in wages there was very little for which it could ask. The seniority clause was changed, making any office subject to "pull" where the telegrapher had not been in the service five years. This is a decided improvement over the old agreement; it gives an old man in the service preference in case his position is abolished, and also gives one who has been in the service over five years a feeling of security. The old committee was re-elected, receiving a very complimentary vote, which should convince the members of which it is composed that the boys are more than satisfied with the way the affairs of the division have been conducted.

We must take off our hat to the Norfolk, the Pocahontas and the Scioto Divisions. In the month of January they made a record of which they as well as the company should feel proud. The Pocahontas and Scioto Divisions had a clear record with two credit records and the Norfolk Division but a minor suspension for ten days. Two men got ten and fifteen day credits for finding broken brake beams. It makes the Radford and Shenandoah Divisions feel like going way back to sit down, but we are trying hard to have one month clear and hope to succeed in April. There is no doubt that our officials have a great deal to do with records of the men. Some of them seem to have an idea that it is not whether a man should be disciplined, but how much discipline should be applied, and instead of putting a man on his honor and having him try diligently to keep his record clear, they create the impression that it does not matter how much one tries he will be disciplined. This causes a spirit of "I don't care" among the men, for they know that no matter how trivial the offense they will be disciplined.

We were very much shocked to hear of the death of Bro. J. M. Thompson, of this division. He was taken sick in January, while working at Glen Var, and gradually grew worse, until, on March 23, death ended his suffering. He died at his home in Tennessee. COR.

Shenandoah Division—

Bro. T. H. Lankford, the agent at Cloverdale, was relieved a few days recently by Bro. H. H. Burks. Bro. J. M. Brugh relieved Bro. Burks on the second trick at Glasgow.

Bro. L. M. Landers, agent at Midvale, was relieved one day recently by Bro. P. G. Barrett.

Lithia (agent and telegrapher), Front Royal (day telegrapher and assistant agent), and Trout-

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ville (temporary appointment, agent and telegrapher), are on bulletin.

Bro. J. L. George, who works the side wires at "LD," Roanoke, is taking a sojourn through Texas. Bro. J. W. Melton is relieving him. Bro. P. G. Barrett is relieving Bro. Melton on the second trick at Buena Vista.

Bro. McClannahan, who has been on the sick list, has returned to duty at Troutville. Bro. H. H. Burks, who has been there temporarily, returns to second trick at Glasgow. Bro. J. M. Brugh, has gone from second trick at Glasgow to first trick at Elkton to relieve Bro. Wilson for ten days.

Bro. Fred Schliecher, second trick at "HN," Hagerstown, was relieved a few days by Bro. Minnich.

Relief agency and the agency at Henry are on bulletin.

Bro. H. J. Probst bid in Troutville, while Bro. Wiseman gets agent's position at Lithia.

Bro. P. G. Barrett bid in the position of day telegrapher and assistant agent at Front Royal.

Bro. Lemons, the agent at Ferrum, was relieved a few days while attending court by Bro. J. W. Melton.

Bro. Bush is relieving Bro. Renfro, third trick at Luray, for a few days.

Bro. J. E. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, is on the sick list. He is relieved by a man named J. W. Schultz.

Bro. R. Y. Melton is transferred to second trick at Bentonville to relieve Bro. W. Q. Kearns, for a few days.

Bro. McIntosh is relieving Bro. D. C. Grubbs, second trick at Riverton, for several days.

Bro. Ned Moffett relieved Bro. R. J. Hamrick, agent at Stanley, one day, on account of his being sick.

Bro. Moffett from Stanley to Port Republic for a few days.

Bro. Bush transferred to third trick at Elkton to relieve Bro. F. W. McCutchan a few days.

Your correspondent wishes to thank some unknown brother for the notes sent in. They were greatly appreciated, and if more would do the same, it would help wonderfully. J. H. B.

Norfolk Division --

I believe I voice the sentiment of the entire division when I say that we feel very much gratified over the fact that our general committee unanimously re-elected our most worthy Brother C. E. Layman general chairman. Bro. Layman deserves the highest praise for his untiring and efficient labors for the advancement of this organization. Through the columns of our journal this division wishes to express its appreciation of his services, and also the services of the general committee.

We are pleased to see our worthy Brother C. B. Lane, who, with the general committee, has served this division faithfully, re-elected local chairman.

The division had up two of our strongest and most active men in Brothers C. B. Lane and W. H. Kirchmire. The latter acted as our chairman prior to Bro. Lane's first election. He has always been recognized as one of our most faithful workers, and his work for this division has been the means of great good, which fact our membership thoroughly appreciates. Bro. Kirchmire has also served as delegate to the grand convention on quite a number of occasions. The close vote shows the recognized ability of both men, and we trust that although defeated, Bro. Kirchmire will continue his good work, and be just as energetic as in the past.

The election of Bros. G. C. Cabaniss and T. O. Magann, who have been close friends for 18 years, was quite a coincidence, the latter having worked under Bro. Cabaniss as messenger boy in Lynchburg, from which office he "graduated," by permission of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Since that time the two have been active workers for the good of the organization.

Not being able to reach the membership through any better source than the journal, I wish to thank the boys of our division for their confidence in nominating and electing me delegate to the next biennial convention, to be held in Atlanta in May. I shall, to the best of my ability, represent and work for the interest of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and Division 14.

In this connection I wish to say that each telegrapher should feel personally interested in this convention. If you have any suggestions to make that will perfect our already well-constructed constitution, make them known to either or both of your representatives, and they will receive our careful consideration. We are sent to represent *you*, and want your views.

All of you have, ere this, received the minutes of the general committee, showing the result of their deliberations, and the meeting with the management. Although not what we hoped for, and in a great many instances not what our men actually deserved, still, in view of the present financial conditions, we feel that the work of the general committee was indeed commendable, and the membership should feel content until conditions become more favorable. Under existing circumstances, we can afford to endure the present inequalities, and the long hours imposed upon our men (the latter being due to an imperfect law governing hours of service at one-man stations), having in view an early adjustment of these differences, and feeling assured at the resumption of normal business that the management will, as it has been in the past, be willing to adjust these matters.

The conditions as set forth by the general committee in its report, warrant your special attention. There are questions confronting us that make it necessary that the organization have your full co-operation. Not a single man can we spare from the ranks, but we need more energetic workers to meet the oncoming conditions.

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While it is true that we need not cross the bridge until we get to it, still it is the point of wisdom "in times of peace prepare for war," or, in other words, be prepared to meet the conditions when they arise.

The different officers of the organization on this division have been elected, and I wish to urge the boys to give them earnest support. Even if your candidate was defeated, be willing to abide by the decision of the majority, and do not pull back and cause dissension in our ranks. What we need is a full membership, working in perfect harmony. Use your greatest influence to bring all worthy telegraphers into the organization.

Let's try to make a clear record for the Norfolk Division for the month of April, as suggested in the minutes of the Roanoke meeting. We can do it. Let your delegates go to the convention saying the Norfolk Division has a clear record for the month of April. We are glad to see more credit records granted our boys for watchfulness in the past few days. Continue to improve the service, and make the telegraph department so essential that the company cannot dispense with this important link in the chain of safety to both life and property.

Bedford—Bro. Warner off duty several days, on a trip to Richmond, getting his glasses changed.

Appomattox—Shannon worked third trick at this point, while Boothe moved up to second, until the position was advertised. Bro. Loving landed second trick, Bro. Shannon going to Rice, relieving Bro. Wilson.

Kenney—Mr. C. P. Williams, of Roanoke, relieved Bro. Loving.

Burkeville—Bro. Bland landed third trick at this point. Bro. Byrne relieved Bro. Bates, who is on a visit to Norfolk, to welcome the Jackies home.

Rougemont, N. C.—Bro. Cook is relieving the telegrapher at this point.

Bonsack—Bro. Penick is off duty a few days, on account of sickness.

Bedford—Bro. F. S. Layne bid in third trick at Bedford, Bro. Calhoun moving up to second by application. We are pleased to see Bro. Calhoun get second trick, as he has worked earnestly for it. Bro. Arthur, second trick at Bedford, bid in second trick at Ivor, with the hope the change would benefit Bro. Calhoun.

Crewe, "DS"—Bro. C. B. Lane is off duty, attending to committee work; he is relieved by Bro. T. S. Hollan.

Blackstone—Bro. L. C. Coleman off one day, to go to Richmond; relieved by Mr. D. C. Bailey.

Ford—Bro. Sidney Vaiden off one day, visiting Richmond; relieved by Mr. W. C. Johnson.

Church Road—Bro. E. C. Talley off two days, relieved by Bro. L. E. Furbush. Bro. J. H. Hardy off third and fourth, relieved by Bro. Furbush.

Addison—Bro. R. H. Moody off one day visiting a sick brother; relieved by Mr. W. C. Johnson.

Norfolk—Third trick was advertised February 1 and bid in by Bro. Sidny Sutherland, who has been working relief agency.

Yadkin—Bro. J. H. Trollinger off two days to see fleet and visit relatives in Hampton; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra.

Myrtle—Bro. Holland was off a few days, visiting relatives in Norfolk. He was relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra.

Windsor—Bro. Johnson off two days, relieved by Bro. M. H. Rose, extra.

Dwight—Mr. B. C. Carter, from west end, bid in first trick at this point, relieving Bro. E. C. Horton, who goes back on regular third. Bro. Horton off five days, relieved by Bro. J. Carmack. Bro. E. H. Williams, extra, working second trick, extra, off one day, relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, on special request.

Ivor—Bro. James relieved on 17th by Bro. Auther, from the west end, who bid in second trick, regular.

Waverly—Bro. J. H. Tucker off one day to attend regular system division meeting in Roanoke; relieved by Bro. W. P. Williams, extra.

Disputanta—Bro. Schlegel off fifteen days, 1908 vacation, relieved by Mr. Bailey and Bro. W. P. Williams, extra men.

Poe—Bro. R. C. Hardy off fifteen days, 1908 vacation, relieved by Bro. Eudy, regular second trick man. Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra man, relieved Bro. Eudy.

Petersburg—Bro. W. C. Huddlestone off three days, on account of his wife's illness. He was relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra man.

Brothers, assist your correspondent in his work. Let us make a good showing in our journal.

T. O. M.

Michigan Central Ry.

Middle Division—

Bro. Glfford, third trick at Battle Creek, is off for a month's vacation. Bro. Slowey, second trick at Albion, relieving. Telegrapher Sweeney, of Jackson, doing the second trick at Albion.

Bro. Harris, second trick man at Jackson Junction, is off duty a few days. Mr. Sweeney is relieving him.

Bro. McIntyre, of Nashville, is relieving Chief Clerk Davis at Niles freight house. Telegrapher Sweeney filling second trick at Nashville.

Understand that Relief Agent Thoms goes to Lawton, as agent in place of F. J. Birney, who goes to Kalamazoo, as clerk in freight house there.

Bro. Loveland, first trick at Kalamazoo, is off a few days, on account of sickness. Bro. Ketchum, second trick, relieved him, and Bro. Lynch, a new man on this division did the second trick.

Bro. Spencer, second trick at Niles, is taking a vacation for a month or so. Bro. Northrop doing second trick, and Bro. Brewer filling in as third trick man.

Bro. Graham bid in Glenwood agency, and Bro. McIntyre, of Nashville, "grabbed" Leonidas.

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Telegrapher Sliter made a slide for Hastings freight house and got it, so we understand. This job has been one of the "undesirables," therefore it was easy picking.

It is reported that Bro. Hartke, clerk and telegrapher at Hastings freight house, has been "turned down," on account of color blindness. It is also reported that he has been nicely taken care of by being made chief clerk at Hastings freight house. Brother Will is very deserving, and it is said there should have been a telegrapher furnished long ago to help out with this work.

Of late several new men have been doing extra work at Jackson relay office, but we are unable to get their names.

Business is reported to be good, and trainmen report a shortage of men. CERT. 414.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Wm. A. Bunting, and while we humbly acquiesce in this decree of the All-wise and know that our brother has received a promotion, we can but feel deeply the loss of his presence; and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our respect, love and appreciation for our departed brother, his high character and his useful and blameless life; be it

Resolved, That Michigan Central System Division, No. 16, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives its sincere sympathy in their sorrow, which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next regular meeting, a copy sent to relatives of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

Signed, M. J. CAREY,
DORR FELT,
W. H. COMINS,
Committee.

N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.

The following is the result of election held by Division No. 18, in February:

Representative, Bro. E. M. Mulcahy; delegate, Bro. C. F. Mayer; local chairman, First District, Bro. E. M. Mulcahy; local chairman, Second District, Bro. C. F. Mayer; local chairman, Third District, Bro. A. T. Hixon; local chairman, Fourth District, Bro. W. A. Hite.

Yours fraternally,
G. S. & T., Div. No. 18.

The local chairmen will meet at Cleveland, O., March 22d, to elect a general chairman and a general secretary and treasurer. CERT. 2.

Third District—

Were you at the meeting at Leipsic? If not, and your neighbor was there, ask him if it was a success. There were twenty-two members present, and room for as many more. Some of you who made no effort to be present, should be brought to realize what you were missing.

The following visiting members were present: Bros. E. E. Quackenboss, of Division No. 48; B. R. Willis and W. A. Bentler, of Division No. 21; J. T. Shawhan, of Division No. 138, and W. J. Ensworth, of the Grand.

There will be another meeting held at Leipsic, on Thursday, April 15th. At this meeting we expect to see those who could, but did not attend the last one.

Bring along all the members you can, and we will have an interesting time.

At Maple Grove, the Penna. agent, D. F. Thompson, who holds a card in Division No. 18, has accepted a student. I can not see how he can bring himself to do a thing of this sort. Although the officials of the road he is working for may approve of this action, he will find that the men he has to work with every day, both in the office and train service, have an altogether different view of the matter. I hope that this brother will see the error of his ways, and pass up this student while there is yet time and before he loses his own self-respect, as well as of his fellows. I think that we can bring him to a realization of what he is doing. He surely has not given this matter sufficient thought, or he would see the pit he is digging for his own feet.

Telegrapher Detlef went to work on second trick at Maple Grove, after being at home for a couple of weeks. Bro. M. Thompson got third at that point, on bulletin, and Bro. Cornelius secured first.

Telegrapher Brown, a new man, who was working third trick at Maple Grove, while Detlef was away, is now at Colby, third trick, temporarily.

At Bellevue yard office we had the pleasure (?) of working with a Postal scab for a few weeks. Unfortunately, we did not find it out until about the time he left. His name is J. M. Welker. He worked from 12 midnight to 9 a. m. Signed "OM."

Bro. Leeth, agent at Briceton, resigned, and has been relieved by Mr. Leslie.

Bro. E. D. Nye, a new man on the road, relieved Telegrapher Davis, at Payne, on second trick. Mr. Davis went to the west end.

Bro. Stineman is taking a trip through the West.

More news next time. Don't forget the meeting, and make some effort to get there. With some of you, that is all it takes. Just wake up, notice what is being done. Don't wait until it is done, and then raise a "howl" because it wasn't done your way. Get in the middle and help paddle; don't sit in the end and rock the boat.

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The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry.

Second District—

Lo! these many moons I have watched the columns of the journal for notes from Division No. 21, but as yet have failed to be rewarded by seeing a single item. I fear there is a lack of interest among the brothers.

We have several new telegraphers on the division, and one has been "turned out" as finished. This may be a surprise to some of the members, but, nevertheless, it is a fact. It has been several years since anything like this occurred on the Second District.

Boys, remember there is nothing like individual effort, and putting into practice the motto, "No card, no favors."

We should have a better attendance at our meetings. Come out, one and all, and have a word to say. If there are any transient brothers along the line, endeavor to bring them along, and let's have rousing good meetings.

Bro. John Krapf has been off duty for a few days, on account of the death of his father. Bro. Ed. Huddleson from the L. & N., worked third trick at "AK" tower, while Bro. Krapf was absent.

Bro. Miller, of Piqua freight house, who was off duty a few days recently, was relieved by a man by the name of Mendenhall from the P. & E.

W. B. Freeman, agent at Troy, is at present rusticating and taking a much needed rest in Oklahama. Bro. Kroger is acting as agent while Mr. Freeman is away. Bro. Guy Ragan, of Tipp City, is working second trick, while Bro. Jamison is holding down first. Bro. Frank Calley, as usual, is performing the stunt on third there, after being off for some time, on account of a very severe operation.

Bro. Clarence Hemmert, of Anna, was recently over to the marshes of the great Larmie Lake, shooting malard and canvas-back. It is said he came back with a bag well filled with toothsome duck.

The company is going to install a new electric block system between Hamilton and Cincinnati, the right of way.

Brothers, try and come out to our nevt meeting, as we may have a surprise to spring on you. Anyway, there has been a good proposition made to Division No. 21. CORRESPONDENT.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

C. M & St. P. Ry., P. D. C. and M. P. Divisions—

The local chairman has appointed the following brothers as members of the local board of adjustment, for the ensuing term: Bros. P. S. Thurber, Muscoda, Wis.; J. J. Connell, Madison, Wis., and F. W. Spratler, Mineral Point, Wis. Bro. H. A. Lathrop, Bridgeport, Wis., has been appointed official correspondent.

The general committee nominated and unanimously elected Bros. Renshaw and Soyster to succeed themselves as general chairman and general secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Now that the election is over, it is to be hoped that everyone will get busy and help to complete organization. There is still an opportunity for us to do a little charity work as we have a few nons and also some delinquents in this district. They are retarding our progress, and it is up to us, as individuals, to get after them, and either get them into the organization or show them up for what they are.

There is another matter that should receive our personal attention. I refer to the student question. There seems to be a few members, especially on the west end of the P. D. C. Division, who have so completely lost all sense of manhood and self-respect, that they violate their obligation with impunity, and the harboring students in their offices. Drastic action should be taken in cases of this kind, as men of their ilk are better outside of than in the organization.

The local chairman advises that there will be a meeting called April 24th, at Prairie Du Chien, and requests all who possibly can to be present. Matters of vital importance bearing upon the convention will be brought up for discussion.

Bro. J. J. Connell is rusticating at Hot Springs, Ark. We hope he will return fully recovered.

Your correspondent has been spending the winter in Texas and the Southwest. It is hoped that the members will assist him hereafter, and send him news items regularly. F. W. S.

C. & C. B. (in Iowa) Division—

Businesc is good all over the division. Emigrants are moving back and forth.

Bro. C. J. Oleson has resigned the agency at Herndon, and will go to braking on the Pacific Coast Extension.

Bro. M. P. Richardson gets the place vacated by Bro. K. B. Doyle, at Rhodes.

Bro. W. J. Swenning appointed first trick at Herndon.

Bro. O. H. Huyck, of Olin, was recently seen on the west end, looking over some of the jobs that are on bulletin.

Bro. D. J. Crowe, of Templeton, spent last Sunday hunting at Bayard, but understand he did not go home overloaded with game.

Rumor has it that Bro. W. H. Robinson, of Ferguson, is going to lay off this summer, and go into business for himself. If so, we wish him success.

Bro. J. G. Etzel, of Herndon, days, after handing out orders in "DI" office, Des Moines, for a month, has resigned, and is going into the fruit business in Washington.

Four different tower jobs are on bulletin at the same time. The third tricks at Herndon, Slater and Cambridge, and second trick at Capron.

Bro. J. F. Behm, of Bagley, has resigned, and we understand is going into the peach business in Michigan. Bro. L. F. Rogers, of Madrid, was the lucky applicant for Bagley station.

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Bro. N. N. Embree, of Maxwell, and Bro. Wm. Cook, of Collins, are wearing broad smiles these days. You know why? The nine-hour law has given them two telegraphers each. Hope they will have success in keeping them.

Bro. A. Gamelin, of Huxley, is enjoying a six months' leave of absence, and is being relieved by Bro. R. M. Wogan, of Ferguson. Bro. Dean is relieving Bro. Wogan at Ferguson.

Bro. F. N. Rathbun, of Martelle, was at Cambridge recently, looking over the tower, with the intention of making a bid for second trick, but suppose he changed his mind, as Bro. P. A. Osborne, from Louisa, secured it.

Bro. H. C. Krasche, of Bouton, was assigned to "RH," Perry yard office, third trick, on bulletin. He had been agent at Bouton for a long time, and, no doubt, was glad to leave there. Bro. J. F. Ryan is the next man at Bouton.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, third trick at Slater tower, will soon emigrate to Manning, Ia., where he is going to work second trick.

The genial first trick dispatcher, on west end, Mr. Hill, was out on division during the recent snow storm, looking for a wire so he could get busy; the dispatcher's office having been cut off on account of the heavy snow and ice. Dispatcher Krohnke is working first trick at present, and Mr. Hill third.

Bro. L. J. Miller, first trick at Cambridge tower, is laying off a few weeks, visiting friends in Minneapolis. He is being relieved by Bro. L. M. Lewiston, of Madrid.

Bro. W. J. Miller, second trick at Neola, is off duty for a few days; relieved by Bro. W. E. Erven, who was in turn relieved by Miss Doyle.

Bro. C. E. Miller, second trick at Madrid, is still on his vacation, being relieved by Bro. P. H. Zenor. Bro. L. F. Mouser, on third trick, is also laying off, and is being relieved by Telegrapher O. H. Darby, one of the old-timers who has been out of the service for some time.

Bro. John Hanson has resigned the agency at Potter, and we understand he is going into the automobile business. Bro. K. B. Doyle, of Rhodes, will be the new man at Potter.

Bro. Chas. Rupp has been doing the aeroplane act of late, thus, at one time we find him relieving Bro. Miller at Madrid, then at Cambridge tower relieving Bro. Richardson, next at Louisa, relieving Bro. Mozeney, at "RH," Perry yard office, next working second trick and finally back to Cambridge tower working third trick.

Bro. C. W. Wright, of Dedham, attended court at Carroll, a few days, and was relieved by Bro. F. R. Hoesly, of Bayard. Bro. C. E. Horton, of Dedham, nights, also attended court at Carroll; the office at Dedham being closed part of the night, on account of no telegraphers being available. We are sorry to learn that Bro. Horton is on the sick list. He is being relieved by a Mr. Jeffries, who is a new man here.

Bro. O. K. Anderson has resigned the agency at Dawson, and we understand he is going to move on his first fruit farm in Colorado. Bro. C. A. Lee, from Cambridge tower, second trick, was the lucky applicant for Dawson station, and we are glad to see him get it, as Dawson is his old home.

Your uncle "John Tile" is indebted to Bro. L. J. Miller, of Cambridge tower, and Bro. F. R. Hoesly, of Bayard, for most of the news items this month. Now let some one on the east end, and some more on the different branches, help us out. When you know of anything that would be of interest to the members of this division, write it down on a piece of paper and send it to Slater, Box 264.

Something seems to have gone wrong with the station agents on this division. As many as seven different stations have been open for bids within the last two months. Elwood, Potter, Madrid, Bouton, Dawson, Bagley and Herndon. This certainly is a record-breaker, but it should make the boys smile, who have been looking for good stations. We are indeed sorry to lose so many worthy brothers. We wish them success in whatever they may undertake.

Bro. C. E. Oleson is relieving Agent Lingham, at Melbourne, for a short time.

Did you read the articles on union labor in the issues of *The Independent*, for January 7th and January 28th? If not, you should send twenty cents to the *Independent*, 130 Fulton St., New York, and obtain these two copies. You will not regret it. The article in the first issue, entitled "What Organized Labor Ought to Have," by Mr. Everett P. Wheeler, a New York lawyer, is intended to show us the flaws in Mr. Gompers' arguments. The article in the second issue, entitled "Nemo me Impune Lacessit" (No one wounds me with impunity), by A. J. Portenar, a member of Typographical Union, No. 6, is an answer to Mr. Wheeler, by defending union labor and Mr. Gompers. It is a brilliant sword play, in which we can not fail to see that the arguments of Mr. Wheeler have received a fatal stab.

One of the thoughts in Mr. Portenar's argument is, in itself, so great that I can not refrain from putting it down here, so that every one may read it.

"To Mr. Wheeler's ideas on the labor union as a trust, let me oppose the words of the Hon. John Morley, a member of the present British Government, and a man known throughout the civilized world for his humanitarianism: 'There is all the difference in the world between the selfishness of a great trade society. The one means an increase of self-indulgent luxury for one man, or a single family; the other means an increase of decency, increase of comfort, increase of self-respect; more ease for the aged, more schooling for the young, not of one family, but a thousand or ten thousand families. Others may call that selfishness, if they please; I call it civilization and humanity, and the furtherance of the commonwealth.'"

Let all our nons, and all oponents of organized labor in general, read the above statement and reflect. COR.

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Third District—

The following brothers have signified their willingness to serve on the local board of adjustment: Bros. N. E. Thompson, M. R. Corcoran, Everett, Frank Lumber, Ingleside and F. R. Corcoran, of Belmont Ave., Chicago. Any one having grievances should consult the brother named above, who is nearest to him.

The old local board, appointed by Bro. Alleman, was requested to serve with the addition of Bro. Lumber, on the Janesville line, for the reason that they were considered as good as could be selected. Moreover, they are properly distributed over the district, and facts with which they are acquainted can be utilized in the adjustment of grievances from time to time.

Bro. J. N. Julsen returned to work the 17th of March; he has had quite a siege of sickness during the past winter.

Bro. J. L. Bauer was off a few nights, on the sick list.

Bro. C. S. Eckerly, of Galewood, first trick, was sick for a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Sturgis, of the second trick. Bro. Sturgis relieved by Mr. Rieger, an old telegrapher working in the billing room at Galewood.

Mr. L. I. Perry, of Pacific Junction, second trick, was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. E. R. Derrickson.

Mr. Chas. M. Trout, director on the second trick, at tower "A 2," is serving on a jury; relieved by Bro. Wm. McKay, of Pacific Junction.

Bro. Geo. Stimpson, of Tower "A 2," third trick, has moved to Oak Park.

Bro. G. C. Brown, who was relieving on the second trick at tower "A 13," has resumed duty at Walworth, third trick, his regular position, and Mr. La Point is relieving at "A 13" at present.

Bro. W. A. Beaver is at work at his regular job at "23" now.

Bro. L. D. Stockton, of Wadsworth agency, has resigned to go into business with his father-in-law. Our best wishes go with Bro. Stockton in his new field of work, with hopes of his success.

Bro. Morganson, who was discharged at Lincoln Aves., days, has been reinstated through the efforts of the Order.

One of the nons in the terminals became angry when we tried to talk O. R. T. to him, said he had made up his mind and didn't want to argue the question for fear that he would change his mind. This is pretty good evidence that the O. R. T. has plenty of facts to bank on.

There are a number of brothers whose names invariably appear on the delinquent list, and they make just as good money as any of the boys; they should be ashamed of being tardy every time; we would be down and out in six months' time if the majority were like them.

The wages of the steel workers have been cut 10 and 15 per cent during the past month. This is caused from the fact that the most of them got to thinking "what's the use of the union;" not 10 per cent of the men kept up-to-date, and their just deserts came; it's a shame that the faithful ones should have to suffer with the unfaithful, but it will teach them all the lesson, that to hold what the union secures, requires loyalty to the union. By the way just apply this lesson to ourselves, especially the delinquents and nons.

A few telegraphers put up as an excuse for dropping out, or not coming in, "that they are going to quit the business." I have had about fifty different ones spring this on me in the last five or six years, and only one of that number, to my knowledge, has left the service.

Now that spring is here, most of us will be spending some of the increase the O. R. T. has secured in the last few years for "new suits;" when making this purchase, don't forget the Union Label, if you do you are not a good union man. I notice a great many of our members are using "scab" tobacco. They may not think of this, but the trust doesn't care how much "hot air" we shoot at them, just as long as we use their "mixture, etc." Then we blame the Government for not "busting" the trusts, when the laboring people could bring about the desired result by absolutely refusing to buy or consume their non-union products. L. C.

Kansas City Division—

Bro. Davis, who is located at Cone, Ia., had the misfortune to fall from a wagon while going home recently, and broke two ribs. Bro. Davis has been working the third trick at Cone for some time. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Harry Hoover, of Linby, Ia., has been doing relief agent's work for some time on the Middle Division, Marion Line and E. K. C. Division.

Mr. V. T. Bradfield, who has been working third trick at Linby, Ia., has severed his connections with the C. M. & St. P. Ry., and moved on a farm. Mr. Beal secured the position regularly, on bulletin.

Sister Groesbeck, who is working nights at Farson, Ia., has been relieved temporarily, and is visiting at her home in Webster, Ia.

No doubt you have all been notified of the recent election of delegates and alternates to the Grand Division Convention, which is to be held in Atlanta, Ga., during May of this year.

Bro. J. P. Doherty, was chosen delegate, and Bro. H. G. Richardson, alternate. If you have anything that, in your opinion, should come before the convention, don't fail to bring it to the attention of your delegate or alternate in ample time for consideration. DIV. COR.

CARD OF THANKS.

Through the medium of THE TELEGRAPHER we desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the members of Division No. 23, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, for their kind sympathy and consolation during the recent illness and death of our husband and father; also for the floral

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offering which they sent, and assure them that they shall ever be gratefully remembered by

MRS. G. E. MARDEN AND DAUGHTER.

Milwaukee Terminal Division—

We all know that nothing very new or startling has occurred of late, and any attempt on my part to tell anything out of the ordinary would be a difficult matter.

The result of the recent election shows that the undersigned is to act as local chairman for the next two years. I wish to thank you for this indication of confidence, and I shall show my appreciation by endeavoring to do what is best for all concerned.

In accordance with Section 77, System Division Statutes, I have appointed a division correspondent, also a local board of adjustment, subject to the approval of the general chairman. Let us all work together in harmony, show a friendly concern in the welfare of each other, forget the little petty grievances we hear so often, be honest and upright with each other and with the company employing us. It appears the trouble with a great many is, that they joined the organization simply for pecuniary gain, and pay little or no attention to the good fellow-ship and brotherly love that should exist among us.

Fratenally yours,
C. E. FLAHERTY,
Local Chairman.

Southern Minnesota Division—

Nons on the Southern Minnesota Division will soon be as scarce as notice of a raise in pay on a non scheduled road.

Bro. R. A. Chase goes to Bryant, S. D., on permanent bulletin.

Bro. J. M. Olsen to Winnebago City, Minn., on six months' bulletin, and Bro. R. F. Gunderson of Wykoff, permanently.

Bro. T. P. Horton is relieving in dispatcher's office at Madison, while Bro. G. L. Parker is filling the third trick stunt at Ramsey.

Bro. Jas. Sheehy, Easton, has returned to work after having undergone two painful operations at Rochester, Minn.

Bro. Fogarty, at Sherburn, is again on duty after a few days' of recreation in the Twin Cities. Eugene Fogarty relieved him.

The Shanarambie Valley is up to its old time tricks of twenty years ago, and is again stalling our trains. More trouble has been experienced this winter than for several years past.

May 1st the Wells Fargo Express Co. is to cover our lines, and the boys are wondering how much better it is than the old States.

We have received a nice little expense for premium on our bond for the remaining two months, at just double the rate we have been paying for the past ten years. Upon writing to the superintendent we were told, "These are the figures given by the Surety Co., and the Express Co. is helpless."

The employes will not bid good-bye to the old company with a very kindly feeling, after having been taxed a double rate for bond as a last reminder. However, it's up to our committee to tell them about it, and if they do not wish to make it right, we may forgive, but never forget.

CERT. 1989.

I. & G. N. Ry.

Word has just been received announcing the death of Mr. Charles Stanton, son of Bro. T. H. Stanton, general chairman of Div. No. 25.

Although not in the telegraph service at the time of his death, Mr. Stanton was a telegrapher, and, consequently, had many frlends among the fraternity, who will be shocked at his sudden and untimely death.

Bro. Stanton and family have the sympathy of this division in their bereavement. The following is taken from the *Dallas News:*

FOR BURIAL AT ALLEN.

Taylor, Tex., March 23.—Accompanied by his father, who is the International & Great Northern Railway's operator at Rockdale, the remains of Charley Stanton, the 21-year-old switchman who was killed in the International & Great Northern Railway yards here yesterday, were taken last night to Allen station, north of Dallas, to be buried today at the decedent's former home. No one witnessed the accident which resulted In Stanton's death. When found he was pinioned between the couplings of two freight cars, with a hand resting on each of the cars' bumpers. One hip was split in twain and central portion of his body was crushed to a pulp. He survived five hours afte1 the acclident, and died shortly after the arrival of his father.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst the son of our esteemed general chairman, Bro. T. H. Stanton, of Rockdale, be it

Resolved, That International & Great Northern Division 25, Order Railroad Telegraphers, tender Bro. Stanton and family its sincere sympathy in thls great sorrow, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our next regular meeting, a copy sent to our esteemed brother and a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication. Signed,

R. B. ADAMS, *Gen. Sec.-Treas.*
I. L. WOOD, *Local Chairman.*
L. H. HUNGATE, *Local Chairman,*
Committee.

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Vandalia Ry.

West Subdivision—

Quite a number of changes have been made on this end in the past few weeks; have not been able to keep thoroughly informed, but here is a part of them.

Mr. W. O. Carson, who has been with the Vandalia for a number of years, and who recently worked first trick at Greenville, has left the service.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, the regular third trick man at Greenville, was given first trick until it was permanently assigned to Mr. J. F. Middleton, from Vandalia.

Bro. E. E. Pierron, regular second trick man at "F," Effingham, was assigned to first trick at Vandalia, which was vacated by Mr. Middleton. Mr. Middleton was transferred to Greenville.

Bro. G. H. Vest, second trick man at Hagarstown, Bro. J. E. McCracken, recently from "EY" tower, and Mr. J. C. Shea, of "WF," Effingham, had a chance at third trick at Greenville while Bro. Johnson was working first trick there.

Bro. C. H. Wilson, general chairman of Division 27, who has been working first trick at Smithboro, has left the service, his resignation taking effect March 1st. Bro. Wilson has gone into the insurance business, and he has the best wishes of the entire division for his success.

Bro. N. E. Browning, from Seelyville, was assigned third trick at Smithboro, left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Rhodes. Bro. Browning since has been given first trick there.

Bro. J. E. McCracken relieved Bro. Wilson at Smithboro, and worked until the position was assigned to Bro. Browning. Bro. McCracken has since been sent to Rose Lake, first trick, vice Bro. C. C. Chesterson, who has gone to "KR," Terre Haute.

Bro. W. L. Smith, second at Stubblefield, off duty for a few days. He was called to Terre Haute to take the examination for the voluntary relief department. Relieved by Mr. Ruark, a new man from the east end.

Bro. O. M. Beck, from Seelyville, has been assigned third trick at Smithboro, Bro. Browning having been placed on first.

The bridge crew has been working at Shoal Creek, putting in a new bridge.

Business seems to continue about normal, but we look for an increase soon. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Brother William M. Booker, and

WHEREAS, We deeply regret the loss of our esteemed brother, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Booker, Vandalia Railroad System Division No. 27 loses a faithful and loyal member, and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the members of his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, their great bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, sent the bereaved family and sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. SHORTRIDGE.
EUGENE E. PIERRON.
CLAUDE VICKERY.
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

On behalf of my family and myself, I sincerely thank you all for your kindness and the beautiful floral tribute and sweet and heavenly sympathy to us in our bereavement.

MRS. WM. M. BOOKER.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Council Grove and K. N. & D. Divisions—

Everything is quiet along the "Mop."

Bro. Maurice, our division correspondent, has been on the sick list for some time and at his home in Osage City; relieved at Council Grove by T. L. Bailey. Bailey was later sent to Bushong, and Bro. Lukens, of Bushong, went to Council Grove for twelve nights.

Bro. Lukens was relieved at Council Grove by Bro. Knickle, and sent to Richland as agent.

Bro. J. B. Wells, of Richland, has bid in the agency at Wilsey, and was checked in there on February 4. It is rumored that he doesn't like it and has bid in Richland again.

Bro. Williams, from "D" yard office, Osawatomie, has gone to the hospital in Kansas City, for about three weeks. Hope to see him back at the end of that time in god helath.

Bro. Knickle was sent to Osawatomie, second trick, during Bro. Williams' absence.

The K. N. & D. is still doing business at the old stand. Trains have been running in good shape until the last week, when they became rattled over a wreck at Mapleton, and haven't straightened back into the old routine yet.

Everyone is making good over-time coming back to meet Nos. 691 and 692 in the "wee, sma' hours."

Engine failures seem to be the latest fad and all engines are adopting them, but they generally manage to get over the road somehow.

We had considerable wire trouble a week or so ago, but a work train and construction gang soon put things in good shape.

For three days after the last blizzard "KS" and "F," Kansas City and Ft. Scott, kept our train wire busy relaying westbound business on account of the main channels being down.

Bro. McCoy, our local chairman, is holding down "HR," Harris, and dispensing information to all who seek it. Bro. McCoy was again nominated for local chairman, which is equivalent to election.

Mr. Stillman, at Comiskey, is off on a vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Bailey.

Our third trick dispatcher, Dunaway, was off duty a few days this month to get married. Long life and success to them.

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Mr. J. F. Avery, the train master of the Hoisington District, has been transferred to the Southern Kansas Division; Mr. E. C. Wills, from the Southern Kansas Division took his place.

News is scarce this month but if all the brothers would send notes to our correspondent at Council Grove, we could have a good write-up each month. This calls for very little effort on our part and, taken altogether, helps out wonderfully.

If everyone would act in accordance with Bro. Quick's letter issued some time ago, and each take some particular non and keep nagging at him until he signs up, we could surely land all of the eligible ones.

Well here's hoping for better conditions in the near future and in the meantime be thankful for what we have. CERT. 2054.

Central Kansas Division, Council Grove District—

Bro. Abel is back at Lomax, and, of course, we all welcome his return.

Bro. McCann, at Miller, was at Osage, recently, taking in the show.

W. J. Anderson, from Gyp City, is laying off and spending a few days in Topeka with his folks.

Bro. Lindvall was sick for a few days, but has recovered.

The recent snow storm played havoc with the wires between Council Grove and Osawatomie. Most of the poles were down, and the wires were badly mixed up. Special gangs of linemen were sent out on work trains and communication was completely restored in a few days.

The dispatchers were transferred to Council Grove in order to enable them to handle the Smoky Valley Division until the dispatchers arrived.

Bro. J. B. Wells has returned to his old place as agent at Richland. He did not like Wilsey.

Bro. R. D. Lukens is working relief at Dodson for a short time.

Bro. R. F. Andrews bid in Bucyrus and will be checked in before long.

Bro. McShane has quit the Clinton and is back with the M. P. at Bucyrus. "ALL IN."

St. L. I. M. & S. Ry.

Central Division—

When you read this ask yourself how much of it you contributed.

Bro. F. H. Robinson is up to date in C. T. U. of A. and is going to come over to us this pay. He was referred to in the February and March issues of the journal as a non.

Bro. Van Wie, Nowata, days, has departed for parts unknown. He was relieved by Telegrapher Phillips, an ex-dispatcher from Mexico.

Bro. C. N. Evans has bid in Ft. Gibson, nights.

Telegrapher Jett, of Greenwood Jct., has accepted the agency at Hartman.

Bro. Edwards, who is from Texas, has accepted the agency at Oolagah. We are glad to welcome such men as Bro. Edwards to our division.

Telegrapher Morgan bid in Inola agency, Bro. Emery having gone to the Frisco in Louisiana.

Telegraphers Kuss and McKnight worked for your humble scribe while he attended the meeting of the local chairmen in St. Louis, recently.

Bro. Kelton, of Ft. Smith, has resigned, and is going to the Frisco. Here is where we lose a true brother, and one who was always ready to assist a member.

Bro. Benedict, of Conway, has been off duty, visiting in Texas. He was relieved by Telegrapher Kuss for thirty days. L. C.

Illinois Division—

On account of the nine-hour law, several changes have been made. Modoc has been closed nights, Bro. C. Biggerstaff being removed to third trick at Prairie du Rocher. Telegrapher Moake, who was formerly at Chester, "WX," days, is now on second trick.

Bro. H. Q. Gwinnup, local chairman, recently attended an election held in St. Louis, and was relieved by Bro. Biggerstaff.

Bro. L. R. Avett worked extra at Rocher during the absence of Bro. Gwinnup. He is now doing the owl stunt at Murphysboro.

Telegrapher Moake has taken charge of Gorham as agent. He was relieved at Prairie du Rocher by Telegrapher F. F. O'Bryan, a newcomer.

Our new chief, Mr. Wm. Brusha, is sure to be popular. He wades into the work with a vim, and is fair with the men.

Valmeyer is now a three-trick station. Bro. H. T. Stroder holds first trick, agent; Telegrapher Foster, second trick, and Bro. J. W. Gornett third trick.

Warnock has been discontinued as a day office, and Bro. H. A. Lynn is doing the owl stunt.

Reily Lake is also a three-man office. Bro. O. L. Cartwright is holding down first trick, Bro. C. E. Grammer second trick, and Telegrapher J. A. Taylor third trick at that point.

J. R. Folsom is holding the car desk at Chester. Bro. W. J. Alexander is working nights and W. A. Nelson working extra at "MX" during the absence of Bro. Dean Underwood, who is at present working at Bush as agent.

Raddle has been opened as a night office, and Telegrapher C. E. Long is in charge.

Bro. J. S. Lawson is working second trick at Gorham. A newcomer whose name we have not learned is covering third trick.

Bro. T. E. Williams is working second trick at Howardton.

Bro. R. J. Black is on second trick at Wolf Lake.

Bro. J. P. Stolloman, who was formerly at Brownsburg, is with his parents at Chester.

CERT. 2129.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Several changes have taken place since the last write-up.

"NE" tower has been closed on account of slack business, and track 4 is filled with bad order cars.

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The levermen at "MJ" tower, Momence Junction, have been taken off. The levers are now being handled by the telegraphers, which, together with the extra relay work for the Indiana Division makes "MJ" a "roast."

Bro. Metzger was the successful bidder for third trick at Sollitt, relieving Miss Hattendorf.

Bro. Brown, second trick at Sollitt, resigned, and was relieved by Telegrapher Pierce, who formerly held third trick.

Bro. Parrett, third trick at "HJ" tower, has resigned. We understand that he has gone to the Chicago Sou. Bro. Parrett was relieved by Bro. Holmes, formerly first trick at "NE" tower.

Dispatcher's office at Brazil has been closed. The Indiana Division trains are now being handled by the Danville office.

Bro. Judy, of Chicago Heights passenger station, nights, has resigned. He was relieved by Mr. Cannon, student from Papineau station.

Bro. Harding, "GO," Chicago, who lost out on account of a reduction in force, has taken a similar position on the I. C. at Chicago.

Mr. Collings, agent at Thornton, has resigned; relieved by a Mr. Stingle from West Montezuma.

Bro. Spurgen, agent at Pittwood, resigned, but we are unable to say who relieved him until vacancy is filled by bulletin.

Bro. E. P. Bidwell, agent at Allertan, is spending his vacation in Texas; relieved by Mr. L. M. Moore.

Bro. Adams, second trick at "BX" tower, bid in third trick at "HY" tower. He was relieved at "BX" tower by telegrapher C. J. Shotts. Bro. Adams could not do the work at "HY" tower. He is again at "BX," tower and Telegrapher Shotts to Glover, third trick.

Bro. Lanquist, third trick at "BX" tower, was in Danville, Saturday, with a number of people from Bismark, to be baptized.

The southward track on Bismark Cut Off is to be filled with bad orders; suppose "BX" and Brewer will be next in line to be closed.

Mr. F. S. Romans, of Gessie, who has been in Mr. Huffman's office doing a typewriting stunt, is back to his old place. He was relieved by Relief Agent Bennett.

Bro. Huffman, who bid in third trick at "DH" tower, went back to his old job at "HY" tower.

Bro. Highland, first trick at "WA," Watseka, has accepted the position of bill clerk at Watseka, relieving Mr. W. Wood, who was released from the service. We wish Bro. Highland success in his new position. We are unable to say who gets first trick at "WA" until the position is bulletined.

We wish to impress upon the membership that the maintenance of this organization depends upon the individual efforts of its members. There are several members leaving the road, and, of course, new men are employed to fill the vacancies, and it is our duty to see that these men are up-to-date. We should maintain a solid front, so that when our committee goes before the management it will have the support of a large membership and secure a good schedule.

It is amusing to listen to the excuses put up by some of the nons. A brother asked two nons if they did not want to start the new year with up-to-date cards. One of them stated that the O. R. T. dare not make a demand, and that non O. R. T. lines paid more than the so-called O. R. T. lines. He also volunteered the information that if the cost of living made higher wages necessary, moral conscience and legislature would provide for an increase. He will find upon investigation that organized labor has always been behind the "moral conscience," and the "Legislature," giving them a push before we could secure anything from those sources. The second non gave that old joke, "no money," and stated that he did not look for business to be good for three or four years. I said to this man that if we were all like him we would let our organization go by default when business was bad, and when it improved and we wanted a new schedule we would have no organization, and instead of securing a new schedule we would get a 15 or 20 per cent cut, the same as the steel workers in Pennsylvania received lately.

At the meeting at Momence, March 21st, Bro. J. V. Phillips was re-elected general chairman.

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Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Wheeling Division—

Have you paid your 10 cent assessment? Are you waiting for some one to pay it for you? Please send it in at once, so Bro. Youst can straighten up his books.

Bro. Youst has been chosen to represent the Wheeling Division at the convention, and a better man could not have been chosen to look after our interests. We hope they will be particularly careful in selecting a general chairman, a change might do us good.

Bro. F. T. Fulton and wife, of Moundsville, were in Washington a few days, visiting relatives and attending the inauguration. Bro. C. L. Alender relieved Bro. Fulton.

Bro. L. Shivlin bid in second trick at Narrows.

Telegrapher G. Webner, regular third trick man at Littleton, has been working second trick at Narrows until advertised.

Bro. Otto Bester is working third trick at "HN," Benwood, on account of Mr. Wilson, who is the regular man, being off on a vacation.

Telegrapher A. S. Rushford, of Burton, days, was recently visiting his brother at Moundsville.

Telegrapher N. C. Little bid in first trick at Narrows.

Bro. White is relieving Bro. Scholes, who is off duty for a few days.

Telegrapher France is working at yard office, Holloway, days. He bumped Bro. Spain, who in turn bumped Bro. Roach, nights, at same office.

Bro. Roach has gone to the Pittsburg Division.

Telegrapher Tolbert, of "HO" office, Holloway, has moved to Piedmont, and has a new speeder on which he rides to and from work.

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Bro. J. L. T. Fitzsimmons is at present working second trick at Bridgeport, vice Bro. Livingwood, who is off on vacation.

It is understood that the Bridgeport office will soon be a joint office with the C. & P.

There is to be a forty-four-lever electric plant put in at "DK" tower this spring. This will be joyful news to the boys at that plant.

Bro. W. M. Killen is at present working third trick at "DK" office.

Bro. Lester is working first trick; Bro. Adkins, second, and Bro. Gerry, third, at Maynard.

Our Division Operator, Mr. T. F. Corcoran, made a trip over the west end recently, and left a ray of sunshine in his wake.

Bro. E. E. Holloway made a flying trip to his old home recently.

Bro. White relieved Bro. Schultz at "FI" tower for one day recently.

Bro. O. H. Adkinson paid his respects to the boys at Holloway recently, and is at present down on the river near Sistersville.

Some of the boys are not holding new cards. Send for them at once, as you are helping our enemies when behind. CERT. 729.

Pittsburg Division, Eastern and Western Districts—

The Eastern and Western Districts of Pittsburg Division held their regular monthly meeting at Hotel Wilson, Pittsburg, Thursday evening, and I regret to say that it was very poorly attended, which is something unusual.

The newly elected local chairman, delegate and alternate of the Western District, Bros. Yeager, Lanning and Williams, were all absent, and, no doubt, can furnish satisfactory excuses.

Bro. Lanning had promised us a speech, and we were very much disappointed, as he is a very interesting and instructive talker.

We expect to hear from him in the near future, and I am sure Local Chairman Yeager has a treat in store for us at the next meeting.

The brothers from the Pike were very conspicuous by their absence, as there was not a representative from that end of the road, and the river men who live in the vicinity were poorly represented. If Bro. Zimmerman, from Layton, and Bro. Gleisinger, from West Newton, can come from such a distance, it seems that those who live near the city could attend.

You may think it unnecessary to be present at these meetings, but your absence indicates that you take little or no interest in the affairs of the division.

The local chairman states that there are a number of members behind with dues, and that a few have been dropped on that account. It should not be necessary to call attention to such matters. Many of the large steel companies are reducing wages, and it seems reasonable to suppose that unless we keep our membership up to the highest percentage possible, the railroads will attempt to do the same.

Bro. J. K. Tittle, who has been working extra at Layton tower, has resigned and is going West in the near future.

Bro. C. M. Dressell has been transferred from third trick at Vista to third trick at Layton tower, on bid.

Bro. J. F. Leonard transferred from third trick at "MK" tower to third trick at Bessemer, on bid. Bro. J. V. Young taking charge of third trick at "MK" tower.

The first trick at Versailles is now manned by Bro. C. L. Shugart, who relieved Bro. C. M. Stabler. Bro. Stabler bid in second trick at Dennison.

On the bulletin of March 4th, the following positions were assigned:

Bro. A. A. Hostetler to third trick at Downieville; Bro. W. S. Finnell to second trick at Ellwood City; Bro. Jos. Engleman to third trick at Elfinwild; Bro. P. C. Getz to third trick at Goehring.

Bro. S. O. Six, of Sharpsburg tower, is now on a six days' vacation.

Bro. Joe Engleman is working third trick at Elfinwild.

Bro. Hoeffler, who comes from the Chicago Division, is working second trick at Elfinwild, extra.

Bro. Yeager, who is working third trick at Callery, and who was confined to his bed for over a week, threatened with the fever, made a flying trip to Baltimore for rest and recreation before returning to work.

Bro. Yeager was relieved by Bro. Morehead, and Mr. Rubell later relieved Bro. Morehead.

Bro. O. M. Johnson, of Callery, is busy trying to land that town in the proposed Trolley League, of towns comprising Mars, Callery, Evans City, Harmony, Zelienople, Ellwood City and Butler.

Bro. McGrath, first trick at Goehring, is off duty, serving on a jury at New Castle, Pa.

Bro. W. S. Finnell is now at Ellwood City, second trick.

Bro. Louie Schmidt, first trick at Ribolds, is off duty on account of mumps; Bro. Postarero relieving.

Bro. J. H. Smith, second trick at Ribolds, has gone to Lavenia, third trick.

On the night of March 4th, some straggler apparently from the good town of Butler, enjoyed himself by shooting the windows out of the box car used as a telegraph office at Mackin.

Bro. L. LeRoy Williams is working second trick at Mackin, extra.

Bro. Fleisher, of Butler, who was reported down with the mumps, is again again on duty. He was relieved by Mr. Johnson.

Bro. J. J. Lanning, of Goehring, Pa., was elected delegate from District No. 7. By the time this is in print, Bro. Lanning will be preparing for his trip South.

Without opposition, Bro. J. Yeager, Jr., P. O. Box 117, Callery, Pa., was elected local chairman of Pittsburg Division, Western District. Brothers will forward all communications to him at the above address. "SHORT STOP."

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Connellsville Division—

For all information regarding chartering of special cars on the Penna., Md. St. Ry. Co., address Bro. R. B. Ellis, first trick at Garrett.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Dillinger's health, which has been on the decline for some time past, is about normal once more.

Death has once more laid its cold hand upon the already shattered home of Bro. B. C. Bowers, first trick at "Q" Jct. His little daughter answered the summons this time. The entire division unites in extending its profoundest sympathy to this brother, whose hours of bereavement have, indeed, been many.

The recent re-examination of the telegraphers of the division on the book of rules is, according to those already examined, proving one of the most beneficial innovations ever introduced by the officials. It not only has proven an incentive for us to review the entire book, but it has also enlightened us on many points heretofore not thoroughly understood, and which would doubtless remain thus were it not for the thorough and businesslike method of examination conducted by our division operator.

Bro. Eigholtz, second trick at S. & M. Jct., is at present enjoying all the comforts of bachelordom. Mrs. Eigholtz is visiting her parents at Bedford, Pa.

The meeting at Rockwood, on March 19th, was not so well attended as its predecessor. Bro. Currie presided.

Bro. Tom McIntyre, at "D," Connellsville, is visiting relatives at Canterell, Ill.

Bros. Margroff, Willis and Noble, are living the simple life at Hyndman, since helpers have been removed from that point.

Bro. C. H. Snyder, agent at Stoyestown, was a business visitor in Pittsburg recently.

Bro. J. W. Thornton, manager, "D," Connellsville, spent two days' sightseeing in Pittsburg recently.

Bro. Cook, third trick at Manila, is again in the harness. COR.

Cleveland Division—

The Cleveland Division has woke up once again and is grinding out new members right along. There is not much timber to work on, unless we import new men.

Bro. B. H. Betton has resigned Columbia third trick, and is now working on W. L. E. Ry., at Mogadore, Ohio. No one else has been assigned to "CO' position permanently.

Bro. Hillyer, who hsa been working second trick at Massillon, gets Uhrichsville, first trick on bid.

Bro. V. O. Goodrich, at Uhrichsville, has left the service to accept a position with the electric light company. We wish the brother success in his new field.

Bro. F. P. Darland, of Canton Scales, has been appointed assistant local chairman, assisting Local Chairman McCoy on the C. T. & V. District. This is on account of Bro. Curtis having left the service.

Bro. C. W. Curtis resigned the agency at New Berlin on March 1, to enter the grocery business at Akron, Ohio. We wish Bro. Curtis success.

Mr. T. A. Martin is at New Berlin, on bid. We hope to land Martin soon, thus keeping the New Berlin office in line as heretofore.

Mr. W. H. Kilbow, of Mineral City, is relieving Mr. Martin at Peninsula until the position is bulletined.

Bro. C. W. C. Wright, from Lorain, is back in Cleveland "CS" office, nights, until this job is bulletined.

Bro. Schenk, second trick, Lorain, is taking a vacation, visiting in the West. There are two extra men working in Lorain, but we failed to learn their names. Someone up that way send in items, please.

Our local chairman is meeting with success in getting in non-members. Three new members have been taken in since last meeting.

Bro. F. S. Hoover, agent at Sandyville, is off duty a few days. He is putting in the time fishing. Bro. H. J. Marlow, of Aultman, is relieving him.

Bro. Harris, who is working first trick at Belt Line Crossing, has obtained a six months' leave of absence, in which time he intends visiting home folks a couple of weeks, and then tour the West.

Bro. Billings is working first trick during Bro. Harris' absence, and Bro. Meese is acting as "owl" at Belt Line Crossing.

Mr. J. C. Disler, the second trick Valley dispatcher, with his family, is touring California and other Western States for a few weeks. Extra Dispatcher Blythe is relieving him.

Bro. Tope, second trick man at Belt Line Crossing, is visiting folks at home for a few days. He was relieved by an extra man, Bro. J. C. Hendricks. Bro. Hendricks recently came from the W. & L. E. Ry.

Several new men are coming to our line. The brothers will ascertain whether they are members, and if not, try and line them up. If they hold membership in other divisions, secure full names, division and certificate numbers, and forward same to the local chairman, who will attend to having them transferred to Division 33. Kindly watch this matter closely.

Thanks to all the brothers contributing items for THE TELEGRAPHER. DIV. COR.

West End Cumberland Division—

Bro. E. A. Shaffer has been elected local chairman of this division.

The meeting held at Oakland the 18th was well attended. Don't forget the day—the third Thursday of each month—and be on hand.

If you have a grievance, put in writing and submit it to your chairman or the local board of adjustment and have the matter threshed out at our meetings; don't tell it to the neighbors, and wonder why the Order does not take action.

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Bro. F. Downer and Telegrapher D C. Skinnell visited Washington and Baltimore, incidentally taking in the inauguration.

Chairman Shaffer was in Baltimore several days recently, on business for the Order.

Bro. C. E. Hosler, chairman of the Monongah Division, and three or four of his men, attended the meeting held at Oakland. We hope they will come often, as we are always glad to see them.

Bro. W. C. Ready spent several days in Washington this month, relieved by Telegrapher Luthke.

An order has been issued requiring telegraphers to pass an examination on colors and hearing.

At the last meeting it was decided to continue the payment of 25c per month local dues, same to be payable quarterly. If they desire to do so, members may make a remittance of one dollar, which will pay four months. All remittances should be forwarded to Bro. J. R. Murphy, Oakland, Md., who has been appointed local treasurer. He will issue receipts to cover. Please do not neglect this important matter, as the amount thus collected goes toward paying our local expenses. E. A. S.

Newcastle Division—

Bro. L. O. Frobish has resigned second trick at Boughtonville; relieved by Telegrapher T. L Siering. It is understood that Bro. Frobish contemplates going into the insurance business at Wheeling, W. Va.

Bro. Brillhart, agent at Middlefield, has been assigned to second trick at Boughtonville, but has not yet been transferred. We have not heard who is to be the new man at Middlefield.

Bro. Burch, who works third trick at "MN" tower, Greenwich, made a trip to Cleveland, recently, which is told of by our Poet Laureate.

To transact a little business,
  To the city "Burchy" went,
Little dreaming of the future,
  And how much to him it meant.
Through Rocky River speeding fast,
  Alas! Biff! Bang! The car's a wreck;
The passengers were all mixed up,
  And Burchy nearly broke his neck.
Thus delayed he missed his train,
  And failed to show up at eleven;
Gleason and Brenneman did twelve-hour stunts,
  Changing at three instead of seven.

The new tower at Sterling has been installed and is working as good as could be expected. Bros. P. W. Adams, Sweet and Gilletly now have as fine an office as there is on the line. Bro. Sweet is off duty for a few days, and is being relieved by Bro. Lackaye.

Bro. Milburn, first trick at "OD" tower, Lodi, has been off duty for some time on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Stephenson, agent at Easton, is laying off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Smith from "SK," Easton. Brother Smith was relieved by Telegrapher Leahy. It is reported that second and third tricks will soon be opened at Easton.

New block wire is working on west end. This will increase the work of the agents, and we hope it will be the means of securing eight-hour tricks for telegraphers at two or three straight agencies.

"MN" tower, Greenwich, now does the blocking, thus cutting this work out of the Big Four tower and putting more work on the men at Greenwich tower.

Bro. Purdy, first trick at Akron Jct., was relieved by Bro. Lackaye for two days.

Bro. Ault, first trick at "XN" tower, Cuyahoga Falls, was off duty a few days on account of the sickness of his wife; relieved by Telegrapher Johnston.

Bro. Greene, first trick at Ravenna, shows but little improvement. He wishes to express his thanks to all who came to his assistance. Telegraphers should be more liberal in assisting each other. We cannot expect to carry on an organization for the betterment of our conditions, and pay sick benefits from our division treasury, but we can care for cases of this kind with no great effort or sacrifice on the part of any one member.

The advertising of "FS" tower, third trick, was overlooked in March bulletin. Bro. Post worked the job for awhile, and then relieved Bro. Marshall at Newton Falls, third trick, for a few days. He is at present off duty on account of sickness. Bro. Lee, from Division 135, is working third trick at "FS." He relieved Bro. Shriver one day recently.

Bro. Lackaye relieved Bro. Fearer at Niles Jct., third trick, for a few days. He was taken off his regular job temporarily (third trick at West Farmington) to do a little extra work on the main line.

Bro. Needler, first trick at "KN" tower, was sick for a few days, recently; relieved by Telegrapher Leahy.

Brother Trussell, "UN" tower, N. C. Jct., off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. Pfeil, from New Castle, who was later relieved by Telegrapher Kelsey.

Brother Atkinson, first trick at P. Y. & A. Crossing, expects to take an extended leave of absence soon. We wish him a pleasant time.

While Bro. Lackaye was moving about on the main line he was relieved by Telegrapher Kelsey.

Bro. Cecil, third trick at Chardon, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, visiting friends in Junction City, Ohio. He is relieved by Bro. Kehres.

Bro. Brillhart was relieved as agent at Middlefield for a few days, by Relief Agent Bro. Jordan. Bro. Brillhart was suffering from a sprained ankle.

The Snake is hoping for an improvement in business with the opening of navigation. Let us all hope so.

Several new men have appeared on this division in the last few weeks. Bear this in mind—when an extra man shows up at your office go through him and ascertain whether he has a card and whether that card is up to date. If so, forward

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the division and certificate number to the local chairman, who will see that he is transferred to Division 33. It is money that keeps the ball rolling and if these brothers pay dues to divisions other than 33 it does us no good whatever. Watch for these extra men and if they are nons send their names to the local chairman. We should have several more members, and if the brothers will show an interest many of the non-members can be brought into the ranks.

We all seem to enjoy seeing the division represented in the journal each month, yet how many of us assitst in furnishing news? One man can not keep track of a whole division. Bro. Hennesy, of Chardon, furnished the Lake Division news, which was the extent of the communicatlons received this month. If you desire this division to be represented send items to the local chairman. who will see that they reach the correspondent in time.

After the weather warms up and the chill gets off the feet of enough members to make it an object, we will try meetings again. We hope to see the committee doing business before many moons, so you should wake up and show an interest. The Order is what we make it.

JOSH WISE.

Philadelphia Division—

Interest in the Order in this locality is on the increase. Several important meetings have been held lately and new subjects are constantly coming up for discussion. The election is the center of attraction at present, and by the time this appears it will be all over for the next two years.

Baltimore Division of No. 33 held a meeting on February 10. Bro. Richardson, of "GO" office, made some remarks. Bro. Hurdle also occupied the attention of the members for a short time. Some prominent members of Division No. 17 were present, among them Dr. Sebastian, Chief Skinner and H. W. Lair.

On February 17 a meeting of the Philadelphia Division was held at Cowenton, Maryland. Local Chairman C. W. Hill sent word that on account of his wife having pneumonia he could not attend. Sorrow was expressed by all present. Bro. G. H. Smith was elected chairman, pro tem., for the meeting, and Bro. J. L. Moore, inside sentinel. Important questions came up on every hand, and were discussed by all present. Be sure and attend next meeting at Cowenton, Md., April 21.

Business appears to be growing better, and we hope it will continue to improve.

CERT. 421.

Ohio River Division—

A joint meeting with Monongah Division was held in the Commercial Hotel Parlors at Parkersburg, February 13, and was exceptionally well attended, thirty-five or forty members being present, the majority coming from the Monongah Division. This was to be expected, as many of the Ohio Division members are agents, and could not return to duty in time on Sunday morning, on account of the train service.

Bro. Hosler presided. Among other things, we were instructed in the unwritten work of the Order, which some of us had forgotten, and a great many never knew. It was an interesting and profitable meeting, and we hope it will be convenient to hold another joint meeting soon.

Telegrapher South bid in third trick at Brooklyn Jct.

Bro. Hall has been transferred from second trick at Williamstown to third trick at St. Mary's, he having bid in on January bulletin.

Bro. J. H. Jordan withdrew as candidate for local chairman. He says that on account of certain conditions he does not think he could do himself or the Order justice if elected.

Bro. W. F. Evans, who works second trick at Hartford, was off duty a couple of weeks. He was relieved by a man from the Wheeling Division.

Bro. Bostic, of Millwood, has been off duty for two weeks on account of an attack of measles. He was relieved by E. L. Taylor.

Bro. A. S. Brown failed in the color test. He was relieved as first trick telegrapher at Ravenswood, but understand he will take the agency at Reedy.

Bro. D. M. Brown is now working first trick at Ravenswood until it is assigned on bulletin.

The copier has been cut off in the dispatcher's office at Parkersburg. This puts Bro. P. T. Dowell back on first trick message wire and Bro. Craig to second, cutting off Telegrapher C. L. Edelen, who goes back to Parkersburg shops, third trick.

CERT. 595.

Newark Division—

The dispatcher's terminal at Cambridge has been abolished and trains are now run between Newark and Benwood by one set of dispatchers. The three junior dispatchers displaced by the change have been retained as copiers. The force at Cambridge has been reduced from six to three men. C. V. Graham, C. H. Bean and B. L. Waller remain at Cambridge, and A. P. McNees, R. R. Perry and W. C. Starlin have asserted their seniority rights at Mineral Siding, Lore City and Lexington, respectively.

The sixteen-year-old son of G. C. Hall, of Lamira, who has been dangerously ill of inflammatory rheumatism for some time, is slightly better and it is now believed that he will recover.

The force at Ankenytown has been reduced to one man, and he is performing the duties of agent and telegrapher on the twelve-hour basis. Bro. Glick is the "victim," but he scorns fraternal sympathy because he does not deserve it. He had a desirable eight-hour job and surrendered it to accept promotion in the jungle and—there he is.

A. B. Cunningham, who has been pursuing the steep and tortuous pathway of technical knowledge under manifold difficulties since he assumed the duties of third trickster at Cassell, has suffered another temporary derailment, in consequence of

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the recent general curtailment of expenses. He was compelled to yield his position to a senior man, and now he is waiting in the shadow of his alma mater, like Micawber, for some thing to turn up.

Telegrapher Stephens, employed at "NK" tower, took offense at certain language directed at him by Dispatcher Holmes, the other night, and straightway repaired to the dispatcher's office to seek redress. Night Chief Hahn was on duty when Stephens appeared with blood in his eye and, after Stephens made known his mission, Pete quietly removed his glasses and the pair embraced. In a moment the air was full of fragments of wearing apparel, angry ejaculations and tufts of hair. At the end of the first round, Stephens excused himself and went away, leaving a trail of booze-flavored gore from the top of the stairs to the lower front door.

N. B. He is not at present in the service of the B. & O.

Local Chairman Faust, of the Western District, of the Newark Division, is a sufferer from ennui. The force at his office was reduced to two men—a telegrapher and a switchman. Bro. Faust manipulates the levers twelve hours each day, without reduction of pay. He has requested the superintendent to abolish his position so that he may be legally qualified to "bump" some younger telegrapher out of an eight-hour position.

There was a young fellow named Ora,
Who flung his arms wildly and swore he
No longer would stay
Without increase of pay,
But he still works at Plymouth, begorra.

Billy Carr, a well-known veteran of Division 33, has been re-elected mayor of West Alexander, Pa

Monthly meetings are being held at Newark. The attendance is usually not large, but the proceedings are invariably interesting and profitable. If every member could be made to realize the importance of maintaining regular meetings, the leaders of our organization would not so often be discouraged and disheartened by the listlessness and indifference of the rank and file.

A. A. Richey, formerly agent and telegrapher for the B. & O. at Stewartsville, Ohio, but latterly of the Denver & Rio Grande, is again in the service of the B. & O. He is now employed at Cassell, and he and his wife reside at New Concord.

Don't forget the monthly meetings at Newark.

They are held in the afternoon and evening alternately, in order that all classes of members may attend.

The division has instituted a contingency fund, to be expended for floral tributes to deceased members and for any other purpose to which the membership may wish to apply it.

It is maintained by the payment of five cents per month by each member. You are requested to remit this assessment promptly to your treasurer, Brother A. P. McNees, or your local chairman.

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P. C. C. & St. L. Ry.

Louisville Division—

Business has increased recently on account of construction work.

The division operator has been conducting examinations on the book of rules.

It is understood that A. L. Broshears, who formerly worked for this road, but more recently for the Northwestern, is at home, unemployed.

Telegrapher E. Froh has landed third trick at Waynesville, permanently.

There is considerable "breaking" during the night, probably done for spite. We should make an extra effort to stop this business.

CERT. 563.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Chicago Division—

Just because a few bulletins which were put out on two or three undersirable positions, and no bids were received, the local officials have used this as an excuse to discontinue the bulletins altogether.

Our schedule covers this, and there is no excuse for this neglect. If it was on our part you can bet we would be "jacked up" in short order.

Bro. Noe, of Benton Harbor, has left the service. Man named Carel working third trick there now.

Bro. Monroe, of Watervliet, and Bro. Wallace, of Hart, accompanied by their wives, took a trip to Chicago.

Bro. Bowerman, of Michigan City, was in Detroit with the committee for a few days.

Mr. Wood, of Michigan City, has been working first trick, and a new man is on the third trick during Bro. Bowerman's absence.

We no doubt will have a local chairman by the time this reaches you.

CERT. 35.

C. & O. Ry.

New River District—

The elections are over; let us proceed. Mark that word proceed. It means the very reverse of recede. Most of us find it easier to recede than to proceed. We overlook the climb back up, the slow recovering of lost ground. It is a self-evident truth that the whole can not be greater than its parts. It follows as a corrolary that our organization can not be greater than we individually make it. Now, let us keep this in mind, remembering that we must pull together, to the end that C. and O. System Division No. 40 may be second to none.

And, to our pessimistic brother, I would like to say: come in out of the fog, forsake the gloom and seek the sunshine. I have heard the optimist described as a man who saw the doughnut, while the pessimist saw only the hole. It all depends on what we are looking for. Let us profit by this definition, and permit the other fellow to do the looking for the hole.

Our prospects for the future are bright. With the exception of the writer, all of the local chair-

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men elected are able and experienced men. No better selection could have been made, and the choice of men so eminently fitted for the positions reflects credit upon the membership.

The general committee met in Cincinnati, March 18th, for the purpose of electing a general chairman, and general secretary and treasurer, for the new term, and to transact such business as might come before it. Bro. J. W. Kiser was elected by a unanimous vote to succeed himself. The auditing committee found his books in perfect order, and Bro. Kiser was highly complimented for the efficient and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. We are fortunate in having such workers as Bro. Kiser.

Next in order was the nomination for general chairman. Only one nomination was made for this office—that of Bro. L. E. Hicks, of the Mountain District. Bro. Glenn, chairman of the Cincinnati District, in a deserved eulogy placed Bro. Hick's name before the committee, and he was elected by a unanimous vote. That no better choice for this office could have been made was evidenced by the general satisfaction it inspired. Bro. Hicks has had twelve years' experience as local chairman, weighs two hundred and ten pounds, and is big enough in every way to hold down the job.

Bro. McGehee, chairman of the Peninsula and Piedmont Districts, was sick during the entire session of the committee. He was too conscientious, however, to permit this to interfere with his work as a representative; and although confined to his bed the greater part of the time, he insisted on being present at each meeting of the committee.

Bro. Crowder, chairman of the Rivanna District, was the only man elected chairman who had never before served in that capacity. If his ability is measured by his popularity—and we believe it is—he is undoubtedly a very able man.

Bro. Scott, chairman of the James River District, affectionately known as "grandma," as usual, shirked no burdens; and, after business hours, acted in the capacity of chaperon for the younger members of the committee.

Bro. Holt, of the Alleghany and Greenbrier Districts, needs no introduction to the Hinton Lodge. His many friends will be glad to see him back in his old place.

Bro. Irwin, of the Lexington and Big Sandy Districts, was an old land-mark on the committee. The writer had never had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Irwin, and was under the impression that probably he belonged among the young and frivolous members—those requiring chaperons when visiting large cities. Later, however, the writer had the pleasure of meeting both he and Mrs. Irwin, which convinced him of his error.

Bro. Glenn, chairman of the Cincinnati District, was another old committee man, and as usual acquitted himself with credit, both to himself and his constituents. The brothers of the Cincinnati District need feel no uneasiness concerning their interests, so long as they have Bro. Glenn for a representative.

Bro. Holmes, the retiring general chairman, deserves much credit for the work he performed while serving in this capacity.

Bro. Hancock and other retiring local chairmen, will long be remembered with affection by their various constituents.

Among those who visited the committee, in Cincinnati, were Bro. Dermody, our fourth vice-president; Bro. Brandon, one of our organizers, and Bro. Turner, general chairman on one of the Western roads.

Bro. Dermody favored us with an unusually interesting and instructive address, which was much appreciated.

Bros. Turner and Brandom gave interesting talks.

Altogether the Cincinnati meting was an entire success, which argues well for the future of C. and O. System, Division No. 40.

The writer wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to thank the members of New River and Alleghany Districts for their support in the late election, and to say that he will endeavor at all times to merit the confidence reposed in him.

Now, we must buckle on our armor, and get to work. Grave problems confront the organization, and there never was a time in the history of the Order when active membership was more necessary than it is at the present time. What we are today we owe to the organization, and our future depends on it absolutely. This is the day of gigantic combinations: the individual merely as such has no place in our complicated modern life. To exist, we must have a force bearing some proportionate relation to the opposing force. Failing such, we shall be eaten just as surely as the little fish are eaten by the big ones.

And a word to former members—back-sliders, in other words. Don't drop your membership: turn over a new leaf, and reinstate if you are delinquent. I haven't the space to enter fully into the subject, but if you will stop for a moment and honestly consider your position, you will not, I am satisfied, occupy it very long. Don't attempt to formulate excuses; there are no valid ones possible, and sophistries only arouse contempt. If you are the victim of misfortune, your dues will be remitted by the organization, and you will be carried as an up-to-date member. Your friends may or may not tell you so, but rest assured that you have fallen, irrevocably fallen, in their estimation when you allow your membership to be cancelled. Pay up, and pay up now: remember, tomorrow never comes.

One word more, and then I shall have to close an article already too long. We have an agreement with the C. and O. Ry Co., a company that has always been eminently fair in their dealing with us, and whose officials are gentlemen. They observe this agreement both in the letter and the spirit. Now, I want to ask you this question: can we in common honesty do less? Remember this, and—make good.

M. L. DENNING, *Chairman.*

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Erie Ry.

Cincinnati Division—

Everybody on the Cincinnati Division has been exceedingly quiet of late.

Because we are enjoying the nine-hour tricks we should not lose interest in our journal, and the grand old Order, which was instrumental in securing shorter hours and better working conditions.

Ascertain whether your neighbor is up-to-date, if not, try to induce him to join.

Let "No card, no favors" be our motto.

We understand the new electric plant at Sterling will soon be in operation. It is to be operated by the B. & O. Ry. No doubt, that road will furnish the force to run it.

The new electric plant at Akron, O., is now in operation. Which is a great improvement over the way trains have been handled heretofore.

We understand the plant at Creston, O., has been improved by installing additional leavers.

Let every brother, who would like to see a few lines in our journal from the Cincinnati Division, mail Bro. Husted, at Richmond, O., the different changes, and any other item of interest.

Bro. R. C. Fenton, of "RN" office, Marion, has taken a ninety days' leave of absence, to try a position, with his brother, in a gas plant.

Bro. C. T. Kinney, of "3" office, Galion, has resigned his position. Bro. Kinney has been a good man for the company, and also a faithful member of the Order. We wish him success.

Brothers of Erie System, Division No. 42.

At our biennial election held at Salamanca, March 10, I was chosen to succeed Bro. F. N. Hall, as general chairman. I kindly ask the co-operation of every brother on the system in assisting to establish a solid organization, and a higher standard in the telegraph departments. It sounds very bad when the committee is figuring with the officials of the company for a new or revised schedule, while going over the several divisions to have them say that certain men are not worth twenty or twenty-five dollars per month; so I ask each and every brother to make an effort to give them the best service possible, so that the company will have no complaint in that direction. It is our duty to show them that through organization we are in better shape to give more efficient service than unorganized roads.

Bro. Hall has been a good, able man for the head of our organization on Division No. 42, and we regret to lose him as our adviser. But we are glad he has been retained on the general committee, therefore, will not lose his services entirely.

Now, brothers, let us one and all strive to give the road the best of work, then in return we can expect the company to be fair in all negotiations and reimburse us accordingly.

W. H. HUSTED,
General Chairman.

Meadville Division—

It is with sorrow and regret we chronicle the death of Bro. C. E. White, of Stony Point, Pa., who died on November 3d, 1908, at the age of 56 years. His death was due to an injury received on the morning of October 21, 1908. While cleaning leaves from the roof of his front porch to protect his building from fire, he accidentally fell to the ground, a distance of not over 10 feet, striking on the side of his head, which rendered him unconscious. He regained consciousness only for a moment or two at a time.

He is survived by a wife, three sons and two daughters. Ralph, Arthur and Raymond, his sons all telegraphers and members of the O. R. T. The daughters are Bula, wife of Bro. A. D. McDowell, of Stony Point, and Miss Rachel. We deeply sympathize with them in the loss of a kind husband and loving father.

Bro. White was principal of Geneva High School for two terms, after which he learned telegraphy with Mr. R. H. Wallace, now general passenger agent, but at that time agent and telegrapher at Geneva, Pa. He entered the service of the old A. & G. W., now the Erie Ry., November 21, 1879, as night telegrapher, at Stony Point, Pa., was shortly afterward promoted to the agency, which position he held at the time of his death.

He became a member of the O. R. T., February 15, 1888, was a charter member of the B. D. R. Division, later called Division No. 71, which was organized at Meadville, Pa., during the fall of 1889, was chief telegrapher for two terms and was delegate to convention at two different times, once at St. Louis and once at Indianapolis.

He was a prominent and highly honored member of the U. B. Church at Stony Point, and the entire community deeply feels the loss of so faithful and earnest a worker.

The funeral, which was held from his home church, on the Friday afternoon following his death, was largely attended. An appropriate floral wreath, with O. R. T. in large letters of blue across the center, was presented by the members of Meadville Division and the train dispatchers.

Among the brothers who attended from a distance, were Bro. Lowrie, local chairman of Mahoning Division, Leavittsburg, O.; Bro. Mushrush, Ravenna, O.; Bro. Moyer, Warren, O.; Bro. Jackson, Geneva, Pa., and Bro. J. J. Youngston, superintendent of Interlockers, Meadville, Penn.

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Susquehanna Division—

Bro. Sherman of "AQ," Corning, off duty for a few days, on account of the illness of his wife; relieved by Telegrapher Guy Owens.

Bro. Jones, second trick at Painted Post, off duty for a few days, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. Taylor.

Boys, keep your eyes on the markers.

Bro. Hesser, our new local chairman, was off a few days, on account of committee meeting at Salamanca. Relieved by Bro. Jones.

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Bro. Malone attended the "Dog Show" at Horseheads recently.

Bro. D. Thompson, of Wellsburg, off duty one day, to attend court at Elmira.

Geo. Chichester, of Wellsburg, has changed from third to second trick at that point.

Bro. Deerig and Bro. S. L. Jackson contributed items from the west end.

Bro. V. W. Goff, second trick at Cameron, has secured a leave of absence for a few months and departed for Manila, P. I., where he has obtained a position under the Civil Service Commission, which carries with it a good salary. He left New York, February 16th, via the Seuz Canal route, with the privilege of a week's stop-over in either Spain or Italy. If his health will permit he intends to remain in Manila.

Bro. Harry Wayne is filling the vacancy at Cameron.

F. E. Carpenter, second trick at Canisteo, bid in third trick there, after the departure of Bro. Fred Hall, who secured a position as clerk-telegrapher at "VF," Hornell shops. Bro. Barkalow bid in the second trick at Canisteo.

Let us work together and do all we can to assist our new local chairman, Bro. E. J. Hesser. Let each member do a little organizing, and also remind the delinquents of their duty. Bro. Hesser has an ample supply of application blanks, and will be glad to send them to applicants, and will also arrange to hold meetings at different points along the division. DIV. COR.

Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting of Meadville & Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, March 20th, was well attended. Everyone being interested in the first annual ball to be held at Youngstown in the month of April. In due time the ball committee made its report, which was to the effect that the Excelsior Parlors, at Youngstown, had been engaged for Tuesday night, April 20th. Music furnished by Bayle's Orchestra. Tickets to be sold were distributed among those present. The meeting closed at 10 o'clock p. m. Bro. H. E. Tarrington, the new local chairman of Meadville Division, occupied the chair, assisted by Bro. Lowrie, chairman of Mahoning Division.

The changes on Mahoning Division, as near as your correspondent can learn, are as follows:

Mr. C. S. Musgrove, agent at Hiram, resigned, and was relieved by Mr. H. H. Hatch, former third trick man at De Forest tower. Mr. Hatch was off duty one day recently, taking in the Automobile show at Cleveland. He was relieved by Mr. E. D. Marwin, third trick man at Garrettsville. Miss Emma Fugman worked third trick in Mr. Marwin's place.

Mr. W. H. Owens, first trick at De Forest tower, was off duty, one day, attending the funeral of a relative; relieved by Mr. H. B. Cutlip, second trick man. Mr. Cutlip's trick worked by Mr. G. W. Hemple, an extra man.

Mr. A. R. Thomas, of Valley Mill tower, off duty a week, on account of sickness. Relieved by Messrs. D. G. Button and W. C. McHale.

Owing to the dance to be given at Youngstown, in April, and the grand convention, in May, it was decided to hold meetings for the months of April and May on the fourth Saturday night, instead of on the third Saturday night. Do not forget the change of dates. and be sure to be present at the meetings. They will be held on the third floor, over Union National Bank, corner of Park Ave. and Market St., Warren O.

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Allegany Division—

A rousing O. R. T. meeting was held in Erie Hotel parlors, Wellsville, N. Y., on March 18th; many of the old reliables were right on the job. The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m., by Local Chairman Karl, and the time was devoted to general discussion. A resolution was adopted by the Allegany Division, extending a vote of thanks to our committee, and particularly to Bro. Hall, our past general chairman, for the good work accomplished on the entire system.

There has been considerable changing around in the past month. Bros. Shaw and Baker were taken out of "UK," Salamanca, and the repeater work which was formerly done in "UK" is now being done in "JE," Western Union office, Jamestown.

Bro. Shaw took third trick at Dayton, bumping Bro. Cornell.

Bro. Cornell took second trick at Dayton, bumping Bro. Bean.

Bro. Bean took third trick at "PE" tower, Belmont, bumping Mr. Cook.

Mr. Cook took third trick at "JX" tower, putting Mr. Hogan on extra list.

Bro. Baker took third trick at "WA" tower, Almond, putting Bro. "DU" Stillman on the extra list.

Bro. Handy is back to third trick at "FR," Friendship, after a two months' rest. Telegraphers Murray, Lycett, McGovern and Bro. Taylor, did the owl stunt in his absence.

Bro. Brown, the oldest telegrapher in the service on the Allegany Division, has returned from New York, and has taken his old trick at "PE" tower, Belmont.

Bro. Bissel, third trick at Scio, is off duty for a few days; relieved by Bros. Oliver and Taylor.

Bro. Hamilton is working at "JX" tower, on account of Telegrapher Cook being taken out of the service.

Bro. Fry has taken second trick at "CR" tower, Carrollton, bumping Bro. Fraeny, who in turn bumped Bro. Lawton, third trick at "CY," Carrollton. Don't think Bro. Lawton has decided where to go.

Bro. Hamilton, who has been working extra at "JX" tower, is off duty, visiting his parents at Conewango; relieved by Telegrapher Hogan.

Bro. W. L. Worth, agent at Belmont, has taken a ten days' vacation, to attend the golden wed-

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ding anniversary of his parents, who reside at Almond, N. Y. He also took a trip to Washington to attend the inauguration of President Taft. Relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Howe.

Bro. Smith, second trick at Andover, is off duty on account of sickness in his family. He was relieved by Telegrapher Park.

Bro. Bresnihan, second trick at "CB" tower, Cuba, took a short vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Murray.

Bro. Oakley, first trick at "WA" tower, Almond, is off duty temporarily, on account of the death of his uncle; relieved by Telegrapher Murray.

Bro. Walrath, second trick at Summit, has been visiting relatives in Ohio for the past two weeks; relieved by Telegrapher Oliver.

Mr. Carroll, third trick at Summit, is on the sick list; relieved by Telegrapher Murray.

Bro. Miner, second trick at "G" tower, Wellsville, is absent from duty for a few days, on business in Ohio; relieved by Telegrapher Bixby.

Third Trick Dispatchers E. A. Strouber and T. J. Donaldson were off one trick recently; relieved by Extra Dispatchers J. W. Carroll and H. E. Moss.

Bros. Karl, Connors, Wilkins, Garthwait and one other brother, who did not sign, have my thanks for items furnished this month, which goes to show that considerable interest is taken in the journal. Keep up the good work, and we can have something each month from our division.

DIV. COR.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Winnipeg, Man., Mar. 8, 1909.

I am in receipt of a remittance of fifty dollars ($50.00), proceeds from the telegraphers' ball which was held in North Battleford, Sask., recently. This amount has been placed in the reserve fund of the division.

E. G. SKELDING,
Gen. Secy. & Treas.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Chattanooga Division—

Money to defray the expenses of our delegates to the convention has been received by our treasurer. The delegates and alternates have been elected and things are rapidly getting in shape.

Bro. Stewart was re-elected local chairman of the Chattanooga Division without opposition. We feel sure that under his direction this division will continue to thrive.

Regular monthly meeting was held at Lafayette, March 21, and was very interesting, as usual.

Bro. King, of Trion, was off duty a few days, attending court. He was relieved by Mr. Battles.

Bro. Bledsoe, of Sargent, attended court in Birmingham, for a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Ansley.

Bro. Bolton, of Yard Office, Chattanooga, is working as night yard master at that place. Cannot say whether the position is permanent. Bro. Housch is working second trick, vice Bro. Bolton.

Bro. Witcher, of Raymond, spent one day in Newnan, recently. Bro. Ansley worked for him.

Bro. Bailey, of Lavender, was recently off duty a few days, and Bro. Ansley relieved him.

CERT. 265.

Southwestern Division—

There are not many changes on the Southwestern Division this month.

Bro. E. M. Bruner, who has been off duty for several weeks, is now on third trick at Americus; think he has it permanently.

Bro. C. Mathis, the popular Fitzpatrick agent, made a flying trip to Graves, a few days ago, to visit relatives.

No doubt you are aware of the fact that Bro. O. Powell, agent at Arlington, is no longer a single man.

Bro. J. R. Sandifer did some clever work dispatching for one or two days last month.

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Savannah Division—

Everything is moving along nicely on this end and the nons continue to come in. There are, however, but few left.

Mr. DeWitt, of Wadley, second trick, has been on the sick list. We are unable to learn who relieved him.

Bro. C. C. Carroll, formerly of Tennille, is working third trick at Wadley. We are glad to welcome Bro. Carroll back in the service.

Bro. James H. Burke, of Midville, made a flying visit to Savannah, the past week.

We are all glad to welcome Bro. A. Burke, who returns to Rocky Ford as agent.

Mr. J. N. Cail goes to Midville agency from Rocky Ford, vice Mr. Evans, who, we understand, has left the service to return to the old farm near Meda, Ga.

Bro. D. M. Rogers, was recently elected local chairman, hence, all matter intended for the local chairman of the Savannah Division should be forwarded to Bro. Rogers at Register, Ga.

We regret to learn of the death of the mother of Bro. W. V. Scott, which occurred at Warrenton, Ga., several days ago. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Scott. CERT. 441, DIV. 46.

Rio Grande Western Ry.

West End—

Having seen no items from the Rio Grande Western Division, for several issues of THE TELEGRAPHER, thought it might serve as a waking powder to some of our sleeping brethren to insert a line or two, although I am not the correspondent for this territory, and cannot say who is.

It seems that everybody here followed Br'er Bruin's example and hibernated last fall, but with returning spring, some few are beginning to show signs of life, the writer included.

Our new general superintendent, Mr. J. C. Dailey, who was formerly with the I. & G. N.

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Ry. is moving his family to Salt Lake City, preparatory to settling down to business. Mr. Dailey is a man of unusual executive ability, and is well liked by the employes. Rumor has it that Mr. Stenger, former general superintendent, is slated for a good position with the Western Pacific Ry. when completed next summer.

We are anxiously awaiting official returns from the recent election to see who is to direct the affairs of Division No. 49 for another two years, also to ascertain who will represent our division at the convention in Atlanta, Ga., next May.

Speaking of the convention, reminds us that in May, another meeting place will be chosen for the 1911 convention, and we Western people de-desire to go on record as being in favor of selecting Salt Lake City. Where is there a city more conveniently located, situated as it is in the heart of the inter-mountain country of the Western part of the United States, which is traversed by four great lines of railways? Our conventions have been held in various parts of the country—St. Louis in 1903, Buffalo in 1905, Minneapolis in 1907, this year it will be held in Atlanta, and we hope that Salt Lake City will be favored by being selected as the spot to meet in 1911.

A number of change have been noted on the line recently.

Bro. Ira Overfelt has been transferred from Goshen to Gunnison Station. He was relieved at Goshen by Bro. A. F. Laley, first trick at Colton.

Bro. H. B. Mensel transferred from Mt. Pleasant to agency at Castle Gate. He relieved Bro. V. A. Tompkins, who, in turn, relieved C. H. Funk, agent at Scofield. Mr. Funk is taking a vacation of ninety days.

Mt. Pleasant is bulletined. A number of persons are bidding on it, but we are informed that no choice has yet been made.

Bro. Sullivan, of "UN," Salt Lake City, was off duty about three weeks recently, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. H. A. Van Noy, former agent at Colton. Bro. Van Noy is now relleving Telegrapher Ensign, a C. T. U. of A. man from "SX," Salt Lake W. U. office. Mr. Ensign is said to be in Montana holding down an A. P. job and may not return.

A new telegraph position was recently created at Garfield and assigned to Bro. Judd Wilson, of Tucker.

Some of the brethren will probably be disappointed at not seeing their names mentioned in recent changes. We will have to plead ignorance until we are better acquainted. Some one who is in touch with the situation should wake up and give us a good, old-fashioned write-up.

Everybody get busy and boost for Salt Lake City in 19011. MORE ANON.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Second Division—

Bro. Barton, agent at Eagle, is off on a two months' vacation; relieved by Bro. Wertz.

Bro. Hickey did the extra stunt in "S," Salida, office one or two nights, which left Granite a two-man office. Bro. Hickey says he has Granite second trick permanently and likes the place.

Bro. Drake, agent at Granite, has resumed duty after having spent six weeks visiting in Kansas.

Dispatcher Hulett is again handling the train sheet in Glenwood after quite a lengthy vacation.

You are hereby notified that it is now "Brother" Fordy at Buena Vista, instead of "Mister." There are several more on this division who ought to have the handle of their name changed.

We notice third trick at "S" office, Salida, is advertised. We hope this means that Bro. Campbell in the future will handle the train sheet eight hours per day.

On acount of the dispatchers changing at 8 a. m., noon and midnight, the telegrapher's hours at Minturn were recently changed, making the shifts 7 a. m. to 3 p. m., 3 p. m. to 11 p. m., and 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. This is thought to be a better plan than to have the telegraphers and dispatchers change shifts at the same hour. "VO."

Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

The long looked for reduction in the telegraph department arrived and occasioned numerous changes. While it is impossible to chronicle all of them, your informant will endeavor to do the best he knows how.

Bro. J. H. Eastlake, clerk ta the C. T. D., took first trick at "GV" tower, putting Bro. E. E. Keane back to second trick, necessitating the bumping of Bro. A. M. Faivre, to Henlein, third trick.

Bro. C. V. Sloan took first trick at Shenango; Bro. E. T. Lynch taking second at that point, causing Bro. A. Bonner to go to third trick at Kremis.

P. L. Thompson bumped Bro. J. H. Brooks out of first trick at Kremis. Bro. Brooks went to Pittsburg Junction, second trick.

Numerous other changes outside of the offices in Greenville were made, but am unable to mention them, being uniformed.

Bro. E. B. Minnis, second trick at Houston Junction, was off duty a few days last month. B. S. Lewis did the relief act.

Bro. R. G. Loveday, second trick at "VE," Grove City, laid off to witness the inauguration ceremonies in Washington, and paid a visit to his home in the State of Virginia. R. S. Keep, an extra telegrapher, relieved him.

Bro. E. G. Reisenger, first trick at Hartnett, has taken a six months' leave of absence, and accepted a position with a street railway line in Butler. Bro. C. W. McDowell is working first, and Bro. W. B. Miller went from second trick at Pittsburg Junction to third trick at Hartnett.

Bro. G. G. Boyle, third trick at Calvin, was off three nights recently. Relieved by Bro. G. A. Callahan, extra telegrapher.

B. S. Lewis went to third trick at Horne, following the dismissal of O. C. Thompson, who failed to report for duty.

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H. C. Hitchison went from third trick at Henlein to Sonneaut Lake, displacing W. J. Fleming, who went to Blacks Run, third trick.

Bro. F. A. Partridge, agent at Hilliard, took a week's vacation last month. Relieved by Bro. C. A. Callahan.

F. B. Campbell, an extra telegrapher who worked third trick at Meharg, relieved Bro. P. C. Miller, second trick at Queen Jct, for a week. Bro. Miller's absence was occasioned by the sickness of his young son.

Wires were cut in at Center Ave. Station, Butler, and a clerk and telegrapher installed.

Bro. F. M. Wigton, agent at Claytonia, has been transferred to third trick at Hallston. C. P. Corey was checked in as agent at Claytonia.

T. L. McKarney, who went to Harrisville, third trick, after he left Kremis, went from Harrisville to Meharg, third trick.

A new tower has been erected south of the station at Horne. One will also be erected at Blacks Run. The south end is fast becoming the good end of the road,

Our genial night chief, Mr. R. V. Bagnall, has returned from a vacation, spent in traveling through the middle west.

Another result of the reduction was the closing of Pardoe and Fredonia, twelve hours, and the pulling off of the third trick at Conneautville. G. E. Hamilton, who worked second trick at Pardoe, lost out. Don't know whether he is working or not. The telegraph office was moved from the tower to the station.

Bro. J. C. Simmons, first trick at Frazier, took a short vacation last month. He was relieved by Bro. C. A. Callahan.

Dicksonburg was closed February 28th. A new office at extension of double track was opened that date, and called Jackson tower—call "JR." Unable to give the personnel of this office.

Conley was closed February 28th. Bro. H. D. Hall, first trick, accepted second trick at Shermansville. Bro. J. M. Conley, third trick, tendered his resignation. Understand "Max" has bought part interest in a livery stable at Adamsville. Division No. 51 extends its best wishes for his success.

Bro. P. R. Williams, second trick at "HX" tower, who was displaced by Bro. R. G. Loveday, has accepted the third trick at "AV" tower.

Division No. 51 met at Grove City on March 24th, with a good representation present from all parts of the "Bessemer." Meeting at this place came about as an experiment, also to give the brothers on the south end an opportunity to attend. Since trains Nos. 43 and 44 lay over at Grove City it is possible for the membership south to attend at this point, without any great loss of time.

The proposed new schedule, as well as other matters of interest, was discussed until a late hour. All newly elected officers of Division No. 51 were present, except Bro. Long, of North Bessemer, who was detained on account of the illness of his wife.

The February election resulted as follows: Local chairman, District No. 1, Bro. C. F. Sahm, Albion; District No. 2, Bro. M. A. Williams, Jamestown, Pa.; District No. 3, Bro. R. R. Snyder, Harrisville, Pa., and Bro. A. D. Knapp, Saxonburg, Pa.. District No. 4, Bro. Knapp resigned his office, and Bro. H. B. Long, Unity Sta. Pa., appointed to the office pro tem, after which an election for this district will take place to elect a regular local chairman. Bro. C. V. Patton, of Keister, Pa., was re-elected general chairman, and Bro. W. B. Risley, Conneaut, O., re-elected general secretary and treasurer; Bro. F. J .Truesdell, Conneaut, O., elected representative to Grand Division, and Bro. W. B. Risley, Conneaut, O., alternate. After the officers had been regularly installed, a light lunch was served, after which Bros. J. E. Dickey, "RN" tower; N. M. Eppinger, Rural Ridge; C. A. Callahan, extra telegrapher, were duly initiated into the workings of the Order. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 a. m. CERT. 134.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Coast Division—

WANTED—A Division correspondent—One who will guarantee to have the Coast represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month—one whose powers of persuasion are such as will induce our good members all over the division to forward items of interest for publication, as often as possible—one who will "stay on the job," and not become discouraged, because of an apparent lack of interest on the part of those from whom the "news" is expected.

I shall be glad to appoint such a person upon application, and will agree to render all assistance possibe.

In the meantime, I shall continue to do the best I can in the matter of furnishing items, but it sometimes happens that I have other business to attend to, as the time "copy" for THE TELEGRAPHER should be prepared, and as a result the Coast is not represented.

This being my first opportunity since the recent trip over the Coast Division, I wish to extend my thanks to all concerned for having, by their uniform courtesy and kindness, contributed so largely to my comfort and success.

All things considered, results were all that could have been expected, much good has come in consequence, and I am hopeful that in the future these trips can be made more frequently.

There are a few unfulfilled promises outstanding, but I believe they were made in good faith, and that those who made them will soon justify my belief.

In this connection I would call attention to the good that follows individual effort. In justice to yourself and your fellow-members, are you doing all that should be done? How do the others in your own office stand, and what about the fellow at the next station?

If you don't know, "get busy." If you do know, "get busy" anyhow. We want every eligible person, and there is no good reason why we

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should not be able to get them. A determined co-operative gentlemanly policy will undoubtedly succeed.

There has never been any good sound argument against organization in the past, and the future promises to make organization even more of a necessity. If we are to keep pace with changing conditions and cope with them successfully, we must have a solid dependable organization, which, after all, is the real argument.

Please note the "preamble" to our constitution and understand that we are an organization of more than merely "OS" men, and that what has been done for "telegraphers" in the past, can be done for all in the future. The means is "organized co-operation" along the well defined and carefully thought out lines followed by this organization. The expense for dues in "non-schedule" positions is but eight dollars per year, and the investment is bound to pay "dividends."

For your information I will say that the general committee, comprising all of the local chairmen elected at the February election on the Pacific System, Lines in Oregon, Lines East of Sparks and Atlantic System, will convene in New Orleans, La., about May 5th, for the purpose of electing a general chairman and general secretary-treasurer for the ensuing term, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting. You are also reminded that the Grand Division convenes in Atlanta, Ga., May 10th.

If you have any suggestions to offer, or any matters that you desire brought to the attention of the general committee, or the Grand Division in convention, you are privileged, and it becomes your duty to place such matters properly in the hands of your representative for action thereon by the committee or convention. Dont wait until it is too late, and then kick if things are not as you would have them. Maybe your suggestion is just the one we have all been waiting for. May be the information you can give us is just what we have long been looking for. It will do no harm to let us have it, whether it can be used or not.

As the time will be short after this reaches you, act at once. Give your representative an opportunity to judge what the real sentiment of his constituents is. He's your employe, tell him what you are paying him for.

In the matter of electing general officers for Division No. 53, if you have a choice, exercise your right to express it, and give the member of the general committee from your district your reasons for desiring him to support certain candidates.

The officers whom the general committee will select are the men upon whom, to a very great extent, devolves the responsibility of safeguarding your interests for the next two years. Their selection is, therefore, a matter of importance to you, and you cannot afford to be indifferent.

As a matter of information, I submit the following list of successful candidiates for locai chairman, representative and alternate, for the various districts at the recent election:

Salt Lake District—W. B. Tavelle, local chairman and representative, Deeth, Nev.; no nomination for alternate.

Lines in Oregon—T. M. Boyd, local chairman and representative, Oakland, Ore.; L. S. Taylor, alternate, Drains, Ore.

Shasta District—F. E. Walters, local chairman, Ashland, Ore.

Sacramento District—J. E. Blackford, local chairman, Towle, Cal.

Sacramento and Shasta Districts—F. E. Walters, representative, Ashland, Ore.; H. H. Houston, alternate, Sacramento, Cal.

Western District—D. W. Koppikus, local chairman and representative, East Oakland, Cal.; W. H. Walker, alternate, West Oakland, Cal.

Coast District—F. Shaver, local chairman and representative, San Francisco, Cal.; B. R. Holston, alternate, Mayfield, Cal.

San Joaquin District—J. E. Sloan, local chairman and representative, Summerland, Cal.; O. W. Bercaw, alternate, Saugus, Cal.

Los Angeles District—A. C. Goodell, local chairman and representative, Imperial Jct., Cal.; G. H. Reid, alternate, Ogilby, Cal.

Tucson District—C. Q. Lesley, local chairman and representative, Gila Bend, Ariz.; R. W. Keyes, alternate, Wilcox, Ariz.

El Paso District—S. A. Thompson, local chairman and representative, Lobo, Tex.; R. E. Petross, alternate, El Paso, Tex.

Houston District—Henry Hurr, local chairman and representative, Engle, Tex.; J. D. Walker, alternate, San Antonio, Tex.

T. & N. O. District—T. C. Lester, local chairman, Beaumont, Tex.

T. & N. O. and Victoria Districts—D. A. Norton, representative, Houston, Tex.; T. C. Lester, alternate, Beaumont, Tex.

Victoria District—Z. B. Alexander, local chairman, Edna, Tex.

Morgan District—O. Kilpatrick, local chairman and representative, Patterson, La.; J. M. Vonau, alternate, New Orleans, La.

I regret that I am not in a position to supply very much in the way of division gossip. All of the news items sent to me by the various correspondents were evidently buried under one of the numerous "slides" of the past month or so. However, I have no doubt better luck will attend us next time.

It is rumored around the dispatcher's office in San Francisco that First Trick Dispatcher J. Edward Ewald has been setting an awful pace for "Teddy" in the matter of bagging big game in the mountains beyond San Mateo, where he has been spending a well-earned vacation, and that the publishers of the Railway Equipment Guide have offered him several dollers per to become associate editor. The rumor is unconfirmed, however.

H. L. Carney, at one time a telegrapher on the Coast, who resigned some two years ago to enter the employ of the California-Hawaii Sugar

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Co., but more recently Associated and United Press operator at various places between San Francisco and Omaha, was recently a guest of the undersigned for a few days. "Little Casino," as he was best known to his friends, is now chief wireless operator on one of the Pacific liners operating out of the port of San Francisco, and is said to be a marvel at locating "grounds" and "crosses" between ships and stations.

H. B. Doyle, former telegrapher on the Coast, is now located at Vicksburg, Arizona, where he is busily engaged as president of a gold mining company, when his duties as secretary of the "Sunshine" Club will permit. "H. B." keeps open house and will be glad to welcome any of his friends who may happen in his vicinity. An up-to-date card will secure anything that may be desired.

Please be reminded that it is not too early nor is it too late to pay your dues for the current term, January-June, 1909, if you have not already done so. Don't wait for the secretary to send you a special notice—we can use that postage to advantage on some obstinate non.

How about the nine-hour law; is it being complied with at your station? You are expected to report any violations, not only for your own, but for the company's protection.

Are you getting all that is due you in the matter of overtime? If not, you know whose fault it is. The schedule is plain and there is no disposition upon the part of the company to evade it. If mistakes occur, which is possible, refer the matter to your local chairman, if a letter to the superintendent falls to bring about a proper adjustment.

If in doubt as to the proper interpretation of any article or clause in the contract ask for a ruling.

Now, let's see if we can't do better in the way of a write-up for the next issue. If each one of you will send in just one item we'll get along fine. Never mind what it is, or whether or not it seems of interest to you, it may interest some other fellow. In any event, I'm supposed to do the worrying. With best regards, I beg to remain, fraternally yours, F. SHAVER,

Local Chairman.

Sacramento Division—

Election is over; Bro. J. E. Blackford was elected local chairman by a large majority, and everybody is happy over the result. We don't think there is a better man on the division than Bro. Blackford for this position.

I understand we are going to have regular meetings at Towle, something we have never had before. This will help make things more lively, and the Sacramento Division needs something to wake it up. Let's come out of this trance and get busy.

Bro. Blackford is going to appoint a division correspondent—something we are badly in need of. We can then have a regular write-up every month. Bro. Robinson would be a good man for the position. I should like to suggest that Bro. Blackford appoint some good man between Truckee and Sparks to help Bro. Robinson with the new write-up, and another over in the Valley.

Bro. Barner, of Cisco, is back from his vacation and has resumed duty as agent. Bro. Ford, who was holding the fort during Bro. Barner's absence, transferred to second trick at Summit.

Bros. Brown, Rhubisky and Manuel are working first, second and third at Yuba Pass.

How about those "hello" instruments; do you think they are going to work? Maybe, but the real old dots and dashes for mine.

We have the best schedule in the country and every brother should give the best of service and show the company that it pays to treat its employes with consideration. CERT. 2121.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Yellowstone Division—

All members on the division have, no doubt, heard the result of the election which closed February 28. For the information of those who did not hear will say that your local chairman was re-elected to that position, also elected delegate to the Grand Division convention from the third district, with Bro. H. E. Miller alternate. It is gratifying to me to tell you that Bro. Holmes advises there was a larger vote polled on the Yellowstone Division and Third District than on any other division of the system, and that the successful candidates received more votes than any other candidate on the system.

All that is necessary to enable the Yellowstone to hold its own and gradually work nearer the head of the list is for each member to put forth a small amount of effort by assisting the local chairman in securing the applications of the few remaining nons and paying dues and insurance assessments promptly. You will find your chairman more ready and willing to assist than he has ever been, in appreciation of the support he received druing the recent election. This leads him to believe that the members are taking a great deal of interest in making this division larger and better, and if he can get the assistance that he expects, there will be no doubt of the result.

Business is expected to improve about the middle of April, and it is to be hoped that such will be the case. If two or more sets of dispatchers are put on as is contemplated, it will give some of the brothers who are desirous of trying that department of telegraphing an opportunity to do so. It is hoped this will make an opening for some of the men who were laid off a few months ago, thus enabling them to return to this division.

Bro. Anderson was called home about the middle of March on account of the serious illness of his mother, and, up to this date, has not returned. Bro. Amundson relieved Bro. Anderson at Hodges.

Bro. Mathwich resigned from third trick at Terry, March 1, Bro. Paul relieving him. Bro. Paul later traded tricks with Bro. Penberthy at Hebron.

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Bro. Nipper has taken a ninety-day leave of absence from Huntley, Bro. Neikum taking third trick down there.

The telegraph office at Forsythe has been moved from the depot building to the new freight house, which has just been completed. An office has been opened in the new passenger depot at Billings, Bro. Anderson, of the Montana Division, working one of the tricks there.

Huntley agency being vacant by the resignation of Mr. Hughes, Bro. Young, from Judson, was appointed agent.

Chief Dispatcher Johnson has been in St. Paul for a couple of weeks. Night Chief Gilbert is doing the day job in Mr. Johnson's place.

We were not overrun this month with contributions to this write-up from the members, but what were received helped some.

Your local chairman expects to start to the convention on the first of May. While absent he will visit his home in Missouri. Bros. Miller and Gough will correspond for the June and July issues. Let every member make it a point to furnish them with items. CERT. 456.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bros. L. V. and L. W. Green, second and third tricks at DeSmet, off on leave of absence. They were called to Chicago on account of the sickness of their father.

Bro. Sorrels, third trick at Missoula, "MX," off duty a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Showalter, of Garrison, is laying off. He expects son to leave for St. Paul on a month's visit.

Bro. Snyder, of Dixon, visited in Missoula and other points on the division during the month.

Bro. Beck, of Bonita, has resigned and left for pastures new.

Bro. Stewart, of the Montana Division, who has been in the N. P. Hospital at Missoula, for the past few weeks undergoing an operation, has been released, and has returned to his duties at Prickly Pear Jct. Bro. Stewart expects to locate on the Rocky Mountain Division in the near future.

Telegrapher Louis Crane has been transferred from Bearmouth to Nagos.

Bro. Moore, of Turah, was recently brought to Missoula N. P. Hospital by Bro. Cuthbert. We understand that Bro. Moore must undergo an operation.

The following positions were bulletined and assignments made during the past month:

St. Regis, first trick, Sister E. A. Westberg.

St. Regis, second trick, Bro. W. H. Bixby.

Lothrop, second trick, J. H. Jenson.

Drummond, first trick, Bro. R. D. Wiley.

Dixon, third trick, Bro. E. J. Kilmer.

Local Chairman Rundell, of Phillipsburg, who was re-elected chairman for the year 1909, has been elected delegate to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., which will be held in May. Bro. Nason, of White Pine, was elected alternate.

Telegrapher Earle, who has been confined in the hospital, has returned to work at Big Bend. Bro. Powers relieved him during his absence.

Bro. Shannon, agent at Bonita, recently spent a day in Missoula on business.

Bro. N. J. Green has been assigned to third trick at Bonita, relieving Bro. Rahte, who bid in second at Frenchtown.

Bro. Thigpen has been assigned a trick at Garrison. "13" he is a new man on the road.

Bro. C. A. Bush has left the service, and Bro. J. D. Stevenson, a new man, takes third trick at Bearmouth.

A new office has been opened at Milwaukee Jct., one mile east of Bearmouth. Bro. Parks, from St Regis Jct., is holding down the position.

DIV. COR.

Dakota Division—

Business on the Dakota Division is improving, but has not yet reached normal proportions.

In looking over the list furnished by Bro. Miles I find a number of members have not yet paid dues for the term ending December 31. We should make it a rule to remit at least one month in advance and in this way always be in good standing, and have an up-to-date card.

Since the last issue of the journal the following changes have taken place:

Mr. Rylander has gone to Bismarck as second telegrapher.

Bro. Miles resigned, Mr. Olmoie going from Medina to Berner.

Bro. McCready has been transferred from Steele to Medina.

Bro. Long, Jamestown yard, has resigned and was relieved by Bro. Strand. Bro. Strand is now in the Detention Hospital, suffering from an attack of small-pox.

Bro. Erwing, of Crystal Springs, has resigned; vacancy filled by Bro. Riechord, from Windsor. Mr. Perry relieved Bro. Riechord.

Anyone having in their possession news of interest to the membership will kindly mail it to me before the 20th of each month, and the same will be forwarded to the journal for publication.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Lake Superior Division—

Our write-up this month will be rather short and the only excuse I can offer for its brevity is that up to date, I have received no news items whatever, and also that the changes have come so thick and fast I have been unable to keep track of them.

The main problem with the company seems to be to figure out how speedily the pay rolls can be reduced to the lowest figure. Not only among the station employes has the reduction been made, but the trackmen and men employed in other branches of the service have suffered in consequence of its policy of retrenchment.

I think it would be a good policy for all telegraphers to keep a sharp lookout for openings in other lines of work. Although we may not draw

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as much pay at the start, the chances for advancement are far greater.

The force at Wyoming now consists of the agent and helper. The third trick man was pulled off over a week ago and the second trick man about the 20th inst.

Bro. Peterson has been transferred from third trick at "WI" to third at "RC," Rush City, and Bro. Mason went from second trick at "WI" to "UN," Carlton, second trick, starting March 24.

Bro. Schrader, formerly third trick man at Rush City, has gone to his home in St. Paul.

Bro. Donald, who was relieved at Rush City by Bro. Schrader on acount of an injured arm, is still in the hospital at Brainerd. We understand he is having quite a serious time with it. He has the sympathy of the division.

Telegrapher Jos. O'Brien is now night chief at "MR," Groningin. He has been there since the first of March.

Bro. Ellwood Gray, owl at Mose Lake, took a few days' layoff last week, but is back in harness again. He was relieved by Telegrapher Bullis from the Second District. Can't say where Bullis went, but think he went to St. Paul.

Mr. Despard, second trick at Carlton, who came from Motley, recently, is to return as agent, when relieved by Bro. Mason.

I can't say what is taking place on the First District. Te items chronicled above are those I have been able to catch from conversation over the wire.

Our old friend, Bro. Carter, agent at Forest Lake, is on hand once more, having but recently returned from an extended pleasure trip to Cuba and Panama.

No. 105 gave us a scare a few nights ago by breaking down about four miles east of Barnum. She was "lost" for about three hours, but was finally located and taken to "BM" by an engine sent west from Carlton to find them.

Come on with the notes if you want any kind of a write-up in next month's journal. I am a poor guesser at the best, so come across with items.

DIV. COR.

Hinckley, Minn., 3-25, 1909.

To Members Division No. 54,

St. Paul and Lake Superior Divisions.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of both the above divisions, for so kindly giving me their support and electing me delegate to the convention from District No. 1, Northern Pacific System, Division No. 54. I also thank the members of Lake Superior Division for returning me as local chairman. for the coming term.

I regret very much my inability to meet and thank you personally, but trust you will accept the good will for the deed. I have the welfare of our Order at heart, especially our end of it, *i. e.*, Division No. 54, and intend to leave no stone unturned to promote its interests and shall endeavor, by every means, to deserve the confidence placed in me by my brother members.

I wish to impress on you the fact that I stand ready at all times to devote my spare time outside of office hours to your service, and should you wish help or information at any time I will not fail to do all I possibly can for you and consider it a pleasant task and my time well spent.

Now, if anyone has any suggestions to offer which might prove beneficial to our organization, and that you would like brought up for consideration at the convention, please let me have them as soon as possible, and I will handle same to best of my ability.

Hoping you will have no cause to regret having elected me, and that I will be favored with your co-operation in trying to effect thorough organization on our division, I remain, with best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

HARRY J. O'SULLIVAN,
Local Chairman,
Lake Superior Division.

Pasco Division—

Bro. A. J. Kelly has resumed work at Eltopia, second trick. He hs been enjoying a two months' vacation, spent at his old home in Kentucky.

Bro. E. R Cottle is again working third trick at Mabton.

Bro. H. A. Rahier has been transferred from third trick at Eltopia to second at Wapato, where he relieved Telegrapher Nagle.

Bro. A. F. Johnson is again working second trick at Toppenish, having gone there from Satus.

Bro. Shoemaker bid in Kennewick on recent bulletin.

Most of the above notes were received from an unknow brother on west end. The writer has mental inertia, or something like that, and can think of no more news at this writing. CERT. 497.

Pacific Division, First District—

The result of the last election was as follows: Local chairman, R. W. Baker, Box 453, Ellensburg, Wash.; delegate, A. J. Dubois, Pasco; alternate Kingsmill Commander, Wynaco.

Telegrapher G. T. Ballard, second trick at Ellensburg, bid in first trick at Kent. Telegrapher Dobson assigned to second trick, Mr. Fichtl to third trick, and Bro. R. W. Baker from third to fourth trick at Ellensburg.

Bro. E. L. Carr, of Bristol, has been assigned to Woodland, on bulletin. He will leave Bristol in the near future.

Bro. Schofield, of Cle Slum, bid in first trick at Kalama. Bro. Sales is laying off, and Bros. V. O. Brunner and J. Floberg are working second and third tricks.

Regret to report that Bro. U. G. Calvert, manager, had to return to the hospital, after resuming work at Easton. At the present writing "13" he is doing well, and will be at the key again about April 1st.

Bro. G. E. Carvell from third trick at Easton to third trick at Martin.

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Mr. Wood is working third trick at Easton.

Telegrapher Bassett, at Weston, who was sick for a few days is working again.

Telegrapher L. W. Peterson, manager at Lester, is sick in the hospital with phneumonia.

Telegrapher H. V. La Dow has been transferred from second trick at Kanaskat to Lemolo, nights.

Sister A. M. Jones has returned from her vacation, and is holding down first trick at Kanaskat.

Bro. G. F. Bingham is working second trick at Ravensdale, vice Telegrapher Hawkins, resigned.

Bro. D. W. Williams, of Auburn, was recently married. On account of being misinformed we failed to chronicle this event sooner. We wish Bro. and Mrs. Williams success and happiness.

C. C. Starnes has been transferred from second trick at Meeker to second at Woodland.

At the meeting held at Brooklyn Hotel, Tacoma, at which time the ballots were counted, only four members besides Bro. Holmes were present. This is not encouraging. Every three-man job should be able to send in a member on meeting day. As one of the brothers said, "I don't know how we are going to do business with the management if the members will not take enough interest to get together and talk matters over and post up the committee." This is true; as true as were Jefferson's words, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Note the following extracts from a letter received from our new local chairman, Bro. R. W. Baker:

"Prospects are bright for a solid lineup, and if the boys will get busy we should be solid before long. At present have six sets of blanks out, three of them already sent in and three others go in pay day. This is what I have done alone; a little earnest work on the part of the boys surely should line things up solid. * * * * * * * * * *

"Result of election placed me in local chairman's boots, which do not fit any too well, so it will be necessary for the brothers to help me stagger along. While the heart is willing, I feel that I should have refused the nomination, as there are men on this division of more experience and better fitted for the position. However, I wish to thank the members on the Pacific Division for their expression of trust, and hope there will be no occasion to regret the action. Any errors made will be errors of judgment and not of intent, as I shall try to do all I can to promote the welfare of the members both collectively and individually, and in doing this ask the support of each member on the division.

"Bro. Phares has kindly consented to act as assistant in charge of the south end. He is at present working at J. W. Hill's office at Tacoma for thirty days and expects then to return to his old stand at Winlock.

"Any grievances on the south end should be referred to Bro. Phares."

The writer knows Bro. Baker well, having worked partners with him both on C. P. R. and N. P. and knows that he certainly has the good of the Order at heart and will do his best to right any and all well-founded grievances to which his attention may be called. K. C.

Montana Division—

Bro. Wintersteen gets first trick at Bozeman. Telegrapher Medsker gets third, temporarily.

Telegrapher Miller, third trick at Winston, has resigned; relieved by Mr. Christ.

Bro. Tidd, at West End, off duty six weeks, looking after business interests in Cuba; relieved by R. E. Lovejoy, from Merrill. Lovejoy is a new man on this road.

Bro. Jones, of Greycliff, off a few days, seeing the sights in St. Paul.

Bro. Jessee was at Whitehall for a short time, and later was transferred to Manhattan for a few days.

Bro. L. G. Graham was transferred from Whitehall to M. U. Tfr., relieving Telegrapher Ritchel-dorfer, who went to P. P. Jct. Later Bro. Graham left the service and is now thinking of going to Panama.

Telegrapher L. D. Collins takes Bro. Graham's place at M. U. Tfr.

Bro. W. H. Earp and Telegrapher N. Conrad, a new man, are holding tricks at Whitehall.

Telegrapher Fitzgerald, formerly cashier at Bozeman freight house, gets third trick at Bozeman depot.

Bros. Stephens and Didlake transferred from Merrill to first and second at Townsend.

Bro. Hampton was transferred from Belgrade to Greycliff.

P. C. Bryan, third at G. N. Jct, who has been on the sick list, was relieved by C. D. Collins, from the Youngs Point gravel pit office.

Bro. Stewart, of P. P. Jct., is now holding a trick on the Rocky Mountain Division.

Bro. Jessee received third at Sappington, permanent.

Brothers, do you realize some of you are working with a non on each side of you? If there are any O. R. T. men on this division who want to work in the interests of the Order and themselves they have plenty of material to work on.

If you are strictly up to date there is a way of finding out the standing of new men coming to the road. It is not necessary to take their word for it. Ever since I have been a member of the O. R. T. they have had a secret work which can be used to advantage in many different ways.

Bro. Little, third trick at Chestnut, is waiting for relief and expects to take a trip to Seattle.

At the recent election C. E. Carpenter, Route 4, Bozeman, Mont., was chosen local chairman of the Montana Division, M. A. Smoot, delegate and H. E. Miller alternate from District No. 3 to the Grand Division convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Carpenter will be pleased to have the members mail him any thing that they would like to see in the monthly write-up. If you will also help the

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cause by notifying him of new men on the line and their standing.

Bro. Millikin, third at Mulr, and Bro. Nott, third at Hoppers, have resigned, and are expecting to be relieved about April 1st.

CERT. 1079.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Clevcland Division—

Bro. Brahm, of Kent, spent a few days at his home in Navarre, recently, and had the pleasure of attending our last meeting at that point.

Bros. Cross and Satterfield, of Cleveland Division, have bid in second and third tricks at Somerdale. We are sorry to see them leave this division.

Future meetings will be held at Navarre in the town hall at 8 p. m., third Saturday each month. By holding the meetings at Navarre the boys are given a better opportunity to attend them. From this time on we should have a better attendance, especially from the Celeveland Division.

The last meeting was fairly well attended, considering the poor train service.

Work on the Sugar Creek and Northern cut-off is progressing rapidly. Three steam shovels, several work trains and extra gangs are kept busy. There will be about ten positions for telegraphers when the line is opened.

The new seniority list is now in the hands of the local and assistant local chairman. Any member desiring to look over same can do so by calling on the chairman for it.

Dispatchers have been taken off the telegraphers' and agents' seniority list. Bro. Peoples, general chairman, is now the oldest man on the list.

Bro. Plummer is back at Kent on first trick.

Brothers, do not fail so send what items you can to your chairman or to the secretary each mntoh. Everyone enjoys seeing a monthly communication from this division, but no one cares to bother about sending in items. Let us know the changes at your office, so mention of them can be made in the journal.

Mr. F. Q. Loutzenhiser, the man who was discharged from "CO" shops on account of poor service, is now in the Canton Actual Business College acting as principal in the telegraph department. Keep him marked and give him a wide berth.

Bro. J. C. Hendricks, formerly second trick at Adena, resigned to accept position with B. & O. Ry., Cleveland Division.

Bro. J. G. Tope is now working at Belt Line Crossing, B. & O. Ry., Cleveland Division.

DIV. COR.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

Division No. 56 held its regular monthly meeting at Valdosta, Ga., March 14th; a large crowd being present. Meeting called to order at 1 p. m., by General Chairman Bro. W. O. Wilson, and business of importance was transacted.

We meet every second Sunday, and transportation can be had for the asking. I dare say the majority of the brothers can arrange for some to sell tickets one day during a month while they are absent at meeting. We will look for the smiling countenances of a majority of the members of our next meeting which will be held at Valdosta, the second Sunday, April 11th.

This will be the last one held before the convention in May.

Bro. R. D. Sams, agent at Unadilla, has been laying off for two weeks, on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. O. H. McWhorter.

Bro. E. Middlebrooks, who is working at Findlay, nights, is on sick list. He was relieved by Mr. J. L. Slappey.

Mr. Ivey is working the telegrapher-clerk job at Vienna. We understand Mr. Ivey is from the Georgia Ry.

Bro. E. M. Carswell, first trick at Union ticket office, Tifton, has resigned, on account of ill-health. It is understood that he is spending some time with his brother, who lives in the country near Damascus, Ga. Relieved by Bro. J. E. Johnson, from the C. of Ga. Ry. We all wish Bro. Carswell a speedy recovery.

Bro. F. A. Yarborough, second trick at Union ticket offise, Tifton, is on a vacation, visiting relatives at Merry Oak, N. C. Mr. Hickey, from Chatam, Can., is relieveing him.

Bro. B. M. Kelley, from the freight office at Tifton, is off a few days, on account of the death of his uncle, at Branford, Fla.

Bro. R. O. Dewey, transferred from Sampson City to Sparks.

Bro. Hallam, formerly agent at Bonaire, Ga., is now doing the telegraphing at Hampton, Fla.

Bro. W. J. Clark, agent at Palatka, Fla., is taking a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. O. H. McWhorter, regular relief agent.

The following officers have been elected: Bro. W. O. Wilson, general chairman; Bros. P. C. Griffin, L. F. Sineath and J. M. Wooten, local chairmen; Bro. O. H. Watson, delegate to the Grand Convention; Bro. P. C. Griffin, alternate.

CERT. 5.

Southern Ry.

Washington Division—

No doubt some of the boys were disappointed at not finding the Washington Division represented in the March journal. At the time the writer was suffering from toothache and neuralgia, and just simply overlooked sending in items.

Bro. Shelhorse, who has been in poor health for the past five or six months, is apparently improving, as he has been on duty all month.

The student question is again becoming a serious problem, it astonishes one when he looks over the different sections of the division, to find students at so many offices. This should not be tolerated. If the offending persons are members of this organization, charges should be preferred against them forthwith.

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Recently we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. C. L. Kibler, of the Western Maryland Ry.

The third trick at Monroe, Va., bid in by Mr. Pierce.

Bro. J. W. Burgess is in Washington, with the Com. Bro. McConchie, is relieving during his absence.

Bro. J. W. Smith, third trick at Buena, was off duty a few days this month.

Train No. 35 was recently derailed at Tye River. The side track switch was opened. The engineer was injured by being caught under the engine. The guilty persons were caught and jailed, and no doubt they will get their just deserts. DIV. COR.

Norfolk Division—

The meeting at Port Norfolk, on February 28th, was well attended. Nothing special on hand, no business transacted, but those present report a pleasant evening, and agreed that the next meeting should be held at Port Norfolk. There are only a few nons on this division at present, and we hope to have them all in line by the time the next new cards are issued. There are no changes of any note on the division.

We have a first-class set of dispatchers, and it is a pleasure to work with them. Will make this short, and hope some brother will write something for us next time. CERT 2096.

Atlanta Division, North End—

Mr. Berry Langford, third trick dispatcher, has been made night chief. Mr. F. M. Bulloch relieved him.

Bro. W. E. Dellinger, agent at North Rome, has resumed duty. He was absent for a week, at his home in Calhoun. Relieved by Mr. T. N. Austin, extra agent and an "O. R. C" man.

Bro. J. N. Hanna, second trick at North Rome, spent Sunday at Dalton with his uncle, Mr. Wm. McDonald.

Bro. Lee Beasly, third trick at Longs, has returned to work. For the past month he has been visiting Florida, and reports a magnificent time.

Bro. R. O. Daly, third trick at Brice, spent Sunday in Dalton recently.

Bro. J. L. Thomas, second trick at Plainville, spent a day in Rome last week, shopping.

Bro. J. C. Gardner, second trick at Rome, is working third trick temporarily.

Bro. F. E. Hudson has resigned and returned to his home at Taylor, S. C.

It is rumored that Mr. W. N. Thomas has returned to work, and is holding down the second trick at Varnell.

Bro. Morseman, from Gadsden, will be with us again at the meeting in Rome. He favored us with a nice talk the last time he was with us.

Now, boys, get busy and attend meetings at Rome. If you haven't a new card, get one immediately. If you haven't the money, borrow it, or sell some of your good clothes.

We must get together and do something, so let every member attend this meeting at Rome, Ga., March 28th, in the Rome Central Labor Union Hall, from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m. Write for transportation now, and be with us.

ASSISTANT DIV. COR.

Atlanta Division, South End—

Mr. W. A. Henley, who formerly worked third trick at Holton, is with the Western Union at Jacksonville; relieved by Mrs. W. V. Scott.

Telegrapher Weems, at Polhill, has been relieved by Mr. Bonner.

There are several boys who have not paid dues, but who try to create the impression that they are up-to-date. This is bad policy, and should not be practiced. If they think enough of the Order (which I hope they do), they should get the "goods," and cease trying to deceive us.

There seems to be a number of telegraphers who do not answer calls promptly. This practice should be discontinued, as it shows negligence and inattention to business, and gives the official just cause for complaint. Moreover, it places our committee in an awkward and embarassing position when conferring with the officials, as this matter is continually kept in the foreground.

It is quite evident that there should be meetings held below Macon, as some of the members cannot come to Flovilla and return in time to report for duty. Even if they came, they would arrive too late to attend meeting. We should get them lined up better, and hold a meeting every Sunday at some point to suit their convenience.

DIV. COR.

Houston & Texas Central Ry.

Bro. Dug Walker, of this division, is now distinguishing himself as conductor on the Interurban electric line plying between Dallas and Sherman.

A Bro. Walker has substituted Bro. Erland, who resigned at Plano tower.

Mr. Smith, of Richardson, is not among the list of "brothers." We understand he has a "pal" (?) doing the telegraphing when there's no one around. That is bad business.

Several changes have been made along the line, but the correspondenc failed to secure particulars.

Let us get interested in our local meetings, attend and become acquainted with each other. We haven't shown much enthusiasm for the past few months.

Our Worthy Chairman, Bro. Burke, will advise when meetings are to be held. Let one and all strive to make arrangements to attend.

DIV. COR.

Queen & Crescent Route (North).

Chattanooga Division—

A meeting was held at Danville, Ky., on the night of March 12, and was attended by about twenty-four members. Some very important business was transacted, after which oyster soup and cigars were in order. Chief Dispatcher R. C. [illegible]tcher

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Reid was present and gave a very interesting and instructive talk. He complimented the boys on the Chattanooga Division very highly, giving it as his opinion that they were the best lot of telegraphers, generally speaking, on any railroad in the United States, and stating that with but few exceptions they were "hitting the ball." He, however, insinuated that there might be an improvement on the part of some of the boys at three-trick stations. Let us all do our best, so Mr. Reid will have no cause to regret having spoken words of commendation.

Bro. H. C. Edde, second trick man at Rockwood, is off for a few days. Relieved by Telegrapher Doty.

Telegrapher Jones, second trick at Cave Springs, is off duty, taking a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Mathias, an extra man.

Bro. John Howe, third trick at Oakdale, is taking a pleasure and business trip. Telegrapher Ferrell is relieving him.

Danville chief dispatcher's office, nights, twelve-hour trick, bid in by Telegrapher L. H. Jones, who has been working third trick at Citico yard office. The third trick at Citico yard office and the second trick at McKinney are now being bulletined.

Bro. Strunk has been assigned to third trick at Oneida, on bid.

Bro. Burgoon reinstated to first trick at Nemo, on his former good record.

Bro. G. W. Riffe has been awarded third trick at Annadel on bid, and Bro. W. B. Compton, first trick at Moreland, which was made vacant by the death of Bro. G. W. Gooch.

Bro. C. C. Singleton has been assigned to second trick at Moreland on bid.

Second tricks at McKinney and Oakdale are on bulletin, but no awards have been made at this writing.

Bro. J. A. Engleman, third trick at Kings Mountain, tiring of single blessedness, has taken unto himself a wife. We wish them much happiness.

Bro. H. H. Hughes, second trick at Oakdale yard office, is off duty a few days. We are unable to say who is relieving him.

We couldn't have selected better men than Bros. Willison and Gardner to represent us at the convention, and it is practically certain that they will have something of importance to impart to us when they return.

Dispatcher W. G. Elliott, second trick on the Third District, is laying off. Extra Dispatcher Hines is filling the chair in his absence.

Bro. Willison advises that there will be a meeting held at Oakdale a few days after he and Bro. Gardner return from the convention at Atlanta. You will be notified in good season and a good crowd is expected.

It has been a long time since this division has been well represented in the journal. If the members will send items to the correspondent or Bro. R. P. Hodges, who is located at Dayton, Tenn., they will be forwarded to St. Louis for publication. Send them not later than the 21st of each month. The writer's address is Box 15, McKinney, Ky.

Let us give such service that when the committee goes before the management it will be backed by a perfect record. It is difficult to secure concessions without good records, and it is impossible to have a good record as an organization unless we have good records as individuals.

DIV. COR.

Great Northern Ry.

Marcus Division—

No items have been received from either the west or north end this month. The brothers up that way do not seem to care to appear in print.

A large amount of steel and other supplies have been sent to the front. This means more work for all concerned. Let the good work go on.

D. W. Williams, of Republic, landed Northport agency, vice Bro. S. T. Moore, transferred to Kalispel.

P. P. Otey, of Loon Lake, was transferred to Republic.

John Raitor, former helper at Addy, is agent at Loon Lake.

J. F. Snyder, Jr., is agent at Clayton, vice J. F. Snyder, Sr.

A Mr. Peters is the new telegrapher at Deer Park, vice J. F. Snyder, who has been made agent at Clayton.

It is our intention to have Marcus Division represented in the journal every month, which will convey the idea to the outside world that we are alive, if nothing more. It would be a material help if every brother would take enough interest to send us an item or two.

When you hear or see anything report it to Valley. It may not seem of importance to you, but may be interesting to someone else.

Mr. J. Q. Cline, of Springdale, has been on the sick list for about a week. The helper, Mr. Johnson, has been taking care of the station.

Mr. Doyle, brother of our genial assistant superintendent, is the new helper at Addy.

CERT. 1038.

Butte Division, Fifth and Sixth Districts—

We are very proud to be able to state that the majority of the agents on the Great Falls to Billings line carry up-to-date cards. Of course, it goes without saying that a large majority of the telegraphers carry the pasteboard. It is up to the older districts to follow suit. Will some good brother appoint himself a committee of one to see that the other districts of this division are represented in our monthly write-up?

I firmly believe the Butte Division will be the banner division of No. 70 before the close of the year. Let everyone boost.

Agent Jagger, of Hedges, off duty a few days the early part of the month; relieved by Relief Agent Warner.

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J. A. Johnson has been transferred to "PD" office, Great Falls. He was relieved at Hobson by O. L. Odell, lately from the Southern.

Telegrapher Lynch was relieved of third trick at Gerber by Bro. McNamara.

Mr. W. A. Golden transferred from Rock Quarry to Teton.

C. S. Protor has lately been installed as agent at Sand Coulee, and a man by the name of J. R. Renand was sent to Stockett as agent.

Telegrapher Greene, who worked at Armington Quarry for a short time, has returned to his home in Kansas, on account of the illness of his mother.

Telegrapher F. W. Prichetts, who was relieved at Teton by Telegrapher Golden, has gone to the Butte office.

Let us, one and all, get busy. Our working conditions are very "bum" at present and only by thorough organization can we hope to remedy them.

DIV. COR.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Lake Shore Division—

Am very sorry to see so many copies of our journal come to us without even a line from this division. We must get to work and let other divisions know that we still exist. Can't every brother spend just ten minutes each month in sending in some little item of interest? Try it just one month and see if it doesn't help.

H. W. Frank, of Duck Creek, days, secured the third trick at that place on bulletin, and Mr. W. C. Williams, a new man, the first trick. Mr. Williams, we understand, is one of the old-timers from the N. W. Division, having held several agencies on that division. Mr. Hardy, who has held the third trick for over a year, has resigned to start in business for himself at some place in Ohio.

Bro. W. J. Earle spent a few days with his family at Chicago, the fore part of the month, being relieved by Bro. Langworth.

Bro. Geo. Reuther, of the Grand Division, formerly register of deeds of Manitowoc County, is now engaged in the hotel business at Manitowoc, having taken over the Windiate Hotel. Although Bro. Reuther has been out of railroad service for some years past he has always managed to possess an up-to-date card. Brothers visiting Manitowoc should not overlook this when in need of something to eat. Patronize your friends.

Bro. F. H. Vasbinder has been called home by the sudden death of his father at Silverwood, Mich. The members of the Lake Shore extend their sympathy. Bro. Langworth is relieving Bro. Vasbinder during his absence.

Bro. Earle received the second trick and Bro. Brewer the third trick at Montrose Tower on the bulletin. We suppose Bro. Earle will move his family and make his home at Manitowoc in the future.

We understand Bro. Ed Sohre has been investing his savings of late in photographic materials and is now in possession of a miniature photograph gallery. Report has it that Ed has everything photographed within sixty miles of South Yards, and is considering the advisability of expanding this territory for want of new subjects. That Ed is getting to be quite an expert in this line is putting it mild. as the writer can vouch for the fact that he has already seen worse pictures than those made by him. We would not be at all surprised should he sell out shop at South Yards and stick out his own shingle some of these days.

We regret to announce that Bro. Harry A. Sechrist, now at Glen Rock, Pa., is very low and not expected to live. Bro. Sechrist has been employed on this division for a number of years and is well known to most of the members. Since being compelled to relinquish his position some three years ago, owing to disease, he has been confined to his bed most of the time. It is reported now that a complication of other diseases has set in and he is sinking rapidly, and that undoubtedly it will be but a matter of a few weeks until he will pass into the great beyond from whence no one returns. The local chairman has started a subscription, and it is hoped that each member, as well as non-members, will contribute to the extent of their ability. A mite from each brother, which they would not miss, would amount to a nice little sum, and I am sure would be appreciated by one who is playing in hard luck, and will make his last days on earth somewhat brighter.

We could mention the names of several men who have been in the service for a number of years, and have always fought shy of joining the ranks of the O. R. T. I should think that they could now see the advisability of joining. O. R. T. means that in ten years we have advanced from $40.00 to $55.00 and more. It is no easy task for us to argue persuasively with nons, because of the impatience we feel toward them and their trivial excuses. While we are in a position to point to results accomplished, reforms established by rules in schedules for our betterment, to reduction in hours, and salaries maintained even during the last financial depression, we can not conceive what sensible argument could be advanced by telegraphers who are permanently employed at the profession by railroads, to support them in their obstinacy of remaining under the opprobrium of non. Trying to argue with a person who you gratuitously helping financially, physically and socially to a point where he will condescend to help himself, is too much to expect of human nature. It may seem uncharitable on our part, but it seems to us that the nons occupy in regard to their craft a relation similar to our prehistoric ancestors to the present generation of men. You may teach the creature to imitate, but not to think. Our efforts are wasted striving to reverse Nature's decree. After all has been said, railroad officials are human (appearances to the contrary at times notwithstanding), and I think it safe to assume that they reason things out pretty much along the same lines as ourselves. They certainly must conclude that the fellow who works against the interest of his fellow-employes (the

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interests that naturally should have first call upon his loyalty) to secure a temporary advantage for himself, would, if the consideration seemed sufficient, sell out to the next highest bidder, and when in need of a man for a position of responsibility, the railroad official is apt to give preference to the man who has shown that he can be loyal to one interest, at least.

Chief Lineman Ed. Hadler, in company of Assistant Superintendent LaCombe, has gone over the line recently perfecting plans for the installation of a telephone block system between Kaukauna and Milwaukee. Understand that telephone operators are to be put on at several of the non-telegraph stations, but otherwise the present mode of blocking will not be affected.

A rumor has reached the writer that some of the members are becoming lax and indifferent in their duties and discourteous in their manners; as nothing to prove such an assertion has come to my personal notice, I absolutely refuse to give it credit. If there are any such men on the division they are not amongst our membership. Should there be anyone inclined that way, the sooner he changes his policy the better, as any such actions not only throw discredit on the member himself, but reflect unfavorably on our organization as well. While our aim should at all times be for the advancement of our organization, thereby bettering our own condition, we should not forget our duty to our employers, do it well and keep their interests in mind. Respect your superiors in the service and carry out their orders and there will be fewer dismissals for cause; opportunities for promotion will be greater and the chances for an advance in wages better. I hope the brothers will attend strictly to business. Do your work in a business-like way. Answer your dispatchers promptly and give them all the information you can when there is trouble at or near your office. You have nothing to lose and all to gain. Show your officials that you are doing your best, and there will be no room for complaint; then when we ask them for concessions they will realize that it is to their interest to treat with us fairly, and when we make small mistakes as we pass along they will be more lenient with us, seeing that we are doing our duty to the best of our ability.

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Madison Division—

For a second time, recently, snow and sleet crippled our telegraph service. Mr. P. J. O'Brien, our superintendent, dispatched trains the first day, east and west from Madison. As soon as possible dispatchers Boehm, Warner and Adams, were sent to Madison, where they handled the east and west end, and Messrs. Patterson, DeSantelle and Kock handled trains south of Madison from Evansville. The north end dispatchers, and Mr. G. B. Vilas, our assistant superintendent, handled the south end from Baraboo to Madison. Everything moved along nicely, and in a few days the linemen had the wires repaired.

Linemen Wagonhouser and Knauf with F. E. Warner, from Baraboo, were out on the line making tests with Chicago. The wires in the cables become crossed occasionally, necessitating opening them where spliced, and by cutting in a relay they can get a quick test.

Several carloads of telegraph poles have been received, and soon the worke of rebuilding the line will be started.

Bro. T. A. Corcoran, second trick at Caledonia, was off duty a day recently, on account of sickness. Bro. Duprey, third trick man from Oregon, relieved him. Bro. Duprey was relieved by Mr. Wilson, who was formerly agent at Okee, and is now working third trick at Mendota.

Bro. J. H. Murer, second trick at tower "EA," has resigned, and entered the train service. Bro. W. F. Degnan, agent at Preston, has charge of tower "EA," second trick at present.

Bro C.. W. Walhquist went from Fellows, first trick to Leyden, second trick, vice Bro. W. F. Holden, who is working second trick at Madison.

Bros. C. Willis and J. E. Holden are holding forth at Fellows until bulletin is up.

Ray Andrews, agent at Magnolia, has come to the conclusion that forty dollars per month is rather small pay for an able-bodied man, and will try his luck at farming.

Bro. A. J. Warnock, of South Madison, has been visiting at Merrillan, at which place he has a daughter living.

Bro. P. M. Keeffe, second trick, is holding down the night trick in Baraboo, "B," office. Bro. Elsner relieved him until he was sent to Wales to relieve B. F. Edwards, the agent who is taking a vacation and spending the time on his farm near Rockland.

Bro. P. W. Avery has taken charge of Dane, second trick, and M. Hendrickon went to Lodi, to relieve Bro. Irwin.

Bro. W. H. Hansen has resumed work at Jefferson Junction, first trick, and J. M. Miller, who worked Jefferson Junction, third trick, went to Waukesha, to work third trick, vice Mr. Avery.

Bro. Cottingham relieved Mr. Miller at Jefferson Junction.

The agent at Elmo resigned, and that station was closed for a time.

Bro. H. R. Pigg, first trick at Merrimac, "BR," was off for a few days, taking in the sights of Chicago. He was relieved by G. J. Adams.

Bro. H. M. Rice worked second trick at Elroy, while Mr. Adams was at "BR," and Gaylord relieved Bro. Rice, second trick at Welton. Mr. R. B. Hart relieved Gaylord at Wonewoc, third trick.

Math. Biwerse, who held down the telephone job, second trick at Mendota, has resigned and is now R. F. D. mail carrier out of Dane. Mr. E. F. Hart is the new telegrapher there, and Wilson works third trick.

Bro. W. A. Browne, agent at Cobb, got Norwalk, on bulletin, and will soon move his family there.

Bro. Cottinghan has charge of Cobb while on bulletin.

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Bro. L. M. Burt, agent at Brooklyn, and Bro. H. L. Reeves, agent at Waunakee, appreciate the assistance they received in making these stations continuous offices, and, consequently, three tricks, the same good-luck happened, Bro. Wilcox, agent at Union Center; Bro. M. H. Schleck, agent at Wonewoc; Bro. Bentley, agent at Ablemans, and Bro. Elder, agent at North Freedom.

Mr. H. D. Schooff, chief dispatcher, recently enjoyed a short vacation. Mr. A. A. Pelnar was acting chief, and J. H. Hull acting nigh chief, during his absence.

Bro. L. F. Schneider was elected local chairman and delegate for the fifth time, receiving every vote cast.

This shows what the brothers on this division think of him, and the way he has performed his duty. His experience on committee work will be of great assistance to the general committee, as well as to this division. We know he will continue to do his best for the members, and it is up to us to help him, by continuing to render the company first-class service. There is no reason why the committee should not secure something good for us.

Bro. W. A. Browne, who is agent at Norwalk, was elected alternate to the convention. Bro. Browne once held the office of local chairman, and is well qualified to represent the division at the biennial convention in May, should occasion demand it.

If you fail to see news items which, in your opinion, should be chronicled, advise your correspondent, using a postal card if no other means of communication is convenient. What we desire is the co-operation and assistance of everyone.

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Northern Iowa Division—

Bro. Foster, of Lawn Hill, was recently called to Sioux City, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Lampther.

Continuous telegraph service has been resumed at Hubbard and Gladbrook. Bros. Bushnell and Hopkins, second and third tricks, at Hubbard, and two new men at Gladbrook.

Bro. J. W. Lane, agent at Gifford, drew the agency at Laurens, on bulletin. He was relieved at Gifford by Bro. D. G. Woodward, formerly of Kamrar.

Bro. E. E. Carder is doing the night stunt at Gifford, while Mrs. Carder is post-mistress at the same place.

Quite a number of the depots on the south end have been treated to a fresh coat of paint.

We understand that Bro. Beman, of Eldora, will soon leave the service to begin farming in that vicinity.

We are glad to learn that the wife of Bro. Smith, at Radcliffe, is slowly gaining strength, after a severe illness and operation.

We understand that the recently opened night offices on the west end are soon to be closed.

Mr. J. P. Burke, who has been working third trick at Jewell Junction, has left the service, and gone to Detroit, Mich., where he has a job under the city administration.

Bro. Mike Winkel, of Algona, has resumed charge of that station.

Bro. Billy Doherty, of the relay office, has been called to Milwaukee. We understand he is seriously considering accepting a position with the C. M. & St. P. R. R., on the Pacific Coast extension.

Wm. Gleason, who has been employed in the superintendent's office for some time, has accepted a position with a Cedar Rapids firm.

Bro. Hutchison, of Jewell Junction, is doing the "heavy stunt" during Bro. Doherty's absence.

If someone on the west and north ends would contribute items as requested, it would not be necessary to confine the write-up to less than half of the division.

Mr. John Larson, formerly of the Omaha, is dishing out pasteboards and pleasant smiles at the "EG" ticket office during the small hours.

Bro. F. M. Knidera relieved Bro. Le Blanc, at Renwick, while the latter attended the funeral of a relative in Eastern Canada.

Hobart Carrell, of Cedar Rapids, spent Sunday recently with his father, Ealgle Grove's genial ticket agent.

Bro. Knidera recently relieved the agent at Lawn Hill, and is now doing the heavy "phone" stunt at Lone Rock.

Practically everyone is glad to see the Northern Iowa notes in THE TELEGRAPHER, more especially those who have worked here in the past, and are now employed elsewhere. Don't be backward about dropping us whatever notes you may have regardless of how insignificant they may seem. We can "work them over." For the bulk of this "write-up," the boys are indebted to Bros. Troy and LeBlanc.

RAIN-IN-THE-FACE.

Dakota Division—

Bro. Bert Laity received Arlington agency on bulletin, and has taken charge of that station. Arlington is a heavy station, especially in the fall.

Levi Sedgwick, cashier at Brookings, spent a few days with relatives in Alcester.

Another heavy snowstorm buried the east end the forepart of February. Two of the big plows worked all day between Tracy and Tyler, and succeeded in opening the way about 7 p. m. There were about thirty big drifts between Tyler and Tracy, ranging from three to twenty feet deep, and from one hundred to five hundred feet long. Engineer Carl Smith and Conductor Hart, on the east-bound plow were stuck for an hour and forty-five minutes in a drift eighteen feet deep, just east of Burchard. Forty-five men were carried on the drag-out to shovel the plow out when necessary, which occurred four times.

Bro. A. W. Price, of Athol, has secured a six months' leave of absence, and is trying his hand at the implement business, with a relative. Bro. Price is fortunate, in that he was able to connect himself with a firm having an established

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trade. Mr. Cross is holding Athol station temporarily.

Bro. T. K. Barber, of Manchester, is figuring on leaving the C. & N. W., and taking a claim west of the river. Anything beats a $52.50 minimum, and when a man can get a quarter section of land in a year's time, there is not much inducement to pound brass.

J. D. Callahan, of Brookings, third trick, took a week off and went to Tracy, to obtain treatment for his foot, which was injured recently. Mr. Whaley relieved him. Mr. Whaley is the son of Local Chairman Whaley, of the I. & M. Division, and has not been working for some time.

Burchard is again a telegraph station. Mr. Nelson, of Iroquois, acting as agent.

Bro. R. J. Holmes is visiting relatives in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. He intends to return to work about April 1st.

Bro. Klingelhofer is acting agent at Salem, during the absence of Bro. J. A. Dawson, who is in Colorado, looking over some land which he intends to purchase. Bro. Vanderhoof is acting as day telegrapher at Salem until that position is bulletined.

Ray Carpenter, of Redfield, received Henry, on the bulletin. Extra Dispatcher R. M. Stapleton is working at Redfield until the bulletin is settled.

I recently received one of the rings which were given for new members, and must say that it is worth working for. The regular price of the ring is $4.50, and it would undoubtedly cost more if purchased of a local jeweler. The emblem on the ring is about the size of a dime, the wreath is the official green color, and the sounder is of gold and black enamel, the background of both being of white enamel.

Express Route Agent Mr. Butte took up a collection among the express men, and secured $15.00. which he presented to Bro. E. A. Zollar, of Northville, who lost heavily when the depot burned at that station. Hadn't we better do something?

Bro. Earl Pennington is working first trick at Highland Park, Ill., but says he is there only temporarily. He did not say whether he intended to return to the Dakota Division or not.

Someone didn't vote. Bro. Paulsen was barely elected delegate to the convention in Atlanta, and Bro. Moriarity lost out on the alternate election by two votes. We had a majority of more than twenty members over the Minnesota Division, yet Bro. Paulson nearly lost out. This should be a lesson to us, to be sure to vote at any and all elections.

Prosperity is returning. That is what the papers say on the first page, but the inside pages fail to substantiate such claims. The steel trust is slashing wages right and left, and a general reduction of wages is being made. Ten per cent is the usual slash. Of course, the general officers' wages are not cut, just the workers'. We escaped one wage reduction during the panic, through solid organization. Whether we escape the next, or not, depends on us. A word to the wise is sufficient --organize.

Reports of discrimination and unjust treatment are heard. If you have a grievance of any kind take it up immediately. Several matters were adjusted this month.

Bro. Walter Gordinier recently spent a Sunday with his folks at Esmond.

Bro. Ollie Harris received Cavour, second trick, on bulletin. Bro. House received Tyler, third trick, and Bro. Miller holds Balaton, third trick.

Notes were received this month from "Our Staff" correspondents Bros. Paulsen, Zollar, Nohlgren, Noe and Cert. 2077, of the P. R. C.

Pierre Rapid City and Northwestern—

Mr. J. J. Farrell, agent at Ft. Pierre, was relieved by Bro. J. M. Whiting, for about ten days, while he attended to personal business matters. Bro. Whiting was relieved at Midland, nights, by Bro. J. E. Noe.

Bro. F. M. Noe acted as agent at Owanka, temporarily, being relieved at Philip by Bro. J. E. Noe. Bro. Noe was relieved at Midland, nights, by L. W. Smith, of the Dakota Division, who was later relieved by Bro. G. B. Aldrich.

Bro. Whiting relieved R. H. Smith at Midland, days, while he looked after his claim in Nebraska. It is understood that Mr. Smith intends to take a position on the Black Hills Division, to be nearer his claim.

Business is quite heavy on the P. R. C., on account of immigration.

C. T. D., Rauch has completed checking the tariffs, and all stations now have a complete set.

Superintendent Dike went over the division, in his private car, March 6th, on a tour of inspection.

Last month I wrote up an account of the death of Bro. Hunter's child, but on account of being misinformed, I did not get the account quite accurate. The following clipping from the *Von Metre Messenger*, gives a full account of this sad affair:

"To show respect to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter in their sorrow, all the business places in town were closed, and Mr. Callihan dismissed school at train time, Thursday afternoon. Four members of the Bankers' Club acted as pall-bearers in putting the little casket on the train.

"DIED.—Wednesday evening the death angel was in our midst, and selected as its burden, Stella, the beloved little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hunter, thus robbing a happy home of one of its brightest jewels, only that it may shine more brightly in its Heavenly home. Death came very suddenly, with no warning of sickness. Little Stella, though always a frail child, had seemed well as usual all day, and after her sister, Nena, came home from school, the two children were playing out of doors, when suddenly Stella, who was sitting on the station platform, fell backward, striking her head on the brick walk. Mrs. Hunter saw her fall, and ran to her at once, only to find the little body tense and rigid, and her breath coming in gasps. She was placed in hot baths and then wrapped in warm blankets, this

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treatment seeming to relieve the little sufferer, and when death came at 5:40 p. m., it was a surprise to all, as it was thought she was recovering The doctor who came down from Capa, gave it as his opinion, that death resulted from spasms. Little Stella was one year, seven months and seventeen days old, and a bright and active child who was loved and petted by all. Kind friends ministered to the needs of the bereaved family, and gentle hands prepared the little form for its last resting place. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter departed, Thursday, for Springerton, Ill., where funeral services and interment will be held. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to them, in this their hour of sorrow."

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Minnesota Division—

Mr. R. C. Wood drew the second trick at Tracy, and is making good there.

Mr. J. L. Keegan has been off duty for some time on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. J. P. Banks, regular third trick man at Rochester.

Mr. W. J. Maxfield gets third trick at Sanborn, which was made vacant by Mr. Wood.

Mr. J. B. Carpenter is laying off a few days, and is being relieved by Mr. M. M. Zeches.

Mr. A. O. Titus, former day telegrapher at Watertown, has resigned to engage in some other calling, the nature of which we are unable to state. The vacancy was filled by Mr. H. Olson, the regular night man at that point.

Mr. T. F. Carroll, third trick at Waseca, is off duty a few days; Mr. A. McDonald is relieving him.

The day job at Canby is on bulletin. Mr. H. E. Spornitz has resigned to enter the restaurant business at Canby.

Mr. A. J. Walz is holding the position until bulletin expires.

Mr. R. A. Pfefferly drew third trick at Sleepy Eye on bulletin. His old position at Lewiston is being filled temporarily by Telegrapher Zeige.

There is a new man by the name of Richardson working second trick at Janesville.

Mr. W. A. Wagner is laying off for a short time, and is being relieved by Mr. H. J. Johnson, a new man.

Mr. F. W. Mosher is laying off to look after his interest in the bottling works.

I notice that, with few exceptions, the boys on the Middle Division are never cut in on No. 63 wire. I can call the telegrapher at one of the smaller stations on No. 63 and never get an answer, but as soon as I cut in and call on No. 61 he will answer up at once. This shows that the telegrapher is there but has the instrument plugged. Bad biz.

This may sound like a sermon, but I do not wish anyone to take it in the wrong light. It certainly is a fact, that if we do our best to give good service we will get good treatment in return.

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Chicago Terminals, Wisconsin Division—

Bro. Williams, who was working first trick extra at Highland Park during Bro. Anholt's illness, became sick on Friday, March 5. He was relieved by a man representing himself as Dolan, who relieved the cash drawer and safe of all the loose change, aggregating about $50.00. This is an argument in favor of the closed shop. If it had been necessary that he show a union card, he could not have gone to work under an assumed name, could have been easily traced, and it would be but a short time until he would have been in the clutches of the law.

Signs of spring are appearing on this division; the telegraphers are commencing to move. Seven jobs have been bulletined within the past few weeks, which are as follows: Highwood, agency; Lake Forest, first trick; Central St. "NI" tower, third trick; Kenosha, third trick; Woodstock, day telegrapher; Waukegan, third trick; Lake Shore Jct., third trick.

Mr. Faucet, agent at Highwood, secured Capron on bid, but "lost out" to some older man who bid for it. He is now working as agent at Glencoe.

Mr. Hinsmith, of Lake Forest, first trick, was assigned to Highland Park agency on bid.

Mr. Wagner, the relief agent, resigned after being checked out at Highland Park and refusing to go to Highwood.

Bro. Kaspari, of Central Street, third trick, goes to Wood street, first trick.

Mr. Jones, of Waukegan, third trick, secured Central Street on bulletin

The track elevation at Evanston is to commence in earnest on April 1. Mr. Posey, one of the trick dispatchers, is to have charge of the telegraphic end of it.

Bro. Jackoby, of Howerd Ave., Rogers Park, and the three brothers at Central St., Boyington, Curtis and Kaspari, will be dispatchers, according to the telephonic list placed in the offices of the elevating department.

A sad and fatal accident occurred Sunday, March 14, to the wife and child of Bro. Gore, relief agent at Glencoe. The baby's clothing caught fire, and in trying to extinguish the blaze the mother's clothing became ignited. She, being panic-stricken, ran outside, where she soon became unconscious. She revived long enough to tell Bro. Gore how it occurred. The mother died at 2 p. m., and the baby at 3 p. m., Sunday. Bro. Gore has the sympathy of the telegraphers. He is now working as agent at Irving Park, in the Terminals. The members have started a list, which is now in the hands of Bro. Connors, of Kenilworth, and if anyone has been overlooked he can mail his contribution to Bro. Connors, who will see that Bro. Gore receives it. The O. R. T. boys presented a pillow of flowers with "O. R. T." on it to Bro. Gore at the funeral.

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Wisconsin Division—

The meetings at Harvard and Waukegan were well attended, and the members who were absent missed something, as Bro. Troy was with us and the evenings were pleasantly spent.

Bro. Himmler, from Highland Park, Ill., has gone in the grocery business at Highwood.

Now, that our local chairman has been relieved of working a twelve-hour trick, we will have regular meetings at Waukegan.

Bro. E. Jacobitz, third trick telegrapher at Kewaskum, is on the sick list. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. H. C. Murray, who worked the second trick at Jackson, left for the West on account of his health, and Mr. W. J. Hepburn, who was on third, has gone to Kansas. Railroad work did not agree with them and they are looking for positions with the W. U. Telegraph Co.

Mr. H. E. Evans, agent at Capron, Ill., has been placed on the pension list. Telegrapher Thomas Nolan, from Woodstock, received the position by bulletin. The position of first telegrapher has been abolished and Bro. Nolan is working as agent and handling first trick.

Bro. Chas. Regan, of Capron, recently enjoyed a week's vacation, being relieved by Bro. Cameron, from the Canadian Pacific.

Bro. Bixby, of Shopiere, is on the sick list, and is being relieved by Telegrapher P. Woodbury.

Bro. Chas. Regan has taken the third trick at Shopiere until he can secure a more desirable position.

We have seen no Wisconsin Division news in THE TELEGRAPHER for some time, owing to the fact that we have no regular correspondent, but at the next meeting we expect to elect a man to the position so we can be represented regularly. We very often hear complaints on account of no items appearing from this division, but those who complain are as much at fault as anyone else, as they never render any assistance in this direction. Take one hour every fifteenth of the month and write up the news and send to the correspondent or to your local chairman and he will forward to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

Positions bulletined and filled this year are as follows:

Janesville, second trick, J. L. Mulvanney.
Central St. Tower, third trick, T. J. Kaspari.
Crystal Lake, third trick, G. W. Whitney.
Lake Forest, second trick, E. F. Radke.
Sharon, second trick, J. L. Montgomery.
Kenosha, second trick, W. P. Dempsey.
Twin Lakes, second trick, C. H. Lund.
Salem, second trick, H. A. Stocker.
Jackson, second trick, T. Scheaffer.
Jackson, third trick, W. I. Oyler.
Rockfield, second trick, N. I. Lockwood.
Granville, third trick, T. G. Kaiser.
Lake Bluff, third trick, G. F. Brandt.
Sharon, third trick, T. Burns.
Highland Park, agency, J. W. Rheinsmith.
Glencoe, agency, J. H. Faucett.
South Janesville, third trick, Telegrapher Edwards.

When bidding for positions on bulletin mail a copy of the application to the local chairman, which will keep him informed as to what is being done. DIV. COR.

Ashland Division—

At our last meeting in January the following officers were elected to serve our local division for one year from time of election: Bro. D. R. Hickok, chief telegrapher; Bro. P. W. Raettig, first vice-chief telegrapher, and Bro. Chas. Krumrey re-elected secretary.

While on the subject of elections it might be well to report the result of the recent election for local chairman, delegate, etc. Bro. L. F. Nelson was re-elected local chairman and was also elected delegate to represent the Peninsula and Ashland Divisions at the grand convention, which convenes at Atlanta, Ga., in May. Bro. D. R. Hickok was elected alternate. Bro. Nelson wishes to thank the brothers on this division for their loyal support in this election.

The seniority list is at present being revised in the superintendent's office, and ere this appears will probably be in the hands of your local chairman. Several errors in the old list will be corrected. Through an error, Mr. J. R. Carmany's seniority is not stated correctly on the old list. It should be April 11, 1905. This will correct the mistaken impression held by some of the brothers that Mr. Carmany was not entitled to Summit Lake agency, which he received on bulletin.

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Bro. E. M. Coffman, agent at Hatley, but are unable to give the name of the fortunate young lady. We extend him the congratulations of the Ashland Division brothers.

Bro. H. A. Sechrist, who formerly worked at Ulao and other points on the Lake Shore Division, is at his home at Glen Rock, Pa., sick with the dreaded disease tuberculosis. He has been sick now for over a year and is rapidly failing. He asks the brothers to render him whatever financial assistance they can. As Bro. Sechrist was always a loyal O. R. T. man, you are asked to do what you can for him.

Bro. H. Verqowe, working on the C. P. in Canada, is at New London on a visit.

We are in receipt of a postal from Bro. J. N. Jacoby, at Big Timber, Mont., who says that he will pay the Ashland Division boys a visit in June.

Mr. F. E. Klug is at present holding down Kimberly days. Bro. Leurquin went to Rhinelander on bulletin.

Bro. Jones, at Wittenberg, promises to contribute an article to these columns next month on how to do proper blocking, and the value of promptly reporting trains to the train dispatcher.

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Bro. Shimeck was elected local chairman on the Lake Shore Division, and Bro. Hackbert, of Appleton, was elected delegate to represent the Nor. Wis. and L. S. Divisions.

Bro. Garvey, at Saxon, paid his parents at Kaukauna a short visit last month.

North End, Ashland Division—

Bro. Lethenstrom was exchanging grips with the brothers at Rhinelander office last Thursday.

Mr. J. R. Carmany, second trick at Rhinelander, received Summit Lake on bulletin. Bro. Matz, from Flambeau, relieved while Rhinelander office was on bulletin. Bro. Leurquin received Rhinelander second trick.

Bro. Atchison, Tomahawk Lake, made a flying trip to Milwaukee, March 6, on account of the illness of his wife. She is now much better.

Mr. Nelson, at Woodruff, was off a few days last month, Bro. Matz relieving him.

F. E. Klug, of the south end, was at Conover for a few days while Bro. Hutchins was making up his mind whether he would quit. He finally concluded to stay with Conover for a while longer.

Mr. Thomas is holding down Bessemer office since last fall and still we wait for a bulletin of the position. A $70.00 job, too.

It seems strange when a brother gets a paying station on bulletin he at once loses all interest and drops his membership in the Order. Mr. Nelson, at Woodruff, Mr. Heinrichs, at Mercer, and Mr. Hoye, at Wakefield, are three bad examples on the north end, and they are all men who worked for $40 and $45 before the O. R. T. came on the C. & N.-W. Ry. DIV. COR.

Eastern Division—

A CARD OF THANKS.

Myself and family desire to thank the brothers of the Eastern District for the manner in which they so cheerfully and voluntarily came to our aid during my late misfortune. Although words cannot express our thanks we hope this will convey to your minds the gratitude we feel.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JAMES M. FRIEND,
Charleston, Neb.

C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.

Eastern District, Wisconsin Division—

Employes of the Ohama were shocked to hear of the sudden death at St. Paul of Mr. H. C. Hope, superintendent of telegraph. The telegraphers on this line feel that they have suffered a personal loss in the death of Mr. Hope. He was a good friend of the telegraphers and always took a deep interest in everything pertaining to their welfare.

We are informed that Mr. Geo. Boyce has been appointed Mr. Hope's successor. This appointment will be a source of satisfaction to all concerned.

Bro. Marquette, local chairman of the Northern District, met with a severe injury at Shell Lake some time ago. While pushing a baggage truck across the platform he slipped on the ice and a trunk fell on him, badly lacerating his leg. At the time of this writing he is still confined to the house while the injured limb slowly heals. He has the sympathy of all.

A little bird whispered to us that before this is in print, the gentlemanly cashier at New Richmond will be a benedict. Ed will carry with him the very best wishes of a host of friends among the telegraphers.

Mr. E. R. Swanson, second trick telegrapher at Eau Claire, has resigned, and is now employed as clerk in the freight office at Eau Claire. This will be a good job for some of the old heads when bulletined.

Bro. A. W. Hoffman has been relieving in the general office at St. Paul during the absence of one of the regular men.

Bro. H. Gaarden spent a few weeks at Cameron, relieving Bro. Steiner, who was on the sick list. Bro. Steiner has fully recovered and Bro. Gaarden is now back on his regular job, second trick at Woodville.

Bro. Kvool held down the second trick at Knapp while Bro. Kanar was relieving at East St. Paul.

Bro. H. J. Pope on first trick while Bro. Pete Anderson holds down the agent's chair pending the appointment of a regular agent.

Bros. Liddane and Tenney spent several days in St. Paul on committee work. Bro. Kanar relieved Bro. Liddane. The latter cleaned up several grievances while off and reports a clean slate on returning to work.

The election is now over and notice of the result has been sent to all members. It is now up to us to support those whom we have chosen to lead us for the next two years. Their path will be anything but smooth at the best, and the least they can expect is the united support of those who have elected them. Help them all you can, boys, and you will find that they will deliver the goods.

Following are assignments on February bulletin: Stanton, A. T., C. V. Fletcher; Barronette, second trick, R. W. Carey; Rice Lake, first trick, H. E. Harbour; Duluth, D. T., G. E. Anderson.

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Minnesota and Iowa Division—

There has been a radical change in the weather since last we gave you the benefit of a collection of items. Then we were being visited by a blizzard from the Northwest; now we are enjoying balmy spring days, and indications are that our winter weather has passed and bright, pleasant spring is here.

Business on the M. & I. division has been exceptionally good for the past two months, whether caused by the lifting of the recent blockade we are unable to say, but we are inclined to believe that such is not the case.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of our old friend, Chas. Fairfield, of St. James. It is reported that as soon as he is able he will have to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Bro. A. P. Jamieson, of Lake Crystal, is relieving him.

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Bro. M. E. Haggerty, of Mendota, is relieving Bro. Jamieson at Lake Crystal.

We were surprised and sorry to hear that Bro. A. M. Kehrer, of Mankato, has resigned. For the present he has accepted service with the G. N. Ry. at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Bro. Funk is doing the day stunt at Mankato, and Mr. G. A. Dauffenbaugh, from the Wisconsin Division, is relieving Bro. Funk.

Bro. Kilburg has been doing the agent's stunt at Minneopa vice Bro West.

Bro. F. W. Larson, of the G. N. Ry., is visiting his parents and friends at Madelia.

Bro. Alfred Backer was called to Minneapolis early in March where his father was quite sick. He was relieved by Bro. M. E. Hagerty.

Mr. E. C. Callan, of Woodstock, was laying off; relieved by Mr. J. H. Johnson, of Shakopee.

We understand that Mr. F. E. Straka, formerly agent at Shakopee, has been appointed tariff inspector at Hudson, Wis., and Mr. H. M. Helenaick has a like appointment at St. Paul.

Bro. H. E. Reed, of Lake Wilson, has taken a ninety days' leave of absence, to enable him to give his new position, as cashier in C. T. Spear's office at St. Paul, a trial. He was relieved by Bro. Stolte.

Bro. Wm. Hale has been absent from his duties on account of his wife's ill health, Bro. Levering officiating in his stead. Bro. C. N. Williams relieved Bro. Levering, and later went to Le Sueur as relief.

Local Chairman Tenney was absent from his office a few days lately. On the 8th inst. he transacted business with Mr. Slaker and Mr. Hickey at St. James and also with General Chairman Liddane at St. Paul. Bro. Tenney was re-elected to succeed himself as local chairman, and was also chosen representative to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga. Bro. G. R. McGinity is his alternate. Bro. Tenney and wife will join Bro. W. J. Liddane and wife and the four will join Bro. Marquette, of the Wisconsin Division, and it is safe to say their trip to Atlanta will be one long to be remembered.

Bro. Wagner, of Garden City, is keeping bachelor hall while his wife is visiting in South Dakota.

Bro. and Mrs. C. M. Bowen, of Lake Crystal, took in the inaugural doings at Washington, D. C., returning on the 11th inst. Mr. A. B. Griffith, of Blue Earth, relieved Bro. Bowen.

The vacancies on the March Bulletin were filled as follows: Carnes, agent-telegrapher, O. J. Smith, Lake Wilson, A. T., A. G. Lane; Su City Shops, D. T., R. A. Westbrook; Savage, third trick, G. F. Stucke; Madelia, third trick, Geo. Jarman; Belle Plaine, second trick, J. H. Johnson; Worthington, third trick, J. M. Locke.

Our old friend, N. S. Costello, of Lake Crystal, with his family, visited relatives at Brewster Sunday, March 21st.

Now that we are fairly working on a basis, and conditions have assumed their normal state, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and boost for our living. Keep your eyes open, and when you see or hear of a new man on the division, write the local chairman, first finding out particulars. If he is a member, ascertain to what division he belongs; also get his name and certificate number, which should be given in your letter. This will assist in making and keeping the membership on our division solid. CERT. 251.

Northern District—

Bro. Marquette wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members for electing his local chairman of the Northern District. He now expects their hearty co-operation and support, for without that his work would be of no avail. If we are to be successful we must all work in unison—"United we stand, divided we fall." Too many think that once their committee is appointed, their part is done. Not so. The committee's hands are tied without the support of the membership. How can you support them? First by promptly paying your dues, and then by keeping you eagle eye open for nons. Do not sit idly in your office and permit a non to work with you, and not find out that this road is organized. You are on the ground and should be able to land him. How many brothers on this division have, during the past year, placed one new member to their credit? If every one would show the proper spirit, this road would soon be solid. Remember, a word from you in the right way is worth any argument your local chairman can put up in writing to a non. This is the way you can help your committee and yourself.

Then, there is your duty to your superiors. Don't sit in your office and listen to your call and not answer it. Always answer promptly. If the dispatcher says something to you that apparently is not within the bounds of reason, don't take offense and cause ill-feeling. He has his troubles and has to answer to his superiors. Be prompt with your correspondence and reports, the sooner they are off your hands the better. Did you ever stop to think how these little things help to win promotion and make the officials appreciate your services? If you do your part, when the committee is before the management for a revision of the schedule, they can truthfully say to the officials "the men do their duty and are deserving."

Local Chairman Marquette met with a serious accident, February 27th, cutting his leg on a trunk at the depot at Shell Lake, which incapacitated him for a month. We are pleased to hear that he is steadily improving, and will soon be at his post again. He was relieved by Bro. E. W. Crandall, from the M. & I. Division, who was later relieved by a Mr. Christie.

We neglected to mention at the time, the transfer of Bro. McElroy, of Bayfield, to the agency at Hayward. This is a good station, and we are glad to see our brother get it. Some new man is at Bayfield.

We are glad to know that Bro. Anderson secured Duluth on bulletin.

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We received a very pleasant call from Bro. Brodt, of Clear Lake, who has been appointed traveling tariff inspector of the Northern District. He placed our tariff case in up-to-date condition as required by Uncle Sam.

Bro. Ray F. Biggar is taking an extended lay-off, on account of poor health, and is being relieved by Bro. Crowell.

Results of February bulletin are as follows:

Stanton, A. T., C. V. Fletcher.

Barronett, second trick, R. W. Carey.

Rice Lake, first trick, H. E. Harbour.

Duluth, D. T., G. E. Anderson.

In the recent death of Mr. H. C. Hope, our esteemed superintendent of telegraph and signals, we have lost a good friend. He was dear to all on the road, and a great friend to the telegraphers. A man whose place can not be easily filled in the hearts of the men, and they will all miss him and his good work. The O. R. T. presented a large and beautiful wreath at the funeral. We earnestly hope that his successor will possess the same sterling qualities as did our former superintendent.

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Nebraska Division—

As Bro. Jones has furnished me with a few items, and I have been able to glean a few myself, I will again contribute a write-up from this division.

Bro. Jones relieved Agent Schrumpf, at Laurel, for a day or two, while the latter went to dispatcher's office to take the examination.

Mr. Ayers, the agent at Thurston, took a couple of days off recently, to attend to business in Omaha; relieved by Bro. Jones.

Mr. Reed, the agent at Lyons, recently took another trip to California, to see his wife and son. He was relieved by Bro. Foutts.

Bro. O. A. Reveal, who worked as telegrapher at Lyons for several weeks, has left the service.

Bro. A. W. Barge, agent at Hoskins, has gone into the train service, on account of being more in the open air. He will get plenty of the fresh variety in the train service all right. The station was bulletined and bid in by Bro. B. E. Crouch, of Wayne, who has entered upon his duties at that place. Bro. Barge was relieved by Mr. Crinklaw, from Pender, until Bro. Crouch took charge. Mr. Phillips, extra man on the road relieved Bro. Crouch, at Wayne, until Mr. Crinklaw could get there to fill the vacancy.

Bro. C. E. Hedges, second trick at Wakefield, bid in vacancy at Pender, as telegrapher, and has taken up his duties there. Bro. Foutts changed from first trick to second trick at Wakefield, account more money in it. Did not hear who was working first trick.

Telegrapher C. P. Wilson bid in the second trick at Emerson. Bro. Dygert leaving the service.

We understand that Bro. Ferber, at Maskell, bid in the telegraph job at Bloomfield, but reconsidered the matter. Bro. Gragscow is still on duty at Bloomfield.

Bro. Jones is doing the stunt at Tekamah, as clerk, during the absence of the agent, Bro. Ballinger. Our old-time friend C. H. Hamblin, again takes the helm as agent here for a couple of months.

Bro. Carney, first trick at North Yard, was off duty a few days, but we did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. Owens, agent at Magnet, was visiting in Wayne, one afternoon recently.

I wish the boys would keep me informed as to what is going on over the division. So many new men are coming to the line that, if someone near them, or in the same office does not give me the information, I am up against it. A small note would do the trick, and would be appreciated very much.

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Western Maryland Ry.

The general committee held a meeting at Gettysburg, March 23d, for the purpose of electing officers for the next two years, and transacting other important business.

The following is the result of the election: Bro. R. E. Smith, general chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; Bro. C. T. Rose, general secretary and treasurer, Gettysburg, Pa.; Bro. J. Harry Blocher, local chairman, Maryland Division, Alesia, Md.; Bro. Sommerville, local chairman, West Virginia Division, Gorman, W. Va.

After the meeting adjourned, we were favored with an entertainment as follows:

Music—Gettysburg Band Quartette.

Address—Birth, Childhood and Present Status of Division No. 82, Bro. Smith.

Solo—Rain-in-the-Face, Bro. Gardner.

Monologue and Jokes—Bro. Hickerson.

Music—Band Quartette.

Impersonation — Shakespeare's Hamlet, Bro. Sommerville.

Duet—They Were All Doing the Same, Bros. Berger and Rose.

Scenic Dancing—Bro. Blocher.

Final—America—Everybody, and the Band Quartette.

It is understood that some of the members are a little discouraged, thinking there is nothing being done. To such I would say that the schedule is drawn up and ready to present to the general manager, who promises to meet the committee as soon as the road is reorganized. This, he states, will be done in the near future.

A few of the members have been sending dues to Bro. L. W. Quick, this should be discontinued, and remittances in payment of dues forwarded to our general secretary and treasurer. Remittances in payment of insurance assessments only, should be sent to Bro. Quick.

All members, with the exception of one or two, have paid dues for current term. Let us remit promptly and carry up-to-date cards. Remember, "No Card, No Favors."

Brothers are cautioned not to use railroad stationery in transacting O. R. T. business, as this is in violation of law.

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We experienced a snow storm and blizzard this month. Considerable damage was done between Hampstead and Emory Grove, on the B. & H. Division; the snow being about 16 inches deep on the level. All trains were tied up for a day. Telegraph poles and wires were down, practically all communication was suspended for three days.

On the night of March 7th, the freight house at Chambursburg was robbed, but have not learned what was missing.

Conductor Wallet, of Hanover, Pa., made a trip south last montn. He reports a very nice time, but says "no New Mexico living for me."

The extra telgraphers are getting an abundance of work at present. A number of the boys spent several days in Washington and attended the inauguration.

Telegrapher M. F. Birely, first trick at Highfield, was off duty a few days last month, on account of the illness and death of his son. He was relieved by Bro. Harbaugh.

Bro. Loy, second trick at Thurmont, was off duty one day recently; relieved by Bro. Breighner.

Bro. Hoke, third trick at Gorman, W. Va., has been laid up for some time, on account of sickness. We hope he will be able to soon resume duty.

Bro. Ernst, of Hampstead, was off two nights recently, visiting relative in Porters.

Telegrapher Martin, second trick at Hampstead, was relieved two nights by Bro. Tuck. Mr. Martin has been moving.

Bro. Mummert, third trick at York, resigned last month. He is going to Savannah, Ga., in search of a better position, and we all wish him success. Telegrapher H. Dubbs filled the vacancy at York.

Bro. Kalebaugh, second trick at Hanover, is spending a day with friends at Hampstead; relieved by Bro. Breighner.

Bro. Berger, third trick at Gettysburg, recently made a business trip to Baltimore.

Bro. Breighner relieved telegrapher Perren, of Lawndale, for one day.

Get busy and send your correspondent all the items you can get together. We have not heard from the West Virginia Division for some time.

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Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Southern Division—

We are sorry to learn that Bro. E. N. Tapley has been sick at his home in Robinsons, and unable to work all winter.

Mr. M. W. Mosher, freight clerk at Brownsville, recently took a trip to Washington, D. C. He was relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. J. B. Cookson was off duty a few days recently, and was relieved by Mr. Mosher.

Bro. Whipple has returned to his old stand at K. I. Works, after spending the winter in the State of New York, on account of his health, which we are glad to state has improved. He has been working a private line.

Bro. E. J. Matthews, who has been doing relief work at Stockton all winter, has bid in Staceyville station, and will assume charge at that point as soon as relieved.

Mr. M. J. Goodere, of Limestone, secured Stockton agency, on bulletin.

Bro. Hamilton drew Patton assistant's position, on bulletin, and has taken up his duties there.

Bro. Ingus is relieving at Millinocket freight offices, while the position is up for bid.

Bro. Bamford secured Sherman, nights, on bulletin.

Bro. Williamson, of Norcuss, recently spent Sunday at Milo, with relatives.

It is understood that Bro. Crozier, who is located at Moason Junction, is contemplating buying an auto this spring.

Bro. C. R. Bowley, who is now located at North Jay, on the N. C. R. R., recently spent a week at Staceyville. He was formerly employed on the B. & A. Ry.

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Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry.

Rochester Division—

Our worthy Local Chairman, Bro. L. P. O'Brien, has appointed me "scribe" of this division, to look after our write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER. I will cheerfully do my best to send in a good, lively article each month, if the brothers along the Rochester Division will do their part, by contributing their "mite." You must understand it is impossible for me to get all the news of the Rochester Division without assistance, and if each one who gets hold of any items of interest, however insignificant, will send it to me on a postal card at 15 Ringle Place, Rochester, you will be helping along a good cause.

As I read the write-ups from various railroads, I notice two-thirds of them contain a request that the members interest themselves more in sending these little items of news to the division correspondent. Let us see if we can not have a write-up each month hereafter that will not contain these "appeals." The item may not concern you personally, but do not wait for some one else to send it in, because he may not send it, then it will, perhaps, go unpublished.

I am sure a division in as good standing, and as near solid as ours, should be well represented each and every month, and with your co-operation it will be. All push together and results are sure to follow both in the securing of new members and in the awakening of interest in old members.

If a non on our division sees a journal month after month, in which there is no mention of "B. R. & P., Division No. 92" he will think we are a "dead-letter," and one can not blame him for not showing any special interest in the matter of filling out his "papers."

If you should think this attempt, or any succeeding one of sufficient interest, mark it and lend your journal to some non-member. Getting them interested in a friendly way is much better, to my way of thinking, than threats, etc.

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Endeavor to secure at least one application, and notice how soon we will be able to call ourselves "solid." There are some fine prizes offered in June for applications. Try for a ring or charm at least. "Your Uncle Dudley" has a ring nearly cinched already, and there is not an awful lot of material to work on at this end either. "13" there are several nons strung along the division, who would be glad to join if approached in the right way.

Bro. L. P. O'Brien requests me to state that he has been elected to the local chairmanship for another term. Bro. H. R. Childs was elected delegate, and Bro. O'Brien, alternate, to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., in May. There was no opposition to any of the above candidates. The necessary vote was cast by the secretary, thereby making it unnecessary to send out ballots.

Bro. Carney, of "MS," dispatcher's office, off a few days recently; relieved by Mr. Green, from Silver Lake Junction.

Bro. Childs, of "W," Warsaw, was off duty for a week, and was also relieved by Mr. Green.

With a final "plea" for your co-operation in this work, I will "plug out." DIV. COR.

Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

Chicago Division, of System Division No. 93, held its regular meeting at Gilman, Ills., March 13th.

Meeting called to order by Chief Telegrapher Bro. Walters. Members present, fifteen. After the usual routine of business, we proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. Bro. R. R. Searl, of Savoy, Ill., was elected chief telegrapher; Bro. Reynolds, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Hupp, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Barr, secretary and treasurer; Bro. Newton, inside sentinel; Bro. Tune was appointed outside sentinel. Bro. Morrison was prevented from being present by sickness at home. We were sorry to note the brother's absence, as he always gives the members good advise and instruction. He wrote a letter expressing his regret, and conveying his best wishes, for the success of the craft.

Try to attend the meetings as often as possible, and let us endeavor to make them instructive by making notes of perplexing matters that come up during the daily routine of business and bringing them to the meetings for discussion. Such a course on the part of each and every one of us would make the meetings not only interesting but instructive, and I have no doubt but that our officials would encourage such action and aid us to attend meetings, and, moreover, would attend themselves to instruct and assist us.

Bro. Woolley, of Pesotum, is laying off, attending to the duties of township collector, being relieved by J. R. Billingsby.

I take this means to request Bros. Stone, Marshall, Pendergast and Burkey to send news from their respective divisions. Items should reach me not later than the 17th of each month. Any brother hearing news of interest will please notify the correspondent, who will see that the item reaches the journal in time for publication.

J. F. C.

Peoria Division—

We trust that the Order will be just as prosperous during the present year as the one just ended, and such will be the case if we put our shoulder to the wheel and push things along.

Bro. C. J. Walker has been re-elected local chairman for the Peoria Division, and it is to be hoped that everyone will do all in his power to make the membership on this division solid.

Only one contribution has been received this month, so don't complain if the items from this division are brief. Certainly each brother could send at least one item. Remember the old saying, "every little bit helps." I am doing all I can to have Peoria Division well represented each month, but unless the membership comes across and assists me I will have to give it up as a "bad job."

Business seems to be improving and quite a number of extra trains are running. Local freight business is reported heavier by the local crews. We are glad to see this; let the good work continue.

Bro. E. E. Boyer, agent at New Harmony, took a vacation of sixty days and spent the time touring the South, visiting Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., Palmetto, Brandentown and Tampa, Florida. He also visited New Orleans, La., where he witnessed the Mardi Gras parades. He was relieved by Bro. Caster, from the extra list. Bro. Boyer reports a royal good time.

Druing the past year a large number of new members have been initiated into this division. We have made a good showing and we are proud of it, but we want to make this year a banner year and we can do so if we make the proper effort. There are a few nons in the service who have been with us for some time, but we are after them and have strong hopes of landing them in the near future. Whenever a new man comes to work It is our duty to go after him and find out whether he has an up-to-date card and if not ascertain why. Don't take no for an answer, but make it so warm for him that he will be glad to come across and do the right thing. We need these men in the Order and they need us.

Bro. C. J. Walker, local chairman, was in Anna, a few days in March, to assist in auditing the books of the general secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. L. Shannon. He was relieved by Bro. Caster, from the extra board. CERT. 1315.

Louisiana Division—

After a storm a calm. Not exactly a storm, but a red-hot campaign. This was the most interesting election held for several years and one of the most harmonious. Bro. J. W. Miller was elected local chairman by a substantial majority. Bro. F. E. Rehorst was elected representative and Bro. C. A. Head alternate. The local board of adjust-

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ment for this division is made up as follows: Bro. Miller, chairman; Bro. W. B. Sanders, Yazoo District; Bro. W. H. Serrett, Canton District, and Bro. S. C. Turner, McComb District.

Bro. E. I. Bordages, "CO," New Orleans, has been appointed division correspondent, and all items for THE TELEGRAPHER should be sent to the local chairman, who will turn them over to Bro. Bordages.

We have an excellent local board of adjustment; all hustlers and enthusiastic members, and it goes without saying that grievances will be handled promptly and in a satisfactory manner. Members are invited to co-operate with the local board. Individual effort is what we most desire.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Mc Comb, Sunday night, March 14. Owing to inclement weather, a large crowd did not materialize. Several applications for membership were considered and several grievances were acted upon. Bro. J. G. Hayes occupied the chair. Regular monthly meetings will be held at McComb every second Sunday night. Members will please bear the date in mind, as notices will not be sent out for the McComb meeting in future. Meetings will be held at Jackson, Miss., occasionally, for the benefit of the Yazoo and Natchez Districts of the Y. & M. V., as they are unable to attend meetings at McComb. Members will be notified by card of the Jackson meetings.

Our general committee will convene at Memphis, Mrch 24, to elect a general chairman and general secretary and treasurer, also an assistant general chairman, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

Bro. S. N. West, second trick at Gwin, Miss., had his card stolen by a telegrapher named C. A. Morey, who came into the office during Bro. West's absence. Card is in Division No. 93, Certificate No. 2815. This man is headed north, and if card is presented, take it up and return it to the general secretary and treasurer of Division 93.

Bro. C. Galvani is still at his home in Magnolia, Miss. in a precarious condition from a stroke of paralysis and his life is despaired of. Bro. T. S. Akers is acting as agent at Manchac during Bro. Galvani's illness.

Maj. J. B. Kemp, who has been division superintendent of the I. C. and Y & M. V. at different points for the past twenty-five years, died in New Orleans, March 6, and was buried at Canton, Miss.

Bro. W. I. McFatter has resigned and is now working for the Western Union at New Orleans.

Bro. Edward Moon, second trick at Jackson, Miss., has returned from a visit to relatives at Tupelo, Miss. DIV. COR.

Tennessee Division—

Everything seems to be moving along in the usual manner.

We have held our annual election, and officers for the ensuing year have been elected as follows: Bro. E. Cosgrove, Fulton, Ky., local chairman; Bro. E. L. Mathis, of Greenfield, Tenn., representative to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga.; Bro. W. B. Romine, alternate. Almost everyone is well pleased.

There is a rumor that telephones are to be installed on the Louisville Division. I was over that division a few days ago and could learn nothing about it.

Bro. Nesmith worked extra a few days at Cairo, Ill., ticket office.

Bro. Sowrey, of Illinois Jct., recently relieved the agent at Pulaski, Ill., for a few days, while Bro. Campbell relieved Bro. Sowrey at Illinois Jct.

Bro. Dye, of Ballard Jct., is off duty a few days, enjoying a visit home.

Bro. Arter, of Cairo ticket office, secured Mounds, nights, regular.

Bro. C. V. Lynch, of Wickliffe, Ky., is off a few days on vacation.

Bro. Edwards, of Bardell, nights, is visiting relatives at Louisville, Ky.

Bro. W. A. Wooldridge, formerly of Holly Springs, Miss., secured the position of assistant ticket agent and second trick telegrapher at Fulton, Ky., on bulletin.

Bro. E. Cosgrove, our local chairman, is in Chicago, looking after the interest of the Order; relieved by Bro. Scott, who is on extra board.

Extra Train Dispatcher S. L. Brown relieved Bro. J. E. House a few days in Fulton ticket office, on account of Bro. House being sick.

Bro. O. T. Buffalow, of Martin, Tenn., was off a few days recently on a business trip. Bro. O. H. McFarlin, of Martin, is off a few days visiting home folks in Medina, Tenn. Both were relieved by Extra Telegrapher Bro. J. E. House.

Bro. J. C. Mills, of Greenfield, Tenn., has not entirely recovered, although he is again at work.

Bro. D. T. McAdoo, of Lawrence, has just returned from his honeymoon. He was relieved by Mr. Morris, of Fulton, who was quite seriously injured by a train.

Bro. W. B. Maxwell, of Frogmoor, was sick and off duty a few days. He was relieved by Telegrapher McPiggott.

Bro. J. M. Graves, of Oxford, Miss., was sick and off duty for a few days; relieved by Bro. Matthews.

Bro. W. P. Hardaway, of Michigan City, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Greer.

Bro. C. S. Chandler, formerly of Gibbs, Tenn., landed Holly Springs, Miss., on bulletin.

Bro. W. H. Whitis, of Gibbs, was recently off for a few days, visiting home folks at Boaz and Paducah, Ky. He was relieved by Bro. A. E. Pace, an extra telegrapher.

We are all glad to learn of Bros. B. W. Akin and V. A. McClure being reinstated.

We have some four or five extra men, but they are kept busy, and at times it is hard to get relief.

No further news at present. I trust this is to be our banner year. Remember, organization is the only way to win. While we are nearly solid, we must not lose energy, but keep in touch with all newcomers, if there be any, and line them up as fast as possible. CERT. 1099.

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Mississippi Division—

Several new men are working on Grenada District, on account of Mardi Gras business.

The regular meeting was held at Grenada on the 7th inst., and quite a number were present, but not as many as should have been there.

Bro. Bull was nominated for local chairman without opposition. He was also nominated for representative with Bro. T. E. Winborn as opponent. It is hard to say who will be elected, but either will fill the bill satisfactorily. Bros. J. E. West and H. R. Western were nominated for alternates.

Bro. Crow, of West, has been rusticating for a few days this month; relieved by Bro. Prigmore.

Nesbitt and Sturges are bulletined.

Second trick at Sardis is also on bulletin, and is being held down at present by Bro. Shomette.

Mr. D. F. Coward was off duty for a few days this month on account of sickness in his family. We are glad to note that he is again on "deck" and reports that his wife is better.

The brothers will have to help out on the correspondence if they want items to be in the journal regularly. Just send to Bro. Bull any news you may have and he will forward it to me.

Hope to see a large crowd at Durant next meeting.

CERT. 1658.

Dubuque Division—

Bro. F. E. Conca, of Waverly, gets Masonville agency on bulletin.

Bro. C. B. Stocks, day telegrapher at Nashua, has resigned to go into other business. He was fourteen years in continuous service.

M. B. Norman secured third trick at Independence on bulletin.

Bro. S. V. Norman is relieving him for a short time, Bro. Norman being relieved at Charles City, nights, by A. G. Donahue.

C. A. Heath secured "CW," Waterloo, first trick, on bulletin.

Bro. O. O. Kilgore is acting as relief agent at Masonville until regular man is checked in.

Bro. J. J. Duffy is filling the bill to perfection as agent at Dyersville.

Bro. B. A. Patrick is working relief on third trick and Bro. C. O. Butler working relief on second trick at "CW," Waterloo.

Bro. S. V. Braden, of first trick "FE," Independence, was the oldest applicant for first trick at "CW," Waterloo, but after looking over the situation, decided that he would not be making much money on a $7.50 raise in salary and a $20.00 raise in rent.

Mr. W. R. McKelvie, of the I. & D. Division of the Milwaukee, is doing the relief act in Bro. Stocks' place at Nashua, until bulletin bid is filled.

Mr. L. J. Smith, of the dispatcher's office, Dubuque, did the dispatching on Albert Lea District during the recent "wireless" period. All wires were down between Independence and Waterloo for nearly two weeks and "smoke signals" were about the only means the trains had of getting over the road between these points.

O. E. Sternberg, of "X," Chicago, was at Waterloo as "wire chief" while the wires were being lined up again.

Bro. W. J. Fitz, of "KB," Dubuque, nights, took a short vacation and went to New Orleans to take in the Mardi Gras. Understand Bro. A. S. Mould acted as his relief. Bro. Mould lately returned from the Southern Pacific.

Bro. J. F. Brown was assisting Bro. F. W. Lacy at "KB," Dubuque, days, during the time of the wire trouble.

Work on the new electric interlocking tower at Dubuque Junction is progressing rapidly and it will only be a matter of a short time until the brothers at "JC" will have charge of one of the finest towers in the state. It will be located between the C. G. W. and I. C. tracks, about two blocks west of the old office.

Bro. M. F. Houlahan, of East Dubuque, was relieved a few days recently on account of the death of his brother at Ryan, Iowa. Bro. Houlahan has the sympathy of all in his bereavement.

Bro. J. E. Davis was recently off duty for thirty days and was relieved by Bro. F. E. Conca. Bro. Conca secured Masonville agency on bulletin.

Bro. M. S. Resor, third trick at Scales Mound, has resigned and expects to go to Kansas.

Mr. E. Parkhurst, agent at Lyle, has returned from his vacation and Bro. H. G. Farley, who relieved him has returned to second trick at Glenville.

Traveling Auditor W. G. Conner recently called on a few of the boys on the Albert Lea District and, as usual, found everything in "apple pie order."

It seems strange that we can't get news from the east end of the division. Someone had better get busy over there and keep us posted on what's going on.

At this writing Bro. Shannon, G. S. T., advises that most of the boys have paid their dues for the period January to June 30, 1909. Have *you* paid yours?

Keep after the nons. If a new man comes on the division and he is a member of some other division, secure his certificate and division number and advise Bro. Shannon in order that he may have him transferred to No. 93, as that is where he will do the most good.

Have you attended a meeting of the Key City Telegraphers' Club? Come down to the next meeting and see the "big doings."

LINE M. UP.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division—

We notice that the "Poetically Inclined" made a big noise in the February number of the journal. These poems add gaiety to the write-up and the journal, and if there are any poets on the Northwest Division let them come forth and be known.

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Bro. J. B. Duvall, who has been handling second trick at Rich Valley for some time, has secured the agency at Coates.

Bro. Vermillian, of Randolph, first trick, was transferred to Dodge Center, second trick. Telegrapher Sourchan relieved him.

Agent Hine, formerly of Elkton, is at present relieving W. L. Albrecht, agent at Fredericksburg.

Bro. F. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, is laying off for a couple of weeks and is being relieved by Bro. J. P. Trichler, from the Rock Island road.

Bro. C. E. Norris, agent at Inver Grove, was elected local chairman for the Northwest Division, to succeed Bro. H. R. Grannis, resigned. Bro. Norris is a staunch union man, a hard worker and a genial brother, and I am sure I voice the sentiments of all in declaring that a better choice could not have been made for local chairman.

Mr. J. P. Houston, at one time our chief dispatcher, and for the past few years train master of this division, has severed his connection with the C. G. W. Ry. and has accepted a position on the Milwaukee road as assistant superintendent. I feel safe in stating that Mr. Houston was better known and came closer to the hearts of the workingmen than any official this road has had for years, and we regret very much to have him leave us. We are confident that he will "make good" in his now position, and we are glad to know that other workingmen are to be governed by his just and honest hand.

Bro. F. G. Norris, second trick at Inver Grove, performed the strenuous duties of agent at that place while his brother, C. E. Norris, was acting on the committee.

Telegrapher Wallace, of West Concord, is reported sick, and Mr. A. B. Cook is relieving him.

Telegrapher E. L. Johnson, who has been working second trick at Vlasaty for some time, is laying off temporarily. A new man, Mr. I. B. Short, is relieving.

It is not necessary to comment upon the work of the general committee while that august body was negotiating with the railway officials. The results of their efforts are well known and we can only admit that far more was accomplished than was expected. The affairs of the railway company being in the condition in which they were, made the task a very difficult one, and the committee is to be congratulated upon their success. The treatment they received from the officials was beyond all reproach, and Mr. Cornellsen, general superintendent, showed them the greatest respect and courtesy. He took considerable interest in the telegraphers and their work, and spent an unusual amount of time and energy in assisting the committee in the revision of the schedule. At the close of the conference the members of the committee returned to their homes bearing a warm spot in their hearts for the general superintendent. With this feeling of loyalty and friendship existing between employer and employes, there can be but one result, and that is, faithful, prompt and obedient discharge of duty.

Bro. F. Cain, formerly of Coates, second trick, has been transferred to second trick at Rich Valley. He was relieved at Coates by Mr. F. W. Burns, a C. T. U. of A. man.

After completing the work of revising the schedule and adjusting other minor matters, General Chairman Albrecht started on a tour of inspection and organizing, and expects to visit every division and town on the system. There will be no escape for the nons now, and if you, Mr. Non, wish to keep your scalp and avoid an embarrassing interview with the enemy in your own den, my advice to you is, get a card and get it quick.

DIV. COR.

FREDERICKSBURG, IOWA, March 22, 1909.

To Members of Division No. 96:

The committee of Division No. 96 convened at St. Paul, on March 5th, for the purpose of revising our present schedule and making it conform with the federal nine-hour law.

The committee framed a new set of rules and changed the wage scale, where conditions required it, and presented same to General Superintendent O. Cornelisen, March 8th, and was in daily conference with him until negotiations were completed. On account of the road being in the hands of receivers, our outlook was not very promising, but even under these trying conditions we were able to secure a new working and wage scale which every member should feel proud of.

We now have the best schedule of any road entering the Twin Cities or Chicago, not excluding such roads as the C. & N. W., C. M. & St. P., C. R. I. & P., C. St. P. M. & O., and the C. B. & Q., and all lines that come in close contact with our line. We received money concessions, and also new rules, such as no other line has been able to secure. We were treated in the most courteous manner by the officials, who extended us the working conditions and wages that we requested, with a few exceptions.

The members of Division No. 96 should feel proud of the concessions granted by the officials, and appreciate the work done by their committee.

Now, brothers, you committee has returned, is with you day and night to fight your battles, and don't forget your duty as members. There is plenty of room for improvement. Be loyal to your employer and perform your duties promptly and well. Be men amongst men and when you show yourself thus, the officials will be glad to receive you with open arms and consider any grievance you may have.

They will be glad to meet this kind of working material and give you the benefit of any doubt that may arise in your case.

Will you do your part? Your committee has done its part and expect as much from you.

In conclusion, I wish to say that every member should make it his business to line up the nons remaining in the jurisdiction of Division No. 96. Should a non-member come in our midst, get acquainted with him, treat him kindly, show him the benefits to be derived from joining our Order,

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and kindly ask him to become one of us. Do not allow him to remain outside the fold without an effort on your part. If he does not then appreciate our Order or the company, he is not honest with himself and can not expect the others to have much respect for him.

Yours fraternally,

W. L. ALBRECHT, *General Chairman, Div. 96.*

Ft. Dodge Division—

With the help of the membership on the Ft. Dodge Division we are going to have a write-up each month, which will keep the boys interested, we hope, and possibly increase our membership, which has fallen off to some extent in the last year.

We are going to ask each member to send at least one item of interest, and as many more as convenient, to the local chairman not later than the 20th of each month, who will arrange in proper form and forward to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

Let each brother do his duty in this matter and not expect the local chairman to do all this work without assistance. He is not in a position to find out the changes as soon as they occur, and can not keep up interest in this work without the help of the membership.

By the time this is in your hands you will have a copy of the new schedule that our committee secured at St. Paul, March 12, 1909. Those of the boys who have seen a copy are greatly pleased with it, especially in regard to the third trick positions, which were put on an equal basis with the second trick positions with but few exceptions. This matter has been causing much ill feeling since the nine-hour law went into effect and was the principal reason for convening the committee. We understand that the negotiations were carried on in a friendly manner and that our committee was treated very courteously by the management and given every concession that was possible to be given at this time. The committee did its best to treat all members alike, having in mind the good of the membership as a whole and not favoring any one in particular. If there is any member who is the of the opinion that he was not fairly treated, we refer him to the general committee, who will gladly take care of his case with a view to adjusting any inequality that may exist.

Bro. A. G. Peterson, second trick at Harlan, bid in Irwin agency.

It is a source of satisfaction to note that positions are again being bulletined, thereby giving every one an equal chance for promotion.

Bro. Quirk, of Carroll, is working side table at Clarion. We can not say whether the position is permanent.

Bro. A. W. Hansen, second trick telegrapher at Eagle Grove, has taken the agency at Burchinal, former Agent Davis going to Meservey.

Bro. W. H. Mooney is relieving Bro. Hodges, of Redlyn, during his absence with the committee at St. Paul.

Bro. J. M. Poole, of Bristow, has been taking a much-needed vacation. H. L. Cole is doing the relief work.

Here's hoping you will wake up and get busy. Do all you can for the good of the Order by securing new members, keeping your local chairman posted on changes, and, above all, being a "live one," which does not mean to merely pay your dues and think you have done your part. If you desire these communications to continue, please show your colors by doing your part of the work, thereby encouraging those who are trying to keep up interest. CERTS. 102 AND 321.

Eastern Division—

The new schedule goes into effect April 1, with a few welcome changes in the rules. All third trick positions now pay the same as second.

Virgil has been opened as a night office, with Mr. Roy La Force in charge. This is the first time Virgil has ever had a night man, and is a good indication that business on this division is improving.

The following positions have been bulletined and filled: Sycamore, third trick, Bro. O. N. Jordan; Richardson, second trick, Bro. R. D. Keys; Esmond, agency, Mr. A. L. Rodgers; Kent, second trick, Bro. J. P. Downey; Stockton, third trick, Bro. Geo. Trezona; Dubuque, third trick, Mr. O. A. Quigley; Fair Grounds, second trick, Bro. H. C. Kelley; Farley, second trick, Mr. E. C. Fuller; Grof, agency, Bro. R. G. Lewis; Grof, second trick, Mr. Hudson; Farley, agency, Bro. E. S. Kretz.

Bro. Lennon, of Kidder, left on the 4th to take a ninety-day vacation. He is going on a farm in Minnesota to regain his health.

Telegrapher Shara, a new man, is working third trick at Farley.

Mr. A. M. Handsfield, of Chicago, went to Pearl City as relief but returned. He was relieved by Mr. C. R. Allen, who is at present relieving at Oneida.

Bro. N. H. Cornell, a N. P. man, is working third trick at Pearl City.

Bro. T. E. Penticoff, of Stockton, was the successful applicant for the agency at Wilkinson.

Bro. M. J. Martin, regular second trick man at Pearl City, relieved the agent, Bro. Basham, while he was in St. Paul on committee work.

Let every one consider himself an organizer and endeavor to line up his side-partner or neighbor. This would soon result in our being one hundred per cent strong on this end.

If a brother at each office would notify me when a change takes place I would be in a better position to give a complete write-up each month. It would only take a few minutes' time and would be of great assistance to me. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

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Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Fifth Division—

The February meeting was held in the Pulaski House, Savannah, Sunday, February 28th, with an encouraging attendance.

The matter of formally installing Bro. Tidwell, our new local chairman, was of considerable interest to those present, and consumed some time. We believe that Bro. Tidwell will make an efficient official, and every member should cheerfully render him assistance at any and all times.

A committee was appointed by Bro. Tidwell, to formulate resolutions relative to the resignation of Bro. Smith.

The advisability of the local chairman, requesting division officials (company) to address our meetings, when convenient, was discussed. It was the unanimous opinion of the members present that this plan would result in the betterment of the service, and increased capability of the members who attend and hear the talks made by our officials. In future such addresses will be a feature of our meetings, when convenient. Refreshments will be served at all our meetings, and we feel justified in anticipating an increased attendance.

Meeting for March will be held at Americus, and Bro. Castleberry has promised us some thing good in the way of refreshments.

We were pleased to note the attendance of Bro. Brown, of Fitzgerald, at the meeting in Savannah.

Bro. J. C. Smith was appointed secretary and division correspondent, and if you know of anything that would likely prove of interest to the membership, drop him a line at Bellville.

Bro. Z. B. Littlejohn is now located at "YN," Americus.

Bro. Tidwell is anxious that each member go to work on the few remaining nons, and secure their applications.

Those who are up-to-date, and who desire to keep themselves informed, not only relative to matters pertaining to the Order, but to the service in general, should make every reasonable effort to attend, not only one meeting, but all of them.

These meetings are going to prove very interesting and instructive, to say nothing of the pleasures of social intercourse. Our local chairman, as previously stated, is making an effort to secure the presence of our superintendent, assistant general freight agent, chief dispatcher, assistant general passenger agent, and others who will indicate those things in our daily routine duties that either add to their burden or lighten it, as the case may be. So wake up and let us have the pleasure of your presence at the next meeting.

CERT 147.

IN RECOGNITION.

WHEREAS, Bro. D. C. Smith, by reason of the increasing pressure of other duties, has found it necessary to sever his connection with our Order in an official capacity, and

WHEREAS, Bro. Smith has been closely identified with the Order as Local Chairman for several years past, during which time he has greatly aided in building up and maintaining a solid line-up, and

WHEREAS, His devotion to the Order and the individual members thereof, his unremitting patience, and his uniform good nature under various trying conditions, has endeared him to the membership, be it

Resolved, That we express to Bro. Smith our sincere appreciation of his labors in our behalf as an official, and our high regard for him as a brother, and that we extend to him our heartfelt wishes for his future prosperity and happiness, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, printed in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy mailed Bro. Smith.

W. T. WILLIAMS,
A. F. FANNING,
J. C. SMITH,
Committee.

San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Ry.

The result of election of delegate and alternate to the convention will not be known in time to publish in this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Therefore, it will appear in next month's number.

The promptness with which our members have sent in semi-annual dues, and the manner in which they voted for delegate and alternate, indicates that they are taking a keen interest in the affairs of the division.

Undoubtedly there are a number of brothers employed on the S. P. L. A. & S. L., who have not been transferred to this division. If such is the case, the brother, himself, or any member, knowing of such a case, would confer a favor by advising the general secretary and treasurer of this division, so transfer can be made.

Wish to thank the membership for courtesies extended to me since assuming office last June. Should I be your secretary at the time of rendering reports for the present year, I shall be able to get them to you at an earlier date, as the work and procedure will not be so new to me, as they were during the past year.

Any suggestions from the membership are always gladly received.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours in S. O. and D.,
L. R. TUTTLE,
G. S. and T. Div. No. 111.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

A meeting to elect officers was held at Hancock, February 28th. Bro. C. Rief, Lake Linden, was unanimously chosen for representative to the Grand Division, with Bro. E. J. Steusser, Seney, as alternate.

Election of officers as follows:

Chairman Mackinaw Division, Bro. M. B. Marsh, of Wetmore.

Chairman Houghton Division, Bro. Aug. Carlson, of Ishpeming.

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Chairman Western Division, Bro. M. J. Clossey, of Trout Creek.

Owing to the absence of Bros. Carlson and Marsh, no appointment was made for general chairman and general secretary and treasurer.

Bro. A. W. Stark, of Baraga, returned from a trip to Mexico, a few days ago. He was relieved by Bro. J. H. McLean, first trick at L'anse.

Bro. F. W. Knepple, agent at L'anse, recently spent a few days in Milwaukee. He was relieved by Bro. J. H. McLean.

Mr. Collins, of Keweenaw Bay, is absent on his wedding trip. He was relieved by Mr. Willman, the day telegrapher, who was in turn relieved by a Mr. Hamilton, from the N. P.

Mr. K. H. Gilbert, from the Omaha Ry., is now working second trick at L'anse.

Mr. D. H. Persons bid in second trick at Ishpeming, on bulletin.

Bro. M. J. Clossey, local chairman, reports the Western Division in very good shape, but he will have to do a little missionary work at several points along the line.

Bros. S. G. Warner, L. A. Draval and the general chairman checked up the books of Bro. C. Reif, the secretary, which were found to be in first-class condition.

Bro. R. G. Bishop, second trick at Nestoria, bid in the agency at Nestoria, relieving Mr. Flatley. Bro. Bishop was relieved by Bro. Adams, the third trick man, Bro. Ford taking third trick.

Bro. R. A. Parrot, of Allouez, bid in the agency at Lake Nebagamon, relieving Mr. A. E. Brittsman. Unable to say who relieved Bro. Parrot.

We have several nons on the division, some of whom, until recently, were in good standing. Every one of these boys should see the error of his ways, and get back into the fold at once. Get up-to-date, do what is right by yourselves, and your duty to your fellow-workmen. Every member should appoint himself a committee of one to solicit the non next to him. Get him in line. Don't wait for the brother next to you to move, but take the initiative.

I notice we have had no write-up in the journal for several months. Let everybody do his utmost to gather up items and send them to me. We can then have a good write-up every month.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to take from us our loyal Bro. F. E. Hastings. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That D. S. S. & A. Division No. 116 extend to the wife and family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this division, a copy sent to the deceased brother's family, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

(Signed) S. G. WARNER,
A. W. STARK,
L. A. DRAVEL,
Committee.

Lehigh Valley Ry.

Auburn Division—

The Order on the Lehigh Valley R. R. needs the support of every agent and telegrapher on the entire system. Every man should come to the front and help a movement which will not alone benefit the agents and telegraphers but the company as well. The Order at all times upholds only that which is right and protects only those who do their duty to the very best of their ability. Every telegrapher on the system should give the movement his loyal support and help to bring the division to a high standard of perfection in the shortest possible time. The officials are not adverse to organization if such organization is carried on in the right spirit. They expect, and have a right to expect, from us at all times the proper performance of our duties. Every man should endeavor to give first-class service, loyally support the Order and do everything in his power to cultivate a better relationship between employer and employe. We want and need a schedule on the Lehigh Valley R. R., and it can only be secured by each and every man lending a helping hand. If a schedule were in force no doubt every member of the Order would show his appreciation by rendering better service and the company, in the end, would be benefitted by reason of such improvement in service. This has been demonstrated time and again on well-organized roads.

No matter with whom you speak you hear expressions of dissatisfaction with conditions as they now exist. Should the company and the men employed as agents and telegraphers reach an amicable agreement, things would adjust themselves, everybody would be satisfied, and, consequently, strive to better the service, as the incentive to do so would be far greater.

The agent renders the greatest service to the company, and yet is placed below the level occupied by others who merely do as he requests. Through the agent come business for the traffic department, which is the mainstay—the lifeblood of a railroad system. He is at all times on the alert for business. Solicitors are located at all principal points, but to look after the whole territory properly without the assistance of the agent would require just double or treble the number of solicitors. This, of course, would be an extra expense to the company, therefore we, the agents and assistants and telegraphers are expected and required to act in the capacity of sollcitor whenever occasion demands it.

In addition to handling the wires, the telegrapher must at all times be ready and willing to wait upon the traveling public in a courteous manner. This being the case, why should we not ask for and receive as good salaries and working conditions as employes in other departments? Why should we be obliged to work seven days each week, with no evenings to ourselves, no vacation and no extra compensation? Why should not our hours of labor be limited, with pay for overtime? There is no reason why we should not, but the reason why we do not enjoy the above

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is because we are unorganized and do not stand together for the right. We do not give the Order our support and try to bring about a better state of affairs.

Fellow agents and telegraphers, the securing of better conditions and salaries rests with you. Look up the local representative of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, join the organization and give it your loyal support by assisting the officials in thoroughly organizing the road. Get in line and help do something to raise the standard of the service and the standard of salaries for agents and telegraphers.

Don't keep your TELEGRAPHER locked up for safe keeping. Pass it along to some non on the L. V. R. R. and be particular to mark everything referring to the O. R. T. on the L. V. R. R.

R. F. & P. Ry.

The regular monthly meeting of Division No. 125 was called to order at 7::30 p. m., March 12, with Bro. G. A. Bowles in the chair. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Other business was handled as usual in an expeditious manner.

During the inaugural period Bros. Riney and Herndon were sent to "H" office at Washington, to assist during the rush.

Business appears to be on the increase, which is very gratifying. We hope to see it reach normal proportions within a short time.

At our February meeting Bro. D. D. Davis was elected chief telegrapher and Bro. J. S. Dempsey first vice-chief.

The committee appointed to count the ballot report the following elected: Chairman, L. B. of A., north end, Bro. J. A. Crowley; chairman L. B. of A., south end, Bro. D. D. Davis; delegate to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., Bro. R. M. Graham; alternate, Bro. C. H. Boschen.

I understand that we have a number of telegraphers on the line who decline to join us, owing to the fact that they at sometime during their lives, came in contact with a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers who was not up to the standard. This appears to be about the flimsiest excuse that one could offer, but, no doubt, it was made on account of their not having a better one. It is impossible to point out a profession, an organization or a religious sect, the membership of which is absolutely above reproach. Do you expect more from an organization the object of which is to educate and elevate than an organization the theme of which is of a purely social nature? It is time they open their eyes. One naturally comes to the conclusion that they are too selfish and grasping to participate in a work that means the moral and intellectual advancement of the craft and those with whom they come in contact.

Our organization, from its infancy, has steadfastly and valiantly pushed its way to the front, until it now stands grandly among the foremost labor organizations of the age, and every eligible person should not only be willing but anxious to be enrolled as a member. CERT. 56.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to the great beyond the beloved wife of our worthy Brother E. Nussey, be it

Resolved, By the members of Fredericksburg Division No. 125, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere sympathy to the husband and relatives in thier sad bereavement, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. A. BOWLES.
J. A. CROWLEY.
J. P. DEMPSEY.
R. M. GRAHAM.
Committee.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Dakota Division—

If your dues are not paid for the current term, pay them now.

No doubt many of you will be surprised to see the Dakota Division represented in this issue and wonder how it came about. It is just this: There are a lot of good, live brothers here who are waiting for a chance to do something, but they didn't want to be the first one to make the break. Now, the the ice is broken and the way is clear, we hope to see more interest taken by all.

At the recent election I was elected local chairman, and in the discharge of my duty I will do all in my power to further the interests of the O. R. T. on this division, and in this I ask your co-operation. If you know of anything that would benefit the Order write me; we want suggestions from all members, and communications received will be answered promptly.

We are all glad of the re-election of Brothers W. T. Brown and M. E. Schooler as our general chairman and general secretary, and you may rest assured that the affairs of our system division are in the hands of competent men.

Bro. Blair, of Larchwood, spent a few days visiting his brother at Lawn Hill, Iowa. Mrs. Blair and Helper Lyman managed the station during his absence, there being no relief agent available.

Nick Gasahl is now telegrapher at Worthington.

Helper Wm. Lyman, from Larchwood, is holding down Rake Station. Understand regular Agent J. H. D'Acres received an injury, but do not know particulars.

Wires have been cut out at Maple Hill and Allendorf.

R. H. Skiver, Granite is on the list for a vacation, having planned a trip through Idaho and Canada.

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Chief G. H. Morse attended court at Vinton, a few days. Dispatcher E. W. Knight acted as chief, while Edward Broms worked first trick.

Bro. O. A. Corbett, Cazenovia, is our assistant local chairman, and is keeping tab of things on the north end. We expect to have some brother look after the south end, as I cannot do it all.

E. D. SMITH,
Local Chairman.

Missouri Division, 6th, 7th and 8th Districts—

Telegrapher Burnham, who has been working the trick at Donovan, has resigned. Bro. J. W. Boose on first trick and Telegrapher Bancroft second.

Bro. J. E. McColloch, of Mohawk, laying off, being relieved by Mr. J. L. Stewart.

Telegrapher Hollis is working extra at Highland while the position is on bulletin.

Bro. N. J. Chinn, of Gay, is on the sick list.

Bro. R. O. Lynn, who has been located at Ainsworth nights, has bid in Columbus Jct., second trick. Bro. G. C. Wallingsford, from Troy, extra, working extra at Ainsworth.

Mr. Robinson, extra helper at Gallatin, is working at Stillings Jct. We hope he will do the right thing.

Mrs. M. O. Wadsen has returned to Mercer nights, after a two weeks' vacation. Bro. Hollis went to Highland.

Telegrapher Fuller, from Troy, is pulling the levers at Belknap tower. He was relieved at Troy by Bro. Wallingford.

Bro. G. E. Hughes has returned to Howard, after a two months' leave of absence. Bro. J. E. McDonld, who was relieving him, went to Cameron Jct.

Mr. J. C. Morrow bid in Troy, Kansas.

Bro. E. O. Schrieber, extra at Columbus, Jct., is relieving Telegrapher Benner at Cameron Jct., for a month or so.

Telegrapher Cox and Bro. J. S. Freeman, of Rushville, have gone into the onion and potato business as a side line.

Bro. M. K. Freeman, of Rushville, and Dispatcher Jones, with the Missouri Pacific, at Atchison, attended the Masonic meeting at DeKalb, March 6.

Bro. J. H. Wilson, of Cotter, had the misfortune to spraln his ankle and was unable to secure relief.

Agent Wagner, of Brighton, visited his parents a few days, lately.

Bro. F. M. Smith, of Washing, and Bro. J. L. Barrett, of Columbus Jct., traded jobs. Bro. Smith, "CJ," first trick, and Bro. Barrett, "WA," third trick.

Bro. B. H. Carson, second trick at Columbus Jct., has been relieved by Bro. Belding, of Division No. 130.

Telegrapher Doman, of Eldon, third trick, was called to Allerton, a few days ago, by the serious illness of his mother. Telegrapher Speery doubled during his absence.

Motor Car No. 1820 now on Atchison plug, making trial runs. They are figuring on doing away with old equipment on branches and using motors exclusively.

T. M.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Wm. N. Staley has been elected local chairman of this division. It is up to us to assist him in every way possible. Give him the names of the nons working on the line, which will keep him in touch with the situation, thereby enabling him to work intelligently.

Also furnish him with a notice when there is a change of employes in the telegraph department at your station, stating whether member or non-member. This will greatly assist the chairman in his work.

Bro. J. P. Tritchler, of Inver Grove, relieved by a Mr. Scholof, an old dispatcher from the Wisconsin Central.

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Oklahoma Division—

I have just received notice from the general secretary and treasurer that I have been re-elected to the position of local chairman on the Oklahoma Division. I appreciate the honor thus bestowed upon me, and trust I can fill the office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

If the members co-operate with and assist the local chairman in his work it is a pleasure to fill the position. If they do not, then the office becomes anything but a pleasant one—in fact, it becomes burdensome, the incumbent loses interest, and the membership suffers as a consequence. I want every member to feel that he is my assistant, and keep me informed on all matters of any importance, and, no doubt, everything will glide along smoothly.

Mr. C. W. Winger, day telegrapher at Okarche, has landed the agency at that point.

Bro. Hoopingarner, from Concho, nights, is working as day telegrapher at Okarche, until the position is regularly assigned on bulletin.

Bro. T. B. Higgins has been doing relief work at Carnegie for some time. Mr. G. J. M. Steininger, the regular agent who has been spending his vacation in Texas, returned and resumed duty.

Mr. H. E. Ogle, who was appointed temporary night man at Anadarko, has resigned, to accept a Western Union job at the same place. Mr. F. Hamilton succeeds him.

Telegrapher Gibson, of Gracemont, who went to Concho nights, has resigned.

Mr. Turner has been made agent at Faxon. Did not learn where his predecessor went.

Mr. Merrlott, of Hastings, made a trip to Oklahoma City to hear Mr. Morrissey speak.

We expect to hold a meeting at some central point on the division in the near future and stir up a little interest. A regular correspondent should be appointed who should be assisted by each and every member, in collecting items, as it is almost impossible for one to do it alone.

W. E. JACKSON,
Local Chairman.

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Indian Territory Division—

It is time we were represented in THE TELEGRAPHER, as no items hae appeared for the past year. Someone should contribute items each month. This would influence others to fall in line, and the write-up from this division would soon assume satisfactory proportions.

We have quite a number of nons on this division, and it will be necessary for us to wake up and get busy, if we expect results. I have been making every effort to secure applications, and would like the help of each and every member. With the special rate in effect, we should be able to make our division solid, which I am sure would be a source of satisfaction to all concerned.

The year of 1908 was a trying one, but we should make up our minds to even up this year, and, no doubt, we can do so by making a special effort. Things are in much better shape than they were a year ago, and this should encourage us to keep on pulling. I have not had the pleasure of meeting all of you, but I hope to be able to do so in the near future. While I can not be with you, I am making every endeavor to better conditions. I note there are quite a number of telegraphrs working ten-hour tricks with meal hour off. This is not in line with our schedule, and we hope by the time this is in print that each office will have hours adjusted to agree with schedule. This matter is up with the officials at the present time.

Officials are reporting better service than ever before, which is encouraging. We should strive to give first-class service, which will make it easier for the committee when conferring with the management.

A great many of the boys leave everything to the local chairman, and think he should be conversant with each and every occurrence along the line, which is not the case, of course. If a member sees anything that is not in accordance with the schedule, I would thank him to drop me a line, and I will do all I can to have it properly adjusted. If you are working with a non remind him of his duty occasionally, and see what you can do with him. Don't get angry because he will not join at once, but have patience and perseverance, and you may be able to land him when you least expect it.

We should hold meetings once a month, and in this way arouse interest and talk over things that need to be looked after. Of course, on account of the train service this will be difficult, but I hope we can arrange some way to get these meetings started, as they would be a great help to us. Let's hear from some one else on this subject.

Fraternally,
N. F. DALTON,
Local Chairman.

Des Moines Valley Division—

The election is over. Bro. T. J. Stanley, Douds-Leando, has been elected local chairman. He has appointed Bro. F. A. Forche, Oskaloosa, assistant, in charge of the Washington-Knoxville Line. Bro. H. I. Ramsey, Hartley, will look after the interests of the Order on the Sibley Line. Bro. I. H. Brokaw, Bonaparte, has accepted the office of division correspondent. Bro. Stanley is well-fitted to handle the position to which he has just been elected. He was formerly general chairman of the Iowa Central, and gave general satisfaction while in charge of that office. After accepting service with the Rock Island, he resigned the general chairmanship of the Iowa Central. Bro. Broaw, ex-local chairman, was not a candidate for re-election. He gave as his reason for declining re-election that he had already held office over two years, and thought the office should go to some one else. Several of the members insisted that the conduct of the office under his charge was satisfactory to all concerned, and that there should be no change at the present time.

There was quite a snow blockade on the "high" line, March 15th. Trains were more or less delayed.

Bro. Wm. Gibson, Oskaloosa, has a new sending machine, which he is as proud of as a kid with a pair of new boots. He hasn't got the "critter" tamed down enough yet, so as to be very speedy, but he is fast improving.

J. L. Napier has been appointed agent at Melvin.

Bro. C. F. Ream, formerly trick telegrapher at Evans, and recently from the Iowa Central, at Cramers, Ill., is now working for the C. & N. W., at Buxton, Ia.

The *Commercial Telegraphers Journal* is a bright little journal, published in the interests of the C. T. U. A. Bro. Wesley Russell is editor and manager. He fills the office in an efficient manner. This journal will be sent to anyone sending $1.00 to Bro. Russell, 930 Monon Bldg., 324 Dearborn St., Chicago, which will place the sender in good standing on Bro. Russell's subscription list for a year.

Bro. Creger and wife, of Otley, were recent visitors to the home of the parents of the former at Truro, Ia. Bro. Creger's stay was an over Sunday one, while his wife spent a week with the home folks.

Understand Bro. J. B. Smith, Marengo, was elected local chairman of the Iowa Division; also representative to the Grand Division. Bro. Meier, Colfax, drew second place in both positions. Both these brothers are well and favorably known, and comment as to their ability is unnecessary.

Bro. Warner, of Monroe, moved into the new station at that point, on February 8th. It is thoroughly modern from top to bottom. It is lighted by gas and has large arc lights outside. The outside lights are of sufficient strength to enable one to easily read newspaper print without the aid of glasses. Box car 3,356, C. R. I. & P., is now out of the station service at Monroe.

We want these write-ups to grow larger and improve from month to month, and I shall expect the co-operation of all members on this division in sending me news items. DIV. COR.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of the Deity to remove by death the father of our Bro. J. B. Smith; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend Bro. Smith our heartfelt sympathy, and commend him to the one who doeth all things well.

(Signed) GUY A. RICHTER,
COE C. LEHMAN,
GEO. H. MEIER,
Committee.

Colorado Division—

We have had quite a number of changes during the last month.

Mr. Parrott, the agent at Ramah, has left the service; relieved by Bro. Mulford temporarily.

Bro. M. E. Strain bid in Ramah, and is being transferred permanently.

Bro. S. W. Potts, formerly agent at Jennings, bid in Peyton.

Bro. Mulford goes to Jennings permanently.

We wish to thank the telegraphers as well as others who so liberally and willingly helped us in the aid of Mrs. Parrott, during her misfortune, and assure you this was very highly appreciated by Mrs. Parrott, as well as the Order.

Mr. McJimson, formerly night telegrapher at Jennings, resigned by request.

Mr. Suefert resigned his position at Goodland, to accept a position in a broker's office at Denver.

Mr. Preston, night wire chief at Goodland, is taking a short vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Schmidt, from "GO" office, Chicago.

Bro. Squires has taken a position at Goodland, vacated by Bro. Suefert.

Mr. Hill, car distributer, is back at Goodland, after sixty days' leave of absence. Mr. Golden, who was relieving him, has returned to Mr. Ballantine's office in Chicago.

Dispatcher J. S. Jones, who laid off a week the fore part of the month, to attend Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M, was relieved by extra Dispatcher A. C. Moore.

Dispatcher C. O. Kellastad, who is laying off for thirty days, is being relieved by Mr. Moore.

Bro. J. T. Maddox, formerly agent at Flagler, Colo., but now with C. B. & Q., at Mercer, Colo., stopped over a couple of days at Dellvale, on his return from Chicago. Bro. Maddox is local chairman for the Sterling Division, and advises that they have been successful in getting a revised schedule with an increase in wages and better working conditions. This certainly looks good. Why can not we do as well? Let us make an effort to land a few of the remaining nons on this division, and then send our committee before the officials for a revision. Remember, a committee must have backing in order to accomplish results. Now let's get busy.

Bro. Fletcher's father and mother, who have been visiting him for the past week, returned to their home in Lincoln, on the 20th.

Bro. L. M. McGee, agent at Ruleton, is off duty for a few days, and is being relieved by Extra Agent Divinney.

Mr. Houston, second trick at Colby, has been transferred to "GO" office, Chicago. He was relieved by Bro. Lamphere, from C. & N. W.

The burning of the depot and telegraph office at Goodland, has caused quite a change at that place. Chief dispatcher and dispatchers, telegraphers have all been moved to the freight depot, where they are huddled together. Preparations are under headway to make them as comfortable as possible. We are glad to learn that none of the boys lost any thing in the fire, and that the company saved the records and furniture.

It is rumored that Goodland is to have a fine new depot and office in the near future.

E. S. Sheehan has been appointed yard master at Limon.

Bro. Hutchins relieved Mr. Sheehan as agent, at Roswell, temporarily.

J. L. Cassidy relieved Bro. Hutchins, at Roswell, as night telegrapher.

Mr. Holmes, second trick at Limon, suddenly took sick while on duty, and was relieved by Mr. Perkins, a new man. Perkins relieved at Straton a few days after Mr. Holmes had recovered sufficiently to resume work.

Bro. Allen has been relieving Mr. Miller for the last month. We are unable to say whether Mr. Miller intends to return to Genoa or not.

Bro. Seeley has resigned his position as night telegrapher at Kanorado, and left for California, where he intends to spend his surplus cash during the summer. He was relieved by Mr. Augenbaugh.

Bro. Puttman has been assigned to the position of night telegrapher at Jennings.

Mr. Chas Heinz is holding down the night office at Prairie View, vice Bro. Wilder, resigned. Can not say where Bro. Wilder went.

Bro. Archer, at Norton, has resigned, and is being relieved by an old-time Dispatcher Mr. Chandler.

Bro. Stagg, first trick at Norton, is off duty for thiry days. He is being relieved by a Mr. Church. Bro. Sarvis is working third trick.

Mr. Larkin, our lineman, was called to his home at Hiawatha, Kan., the fore part of the month, on account of the death of his mother. He has the sympathy of the division. CERT. 186.

Cedar Rapids Division—

Agent W. H. Yokish, at Lone Tree, has been having a siege of typhoid fever, but is now able to resume duty. Relieved by Extra Agent G. W. Tripp.

Bro. Johnson, at Randalia, has resigned to try farming. Randalia is now bulletined.

Bro. J. S. Sullivan, our energetic assistant local chairman, on Decorah Line, is doing some good work and reports several new members.

O. H. Minott, at Ossian, reports a pair of twin girls at his home.

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Local Chairman J. A. Gunderson wishes to ask the assistance of the members on the Cedar Rapids Division during the coming term. He requests that each and every brother work a little harder on the non question. We must get them enrolled.

Bro. Jenkins, of Elmira, secured third trick at West Branch on bulletin. Telegrapher Owens went to Morning Sun to work second trick.

It is understood that Bro. Clark, of Morning Sun, intends to try his luck at farming soon.

It is reported that the automatic block will soon be installed on the main line between Cedar Rapids and West Liberty. This will greatly facilitate the movement of trains.

Bro. H. W. Swain and wife, accompanied by E. L. Stowe and his mother, are taking a trip through the West, seeing the sights. That we wish them a pleasant trip goes without saying.

CERT. 2,049.

St. Louis Division—

I notice there are a few nons on our division. I wish to ask each and every member on the St. Louis Division to write and urge them to fall in line and thus strengthen our organization.

Chesterfield will be open for bids until March 5th, and Vigus until March 15th.

Several new offices have been opened on the West End, near Kansas City.

Dispatcher K. F. Jaynes was off duty a few days recently, and Mr. C. H. White handed out the 19's and 31's during his absence.

P. J. Garvin has been transferred from Chesterfield to Raytown. Bro. M. L. Bailey, a new man, relieved Mr. Garvin at Chesterfield.

Mr. G. J. Baur, a citizen of Rose Bud, has been appointed agent at that place, effective February 12th. J. H. Jackson has been transferred to Argyle.

J. E. Son has been working nights at Windsor since March 8th.

We understand that J. E. Moddy, at Union, is taking several months' leave of absence and has engaged in the pressed brick business at that place. Mr. Geo. Schmike relieved him.

We are in receipt of a roster and calendar for 1909, issued by the Order of Railway Conductors, Osage Division. No. 438. Thanks for same.

Telegrapher Davis, who has been employed at Eldon days, has gone to a regular position at Herrington, Kansas. Mr. C. H. White relieved him.

CERT. 427.

Kansas Division—

Bishop has been closed days. Bro. J. A. Hawkins is working nights and Bro. Louis Holeck has gone to Peabody, third trick.

Haysville has been reopened as a telegraph office with Bro. E. J. Burke from Valencia as agent. Bro. Burke was agent at Haysville before it was closed.

Bro. J. C. Conner has bid in the Valencia agency.

Mr. C. Fleisch has been transferred to second trick at Alta Vista from third trick at Peabody.

Bro. G. W. Patterson, who has been working second trick at Wellington, has been appointed agent at Antelope, vice Bro. J. C. Conner, transferred.

Mr. Wm Berkybile has been appointed agent at McFarland, vice Mr. Turner, who goes to Caldwell.

A number of the boys are taking advantage of the special rate this month and lining up with us.

Bro. Woolsey, at Paxico, now enjoys the services of a helper. Paxico is a good business point and he needed him.

The automatic block system is now in operation between Topeka and Herrington and is giving good service.

Bro. Keplinger, agent at Clifton, was unable to be on duty on the afternoon of March 19th on account of sickness.

Bro. C. J. Weygandt, "GE," Clay Center, is wtiting patiently for Keats Quarry to open so he can get a chance at it.

If the brothers along the line will be kind enough to report news to their assistant local chairman, we will try and furnish a better write-up next month. Without assistance we can not do this.

Bro. O. E. Bonecutter, of Maple Hill, was elected local chairman of this division, and has appointed the following assistants: Bro. M. L. Logan, Clay Center, Kansas; Bro. O. M. Losee, Salina, Kansas; Bro. G. S. Allen, Whiting, Kansas; Bro. I. M. Belcher, Marion, Kansas.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Louisiana Division—

We have read with much interest from month to month notes from the several divisions of No. 126, and have each time been disappointed by seeing nothing from the Louisiana Division, hence this maiden effort. If the brothers will give me their support in this matter we will be glad to show each month that we are still on the map.

Our general chairman, Bro. Brown, spent several days on the line the first of the month and says we will line up 100 per cent strong pay-day. This is very encouraging

Meetings were held at Winnfield and Eldorado on the 4th and 5th. Bro. Brown made the return trip from Okla. Division to attend. While the notice was rather short, there was no reason why many more of the brothers should not have been present, as our chief dispatcher advised that he would let as many go as possible and furnish transportation.

Bro. Brown states that he will hold meetings at two points on the division in about a month, and there is no reason why every man on the line should not attend one of them. These are open meetings and the time will be employed in the discussions of conditions and service with a view to improving both, and no one, especially those who have been working irregular hours and claiming no overtime, should fail to attend. Of course, if the members do not want the money it may not be necessary to inform themselves on these matters. However, the company desires better service and

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we should try to improve in every way possible. There is no better way to get new ideas than to attend meetings.

Upland, Mamou, Ingalls and Lillie have been made non-telegraph stations.

A telegraph office has been established at Winnfield Yards "YD," with three tricks.

We understand that there is to be a change at Crossett soon.

A new union depot is in course of construction at Ruston, La.

Our officials say the service is 100 per cent better than a year ago, to which the writer can add his testimony, as he has been here and noted the improvements.

If one or two of the brothers down the line would answer calls more promptly, we believe the service and working conditions on this division would be second to none.

It is rumored that the Greer Hotel people are going to build an eating house at Fordyce, just west of the depot. This will make better accommodations for the trainmen.

Bro. J. G. Wyatt has been elected local chairman of this division. He is a young man of sterling qualities, bright and energetic, and is in every way qualified to perform the duties of the office to which he has been elected. We congratulate him and hope his official career will benefit us all.

Bros. Brown and Schooler were re-elected general chairman and secretary and treasurer by a large majority. They promise to do all in their power to keep things going. We congratulate them on their election. "ET," CERT. 1,865.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

LaCrosse Division—

The writer desires to thank Bro. Ragalz and Bro. Retzloff for the items they so kindly furnished him. If others would do as well we would be ably represented in the fraternal columns each month.

Bro. Lindried, second trick at Nelson, has resigned with the intention of going to Canada.

Bro. Heitman, third trick man at Nelson, is off on a few days' vacation. Telegrapher Burtch, from Galena, is relieving him.

Bro. Cooper, second trick man at Winona, received first trick at Savanna on bulletin.

The following offices are on bulletin: Bay City, Grand Crossing, Lynxville and Victory. I am under the impression that an error was made in advertising three of the above offices, and hardly expect that all the changes indicated will be made.

Bro. Dodge was off duty two days on account of a death. He was relieved by Bro. Cullen, of Rutledge. Bro. Cullen was relieved at Rutledge by Telegrapher Powell, of Genoa.

Telegrapher White, first trick at Lytle, was off duty for a few days and was relieved by Telegrapher Powell.

Bro. Clary, of Galena, is taking a two weeks' vacation. Bro. Dill, of Blonding, is working in his stead. We understand that when Bro. Clary returns Bro. Desmond will take a leave of absence for two or three months, to "file" on land in Canada. Bro. Dill expects to relieve Bro. Desmond.

Bro. Rogers has just returned from Chicago, where he has been for some time, assisting in the revision of the schedule.

Bro. Dyer, from Lynxville, was a visitor at Cassville last week.

Several of the boys have not yet paid their dues for the current term. The sooner they do this the better they will feel for having performed a duty they owe to themselves, their families and their co-workers.

Bro. Rupp, second trick at Oakland, has been transferred to third trick at the same place. Telegrapher Sperry, of Pullman Ave., has taken second trick in Rupp's place.

Telegrapher Kemp, third trick at Oakland, has been transferred to second trick at Curry, on bulletin.

Telegrapher Belzel, of Prescott, visited in St. Paul a week or so ago.

Bro. Garber has been transferred from agent at Hastings to third trick at Diamond Bluff.

Mr. Stoneman, a dispatcher on joint trick at Newport, is taking a vacation. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Graff, the side wire man at LaCrosse. Telegrapher Holmes is relieving Mr. Graff.

Telegrapher Kruger, of East Dubuque, took a run up the line last week on important business.

Don't forget the meeting at the Key City Telegraphers' Club at Dubuque on the last Saturday in each month.

If you hear of anything of interest to the membership, drop a note to Bro. Rogers, at Victory, and he will do the rest. CERT. 1,371.

Galesburg Division—

Bro. J. L. Meara, who is located at Peoria Yards, was off duty two weeks. Relieved by Telegrapher H. A. Stephens, from Monica, Ill.

Bro. Ray Ward and wife recently spent a day in Galesburg with Bro. and Mrs. Malone.

Telegrapher Jolley, of Graham Tower, was off duty three days on account of the death of his brother. Relieved by Telegrapher German, who is an extra man.

Bro. Malone, of Galesburg Yards, was off two days on account of the illness of Mrs. Malone.

Telegrapher Meara relieved Mr. Tom Bailey at Elmwood. Bailey goes back to his old post as cashier at Canton.

Mr. Hendricks is relieving Agent C. N. Ven trees at Elmwood.

Mr. Colville, of Rio, and Mr. Loisaer, from Henderson, were in Galesburg one day recently and called on Bro. Malone.

Bro. Mercer, of Galesburg Yard, visited his home, at Princeton one day during the fore part of the month.

Mr. Fling is again working as relief telegrapher. He is now at Rio, relieving Mr. Colville, who is taking a short vacation.

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Mr. Rector is back at Deurock regular since being relieved at Rock Island by Bro. Ward. Mr. Rector relieved Mr. Hazard, who went to Clinton, Iowa.

We "13" Mr. Cunningham got second trick at Barstow.

It is understood that Mr. Slade went from Plum River Tower to second trick at St. David.

The Burlington wires have been taken out of Plum River Tower and the salary cut to $50.00 per month. There still remains one C. M. & St. P. wire, and I suppose men to do the necessary wire work.

Some complaint is heard relative to not receiving seniority rights. Matters of this kind should be placed in the hands of the local chairman, whose duty it is to look after them.

Bro. Bower, of Camp Point, has been granted a leave of absence for sixty days. He and his wife expect to enjoy some time sight-seeing in and around Denver, Colo. He was relieved by Mr. Gray, from Prospect St., Galesburg, yards.

Bros. Sample, Root and Brothers were appointed by our general chairman and general secretary and treasurer to count the ballots cast for local chairman and delegate to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., in May. Bro. G. W. Malone, of E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill., was elected local chairman, also elected delegate to the convention.

Bro. Brothers, block office at Seminary St., is relieving Bro. Gray at Prospect St.

Bro. Malone, our local chairman, was in Chicago a few days recently, attending committee meeting. General officers were elected, who appointed a schedule committee of six.

Bro. Henry was re-elected G. S. & T. and Bro. C. L. Lamb, of Red Oak, Iowa, was elected general chairman.

Agent Case, at Abingdon, is laying off. Relieved by Bro. Graves. Bro. Harris is relieving Bro. Graves as day telegrapher.

Bro. Malone was visiting Bardolph March 22.

Bro. Mercer, Galesburg Yards, was off duty Sunday, March 21. He was relieved by Mr. Hasselbacher, from "GT" Galesburg office.

Mr. F. M. Paugh, of Galesburg Yards, with his wife, spent March 18th in Peoria.

Mr. Greenwalt, of "GT" office, Galesburg, and wife, spent Sunday, March 21, in Chicago.

Bro. Ramp, with his wife and daughter, Elizabeth, of Knoxville, spent a Sunday recently with Bro. and Mrs. Brothers at Galesburg.

Mr. Dalberg, of "GT" office, Galesburg, is laying off to attend the funeral of his brother, who died in Galesburg Hospital on Saturday morning, March 20th.

An article in the *Quincy Herald* reports the marriage of Bro. Armstrong, our assistant local chairman, of Macomb, to Miss Long, of Fowler, Ill. The bride is a sister of Bro. G. E. Long, of Quincy. The happy couple have our best wishes.

DIVISION CORRESPONDENT.

Ottumwa Division—

Cleveland day trick has been closed and the night trick made a twelve-hour job. Bro. D. L. Stover, formerly days, took the night shift.

Bro. E. A. Gustaveson, of second trick, Cleveland, is now working second trick at Thayer.

Bro. L. J. White, extra third man at Tower 307, has been transferred to the Creston Division and is now at Emerson.

Bro. Mitchell, regular second trick man at Tower 307, is on vacation and is being relieved by Bro. A. A. McDonald, regular man on third trick.

D. S. Flower, third at Maxon, is off duty, sick. Relieved by Bro. Johnson, who was in turn relieved by Bro. W. A. Littleton. Bro. Littleton came from New London third trick.

Mr. J. E. Butler of Chariton, is on vacation. Relieved by Bro. J. A. Teeters, who has been working first trick at Troy.

Bro. J. W. Walsh, second trick at "BY" office, Burlington, is off duty on account of having an operation performed on his ears. Bro. Walsh was relieved by Bro. R. A. Sanberg, of Lockridge third. He in turn was relieved by Mr. G. D. Bannister, a new man.

On account of second trick at Beckwith having been closed, Bro. Mat Hayes bumped Bro. Schlemmer, who went to third trick, New London, relieving Bro. Littleton.

Bro. L. A. White relieved Bro. I. A. Sharon at Biggsville, who is off duty on account of rheumatism.

Bro. W. A. Stroupe, at Lockridge first trick, is expecting to be relieved about the 25th, and intends to take a trip West.

Bro. A. N. Swanson, who has been off duty for the past two months, on account of a broken arm, has resumed duty at Troy. Bro. L. A. White held down the trick in his absence.

Bro. C. D. Foltz is laying off for a few days. Relieved by Mr. Conine, a new man on this division.

Bro. F. A. Sense is again at work after having been absent a few days on account of rheumatism.

Bro. L. G. Miller, third at Mt. Pleasant, is again at work after taking a trip East. He reports a good time.

J. W. Booth is relieving Mr. J. E. Gillespie at Ottumwa Yard office.

Mr. Gillespie is relieving Mr. F. L. Leonard in "CW" office, Ottumwa, while Mr. Leonard is relieving Dispatcher Wright, who is on the examining board.

J. R. Landgrave is now doing the third trick stunt at Cameron.

Work trains have already put in an appearance on the east end, unloading steel and other material. Already the gangs have begun to make things lively for the dispatchers and telegraphers by compelling the use of one track for all trains. They are laying ninety-pound steel, which is heavier than has ever been laid here before.

V. M. Smith, the Cashier at Monmouth freight office, has accepted a position in Mr. Shield's

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office in Chicago. He was relieved by Assistant Cashier M. G. Anjal.

There are a few who have not paid dues for the term ending June 30. Come, boys, pay up.

The Ottumwa Division is one of the banner divisions of Burlington, No. 130, and it has been made so by hard work. Now, let us not be satisfied until we have it solid from one end to the other.

We are thankful to Bros. Swanson, of Monmouth, Gorrell, of Russell, and Stover, of Lucas, for notes. CERT. 283.

Lincoln Division—

Bro. H. R. Atkinson has been transferred from York to Sutton.

Mr. S. P. Hamm, of Chalco, is doing third stunt at York. Mr. W. F. Ilgen, who has been working third trick at York for almost a year, is now working second trick.

Bro. N. O. Walthers, of Benedict, was in York one day, attending court. He was relieved by Bro. M. J. Armstrong, extra agent.

Mr. T. E. Eater, cashier at York, has been assigned to the agency at McCool Junction. Relieved by Bro. J. O. Odden.

Cairo, Waterbury, Elden, Springs Ranch and Osmond are on the bulletin list. Understand that Extra Agent Armstrong is at Cairo for the present. Bro. Smith has moved on a farm on account of poor health. We trust the change in work will be of benefit to him.

Understand that Bro. J. J. Gleason, of Clay Center, is soon to get one of the tricks at York.

There are a great many trains moving for this time of year. Let's try and keep the dispatcher from calling his arm off to get us, and give him the best possible service.

The Lincoln Division is the grandest division of the Burlington, and we can have the best write-up if every brother will send me an item each month. Items must reach me on or before the 20th of each month. CERT. 558.

Ashland Division—

Bro. Coleman now has a helper.

Bro. Kellogg, from Lincoln to Randolph, relieving Mr. Fairchild, on account of the sickness of his wife.

Bro. Weisen, of Leshara, on vacation, viewing Colorado scenery, and visiting friends at Sutton, Neb. He was relieved by Bro. Armstrong.

Bro. P. J. Lemka relieved Bro. Bobbitt at Homer.

Bro. Kellogg, relief agent, who has been at Winslow, went to Gretna. We can not say who he is relieving.

Bro. Hoenshell has gone to Aurora, Neb., third trick. Did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. Karn, from Oakland, is relieving Mr. B. C. Prescot, agent at Winslow.

Bro. Kellogg is relieving on the O'Neill Line. He relieved Mr. Fairchild at Randolph, and is relieving Mr. Deveny at Waterbury.

We understand Bro. J. L. Mayfield, from Platts, secured Plainview, on bulletin. Do not know where the former man went.

The telegraph instruments have been removed from the offices at Cedar Creek, Louisville, South Bent and Bellvue. They have also been taken out between Lincoln and Columbus, and Ashland and Schuyler.

Bro. Bobbitt, of Homer, has gone to Regan, on the old K. C. & O.

Bro. Moore, recently relieved Bro. J. L. Mayfield at Platts.

Mr. H. H. Howerter, second trick at Oreapolis, is laying off for a few weeks. He was relieved by Mr. Harry Outlaw. Mr. Howerter will take second trick at Platts, upon his return.

Mr. Paulson, third trick man at Gibson, is off duty for a few days, and has gone to Fremont on business.

It is rumored that Bro. W. E. Aultz, who formerly worked second trick at Oreapolis, has joined the benedicts. He is now in the employ of the E. J. & E. Ry., at Chicago Heights.

The company removed the old train order signals at Oreapolis, and installed new ones, which were placed to one side of the track. They are handled by levers from the tower.

Mr. H. H. Howerter is working the first trick at Platts, temporarily. Telegrapher W. Clement having taken Agent Pickett's place, on account of sickness.

I wish to thank Bro. Glock for sending in items. He never forgets to render assistance, which is appreciated by the members, as well as the correspondent.

Our local Chairman Bro. Holt is in Chicago, with the committee, negotiating for a new schedule.

Mr. L. O. Ticnor relieved Bro. Wagner, who has been appointed traveling freight agent. We congratulate Bro. Wagner, and wish him success.

Bro. Henry recently spent the night with our local chairman, Bro. Holt.

Bro. Johnson, general chairman, called on Bro. Holt one night recently.

Let the brothers send in items, thereby helping the good cause along, by making our communications interesting. M. C.

McCook Division—

Bro. McClintock, extra agent, and Bro. Crome, are relieving Bros. Pate and Huston, at Yuma, who I understand have gone to Butte, Mont., for the company, to attend court.

Bro. Gist is working nights at Otis, while Bro. A. V. Anderson is relieving our new Local Chairman T. W. Morten. Bro. Morten is in Chicago, with the committee. Owing to the unfavorable conditions under which they meet, we must not expect them to accomplish a great deal. Before this is in print, no doubt, we shall know the result of the conference.

Jesse Yocum, an old-time telegrapher and brother, has returned to work on the McCook Division, taking third trick at Minden, relieving at a Mr. Scott.

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Mr. C. B. Morgan takes Bro. Crane's place, second trick at Ft. Morgan. Crane relieved Bro. Alexander on third trick. Alexander goes to Brush a few days to work second trick, relieving Bro C. V. Glenn, who, with his family, intends to visit a few days with relatives in Table Rock.

Bro. Nieman returned from his trip, and resumed duty as cashier at Ft. Morgan, thereby causing the above changes at that place.

Bro. Q. A. Kellog, Jr., has returned to Alma, from Denver (U. S.) yards, relieving Bro. I. D. Hatton, who went to Culbertson, taking the night trick. He relieved Bro. Geo. Spahn, who laid off a few days, getting married in the meantime, I believe. Bro. Hatton, from Culbertson to Republican nights; relieving Mr. Halley, who is taking a fifteen-day vacation. We understand the agent at Bird City is laying off, and is being relieved by Bro. McClintock; also Agent McDonald relieved a few days by Mr. Geo. S. Scott.

Bro. Avery, second trick at Akron, is off duty a few days, visiting his parents in Salida; relieved by Bro. Alexander.

Bro. Cowart, third trick at Akron, is laying off a few days, taking a trip to Denver; relieved by Bro. Alexander.

Understand that Bro. N. B. Bush, agent at Almena, has bid in Oberlin, and that Bro. C. D. Churchill, agent at Long Island, has bid in Almena, but do not know when the change will be made.

Also understand that Mr. Stingley, the cashier at Norton, was offered Long Island, but refused it, and that it is to be bulletined again.

I wish to thank those who came forward with items this month, and would like to ask them to repat the favor regularly. Would also like to ask each brother, especially those who are working extra, to send at least one item, for each issue, which will help out wonderfully, and make our correspondence interesting to the members of the division.

I notice that several of the brothers have not yet paid dues for the current term. It takes no more money at one time than another, so why not keep up-to-date, instead of letting the matter run three or four months and then securing a card just before it runs out? Remember the motto, "No card, no favors," and do not be "sore" if you are turned down simply because you can not show an up-to-date card, when you are asked to do so. DIV. COR.

Sheridan Division—

Mr. L. L. Fowler, the agent at Alger, has just returned from a few weeks' vacation spent in the East. It seems strange that some men have an abundance of spare coin, enabling them to take vacations, but are financially embarrassed when approached on the matter of joining the Order.

Bro. J. S. Tupper, the agent at Hardin, has gone East on a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Vacek.

Mr. Robbs, third trick at Arvada, resigned, and has been relieved by Bro. Henderson.

Local Chairman Meehan, of Ulm, served on the committee, in Chicago, for ten days. He was relieved by Mr. Regan from Wyola, third trick. Bro. Merritt relieved Regan, who returned to Wyola.

On Bro. Meehan's retun, Bro. Merritt was sent to Arvada to relieve Bro H.enderson, who had the misfortune to be taken sick.

No doubt the members are anxious to know the result of the election, and the meeting with the general managers. Bro. C. Lamb, of Red Oak, Ia., was elected general chairman, to succeed Bro. M. J. Johnson, and Bro. W. A. Henry was elected general secretary and treasure, to succeed himself. No finer set of officers could be chosn. and we look for every member on the C. B. & Q. System, No. 130, to do his duty by co-operating with these brothers. Let us make the year 1909 one not to be forgotten.

You will, no doubt, hear from schedule negotiations before this reaches you. While there is no general increase in salaries, there are amendments that will benefit, not only one, but all, and I trust every one will be satisfied until the time is ripe for a better showing. We consider that the committee did more than was expected of it at this time.

Mr. E. V. Runyon, first trick at Wyola, has returned to the East; relieved by Bro. Henderson.

G. P. Taylor was seen going to Sheridan on No. 41, the 21st. He has just returned from a vacation. We can not say where he will be located, as he is an extra man.

Bro. Merritt relieved Mr. Westwood as agent at Lodge-Grass, for a few days.

Mr. Regan, third trick at Wyola, has resigned; relieved by Telegrapher Jarman, who is a new man.

Bro. Askew, from the M. P., relieved Bro. Snyder, at Cody. Bro. Snyder takes agency at Powell, a new station on the Cody Branch.

Bro. Vacek is still at Hardin, relieving Bro. Tupper. We understand Bro. Tupper went to the Coast with his bride.

Bro. Butler, third trick at Toluca, traded tricks with Bro. Burton, a C. T. U. of A. man, who was working second trick.

Bro. Seaton, agent at Toluca, expects to be relieved about April 1st. He is undecided as to where he will go.

Mr. Wm. Mallison has been down to Manderson and Lovell, doing the relief stunt, but is again at Crow Agency, working his old trick.

We wish to thank Bro. Seaton for the notes he sent this month.

Am informed our new schedule will be in the hands of all concerned about April the first.

Our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. C. D. Peckenpaugh, has been making trips over the division lately, and we understand that he will continue this practice. We hope he will have no difficulty in finding his force out on the road up-to-date, and the depots in first-class condition.

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Bro. Mangrum, the agent at Lovell, upon his return from a vacation, was presented with a gasoline pump, and requested to run it. Now every one who has worked at Lovell knows that it is a hard proposition for one man to handle a pump and keep his station work in any kind of shape.

We understand Ulm day office will be closed, and a night office established there, in all probability before this goes to press. Bro. Meehan will be doing the night stunt. Verona will be closed as a night office, and opened as a day office.

Some of you brothers kindly send me a few notes. It is pretty hard to keep tab on every move on the division, and I know you are anxious to see a good write-up. It isn't much trouble, and only takes a stamp to forward them. I'll do the rest.

I wish to say to the members who have by their ballots again chosen me as local chairman, that I thank them very much. I have always tried to do my best, and consider that I have done very well in the last two years. I have secured not less than fifty applications, but doubt very much if I could have done it without your support, I have found the work very pleasant, and I hope you will all give me your support in the future, the same as you have in the past, and I believe we will always be in the lead over our sister divisions.

Fraternally,

J. J. MEEHAN, *L. C.*

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Bro. Williams, a new man on the road, relieved Bro. Hostick at Elkhart for a couple of weeks.

Bro. Crossley, of Delta, has been off a few days on account of the serious illness of his wife. We are glad to hear that she is much improved at this writing.

"13" Bro. Williamson, at "CW," has resigned, Bro. Willis, from Bryan, going to Holland second trick, and the regular second trick man taking first trick.

Telegrapher Kline relieved Bro. Willis at Bryan.

Mr. Murcer, second trick at Corunna, did the agent's stunt for a few days. He was relieved by Mr. Jackson, fresh from the factory at Edgerton.

Air Line Junction has been closed again nights.

Bro. C. D. Horton, of Clayton, has been transferred to the agency at White Pigeon, the agent from White Pigeon going to Coldwater.

Mr. O'Neil, of Byron Centre, secured Clayton, and Mr. Frary, of Ottawa Lake, is going to Byron Center.

Have been unable to learn who has gone to Ottawa Lake.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting a man to go to Schoolcraft as agent and telegrapher, but finally the telegrapher from Plainwell went. He was relieved by Telegrapher Griffith.

Mr. Grable, the agent at Schoolcraft, secured Allegan agency, which removes him from the telegraph service.

CERT. 358.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Savannah District—

The notes from this district have not yet reached me, but as the time is too short to wait longer I am going to strike out with what I have.

Bro. Butler, our new local chairman, would say, "Go after it with what you have, without waiting to get what you want." If this same spirit dominated a larger number of our members we would come pretty near having what they want.

Bro. Butler has appointed as his assistants, Bro. J. C. Featherstone, of Moncrief, and Bro. Ila Smith, of Offerman, both good, live brothers, and we know this district will be heard from.

Since the last issue of the journal Bro. J. C. Featherstone has been moved from Folkston to Moncrief Tower. Bro. Featherstone was succeeded at Folkston by Bro. J. G. Zander, from McCullough, who was in turn successded by Bro. D. Dinton, formerly with the F. E. C.

Our delegates to the convention in Atlanta should be instructed as to what we would like to have brought before that body. Anyone having any suggestions to make write to Bro. Butler, who will handle the matter for them.

Mr. W. W. Perry has been assigned to third trick at Jesup, having been moved to that point from Picketts. Have not learned who goes to Picketts, or who Mr. Perry succeeded at Jesup.

We are glad to welcome the following members who have been transferred from other divisions this month: F. C. Booe and W. L. Nichols, Broadhurst, Ga., Louis Grebenc, Ways, Jeb Martin, Hilliard, Fla., E. J. Norton, Rayborn, Ga.

The block season will have closed before this letter appears in the journal, and several of the brothers from other divisions will leave us. Especially will we miss Bro. Grebenc, at Ways, as he has been quite active in trying to get the boys on the north end interested.

We expect to have the pleasure of welcoming several more new members ere the present month is out.

Have you made an effort to get one?

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Norfolk District—

I wish to thank the brothers of the Norfolk District for the honor bestowed upon me by choosing me as their local chairman and delegate to the convention. I assure you I shall endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability in each capacity, and ask your hearty co-operation and support in making this district stand at the head of the list in both good service and organization.

I am glad to say we have quite a number of hard-working members, and it is encouraging to know that there is going to be something doing. Let's continue this good work and make this district solid. There is no reason why it can't be done. We have a few delinquent members, but trust they will pay their dues and have an up-to-date card before this shows up in print.

We are in very good shape, although there is still some material to work on, and as long as an

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there is even one non left, go after him. Let us profit by the parable of the shepherd and the lost sheep. You remember when the shepherd had driven his flock of sheep home from the mountain side one evening he counted them and found one was missing. He left the ninety-nine in safety and went in search of the one that was lost. That was not an easy task, to wander over a mountain side at night in search of the one that had strayed, yet the shepherd kept on until he had found the lost one and brought him back safely into the fold.

Let us interpret the parable in this manner: The ninety and nine sheep in safety are those fellows who keep their dues paid up. They are able to take care of themselves. The O. R. T. is the shepherd and we, as members, must go in search of the wanderer. We must not give up the search until we have found him as he has wandered from the paths of righteousness and it is our duty as brothers to go out and find him and show him the right way.

Don't think that because you have found him that henceforth he is all right, for in the parable quoted the shepherd had to *bring* the wandering sheep back into the fold. You will have to lead the wandering telegrapher into safety and protection. He will try very hard to discourage your advances. Don't be discouraged; show him that you live up to the standard toward which you are trying to lead him. With such encouragement you must go on until your efforts are crowned with success and you have the renewal or the application.

Remember, the way to win is:

Strike while the iron is heated,
Pause and the iron's cold;
If you strike too late on a hardened plate,
The weld will never hold.

Seek, and success will follow,
Wait and it passes by;
Be quick to grasp, then hold it fast,
And trust for a better try.

Work and the world works with you,
Loaf and you loaf alone;
This strenuous world is a continuous whirl,
It offers no room for the drone.

Life is an undertaking,
Death is a silent thought;
So let life's light illumine the night
With the deeds which you have wrought.

Yours fraternally,
D. H. PARKER,
Local Chairman.

Norfolk District—

I am glad to note that Norfolk District was so well represented in the February issue of the journal. There is still room for improvement, and if all the members will send in what items they hear of, it will be a great help, not only for the Norfolk District, but the whole A. C. L. system.

There has been very few changes over here this month.

Mr. F. T. Haynes went to Tarboro from Hongood to relieve Bro. Wharton for a few days.

Bro. R. L. Small, who is working extra relieved Bro. C. S. Smith, of South Tunis, for a few days, while Bro. Smith made a flying trip to his home. Bro. Small also relieved our newly-elected local chairman, Bro. D. H. Parker, at Speed, for a few days, so Bro. Parker could look after some outside business.

Bros. Blow and Gale, at Hobgood, have changed tricks, Bro. Hale now being on second.

Very sorry to hear that Bro. B. G. Cowan, of South Tunis, is off on account of sickness. Hope to see him back soon. Mr. Haynes is holding down the trick during his illness.

Bro. R. L. Small is now acting as agent at Drum Hill. Have not heard where Bro. Umphlett is; suppose the change is temporary.

Now that the election of officers is over and we have selected a good, live local chairman, and he, in turn, has appointed as his assistants Bros. G. C. Blow, Suffolk, Va., and J. W. Andrews, Parmele, N. C., we must get right down to real hard work and see if we can't make this northeastern end of the system as solid as any part of the country.

SOREBACK.

Richmond District, North.

Everything rather quiet just at present, at least it seems so to your correspondent, who has only received notice of two changes during the month.

Bro. J. B. Blair transferred from Battleboro to Enfield, and Bro. W. F. Ford from Tar River tower to Enfield. Mr. F. W. Mitchell transferred from Enfield to the tower.

Have just learned that Mr. E. A. McCordle is working third at Enfield.

We are glad to welcome to the district, Bro. C. A. Sanford, from the Virginian Railway. He is working at Emporia for a few days.

This is all I have learned this month, but hope to do much better next month.

We were sorry to lose Bro. Peebles, our local chairman, who has resigned on account of not having time to do the work. I sincerely trust a wise selection will be made to fill the vacancy, and that the district will be gotten in much better shape.

VIRGINIA.

Montgomery District—

Changes very few, and business seems to be dull.

Bro. Lawson, copyist at Dothan, has been on the sick list and was relieved by Mr. Kirkland, who was in turn relieved by Bro. D. L. Brantley, regular relief agent.

Bro. D. H. Evans, of Jakin, has been having chills and fever this month, but is out again.

I find this district is now on the honor roll, as the following members have been added this month. Bro. S. C. Whitehurst, of Newton, Bro. Crossley Carter, of Daleville, Ala., Bro. M.

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A. McFadden, on the banks of the river at Alaga, and Bro. W. S. Huey, at Grady.

This is very good news, and will be of interest to many of our brothers who thought we were doing nothing.

What has become of the O. R. T. bond company? Have we lost confidence in ourselves? Surely we can push this organization to a success. Let us renew our efforts and organize the bonding company. Instruct our delegates to Atlanta what to do.

If the members will supply Bro. Grissette with a few notes we can have a first-class write-up each month.

Now that we have to elect another local chairman, we should do it at once, get our forces directed in a certain channel and keep right at it until every eligible non holds an up-to-date card,

Every member should keep an up-to-date card. I understand we have a number of members on the district who are in arrears and the sooner they get into line the better they will feel.

ALABAMA.

Jacksonville District—

Bro. H. D. Corbett has, at last, landed first trick at Tampa and Bro. Hartley has been installed as agent at Carters, permanently.

Bro. S. V. Anders, of Plant City, nights, is off on a vacation; unable to learn who is relieving him.

Bro. Fraley, who is at present located at Prairie Jct., as car service manager, intends to resume agent's work. He says he is tired of car-service life and wants to be out on the line again.

The new depot at Winston is now occupied, and the employes at that point are very much pleased with it, although it's a small affair.

We are pleased to note that we have Bro. T. J. Tedder with us again as local chairman. It is to be hoped that the members will give him their hearty support during the coming year.

Not a single item from anyone this month, and this is rather discouraging, as I have about all the work I can say grace over and hardly have time to write for the journal. Some of the good brothers on the north end will please contribute a few lines and not let our end of the line go down.

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Richmond District, South—

We are glad to note that our newly-elected local chairman, Bro. J. L. Bridgers, of Dillon, S. C., has appointed two real live members as his assistants in the persons of Bro. Chas. F. Bolick, of "CO," South Rocky Mount, and Bro. G. B. Lamm, of Elrod. We understand that he will probably select another one located somewhere near the middle of the district in order that they can cover the entire territory. We hope to see good work done by this local board. Bro. Bridgers is not new at this kind of work, having been the first local chairman elected on this district. When he was serving on the committee at Wilmington he was always on the lookout for something for his district, and if he did not get it, he always knew the reason why.

Since last month's issue of the journal, we have had a few changes, but on account of a change in the local chairmen, we can't give all of them.

Bro. K. G. Kennedy has been transferred from Kenly to "DI," South Rocky Mount.

We welcome back to the division Brother H. L. Clark, who worked at Smithfield last fall. Bro. Clark is now located at Dillon.

Bro. A. B. Williams, who, it will be remembered, refused to be checked in at Sharpsburg, after a fifteen days' suspension, is now with the Southern at New Holland, Ga.

We note a shaking up in Rocky Mount. Mr. R. C. Westcott, the absconding train master, has been succeeded by Mr. H. E. Bruffey, and Mr. E. S. Dodge has again been promoted to chief dispatcher's position. We are glad to see another one of the Richmond boys recognized.

Mr. Conklin, who has been holding down the first trick at Wilson since Bro. Robinson was let out on account of his hearing, has been dismissed from the service on account of his past record.

Mr. D. C. Smith is working third at Wilson, and Bro. Cease has been put on first, very much against his will, as he is a student at the A. C. College at that place, and this move has put him badly behind in his classes, and may cause him to lose the scholarship, of which he was almost certain up to the time of the change.

The third trick men at Dunn and Kenly were changed a few days ago; have not yet heard of the places being bulletined. Bro. Bridgers will, no doubt, look out for them.

DIV. COR.

Columbia District—

No one has seen fit to send me an item this month, but as I think this district should be represented as well as the others, will give you what has come to my notice.

Bro. F. B. Van Sant has been transferred from Wadesboro to Bennettsville. We have not been able to learn what position Bro. Van Sant takes at Bennettsville, or who succeeded him at Wadesboro.

It is reported that Sister Cecil Severance, of Cheraw, will not be with us much longer. We have not been advised why she is leaving the service.

We regret Bro. Rogers could not serve us as local chairman. Being situated as he was, he could have kept in close touch with the district at all times, and being at headquarters could have done much for the men by personal application to the officials. He could also have kept in touch with the new men coming to the district.

As Bro. Rogers declines to serve, we must elect some other good man in his place. Let each and every one make a resolution on the first of April to get one or more applications before the first of May.

SANDY.

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Charleston District—

As THE TELEGRAPHER has not yet reached me, I can't say whether we are represented or not.

Bro. C. W. Boswell, our genial local chairman, has been appointed agent at Kingstree. We are glad to see Bro. Boswell moving up. He could have done this long ago, but preferred Salters. Bad health of his family finally drove him to make a change.

Bro. T. M. Jaudon, who has been working in Florida during the winter, is again at his home in St. Stephens. That is telegraphers' headquarters.

Bro. W. L. Hatchell, formerly on the Savannah District, is working one of the tricks at Effingham during the winter tourist season.

Business is improving in the cabbage district, and we will soon have them moving at the rate of 100 to 150 cars per day. When trains commence to move at that rate, it looks like there is something doing, and there usually is. We hope the trucksters will have much better luck than they had last year, which was a most disastrous one for them. SANDY.

Gainesville District—

I am not going to waste your time this month, just want to say enough to let you know that the Gainesville District is still on the map. I fear this is about all that can be said for it at present, as there seems to be very little stirring except tourists. They are keeping a few of our members on the run all the time, while the Greeks are keeping Bro. Craig at Tarpon Springs continually on his tiptoes. Bro. Craig has been elected delegate to Atlanta.

Bro. L. W. Lambert has been transferred from Newberry to Reddick; have not learned whom he succeeded or who succeeded him.

It is with regret that we learn of the poor state of health of Bro. D. M. Livingstone, former agent at Lowell. Bro. Livingstone writes from Skyland, N. C., that he does not expect he will ever be able to telegraph again. Bro. Livingstone has asked for, and been granted a withdrawal card, showing he left us in good standing. He was very anxious to leave us in this way, and that the brothers should know that he would like to have remained a member but the expense was too much for him with a wife and baby, he not able to do a particle of work. GATER.

Wilmington District—

Isn't it strange that the fellow who can't write is the one called upon to send something to THE TELEGRAPHER? Well, as it is imposed on me, and there is no way out of it, I suppose the members will have to tolerate it.

Bro. R. V. Rivenbark has been transferred to the agency at Folkstone, N. C., and was succeeded at Bolton by Bro. D. B. Monroe.

Lake Waccamaw agency has been bulletined, after a very long time. The time has just expired, but we have not heard who has been assigned to that agency yet. NOW GOOD-BYE.

Waycrosss District—

I hear that we have a district correspondent, but in order that our territory shall be represented without fail this month, I have decided to tell a few things that have occurred.

Bro. J. L. Murray, one of our new members, has gone to Hildreth, Fla., as night telegrapher. This is one of the nine-hour night offices where the telegrapher is required to work twelve hours.

Bro. R. B. Kimble, one of our old members, who was formerly employed on this district, is again with us, being located at Quitman, Ga. He has been out of the service for some time.

Mr. W. Nobles succeeded Bro. Harrel at Lake City.

Bro. J. G. Rice is now working a trick at Sylvester. It will be remembered Bro. Rice was at Naylor for a long time.

We are glad to welcome back into our ranks Bro. J. D. Harvey, of Manor.

Bro. L. D. Hamilton, formerly with the G. S. & F. as general chairman, is now located at Valdosta. GEORGIA.

All Members Division No. 132—

I have recently been asked for aid to assist the hatters in their fight for the use of the union label. If you have not already read my article in the February issue of the journal I want you to read it at once, as it is now brought home to us that the union people of the country must demand the union label on every article where a label can be, or is now, in use. There is not an article of clothing you wear that cannot be bought with the label on it. There is not a member of the division who does not buy one or more hats each year. By demanding the label you will be assisting the hatters to win their fight. Just at this time this will not alone suffice, as they have about 20,000 members out on strike, fighting for their very existence and I wish each member to make a contribution of any amount he can, even if it is only a dime; it will help that much, and a dime from each member would be some help. Of course, you are not expected to make it the minimum because that amount is named, but make it as large as possible.

Just as soon as the hatters' union is destroyed or greatly crippled, the Van Cleaves and others in like positions will commence their fight upon other unions. It is their avowed purpose to break them up. Are we going to allow it?

If you have never before demanded the union label on what you buy, do it now. If your local dealer does not keep it, get it from some one who does. By demanding the label you may be saving a union man his position. A little girl in Roanoke, Va., by persistently asking for union-made goods and not buying because the dealers did not have them, caused so many orders for union-made articles to be sent to one manufacturer that he changed his mind about discontinuing the use of the label on his products. If one little girl, single-handed, can do this, what can the two and a half millions of union men in this country do?

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You are one of these, and perhaps the only union man in your town. Your merchants do not even know the union label when they see it, yet if you ask them for it they will soon find out what it is and if you will not buy what they have, they will get it for you. They will also sell the same thing to some other fellow who does not care whether it has the label or not. In this way the two and one half millions of union men can, in a short time, exert such an influence that every merchant, no matter how small he may be, will demand from the manufacturers only goods that bear the label.

Let's make a fight for this in the Southeast.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS,
G. S. & T.

C., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

Chicago Division, East—

At the meeting just held there were many familiar faces, from which I judge the work of the old committee was satisfactory. One thing we can say, and that is we have tried to prove satisfactory. I can state for the entire old committee that if any errors were made they were not intentional. I thank the brothers for again placing me in the position of representative of the old Chicago Division, and trust that they will judge leniently at all times, and know that I am doing my best.

I would like to ask that the members show more interest than they have been in the habit of doing heretofore; I am sure I could do a great deal more good if they would but realize that it is up to them, and not the local chairman, to upbuild the Order and keep it where it is. Do not think that when you vote for me for chairman your duty is done, and that you can rest on your oars until next election.

Beg to state that Bro. Whalen and the writer audited the accounts of our general secretary and treasurer on March 2d, and find that Division No. 138 is in first-class condition.

Referring to our visit to St. Louis, would like to say to you who have not met Bro. Burton, that we are very fortunate in securing a secretary and treasurer of Bro. Burton's ability.

Bro. Burton has a set of books that would make the chief clerk in the United States Treasury envious, and we can be assured that our finances are in the best of hands.

Would also like to say that while in St. Louis I had the pleasure of visiting and getting acquainted with the general office force in the Star Building, and was shown entirely through the establishment by the Hon. Jas. B. Finnan, of Baltimore fame.

If at any time any one accuses our grand officers of extravagance in the way of office furnishings, make up your mind that he is misrepresenting. I was certainly taken aback at the plainness of the furnishings throughout the entire suite of offices.

Would like to make an appeal to the brothers on the west end of the Chicago Division, to "get busy," as there is plenty of room for missionary work in that quarter.

The following brothers have been reported off duty a few days since last write-up: Bro. Kirby, "RS;" Bro. Weber, "CD;" Bro. Carter, "CD;" Bro. Dupps, "BY;" Sister Van, "GN."

If I have overlooked any one, please call me up, or drop me a note the next time, so I will be sure not to miss you.

Beg to say in defense of this communication, that I have just been checked in as agent at this point, and have but little time to devote to this write-up.

I thank you again for the confidence shown in re-electing me chairman. I sincerely ask your hearty co-operation in behalf of the success of our Order in the next year's work.

W. O. BRINKMAN.

St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—

Business seems to be holding its own.

At the present writing we are unable to state who will represent us at Atlanta, as Bro. Burton has not yet made known the result of the election. We hope, however, that the delegate will prove satisfactory to all, when the result becomes known.

Bro. E. E. Evans off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. A. R. Hartman.

Bro. E. F. Wade, third trick at Carbon, is taking a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Hartman.

Bro. C. W. Foudray has gone to Colorado to accept a position with the A. P. Ry. He was relieved by his brother from Terre Haute.

Bro. C. L. Mewhinney is working third trick in dispatcher's office at Terre Haute.

H. F. Watson, third trick dispatcher's office, has been promoted to car tracer. J. M. Hopkins taking first trick telegraph job.

W. S. Long, third trick at Mt. Jackson, is working a few days in "AB" office, Indianapolis.

Bro. G. C. Stoker is reported to be off duty, on account of sickness.

Don't forget to work on that non, who may be located at the next station to you.

DIV. COR.

Cairo Division, North—

There is a new man in the dispatcher's office working days as telegrapher, and extra dispatcher relieving Bro. Goodner, who is now at "NY," first trick.

Bro. Ball, second trick at St. Francisville, is laying off a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Gilkison.

Telegrapher Henry, first trick at "NE," Mt. Carmel, has been off duty a few days, on account of being ill. Bro. James and Telegrapher Johnson doubled for the first two days, on account of no extra man on the board, but they were relieved of this by Telegrapher Sanders beginning third trick.

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Four passenger trains were detoured from the Cairo Division, on account of a big washout between Flat Rock and Birds.

Bro. Rogers is laying off a few days to visit home folks at Birds. He was relieved by second trick Telegrapher Tingley, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Lumbard.

Bro. Cochran, first trick at St. Francisville, is off duty a few days, moving his family and household good from Pinkstaff to St. Francisville. Bro. Ball is relieving Bro. Cochran.

"13" Bro. Drake, second trick, at "YD," Mt. Carmel, is taking sixty days off, and is going to Murphysboro, Ill., where he has a brother working as agent for the Iron Mountain. It is Drake's intention to learn station work under his brother, and prepare for a position as agent.

Bro. McDowell, who was transferred to the dispatcher's office at Harrisburg, temporarily, is at "YD," second trick, on account of decrease in force at Harrisburg. A STAUNCH MEMBER.

St. Louis Division, West End—

We have a good set of officials to work under, therefore we should strive to make it a point to show our appreciation by giving good service.

The officials on St. Louis Division, West, grant us many favors, and seem disposed to treat us fairly.

It is noted, with regret, that there are a few telegraphers along the line who seem to think that just so long as they are getting in the time, they are doing their duty, and that nothing more should be required of them. When they are interrogated by the dispatcher, their answer is usually, "I don't know," which, of course, shows a lack of interest in their work. We are glad to know that for the most part these lax methods are practiced by non-members. Let me impress upon your minds that strictly first-class service is what the company has a right to expect, and if it is given the path of the general committee will be much smoother when it meets the management to negotiate for a revision of the schedule.

When a brother has a grievance he should not hesitate to take it up for adjustment, as in failing to do so he, in a certain measure, tends to vitiate or render our present schedule inoperative by default.

It is useless to organize and expend money to secure agreements, unless they are taken advantage of after becoming effective.

In case of unjust treatment, or a violation of the schedule, all papers in the case should be turned over to the local chairman, together with a complete statement, and he, no doubt, can arrange a satisfactory settlement.

Bro. Whalen has been tendered the job of dispatching at Staunton, Ill., for the Interurban Co.

Bro. Gibbons is working in the dispatcher's office at Mattoon, second trick, in the place of Telegrapher Sam Howel.

Bro. Jno. Cross is now working at Windsor, 3 trick. Have not heard where Bro. Fling is gone.

Miss Carrol, from "KI," Nameoki, spent a few days with her brother, who resides at Mattoon.

Bro. Hall is off duty for a few days. Relieved by Telegrapher Church.

Bro. Hill, second trick at Windsor, off duty for a few days, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Wall, from Clover Leaf.

We "13" Mr. Stein is going to agency at Dorseys, for sixty days, to relieve Bro. Hendricks.

Telegrapher Church relieved Bro. Roberts at Pana, first trick, for a couple of days.

Bro. Cross bid in "WN," third trick at Windsor. COR.

Chicago Division, West—

There was considerable rivalry displayed at the recent election of officers and representatives, and we trust they will receive the hearty support of the membership. The successful aspirants are worthy, industrious gentlemen, and are contributing their time and ambition to a good cause.

A great many telegraphers are being dismissed from the service for various reasons. This is detrimental to the advancement of our cause, and places the general committee at a disadvantage when negotiating with the management.

Bro. Walls, first trick at Clarks Hill, off on spring vacation, visiting in Chicago; relieved by Telegrapher Dockery.

Bro. Franks, at Augusta, accompanied by R. F. Seng, made a flying trip to Indianapolis, and visited the Empire Theatre. Mr. Seng is third trick telegrapher at Altamount.

Bro. Bender, third trick at Whitestown, failed to show up one night, and Mrs. Stewart, second trick telegrapher, was held on duty in his place. Bro. Bender was off duty a few days; have not heard the particulars.

Bro. Winship is working third trick at Earl Park.

Bro. B. J. Butler, an old-time agent who has been working third trick at Rex, has been transferred to Aroma, "on the Kankakee," and installed as agent. Mr. W. D. Frank is working third trick at Rex.

Mr. Earl Z. Yount, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., is now in the service of this company.

Mr. Fay Milligan, third trick dispatcher at Kankakee, recently visited his parents at Clarks Hill.

Mr. Youell, formerly second trick at Lafayette yard, has been transferred to Shelby St. shops; a more desirable position with better pay.

We have a number of non-members on the west end. It would be a good plan for our esteemed friend and local chairman, Bro. W. O. Erinkman, to spend some time with each telegrapher on the line west of Indianapolis.

CERT. 35.

Michigan Division—

The financial report of our general secretary and treasurer shows old No. 138 in excellent condition, in fact, better than ever before. With this condition prevailing, and in view of the fact

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that the division is now well lined-up, it should be no difficult matter to make her solid ere the close of the year. Let every brother get busy, "hop" onto the non next to him, and tell him exactly how much you "love him." Maybe if he knew the whole truth he would become ashamed, and get an up-to-date card.

On the recent bulletin Bro. Ferree, formerly extra, bid in Letts Corner agency, vice Bro. Kind, resigned.

Bro. A. F. Dehew, of Letts Corner, has taken the owl stunt at North Vernon, in preference to an agent-telegrapher position. This is only one of the many instances where agents have decided that a straight telegraph position is better than an agent-telegrapher position.

Mr. Scott, an extra man, hailing from Milford, is working nights at Knightstown, during the spring rush, caused by heavy shipments of wire fence from the Sears & Roebuck factory, which is located at that place. Former Night Telegrapher Long is assisting the bill clerk.

Several changes have taken place on the division in the last month; will try and give you a few of them.

Bro. Middlekauf "bumped" Telegrapher Dunckelee at "MA" office, Marion freight house.

Telegrapher Dunckelee bumped Bro. M. T. Clymer at Goshen, nights, and Bro. M. T. Clymer in turn bumped Telegrapher G. P. Sallade, night owl at Elkhart.

During the recent storm and heavy sleet, our wires came in contact with a trolley wire which burned out the switch board at Marion freight office.

Business appears to be getting normal, for which we are very thankful. Let us work for the good of the company at all times. Do your work well, and, no doubt, your services will be appreciated by the officials. DIV. COR.

Cleveland Division—

During the month of January the New York Central Lines realized over $500,000 from stock transactions on Wall Street. Surely, part of this was obtained by using our wages up to the middle of February.

Bro. Wilhar, of Marshes, is taking treatment for rheumatism in Hot Springs, Ark. Bro. Conklin is working first trick; Bro. Golden, second, and Mr. Queen, third.

Mr. Walker, of "HF," Marion, intends to fill first trick at Marsh; Bro. Wilhar second, and Bro. Golden, third. Can not say where Bro. Conklin intends to go.

Owing to the assistance of Bro. Reily, of Rochester, and the good brother at Wellington, we have the best write-up that I have seen in the journal, since voluntarily taking this task upon myself.

Bro. Z. R. Reams is off duty a few days, visiting friends in Dayton; relieved by Bro. Bogan.

N. R. Kimball is doing relief work at New London, third trick.

Mr. Squires, the professional ham instructor of Harper, was very glad to again crawl back in the service when our C. T. D. was short of men, and could obtain nothing better. At present he is working second trick at Wellington.

A beautiful bouquet was presented to Bro. Anshoots, of New London, by several of the members of this division. Bro. Anshoots has been quite ill. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. R. B. Buckles bid in second trick at Harper, but soon changed his mind, and is at present working second trick at Berea.

Bro. Carey was off duty thirteen days last month, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. Piscus, of New London.

Agent at Agosta off duty fifteen days on account of sickness; relieved by the second trick man at Longville, Telegrapher Kimball. Bro. Benson off seven days, on account of sickness; O. E. Bishop, relief. COR.

Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.

Southern Division—

Business on the G. R. & I. is still improving, and a few additional telegraph offices have been opened on this division, but they do not pay enough to enable a man to live extravagantly. Fisher has been opened as a night office, twelve hours' work, $47.50 per month. Cooper opened same way, at same price. Bro. E. E. Robinson was appointed night telegrapher at Cooper.

Bro. V. B. Elliot, who has been working days at "RN" cabin, Kalamazoo, has left us. We are unable to say where he went.

Mr. Boyd Coates was taken from the extra list and placed in third trick at "SK" tower, LaOtto. Bro. Harrod was moved to Wallen, a twelve-hour job.

Our new Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Geo. W. Cox, has taken up the work with a vim, and is doing fine. The boys seem to be well pleased with Bro. Cox.

Former Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. M. Duncan, has been very sick for some time. We have not heard lately how he is, but hope he is much improved, if not well.

Traffic on the north end out of Ft. Wayne is very heavy. Last month the company did not have engines enough to handle the business, therefore they borrowed four large ones from the Pennsylvania Lines at Ft. Wayne.

June the 1st, the block system will be opened between the Junction at Ft. Wayne and Sturgis, on account of Indiana State law. This will make a few good openings; Wallen will be eight-hour shifts, also Valentine, Rome City and Lima, unless the plans are changed. THE KID.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Heavenly Father to remove from this earthly home the father of our beloved Bro. O. O. Miller, be it

Resolved, That we extend to Bro. Miller our heartfelt sympathy in his hour of sadness and sorrow, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy kept on the minutes of the G. R. & I. System, Division No. 143.

C. A. DONART,
THOS. PAGE,
Committee.

Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.

Bro. Burleson is now acting as agent at Shiro, taking the place of our deceased Bro. Deen.

Bro. Garrett, of Donil, is now working third trick at Towdale, after being off duty for about three weeks. He had the misfortune to lose his baby. He relieved Telegrapher Avett, of Teague. Bro. Anderson is now on second.

Bro. G. W. Cole has been checked in as agent and telegrapher at "BA," Scovill. "13" he does the pumping in connection with other duties.

Sister C. Smylie has been moved to "J," Newby.

Telegrapher M. Isaacs, "MT," of Shiro; Agent Wheeler, of Embouse, Telegrapher cotton, of Hillsboro, and Webner, of Teague, attended the funeral of our deceased Bro. Deen, at Streetman, Monday, February 22. Sister Smythe went as far as Teague, and returned on No. 1. "13" she could not get relief in time to attend.

Why doesn't some one else write something? Don't sit around and wait for the other fellow to do it all. CERT. 29.

E. R. Deen, agent for the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry., at Shiro, Texas, died at the company's hospital, Fort Worth, at 8:30 p. m., February 20, 1909.

Bro. Deen had a tooth extracted on the 17th, which caused a rupture of a blood vessel, and he was too weak from loss of blood to survive the operation which followed.

Bro. Deen was a charter member of Division No. 144, O. R. T., and one of its hardest workers, and was also a member of the Woodmen of the World. He was well liked by all who knew him, and enjoyed the confidence of his employers and fellow-workers, as well as the patrons of the company.

The depot at Streetman, where he was buried, February 22d, by the Woodmen of the World, was draped in mourning.

A large wreath of white roses and ferns was the tribute from Division No. 144.

TEAGUE, TEX., February 25, 1909.

All Members:

Bro. E. R. Deen, agent at Shiro, died at the company's hospital, Fort Worth, at 8:30 p. m., February 20th, 1909, and was buried at Streetman, February 22d.

Death was caused by rupture of blood vessel, resulting from the extraction of a tooth, and he was too weak from loss of blood to stand the operation which followed.

In the death of Bro. Deen the division has lost one of its most faithful and loyal members, who always had the interest of the union in mind, and was ever ready to work for the advancement of the cause. The esteem in which he was held, was shown by the large funeral procession, and the sorrow expressed on the faces of all who knew him.

He was buried with the honors of the Woodmen of the World, of which he was a member, and several of the members of Division No. 144 attended in a body. A large wreath of white roses and ferns was the tribute from this division.

Fraternally yours,
CHAS. C. WEBNER,
General Chairman.

CARD OF THANKS.

GOODNIGHT, TEX., February 26, 1909.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the O. R. T., especially Bros. M. Isaac, C. C. Wheeler, C. C. Webner, and Mr. C. L. McKitchen, of the T. & B. V. Ry., who contributed the beautiful floral offering to my beloved brother, Edgar, who died February 20, 1909.

Yours fraternally,
T. R. DEEN.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank the members of System Division No. 144 for the kindness and sympathy extended me, during the sickness and death of my husband, also for the beautiful floral offering.

MRS. E. R. DEEN.

Toledo, St. Louis & Western Ry.

Business on this line is slowly improving.

I must insist that the members furnish me with items, such as changes or transfers that take place during the month. It is rather difficult, or I might say almost impossible, for one person to gather all the news along the line.

Bro. Clark, at "VA," M. C. Jct., Toledo, is again on second trick, after a few days on third trick. We were unable to learn who held second trick in the place of Bro. Clark.

Bro. C. C. McClelland, third trick at "JU," Ohio City, O., was off two weeks during March, suffering with the mumps. He was relieved by Mr. C. G. Burris, late of the Northern Pacific, who in turn was relieved by Bro. E. F. Harris, of Division No. 33.

Bro. Harris was recently called to Frankfort, Ind., by Chief Dispatcher Vorhis. He had the misfortune to lose his overcoat, which was stolen from the coach in which he was riding.

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Bro. Neff, who has been first trick at Bluffton, Ind., was recently transferred to the freight office as clerk. There are but two telegraphers at Bluffton at present, the office being closed several hours each day.

Mr. C. G. Burris has been transferred from Ohio City to Cayuga. We are unable to learn who he relieved.

Mr. J. G. Adams, third trick man at Marion, Ind., was married at Ohio City, O., March 7th, to Miss Alice Hirt, of that place. Mr. Adams was relieved at Marion by Mr. C. G. Burris.

Bro. C. A. Long of "KO," Kokomo, has returned to duty, after a vacation spent with friends at Russiaville.

Our genial and old-time friend Dispatcher J. F. Jewell, who has been working first trick on the east end, has been transferred to the west end. Mr. Farrell is now working first trick; Mr. Gill, second, and Mr. Hufferd, third. Let us show them that we appreciate kind treatment, by rendering first-class service.

Bro. Stiffler, first trick at "KO," Kokomo, Ind., is taking a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. E. F. Harris, of Division No. 33.

Mr. O. D. Cartwright, relief agent, is acting agent at Malinta, O., until permanent agent is appointed.

We have a new agent at Russiaville, Ind., but I am unable at this writing to say who the lucky man is.

Bro. E. F. Harris is relieving Telegrapher Nixcen at "VN," Van Buren, Ind., on third trick, for a week or so.

Bro. H. E. Garrard, second trick at "JU," Ohio City, O., off a few days taking in sights at Toledo; relieved by Telegrapher Gephart, from Holgate.

CERT. 3399.

Norfolk & Southern Ry.

Through the efforts of a brother, who has the good of the Order at heart, this old pike has at last been organized. This is good news to all members, and especially to the few over here who have striven for the past few years to wake these fellows up. We feel that this article is not complete without placing credit for this state of affairs where it rightly belongs, but, after due consideration of all sides of the question, we have decided that it is best to omit names, and draw the mantle of silence around the name of our good brother who sacrificed so much to help us. Boys, have you shown him the consideration that is due for this sacrifice? Do you realize fully what he has done for you? You may not —I hope you do—but future generations will erect to him a suitable monument proclaiming to the O. R. T. world his efforts toward a betterment of your working conditions. May his shadow never grow less.

The Norfolk and Southern has been organized, a large majority of the telegraphers and agents are members of the O. R. T. at this writing, and others are expecting to join in the near future. A division will be started promptly, when the committee will get down to business, and look after the interest of all members. We have the kindest feelings for the nons, but that feeling will be increased ten-fold when they carry up-to-date cards in their pockets. Mr. Non-member you add to your standing in the community when you have a union card with you. You will feel like a man when you can draw your card, and say "I am a member in good standing." How do you feel now when you are asked if you belong to the Order? I know, you need not answer, I have been along that road. You feel like dodging the inquisitor until his train departs. You do not feel like discussing the O. R. T. with him. This is simply because, deep down in your heart, you know he is right and you are wrong; that others are making sacrifices to help you when you will not help yourself. It is true, when you procure the up-to.date card your old hat will be too small for you, but you can well afford to buy a new hat when the increase of salary comes with the card.

Now, seriously, you who are members keep your dues paid in advance, and talk O. R. T. from early morning until dewy evening, with some non who chances to be near you. "Constant dripping wears away a stone," and constant agitation of the O. R. T. will wear the heart of a non so smooth that he will slip into line before he knows how it happens. And you nons, for the good of your brother telegraphers and yourselves, come into the fold. Raise your standing in your chosen profession; raise your wife, your children, your sweetheart up to that point where they can grasp the hand of a member, and say we are with you, fight to the finish; you are trying to help us, we are ready to help fight your battles.

I am not an active telegrapher at this time, but I am with you to the end. I am O. R. T. all over, and stand ready and willing to assist in any way that may be in my power.

CERT. 506.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

On account of inclement weather, the meeting at Kittanning, March 14, was not very well attended. It is our intention to hold these meetings every fourth Sunday at the Steim House.

Bros. C. H. and F. A. McElhinney have resigned and gone south to accept service with some other company. We are sorry to lose the brothers and wish them well in their new positions.

Bro. J. A. Bever bid in second trick at Ford City, Bro. Bever was relieved at Tyler by Bro. Hammond. Do not yet know who gets third at Tyler.

Bro. Rockwell, of Mosgrove, has resigned to accept a position elsewhere.

Miss Snyder secured first trick at Kennerdell, and is now nicely located near her home.

Bro. T. L. Ray landed first trick at "BO" tower, which is near his home. He was sick for some time but has fully recovered. This is pleasing news for all who know him.

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Sister R. L. Reitzel enjoyed a short leave of absence recently. She was relieved by Mr. C. F. Stewart, an extra telegrapher.

Bro. R. G. Shaffer has resumed duty at Medix Run, after a lengthy absence due to sickness.

Bro. J. C. Ramsey is at present holding down first trick at White Rock on account of the resignation of Bro. C. H. McElhinney. We are unable to tell at this time who will be the lucky applicant for this position.

The extra telegraphers are making nearly full time and it looks as if the worst of the panic was over. Business is steadily improving; more crews are being put on and all extra brakemen are busy. This is a very good sign.

The latest discipline bulletin shows quite a large number of suspensions among the telegraphers for various causes, and I would again urge upon everyone the necessity for watchfulness at all times. Study the rules carefully and never, under any circumstances, disregard them without proper authority. If the rules cannot be complied with it is up to some one to amend them, but while they are in effect it is up to you to exert every effort to comply with them.

It is generally admitted, now, that the telegrapher holds the most responsible position on a railroad, and the fact that so few accidents occur that are chargeable to him speaks well for the craft in general. Each year our duties become more difficult, and as traffic increases additional rules are made. It is high time that we secure concessions in the way of increased compensation. Let us bend every energy toward giving good service and the result must eventually be in our favor. "It is a long lane that has no turn."

BRIGHAM.

Panama Ry.

As I have not seen a write-up of this road in more than a year, I concluded to write a few lines.

We are pretty well organized here; we have no local, however.

We are required to work twelve hours, despite the fact that we are practically employes of the United States Government.

Bro. L. B. Maggard has been promoted from telegrapher at Panama yard office to extra dispatcher at Colon, relieving Bro. V. D. Doty, third trick, who is now on a vacation.

Bro. L. C. D'Azevedo is handling the Colon commercial ("J") office during the absence of Mr. Avery, who is on vacation.

It is understood that the P. R. R. is soon to install oil-burning locomotives, which will be used on passenger trains.

We have requested an investigation of our working conditions, with a view of bettering them. The general manager states that during the absence of the president, Col. Goethals, he can make no changes.

In closing would advise all telegraphers to stay away from here. There are quite a number of men coming here in hopes of getting on, and at present two or three are under rather heavy expense, waiting for something to show up. Don't come without an appointment. CERT. 6008.

Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

On account of sickness and other numerous reasons our meeting was called for the month of March, and as no items were sent in our write-up was missing, also. A few notes sent in from each road would give us a nice write-up every month, on account of the wide field we cover. We depend a good deal on some one from each road, keeping us posted on the different changes.

Bro. Liddane, of East St. Paul, is laying off at present, visiting. He was relieved by Bro. Kanar.

Sister Rose Ryan, of Stillwater, has accepted a position in Mr. Dickson's office at St. Paul. Did not learn who relieved her at Stillwater.

Bro. Carr, of third trick at Gladstone, "WC," intends going to the Iron Range country soon; relieved by Bro. Finnegan, of Somerset. Bro. Kamberg relieved Bro. Finnegan.

Bro. Bradley, of Mississippi St., third trick, was laid up a week with the grippe; relieved by Mr. Herberg, of same office.

Bro. Line, of St. Anthony Park, was sick a couple of weeks. Mr. Hoagland did the relief act.

The office at Gladstone, "NP," had wires removed recently, and phone substituted; also salary reduced. Mr. Shepard decided to remain as agent.

Bro. Jokheek, agent at East 7th St., resigned, to go with the Western Union again. He was relieved by Fred Herberg, of Taylors Falls.

The Soo Line is rushing its work on Westminister St. tunnel, night and day gangs being worked; to be complete by July.

Bro. Newman, of St. Louis, spent several days in the city with the Chicago Great Western committee. An agreement was speedily reached. Bro. Albrecht headed the committee, but did not learn the names of others.

The material is on the ground, and work will soon start on the new interlocking plant at Mississippi St.

Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club.

We are bending our energies to get the southeastern roads solid before the convention in May. Get busy on the non. We need him and he needs us.

M. W. Frix, local chairman Southern Ry., at Birmingham, tells us that his division is 99% strong. It is now a matter of speculation as to which road will be the next to send in such a splendid report.

Chas. F. DeBus, representative of the Grand Division, was in Atlanta several days, a few

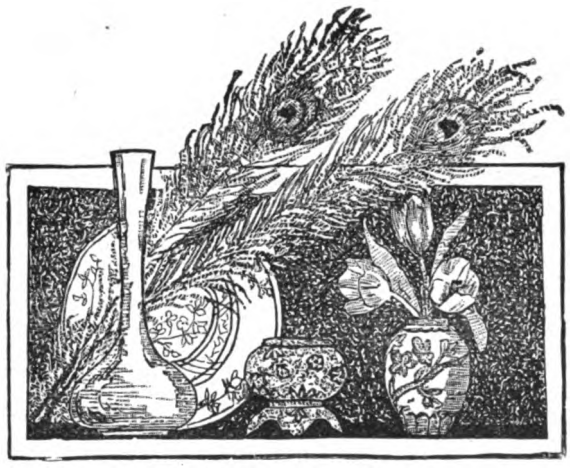
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weeks ago, mingling with the members and rapping the nons on every side.

Miss West was sick Saturday night and failed to be with the general committee, the first time since the organization of the club.

Applications for the "Dixie" cards are coming in rapidly, and it is hoped that everyone will take out one of these cards before the convention. They are only 50c, and good to June 30. All applications should be sent to Mrs. E. B. Smith, secretary and treasurer, P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.

Only eight of the members of the general committee succeeded in getting in the picture last Saturday night; those who were on their tricks wish it known to all readers of THE TELEGRAPHER that the best looking members of the committee were left out! PRESS COMMITTEE.



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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 121 is due APR. 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires MAY 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A).....20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....60 cents each

BENEFITS PAID DURING MARCH, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
713	J. P. Dryden	Pleuro Pneumonia	77	13750	B	$ 500 00
852	Leo. J. Rebel	Peritonitis	52	28589	A	300 00
854	Geo. D. Johnson	Acute Diabetes	8	11032	B	500 00
855	Joseph H. Sutton	Typhoid Fever and La Grippe	33	26633	A	300 00
857	P. W. Maloney	Bright's Disease	93	25550	A	300 00
860	Wm. M. Hinkle	Railroad Accident	33	15259	B	500 00
861	J. S. Jenkins	Intestinal Obstruction	93	19866	C	1,000 00
862	Wm. E. White	Pneumonia	93	3661	C	1,000 00
863	A. W. Palmateer	Killed by Railroad Train	124	25994	A	300 00
864	Wm. A Bunting	Pleuro Pneumonia	16	15240	A	300 00
869	Geo. W. Gooch	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	62	22624	A	300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to February 28, 1909	$754,011 62
Received on Assessment Account March, 1909	7,559 25
	$761,570 87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to February 28, 1909	$501,681 47
Death Claims paid in March	5,300 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,136 16
Assessments transferred to dues	196 73
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, March 31, 1909	253,256 51
	$761,570 87

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No 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th and Keller sts., Harrisburg, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

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No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Elizabethtown, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCracken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Harford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

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No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 203 W. 144th st., New York City.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

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No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

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No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George St., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikeville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 324 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 365 Shelton ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

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No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen't S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescen. (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374. Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman

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No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T, Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T, Box 682, St Joseph, Mo.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Sinton Bldg., 3 East Fourth st., Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway system. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden, N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.

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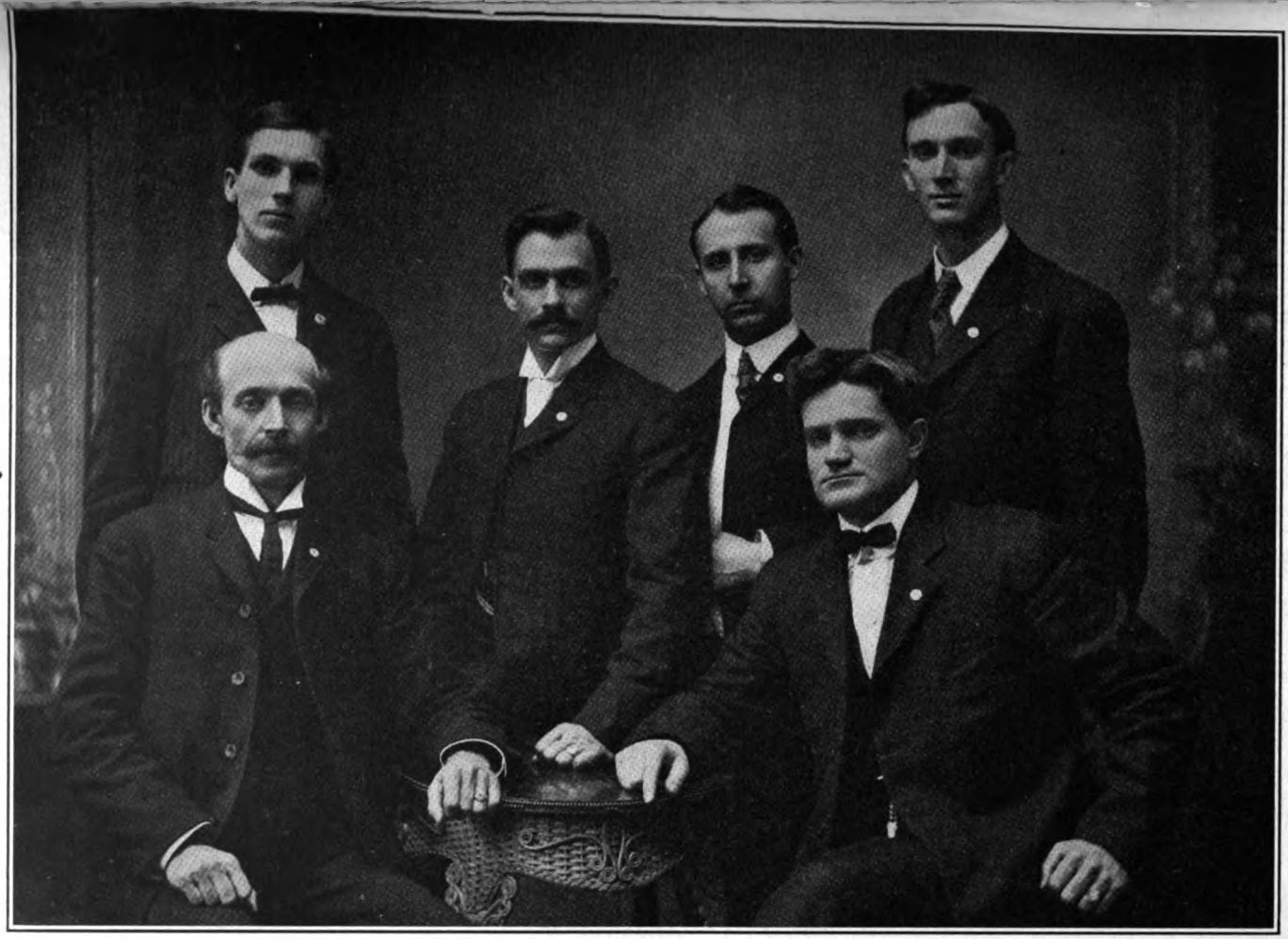
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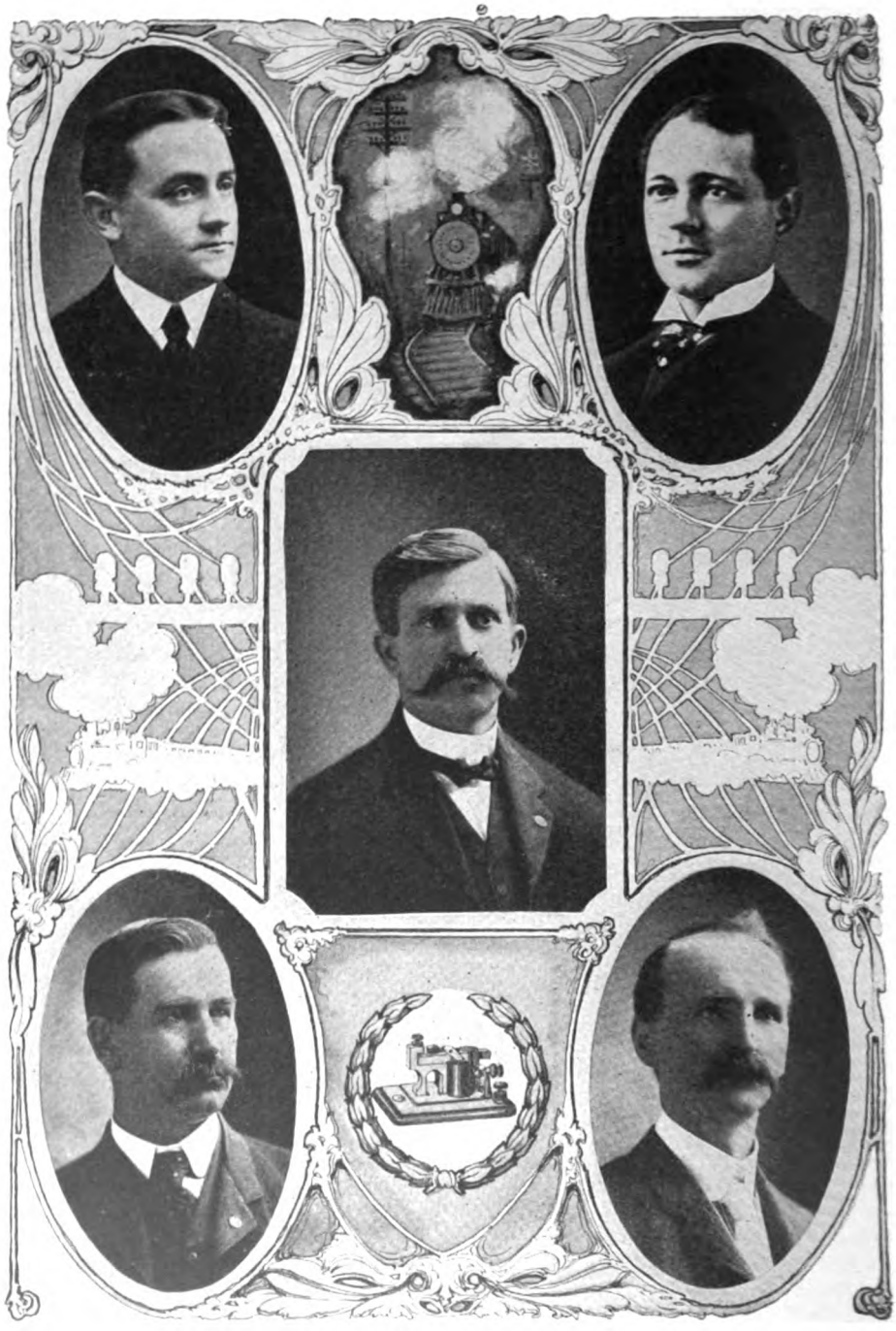
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A GREAT VICTORY.

SANTA FE RAILWAY FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING NINE-HOUR LAW.

Judge Landis, of United States District Court, Holds Hours of Service Named in Law Must be Continuous.

AS published in the February issue of this journal, suit was filed in the United States District Court sitting in Chicago by United States District Attorney Sims against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway on February 2d last for violation of what is known to telegraphers as the National Nine-Hour Law. The case came to trial in April, Judge Landis presiding. Mr. Harry A. Parkin, Assistant United States District Attorney, represented the Government; Mr. Phillip J. Doherty represented the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Messrs. Jas. L. Coleman and Robert Dunlap represented the defendant. The taking of testimony from witnesses and the argument of counsel consumed several days. On April 21st, by instructions from Judge Landis, the jury found the Santa Fe guilty and the Court assessed a fine of $100.00 on each of the four counts in the indictment.

It was the contention of the railroad attorneys that the law meant that no telegrapher should be allowed to remain on duty more than nine hours in the aggregate. The Government, on the other hand, maintained that the telegrapher's period of duty started when he went to work in the morning and continued until he was through for the day.

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Judge Landis completely upheld the Government's interpretation of the law that the nine hours of work must be consecutive, and declared that the railroad's practice of working its telegraphers in shifts of twelve hours each with a three-hour rest was illegal.

"I find that the word 'period' means an unbroken space of time," said Judge Landis. "Considering that the purpose of the act was to promote safety by preventing employes from being overworked, my opinion is that this is the meaning of the word intended by the National Legislature.

usually of too technical a character to be interesting, except to those who are directly interested in the outcome, the attendance at the hearings was large and not altogether devoid of dramatic situation.

The witnesses for the defendant were loath to answer question upon cross-examination, which elicited a severe rebuke from the Court, which had a salutary effect. The chief witness for the United States was Geo. E. Starbird, a safety appliance inspector, a veteran at the business, whose direct testimony stood the fire of cross-examination as solid as a rock.



H. B. PERHAM, President.

"Therefore, my opinion is that the language is intended as if it were worded: 'Shall not be permitted to be and remain on duty during a continuous period of longer than nine hours.'"

Concerning the contention of the railroad that Corwith (the station at which the violation occurred) is not a "continuously operated day and night station," inasmuch as it was closed three hours in the daytime and three hours at night, Judge Landis says it was clearly a day and night station within the meaning of the law.

Although a suit filed for the purpose of getting a judicial interpretation upon the meaning of a congressional enactment is

The result of the decision is that the nine hours of service provided for in the hours-of-service law must be continuous. When an employe commences work, his nine-hour period commences, and at the end of nine hours from that time he must be relieved or his office closed, and he must not be required or permitted to go on duty again until twenty-four hours has elapsed from the time he commenced work, except in case of emergency, as provided in the law.

The decision also construed a continuously operated tower, office, place or station as one that is open for business in the night as well as in the day-time, or part

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of the night and part of the day, and such office or offices need not be open for business every minute of the day and night to come under the provisions of the law.

The hours-of-service law can now be enforced, and renewed activity on the part of the employes will bring about the full effect of the enactment as intended by Congress when it was made the law of the land.

Space will not permit publishing a full transcript of all of the evidence taken or



L. W. QUICK, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

the arguments made by counsel, but excerpts from the charge made by Judge Landis to the jury and motions made and disposed of on the closing day of the case are reproduced for the information of those who are more or less effected by the decision:

CHICAGO, ILL., April 21, 1909.
10:15 A. M.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Decision by His Honor, Kenesaw M. Landis, one of the Judges of said Court, in the case of the United States vs. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company.

Appearances—Mr. Harry A. Parkin, representing the Government. Mr. Doherty representing the Interstate Commerce Commission. James L. Coleman and Robert Dunlap representing the defendant.

The Court: In this proceeding the United States seeks the recovery of certain penalties alleged to have been incurred by the defendant, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, by reason of the service of certain telegraph operators in the employment of the defendant.

The suit is brought under what has been referred as the "Hours-of-Service Law," being an act of Congress entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon."

The evidence on behalf of both plaintiff and defendant being heard, the defendant has moved the court for an order directing the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. Two counts of this motion are assigned; first, that the employes, whose service for the defendant forms the basis of this pro-

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ceeding, don't belong to the class for whose benefit the act was passed. Second, conceding this proposition to be determined in favor of the Government, still, the evidence shows the employes in question not to have been required or permitted to work in violation of the statute. The facts in brief, are, that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company is a common carrier of passengers and property, and is a line of railroad extending westward from the city of Chicago across the State of Illinois and Iowa, and States west and southwest; that at a point in the neighborhood of Forty-seventh street, in the western part of the city of Chicago, there is a railroad yard, at which there is a telegraph office and yard office. This railroad yard is called Corwith, and is connected with the main line of the defendant company by a railway track; that at Corwith there are two telegraph operators; one goes on duty at 6:30 o'clock in the morning and works until noon, at which time he cuts his office out, disconnects it from the railroad company's service, telegraph service, and leaves his office, returning at three o'clock, when he cuts his office in and remains at his key until 6:30 o'clock at night. The night man goes on duty at 6:30 p. m., and works until 12:00 o'clock midnight, and then goes away until 3:00 o'clock a. m., at which hour he goes back and resumes, and continues his duties until 6:30 o'clock in the morning, when he is relieved by the day man. These men issue to trains hauling freight destined interstate, what are called clearance orders, under the authority of which the trains pull out of Corwith over the connecting track to the main line, and then westerly over the rails of the main line; they do but little of this kind of train order work; one or two orders during each trick, and during each two tricks—not now using the word trick in any hypertechnical sense.



J. A. NEWMAN, First Vice-President.

The act under which this proceeding is brought is entitled as above indicated, "An act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon." Section 1 in the usual form found in Statutes of Congress, passed to regulate interstate commerce, are matters relating to or

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pertaining to interstate commerce, provides for the carrier—names the carrier that shall be subject to the provisions of the law, and applies to the provisions of the Act as the main interstate commerce act does, bridges and ferries, etc. The statute then provides "that the term employes, as used in this Act, shall be held to mean, persons actually engaged in or connected with the movement of any train."

Section 2 provides, "That it shall be unlawful for any common carrier, its officers or agents subject to this act, to require or permit any employe subject to this act, to be, or to remain on duty for a longer period than sixteen consecutive hours, and whenever such employe of such common carrier shall have been continuously on for duty for sixteen hours, he shall be relieved and not required or permitted again to go on duty, until he has had at least ten consecutive hours off duty, and no such employe who has been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate, in any twenty-four-hour period, shall be required or permitted to continue or again go on duty, without having had at least eight consecutive hours off duty." (Section 2 refers to trainmen—EDITOR.)

No trouble about what that language means so far. It deals with all employes of common carriers engaged with the transportation of property interstate, whose service is connected with the movement of trains. Congress proceeds to provide "that no operator, train dispatcher or other employe, who, by the use of the telegraph or telephone, dispatches, receives, transmits, reports or delivers, orders pertaining to, or affecting train movements, shall be required or permitted to be or remain on duty for a longer period than nine hours, in any twenty-four-hour period, in all towers, offices, places, and stations, continuously operated, night and day, nor for a longer period than thirteen hours, in all towers, offices, places, and stations, operated only during the daytime, except in cases of emergency, when the employes named in this proviso, may be permitted to be and remain on duty for four additional hours, in a twenty-four-hour period, or not exceeding three days in any week."



T. M. PIERSON, Second Vice-President.

The defendant argues in support of its position that the evidence does not show a violation of this law in the pending case; that the proviso which is devoted exclusively to telegraph operators and train dispatchers, means, that telegraph operators and train dispatchers shall not be employed more than nine hours in the aggregate in any twenty-four-hour period, the employes in this case having been employed but nine hours in the aggregate, the verdict must be not guilty.

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The position of the United States, on the other hand, is, that the word "period" in that proviso, signifies the intention of Congress to exclude the idea of an aggregate amount or quantity of time; that the word "period" is to be taken in its dictionary sense, and that thus understood, the meaning of the proviso is, that when the operator goes to work the period has begun to run, and must continue to run until he quits work, not running longer than nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period.

This question is by no means free from difficulty. The other question made by the defendant in support of this motion seems to me to clearly bring these employes within the class in the mind of Congress in passing this law. The mere fact that they are concerned but a trifle with the movement of trains, or that they are concerned in but the movement of a few trains interstate, is not recognized in the statute, as justifying the court in excepting them from the operation of this law. It is my opinion that the law clearly means, that if the operator has anything to do with the movement of a train interstate, in respect of giving or receiving orders, authorizing it to move over the road, he is within the class.

On examination of the dictionary—and I have examined many dictionaries in the last three days—I find that the word "period" is rather universally understood to mean by the authors of the dictionary to imply an uninterrupted space of time—an unbroken period of time. As, for instance, reference is made to the Revolutionary period, the Federal period, the War period, the Reconstruction period, the Julian period, the Dionysian period. All the definitions, the definitions in Webster, and in the Standard dictionary, or Century dictionary, all imply the element of continuity, unbrokenness, uninterruptedness in the word "period." And, supposing that being true, the court is obliged to adopt that meaning as the meaning in which the national legislature used this word, although when I do that I charge and convict the national legislature of uselessly using the word "continuous," in that part of this same section immediately preceding the proviso which is devoted to telegraph operators. The language being as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any common carrier, its officers or agents, subject to this act to require or permit any employe subject to this act, to be or remain on duty



D. CAMPBELL, Third Vice-President.

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for a longer period than sixteen consecutive hours."

In my view of the case, the use of the word "consecutive" was altogether useless and added nothing to the enactment; that the enactment would mean just as much without consecutive as it does with consecutive.

Assuming that the word "period" means what the court understands the dictionaries to agree it does mean, and giving this meaning to the word "period," the question is then presented whether or not the defendant is authorized to employ an operator more than one period of nine hours in any twenty-four hours, and there is nothing in this law to forbid that, except the title of the act. The title is, "An Act to Promote the Safety of Employes and Travelers on Railroads, by Limiting the Hours of Service of Employes Thereon."

Having in mind the purpose of the law as declared in the title, it would seem a conclusion could not be reached, that there could be more than one period carved out of the twenty-four-hour cycle in any twenty-four-hour cycle, because that would authorize a construction, require and necessitate a construction, that would be diametrically opposed to the declared purpose of the law, which is to limit the hours of service of employes connected with the movement of trains.



J. J. DERMODY, Fourth Vice-President.

The view that the word "period" was used by Congress in the sense in which I have suggested, rather than in the sense that it is, seems and it is, used by good writers to signify an aggregate or a total of separate periods, if I may use the word separate periods of time, distinct entities of time, is in my view strengthened in examining the last preceding provision of the section.

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After providing that no employe shall be employed—shall be permitted to remain on duty for a longer period than nine consecutive hours, the provision then is "and no such employe who has been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate, in any twenty-four-hour period, shall be required or permitted to continue, or again go on duty without having had eight consecutive hours off duty."

If Congress, in then providing for the telegraph operator's service, had in mind the purpose contended for by the defendant, having just finished using this language providing for a limitation of sixteen hours aggregate service of their employes, isn't it rather strange that Congress did not simply provide that no telegraph operator shall be required, or permitted to be or remain on duty more than nine hours in the aggregate in any twenty-four-hour period? This Congress did not do.

It is my opinion, and it is an opinion that is not without doubt, it is my opinion that this language is to be read, is to be understood as if it read, that no operator train dispatcher or other employe, who, by the use of the telegraph or telephone, dispatches, reports, transmits, receives or delivers orders pertaining to or affecting train movements, shall be required or permitted to be, or remain on duty for a longer period than nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period—as though for the word "for" you had the word "during." I think Congress used the word "for" as it would use the word "during." And giving it that meaning, which seems to me to be the nearest and most obvious synonym that could be suggested, "No employe shall be required or permitted to be, or remain on duty, during a period longer that nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period," would forbid the employe to be on duty at six o'clock in the morning, and at six o'clock at night, for the word "period," as used here, does not mean the aggregate, but is to be understood in the dictionary sense. At six o'clock in the morning, the period would begin to run. It would expire at three o'clock in the afternoon. The employment of the operator at six o'clock at night would not be during the nine-hour-period.



A. D. THURSTON, Past President.

Congress proceeds, as throwing some light on its use of the word "period," to add a proviso inspecting the authority of the

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Interstate Commerce Commission in suspending the operation of this law. Provided further that the Interstate Commerce Commission may, after a full hearing in a particular case, and for good cause shown, extend the period with which a common carrier shall comply with the provisions of this proviso, as to such case. The idea is, we are now in the period Congress was when they added that proviso. And by this proviso they authorized a continuation unbroken, of that period, until such time as their order, on good cause shown, the period shall terminate.

It is fair to say in this connection, that it is my opinion that the conclusion to which I have come, if it is the law, would result detrimentally to these operators in this case, because it appears plainly the railroad company may put one man on duty at three o'clock in the morning and run him until twelve, and the next one on duty at three o'clock in the afternoon and run him until midnight, and then comply with the law as I have interpreted it, much to the inconvenience, I am inclined to believe, of the operators whose services is the basis of this proceeding. However, that is a matter over which the court has no concern. It does indicate an absence of disposition which I take it to evade, or violate this law.

The motion is denied. Save your point. What is the next matter, gentlemen?

Mr. Coleman: I wish an exception, if the Court please.

The Court: Exception.

Mr. Coleman: If the court please, the defendant moves the court to find the defendant not guilty on the first count of the declaration. That was a declaration against Fred Hillhouse. It appears from the evidence, Hillhouse went to work on the morning of the 25th at three o'clock in the morning, and then went off at noon.



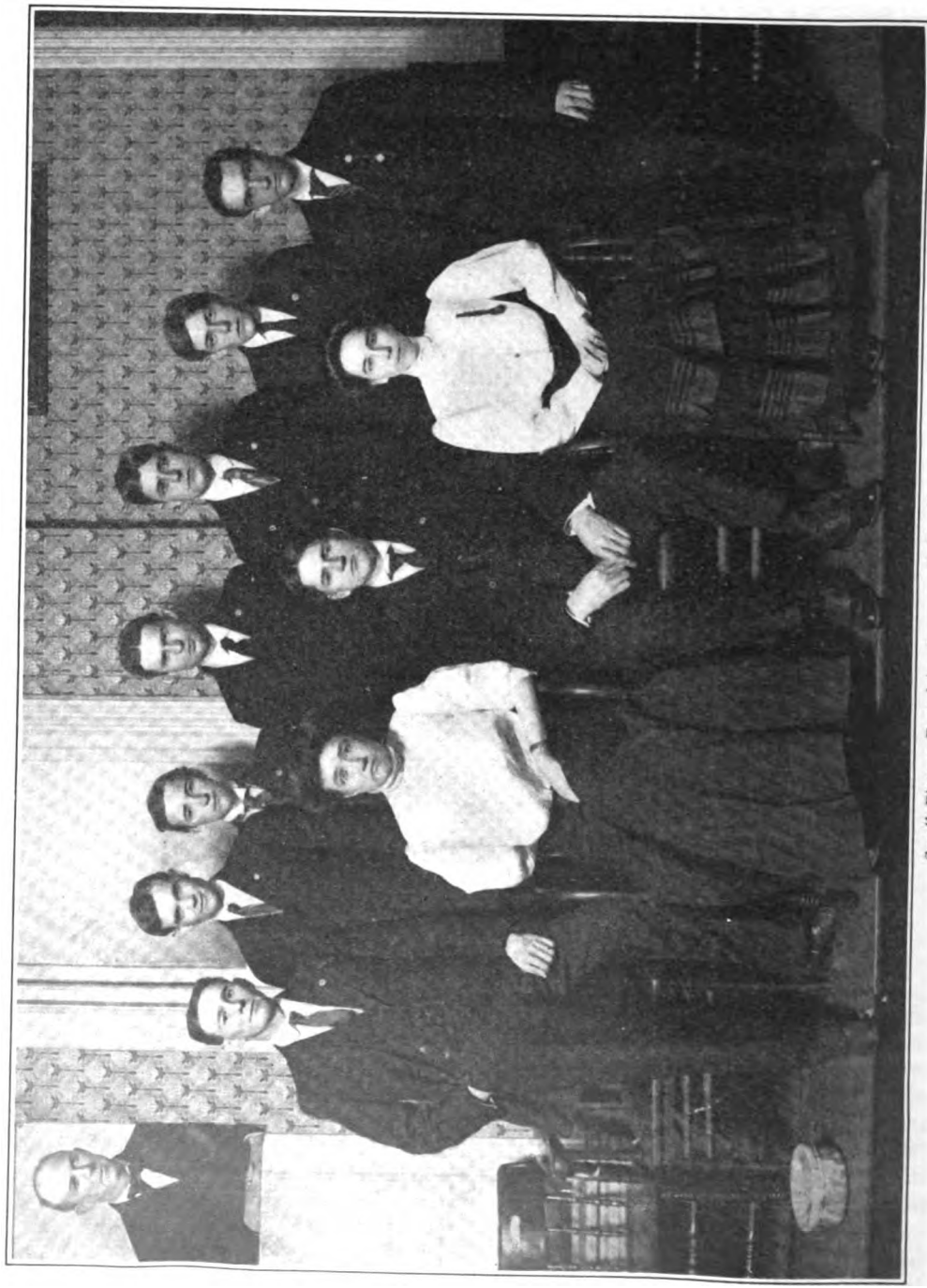
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The Court: Is it your point that the twenty-four hours means from twelve to twelve?

Mr. Coleman: It means as your Honor has construed it, twenty-four hours continuously. Now then, the first trick, or Hillhouse's, was during one period. Perhaps that period had ended at twelve o'clock. Perhaps he took the rest of his period at three o'clock and that was the beginning of another period. There was nothing to show when Hillhouse's period began.

The Court: Well, let me understand the point. Does the evidence show that during

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any twenty-four hours of continuous time Hillhouse was on duty twice?

Mr. Coleman: No, your Honor, it does not. It shows one period continuous, then absolutely relieved for three days.

The Court: Well, if that is true, there is nothing here to justify that procedure. You say Hillhouse was on duty one of those times?

Mr. Coleman: Just once.

The Court: During one of those cycles.

Mr. Coleman: Then his wife got sick, you know, and he was away three or four days.

The Court: Didn't he go back to work?

Mr. Coleman: He did not go back to work; he was off three days.

The Court: One, he worked from three o'clock in the morning until six.

Mr. Coleman: From three to six-thirty at night. Now then, as I say, he might have worked part of one twenty-four-hour period.

The Court: Yes, that is true.

Mr. Parkin: Well, our contention, of course, your Honor, is—

The Court: The trouble about that, though, Mr. Coleman is, that the evidence of several of these witnesses is to the effect that the terms of service were for the day man, beginning at six-thirty in the morning, and ending at six-thirty at night, with an intermission of three hours, and the services of the night man from six-thirty at night until six-thirty a. m., with three hours from midnight until three.

Mr. Coleman: That is true, your Honor, but it does not show what was done five times was done in this instance.

The Court: Well, the Supreme Court has held this act to be a civil action.

Mr. Coleman: The Circuit Court of Appeals has held it to be another action.

The Court: Hasn't the Supreme Court ruled it another way?

Mr. Coleman: No, your Honor, in the Hepner case, which was of a different sort of suit, they held that to be a penal action. I don't know what the Circuit Court of Appeals is going to do, but suggest that the present state of the law, our position here is more nearly applicable to this action than the other action.

The Court: I will proceed on the theory it is a civil action, and overrule your point on the first count, on the theory that the jury will be justified in finding that it was the twenty-four-hour period.

Mr. Coleman: Exception.

The defendant now moves the court to instruct the jury to find the defendant not guilty on the second, fourth and sixth counts. These were the counts in which it was alleged Edward Flaherty was on duty. There was not a bit of evidence to that effect, that he remained on duty in the declaration:

Mr. Parkin: If the Court please. The United States will dismiss as to the Flaherty counts to get them out of the record.

The Court: What are those counts.

Mr. Coleman: It is the second, fourth and sixth.

Mr. Parkin: Second, fourth and sixth.

The Court: Well, they may be identified later on.

Mr. Parkin: Second, fourth and sixth, that is right.

The Court: Are those all the points you have in mind on that particular motion?

Mr. Coleman: Yes, your Honor.

The defendant now moves the court to instruct the jury to find the defendant not guilty on the third count of the petition, for the reason that employe Sargent wasn't on duty nine hours at all during the period.

That is made on the same basis as one of employe Hillhouse, and we may take the same ruling, I suppose?

The Court: Same ruling, save your exception separately.

Mr. Coleman: The employe Eldridge, of the fifth count, the evidence showed that he came on duty at 7:20 in the morning, and remained until noon, and then went off and came back at three o'clock and went off at 6:30 at night. He didn't work nine hours during that period.

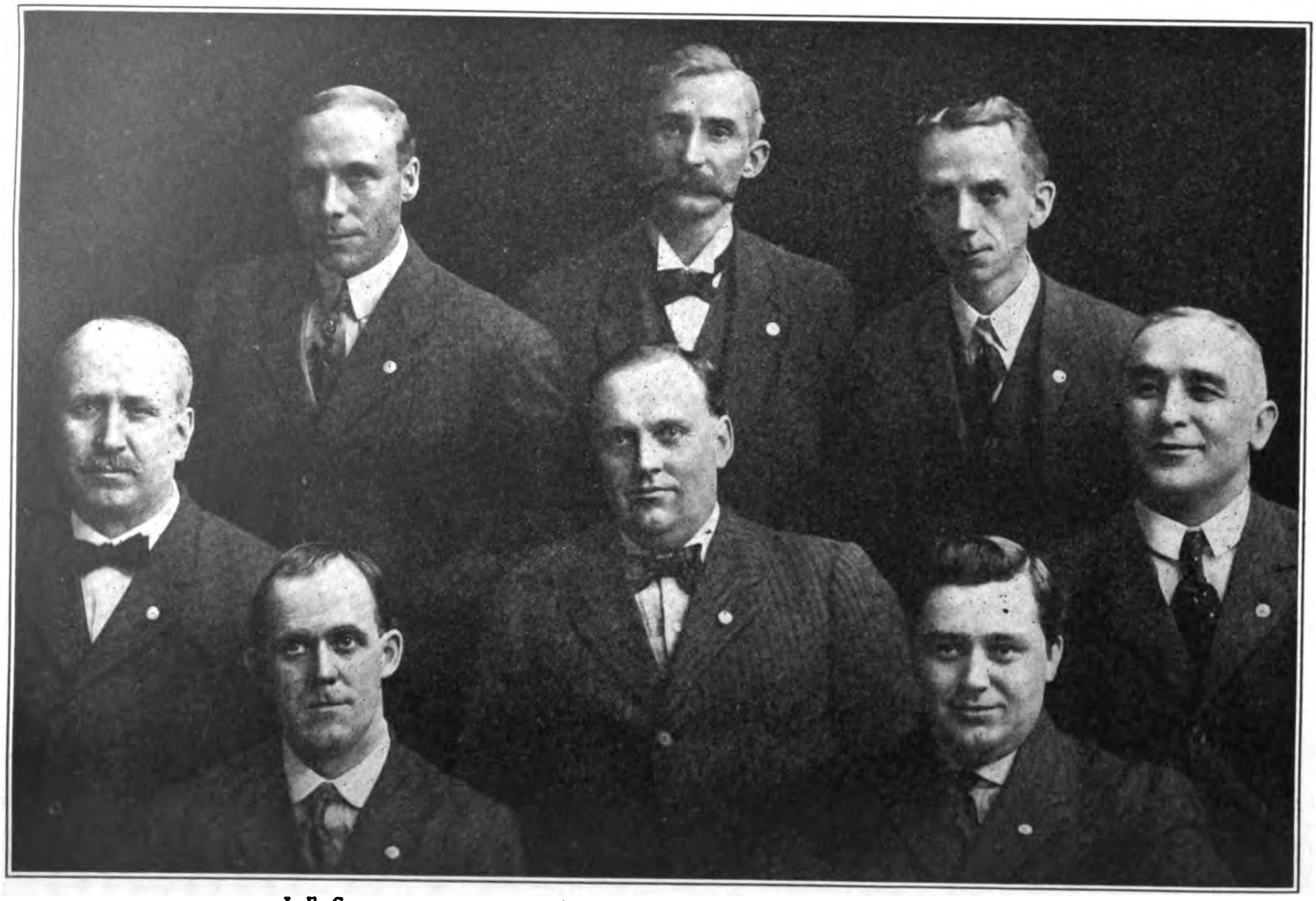
The Court: Altogether?

Mr. Coleman: No.

The Court: But there was more than nine hours intervened between the time he went on and went off, 7:20 to 6:30.

Mr. Coleman: Yes, if you construe it so, that was all the same period on that one day.

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The Court: If I am wrong about this it all goes. The rule must be the same on this point as on the others.

Mr. Coleman: Yes, your Honor.

The Court: Do you want to renew your motion to require the Government to elect?

Mr. Coleman: Well, just another motion first. I want to now move the court to instruct the jury to find the defendant not guilty on the fifth count for the reason there is a variance in the declaration, and the proof as to employe Eldridge, who came on duty at 7:20 in the morning, that was contrary to the allegation of the Government.

The Court: What has the Government to say?

Mr. Parkin: That the said defendant stayed during the period between 6:30 o'clock a. m. and night, and 6:30 on the next day—the hours of service, that is until 6:30 a. m., the time that he went on duty as under the videlicit, I assume to take it, during that period under the circumstances would be sufficient.

Mr. Coleman: I don't think the videlicit would show that the whole time is essential to the case.

The Court: The essential of the case is not when—

Mr. Coleman: I save my point and now renew the motion to require the Government to elect one of the points and state which one they elect to stand upon.

The Court: The last motion is overruled in view of the language of Section 3, "that no such common carrier, or any officer or agent thereof, etc., shall be liable to the penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars for each and every violation." I have been through the question in this class of law on several occasions, and I am of the opinion that it requires a denial of your motion. Save your point.

Mr. Parkin: Is that all, Mr. Coleman?

Mr. Coleman: Yes.

The Court: How much time do you want to argue this case to the jury?

Mr. Coleman: I don't think there is much to be said.

Mr. Parkn: Does your Honor want to read this Hepner opinion?

The Court: No. What counts are left in this petition?

Mr. Coleman: The odd numbers, first, third and fifth.

The Court: What do you gentlemen think should be the form of verdict in this case?

Mr. Parkin: Why, I assume, your Honor, that it is a civil case.

The Court: Well, tort, a suit against the railroad company for damages for negligence is a civil case, but the verdict is different from what it is in action *ex-contractu*. That is also a civil case. What is the form of a verdict in debt?

Mr. Parkin: The jury find a defendant to be indebted, as I understand it; I never have drawn one.

The Court: Well, do you understand it is for the jury to say what the amount of the debt is in this case?

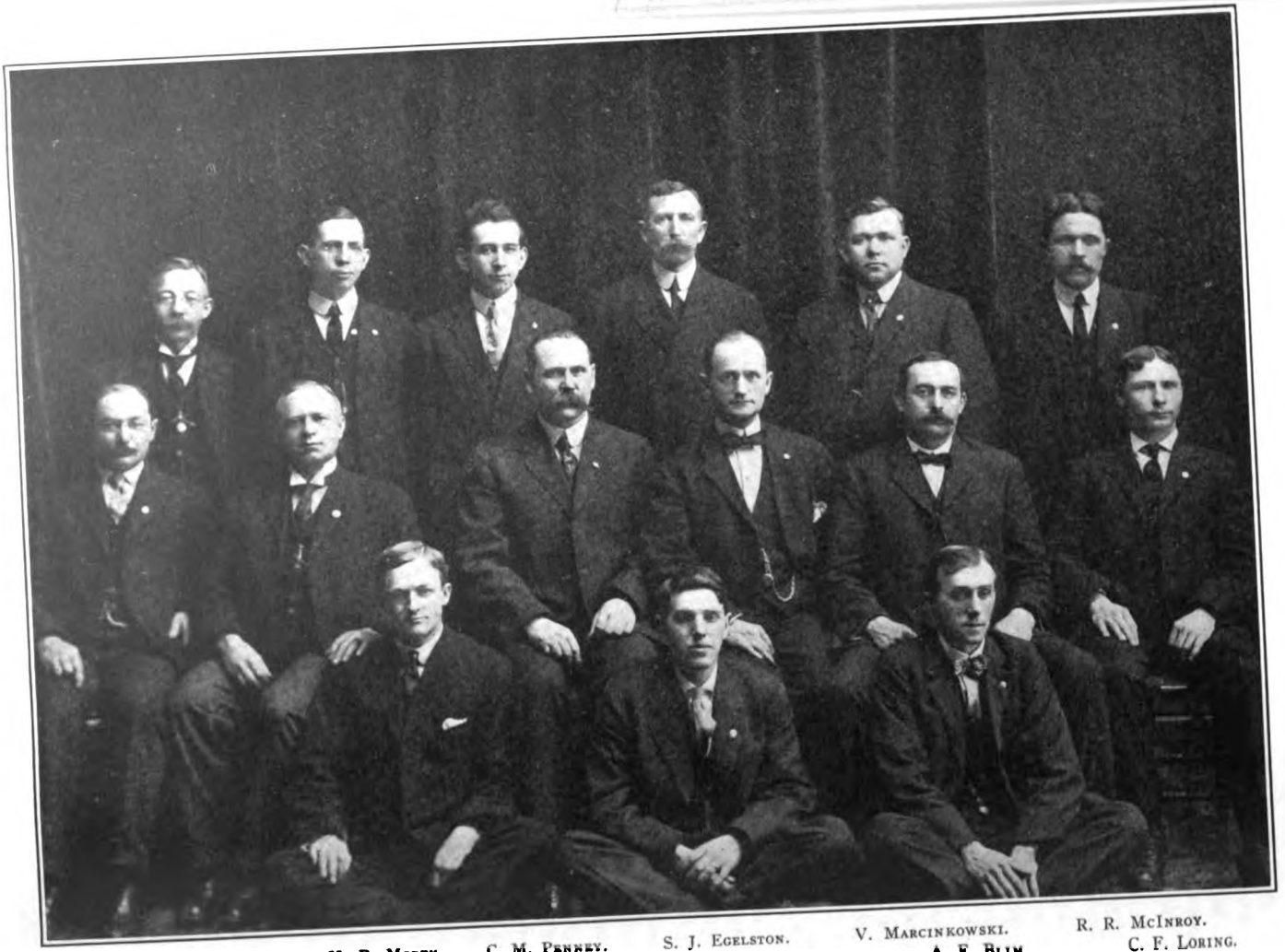
Mr. Parkin: No, I think not. The jury in the federal courts never assess the penalties.

The Court: Well, the jury—

Mr. Coleman: In an action in debt, the jury has to find the damages.

The Court: Gentlemen of the jury, in this case, which you were sworn to try last week, the evidence has been heard, and during the period, the unbroken, uninterrupted period which has intervened since you left the court, and, until this morning, the court has heard arguments of counsel respecting the meaning of the act of Congress under which this suit is brought. As you have learned, it is a suit in which the purpose of the plaintiff is, to recover a penalty, or penalties, which the plaintiff conceives to be due from the defendant, by reason, as charged by the plaintiff, of the defendant violation of the provisions of what is known as the "hours-of-service law." The counsel for the respective parties have argued to the court the legal question involved in this proceeding, and the court has come to a conclusion which he has announced in your absence adverse to the contention of the defendant. It, therefore, becomes a simple matter for the jury, in view of the state of the evidence in this case, to dispose of this case.

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Counsel does not desire to argue the facts to you, it being practically agreed on all hands that it is really a question of law. In view of the conclusion to which the court has reached, to which I have just averted, taking out such questions which have failed in their proof, the court directs you to return a verdict finding the issues in this case for the plaintiff, on the first, third and fifth counts of the petition.

Mr. Parkin: First, third, fifth and seventh, your Honor.

The Court: First, third, fifth and seventh of the petition.

Mr. Coleman: I except, your Honor, and may the record show an exception to each instruction refused.

The Court: The defendant excepts to the instruction.

Mr. Coleman: And to the rejection of the defendant's instructions submitted to your Honor.

The Court: Did you give me some instructions?

Mr. Coleman: I did, your Honor.

The Court: Did you give instructions?

Mr. Coleman: Oh, yes, a big bunch, I handed up.

The Court: Do you know what—

Mr. Coleman: Yes, your ruling is the same with all of them?

The Court: I don't want to direct this verdict, if you put anything here which, in any conceivable way can call from the court a statement of the question of fact from the jury.

Mr. Coleman: Well, only just that one is that is that the station or office was operated continuously night or day.

The Court: Yes.

Mr. Dunlap: But I think you disposed of them in your argument or judgment, as I understand it, not according to my argument as I understand it.

The Court: I did not refer to it. I should have referred to it.

In my opinion that provision means that the word "continuous" as used in that proviso, means a night and day office.

Mr. Dunlap: That is, part of the night and part of the day

The Court: Well, it would not be a continuous office probably if you had fifteen minutes out at midnight and ten minutes out in the daytime, but this state of facts in my judgment makes this office clearly a night and day office, and that the purpose of Congress here was in that particular part of the proviso, to deal with a night and day office as distinguished from a mere day office, and usually closed all night.

Mr. Dunlap: Then, of course, we except that part of your Honor's charge which directs the jury to find the issues for the Government.

The Court: Certainly. The court, as I think you gentlemen understand, directs that you return a verdict in favor of the plaintiff on the first, third, fifth and seventh counts, is that your verdict, gentlemen?

A Juror: Yes.

The Court: Enter the verdict, Mr. Clerk, and exception. Motion by the defendant for a new trial overruled and exception. Motion in arrest, overruled, exception. Each of these motions is made by the defendant for the grounds, and each of them, heretofore stated by the defendant in support of the several motions which have preceded the entry of the motion, and the entry of the judgment. Is that right, you desire the record to show it? The records must show it, having the reasons reassigned, the record must show it

Mr. Coleman: That is my understanding, yes; let the record show.

The Court: Motion in arrest overruled. Exception, and judgment on the verdict for $100. What is the minimum?

Mr Coleman: One hundred.

Mr. Parkin: Not more than five hundred

The Court: Well, the minimum I have gotten used to in all this classification is $100.

Mr. Coleman: How long for a bill, your honor.

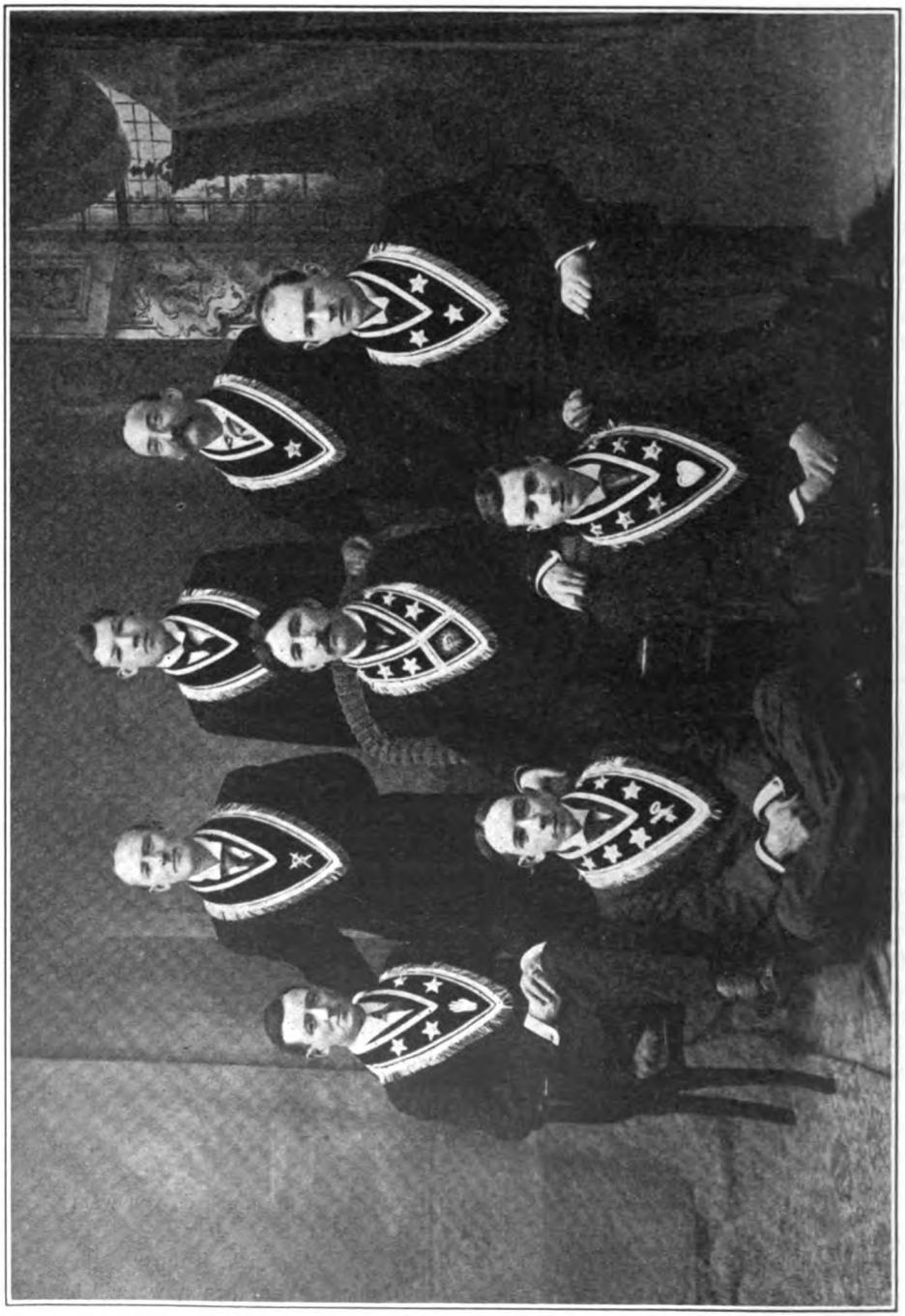
The Court: How much do you want?

Mr. Coleman: Sixty days.

The Court: Well, make it thirty.

Mr. Dunlap: Your honor, we will have to take the record and then reduce it in narrative form, which will take some time.

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The Court: You gentlemen should have very little difficulty.

Mr. Parkin: I think we can agree on a statement of facts.

Mr. Coleman: I don't think we can, not for the purpose of the case. We would like sixty days, your Honor. Of course, if we can get it up sooner, we will do so.

The Court: I will probably leave here sixty days from tonight.

Mr. Dunlap: Well, make it fifty days.

The Court: Very well, fifty days.

Mr. Coleman: Now, about the bond.

The Court: $750 bond.

Mr. Coleman: Very well, your Honor.

THE CONVENTION.

BEFORE this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER reaches the membership the Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division will have convened in Atlanta, Ga., which meeting occurs on Monday, May 10, at ten o'clock a. m.

Sitting in that convention will be between 325 and 350 delegates from all sections of the United States, Canada and Mexico, the largest convention ever held in the history of the Order.

The assembling of the Grand Division in biennial convention is a matter of great moment to the organization. It is the highest tribunal within the Order and the last court of appeal. It wields a powerful influence for good or evil in the affairs of the Order. If its deliberations are characterized by a display of that wise judgment which has been displayed by previous conventions, and which, no doubt, will characterize the present one, nothing but good can come of this gathering.

The report of the President will show that, regardless of the financial depression which has existed throughout the country during the last eighteen months, much has been accomplished for the membership in successfully resisting reductions as well as securing additional concessions on different lines of railways.

The report of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer to the convention will show that, regardless of the financial depression, the financial condition of the Order is better than ever before in its history; that notwithstanding the great number of stations that were closed and the hundreds and even thousands of members that were temporarily thrown out of employment in 1908, the membership at this time is within a few hundred of the highest point ever attained by the Order.

No doubt many matters of vital importance to the organization will come before the convention for its consideration, but, composed as it will be of the ablest and most-tried members within its ranks, those matters will be in safe hands and when the convention adjourns the Order will continue its onward march uninterruptedly toward better working conditions and more equitable remunerations for the railroad telegraphers of North America.

The present constitution has proven very satisfactory, and it is doubtful if any radical changes will be made in it.

The convention will probably last one week.



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EDITORIAL NOTES

Five hundred and forty-seven new members were initiated into the Order during the month of April.

Probably the most important change proposed at the session of the Grand Division will be that of providing for the payment of assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department semi-annually instead of monthly.

The Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers convenes in biennial session in Atlanta, Ga., on Monday, May 10, 1909. Between 325 and 350 delegates will be in attendance.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings



can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.

The attention of the Editor has been called to the fact that a few railroad Y. M. C. A.'s are teaching telegraphy in their institutions, and suggesting that members of the Order be requested to withdraw their support from such institution. It hardly seems necessary for the Editor to take this matter up, as the members of the Order are thoroughly intelligent and able to discern wherein their interests lie, and undoubtedly they will not contribute to anything that is hostile to those interests.

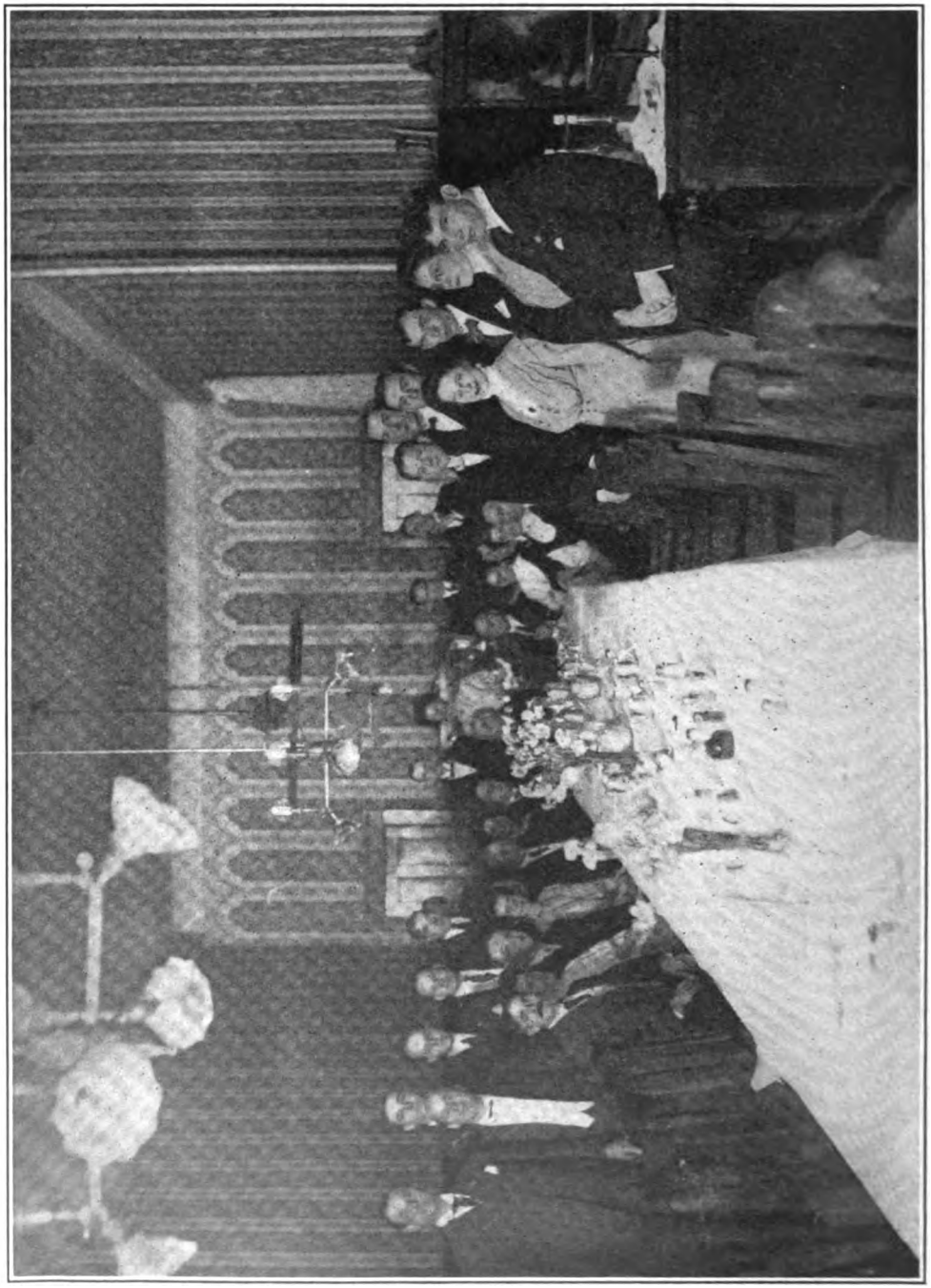
The decision of Judge Landis in the United States District Court on the nine-hour law is clear cut and cannot be misunderstood. His interpretation of the law, that a period of nine hours means nine consecutive hours, fully vindicates the assertions made by the editor in this regard since the law became effective, and since efforts have been made to evade it by establishing the "split" tricks.

If a period of nine hours means nine consecutive hours, a period of thirteen hours used in the same sense must mean thirteen consecutive hours, and the editor is thoroughly of the opinion that it is as much a violation of the hours-of-service law to attempt to divide the maximum of thirteen hours at one-man stations into two or more tricks as it is to attempt to divide the nine-hour period into two or more tricks.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of February, 1909, shows that there were 67,154 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 898 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 1; imbeciles, 1; feeble minded, 9; epileptics, 2; insane, 6; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 218; likely to become public charges, 370; mentally or physically defective, 40; contract laborers, 123; accompanying aliens, 10; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 9; criminals, 13; prostitutes and procurers, 52; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 37; other causes, 7. The number of aliens landed at the various ports of entry for the month of February, 1908, was 23,381.



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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Hannibal, of Cobre, Nev., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs E. H. Robertson, of Spottsville, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. B. Young, of Spences Bridge Jct., B. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. King, of Fort Fred Steele, Wyo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. S. Williams, of Elliott, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Allen, of Belleville, Ark., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Brousard, of Laplace, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Vanderberg, of Myrtle, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. D. Lloyd, of Dickson, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Coglan, of Oakland, Md., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Hughett, of Camp Point, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. J. Watts, of Dingess, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry C. Stratton, of Kermit, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Kirk, of Glen Hayes, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Payne, of Highland, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Nichols, of Bibon, Wisc., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Beezley, of Wilsonville, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ira W. Show, of Ohio Pile, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Byron Gray, of Akron Jct., Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. I. Nason, of Houlton, Maine, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. S. Cain, of Oregon, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, of Wittenberg, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Porter, of Wadsworth, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. T. Hixon, of Continental, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Drake, of Edgerton, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Bastian, of Nisbet, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. A. Steffin, of Inglenook, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Mains, of Beech Creek, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. W. Black, of Belvidere, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. E. Mollenkop, of Lorain, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Lavoie, of Garneau Jct., P. Q., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ed. Heckerman, of Ansonia, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Dion, of Grand Mere, Que., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Berry, of St. Louis, Mo., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. F. W. Rutledge, of Div. 88, to Miss Maggie D. Jackson.

Bro. R. E. Ferree, of Div. 138, to Miss Ruth Bert.

At Dallas, Texas, Bro. G. C. Cobb, of Div. 137, to Miss Katherine Thompson.

Bro. M. M. Darby, of Div. 23, to Miss Aletha Cohagan.

At Albany, N. Y., Bro. M. B. Holmes, of Div. 8, to Miss Florence A. Fenton.

At Ingelside, W. Va., Bro. L. K. Thornton, of Div. 14, to Miss Lota Wiley.

At York, Pa., Bro. H. T. Derrick, of Div. 24, to Miss Maiden.

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At Laketon, Ky., Bro. J. T. Hatley, of Div. 2, to Miss Lela Ray.

At Belspring, Va., Bro. C. T. Wood, of Div. 14, to Miss Ada Myers.

At Somerset, Pa., Bro. Daniel Getty, of Div. 33, to Miss Mary Sharrah.

At Calgary, Alberta, Can., Bro. C. A. Kent, of Div. 7, to Miss Minnie Smith.

At Lonoke, Ark., Bro. Ernest Kisner, of Div. 126, to Miss Minnie Eagle.

At Bozeman, Mont., Bro. D. C. Little, of Div. 54, to Miss Beulah F. Parmenter.

At Waterloo, Iowa, Bro. C. J. Filer, of Div. 126, to Miss Blanche L. Seavey.

At Macomb, Ill., Bro. E. G. Armstrong, of Div. 130, to Miss Vada Lang.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.



JOHN WOOD,
Deceased Member, Div. No. 35.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Bonneau, S. C., Myrtle Juanita, infant daughter of Bro. J. A. Hardy, of Div. 132.

At Camden, N. J., Robt. F. McDougall, father of Bro. R. R. McDougall, of Div. 84.

At New Douglas, Ill., son of Bro. B. E. Scott, of Div. 2.

At Chemung, Ill., daughter of Bro. Oscar Houser, of Div. 76.

At Winnetka, Ill., wife and daughter of Bro. J. H. Gore, of Div. 76.

At Jackson Center, Ohio, grandmother of Bro. E. C. Rogers, of Div. 138.

At Middletown, Ohio, mother of Bro. Bert Demory, of Div. 138.

At London, Ohio, father of Bro. W. A. Scully, of Div. 138.

Bro. E. D. Thompson, of Div. 59.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED

Present address of N. H. Burton, last heard of working at Echo City, Utah, for A. P. Ry., in 1903. Also present address of F. H. Bowerman, last heard of working at Peru, Wyo., for U. P., in 1905.

H. C KYLE,
7 Colonnades Flat, Davenport, Iowa.

Present address of J. H. Holstedt, who worked at Wellington, Kansas, in 1904.

H. C. KYLE,
7 Colonnades Flat, Davenport, Iowa.

Present address of A. J. Barnwell and Geo. B. Walker, formerly of Langhorne, Ariz.

W. A. LANGHORNE,
Langhorne, Ariz.

Present address of Telegrapher Neece, last seen in Pittsburg, on his way to Chicago. If you see this write me a card.

F. B. BILLUPS,
Care B. & O., Pittsburg, Pa.

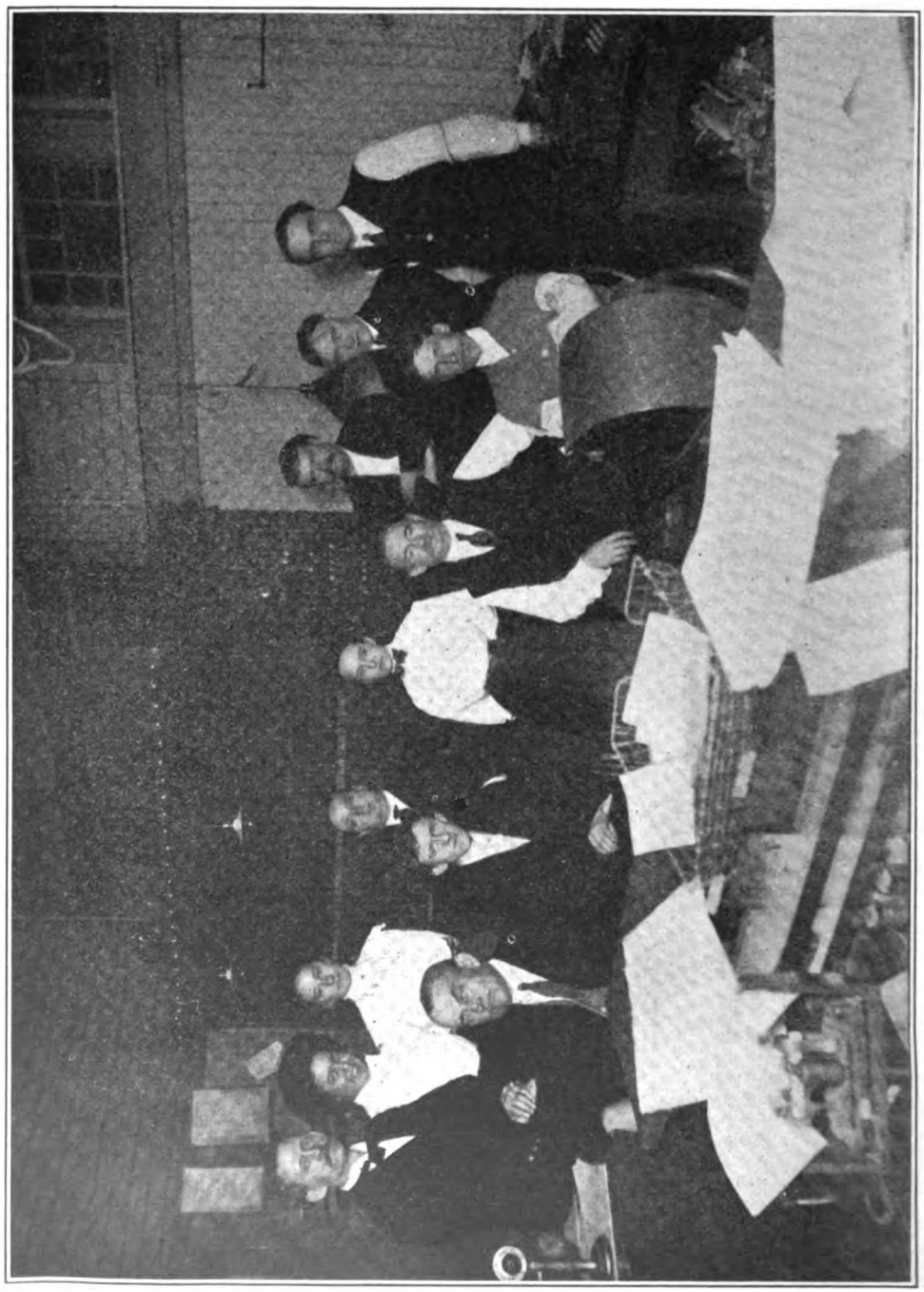
Present address of C. E. Clancey, last heard of working at Peru and Aspen, Wyo., on U. P. If you see this, write. Important.

R. D. GIDDINGS,
Parkdale, Colo.

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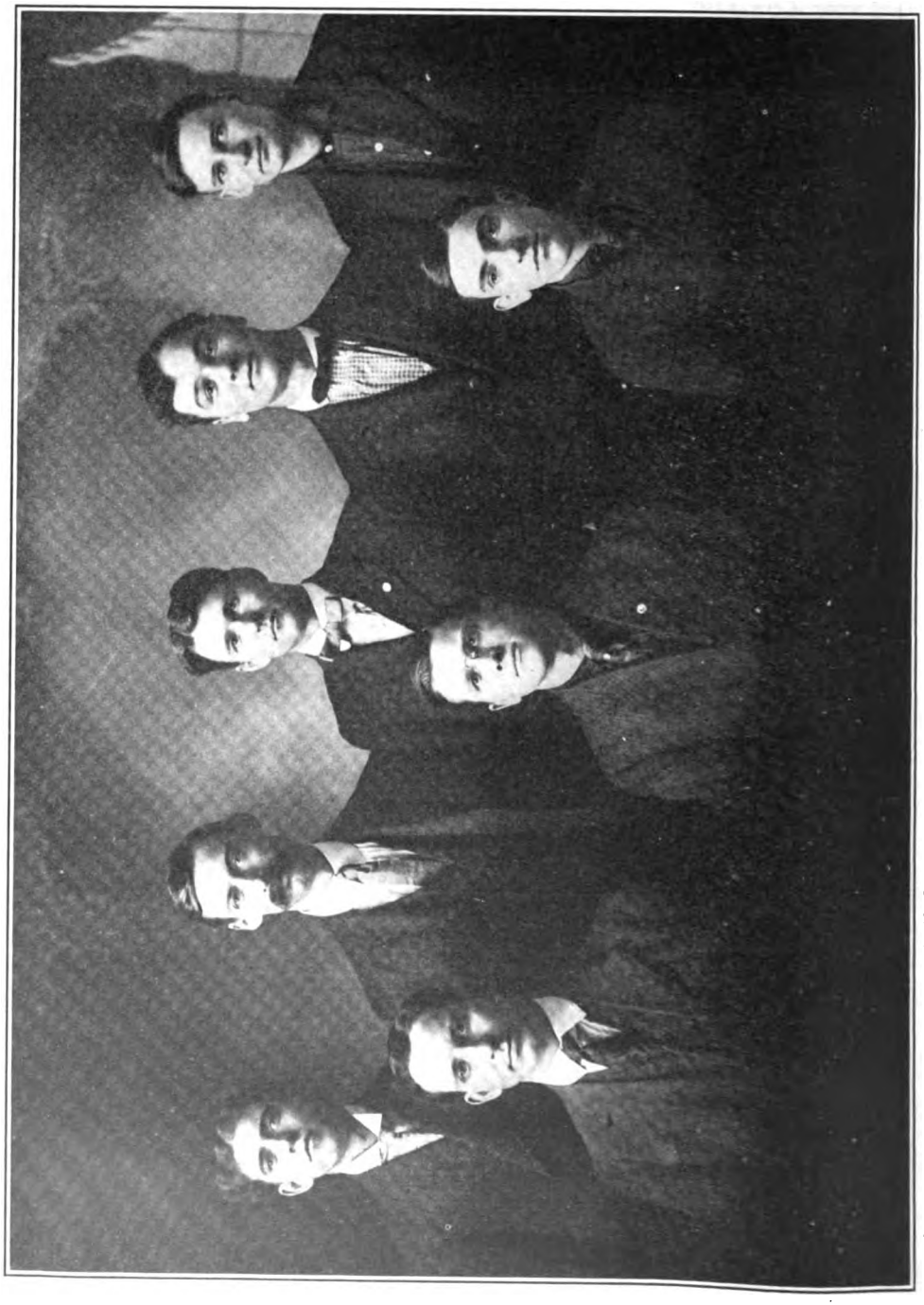
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MISCELLANY

"SHORTY" GROSS, ENGINEER.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

"SPEAKIN' of how railroadin' generally pulls the draw-riggin' out of one's heart, does a sight of damage to the soul an' wrecks entirely one's religion, maybe you fellows never heard of 'Shorty' Gross." And big Dave Harnell, fireman of the Limited Express, having relieved himself of the foregoing, threw his lanky legs over the back of his chair in the dispatcher's office of the C. & W. at Big River, where he had been sitting, an attentive listener to the discussion, by a group of railroad men who had gathered there one Sunday afternoon, of the question: "Can a man be a railroader and a Christian?"

"I used to be of pretty much the same opinion as the majority of you fellows," he continued. "But that was 'way back, years ago, when I first went firin' on the C. & Q. an' if any of you ever had the misfortune to work on the bloomin' pike, you'll agree with me that of all the roads in the country, that was the worst one to sidetrack you on your run to the terminal of Kingdom Come.

"But I took a different view, entirely, after I was promoted to 'Shorty's' train, an' ever since I sort o' feel that when the last roll is called an' we all go in for our final examination before the Great Examiner, there'll be a clear title an' a certificate marked 'O. K.' given out to a fair per cent of the boys who, here below, faithfully struggle along the crooked paths of the iron trail.

"He's dead, now, 'Shorty' is; years ago, before I came out here, we laid him to sleep in a little churchyard down in Ohio, within the sound of the whistle of his old train, an' where the poundin' of the great engines, as they go hurryin' by, brings a tremor to the little mound. An' anyone passin' by there can easily tell which is 'Shorty's' grave, for all about it everything is neat an' clean, an' over it the pale lilies an' the blushin' roses keep bloomin' all the summer long; for lovin' hands tenderly care for, an' lovin' eyes gently watch over 'Shorty's' last home.

"He was none of your angels dressed in overalls, with a long, solemn face, either, 'Shorty' wasn't, an' when anything went wrong he usually recited his little speech. If he hadn't, he wouldn't have been pullin' the fastest freight on the C. & Q. Neither can I remember that he ever professed to be a Christian; but there was somethin' about 'Shorty' I can't explain. We all meet such men once in a while. They're few, I'll admit, an' far between, but once in a while you do, an' you, fellows, have had that same feelin' when you run across those chaps. A feelin' you can't explain, because it seems too deep for words. Sometimes it's in the shake of the hand, a word maybe, or even a look; but it's there just the same, an' I have often thought that this must be the missin' link that connects one to that other station the Good Book tells about.

"An' so—but, let me tell you the story:

"As I said before, I was promoted to 'Shorty's' run. That was after I had been firin' on the C. & Q. close on to a year, durin' which time I had cursed to the deepest pit of the infernal regions, those old scrap-heaps that the C. & Q. people were pleased to term engines. But you know the old sayin' 'that it's an ill wind that blows no one any good.' Well, that's puttin' my case pretty squarely, for, while the other fellows were swearin' themselves blue in the face at the old 'has-beens' an' then quittin', I was doin' my little stunt at the former, but kept hangin' on like grim death, itself,

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an' it wasn't long till I was the oldest fireman, in length of service, on the slow freight runs.



J. A. BELL,
Delegate Div. No. 1.

"Then, one day, old Janer, the train master, told me that he intended to give 'Shorty's' fireman an engine, an' asked me if I thought I could handle fast freight. I told him I would try, an' I did.

"So, that's how I came to be groom over Shorty's pet, an' fellows, she was a dandy—a compounder an' a high-wheeler. Why, with 'Shorty' at the throttle, it was an easy stunt for her to pick up thirty loads an' swing them around the curves of the old C. & Q. at the rate of forty miles an hour.

"Two crews were runnin' fast freight on that division—one from the west end an' the other from the east. The distance was a hundred an' fifty odd miles. We were stationed at the west end, an' went out on our run one night and returned the next, while the crew at the east end had the opposite run.

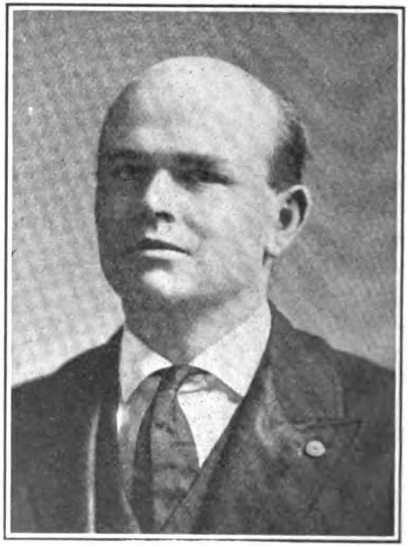
"We were not scheduled Sundays, an', therefore, when we arrived home Sunday mornings, we did not go out again until Monday night. An' it was this very thing that caused a big blot to fall suddenly over 'Shorty's' otherwise untarnished record, directly causin' his downfall, an' eventually, after many months, his rise again.

"It was along late in September that I went firin' for 'Shorty', an' it was only a couple of days until we two swore by one another; for, as I said before, 'Shorty' was one of those fellows you just can't help but like. So things rolled along smoothly until just the day before Christmas, when 'Shorty' an' I had our first real trouble.

"Old Janer was hard put for men; he always was around a holiday. One was off with a sore hand, two had sprained ankles, some had neuralgia, an' others had rheumatism, until there was not a crew on the board but that was crippled. The yard was full of east-bound, too, when we came in that Sunday mornin' an' added to that, it was beginning to snow—a real blizzard, from the northeast.

"'It's goin' to be a corker,' said 'Shorty' to me as we took our buckets an' went down through the yard towards the boardin' house. 'I shouldn't wonder but what she'll tie up before night. I'm mighty glad it's Sunday, anyway.'

"An' so was I; but I didn't say anything,



W. P. HOFFMAN,
Delegate Div. No. 1.

for I had seen old Janer in the office, all excitement, an' chewin' at the corners of his mustache until the blood started from

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his lips. Old Janer out at that hour of the night meant that something was doin', an' I felt pretty sure that he'd have that east-



WM. FASKIN,
Alternate Div. No. 1.

bound moved that day an' if he'd have to call out the passenger crews to do it.

"An' he did, too. Before four o'clock that afternoon he had every crew on the board out, though ours was the last one called, an' it was also the only one that wasn't patched or spliced, for the lads on old Shorty's crew were all old veterans, an' not one of them knew what it is to miss a call.

"There was, here an' there, a clear track in the east-bound yard, now, an' old Janer was as lively as a kitten.

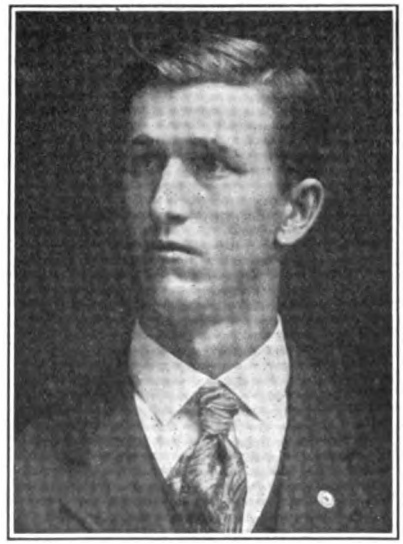
"'I didn't want to call you fellows out,' he said, laughin' in his old bluffin' manner, 'but I just simply had to do it, an' to even things up a bit, I'll give you your own engine an' a light train, an' I'll see that you get back for Christmas dinner.'

"'Shorty' didn't say much, but I felt that he was thinkin' a whole lot. But we went over to the round-house an' got out the old gal, an' by six o'clock we were pullin' out of the yard, with thirty-five numbers an' a total of eleven hundred tons, with the snow a foot deep an' the worst blizzard blowin' that had ever been known in that section.

"Neither 'Shorty' nor me had had any sleep that day, an', for that matter, not one of the crew had seen a bed, so we didn't feel a whole lot like talkin,' an' so, after I got a solid fire goin' in the boiler, I climbed up into my side of the cab, stuffed a little cotton waste into the cracks an' sat down to listen to the wind an' snow howlin' against the panes.

"Old 'Shorty' was sittin' in his place. lookin' as solemn as a judge. He had pulled her open pretty wide, too, an' despite the slippery rails an' the dreadful weather, we were makin' amazingly good time.

"I should judge we were out about thirty miles, when it stopped snowin' an' the wind settled down a bit. Then the clouds began to break away in the north an' pretty soon the moon an' stars were shinin' bright, like diamonds in their frosty settin's. The joints of the old cab began to creak an' crack at every jolt of the engine, an' the wheels on the rails kept givin' out such



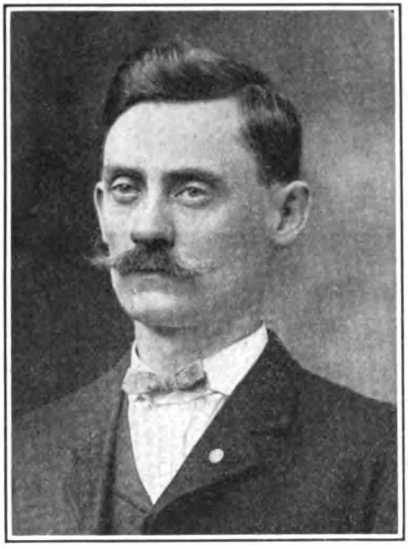
W. H. POLSGROVE, JR.,
Delegate Div. No. 2.

screechy sounds until I seemed to feel them gratin' up an' down my spinal column. These things told me pretty plainly that

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the mercury must be gettin' down pretty close to the zero mark.

"I slipped down an' gave her a few more shovelfuls of coal, then climbed back



R. J. McELHINNEY,
Delegate Div. No. 2.

again an' wiped the snow an' the frost from the panes with the sleeve of my coat.

"We were runnin' along now where the track winds around Eagle Summit. There you can look out over the valley below for a dozen miles. It stretched away that night like a big white sheet that seemed to end only in the faraway horizon. Five miles down the grade was the little station at Cedarville, an' even at that distance I could see the little buildin' an' the signal lamps. Just then the order signal on the semaphore displayed red, an' I called to 'Shorty:' 'There'll be orders for us at Cedar; the red's against us.'

"'Shorty' gave one of his habitual grunts for answer. There was a new operator at Cedarville, an' 'Shorty' knew it, an' he didn't like him; he never liked new men, especially operators. He always read an' studied their orders three an' four times before puttin' them in the clip on the side of his cab.

"The wind was growin' colder every minute, an' I was wet an' chilly, so I leaned over against the boiler, an' the last thing I can remember was seein', through the frosty front window of the cab, a bright red light that kept growin' smaller with every lurch of the old gal, until it died away entirely.

"Then, in what seemed to me to be the next instant, I heard an unearthly yell—a shriek, which I can hear ringin' yet. It brought me to my feet in a second. I rubbed my eyes an' looked ahead, an' then back over the train, an' there, comin' towards us, on the slippery runnin' boards, was a young fellow, wavin' his arms an' shoutin' like a crazy man.

"'Gross, do you see that fellow?' says I to 'Shorty.' 'My God! It's the operator!' Then I leaned out of the cab an' looked back along the side of the train, an' far behind I saw the lights of Cedarville.

"The lad was still runnin' towards us an' shoutin' at the top of his voice. I waved him to sit down, but he paid no heed until he came to the last car, then he drew himself up and prepared to leap to the tender. I shouted at him, an' then closed my eyes, for I knew that he couldn't make it, an' he didn't.



C. L. DENTON,
Alternate Div. No. 2.

"'Shorty, for God's sake, stop,' I yelled to Gross. 'The lad's gone under.' Then, for the first time, I noticed that the en-

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gineer hadn't slackened the speed of the train a particle, an' that he was sittin' bolt upright with his eyes closed, sound asleep. In an instant I was by his side and had



E. F. ERSKINE,
Alternate Div. No. 2.

taken the lever from his hand. I shook him then, an' in all my life I have never seen such a scared man as 'Shorty' was when he woke up.

"'Go back, I can't,' he said, when I told him what had happened. 'I'll run ahead with a lantern an' flag. If you find that boy dead, I'll never get on that engine again, or any other.'

"An' I did. Back about half the length of the train, I found him, where he had fallen in the snow. His one ankle had got under the trucks an' was badly crushed, but, otherwise, he appeared to be uninjured.

"'Don't bother with me,' he said, when he saw me, 'but get your train on to the sidin' to clear; there's a westbound must be gettin' mighty close. I had the red on you, but it doesn't matter; keep mum.' An' then he fainted.

"We got the train into clear in a hurry; fixed up the operator's injured leg as best we could an' then hurried him off to a hospital, an' no one, but the crew an' the operator, ever knew how it all happened.

"Once, weeks afterward, when we visited him at the hospital, he told us how he saw us goin' by the 'red' that night an' of how he had his body nearly torn in two when he caught hold of a grab-iron near the rear of the train, an' then ran over those icy box cars to warn us. I tell you, fellows, it was the act of a hero; for it was no easy matter for one accustomed to it, much less a kid of an operator, an' how he ever managed to get on that train is more than I can figure out; for, as I said before, the old gal was in her glory at forty miles an hour, an' we weren't going slow that night, either.

"We used to go up every Sunday to see him, 'Shorty' an' I; for they had to take his foot off, an' for a time it looked as if he was goin' to pass in his checks. Then, after a while, he grew better, an' 'Shorty' an' he would talk an' talk for hours, as if they had been old chums for years.

"'You've got a good nurse,' 'Shorty' said to him one day. 'She seems to care so much for you.'

"'She does,' he answered. 'She does me more good than all the doctors an' their medicine; but she's not a nurse exactly,



A. E. LEHMER,
Delegate Div. No. 3.

she's my old sweetheart come up here to watch over me,' an' a deep blush crept over his pale face.

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"The door that led into the passage-way was open, an' just outside stood the girl in a little white cap an' the snowy apron. I



J. H. HUGHEY, JR.,
Delegate Div. No. 6.

saw her standin' there, but I said nothin' an' I left the two go on.

"'So that accounts for your wonderful improvement,' said 'Shorty.' 'Well, your'e deservin' of a good girl like she is, my boy.'

"'Oh, but I'm not half good enough for her; I never was, an' now I'm a cripple. But she's the best little woman in all the world, an' since I've been here, she's been like an angel to me, God bless her!' He turned over on the bed then, an' I saw the tears gatherin' in his eyes. An' 'Shorty's' heart was full, too, I guess, for he turned an' looked out through the window at the house-tops that stretched away, black an' cheerless, for squares.

"'We had our minds set on gettin' married in the spring,' the operator went on, 'but it's all off now, an' I can't get myself to break it to her.'

"Then the little figure in the hall turned towards the open door an,' as if undecided what to do, she hesitated on the threshold a moment, then she turned away again an' hurried down the corridor.

"'Shorty' bent over the bed, then, an' took the operator's hand in his. 'Don't you disappoint the gal,' says he. 'You'll be back to work long a-fore spring, an' besides there's a little bank account, up at the Dearborne National, that leans in my favor; just you draw on me whenever you feel like it.'

"Well, that boy just hung onto 'Shorty's' hand then, but never said a word, an' 'Shorty' looked down at him, an' everything was silent like. I guess it must have been the language of the soul you hear tell about. for, anyway, everything was solemn-like an' they both seemed to understand.

"But the lad never drew on the bank, for I had it from 'Shorty's' own lips, an,' sure enough, before the blossoms came he was back to work again. I remember how he used to come out on the little platform with his crutches, an' wave us 'how-do-you-do' with his white light nearly every night as we went by, an' 'Shorty' would answer with a cheery 'toot, toot.' One night we were held up there for an extra freight, an' then he told us that the weddin' had



GROVE MOYER,
Alternate Div. No. 6.

come off on schedule time, an' that he was the happiest man in Cedarville, even if he had only one foot.

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"About a year and a half later he slackened us up one night an' handed in a big letter addressed to 'Shorty'. 'Shorty' opened



C. A. DAVIS,
Alternate Div. No. 6.

the letter with his greasy fingers, an' there was a photograph of a bright-eyed, chubby-faced baby boy, an' a note with it read: 'This is our first one, an' we named it Dan (that was 'Shorty's' first name) for you.'

"Well, fellows, you couldn't have bought that picture with half the gold in California, an' after that there was always an extra 'toot, toot' at Cedarville, for 'Shorty' had no livin' relatives an' he thought as much of that baby that he had never seen as if it were his very own.

"Along about three months later, I'll never forget the night. Fall was creepin' on an' everything seemed solemn, like the funeral of the dyin' summer. The katydids in the bushes were squeakin' themselves hoarse, an' the eddy-larks in the meadows were screamin' as we passed by. Far in the east a storm was ridin' low in the heavens, an' over the great banks of clouds the lightnin' played in a never-endin' flash; an' sometimes a big ball, like a burstin' shell, would leave the clouds an' shoot, like a zig-zag flame toward the earth, an' then, above the noise of the train, we could hear the thunder rollin' out along the sky.

"Once, when I slipped down to give her more coal, 'Shorty' pointed toward the east. 'That's pretty,' he said, 'but we're late, now, an' a-fore long we'll be rúnnin' in the teeth of that storm, an' there'll be the devil to pay tonight, I'm afraid.'

"There was the devil up, too, before mornin', but 'Shorty' hadn't meant that kind.

"Well, the storm caught us, or we caught the storm, just as we rounded Eagle Summit, an' Shorty let her roll down the grade toward Cedar almost as fast as the lightnin' itself.

"'Must be a new kid at the office tonight,' 'Shorty' called, when we drew near the station, 'or maybe the weather's too bad for the boy.' For there was no white lantern to be seen on the platform, an' 'Shorty' missed the usual 'how-do-you-do.' Then he called again: 'No red signals that I can see, Dave.'

"'All is clear, Gross,' I shouted back, 'let 'em roll.'

"An' 'Shorty' did. He never slackened up unless he had to.

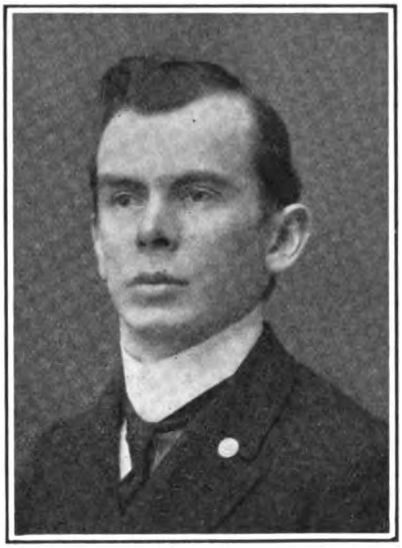


ED. GOULET,
Delegate Div. No. 7.

"Out beyond Cedarville, for a mile or more, the cedar trees grew thick along the railroad bank, an' between these walls of

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trees our headlight cut a bright red flame out into the blackness as smooth as if it had been cut with the keen blade of a knife. Not very far ahead, though; for, with the



J. N. POTVIN,
Delegate Div. No. 7.

storm clouds hangin' so low that they almost touched the tops of the box cars, you could almost feel the darkness.

"I guess we were about a mile east of Cedarville, when suddenly we beheld that which some of you fellows may have seen, an' those of you who haven't, should pray God that you never will. But there it was, right in front of us—a gleamin' headlight, an' we runnin' forty miles an hour.

"'Merciful God!' I heard 'Shorty' say, an' then we both leaped far out from the flyin' train.

"It was all over in a second—one of the worst pile-ups the road had ever known.

"I found 'Shorty' lyin' back along the wrecked train. He had a broken shoulder, an' was done up for fair; but his nerve was good.

"'Go back to the office an' report,' he said to me, 'an' if it's the cripple, why, then we had a red board at Cedar. Do you understand?' The crew had gathered around by that time, an' we all understood; of course we did.

"Half way back to the station I met the operator, coming through the storm on his crutches.

"'My God! Is there anyone killed?' he asked clutchin' my arm.

"'None killed,' I answered, 'but some pretty badly bruised.'

"'I had an order for your train,' he went on, 'an' I was asleep an' the signal—'

"'Was displayed,' I finished for him.

"He let go of my arm an' looked up into my face then, by the pale light of the lanterns, an' with the storm beatin' about us, an' I guess, he, also, dimly understood.

"'Say it, boy,' I said, 'You had an order for us an' the proper signal was displayed.'

"He repeated the words, brokenly, after me: 'I had an order for your train an' the proper signals were displayed.'

"'Now go back to the office an' prepare to send the wreck reports,' I said.

"Nearly everyone had his own opinion about the wreck at Cedarville, an', I guess, old Janer did himself; for when old 'Shorty' came into the office the day after he left



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the hospital, an' handed in his resignation an' gave the boys good-bye, old Janer turned away an' went into another room an' closed the door behind him. You know,

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there are times, fellows, when a man feels better, alone with his thoughts.

"A new man took 'Shorty's' place, an' things moved along for a year or more.



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Then, one day, old Janer came to me, all excitement, as he always was when anything lay heavy on his mind. 'Do you know where we could find 'Shorty' Gross?' he asked.

"'Last I heard, he was on his "uppers" out in Missouri,' I answered.

"'I wish you would get word to him for me,' he said. 'I had a letter this mornin', an' I won't rest easy until I see Shorty.'"

"'A letter from "Shorty?"' I asked.

"'No, from the operator at Cedarville. It seems he's fallen into a big fortune, an' he's handed in his resignation an' with it a letter in which he makes a clean breast of that accident "Shorty" had there a year ago last fall.'

"Well, we started out a couple of tracers on 'Shorty' an,' sure enough, we found him. An' fellows, I'll never forget that day when he came back to take out his old run. I was down in the round-house, oilin' up the old gal when a side door opened an' in stepped the old, gray-haired chap, dressed in a new suit of overalls, an' by his side walked a cripple with a crutch. Fifty men stopped workin' all at once an' looked in that direction, an' then half a hundred greasy caps went suddenly into the air, an' a cheer rang out along the grimy walls of the old buildin'—a rousin' cheer for 'Shorty' Gross.

"He remained on the old run until he died. An' now, hidden beneath the flowers that keep bloomin' all the summer long, little Dan an' he are sleepin', side by side, in the old burial ground at Cedarville."

ISRAEL ORLANDO.

THE HAUNTED DEPOT.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

"SPEAKING of haunted depots, that reminds me." Bill seated himself in my cushioned chair, took a pipe of my tobacco, and, propping his feet on the table, leaned back, the picture of content. I let him smoke on in silence for a minute, knowing well that the above statement was the prelude of a good story. He was an old-time operator who had spent years in the service, roaming around the country, but had lately settled down in a little business in our town. Finding it hard to break away from his early environments, he usually called



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around of an evening for a friendly chat and to listen to the business on the wire. I had just finished bringing in the baggage from the evening flyer, and remarked that



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the wind whistling through the wires sounded like a band of departed spirits.

"I was working up in Pennsylvania, some years ago, when I decided to change locations. I got my time check and finally landed in Grafton, W. Va. When I applied to the chief for a job, he was on the point of sending me away, when one of the trick dispatchers spoke up and said: 'Why not let him go to Valley Falls?' The chief thought the suggestion a good one, and, accordingly, sent me down in the yards with a message to No. 96, a fast freight, to stop and let me off at that place. I found them ready to pull out, climbed in the caboose and delivered my message to the conductor. After reading it he looked at me rather queerly, with the remark: 'Well, son, how long do you intend to stick with the ghost?' This question being out of the ordinary, I made several inquiries of the rear brakeman on the way to 'VF,' and he volunteered the information that, during the past year, 'VF' had had twenty-five or more night men and none of them had stayed more than a few nights, at the longest, and that Brown, the agent, had aged twenty years in the same period, trying to do his work and keep 'VF' a night office. Asking the reason for this, he replied: 'The dara place is haunted.' Just then the train slackened up and the brakeman informed me that we were there. With him wishing me good luck with the spooks, I swung off the rear platform of the caboose, and found myself some 300 yards east of the depot. It was now about 11 o'clock p. m., and, as I walked down the track, I did a great deal of thinking on the subject, but resolved that I was from Missouri, and they would have to show me.

"I found the agent all tired out, having worked 42 hours. He saluted me with scant courtesy, and asked if I was the new man. Upon my answering in the affirmative, he said: 'Well, I am going to turn in.' With this brief greeting, he departed, leaving me master of the situation. I went out to get my bearings, and found the depot sitting at the foot of a hill. Across the tracks there was a small river rushing



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through a ledge of rocks. This made a very dismal sound, and did not add to the cheerfulness of my situation. Directly in front of the depot there was a cut-off

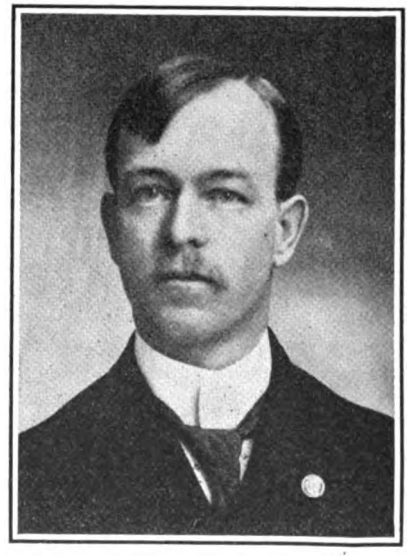
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switch, leading into the passing track, and I surmised from this, that Valley Falls was a very convenient night office, as the trains could stop right under the semaphore, get



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orders, and head right into the passing track, if necessary. After making these observations, I went back into the office. I found it very stuffy, as the night was sultry, and I opened a sliding window that was over the desk directly to the right of me. Just then the dispatcher at 'G' called me. I answered and received an order for an extra west, giving them time on No. 8. In the course of thirty minutes they arrived, got their order, and departed. After reporting them, I leaned back in my chair and picked up an old magazine and started to read. The air seemed oppressive and I glanced up at the window. It was shut. Up to this time I had been so engrossed in my duties that I had given no thought to the trainman's narrative. But this little incident brought it back forcibly to my mind. I knew well that I had opened the window and that it could not have been shut by the trainmen during the short time they were in the office signing the order. I thought nothing of this, but, opening it again, resumed my story. In the course of an hour No. 8 came thundering by. After adjusting the semaphore, I turned to report them, and, to my utter astonishment, I found the window again shut. I knew well, this time, that no one but myself had been in the office, and, also, that I had not shut the window. This certainly was a peculiar circumstance, and I began to think there must have been something in the story, after all. The more I thought of it the more weird it appeared. I meditated whether this could be the reason why so many night men had left in the past year. By this time, I was feeling rather shaky, but I realized that I would have to stick it out until the agent relieved me. I made sure the window was open this time. Just then I became aware that the dispatcher was calling me furiously. I answered, and, collecting myself, managed, in shaky Morse, to report No. 8 by. After that I spent what seemed ages, sitting in my chair, afraid to turn around for fear of seeing something supernatural confronting me. I was aroused from this stupor by



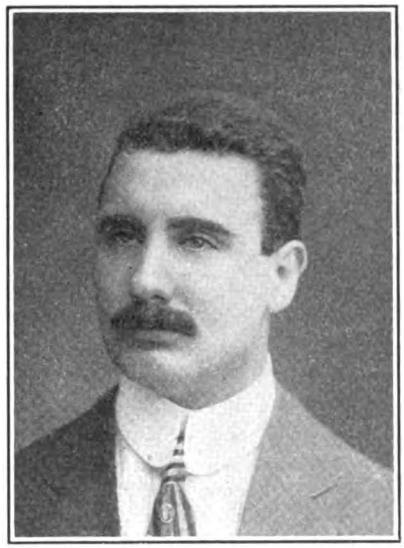
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the shrill whistle of an extra east. The engine stopped in front of the depot and I told them No. 7 was on time. The mere fact that I had human beings around me

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made me feel more at ease, and I sat down while they started to pull into the siding.

"By the time ten or twelve cars had passed over the switch, I was my former



T. F. NOON,
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self and I laughed to think how frightened I had been. I involuntarily glanced up at the cause of all this uneasiness, and was surprised to find it about one-quarter shut and gradually closing. There certainly was nothing spooky about this, and I began to try to discover the cause. By the time the train was on the siding, the window was shut. After the trains had met and departed it was light, and I went outside to investigate. I found the switch was directly in front of the depot, and that the main switch tie rested on a large ledge or rock, very flat, upon which the depot was also standing. A train going over this switch would jar the rock sufficiently to cause the window in the depot to slide shut. I had solved the mystery.

"When the agent came around in the morning, I related nothing of the night's ordeal to him, and to his question as to whether I intended staying, I replied that I did. I stayed there some six or eight months, longer than any operator had ever done before. I have worked in lots of places since then, but I have never had such an experience as that of my first night at Valley Falls."

As Bill concluded his tale, he refilled his pipe, and, bidding me good-night, he left me to the companionship of the wires and the humming "spirits" outside.

G. S. AND H. B. HAMILTON.

THE "BO" OPERATOR GETS HUNG.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

"YES, son, I have 'boed' it all over the country. You see these here gray streaks? Well, they ain't natural. I got them gray hairs when I got hung. Yes sir, hung up by the neck like a criminal. Want to hear about it, eh? Well, bein' as we got lots of time on our hands before your train, I will spin it for you. It is an experience of mine down there in them Kentucky hills. It was along in the eighties. I was sent down to Cumberland Gap by the Ellen N. to work nights while the regular man got hisself tied to a mountain lass. When I steps off the train I sizes up the place. I kain't say as I was particularly stuck on the layout,



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but I was broke, all in, down and out, and I says to myself, says I, 'Brace up, Bo, you can stand it for a few nights; long enough to get a stake on you.' Havin' one of them there

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peculiar sensations like a feller what wants something to eat, I hikes out without sayin' a word to the agent about my bein' on hand for duty and rambles over to a dilapidated,



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three-cornered shack of a house what had a shingle stuck out that said: 'McKinley House.'

"Poof, thinks I; these here Hill-Billies use the sacred name of our martyred President to stick on a hash joint. Well, that's none of my lookout, but it sure does look bad to a stranger and a bo operator what is nearly all down and out hisself. I goes in and taps on the front door. 'Maw'n' pard', says a lump-necked, screw-backed sager, what opened the door. 'Stranger here, be ye? Wall, come in and we will see what we can do to hook ye up. I 'low as how ye be the new operator. I was just tellin' my old 'oman I guessed we could take keer of ye. Had any chawin'? No? Wall, wash up and come on in to the dinin' room and eat. We all hev done et.'

"'Don't care if I do,' I says, and follers him through three or four zig-zag rooms to a latticed-up porch, where I was supposed to perform my ablutions. An old, battered dish pan was settin' on a bench and a bar of battle-ax soap three and a half feet long by two and a quarter wide was sunnin' itself close by. I picks up the soap, empties a bucket of water in the pan and cuts a foot of grime off my countenance, after which I was again invited to chaw. I looks through the door of the dinin' room and sees a litter of pigs in a corner, snoozin' on an old piece of carpet. Natchelly, I hesitates at the door, but Mr. McKinley, or whatever his handle was, says: 'Come right on in, and don't mind the pigs. We hev to sort of keep 'em in the house, becaze the dorgs and big horgs are so powerful, all-fired bad about eatin' of 'em' I don't say nothin', for that there hungry feelin' was loomin' up some big. I thinks I could eat them there pigs, hair and all. 'Git a cheer from back thar, stranger, and bring it up,' says he. 'Yere is some co'n bread and thar is a dish o' bacon. We hain't got so powerful much, but help yourself to what ye see. I hain't had my eatin', yit, but I'll eat the leavin's. Powerful fine maw'nin'.' I 'lowed it was, and commenced on the chaw act immejit. I don't calc'late there was much leavin's for the old man after I had masti-



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cated. No sir. I was sure some hungry. that there peculiar mornin', and et up the outfit what was on the table quicker'n a feller could say 'whiskey.' But I had the

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surprise of my life when the old man brought on a tumbler of white lightnin'.

"'That's the goods for mine,' I says, and almost jerks it out of his hand. I hadn't



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tasted a drop since the day before, at Louisville.

"My! but my throat was some dry. That there liquor sure tasted good! 'Old man,' I cries, 'you have sure won my heart today. Got any more?' 'Sure hev, stranger. Got barrels of it. Want some mo'?' I 'lowed I could stand one more tumblerful, but I was wishin' to myself he would bring it in a bucket; I could get at it better. Pretty soon in he comes with the second tumblerful, and says: 'Bein' as ye are the operator, and not one of them revnoo officers, I kin trust you with a secret, kain't I?' 'Surest thing you know, pal,' says I, 'spit it out. You and me are pards from now on. Let's shake on it.' That there liquor was sort of reachin' up and gettin' a hold on my toppiece and I was gettin' in a good humor. 'Wall,' says he, 'come 'round the house with me and I will show ye the purtiest leetle still ye ever laid your lookin' eyes on.' 'That's me,' I sings out, and seconds the motion to myself; shakes hands with myself in my mind. I thinks what a good time I would have layin' 'round that there still and guzzlin' booze. Well, I follers him out to the pig pen and I was sure some puzzled. How in blazes he could hide a still 'round a pigpen was more than I could calc'late. But the queer part of it comes in when he takes the plug out'n a little hole in a plank on the bottom of the pen and raises the whole bloomin' thing up. Out pops the swellest little wild-cat still I ever saw, and I had seen 'em before, too. Well, soon as that there still comes in sight and I gets a good look at it I hears a lot of racket and sooner than you could count ten a set of them there revenue officers pounced onto us, hollerin' 'Surrender!' 'Surrender be tetotally dummed,' I shouts and breaks loose from th' guy what had took hold of me and tore out for the woods. Pistols was crackin' all 'round and I thinks of all them there mean acts I had committed and about last wills and testiments and such fixin's. Zip! a bullet plowed through my chin whiskers what hadn't been shaved for three months because I had been hittin' back doors for my feeds, and no free shaves



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throwed in. That there shot sort of stirred me up right smartly, and I hits the high places only until I gets out of range, and then muzzles around and switches about

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until I gets clear out of all known directions.

"First thing I knows a feller hits me over the head with a stick and out shines



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the stars, with a moon or two throwed in for a chaperon. When next I gets my bearin's I was some surprised. I was layin' on a pile of straw in a sort of jail place, with a loophole winder about thirty feet over my head and not much light shinin' in. 'This here business is gettin' some strenuous,' I reflects, and the lump on my head was a good reminder of the times. Well, in a few minutes, a grizzled-faced, leather-headed geehawker sticks his dirty countenance through the thirty-foot-high winder and sort of smiles down on me and says: 'Ho! Ho! Mr. Revnoo Officer, thought ye was a slick one, didn't ye? But ye couldn't fool us, no sir-ee. We gets on to you revnoo fellers soon's ye poke your faces in where ye're not wanted. So it was your game to play the innocent operator. Hi! Hi! Wall, ye won't get to pound brass for a spell, I'm thinkin'. 'What in thunder ails you, you pig-faced, idiotic heathen,' I yells. 'Do I look like a revenue officer? What's eatin' on you, anyway? But the crazy-faced cuss grins all over his face and spouts out: 'Talk's cheap, stranger, the Wild-Catters' Protective Association is now in session, and I'm thinkin' they will soon reach an agreement about your case. Yes, we hang revnoo officers for pastime, 'round here. If ye ever prayed in your life ye had better be at it now.' And, slinging these cheerful remarks at me he jerks his head out and mooches off somewheres, I guess to join in the song and dance they was havin' close by, and makin' a racket like a lot of artillery sprung loose. Some folks would say right here that I prayed and became resigned to my fate, but I'll be everlastin'ly dum-fiddled if I did. I whoops and hollers and shoots cuss-words at them like sixty and dares 'em to come and get me. This, and the liquor I had drunk, soon wears me out, and I goes to sleep, peaceful-like. The next thing I knows I was jerked up onto my feet and somethin' was tightenin' 'round my neck; I was sure some scared, and half stammers out a 'Now I lay me down to sleep' prayer, for I knowed my last day was sure here and no gettin' out of it. Them there jakes had put a rope 'round my neck, and was stringin' me up to a rafter. One

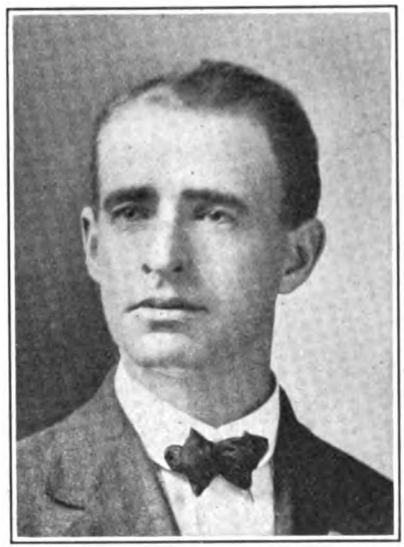


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feller was holdin' a lamp and two other had hold of the rope that hung out'n the winder. One of 'em had slipped in and put it 'round my neck, throwed it over the

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rafter, and then out the winder. Well, they makes short work of me. One of 'em speaks up and says: 'Jerk the pesky varmint up towards the ceiling and wind the



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rope 'round the nail.' Out pops my eyes, and my head was buzzin' like a whole swarm of Arkansas mosquitoes. I couldn't get no breath, and was chokin' to death. Visions of hell floated before my eyes and the devil was starin' me right in the face, as plain as daylight.

"Next thing I knows I was layin' on a board couch and a man what looked like a real revenue officer says: 'So, you have woke up, have you, Bill? Come pretty nigh gettin' you, didn't they. If us officers hadn't come in and rescued you when we did, you would be viewin' the fireworks now.'

"Well, son, here comes your train. I got to get busy with the express car, now. When you come back this way, drop in, and I'll spin you another one."

ROBERT LEONARD METCALFE.

Mr. Tellitt: "A woman can dress well on a sum that would keep a man looking shabby."

Mr. Doitt: "That's right. The sum my wife dresses on keeps me shabby all year 'round."—*Dayton Journal.*

BETWEEN COIN AND CUPID.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

IT was late in September, after the buzz of the industrious bee was no longer audible in the foliage of the mountain forest; the beautiful grove of oaks and maples possessed a tint of brown, due to the slight sting of the approaching frost. Near the old spring, just under the heavy branch of a large oak, was erected a gigantic seat, where Charles Garrell and Nell Caton sat, watching the water ripple over the pebbles and small rocks, which gave to the little brook a slight murmur, as though speaking in sympathetic harmony to the scattered conversation which was now in progress. For more than two years this young couple had spent the afternoons during the summer in the shade of this old oak, and it was not unusual to see them sit in silence for some ten or fifteen minutes, and, occasionally, read short stories. They had learned to care for each other more than for anyone else, but they had not reached that point in their courtship where



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love had conquered fear and timidity. Charles remained for some time in silence, while Nell was reading a short story, "Heart in Hand." At last she finished the

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story, raised her head, and found him earnestly meditating.

"Charles, are you ill?" she said with a soft and low voice.

"Feeling fine, thank you."

"Then why so still; are you offended because my story was a little lengthy?"

"No, not in the least; I was only thinking of the many hours we have spent together and—"

"Have they not been pleasant?"

"Quite." He answered with a smile.

"Then why do you think of them so earnestly?"

"I can't say, Nell. Just to employ my mind, I suppose."

"But Charles, you seem worried."

"How can you know, my dear?"

"The stern expression on your face speaks for itself, my boy."

"Yes, Nell, specifically I am happy, but generally speaking I am not; I should like a change."

"Like a change? Well, if it is my presence making the hours grow monotonous, then my absence will serve to make the change complete, and you will have your desire."

"That is not my desire; your presence is what I want."

"You have my presence, Charles, in what way do you want a change?"

"I want you to love me."

"That would be no change."

"Are you sure you love me, Nell?"

"Quite sure, Charles. I have always cared for you."

"It is sweet of you to speak so emphatically in my behalf, but yet, my worried mind is not soothed with contentment."

"Doubt my love, do you, Charles?"

"Not once. But I am longing for the time when I can claim you as my own."

"Are you sure, Charles?"

"There is no doubt, my little queen."

"Is that the change you wish?"

"Yes," he replied, as his eyes filled with tears.

"Then I assure you I will do all I can to grant you this change."

"That is very encouraging, and when I come again we will fix the time."

"Very well, Charles, good-bye."

Charles Garrell gracefully raised his hat, and, with a smile, slightly bowed and walked away. His steps were quick, and soon he found himself standing in the room of a small cottage in the west end of the little village. Charles was an orphan, but had saved enough of his earnings to purchase this small, but neat, cottage. He drew a chair close to the window and watched the bows of the lofty willow swing to and fro, as the autumn wind swept the golden leaves across the meadow. Across the hill he could hear the shrill of "Bob White" in the distance, while the chirp of



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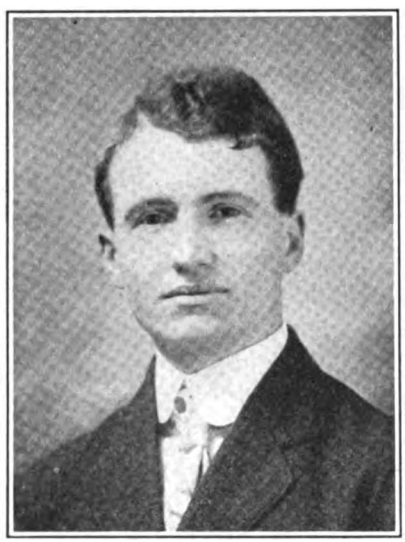
the cricket drew nearer and clearer. Never in life had Nature's song rang so sweetly as now. Just the thought of all the pleasure and happiness that was promised his young and amiable life was enough to start every nerve within him. His very soul was filled with new energy, for he had now gained the love and confidence of one for whom his noble heart was yearning—one who was worthy of all the success and happiness that might attend one's life. While Charles had been thinking over his past laborious, yet successful, years, the time had speedily drifted away and now the clock was striking

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nine. He took from his desk the Bible which his mother had given him, and, after reading several chapters, knelt beside his bed and gave praise to Him for success, both socially and financially; after which he was soon lost in slumber.

CHAPTER II.

One week had passed, and Nell had not found courage to speak to her mother concerning her engagement to Charles Garrell. She had spent the greater portion of her time, since Charles' last visit, thinking of the many characteristics indicative of a true and worthy young man; and, though



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blinded with love, had endeavored to give his faults careful consideration. She thought of his career as a young business man—of his social facilities, and of his faithful work as a Christian.

. Her little heart throbbed with love and admiration for him, and, as she walked slowly out into the yard, she spoke aloud as though speaking to him: "Why should I not love a man with such noble traits?"

Just across the lawn, under a large maple, sat Mrs. Caton, reading the *Evening Post*. Nell felt her duty to speak to her mother about Charles, and now was an excellent opportunity. But just how to approach her, she had not settled in her own mind. She walked slowly, but exactly, across the lawn, and seated herself beside Mrs. Caton.

"Charles is coming today, Mama."

"This is his usual time, isn't it, daughter?"

"Well—Yes."

"Then did you consider it information, dear?"

"No. But I just wanted to speak of him."

"In what way?"

"Well— You know, Mama, I love him."

"No, I was not aware of that. I knew he had been very generous and obliging, and I have always considered you staunch friends. But as to your loving him, I never entertained such an idea."

"I do, Mama, and we have decided to live for each other."

"Are you not jesting?"

"Not once, Mama, it is all true."

"But Nell, there are many things I have never told you, and had hoped it would never be necessary to do so, but now—"

"O Mama! Is it anything that will interfere with the arrangements Charles and I have made?"

"It is, indeed."

"Then allow me to remain in ignorance, will you not?"

"I should like very much to please you, and, perhaps, make others happy by doing so, but I can not in this case."

"Well, if such is destined to me, let me hear it now, Mama."

"Do you remember Felix Garrell, Charles' father?"

"No, Mama, he died too long since for me to remember him."

"I thought not. You see Felix Garrell was a brilliant man—a man with a splendid intellect, and was once a man of considerable wealth. But he took to drinking and defrauding, even his best friends; and after living a very wretched life, died in poverty."

"But what has that to do with Charles. hasn't he lived a noble life?"

"Yes, dear, but be patient, till I explain. You see, during the last few years of Felix Garrell's life, your father had to deal with him so much, as business agent, he became

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thoroughly disgusted with the way in which Felix conducted himself. Yet, he always treated Felix with courtesy, for he felt that his reckless and dissipated life was inherent in his disposition."

"But Mama, Charles must not bear the blame."

"It is quite unfair, I know, but sometimes such things can't be avoided."

"Oh, how cruel!"

"But let me finish my explanation, and then you will understand the situation."

"I shall not interrupt any more," she said, as her slender, yet graceful form leaned forward to readily grasp the words of her mother. She was pale, and on her face was a look of disappointment, as the tears were slowly drifting down her cheeks.

"Your father liked Charles, but yet he feared that he would some time drift into his father's footsteps. He knew you and Charles had always been good friends, to which he did not object, but he never wanted you to love and marry him, as he feared your life would, in later years, be blighted by the wine glass. He had your interest at heart, and in his will there is a clause which provides that if you should marry Charles, the whole amount left you, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, will become the property of the National Hospital, and you will be left without a penny."

"Good Heavens! Such a cruel and unjust thing must not be true when I love him so dearly—when all my future happiness is based upon his young life. Shall I allow the coin to stand between me and the hand of Cupid?"

"But it is true, dear, without a doubt, and you can not afford to go against this will and go out in the world to battle with the hardships with which you will have to encounter."

"I know it would be very unfortunate, Mama, to lose such a nice sum of money, but I love Charles Garrell more than all the coins that can be heaped around me."

"That may be true at present, but when poverty stares you in the face, when happiness—your affections for him have been drowned by the wine cup, then you will think of it quite differently."

Nell arose from her seat and looked at her mother rather staringly, but still tried to conceal her fit of anger, as she said: "I can never think that such will happen to such a noble and energetic young man."

She turned and walked away as her mother said: "You must not marry Charles; now hear me, and heed what I say."

Nell made no reply, but walked slowly to her library and seated herself by the window to wait for Charles. She buried her pale face in her hands, and, for a long while, she wept bitterly. She thought of all her mother had said, and of her duty of obedience to her parents, but yet she could not endure the thought of turning aside from one she loved and going out alone, even with wealth at her command. Her little heart throbbed with sorrow; all the world seemed dreary, and the hand of fate pointed to a realm of darkness on either side.



CHAS. E. KACY,
Delegate Div. No. 9.

She raised her head, and, with her slender white hand, pushed back the golden curls from her forehead. Then looking down the street, she once more beheld the idol of her life. She arose slowly and went to meet him at that familiar old spot near the spring, where they had so often whiled away the afternoon—the place where

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love had conquered fear and timidity—the place where sunshine and happiness had beamed upon her young life.

"Am I late, Nell?"



H. C. CALLAWAY,
Delegate Div. No. 14.

"Only a trifle, Charles."

"Then I shall make no apologies of lost moments, but shall try to employ the pres ent."

As they seated themselves by the old spring, he noticed the absence of her smiles. The rosy flush had left her cheek, and a pale, languid look appeared, as a tear stole down her cheek.

"What on earth has happened, dear, are you ill?"

"Quite well, Charles, but I am rather inclined to feel blue."

"What has caused this mood of despondency; tell me, won't you?"

"I can not, Charles, it is too much."

"Can't you trust me?"

"Yes, at all times, but—"

"Then tell me, as one who loves you, and let me share your troubles."

"They are your troubles, as well as mine, if you only knew."

"I am waiting to hear, and willing to share and make the best of it I can."

"Then I will tell you, dear, I can't marry you."

For some time he was blinded with astonishment. How could she, who, for the past two years, had been so faithful and true, speak in such a perplexing manner.

"Why, Nell, do you consider me unworthy?"

"I consider you as worthy as the most worthy, but Mama says I shall not."

"And your mama's choice is your choice, eh?"

"No, Charles, it has always been my choice to make you happy, but there are things yet untold." As she spoke she handed him a neatly folded paper—her father's will.

He read it with a searching eye, and, with a sigh, handed it back to her. He was startled at its contents. His face wore a look of disappointment while he remained in silence.

"Why did your father oppose our marriage?"

"You remember your father, do you?"

"Yes, quite well."

"You know he was a victim of strong drink, don't you?"

"Yes, Nell, but I don't like to think of it now."



GEORGE C. CABANISS,
Delegate Div. No. 14.

"Well, that is the cause. He feared you would some day follow in your father's footsteps and that I would, in time, be driven to poverty and shame."

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"And you are now a victim of your father's belief; am I not right?"

"Not in the least; I believe you will always be true to that noble character which you now possess."

"Then it is obvious, Nell, that it is a choice between love and money, and you choose the latter."

"Not exactly so, Charles. I have always been obedient to my parents at all times, even if it did displease my fancies."

"And you consider this decision an act of obedience to your parents, do you, Nell?"

"Yes, if it were not obedience, I would act quite differently."

"I never accused you of being false, Nell; never thought of you as possessing one mark of deceit; neither can I accuse you yet; but I do say you mistake yourself; you are blinded by a curtain of gold."

As he uttered the last sentence he arose from his seat as his slender, yet graceful form trembled from head to foot. For some moments he tried, in vain, to turn from the one he loved. Finally securing his equilibrium, he started off.

"Charles, are you gone?" she began.

"Do you expect me to remain here? To do so would only make your heart grow colder and aggravate the wounds of my bleeding heart."

"Have you not a word of good-bye?"

"None. Since you have sold your love—sold your happiness and measured my love in dollars and cents I shall neither honor nor recognize your valuation by even one word of good-bye."

He turned and walked away, leaving her with the decision of her own choice.

"What a contrast between this and my previous visits," he murmured to himself, as he strolled down the narrow street.

It was, perhaps, a half or three-quarters to his little village and he had scarcely reached the half way point, until the sun had passed beyond the western horizon and the god of night spread his mantle of darkness about him; while the autumn wind, as it rippled through the leaves, seemed to speak words of sympathy to his aching heart.

At last he reached his little cottage, and, after his usual devotion to his Creator, he was lost in slumber.

Several weeks had passed and Charles was still performing his duty at the lumber plant. One Saturday, at noon, just as the plant was closing down for the week's end, Charles sat in his office with his head resting heavily in his hands. The little round face with golden curls clustering about was before him as charming and beautiful as when he left her at the spring. It seemed impossible to banish her image from memory's page. As a tear stole down his cheek he took his pen from behind his ear and wrote:

"Mr. Harvey Wiles:

"Please accept this as my resignation, effective at once. CHARLES."



J. J. CRUMP,
Delegate Div. No. 14.

He left the little manuscript on his desk and went home.

Harvey Wiles was a young man, and a chum of Charles. In a short time he came to the office and read the note. Charles had gone.

"Great Heavens!" he exclaimed, as though someone had given him a heavy blow. He at once summoned an errand boy and sent for Charles. The distance was short,

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and soon Charles was present, while, in an anxious voice, Harvey asked:

"What on earth has happened, Charles, have I offended you in any way?"



ARTHUR B. CORD,
Delegate Div. No. 14.

"Not in the least, Mr. Wiles, you have always been good and kind to me."

"Are you not satisfied with your salary?"

"Yes, I feel you are paying me all I am worth, and all your business will justify, but I must go."

"Must go! What do you mean, my dear boy?"

"I can't tell you; it is a personal affair, and my troubles would not interest you, so I prefer to remain silent."

"I am your friend, Charles, tell me and perhaps I can help you."

"I know you would if it were in your power, but—"

"But tell me, anyway, Charles, so I can know the cause of your departure from our midst."

Charles cast his eyes to the floor for a moment, and then began. He carefully explained the whole story, while Mr. Wiles listened with intense interest.

"Pshaw! You are laboring under a mistaken idea; as executor of that will, I have had cause to examine the record, and I find not a single scratch of the pen concerning Tom Caton's will. It has never been registered and can not hold good. Nell Caton shall have every cent of her money regardless of the man she marries."

"But that doesn't help me."

"Why not?"

"Because she has refused to marry me."

"But you must explain to her this discrepancy and then—"

"No, not once. The blood that warms my veins supports a man who is too true to his own principles to beg the love of any lady."

"You are noble, Charles, to stand so firm on your own manhood."

"I know, Mr. Wiles, it is quite conventional to take such advice given by you, to gain the hand of such a fair lady, but I prefer to have Cupid stand his own ground. Fight an honest fight and have clean hands—clear from the stain of gold and bonds."

"I confess your intellect is clear and vivid, but your departure from this place will not better the situation and I ask that you remain with us. Will you promise, Charles?"

"Yes, I will report for duty Monday."



T. O. MAGANN,
Delegate Div. No. 14.

On Sunday morning he sat at the window of his little cottage prompting himself as teacher of the young men's Bible class. He raised his head, closed his Bible, and for

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some time his thoughts seemed draped in mourning, his eyes turned across the meadow just as they did weeks ago. He had lost the thrilling tones of "Bob White"



MATTHEW G. HARPER,
Alternate Div. No. 14.

in the distance and the autumn wind, which swept the golden leaves across the brown meadow, seemed to bring to him a different view of life. Suddenly his thoughts were disturbed by the sound of the doorbell. He walked slowly across the room, and, on opening the door, his eyes fell on the face of a little colored boy, which he readily recognized.

"What will you have, Jack?"

"Nuffin, des got dis litter fer ye."

He took the letter from the little darkey, and, with trembling fingers, tore it open and read:

"Dear Charles:

"Please call at my home at two this afternoon; I must see you. Will you come?

"Sincerely,
NELL."

For some time he stood blinded with astonishment and bewildered with excitement.

"What can such a message mean," he thought, as he turned and walked to his desk. "Regardless of its meaning, I will go," he said, in a low tone. Though nervous, he managed to write her a few lines and assured her he would comply with her request.

The hours speedily rolled away and soon he found himself strolling toward the old spring where he had once been made happy by the words of the fairest and dearest to him. Wearily trodding the path which led to the old place around which lingers sacred memories of bygone days—the place where Cupid once boasted of its victims and soared away on wings of enchantment and admiration, but was handicapped by the sleek hand of wealth.

Nell did not meet him at the spring as in other days, as she thought it more comfortable in the parlor, since the weather was gradually growing cooler. Charles halted, only for a few moments, at the spring, while his slender form trembled as he appealed to memory; but, being filled with anticipation and anxiety, he quickened his step and soon found his hand on the doorbell. Just then the door came open and Nell stood before him dressed in spotless white. The golden curls seemed to cluster



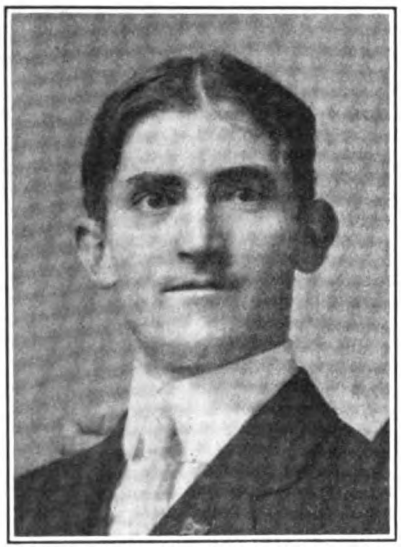
CHAS. WILSON,
Alternate Div. No. 14.

about her neck with more style and beauty than ever before. Every nerve within him was driven to excitement at her very sight, but to hold his dignity and be indifferently

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inclined was his chief aim. Her delicate white hand was extended to him gracefully, as she said:

"O Charles! I am so glad to see you!"



T. A. DRAPER,
Alternate Div. No. 14.

"Thanks, Neli, the pleasure is mutual."

"Charles, dear, do you love me yet?"

"It is quite unfair of you, Nell, to ask such a question."

"Why, Charles?"

"Because I came here at your request—because you sent for me. I am waiting, Nell, why did you send for me?"

"Because I love you, Charles. Since I left you at the spring eight weeks ago, life has been as dark as the heaviest shades of night. When Love knocks at the door of my heart I can not turn and grasp the hand of Wealth and say 'Welcome visitor.' I can not swop smiles for frowns and furrows of sorrow. I can not live in a mansion of aching hearts. I would rather dwell in the humblest cottage and be yours than to live in palaces among kings and princes, with all the luxuries and delicacies at my command."

"Nell, my darling, you are an angel. No sweeter words can be uttered by human tongue, than the words you have just spoken. Once more life is worth living. The dark cloud of sorrow has been driven away and the sun of happiness shines down upon me with all its glory and splendor."

"You are right, Charles, life will be one sweet dream." At this she threw her arms around his neck and asked his pardon for the way in which she had treated him.

Three days later, as they were enjoying their bridal tour, he told her of the worthless record of her father's will, and again she rejoiced that love had conquered wealth.

On Cupid's battle field,
The coin, his power did yield.

ROBERT T. ANDERSON.

THE RUNAWAY OF "BIG MARY."

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

IT was pay-day in the Central yards at Dallas, and any man who ever worked around a railroad yard knows what pay-day is. To the yard master (the G. Y. M.) it is a "Blue Monday," while to the men it is a gala day, and one especially set aside for their special enjoyment and celebration, and from a week to ten days in advance the G. Y. M. is besieged with requests for a "lay off" on pay-day. It is impossible for him to let them all off and keep the work going, and he knows by former experience that a number of them will lay off with or without permission, and he is at his wits' end trying to devise some plan to keep from tying up the yard during the celebration.

It is strictly against the "boomer" switchman's religion to work on pay-day, if he has anything coming, and every yard has its quota of this worthy class. Dallas, on this particular night, was no exception, nor were the majority of the men working there at that time an exception to the general rule, so on this night, John Dixon, the husky G. Y. M., was in a state of collapse from his continued fruitless efforts to round up enough men to man the night engines.

The yard is small, and at that time were working four crews, two day, one night, and one "half and half," and every rascal on the night engine had reported "sick" and could not work that night. It was a rather cold day in November, and a slow, drizzling rain had been falling all day and indications

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promised a continuous performance of the program for the night.

Just before quitting time old man John came down through the yard, the energy he threw into his movements clearly indicating that he was not in the happiest frame of mind, while a wreath of blue smoke from his ever-present pipe trailed behind him, and any casual observer could easily note that something was radically wrong. As he neared the office, he met Dell Gately, foreman of the day "hill" engine, who was fixing to turn in after a few more moves had been made, which the helpers were doing, under instructions left for them.

"Do you know of any 'roughnecks' we can get for tonight?" Dixon yelled at Gately as soon as he approached within hearing.

"Not unless there is some up around the corner," replied Gately.

"Yes, there's plenty of them up there, but they won't work. They got to get full and spend all their coin before they will work, then we will have plenty. Tell your crew to go home and get supper and come back at seven and work until midnight. There's no way out of it, the yard is about blocked now, and if we don't keep these engines moving, we can't get a wheelbarrow through by midnight. Ham will have to work all night, and the Lord only knows what we will do for men tomorrow."

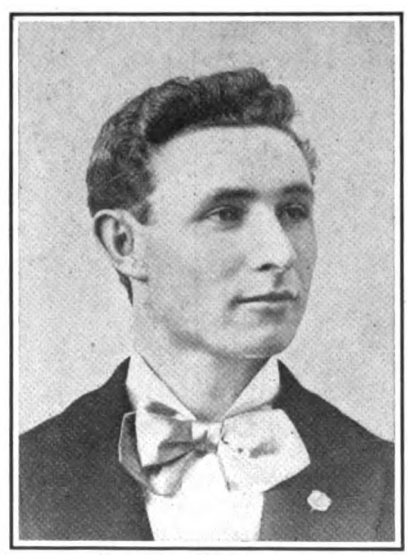
Relighting his pipe, which he had allowed to go out while talking to Gately, he proceeded to the office, where he found a message from the superintendent complaining that No. 22, the fast freight, had been delayed on several previous occasions, waiting for the merchandise cars from "down town," and stating, very emphatically, that such delays would not be tolerated in the future.

"How is 22?" he asked Bart, the operator, who had just come on duty for the night. Inquiry developed the fact that 22 would be right on time.

"Of course," grunted Dixon, feeling still bluer from what he had learned since entering the office, so he left to make some further final arrangements for the night.

At the north end of the yard he met Ham and his crew coming in from the T. & P. with a drag, and he sailed in with: "Ham, I want you to look after that merchandise, tonight, and bring it up the hill in good time for 22, whether it is loaded or not, bills or no bills. The "Old Man" says no more delays goes and if you stick 22 tonight we will all have to look for another job. No "brownies" goes. The whole outfit in Kelly's crew is drunk and getting drunker. Gately will work until midnight and you will have to put in the night." Having thus lined up things for the night, the G. Y. M. went home for supper and to cool off a bit.

When the information above was imparted to the helpers, there was a "roar," of course. Jack Denham and J. S. Edselle were helping Gately. Jack followed the engine, while Edselle, better known as "High Pockets," or simply "High," for short, looked after the field. "High," as his cognomen indicated, was about six feet four, well built, and every inch a man, while Jack was a little below the medium, and getting along in years, both jolly and good-



J. H. STALEY,
Delegate Div. No. 16.

natured, as well as steady workers and old heads in the yard. But this idea of putting in five hours overtime, after a hard, nasty day, and on pay-day night, too, when they

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had planned to go down town for a while after supper, was a little more than they could relish, so they proceeded to exercise their rights as free Americans and railroad men, to express their sentiments on what they believed they had a kick coming, by having it thus "rubbed in" on them. But there was nothing to do but to make the best of it, so they went home to a hot supper, hoping it would revive their good nature and flagging vitality.

Helping Ham on the "half and half" were Ed Sheehan, an old head, a good and efficient worker, when he worked, but given to infrequent, but sometimes protracted layoffs, duly celebrated, and when working



J. C. CULKINS,
Delegate Div. No. 16.

always followed the engine, while the field was looked after by his old-time friend Arthur Resley. The latter, poor fellow, is dead, now, but many a switchman scattered over this continent will remember "Big Head," or just "Head" as he was known to all the boys, and many, I dare say, never knew his real name. If a stranger had been told to go to "Big Head" for some reason, he would never have made a mistake, and would have had no difficulty in locating the right man. "Head" was very short, very wide, had a very large head, and a very short neck. Good-natured, friends to all he met, and always "Johnny on the spot" when it came time for work. But even so good a nature as his is tempted to revolt when he is told that it has been decreed that he must work "till broad daylight," instead of turning in at twelve and spending a few hours down town next forenoon, as he had planned to do on the following morning. Under present plans they could not hope to get enough rest to enable them to go on duty at noon the next day, during the short six hours they would be off, to say nothing of going to town. So, on this dark and misty November evening there were several muttered remarks and unexpressed thoughts that would neither look good in print nor sound well in Sunday school, directed at no one in particular, but at the world in general. As "Head" expressed it, "if we wasn't poor, we wouldn't have to work," seemed something of a consolation to all, and in a short time they were all ready to do battle faithfully and make the best of a bad bargain.

When seven o'clock arrived, a full crew for both engines were on hand, and, much as they disliked it, were ready for duty when the G. Y. M. returned from supper. With a few minor instructions about details of the work, and with a parting injunction to Ham to "be sure and get that merchandise up the hill in time for 22," they went to their several duties. Ham went down the hill to straighten things up a bit and get the merchandise out as soon as it could be done, while Gately and his crew went to the south end, where they made a few switches, made a delivery to a connection, and, after letting No. 6 by, they went to the north end to thrash out No. 27, the local, which had arrived late, and thereby hangs a tale. If 27 had gotten in on time this story would never have been written, and I could never have told how quick "Big Head" could get over cars, or how fast "High's" long legs could take him down the track.

The Southern Pacific had recently bought some big, new tank cars, and put them into the crude oil service, and, while cars of that size have now become familiar sights,

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they were something of a wonder then. Built of all steel, tanks holding 12,850 gallons, and weighed, loaded, near 150,000. Some of the boys had dubbed these cars



S. L. CRANE,
Alternate Div. No. 16.

"Big Mary," and so they were all known. No. 27, of this date, had one of these cars, loaded for a local firm. Gately had figured out the switch list and work had commenced. About the third car was the Big Mary, and Jack got a signal from Gately to let it down the wye. "High" was on hand, but ordinarily little attention was paid to cars kicked down the wye, as they always stopped, but "High" took no chances, so when Big Mary came by he thought she was moving a little too swiftly and would run down too far, so he would put a small "binder" on her, just to be sure, and he climbed aboard for that purpose, but when the brake wheel revolved idly, he discovered that the brake chain was either broken or disconnected. There was no doubt but the car would stop a little farther on, but for fear it ran into something or over somebody he would stay with it until it did stop. While it did slow down almost to a stop, the thing seemed to be endowed with life, and, instead of stopping, as all well behaved cars had always done, it continued to crawl along. "High" seated himself on the front end of the car, with his feet hanging off, and waited patiently for Big Mary to make up her mind to stop, but, instead, she appeared to have made up her mind not to stop. On around past the roundhouse she kept creeping, and at this point there begins a slight decline in the track, which leads to the down town yards, and Big Mary began slowly to increase her momentum, and, for the first time, "High" began to see that there was to be some unexpected developments.

The down grade increased for about three hundred yards, when there was a rise, at the top of which Ervay street crossed the track. It was supposed to be a settled question that any car turned loose in the upper yard could not run over Ervay street of its own momentum, and "High" consoled himself that he would be able to tie her up somewhere near Ervay, the only thing to be feared would be that Ham might come up the hill before the car stopped. "High" rode the front end to warn anyone who might chance to be on the track or crossings, and could not see the car in the



DAVID HAY,
Alternate Div. No. 16.

darkness. His plans were all made; he would block her when she stopped and flag Ham when he came up and let him shove Big Mary back into the yard.

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Meantime Jack went ahead with his work, dropping cars here and there, but there was no one in the field to catch them, and the bombarding going on attracted Gately's attention and he commenced an investigation.



D. L. KOLLER,
Delegate Div. No. 17.

"Where is High," he asked Jack. Jack had seen nothing of him, but Jimmy Rogan, the hog head, said he saw him down the wye, near the roundhouse, some time ago, and that the light appeared to be going on down the track..

Looking in that direction, they saw a light apparently near Ervay street, seeming to be dodging about here and there in a most mysterious manner, which seemed to tell them that there was something wrong They did not know for certain that this was "High's" lamp, but he could be seen nowhere else, so they rightly concluded that this must be "High," but what could he be doing way down there?

"I'll bet that tank car has run off with 'High,'" ventured Gately, "guess we had better go see what's wrong." And, accordingly, they started in pursuit, but being very dark, and uncertain what they might meet, they could take no chances on fast running. While they were in slow pursuit "High" was having the time of his life. Nearing Ervay street Big Mary slackened her speed in a marked degree, but it seemed the wet, spongy track, slick rails, and every other condition bearing, aided the big girl in her apparent determination to explore the downtown yards without the assistance of an engine. She approached the street crossing at a snail's pace, and "High" cast about for some piece of timber or other article which he might place in front of the wheel to stop her, still he expected that she would stop in a few feet more at best. Not so. She continued to creep along and "High" began to get alarmed and frantically did he search by the dim light of his lamp for something to block with, but it seemed that every scrap of all kinds had been carefully removed, and not a thing could he find, not even a little rock or clod. On the farther side of Ervay street the track begins another down grade and "High" realized that once over this the car would gain momentum. Failing to find a chock, he looked at Big Mary; she was still moving, and had reached within a few feet of where the track starts down the hill, and, realizing that



E. M. MULCAHY,
Delegate Div. No. 18.

he must act quickly if he did any good, he started on down the track at a pace that would make Dan Patch look like thirty cents, and gained a good distance on the

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tank car before she began to kick up speed to any considerable degree.

About two blocks away there is a sharp curve, where cars can be seen scarcely three car lengths away, and "High" bent every effort to reach that curve before Ham came up and flag him before the tank could reach that point. He knew it was now just about time for Ham to be coming up, and what the result of a collision between that tank and an engine would be could only be imagined. Rounding the curve where he could see down the straight track, where he fully expected to see the headlight of the No. 101 coming, he gave a gasp of joy, for there were no signs yet of the 101, and he hurried on. Two blocks farther on there was another curve which hid his view of the yard, and, while he rejoiced that the crew had not started up yet, there were other and worse possibilities. He knew after the car had followed him for a block it would be gaining in speed at every turn of the wheels, and by time it reached to lower yards it must be going at a lively clip, and would likely run clear through the yard, so that to avoid a collision now seemed impossible. Then his thoughts began to revert to what it might mean should this inevitable occur. Crashing into that engine, the heavy impact would necessarily break or burst the tank and oil would fly in every direction; it would take fire from the engine, as it is highly inflammable, and would spread in the twinkling of an eye as far as the oil went, a river of fire would run from the scene of the disaster, setting on fire everything in its path, and burning with a fierceness that water will not stay. The chances for the men on that crew semed next to impossible. Perhaps it might start a conflagration in the homes which so closely bordered the track and burn to death helpless women and children who were then wrapped in slumber. The awfulness of a disaster which now seemed unavoidable almost froze his blood and made him feel weak, but now is no time to give up to fancies, he must save that crew by all means.

Never was he so proud of his magnificent manhood as now. He called on his great strength and endurance for greater exertions, and nobly did they respond. Fast as that tank went, "High" must have gone faster. He was now closely approaching the last curve where he would be able to locate the engine by her headlight, and hope was beginning to rise within him, when the headlight dashed around from behind a house apparently only a few yards from him, and "rockets" flying from the stack showed that Frank was giving her all the steam she was making in his endeavors to run his drag over the hill. "High" gave a vigorous swing of his lamp



H. DEGRAW,
Alternate Div. No. 20.

across the track; a regular "washout," with a vengeance; and at the first swing, his lamp went out, as also did "High's" hopes.

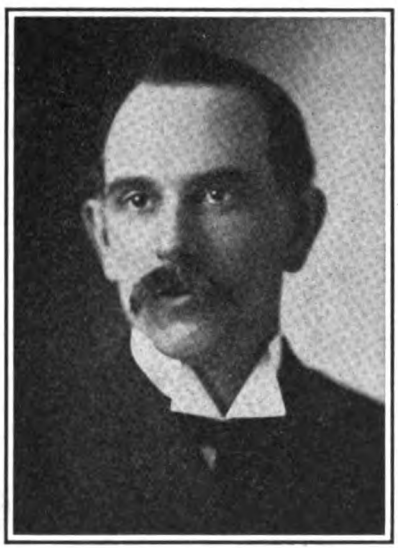
While "High" was having his experience, Ham Elms and his crew, in the lower yard, were doing a rushing business in their efforts to make good with the merchandise on time. The work had all been finished and Ham signaled Sheehan to come to the main line, and told "Head" to couple up and get ready to go up the hill, while he walked down to the engine.

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"How much air you got coupled up?" he inquired of Sheehan.

"Eight cars," replied the latter.

"That's enough," then to the engineer, Pruitt, "Frank, you want to go after 'em.



A. C. BUSHWAW,
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we've got fourteen of them husky bullies back there, and the track is wet. If that goat don't do business and we have to double, there's going to be a racket."

Jimmy Masterson, the fireman, heard the remarks, and while the air was being pumped and a few other arrangements made he was busy raking his fire into good shape, for Jimmy never falls down on his end of the job. A "highball" from Head said everything was ready and the start was made for the hill, little dreaming what was coming to meet them. The track out of the yard is just a little down hill for a short distance, and, taking advantage of this, Frank crowded on all the steam she could work, and by time she reached the crossing they were going at a lively clip, and the 101 was rolling and pitching on the rough track like a ship in a storm at sea. Ham and Sheehan had climbed to front footboard, when they started, seating themselves on either end of the bumper, taking good care to get a firm hold, knowing that it was going to be a rough passage. Just before reaching the crossing she gave an extra heavy plunge, which was enough to cause anything but pleasant thoughts to the men on the footboard, but she righted herself, and no damage was done.

"Right here is where the 103 turned over and killed Joe Watts," shouted Ham, and the recollection of the sad occurrence did not raise their courage much.

Everything appeared to be in favor of the boys making it to the upper yard in time for 22 without the risk of delaying them. The 101 appeared to enter into the contest, and feeling that the most important part of the play rested with her, was making good headway for the hard pull on the hill. Frank had looked at the water glass and made a mental calculation that he would be able to reach the top without using the injector, pulled her open a couple of notches more and looked ahead just in time to see the long swing of a light across the track and then disappear. He knew the tricks of hand lamps, and, without waiting for any further indications, acted on the suggestion that something had gone wrong, he flipped the brake around to "Big B," with the result, as "Head" afterwards declared "they stopped right now." "High" was on the spot, and, although so exhausted and breathless he could scarcely speak, he told them in a few words that a "Big Mary" was coming down the hill. Ham and Sheehan had gotten off the footboard, and as soon as Frank heard "High's" words, and it took no further explanation to tell him what that meant, he reversed his engine and gave her steam, with a faint hope of running it away from the tank, so that if a collision was inevitable, it would be less severe. Just as she began to move they saw the tank coming, seeming, to their excited imaginations, to be flying, instead of running, and they shouted to Frank and Jimmy to jump and run, while they stood paralyzed and helpless. Frank, too, had seen the tank, and without further thoughts except to escape that lake of awful death and destruction that was then rushing at him, he and Jimmy jumped and ran to get as far as possible from the probable scene of col-

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lision. The rails were sanded already, it was down hill, and she was working steam, so, in short order the 101 had the train moving at a good speed in the opposite direction. Big Mary sped on by where the men were standing and sailed around the curve like a demon in hot pursuit of a helpless prey. Ham, Sheehan, and "High" ran after her to get a better view around the curve, and when they had reached a point where they could see the straight track, they saw the 101 pass under a street light, and Big Mary not fifteen feet behind, and gaining rapidly, then they both disappeared in the darkness.

A few seconds later they heard them hit, though it appeared to be a heavy compact, it was soon evident, from the exhausts of the engine, which was evidently going further on, that she, at least, had not been derailed; what had occurred to the tank was of little consequence just then. Now that this terror had vanished, another one almost as bad, had appeared before them. The engine was pushing that string of cars back through the yard and was evidently working enough steam to carry them clear through the yard, and what the consequences might be could not even be guessed. Not a man on the engine or cars unless it was "Head," who had been riding the rear car, and whether he got off when they stopped or was still on them no one knew. While they watched and listened they heard Gately coming down with the 102, and all got on and continued to follow.

When everything had been made ready for the start up the hill after giving them the "highball," "Head" climbed to the top of the last car and proceeded to find himself a secure place to ride. Taking a seat on the running board, placing his lamp between his legs and in a position so that he could grip the running board, if necessary. The track was badly out of surface, and the long wet spell had made even the ordinarily bad condition worse, and "Head" knew he would be well rocked, hence his precautions. He had not long to wait before occasion arose to show the good sense of his reasonings. The car gave a vigorous lurch, and "Head" had a death grip with both hands, and well he did, for before the car had righted itself good, it appeared to him they had run into a stone wall, so sudden was the stop.

"In the ditch, just as I expected," ejaculated "Head," as no other explanation was offered as a solution, and visions of a night of wrecking in the mud and water passed before his mental vision. He was not long permitted to ponder over that event, for the cars soon began to move in the opposite direction, with rapidly increasing speed, which, instead of making "Head" glad there was no wreck, put him to wondering what on earth could be the meaning of this move. He was sure they could not be backing up to take another run for the hill, because they had a good start and were going fine when they stopped so suddenly. Then there was some other reason, but what was it? By this time they were plowing through the yard about where they started from, and would soon be going over street car and railroad crossings without the formality



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of flagging, all of which "Head" did not relish a bit, and he did some rapid thinking. Less than half a mile farther on was a sharp curve, know as the "horn," a place where the greatest caution and very slow speed

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must be observed. They were getting too near to that place to suit "Head's" fancy, and he set the brake on the car he was on and went to the next one and did likewise.



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"They will never go around the 'horn,' but will take a straight dive for the river and go off over that bluff, if this don't stop." He hurried to the next car and set another brake, but they were having little effect, for the speed was too high for safety. "The air!" thought "Head." He knew where the last "air" car was and he hurried to it, but finding no end ladder on either car, he slid down the brake staff, planting his feet on the "deadwood," and holding on with one hand, he cautiously lowered himself until he managed, with great difficulty, to reach the angle cock, which he opened wide. The effect was instantaneous. "Head" swung himself to the side-ladder, and dropped to the ground, hurried toward the engine, which had stopped just before it reached where he dropped off. Climbing on board expecting to demand from the crew an explanation of this crazy conduct, as it seemed to him, he found it deserted, and his wonder grew. "Head" took a seat on the fireman's seat box and rolled a cigarette, out of which he expected to draw some consolation, if no explanation. Hearing a whistle to the east, he looked closely and could see the reflection of a headlight, and waited further developments. Pretty soon he could distinguish an engine coming, shoving a big tank car in front of her, and a few minutes later the 102 stopped a few yards away. "Head" crawled down and demanded to know what they meant, and if they were trying to make him commit suicide. Explanations followed. They had found Big Mary standing quietly just opposite the freight house, having apparently seen all of the sights she cared about and was gentle as a lamb. So the 102 coupled onto it and continued to follow the 101.

"Well, it's all over and no harm done," said Gately, "so we will just couple onto you, keep this runaway between the goats, and doublehead you up the hill," which was done, reaching the upper yard just five minutes before 22 appeared from the north.

Next morning, as the tired crew was fixing to go home, "Head" asked Ham if he wanted a "2609" made out. "If you say '2609' again I'll turn you in. Just keep your head closed."

No damage was done, nobody hurt, "High" made a world's record for high speed and long distance run, "Head" had an experience he would not soon forget, and the G. Y. M. did not hear of it for a month afterwards, and the office hasn't heard of it yet. W. J. BURKE.

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The Financial Leak.

My salary is liberal,
My house rent is not high;
We use our wisest judgment in
Selecting things to buy;
Our tastes are not extravagant,
And yet ('tis not a joke)
The end of every month doth find
Me absolutely broke.

And why, you ask—how can it be,
If we are circumspect,
And have no wild extravagance
That should be promptly checked—
How can it be that when the books
We balance o'er and o'er
We find ourselves precisely where
We were the month before?

Of course, it seems a mystery
But I can make it plain
Why all my efforts to grow rich
Prove fruitless quite and vain.
The bitter truth about the case
Need not be more than hinted—
My daughter owns a camera
And hires her pictures printed.

—*Baltimore American.*

To the Loser.

So you've lost the race, lad?
Ran it clean and fast?
Beaten at the tape, lad?
Rough? Yes, but it is past.
Never mind the losing,
Think of how you ran;
Smile, and shut your teeth, lad
Take it like a man!

Not the winning counts, lad,
But the winning fair;
Not the losing shames, lad,
But the weak despair.
So when failure stuns you,
Don't forget your plan;
Smile, and shut your teeth, lad
Take it like a man!

Diamonds turn to paste, lad,
Night succeeds to morn;
Where you'd pluck a rose, lad,
Oft you grasp a thorn!
Time will heal the bleeding,
Life is but a span;
Smile, and shut your teeth, lad
Take it like a man!

Then when sunset comes, lad,
When your fighting's through,
And the Silent Guest, lad,
Fills your cup for you,
Shrink not, grasp it boldly;
End as you began.
Smile and close your eyes, lad,
And take it like a man!

C. F. Lester, in Success.

Man and Mule.

The mule—he is a gentle beast;
And so is man.
He's satisfied to be the least;
And so is man.
Like man he may be taught some tricks;
He does his work from eight to six;
The mule—when he gets mad he kicks
And so does man.

The mule—he has a load to pull;
And so has man.
He's happiest when he is full;
And so is man.
Like man he holds a patient poise
And when his work's done will rejoice;
The mule—he likes to hear his voice;
And so does man.

The mule—he has his faults 'tis true;
And so has man.
He does some things he should not do;
And so does man.
Like man he doesn't yearn for style
But wants contentment all the while.
The mule—he has a lovely smile;
And so has man.

The mule is sometimes kind and good;
And so is man.
He eats all kinds of breakfast food;
And so does man.
Like man he balks at gaudy dress
And all outlandish foolishness
The mule's accused of mulishness;
And so is man.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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The Pessimist.

Nothing to do but work,
Nothing to eat but food,
Nothing to wear but clothes
To keep us from going nude.

Nothing to breathe but air,
Quick as a flash 'tis gone;
Nowhere to fall but off,
Nowhere to stand but on.

Nothing to comb but hair,
Nowhere to sleep but in bed,
Nothing to weep but tears,
Nothing to bury but dead.

Nothing to sing but songs,
Ah, well, alas! alack!
Nowhere to go but out;
Nowhere to come but back.

Nothing to see but sights,
Nothing to quench but thirst,
Nothing to have but what we've got;
Thus through life we are cursed.

Nothing to strike but a gait;
Everything moves that goes,
Nothing at all but common sense
Can ever withstand these woes.

Do Autocrats Know?

Do autocrats know
That the still falling snow
Makes misery grow
In the homes of the poor?
That the cold biting wind
To them is unkind,
And forever remind
Them there's much to endure?

Do autocrats feel
That love is ideal,
Or, the heart's true appeal
Is a withering bloom?
If so, they should know
That a kindness will grow
When charity's glow
Casts a sheen o'er the gloom.

Do autocrats long
For the sweet sylvan song
When the forests are throng
With their garlands of green?
And the linnet sings sweet
To its mate when they meet
In their bramble retreat
'Neath the sun's golden sheen?

If so, then our hearts
Each to other imparts
The sweet native arts
That our Savior bestows,
When he tempers the streams
With the sun's gentle beams,
And the universe seems
To rise from repose.

But, oh! how the poor
With the wolf at the door,
Must toil to secure,
By struggle and strife,
The few simple needs
That scarce meet their needs,
There's nothing in creeds
To alleviate life.

—W. Jay Patterson, in Pitts. Chronicle-Telegraph.

Things Change as the World Grows Older.

When grandpa reads about the way the business men combine
And raise the price of this or that, along their special line,
He shakes his head and takes his pipe out of his mouth, and says:
"I dunno what we're comin' to in these new-fangled days;
We uster to be content to live like those from whom we sprung,
But now it's mighty different from the time When I was young!"

When father picks his paper up and reads about some swell
Who gave a banquet to three friends that cost a thousand—well,
He kind of wriggles in his chair, and then he slaps his knee
And swears the world has lost its mind, as far as he can see:
"We used to have as good a time," he says, "out there among
The poor folks in the country—where I lived When I was young!"

In years to come, when we are old, and air-ships fill the sky
And radium autos dash about—when living's twice as high,
We'll have this satisfaction: We can call our children 'round
And say about what grandpa said, and know just how 'twill sound:
"This age is far too swift for me; too hurried and high strung—
We didn't go this foolish pace, my boy, When I was young!"

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Misunderstanding.

The bride and groom walked blushingly up to the Western justice of the peace.

"We have come to get married," stammered the man. "Will you join us?"

"Certainly!" replied the dignified judge, reaching for his hat and starting to lead the way.

It took some time to straighten things out and have both parties arrive at an understanding. The justice was laboring under the impression that the bridegroom had invited him out to take a drink.

Her Idea.

"I tell you I won't have this room," protested the old lady to the bellboy who was conducting her. "I ain't a-goin' to pay my good money for a pig-stye with a measly little foldin' bed in it. If you think that jest because I'm from the country—"

Profoundly disgusted, the boy cut her short.

"Get in mum. Get in," he ordered. "This ain't yer room. This is the elevator."—*Everybody's Magazine.*

Poor Pitcher.

The brawny Irishman craned over the big glass case in the chemist's shop and eventually managed to locate the diminutive proprietor.

"Wud you plaze give me somethin' to kill moths?" he asked and was promptly supplied with a packet of camphor balls.

"Good day, sir," said the business-like chemist, briskly. "I hope I shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you again."

He saw him again quite soon, but, as it happens, it was with no particular pleasure.

"Ar-re- you th' mooney-faced little imp that sowld me these balls?" shouted the Hibernian, rushing in later on in the day.

In his nervousness the man of pills said he was.

"Well, thin," howled the Irishman, "just you come home wid me, an' if ye can hit a single moth wid wan iv these little haythen pellets, I'll spare ye th' thrashin' ye'll git otherwise, say nothin' about th' lookin'-glass an' ornaments meself an' the miss broke."—*Exchange.*

Roosevelt a Scraper.

Four grimy urchins sat on the street curb eulogizing President Roosevelt.

"Say, dat guy Rosevelt 'll fight at de drop of de hat!" declared one youngster with widened eyes. "I read in de paper only last week where he bit a man's ear off!"

None of the others had read that, however, so they eagerly requested the speaker to give the details.

"It was like dis, accordin' to de paper," explained he. "Durin' a discussion in de White House over a measure de President was in favor of, one of de party started to say somethin' against it, when de President quietly leaned over and got dis guy's ear!"—*The Circle Magazine.*

Forgot.

All flushed and breathless, the well-dressed young man picked up the hat he had been chasing down the street, and leaned against a lamppost to rest.

Another, also breathing heavily, came running up and took the hat out of his hand.

"I'm much obliged," he said.

"For what?"

"This is my hat."

"Where's mine, then?"

"Hanging behind you at the end of a string."

Then for the first time the young man remembered his hat guard.—*Success Magazine.*

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He Got None.

"What's a pun, father?"

"A pun, my son, is a play upon words. There are three kinds of puns—good ones. which you laugh at; indifferent ones, which you take no notice of, and bad ones, which make you throw something at the punster."

"Can't you make a pun, father?"

"Of course, my son! Now you're thinking about your supper, aren't you?"

"Yes, father."

"Well, that's s-upper-most in your mind at the present time. That, you see, is a play on— Here, you young rascal, what did you throw that book at me for?"—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Shaved Often.

"You must drink hot water with your whisky," the doctor told his patient, otherwise, you mustn't take it at all."

"But how shall I get the hot water?" the patient queried plaintively. "My wife won't let me have it for the whisky toddy."

"Tell her you want to shave," the doctor said, and took his departure.

The next day the doctor called and asked the wife how the patient was.

"He's gone raving mad," his wife replied. "He shaves every ten minutes."—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Retreat? Never!

In an Irish garrison town a theatrical company was giving performances, and some soldiers from the local barracks were engaged to act as supers. Their duties included the waging of a fierce fight, in which, after a stirring struggle, one army was defeated on a given signal from the prompter. For a few nights all went well, but on the Friday evening a special performance of the piece was to be given under the patronage of the colonel and other officers of the garrison. The two armies met as usual at the end of the second act, when they fought, and fought, and kept on fighting regardless of the agonized glare in the eye of their (actor) general, who hoarsely ordered the proper army to "Retreat, confound you." But the fight still went on, and soon the horrified manager saw the wrong army being driven slowly off the stage, still fighting desperately. Down came the curtain amid roars of laughter, and the fuming manager hastened to ask the delinquents why they had failed to retreat on hearing the signal.

"Retraite," roared a burly fusilier, whose visage had been badly battered, "and is it retraite ye'd have us, wid the colonel and all the officers in the boxes?"—*Tid-Bits.*

His Instructions.

One of the members of a State legislature in the South was a man who had lived a farmer's life most of the time until he was elected; and his wife, having never seen a railroad train, and having no wish to test one, refused to accompany her husband to the capital.

When the legislator reached his destination he found that almost all the other members were accompanied by their wives, and he sent an imperative message to his brother to "fetch Jane along."

The brother telegraphed:

"She is afraid even to look at the engine."

After pondering over the message for a while, the legislator sent the following command:

"Blindfold Jane and back her onto the train."—*Lippincott's.*

One Hair Astray.

A guest at a certain fashionable hotel recently had a grouch. He carried it to the proprietor.

"Look here," he said, "things around here are just about as rotten as they make them. When I went to lunch today I found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey and hair in the apple sauce. Now, what do y' think o' that? Is that a good hotel?"

"Well," replied the genial proprietor, "I can explain the hair in the ice cream. That likely came from the shaving of the ice. And I suppose that the hair in the honey came off the comb. But I don't understand about the hair in the apple sauce. I bought those apples myself, and they were every one Bald-wins."—*Columbus Dispatch.*

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Our Correspondents

HOW TO RAPIDLY AGREE ON ESSENTIALS.

WE know that every physical science rests on a group of axiomatic dictums. It is through them that we set to work in the investigation of the respective phenomena. That investigation unfolds to us the working of nature along every line of cosmical results. All inventions come to us from that simple logic pervading the whole of God's creation, and why is it that men have never seen fit to apply that logic to their own moral and ethical development? Why, to assume that we don't form part of God's creation? We have at least ten most important axioms closely connected with the ethical and moral life we should live, if that life is worth having. Suppose that we formulate them as follows:

"Like begets like, in physical as well as in spiritual conditions."

"Organization means increased power, for good, as well as for evil, in relation to the ideals for which any group of men may stand by and work for."

"We can only reverse effects by reversing causes."

"The environment determines the quality of all growth and individualities living under its influences, physical or spiritual."

"The larger sum includes the lesser, even in the moral and spiritual order."

"The law of life is a law of growth; for good as well as for evil; as long as evil is not left alone to its own power of self-destruction, but is revitalized by constantly blending it with some good."

"Every mixture of good and evil means the supremacy of evil, because good can stand alone, and so it repudiates every alliance with evil."

"The law of congestion is a law of pain and death, physical and spiritual, while the law of diffusion is a law of joy, and manhood and completion in all conscious life."

"The truth is the simple and fixed; the same yesterday, today and forever, while the false is forever in need of change; forever marching toward destruction, away from that completion which is the natural result of truth.

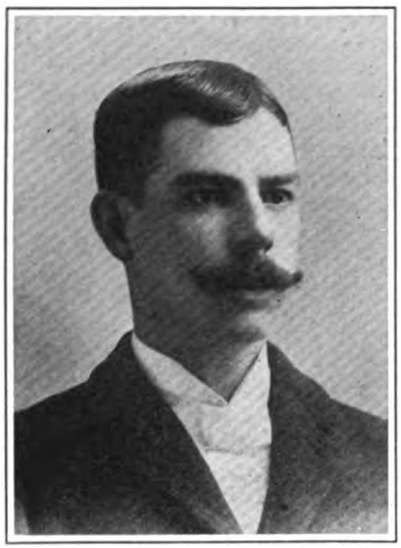
"Education shall increase men's power to suffer and sin, as long as it fails to teach men how to legalize honesty in the national group, as we fail yet, thus producing all social disturbances and distorted living activities."

The above ten axioms, formulated as we have suggested, or, still better, are but expansions of that eternal golden rule principle which we find incorporated in the whole machinery of creation. It acts there in forms chemical or mechanical, through combinations of masses of units of matter, as the case may be, so that to beautify and unify all cosmical phenomena. That golden rule principle becomes simply more vivid and indispensable in the relations implied by conscious life, the life of all of us; in the domestic group, on a rather small scale; in the national compact, as a far more transcendent one.

All analytical discussions on human life, oral or written, and so all conclusions or suggestions, pro or con, are bound to be negative, of no especial value, if they take no cognizance and so separate themselves from the natural, inexorable logic and central ideals embodied in the ten axioms we have dwelt upon. No sensible consensus or agreements can then be possible, and troubles galore must follow in all nations or groups of men. On the other hand, not a single important human problem could long

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remain unsolved if we should try to rest our own collective conduct on the intense naturalness of the conceptions that the ten axioms in question convey for human guid-



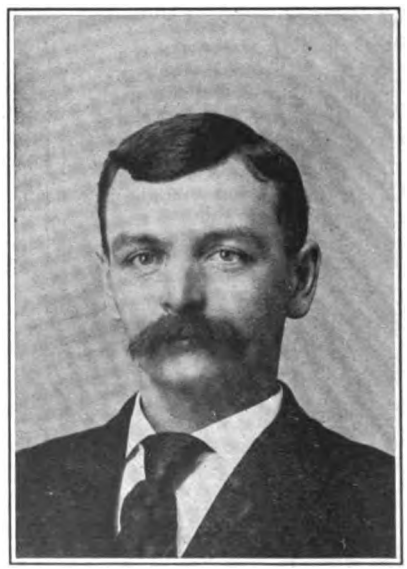
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ance in all the essentials conducive to harmony and peace and fair play with all of us in each social organization.

That peace and harmony can only come when a sufficient number of us work for it. We can only work for it in so far as we do our best to be responsive to divine ideals and inspirations. All sins and follies come from our declining to be responsive to such divine ideals. There we have the key to the whole situation, in our healthy or sickly development. And that applies both to the private duties we owe to the few, and to the collective duties we owe to all of us. The ship of civilization has always been stranded over banks of sand and rocky shores because education has never properly and fully taught men how to respect and live in accord with those two sets of duties, private and collective. That dreadful ignorance of most of us is bound to be fatal. It accounts for all human calamities and absurdities.

Men are created for high ideals. Thus far we have failed to work for them. We have thus created a vacuum in our mentality and living activities. We then are forced to fill up that vacuum with low ideals, with foolish sentimentalities, secular and religious, with silly aspirations, with selfish enjoyments, the kind that rapidly perish off. We thus pass through life, from infancy to the grave, with hardly any perceptions or taste for the joys that perish not. Thus we become accustomed to any kind of government and laws that may allow us to live a mere mechanical, rudimentary existence, the conditions fixed and determined by any given group of legalized monopolists or respectable gamblers. No such group of smart fellows could exist, for any few consecutive months, under the supremacy of the permanent decrees and adjustments in the order of nature, outside of what we call civilization.

It is through our collective repudiation of all natural equity and the natural rights, eternal, fixed forever, for universal beauty and joy, that the equity in question implies; it is through that barbaric civilization of ours that we all remain under the bondage of sorrow and sin, away from the divine plan of human development.



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It is by the logic of the axioms we have formulated, properly respected by the laws of social compacts, that alone can men live

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on earth as the children of a lovely universal Father, always and forever inviting men to accept His simple wisdom, His logic sublime.

Outside the inexorable naturalness and simplicity of that logic, received for our own guidance from the Creator and the universe where we have to live, on earth or anywhere else, outside of that we can only have the chaotic sophistries of our selfish manufactured wisdom, and so the idiotic conceits, civil and religious, political and industrial, with which we generate our perpetual disagreements. Let us drop that selfish manufactured wisdom of the last 200 generations, sunk into the grave after a life of wretched disturbances, and a healthy, normal, natural progress would soon be around everywhere, with that "promised peace that passeth all understanding."

JOSE GROS.

LEADERS WANTED.

It is said that every soldier in Napoleon's army carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack. This statement may be an exaggeration, but it is a suggestion which may well become an inspiration to every worker.

I have no sympathy with the idea that the workingman must, of necessity, always remain in the position which he now occupies. Of course, it is true that most workingmen have come to the conclusion that they will always work for wages, and that whatever reward comes to them must come in that form. But even if that is true, it does not follow that there is nothing better ahead. To be satisfied with one's position malt and mattress," seems to be the motto in life, with no ambition to advance, is the blight which curses many a toiler. "Meat, of many a workingman.

I can hear the professional agitator, or even the humble worker, himself, insist that it is impossible to advance under the present social system. I think that I know something about this and other difficulties that stand in the way of progress. The present social system is not ideal, but if one is to wait until we reach the millenium before seeking better conditions, the millenium will never come. The millenium will be ushered in very largely because some enthusiastic individuals forged ahead in spite of every obstacle, carrying with them even those who were dismally howling that the thing could not be done.

Something like four hundred years ago a man became convinced that there was undiscovered land beyond the bounds of his country, although they had erected a monument on the shore and stamped their coins with a motto which indicated that their country was at the end of the earth. But Columbus found upon the shore strange things which must have come from an unfamiliar land. In spite of the ridicule of scientists, philosophers, and nearly everybody else that was supposed to amount to anything in those days, he began his search



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for the unknown shore, and the result is America.

There is many an apprentice in the shop, and many a journeyman, too, who may become a Columbus. Not alone may he carve out for himself a name that will bring honor and fame, but in advancing himself, he may prepare the way for those who are bound to him by the ties of brotherhood. For the best type of manhood is not that which seeks power for power's sake, but that which uses it for the good of others.

There is no greater field today for the exercise of real talent than in the labor

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movement. There are few men outside the movement who can ever become the leaders of labor. They may study out for us the significance of certain phenomena and offer



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suggestions which may be helpful, but the actual leaders must come from the people. The workingman who has a vision of what his people are, and, principally, what his people may become, has a future which no one can take from him, for neither capitalist nor social system, nor prejudice, nor power of any other kind can deny him the right to win and lead to better things those who believe in him. REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

RIGHT, FORWARD.

Attention, Brothers! The Order of Railroad Telegraphers expects every brother to do his duty. Words similar to these to an army of honest men with right on their side, won for the country which they represented, one of the most famous battles that was ever fought. Heed this admonition and we will win one of the most famous battles that has been waged in recent times between capital and honest labor. Remember, Brothers, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. They have not used fair means in their warfare against us. Instead, they have used all sorts of foul means. How are we going to combat them? Just as Wellington did at Waterloo. Let us adopt their own tactics. Their honest ones, if they have any; if not, we will use tactics which are original. We will send men to Congress, to our State legislatures, who are men of clean hands and pure hearts. Who will stand up for the right, come what may. We want men who are not afraid of public ridicule, in case they do what they know to be right and are decried by the dishonest politician and the "beer-keg-stomached" capitalist. Brothers, if you know of any such worthy men in our ranks, for the sake of right and justice admonish them to take the stump for our cause. Lay aside your encumbered political robe, for the time being at least, and exert your influences for the sake of your homes and families.

"Tekel!" Thou art weighed in the balance and are found wanting! Has our



SHERMAN CORRELL,
Delegate Div. No. 23.

noble Order been found wanting? No. But rather we members are found wanting because of our inactivity for the furtherance of our principles. Just as sure as the king-

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dom of Belshazzar ended, just that sure will our kingdom end unless we become more active. Are you promising yourself that you will speak to the non-member tomor-



J. P. DOHERTY,
Delegate Div. No. 23.

row? Can't you decide yourself to join us? Procrastination and indecision are the thieves of time.

Let us be up and doing while it is day; we have waited long enough and have wasted enough valuable time. With success,

CERT. 157, DIVISION 27.

EUROPEAN VERSUS AMERICAN TRADE UNION LEADERS.

Two months recently spent in the leading industrial centers in Europe gave me an opportunity of comparing the labor movement and its leaders abroad with the men and the movement in America. The trades unionists on the other side seem to have been developing a company of specialists who direct them in their efforts to secure specific legislation in Parliament, or in obtaining concessions from their employers. In such matters as child labor, old age pensions, woman's place in the State and in industry, in educational questions, and in temperance, the English workers in particular have a group of leaders who have no superior in any walk of life. They are the authorities on these subjects. While the American labor leader's knowledge of men and affairs is probably more general than his European brother's, the leaders in Great Britain have made a more careful study of economic subjects, and they are in a position to intelligently direct legislation with reference to these problems. No doubt this situation is due to the fact that European labor men have for a longer time been confronted with such questions, and they have been longer "on the job."

Another marked difference is the comparative interest in politics. Every trades unionist in America knows the difficulty of enlisting the workers in this country in a political campaign. We seem to be opposed to anything that appears like a "workingman's political movement," probably because in the past such movements have often been complete failures, and because few of us believe in class distinctions. But the organized workingmen abroad are in politics with enthusiasm, and with most excellent results. The English Parliament has thirty-one labor members elected by the Labor



T. L. PAGEL,
Delegate Div. No. 23.

Party, and about twenty additional members elected by the miners, who co-operate on all matters that are of common interest. They are a force to be reckoned with. The

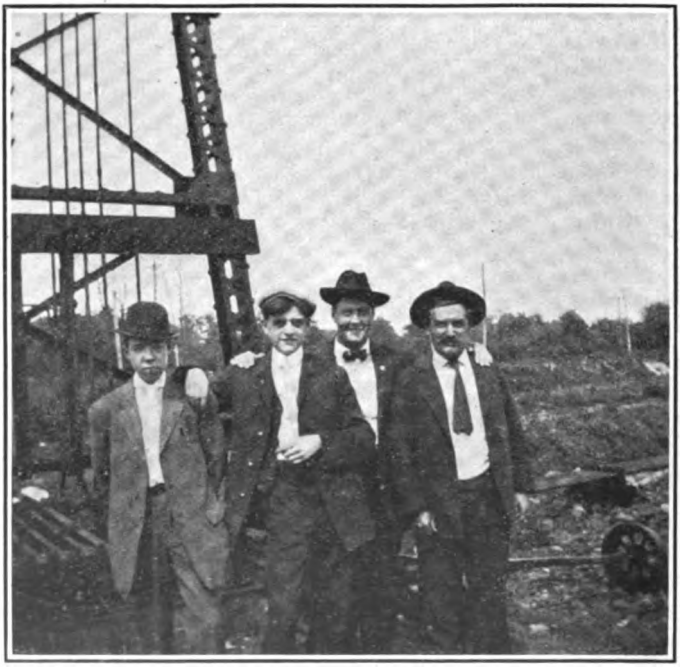
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government recognized the labor wing in Parliament in its appointment of John Burns to the Cabinet. While in a minority in the House of Commons, the Labor members are in a position to dictate favorable labor legislation to such a degree that they have brought about many reforms which will be of value to workingmen.

When it is remembered that most of the labor leaders in Great Britain received their training as public speakers in the church, many of them having been lay preachers, it is not surprising that over two-thirds of the Labor members in Parliament are actively interested in or affiliated with some church organization. Many of them frequently speak at the great Church Brotherhood conventions, which Brotherhood, by the way, has an active membership of half a million and is composed mostly of workingmen. It is in these Church Brotherhoods that the Labor Party has much of its strength, and to them that it owes considerable of its success. It was my privilege to address a number of their mass meetings in London, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Manchester, and I discovered in them a strong trades union sentiment, as I referred more particularly to such matters. Our American labor men are just beginning to catch on to the value of having the Church with them, and they are beginning to realize that even the American Church is composed very largely of their own class.

The reception accorded me as a trades unionist, was most hearty. This was especially true among the men who have attended the annual conventions of the American Federation of Labor as fraternal delegates from the British Trades Union Congress. It was in this way that they showed their appreciation of "the many kindnesses" shown them while in America.

REV. CHARLES STELZLE.



E. H. Southard, G. Dahlbender, Allen P. Sinderhauf, E. M. Jones.

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FRATERNAL

St. Louis Div., No. 2.

The last meeting of Division No. 2 was held on April 5, and was well attended.

We were fortunate in having with us the board of directors in its entirety.

Each member of the board expressed himself as being glad of the opportunity of visiting Division No. 2, and we were certainly glad to see their familiar faces again. I believe everyone present enjoyed the meeting thoroughly, and to us "old heads," who have been out of the "railroad game" for a number of years, their remarks were especially interesting. It revives interest and brings back old memories to hear what is doing in the world of the railroad telegrapher in Virginia, Canada, on the Pacific Coast, in the smallest State in the Union and from the Ozark Mountains.

Elsewhere in the journal will be found an account of the death of Bro. Wm. Clancy, Secretary to the President It is easy to speak well of the dead. I sometimes think how much better it would be if we did more for the living, instead of heaping encomiums on them after they have passed away. Three little words come to my mind, and in them are contained a splendid tribute to the memory of our late brother: A good, true man.

Bro. Clancy was one of the first to enroll his name on the banner that has done so much for the uplifting of the railroad telegraphers, holding Certificate No. 19 in Division No. 42, and Certificate No. 14, in Series C, in the Mutual Benefit Department. While Bro. Clancy was not a member of Division No. 2, his was a familiar figure there.

Bro. John Caster called at headquarters recently, while on his way to the "Hoosier" State, to accept an agency on the I. C.

Bro. I. R. Attebery, late of the Wabash, writes us from Ivanhoe, Colo., where he is employed by the Colorado Midland.

We do not know Bro. Attebery's politics, but he seems to emulate T. R. in that he has become a mighty hunter, a veritable Nimrod, as it were, hence the scarcity of deer in his vicinity.

Bro. John A. Newman, First Vice-President, is acting as secretary to the President temporarily.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite goodness to call from labor on earth to heavenly reward, our worthy Brother William Clancy, and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to the Divine Will, we nevertheless mourn the sudden passing away of one whose life was so full of hope and promise; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother, the Order loses a faithful and loyal member and we desire to express our appreciation of his sterling worth and excellent qualities of manhood, which endeared him to every knight of the key, and to all who formed his acquaintance, and be it further

Resolved, By the members of St. Louis Division No. 2, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the widow and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement and great sorrow, taking comfort from the faith, "that to them that love God all things work together for good; even to them that are called according to his purpose."

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the widow of the deceased brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of Division No. 2, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. W. LAFEVER,
P. P. MOLLOY,
F. W. HEQUENBOURG,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the all-wise Providence to call to a higher sphere the beloved mother of Brother Stephen J. Mayhood, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in her death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted mother; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing son, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, and a copy sent to our bereaved brother.

J. W. LAFEVER,
P. P. MOLLOY,
F. W. HEQUENBOURG,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

Through the medium of THE TELEGRAPHER, I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of Division No. 2, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for their many expressions of sympathy during the sickness and death of my beloved mother, which occurred at Athens, Pa., April 16. It is during times of trouble that words

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of comfort and consolation are most needed, and I can assure one and all that their kindly words were appreciated and shall ever be remembered by

Yours fraternally,

S. J. MAYHOOD.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Tyrone Branch, Pennsylvania Railway—

News is rather scarce this month, but students and undesirables are in abundance. There are sixteen towers between Lock Haven and Tyrone, and in this number there are eleven students. This is a deplorable condition. Eleven out of a possible forty-eight telegraphers have become disloyal to themselves, their families and fellow men, and charges should be preferred against those who are members.

C. R. Lord has been assigned to third trick at Hannah. C. R. Richards goes to Port Matilda,



W. M. MIDDLETON,
Alternate Div. No. 1.

third trick. This leaves Martha third trick vacant.

Bro. Schaeffer and Mr. Snyder have returned from Knights Key, Fla.

Dame Rumor has it that Bro. Bullock, of Beech Creek, first trick, contemplates taking unto himself a wife.

Bro. Flynn is on the sick list. C. W. Lorah is working S. S. Jct., third trick, until Bro. Flynn returns.

SHAMROCK.

Lancaster Div., No. 9.

In our last write-up we laid special stress upon the duty of members toward local division officers. The same applies with reference to superiors in railroad service, by whom we are employed. We should show by our work and actions that we have the welfare of the company at heart, ever remembering that our interest and the interests of the company are mutual.

Bro. H. M. Stevens recently moved into his new home, and we understand has been converted into a regular farmer.

Bro. J. J. Ryan has left his winter quarters at Harrisburg, Pa., and has taken up his summer residence at Halifax, Pa.

We are sorry to hear of the sudden death of James McConkey, who has served in various capacities on the Philadelphia Division for over twenty years. At the time of his death he was special agent. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him for his kind and congenial disposition. At this writing his successor has not been named.

Recently linemen have been busy lettering poles A, B, and C over the Philadelphia Division. A to C means that they are one mile apart, and B to B half a mile. This is done to indicate the transposition of certain wires. Wires are transposed for the purpose of equalizing noise. We are told that the top arms on north side poles are to be used exclusively for telegraphone wires.

We have been questioned relative to the condition of Division No. 9. We infer that reference was made to its numerical and financial condition. For the benefit of all concerned we are pleased to say that numerically we are holding our own. What is lost by transfer and forfeiture of membership is balanced by the number of new members initiated into the division. Delinquents are few. Our financial condition is improving every day, in spite of the fact that we are paying sick benefits out of the local treasury. Very few deserving requests for charity from sister organizations are turned down. The money which was put on interest by our trustees in October, 1907, is now drawing compound interest, and our treasurer's report, which was read at the last meeting shows that we will soon be able to add another hundred to the amount already deposited.

Bro. L. K. Sandford bid in a trick at "CA," Lancaster.

Our April meeting was held on the 20th, which was after the notes were sent in. For this reason no account of the April meeting appeared in the journal.

DIV. COR.

Sunbury Div., No. 12.

On account of this write-up having to be at St. Louis before April 20, it will be impossible to include news relative to the meeting to be held at Sunbury, on April 19. At the time of this writing, indications are that this meeting will be a very good one, as almost every man who can arrange to attend has promised to do so.

Business is very dull at present. Many trainmen have been laid off on account of no work. As usual, in times like these, the company's local officials are keeping a very close watch over the few employes on duty. We trust, however, that with all their careful watching, they will not succeed in finding any person who is a member

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of the O. R. T. failing to properly perform his duty.

It is the duty of every member to do all in his power to make his services satisfactory. Do not get in the habit of doing only what you actually are forced to do, but, instead, be ambitious and take an interest in your work. If we will but try we can make many improvements in our services; it is the careful attention to small and trifling matters that goes to make perfection in anything.

Mr. J. M. Hill has been assigned to the first trick at "AG' tower.

Bro. G. C. Whitenight is working second trick at Rupert Tower while the position is advertised.

Bro. J. G. Nelson, second trick at Bluf, took a three-day vacation; he was relleved by Bro. W. C. Pegg.

Bro. J. A. Deihl, has been assigned to the second trick at Rock.

I have just received a list of the membership from our secretary, and notice that there are several who have not, as yet, paid dues. To those who have failed to attend to this matter, I would like to ask, do you ever stop and think what you are doing? If you are not so far gone as to have lost all respect, it will be interesting to turn to the March copy of THE TELEGRAPHER and read that excellent piece written by Bro. H. L. Mann, on page 419, entitled "Prejudice, Conceit and Personal Gain." Brothers, remember our motto, "No Card, No Favors." DIV. COR.

Ottawa Div., No. 15.

Nothing appears from Division No. 15 in the last journal, but we hope this will not occur again.

We have heard nothing as yet relative to our last meeting in Ottawa, which took place some time ago. It is impossible for most of us to attend on account of the distance and no Sunday trains.

It is just six years since our last schedule. How busy we have been all these years trying to better our conditions and what grand things we have accomplished.

Bro. Milligan, formerly agent at Scotia Jct., Twelfth District, has accepted the agency at Barrys Bay.

Bro. Drewett has been transferred from Depot Harbor days to St. Polycarpe Jct. days.

Bro. Maguire, of Madawaska, is on vacation. Relieved by Telegrapher Jaynt.

We expect to see navigation open in a few weeks and a rush of business once more. Reports indicate a busy season.

Would like to hear from some of the members on the Thirtieth District. There should be some one able to give us something interesting, as it is seldom that the Thirtieth District is represented.

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Williamsport Div., No. 24.

The first meeting in April, held in the new quarters, Elliott Hall, was called to order by First Vice Chief Bro. G. E. Shaffer. Owing to the very heavy rain and high wind, the attendance was small.

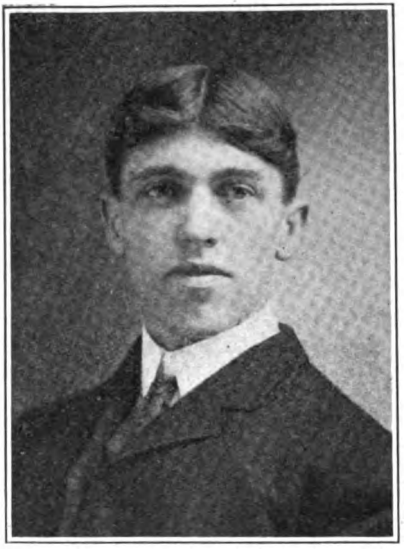
After spending a month in Tampa, Fla., Bro. E. L. Cowden has returned to duty in "GO" Williamsport, much improved in health.

Bro. H. L. Steiger has bid in relief No. 2.

Due to a reduction in force, Bro. T. R. Hepler, of "GO" Williamsport, has been transferred to "UX" Mulberry Street, Williamsport. We hope the change is but for a short time.

Bro. M. J. Shure, third trick at "DY" Sunbury, has bid in relief No. 3.

Bro. H. T. Derrick, first trick at "CF" Inglenook, bid in relief No. 4.



G. H. SMITH,
Delegate Div. No. 6.

No doubt the relief men can do some missionary work. How about it?

Bro. J. K. Strunk has bid in relief No. 5. While it is a short one, no doubt he will be able to make a full month, with extra work.

It is reported that in the near future the telephone will supplant the telegraph on the Williamsport and Susquehanna Divisions.

Bro. E. M. Weaver, of "RF Sunbury, laid off two weeks on account of sickness.

It has been said "If you can not boost, do not knock." If you have never tried the boosting process, try it now, by boosting the remaining nons in line, and note the difference between boosting and knocking.

The Secretary wishes to make an addition to notice No. 3, issued recently, in regard to the change of place and time of meetings. The notice should read, "Williamsport, 8:00 p. m.;

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Lockhaven 8:00 p. m. and Sunbury 10:00 a. m. It was our intention to place the above on the notice but it was overlooked.

At last the relief tricks have been advertised and assigned.



GEO. GILBERT,
Delegate Div. No. 7.

Bro. H. J. Engle was sick April 1st and 2d. Mr. H. B. Putt and Mr. F. W. Wetzel worked his trick on the 1st and 2d, respectively.

Bro. L. A. Lontz returned to duty April 3d, after having taken a month's vacation, resting and visiting friends in Selinsgrove and vicinity. We hope the much-needed rest has improved his health.

While in the street at Sunbury the two and one-half year old son of Bro. M. M. Neagley was attacked and badly bitten in the face by a dog. At this writing the boy has passed the danger period and is, we are pleased to say, getting along nicely. All dogs running at large without muzzles should go to the pound.

"23."

New Haven Div., No. 29.

N. Y., N. H. & H. Ry.—

Let us hope to hold more meetings of the same character as that held Friday evening, April 2d. There is no question but that meetings of this kind are productive of much good, in that they are the birthplace of many helpful hints and serve to create a better feeling between the officials and the members.

It is seldom that one is privileged to listen to such an entertaining and well-informed speaker as Mr. N. E. Smith, our Superintendent of Telegraph. All who were present at this meeting were treated to an evening of rare entertainment combined with the diffusion of much valuable information. He set forth in clear and concise language, and by illustrations, the many points which to the uninformed seem mysterious, and explained them carefully and clearly.

He offered many valuable hints on the care and adjustment of instruments, and how a great deal of trouble might be eliminated in offices by exercising a little more care and diligence.

It struck the writer that his talk on the dispatching of trains by telephone was very opportune and exceedingly interesting, and but served to confirm the belief that just so soon as the system has proved generally satisfactory it will be adopted by the principal roads, and that its adoption will not materially affect the telegraph—one being used in conjunction with the other.

After Mr. Smith's address, and a few minutes of hand-shaking and getting acquainted, the meeting was called to order and the regular order of business proceeded with. Several applications were read and favorably balloted on.

A number of visiting brothers from Division No. 37 were called upon for remarks under the head of "Good of the Order," and responded handsomely. Bro. Kinney imparted some sound advice and encouraged the faint-hearted. Bro. F. M. Taylor circulated a paper for the benefit of Bro. Jno. Wood, who is in unfortunate circumstances, and a neat sum was realized. It is on these occasions that the true spirit is exemplified.



J. BELLEAU,
Alternate Div. No. 7.

After a few remarks by Bro. Terry the meeting was closed and all departed in high spirits.

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Western Division—

Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, spent April 4th in New Haven, visiting friends.

Bro. Trowbridge was the successful bidder for the agency at Roxbury.

Bro. Shepherd, of New Milford, went trout fishing April 1st and caught fifteen of the speckled beauties.

Bro. Powell, agent at New Milford, spent Sunday, March 28th, at West Cornwall, visiting friends.

Bro. L. Osborn, of New Milford, is still on the sick list. The brother has been off duty several weeks and we sincerely hope to see him out again soon. Bro. O. S. Wheaton has been covering Bro. Osborn's trick at Brookfield Jct.

Bro. Frank Wheaton, of Shelton, was off duty on Good Friday. Relieved by Telegrapher McNamara.

Bro. Gordon has shaken the dust of Derby Junction from his shoes. He succeeded in landing the first trick at "GY" tower Waterbury. Bro. Folkey held down Derby Junction until it was bid in by Mr. Keeling.

The office at Summit has been abandoned and Bro. Barnett is now covering third trick at Botsford.

Bro. McKnight is relieving the agent at New Preston for a few days.

Bro. Odlum, formerly at Terryville, is now located at Forestville.

Bro. H. D. Spencer, for many years telegrapher at Forestville, was the successful bidder on first trick "BX" tower Waterbury.

It is gratifying to note that the Western Division was handsomely represented at the April meeting. The brothers from both the east and west ends turning out in goodly numbers. Repeat the performance every month, or as often as you can, and if you can not get there yourself, urge everybody else to go.

We are indebted to Bros. Dowd, Davids, Van Deusen and Ellison for items this month. Others should follow their example. DIV. COR.

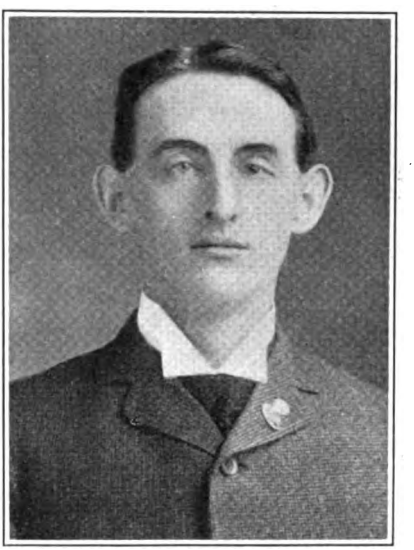
Providence Div., No. 35.

It does not seem possible that two years have elapsed since the eyes of over forty thousand loyal brothers throughout the country were turned toward that fair city of the Northwest—Minneapolis. The reading of the notice in the March issue of THE TELEGRAPHER caused me to take a retrospective view of the past years of the Order's existence. I seemed to see the happy, smiling faces of thousands of loyal members all offering up prayers of thanksgiving for the many blessings which have been acquired through the efforts of our beloved Order. For increased salaries, making it possible to give their loved ones more of the comforts and a few of the pleasures of life, and also to accumulate a few dollars for old age, and, possibly, sickness. The thought of these and many other blessings secured through the efforts of the Order passed through my mind, causing me to offer up a silent prayer of thanksgiving that I, too, was one of this vast army of beneficiaries; that no finger of scorn could be pointed at me, nor words of a denunciatory character be hurled at me, charging that I accepted these many blessings without having made an effort to secure them.

We are very sorry that Bro. Cushing was compelled to withdraw his bid on first trick at Auburn tower on account of poor health. It is the earnest wish of all that he will be physically able to handle some of the good positions soon to be up for bid.

Bro. Joslin departed for St. Louis, March 29, to attend to his duties as a member of the board of directors.

It seems the brothers should do all in their power to make "ye scribe" earn his keep by sending news for the monthly write-ups. Don't be bashful,



B. L. DELONG,
Delegate Div. No. 8.

send the outlines; he will fill in and be thankful for the opportunity.

Bro. Geo. Beaty, first trick at Apponang, had the pleasure of entertaining his brother, F. J. Beaty, of "DI" office, Hartford, Conn., on Easter Sunday.

Bro. Jonsson has been transferred from third trick at Apponang to second trick at Adamsdale Junction.

Bro. Wilbur has been transferred from day position at Weekford Jct. station to third trick at Apponang.

Bro. Bishop drew first trick at Water St. tower, East Providence, and Bro. Hedges from "F" office, Providence station, takes second trick. Have not heard who is the third man.

Bro. J. Smith is the lucky man to land first trick at Auburn tower.

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Bro. Moore is covering third trick at Auburn tower during the absence of Bro. Joslin, who will return after the convention.

Bro. Gene Gardiner has been transferred from second trick at Slocums to third trick at Davisville.



C. F. LORING,
Delegate Div. No. 8.

Bro. J. C. Donovan, from the B. & A., is one of the late arrivals. He is holding down third trick at Apponang until the vacancy is filled.

We are very sorry to report Bro. Savaria still on the sick list. We hope to see him on duty soon.

Bro. Wray has been transferred from second trick at Olive St., Attleboro, to second trick at East Junction. The vacancy at Olive St. is covered by relief man J. Worthington until it is bid in.

Bro. T. Clark, relief man, is covering second trick at Park St., Attleboro, during Bro. Savaria's illness.

The brothers of Holden St. tower, Attleboro, are happy over the completion of the annex, a thing they have wished for a long time.

Bro. E. A. Greene, agent at Chartley, Mass., will be located in his new station ere this appears in print.

It is understood that Bro. W. Graham has tendered his resignation as third trick man at Park St., Attleboro.

DIV. COR.

Boston Div., No. 41.

The April meeting opened at 8:03 p. m. Seven candidates were admitted by ballot and one initiated. This increase month by month, is very gratifying, and we are especially pleased to note the large number admitted since January 1. This shows that individual members, as well as organizers, are striving to increase our membership. Keep up the good work; there are still a number of desirable non-members who can, no doubt, be brought into the fold. The attendance at every meeting is increasing, and the interest shown by the members is manifested by the part they take in the different discussions.

No doubt but that every member of our division will be sorry to learn that on April 17 former Secretary-Treasurer Tuck severed his connection with the B. & M. He leaves the service to devote his entire time to his collegiate course, but will by no means lose interest in Division No. 41. He has been one of the most active members and one of the hardest working officers in the division.

Wakefield, Mass., and Bradford, Mass., on the Western Division, and Coldbrook, Mass., on the Southern Division, are up for bid.

Bro. Corcoran, of Waltham, who has been on the sick list, is reported to be improving rapidly, and will soon be on deck again. Bro. Clifford is not gaining quite so fast, and the committee is looking after his case.

As this letter must be in the hands of the editor by April 20, we will have to close for this month. However, we would like to say just a word about dues. So far they have been coming in very satisfactorily, but we want to make a record this period, and, therefore, urge everyone to remit promptly to Bro. Morgan. Send assessment in the Mutual Benefit Department to Bro. Quick.

In looking over the financial report of the retiring Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Tuck, I was struck with the amount paid out in sick benefits, etc., during the past four years. It amounted to a yearly average of $175. This is a considerable sum for a division to hand out its members, and especially when we consider the fact that by no law or rule is a division bound to dip into its treasury for this purpose. It speaks well for the generosity of our members, and exemplifies and puts into practice the doctrine of "the brotherhood of man," a good and proper spirit. We wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea to take a step further and establish some sort of a sick benefit fund, charging those who join a small weekly or monthly assessment, and in this way take care of our sick members. The surplus funds of the locals are intended to defray general committee expenses while in session.

Those with whom I have talked seem to favor the scheme outlined above. I understand that some divisions have adopted such a plan. It might be well to inquire how it works in those divisions and act accordingly.

Seven hundred dollars is quite an amount to hand out, and I feel that we should prepare for emergencies. At some future time it may be necessary for the committee to attend a siege of protracted sessions, and in that case it will need to draw heavily upon local divisions to meet expenses. Let's think this over for discussion in the meetings.

There is one thing noticeable of late, and that is that the members are taking a more active in-

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terest in the questions brought up for discussion at the meetings. This is a welcome change. It means that the membership is beginning to give expression to its own opinions and ideas, and no longer is so liable to take for granted the opinions of a chairman or other officers without thinking about them. Most of us naturally assume, and it usually works out that way, that the opinion of those in charge of our affairs are honest and given for the best interest of the Order. But it is always interesting for the members to get up and express themselves freely, and it develops an idea more thoroughly to have it stabbed at from all sides. In this way we get the wheat from the chaff. And then, again, it develops you, and makes you more valuable to yourself and to your division.

It also divides responsibility. When members leave all the talk to the officers they usually leave the work also. For where only the officers discuss matters, the members feel that they alone are held responsible for results. But where each member takes a part in any question, or, in other words, feels that the matter under discussion reached its form through some of his brain effort, he will see that it is pushed to its successful conclusion. For it will then be a part of himself and he will be anxious to have that succeed. Get up and speak your minds. Don't let the feeling that you have five pounds of lead in each pocket keep you down. We all have had that feeling—shake it off.

And while this subject is in mind, I might say that some are of the opinion that before any schedule revision or request for concessions and increases are made of the management they should be thoroughly discussed and voted upon by the members, and the committee practically instructed what to ask for. This would, however, have some disadvantages, and consume a large amount of time. It would also tend to eliminate secrecy, and outsiders would become familiar with our intentions long before the committee reached the company's office. It would be hard for one thousand men in division meetings, or by mail, to reach a conclusion. Yet here, again, is the advantage of personal interest, and the feeling among the members that what the committee were asking for was of their creation; and this would naturally cause the members to stand more firm for its success. And the company, too, knowing this, might feel the effects also. But in the end, however, you may instruct the committee, it seems to me you must leave the result to their judgment, for in the general manager's office, I presume the true conditions are met with and it must be eventually left to the judgment of the committee whether they should go ahead or back up. What you can do, however, is to use the best possible judgment in the selection of the committee that represents you.

Division No. 41 has always invited, I believe, suggestions and discussions on schedule matters and many of the members have availed themselves of this opportunity. DIV. COR.

New York Div., No. 44.

The following notes of the regular meeting, held at Fraternity Hall, Jamaica, Saturday evening, April 10, 1909, are published for the benefit of the second trick members who were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Worthy Chief Telegrapher Bro. Van Nostrand, at 8:45 p. m. All officers, with one exception, were in their respective places.

On the platform with Bro. Van Nostrand sat Second Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson, of the Grand; Bro. E. J. Manion, of Division No. 29, general chairman of the New Haven System, and Bro. O'Mara, of Division No. 8, local chairman of the Electric Division, N. Y. C. & H. R. R.

Order of business as follows:

Roll call of officers.

Initiation of six candidates.

Reading of minutes.

Approving bills and general routine followed until the "Good of the Order" was reached, then Bro. Van Nostrand called upon Bro. Pierson to address the meeting.

This was his last official address, and was well received. Bro. Pierson is always interesting; always has something new to say, and has a good story or two up his sleeve at all times. His remarks were greatly appreciated.

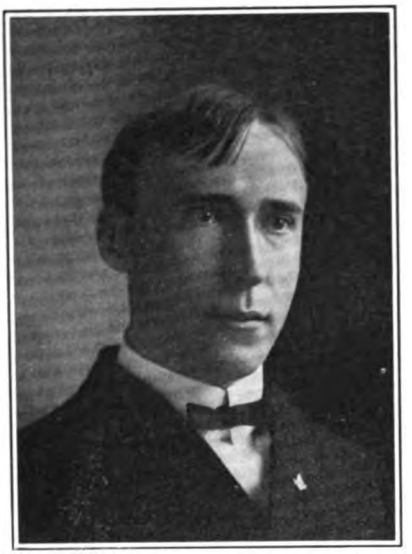


W. S. HESS,
Alternate Div. No. 9.

Bro. Van next introduced Bro. Manion, of No. 29; space will not permit the printing of but a portion of Bro. Manion's remarks. However, he soon showed us that he was a good union man, and knew well what he was talking about. One of the things upon which Bro. Manion dwelt

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was the loyalty of an employe to an employer. He emphasized the fact that, if we hoped to be successful, we must be honest, straightforward and loyal in all our dealings with both the company and the public. He said a disloyal employe would never make a good union man.



CHAS. W. KASE,
Delegate Div. No. 12.

Those who had the privilege of hearing Bro. Manion profited thereby.

After Bro. Manion, our worthy chief introduced Bro. O'Meara, of Division No. 8; although Bro. O'Meara, like Bro. Pierson, needed no introduction. He remarked that he was very favorably impressed with the manner in which we conducted affairs. He was pleased with our degree work, and suggested that at some time in the future the officers of Division No. 44 conduct a meeting of Division No. 8. He spoke at length on the work of the O. R. T. throughout the country, and his remarks were well received.

After the speakers had finished, more business of importance was transacted. Resolutions were passed, and several important committees were appointed.

There was an attendance of eighty-two, which is fairly good, but nothing out of the ordinary for Division No. 44.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p. m.

Bro. Hellar was recently called to his old home in Pennsylvania, by the illness of his father, who passed away before Bro. Hellar reached his destination. The sympathy of the members and friends of Bro. Hellar is hereby extended.

Bro. H. T. Jones has been off duty for several days this month, on account of the severe illness of Mrs. Jones. At this writing she is said to be somewhat improved, but her condition is not what her many friends wish. Bro. Jones has the sympathy of the members.

Bro. Fred Heiser has resigned as agent at St. Albans, and will in the future act as secretary to his father, who is one of Long Islands' foremost real estate operators.

Bro. L. A. Schlosser bid in St. Albans.

Bro. F. W. Conklin has resigned the agency at Deer Park, and that station is now up for bid. He will continue to run the Deer Park general store.

Bro. C. F. Ames has resigned as agent at Glenhead, and that station is up for bid.

Bro. C. C. Carey is relieving Bro. Jones at Setauket.

Bro. Ruse bid in Vanderveer Park, and Carman goes on the relief.

Bro. Joe Pidgeon has been assigned to Lynbrook. Jim Hunt is going to Sheepshead Bay, where rent is cheaper.

Bro. Van Nostrand is relieving Miss Hickey, at Jamaica ticket office. Miss Hickey is off duty, on sick leave.

Sister Leonard has been transferred to Bay Side as day telegrapher, and Sister Wall takes second trick at Hempstead.

The uniform train passed over the road again this month. When your new uniform arrives look for the union label in it.



WM. A. NESBITT,
Alternate Div. No. 14.

A special train passed over the road one day this week, which contained all of the L. I. R. R. officials. They were making a tour of inspection. Do not forget that the nine best kept stations on the road draw prizes, in the fall, ranging in amounts from $25.00 to $50.00.

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Bro. A. L. McBain, of Division No. 26, has accepted the position of ticket agent at Far Rockaway.

The entire family of Bro. W. E. Snyder, second trick man at Mineola, is down with scarlet fever. The many friends of Bro. Snyder are hopeful for their speedy recovery.

Bro. T. F. Gafney has resumed duty, taking his regular trick at Hempstead crossing.

The many friends of Bro. O. A. Hudson are pleased to again see his smiling face at the old stand at Woodhaven Junction. He was laid up for four weeks with scarlet fever and measles.

Bro. Dan Powers relieved Bro. M. E. Harris at Hollis, on Easter Sunday.

Bro. E. E. Lewis, first trick signal man at Hammels Junction, has returned from his wedding tour, and is now "at home" on North First St., Jamaica.

The first and third trick signal men are busy organizing base ball teams, and there will be "doins" in that line this summer.

Bro. P. J. Hopkins is relieving Bro. Dan Sharpe, of Floral Park, while he is visiting.

Bro. E. M. Jones has bid in third trick at "JE" tower.

Bro. Thomas Curiale goes to first trick at Far Rockaway.

Our slogan from now on is: "A Man to the Mile." Who can beat it? KNOCKER.

RIVERSIDE, CONN., March 31, 1909.

My family join me in extending heartfelt thanks to the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, for their kindness in our late bereavement. MRS. B. F. HILL,

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Pennsylvania Railway.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., April 4, 1909.

To the Members of Division No. 52:

On April 14th death invaded our family circle and took from this earthly scene my dear mother, who died of heart trouble, at the age of seventy-two years. For this reason I am unable to contribute items to be inserted in the May issue of the journal from the Allegheny Division of the P. R. R. Knowing that quite a number of the members take an interest in the communications from this division, and would be disappointed if they failed to appear, I deemed it my duty to make this explanation through the medium of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Yours fraternally,

D. M. YOUNG.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Maryland Division—

It is indeed gratifying to note the continued increase in membership of Division No. 58, which is due no doubt to the untiring efforts of the individual members.

Three new offices have been bulletined on the B. & P., one to be located between Patuxent and Odenton, another between Bowie and Seabrook, and the third at Lanham. The latter was opened during the inauguration and will be kept in operation permanently. These new blocks will facilitate the movement of trains over the hills in this section.

The second trick at "VN" Calverton is vacant on account of the resignation of Mr. Rook, who has accepted a position at Claremont Stock Yards.

Bro. Pettibone has bid in the first trick at Lanham. This makes two vacancies at Seabrook, the second on account of the resignation of Bro. Dutton, who has gone into the grocery business.

The first trick at "M" Magnolia is vacant, due to the death of Mr. Bowman, who was the oldest telegrapher in service on the division. This trick is being held down by Mr. McCommons.

Yardmaster's office, N. B. Hump, Edge Moor, night trick, is vacant, owing to the death of Mr. Adams. This is being held by Bro. Merryman, who hopes to bid it in.



O. D. CUMMINGS,
Alternate Div. No. 16.

The second trick at Stanton is still being held down by extra men, but we understand that Mr. Jordan, of Wilmington passenger station, is posting for the position.

Bro. Ash, at Iron Hill, has reorganized his base ball nine, and is getting in shape to win the pennant.

We are very glad to welcome our former Bro. Joe McClure back to the profession. He has for several years been in business in Wilmington, Del. He is now holding down "PJ" block on the owl trick on account of Bro. Bradfield having bid in third trick at Chase.

The vacancies at Creswell, Safe Harbor and Anacostia are still held by extra men. The last mentioned is on the freight line below Landover, and the other two on the C. & P. D. branch.

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Bro. C. I. DeGroft, of Price, was absent several days during the latter part of last month, his place being filled by Mr. Richter.

Bro. Warren, of Wilmington office, has just returned from a trip to Pittsburg and Buffalo; while absent he spent a few days with his brother.

Bro. Steel, of Wilmington, has been on special duty in the freight trainmaster's office for several days.

Before this goes to print we shall have held our April meeting, which we trust will be well attended. We would like to see some of the brothers from the upper end of the divison. Come out and swell the crowd.

DIV. COR.

Delaware Division—

Bro. O. W. Allen, of Millington, has been spending a few days with his parents at Laurel.



D. H. AYARS,
Delegate Div. No. 23.

Bro. Freeny was in Philadelphia and Baltimore during his time off last month; he was relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. Caleb R. Megee has been on a tour of two weeks, but it was not the kind we expected.

On April 10th "M" and "BE" towers were reopened for the summer. Here are openings for six telegraphers who have been putting in about half-time during the winter months.

Bro. T. E. Allen has been relieving Bro. A. C. Hayden at Price for two weeks; Bro. Hayden is in Baltimore.

Bro. J. P. Coursey, of Centerville, has been in Wilmington for a few days.

Bro. R. J. Taylor, of Millington, attended conference at Milford, and we are glad to state that he was reappointed. He was relieved by Bro. O. W. Allen, his assistant.

Bro. Kirk spent Easter in Delmar.

We regret very much to state that Bro. Easom buried his mother Saturday the 10th. Mrs. Easom had been very ill for several weeks.

Bro. Joseph Iliffe, who has been in the legislature for three months, has now taken up his duties at Millsboro. He was relieved by Bro. A. G. Smith.

Bro. "Vanny," at Delmar, was in Wilmington Easter Sunday visiting his sister.

Bro. Hearne spent Easter at home.

We regret that Bro. Truitt has been off duty several weeks on account of sickness. He is being relieved by Mr. Pote.

Bro. Dabson was in Washington a few days this month accompanied by his brother from Greensboro.

Bro. Jenkins spent his relief day in Wyoming as usual.

From present indications it is judged that the Virginia potato crop will be much heavier than ever before, which will cause an increase in business in the near future. It is understood that the outlet for Northern freight on the new Deep-water road will be the Delaware Division.

All brothers will remember that meeting night has been changed to the third Friday night of each month.

Bro. A. E. Culver has bid in first assistant's position at Easton. Mr. Sturgis relieved him as acting agent at Showell.

Bros. Hatfield and Megee attended a meeting of the Odd Fellows at Milford on the 12th.

Bros. Roe and Mills have each purchased small farms at Greenwood.

Bro. Merrick was in Wilmington recently.

Our old friend, Bro. Bennett, composed the following:

Oh, good old chief dispatcher, come listen now to me,
No more I'll sling the lightning, no more I'll pound the key;
I've worked at "DJ" and "CB," and once or twice at "A,"
Then down the pike to old "BE" and never slighted "J."
I gained a "rep" when I worked at "M," the lonely little pen,
I fell asleep and lost it all when I worked at "WN."
And then the forest block "BI" on down the pike to "C,"
I did relief at "WS," a hold-down at "DV;"
I pounded brass at "WI," and also at "VO,"
But the loneliest day I ever spent was when I worked "FO."
I worked a day once at "HA" and all the tricks at "Z,"
Now comes the job I never worked, the block they call "GD;"
At "B" I spent a little time and "CN," well I guess!
I stuck 'em out a trick or two at the "ham school" called "RS;"

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At "BD" and "RU" I've worked, I'm very proud to say,
The last, but not the least by far, the "monkey-house," "DA;"
But the telegraph has got to go, at least, that's what they say,
And in its place the "hellograph," we hear, has come to stay.
I have no right to make remarks, I'd like to hold my pass,
I guess I'll have to use the 'phone or else keep off the grass;
But when this work is ended and we have said no more,
We'll gather with the faithful "ops" on that eternal shore;
There'll be a star put in our crowns that we can call our own,
We've had our punishment down, here, *we've used the telephone.*

DIV. COR.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

"No cards, no favors."

Bro. C. H. Smith has been transferred from the chief clerkship at Mason City to the Geneva agency. The chief clerkship at Madison City is now open for bids.

Bro. M. J. Cahill has shaken the dust of Iowa from his feet, and has gone to Montana to work for the Northern Pacific.

Sister Mae Mitchell, of Zearing, has quit the business. She held this position for several years, and every one is sorry to see her leave. Bro. J. B. Odem is her successor.

Mr. Earl Ingeldue, of Bromley, is now the agent at Dillon.

There seems to have been a change of day telegraphers at Grinnell. A Mr. Farley is working there at this writing.

Dispatcher Ben Landfear is working the night trick, which was formerly worked by Al Cunningham. F. B. Hageman has just returned after enjoying a week's vacation. He was relieved by Al Cunningham.

Quite a serious wreck occurred April 14th, caused by a freight train jumping the track and tearing out a bridge over Miller Creek, south of Eddyville. Freight traffic on that branch was badly crippled for several days. Passenger trains were detoured via the C. B. & Q. from Oskaloosa to Albia, making them all the way from thirty minutes to three hours late.

No meeting was held at Oskaloosa April 10th, on account of the committee expecting to be called to Minneapolis to confer with the officials.

Bro. H. W. Landfear, of Wright, has lost considerable time of late, on account of sickness. Mrs. Landfear, however, was equal to the occasion, and, no doubt he found his office in good condition upon his return to work.

Bro. A. J. Morris, of Brighton, was recently called to Michigan, on account of the death of his father. Night Telegrapher Bartlett worked days, during the absence of Morris, and the night office was closed.

Bro. J. W. Howard has returned to Olds, after several months' leave of absence, which were spent in the South.

Our committee met and conferred with Superintendent Kruse. It was to have had an audience with General Manager Cutter about the 15th, but Mr. Cutter was called away from Minneapolis unexpectedly, and the meeting was postponed.

DIV. COR.

Camden Div., No. 84.

Amboy Division, P. R. R.—

The date and place of meeting, commencing with the month of April, will be changed to the second Saturday evening of each month, in Goff Building, Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broad-way Station, Camden. This will be much more convenient for the brothers and they will be able to stay later consequently more business can be transacted than heretofore.



W. G. HANSON,
Delegate Div. No. 23.

Business seems to be gradually assuming normal proportions, and we have good reason to believe that something will come our way in the near future. As a matter of fact, working conditions are equally as good on this division as on any division of the system, therefore, we should be satisfied until such a time as the committee can secure further concessions.

On account of "CS" office, Trenton, being abolished, Bros. J. W. Walker and G. C. Lockwood have taken first and second tricks at "HA," Hamilton Ave.

Bro. A. I. Kinsley has been transferred from first trick at Hamilton Ave. to "XN" office, Lam-

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berton, and Bro. J. E. Slimm, from first trick at "XN" to last trick. Bro. H. Rodman, from last trick at "XN" to "3," Newton, from 12 o'clock midnight to 8 a. m.

Bro. Edward A. Morrell is working first trick at Jamesburg Junction, in place of Bro. H. M. Snediker, who bid in a position in "CF," superintendent's office, Camden.

Bro. M. J. Van Zandt, first trick man at Stanwick, has resigned to accept a position as traveling salesman. We wish him success.

It is reported that the company intends to extend the block system from Birmingham to Browns Mills Junction. This will add a couple of new block offices.



CHAS. KRUMM,
Delegate Div. No. 23.

The time is close at hand for the opening of the convention at Atlanta, Ga. Bro. L. A. Page, our general chairman, is the representative from this division and it can be safely said that he will do everything possible to benefit us. Any of the members desiring a short vacation at this time of the year, would be greatly benefited by going to Atlanta and listening to the proceedings of the convention. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty has deemed it wise to take from our worthy Bro. R. R. McDougall his beloved father, and in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother, be it

Resolved, By the members of Camden Division No. 84 that we extend to the bereaved brother and his family our heartfelt sympathy, in their affliction, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

By C. A. KEISLING,
Assistant Local Chairman.
J. H. AUSTIN,
Second Vice-Chief,
F. S. PHEASANT,
Treasurer,
Committee.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The regular night meeting of Division No. 89, for the month of April, was held on the third, worthy Chief Bro. Ross presiding. All officers were present. Owing to the wet, disagreeable night, there were only about twenty-five members present, but what they lacked in numbers was more than counterbalanced by the interest taken in the business brought before the meeting.

Three applications were voted upon, and five submitted to committees of investigation.

The By-Laws Committee, appointed some time ago, rendered its report, and submitted a set of by-laws. Bro. Francis, chairman of the committee, read the by-laws, as drafted, for the consideration of the division.

Among the visitors present was Bro. Lynch president of Old Colony Division, of the Order of Railroad Clerks, who addressed us for about twenty minutes. Bro. Stearns, also of the Clerks, was a visitor, but as he is booked to address the boys at next day-light meeting, he only extended greetings from the Clerks.

Bro. Ross appointed Bro. Jacobs as marshal, and Bro. Ela as inside sentinel, for the ensuing year.

The April day-light meeting was called to order at the usual hour, with worthy Chief Bro. Ross in the chair. An unusual amount of business was transacted, so much coming before the meeting that it was necessary to lay matters of minor importance on the table until the next meeting. Five applications were voted upon, and one application submitted to a committee for investigation.

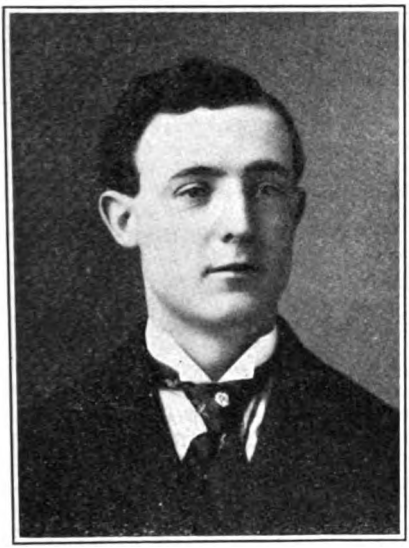
The warm April weather brought out the members in large numbers, some two score and over, by actual count, being present; surely a good representation. The keenest interest was displayed throughout the entire meeting, and the different subjects under discussion (many of them being of a technical nature), were ably discussed. There were no laggards, and everyone seemed desirous of giving his opinion on the various questions.

Worthy General Chairman Bro. Manion was present, and was prevailed upon to act as past chief telegrapher in the absence of Bro. Fenwick. He also favored us with a little talk, in the line of advice that would be well for us to heed.

Among the visitors were representatives from the Hatters' Union, and the Order of Railway Clerks. Both addressed the meeting briefly. Bro.

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Stearns, representing the clerks, is a strong advocate of Federation, especially with the telegraphers, but how this can be brought about will remain an unanswered question for some time to come.



R. D. PECK,
Alternate Div. No. 23.

The most pleasing feature of this meeting, was the presenting to our Delegates, Bros. L. J. Ross and C. I. Wood, with a dress suit case and club bag, respectively. Bro. Juby, in well chosen words, presented the suit case to Bro. Ross, which was such a surprise to Bro. Ross that he could not speak for several moments. He finally found his voice and thanked the "Boys" most heartily.

Bro. O'Toole, in presenting the club bag to Bro. Wood, had occasion to remind him of his good nature, his generosity and the "smile that won't come off." Bro. Wood took it good naturedly and thanked the "Boys" profusely.

DIV. COR.

Cobalt Div., No. 99.

Having been elected to the position of division correspondent, I will now undertake to impress upon the minds of the members of other divisions that the O. R. T. is still much in evidence on the T. & N. O. A very enthusiastic meeting was pulled off at North Bay, on Sunday evening, March 28th, and I am pleased to report that our General Chairman Bro. Campbell was chosen delegate to the convention, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May. Bro. Campbell is the father of the O. R. T. on the T. & N. O., and is familiarly known as Dad. Your correspondent feels that further introduction is unnecessary.

Our worthy Secretary, Bro. McBride, we regret to say, turned up late, having been out driving with a very slow steed.

Bro. Cullen, from Jano Park, was unavoidably detained, owing to the severe illness of Mrs. Cullen.

Bro. Lamb, who is quite a stranger at our meetings, managed to be present.

Quite a number of changes have taken place recently. Bro. Roberts moved from Englehart to North Bay. Bro. Buchanan gets the new agency at Redwater. A new man from the C. P. get Latchford, nights; Latchford, days, has been filled temporarily, owing to the death of Bro. Sundstrum. Bro. Grant has been transferred from New Liskeard, days, to Englehart, days.

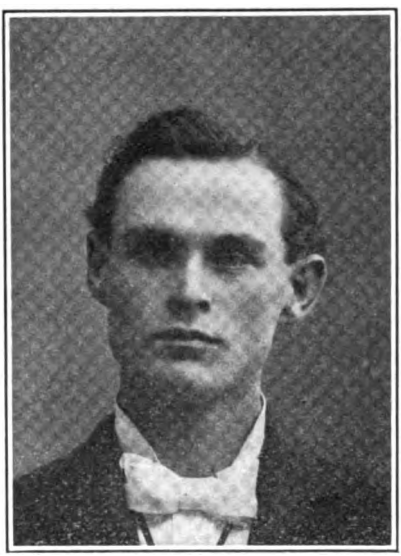
We appreciate very much the fact that our trainmaster, Mr. Ryan, has always made arrangements for as many of the boys as the business of the company will permit to attend meetings.

Bro. Hawkins is at present officiating as agent at Charlton, which is the headquarters of all Gowganda business on the T. & N. O.

THE DIV. COR.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular meeting at Emporium was held in the St. Charles Hotel on the evening of April 21. A fairly good attendance was had, but there were plenty of empty seats. Hereafter the Emporium meetings will be held after 8 o'clock p. m., and it is hoped that the meetings will be better attended. Delegate Bro. Edwards and Alternate Bro. Perry received their final instructions before leaving for



H. G. RICHARDSON,
Alternate Div. No. 23.

the convention. Routine business was transacted and three new members were admitted into the division.

Why can't we, with the help of our wives and daughters, arrange to get up some sort of an en-

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tertainment, with the view of creating a stronger social feeling among us and also to have a few dollars extra in our treasury to help some unfortunate brother or sister who may be in need, through illness or from other causes? I will be



JAMES M. HARVEY,
Alternate Div. No. 23.

glad to hear opinions on this subject and will do all I can to bring this to pass if you will only say something. Other fraternal orders do this way and there is always a dollar or more to use in deserving cases without encroaching on the regular funds. Please write to your secretary and treasurer or the chief telegrapher about it and through them I will know what to do.

The members will be pleased to learn that Bro. W. S. Barner, of Kane, has been elected to the position of Division Correspondent for the Western District, to co-operate with Bro. Sullivan in maintaining the prestige of the division through the columns of our journal.

Bro. Geo. L. Page, of "F" tower, Cameron, has accepted a position in the signal department under Foreman D. E. Spangler, and will enter on his new duties in the near future.

Telegrapher Wiggins, formerly of "OW," Wilcox, is holding the third trick at Howards until it is bid in.

We understand that Bro. Fred Confer, of "HR" tower, Shintown, has become a benedict, but at this time we cannot say who the lady is.

Bro. Geswender, formerly of Rathbun, has accepted a position with the N. Y. C. at "SX" tower, Keating, in the place of Bro. Botsford, resigned.

Telegrapher Zeeb, who was working third trick at Ludlow yard, went to sleep on the morning of March 27, and Bro. Campbell, at Sheffield, anxious to give him the benefit of the doubt, blocked with Bro. Barnar at "WY," Kane, yard. However, this matter came to the ears of the division operator, who dismissed Zeeb from the service, and gave Bros. Barnar and Campbell ten days each. There is a moral to this, Brothers. It's a poor man that can't do business for eight hours out of the twenty-four, no matter whether he be a union man or not, and no efforts should be made to shield him. We had a hard enough time to get an eight-hour day, and we should do our very best to give service for that length of time. Sleeping on duty has a far-reaching effect, upon the individual and upon the Order also, and we should have principle enough to give our best service during eight hours.

Bro. Jas. Fehley of St. Mary's, who has been off for a few days, suffering from a severe cold, has returned to duty.

Telegrapher John H. Smith, of New York, taking advantage of old-time friendship, drifted into our midst and inveigled one of the brothers into recommending him for a position. He worked about a month at St. Mary's and fell off the water wagon the day after pay-day, thus causing the brother who recommended him to be severely reprimanded by the division operator for requesting favors for such men.

The unfortunate brother who helped him did so for old-times' sake, and upon the statement that he was strictly temperate.

Telegrapher Hovace is relieving Bro. Campbell at Sheffield.

Telegrapher Wiggins relieved Mr. Zeeb at Ludlow.

We are pleased to note that Mr. W. H. Meyers, our general superintendent, has been promoted to general manager of the Pennsy lines east of Pittsburg and Erie. Mr. Meyers has always been very liberal and just, and we hope he will continue to treat us in the future as he has in the past. We extend congratulations to Mr. Meyers, and wish him success in his new position.

Brothers O'Leary and Andrews, of "JN" tower, Emporium, have leased the Wylie farm, near the east side of town, and have started a truck farm. Both brothers have had a large farming experience in "Yawk" State, and expect great results from their venture.

We will try to have a better write-up hereafter, as Bro. Barner will see that the Western District is properly represented.

DIV. COR.

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

As all matter for the May issue of THE TELEGRAPHER must reach the editor not later than April 20, it will be impossible to wait until after our meeting before submitting these notes. I fear very much that my article for the April issue arrived too late to be published.

Doesn't it make one feel disappointed to pick up the journal month after month and find nothing from one's own division? I suppose our worthy correspondent became discouraged after begging the members in vain for assistance. We are willing

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to relieve him until he gets his second wind, so if anyone has any items to contribute send them along, and send them early.

We had occasion to take a little trip over the division, recently, and noted quite a number of long-faced knights of the key. When you run up to one of these sour-looking individuals and pat him on the back and ask him what's up, he will turn on you with: "I'm mad—mad through and through!" Then it begins to dawn upon you that he's thinking of that "annual" or "quarterly" that failed to materialize.

Brothers and nons, especially nons, there's a lesson in this for you. A petition was circulated over the division, and, so far as I know, over the entire system, with reference to passes. What was the result? A quarterly pass was granted good over the division, to be issued after an employe had been in the service ten years or more. Isn't that great? What do our neighbors on the Pennsylvania and N. Y. C. & H. get? They get an annual after having been in the service three years.

Why this difference? That is easy They are organized solidly and have a schedule. We are organized, not solidly, and have no schedule. They get what they ask for. We take what is given to us. Read that again, slowly, and let it soak in, and then get after that non next door. He is the man who is to blame. He would like to have a pass, all right, sure thing, but he wants the O. R. T. to hand it to him on a silver platter, as it did the nine-hour day and numberless other good things. He takes up his bucket at the end of his eight or nine hour trick and meets the good brother who relieves him with a hangdog expression on his face and then goes home to his wife and children—three or four hours earlier than he would if it were not for you and me and the O. R. T.

We so often hear the remark made by members, ex-members and non-members, that were it not for this member or that member, this official or that official, against whom they have some personal grievance, fancied or real, they might do something for the Order. This is taking absolutely a wrong view. We have no right to allow personal enmity to enter into the matter at all. Furthermore, each member has a voice in the selection of the officers, whether great or small, and, should abide by the decision of the majority. This is the lamest kind of an excuse and should not be accepted as an excuse at all.

Bro. Maroney will again represent us at the coming convention.

Mr. Brass has been assigned to third trick at "NF" tower.

Mr. Ault has been transferred from clerk at Newberry Jct. to the agency at Minersville.

Students are few and far between on this division. We remember the time when things were different.

Again we say, brother, do your level best. Make it a point to attend to business just a little better than your neighbor, the non. We appreciate the good things we have received and are looking forward to still better ones, but we should remember that only by doing our work in the proper manner do we deserve these things.

Don't forget to send notes. Au revoir,

CERT. 17.

Grand Trunk Ry.

For the purpose of reaching the non-members in the United States, Canada and Mexico, with the view of having them affiliate with the Order, thereby completing thorough organization, a list of all non-members, as nearly as possible, has been furnished the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, who has addressed a letter to them enclosing a full set of application blanks and explaining fully certain benefits secured by the Order.

It is desired that they fall in line and assist in the work of elevating the profession and putting it, if possible, upon a higher plane than it has ever yet attained. In this connection, if all telegraphers would support the Order, as is their reasonable duty, the results would be so astounding they would wonder what on earth they were thinking about during all the past years. With this particular object in view, as far as the Grand Trunk membership is concerned, each and every individual member is appealed to, and it is expected he will comply with the request, that he make a special effort to have those with whom he works (if they are not already up-to-date)

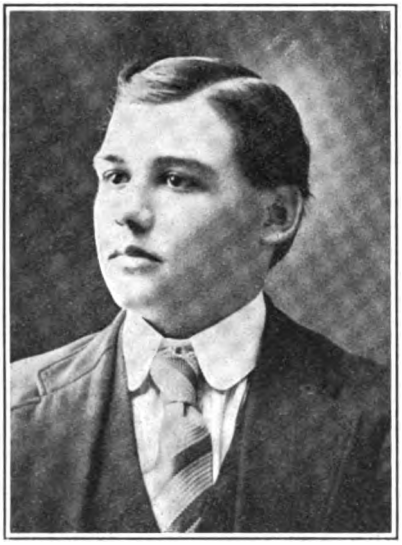


C. E. FLAHERTY,
Alternate Div. No. 23.

fill out the forms and forward them to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of Divison No. 1, with the necessary fee to cover. There is not a position on the road but what has been greatly benefited through the efforts of the Order. For

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instance, nine years ago the salary of day and night telegraphers was $30.00 and $35.00 per month, but today, through the efforts of the O. R. T., the main line minimum is $46.75 per month, while the minimum for branch lines has been increased to $43.35 per month, and the better class of positions has been increased accordingly. In addition to these benefits, through the efforts of the O. R. T., twelve hours constitutes a working day, and when telegraphers put in overtime they are paid at the rate of 25 cents per hour for it. They are also allowed extra compensation for looking after switchlights; before the schedule became effective this was a duty they had to perform gratis. Note the benefits Article X of the schedule affords telegraphers. That alone is enough to justify the maintenance of the Order on this road. We have, I am sorry to say, those among us who, should the committee fail to



B. J. SIMEN,
Alternate Div. No. 23.

satisfy them when the management is conferred with to secure a revision of schedule, get their backs up and drop out. These fellows never appear to think they are getting any good out of the Order, for they apparently forget about the benefits they received through a previous revision. If you are one of that class, allow me to say that it is your reasonable duty to keep yourself in good standing and support the Order at all times, no matter whether you received an increase as a result of the last negotiations, or the negotiations of five years ago. A sorry picture to behold is one in which two men are working at the same station, both of which have been benefited by the Order, and only one man possessing the manhood to act the part of an honest fellow by keeping himself up-to-date and doing his part toward maintaining the improved conditions while his mate swipes the increase and looks to his up-to-date mate to pay the fiddler while he enjoys the dance.

Speaking about thorough organization, and the reasons why the Grand Trunk telegraphers are not enjoying a schedule in keeping with the number of their division, namely, No. "1," reminds me of a young man I called on a few months ago for the purpose of enrolling him on our records as an up-to-date member. After discussing the matter of joining for about half an hour, he finally gave as his reason for not joining that his brother had bought some land in the northwest and he was helping him pay for it. "But," said he, "I'll join," and he accepted the papers, agreeing to send them in on the following pay-day, and after agreeing to do this he took an O. R. T. lapel button, which he was to pay for when remitting to cover initiation fees. Pay-day came and went, and not hearing from him I dropped him a few lines, calling his attention to it lest he should forget it altogether. He remitted me one dollar to cover the price of the button and said he couldn't join just now. I have been told that he has been displaying the button, but whether he has or not I am not prepared to say from observation. However, anyone who would act in this manner wouldn't stop at deceiving others into believing he was a member.

Notices of dues and remittance slips for term ending December 31st will be distributed about the last of May, to which all members are requested to respond promptly.

Let our slogan be, "More wages and shorter hours." You know a wise union man has the good sense to know that the success of his union depends upon him being up-to-date and performing his duty in inducing others to join.

D. L. SHAW.

Eastern Division—

When looking over the pages of the journal and noting the many and varied articles contributed by members of other divisions, I often wonder why it is Grand Trunk contributions are not more in evidence. Surely it is not because we are unthankful to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for the efforts put forth in our behalf.

What is to become of our eight-hour bill this session of the House? While we expected it to go through, it seems, from daily paper reports, that it is likely to be laid over until the next session of Parliament. Should this be the case, let us, as members of the Order, be up and doing when the time comes, not forgetting that the success of the bill largely depends upon the interest we take in the matter.

If the eight-hour bill is laid over for a time, what about a revision of the schedule? So far as I am concerned I would like to see a movement made in that direction.

No doubt we will soon be asked to "square up" for another term, and when the time comes we should do so and stand behind the ship and give it a boost as never before. MEMBER.

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Wabash Ry.

Detroit Division—

I wish to thank the brothers and sisters of this division for their loyal support in the past, and I am especially thankful for having been re-elected local chairman for the ensuing two years.



JAMES J. CONNELL,
Alternate Div. No. 23.

I desire, and without a doubt, will receive the hearty co-operation of all. By working in harmony we can accomplish much in the next two years. Suggestions for the betterment of conditions will be gladly received from any of the members. I wish to thank Bros. Iliff, Sellers, Seibert and Yoder for their help on the Local Board of Adjustment and in the Fraternal Department; Bro. J. M. Seibert, Romulus, Mich., is still acting as correspondent, and will be very thankful to all who send him items for publication. Keep the department well filled; have no fear of sending too much.

Again thanking the members, I will remain,
Fraternally yours,
V. A. WOOD.

Bro. C. J. Smith, of Gary, Ind., was called home March 1 on account of the severe illness of his mother. He was relieved by S. E. Turner, D. G. Wilkins and F. J. Osburn.

Springfield Division—

On April 3d the private cars of the officials passed over the division. They were on a tour of inspection.

M. T. Driscoll has resumed work at Griggsville as agent after having enjoyed a vacation of thirty days.

J. T. Quigley, the third trick man at Bluffs, was off duty a few days recently on account of the death of his father. He was relieved by C. S. Klinefelter.

J. A. Raines, who works the third trick at Lanesville, is relieving the third trick man at Iles for ten days.

Bro. Lipcamon is relieving Mr. Raines at Lanesville.

Bro. C. H. Claus is relieving C. S. Klinefelter on second trick at Griggsville for thirty days.

During the middle of March W. S. Blair, the agent at Versailles, enjoyed a hunting trip of a week's duration. During his absence he was relieved by Bro. Lipcamon.

Mr. L. W. Karnes, the trainmaster, accompanied by Mr. R. C. Fleming, the passenger and ticket agent Springfield, passed over the east end of the division on No. 75 April 8th.

Mr. J. A. Raines has returned to his old stamping ground at Lanesville. Bro. Lipcamon, relief at Lanesville, is now working first trick at Riverton.

Mr. J. M. Anderson has resigned as agent at Meredosia. Bro. C. R. Hughett, the agent at Camp Point, has accepted the agency at Meredosia, and will soon be transferred.

Camp Point is on bulletin.

Mr. T. R. Metz, formerly agent at Naples, has left the service, and is now enjoying life at Chambersburg, a village near Perry Springs. Mr. Geo. East, from Barry, relieved him.

Bro. Lipcamon, who is extra telegrapher, recently relieved J. F. Guinan, third trick man at



H. E. BROCK,
Alternate Div. No. 23.

Finderhook, a few days. It is rumored that Mr. Guinan was in the West buying land.

Owing to a decrease in business it is understood that Mr. W. P. Potter, 11th and 12th dis

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trict dispatcher, will take the position of time-keeper in Supt. Brown's office.

Mr. E. F. Hatfield, the wire chief at Springfield, is taking a vacation; relieved by dispatcher Potter.

Bro. B. H. Watson, the agent at Riverton, had the misfortune to fall and sprain his wrist a few



J. E. RUBENDALL,
Alternate Div. No. 24.

weeks since, but we are pleased to state that he is getting along nicely at the present writing.

Get after the nons and do a little personal work for the good of the Order.

If you have no application blanks the local chairman will be pleased to furnish them.

Do not wait to be addressed personally before contributing items of interest to the membership for reproduction in THE TELEGRAPHER. If anything comes to your notice that is worthy of mention, do not hesitate to notify your local chairman, as he no doubt will greatly appreciate it. Communications should reach him not later than the 25th of the month. COR.

Peru Division—

Bro. Etnire, of Williamsport, was off a few days recently on account of sickness; relieved by telegrapher Murray.

Bro. N. J. Bechtel, of Lafayette, is off duty on account of sickness, and is being relieved by Bro. Dunwoody, the regular third trick man at Newell. Bro. Dunwoody was relieved by telegrapher Murray, a new man in the business.

Let all brothers get out and hustle for the prize offered by Bro. Shutt and note the result.

Mr. J. C. Johnson has accepted the agency at Colburn, vice Mr. Younger.

Bro. W. E. Scott has resumed work at Wauseon after being absent several weeks.

The third trick at West Peru is open for bid.

Bro. Hetrick, of State Line, is off duty for few days. We understand he is hunting in Texas.

Bro. Kieff, of Newell, has returned to work after several days' leave of absence. He has been in Oklahoma.

Bro. Horn, an old Wabash man, is visiting friends at Williamsport. He is now located on a farm near Dallas, S. D.

Bro. Hurly, of Clymers, has resumed work after being off duty a few days on account of the death of his cousin.

Telegrapher Scott, of New Waverly, laid off one day recently to attend to business matters. He was relieved by telegrapher Edwards.

Telegrapher Tilson, of Toledo "GO" office, has resigned, and telegrapher Stocksteil, of Toledo yard office, bid in the trick. E. L. Bearley relieves Mr. Stocksteil.

Bro. Parkman, of New Waverly, is off duty a few days; relieved by telegrapher Cloud.

Bro. Rectenwall, of Spencerville, was off duty attending to business one day recently; relieved by telegrapher Edwards.

Miss Gertrude Mack, a telegrapher off the Detroit Division, has left the Peru hospital, having recovered from a spell of sickness of two months' duration.

Bro. Helwigg has resumed duty at State Line after having been off several days.

Bro. Wallick, of New Waverly, off duty one day recently attending to business in Peru; relieved by telegrapher Edwards.

Mr. R. M. Smith has bid in first trick at Defiance.

Our local chairman, Bro. W. P. Shutt, was in Peru April 15th on business pertaining to the Order.

Bros. Keiff, Delermarter and Shutt contributed items this month. Come again, brothers.

COR.

St. L. S. W. Ry.

Illmo Division—

Another month has rolled around, and we again make ourselves known through the journal.

Bro. Calvert, from the C. & E. I. Ry., is holding down first trick at Rockview. Bro. Nicks, formerly first trick at Rockview, has been sick, but is again able to be up and around.

Mr. A. J. Powers worked three or four days at Rockview, second trick, and was relieved by Bro. McConnell from the C. & E. I. Ry.

We should get together and hold meetings. For one, I am in favor of our chairman calling meetings regularly, which would give our members a chance to intermingle and become acquainted. Moreover, matters of importance could be brought up and discussed, matters bearing on the betterment of conditions. I would suggest Molden or Dexter as suitable places to hold meetings.

Bro. C. J. Carlton is working third trick at Rockview.

Bro. Black is working at Campbell; can not say just where he is from.

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Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division, Western District—

We have been almost too busy this month to watch for the various changes, which have been rather numerous, in fact, almost as frequent as the changes in the weather.

Bro. E. J. Donahoe bid in third trick at Watson's Ranch, caused by the resignation of Bro. Ford. The night job is on bulletin also, as Bro. Keith has resigned.

Bro. Dart did not land Brady Island agency as chronicled in last month's issue, owing to an error or mix-up in issuing bulletins for the two districts. Bro. W. O. Clark, of Columbus, gets the job. Bro. Dart returned to the third trick at Brady.

We have an agreement which must be lived up to by both parties to the contract. Every one must be treated alike, and I am sure it will be a great deal easier and more convenient to do these things right in the first place. If any irregularity is noticed, please notify the local chairman.

Bro. Tom Costello, agent at Cozad, was off duty a day or two, to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law at Chapman. Our sympathy is extended to the family. G. A. Hood was sent to Cozad to do the extra work.

Bro. B. O. Byrne is again at work at Lexington, after a long absence, spent in the hospital under a doctor's care. He is working the first trick at Lexington, until same is filled by bulletin. Telegrapher Poagenpohl having left the service.

E. S. Harte, the agent at Gibbon, for a few weeks is being relieved by J. L. Reddy, of the first trick at Kearney, who took advantage of Harte's absence, to again live around home. G. T. Bowen is handling Reddy's trick at Kearney.

B. C. Clinton, of St. Paul, is taking sixty days off, putting under cultivation his farm, which he was lucky enough to draw at the recent Rosebud opening. Bro. C. W. Graham, the relief agent, is guiding the ship at St. Paul, during Mr. Clinton's absence.

F. E. Starkey, of Boelus, is off two weeks; relieved by G. A. Hood.

We have just received a letter from Bro. Perham, announcing the sudden and unexpected death of Bro. Clancy, his private secretary, while attending a meeting of Knight Templars. Bro. Clancy has been of invaluable assistance to Bro. Perham during the past eight years, and the Order will feel his loss. I am sure we all extend our sympathy to Bro. Clancy's relatives in their bereavement.

Bro. W. C. Stevenson, of Pleasanton, was off duty for two weeks this month; relieved by J. H. Hansen. Did not learn where Bro. Stevenson went. CERT. 765.

Wyoming Division—

L. R. Bell, of Corliss Junction, received Hanna, first trick, on bulletin.

Quite a number of changes are noted in "N" office, Cheyenne. Bro. Ben Ball, who has been doing "stunts" in that office for the past twelve years, resigned and has gone to Las Vegas, Nev., on the Pedro, where he expects to make his future home. The move was necessitated by the ill-health of his wife, who can not live in this altitude. Bro. Ball's departure made the first vacancy in the day force in seven years, and Bro. Adams, from third trick wire chief, now holds the position.

Bro. T. C. Allen is now in charge after midnight with Bro. Hayes, of Julesburg, as second man.

I have it, on good authority, that Bro. E. C. Mills, who has been at Buford nearly two years, is affected by the high altitude, and will leave for California some time in May.

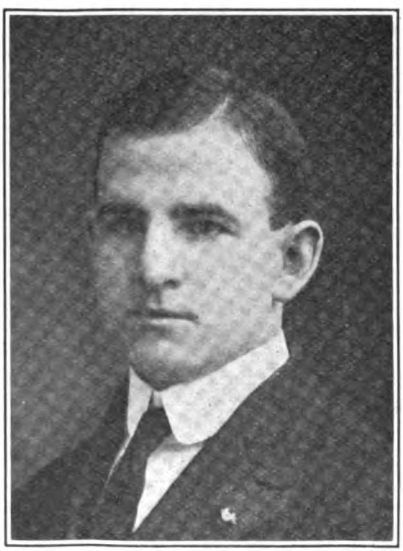
By the time this is in print there will be openings for three good men, in the new tower at Boeie, which we understand is soon to be put into operation.

For the benefit of those who may contemplate bidding on the above positions, I will say that the tower is located about one mile from the section house, and unless the company provides a house for living purposes, I fear the accommodations will not be inviting.

We are happy to note that Bro. L. E. Kline is again with us. He holds forth at Percy.

G. S. Cessna is now "night agent" at Lahkota. He lives in royal style, having in his employ a Jap cook.

Bro. J. W. Thomas, third trick at Walcott, met with a peculiar accident recently. While out riding, in company with Bro. V. E. Martin, on his way to Fort Steele, his horse stepped in a badger hole, falling and pinioning him to the ground. He was rendered unconscious for a few moments,



FRANK J. RYAN,
Delegate Div. No. 26.

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but through the heroic efforts of Bro. Martin, he was soon extricated and was able to return home on his mount.

Bro. F. R. Mayrott, of Oshkosh, is in North Platte this week, attending county court. He was relieved by Bro. O. P. Mullin.



C. J. BENEFIEL,
Alternate Div. No. 27.

The work train starts Monday morning. We understand that the new line is to be built to North Port as rapidly as possible.

W. W. Aldridge, who recently resigned at Ogallala, expects to have charge of the new bank at Lisco. DIV. COR.

Kansas Division—

Bro. I. C. Leger is agent at Manhattan, after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness. Bro. Schwartz, who relieved him, moved further east.

Bro. Dailey, at Holton, has resigned to accept a position with the Grand Island, at Kansas City. Mr. Townsley, from Soldier, relieved him. Harry Townsley, a son of C. C. Townsley, is relieving at Soldier.

F. A. Maca, the helper-agent from Alida, is relieving at Milford.

Mr. E. L. Hooven is relieving at Abilene and Junction City.

Bro. Armstrong is at Salina. We understand that Bro. Wiggle is in the hospital.

Mr. Guy Payne, manager at Ellis, is off duty for a few days. He was relieved by a Mr. Taylor from the Santa Fe.

Mr. W. E. Packard has been moved from Lincoln Center to Kanapolis, as day telegrapher.

Mr. W. V. Neighbors, day telegrapher at Hays, has resigned.

Bro. Armstrong, the relief agent, relieved Bro. Denison, at Detroit, who in turn relieved Mr. Tilton, agent at Detroit. Mr. Tilton has gone to Omaha to take the examination for a pension.

Robt. Campbell, the student-helper at McPherson, has been assigned to the telegrapher's position at Beloit.

Mr. L. O. Price landed the agency at Kanapolis.

Doe Williams, the former night clerk at Wilson, was recently assigned to the agency at Yocemento, for which position we understand there were no bids.

Mr. C. J. Deves is the senior applicant for Plainville.

Bro. Armstrong relieved Bro. Campbell at Abilene.

Ham shops are numerous along the Salina Branch; we need a genuine revival along this string; some of the cases are so chronic as to be almost hopeless, however, a little medicine in the right doses at the right time would help. It seems strange that any fair-minded man with his own interest at heart would tolerate a student at his station, who is sent there for the express purpose of learning telegraphy. Fred L. Heathman, at Tescott, is one who believes that students are an absolute necessity. This student proposition is the most serious question we have before us. Brothers, wake up and show your colors.

It is rather early in the season to make hay, but several took advantage of the warm weather



L. H. DOWD,
Delegate Div. No. 29.

to try it, with results disastrous to themselves. "Alfalfa" and night jobs don't mix.

Spring fever and "moving day" struck the west end simultaneously. The day telegrapher at Russell, second trick day telegrapher and night teleg-

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rapher at Abilene, and the night telegrapher at Ellsworth resigned in a bunch.

Mr. W. E. Luke has gone from Russell, nights, to days at Wilson.

Let us work for the betterment of the Order. Don't stop by making a few good resolutions, but do something. Write the non-member you have in mind, and don't stop until you "land" him. The initiation fee this month is $7.90, and any officer of the Division will furnish the blanks. Help make the Kansas Division the banner division of the Union Pacific, and a model for all divisions.

Are you satisfied with your present condition? If not, write your local chairman, and tell him what you want, and why you want it. Have you any suggestion to offer for the betterment of the Order? If so, write your local chairman, and tell him what they are. He will be glad to hear from you.

Where are all the items promised the correspondent this month? COR.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Western Division, District 3—

The last regular meeting was held in Calgary. As usual, a large crowd was present. One member was initiated, and four applications were made for initiatlon at our next meeting, which will be held at Red Deer.

Bro. Smith is relieving Bro. Johnston at Penhold, while the latter is on a hunting trip.

Bro. Taylor, of Blackfields, goes to Canmore, temporarily; Bro. McFarlane, from Canmore, is doing relief work.

Bro. W. L. MacDonald at this writing is attending the meeting of the general committee in Brandon.

Your correspondent is indebted to Bro. Routledge, of Red Deer, for a few notes in the March journal; every little helps, send them along.

Bro. D. J. Gunn, of Banff, who is spending his annual holidays in California, is being relieved by Bro. Geo. Horner.

Bro. A. C. Moore bid in Erskine. We understand that Bro. Walker is working in the dispatcher's office at Calgary, temporarily.

Bro. Ramsay, of Strathcona, nights, is enjoying his holidays in Vancouver. It is rumored that he will return with a bride.

Bro. McGee, of Calgary yard office, is away, enjoying well-earned holidays.

Through the untiring efforts of our local chairman, the increase in attendance at regular meetings has been raised seventy-five per cent. It is to be regretted that so many are leaving the work of organization entirely in the hands of one man, which shows a lack of interest. Applications for relief and transportation should be made early, in order that they may be furnished in ample time for the applicants to attend meetings.

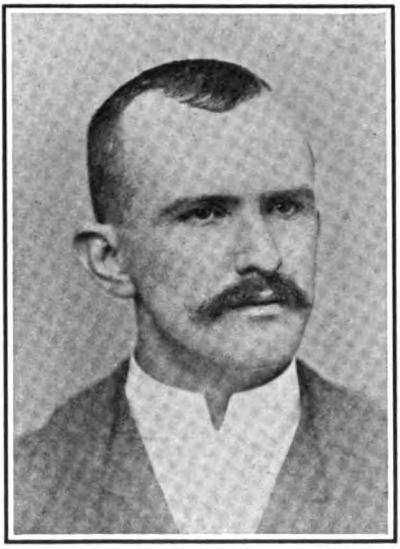
DIV. COR.

Western Division, Fourth District—

At last we have a write-up of the Cranbrook and Sirdar sections of the Crows Nest Pass. Glad to see the boys have taken an interest in this.

A meeting was held at Cranbrook, March 21. Several matters of importance to all were discussed. The following brothers were present: Bro. Watson, local chairman, agent at Hosmer; Bro. T. E. Murphy, agent Fort Steele; Bro. Green, agent Wardner; Bro. Wilson, agent Cranbrook; Bro. Hindman, "NA" office, Cranbrook; Bro. J. W. Spencer, agent Kingsgate; Bro. Meadows, telegrapher at McLeod; Bro. Wagner, night man at Pincher Creek; Bro. Harrison, agent Lundbrek; Bro. Hinds, agent Blairmore. Bro. T. E. Murphy was appointed local secretary. There are not many changes lately on these two divisions.

Bro. T. E. Little has been relieving Bro. Cline, the third trick dispatcher at "H" office, who has



G. F. MCCORMACK,
Delegate Div. No. 29.

been on leave of absence on account of the illness and death of his wife. Bro. Cline has our sympathy.

Bro. W. G. Brinton is holding down the temporary office at "JN," Elko Bridge, on account of a new steel bridge being erected.

Morrissey, an exclusive night office, is up for bid.

We understand that Bro. Green, the day telegrapher at Crows Nest, is soon to leave for Iowa, where his family is now visiting, to accompany them home.

Bro. F. H. Day is relieving Night Telegrapher R. J. Fowler, of Kingsgate, who has gone east to boil sap.

I wish to thank each and every member who assisted me with this write-up. Let us all make an effort to have a better showing next month.

CERT. 2282.

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Pacific Division, District No. 2—

It is rumored that the agencies at Ruskin and Abbottsford are to be opened soon.

Bro. G. H. Wellington, night telegrapher at Ashcroft, is at present off duty for two weeks. He is at his home in Moose Jaw on account of



J. C. KELLY,
Delegate Div. No. 29.

sickness in the family. Upon his return he will be assigned to Mission Jct., days.

Bro. J. Fraser, a dispatcher of former years on the Pacific Division, is again on the road, relieving Bro. Pallen, agent at Yale, for a few weeks. Understand Mrs. Pallen is in poor health, and is undergoing treatment in Vancouver, while Bro. Pallen is working the night trick in Vancouver yard office, temporarily. We hope to soon hear of the complete recovery of Mrs. Pallen.

Bro. G. A. Davidson has been transferred from Vancouver yard office nights, to the dispatcher's office, where he is copying.

Local Chairman Hunt has been appointed agent at Haney, vice Bro. Freer, resigned. J. M. Chantler bid in this position when it was first bulletined, but relinquished the appointment.

The agency at Agassiz, and the night trick at Kamloops are now open for applications.

Isn't it about time that we held another meeting? Some time has elapsed since our last one, and I think we need to talk things over. The weather is fine and we should be able to attend in force. When a meeting is called do not fail to be present, as we need you to assist in keeping up enthusiasm. DIV. COR.

New York Central Ry.

Mohawk Division—

Effective April 15, block station 27, Ilion, was abandoned, as automatic signals have been installed at that point. This displaces three men, among them Bro. Bickelhaupt. We hope they will be able to land better positions somewhere.

Bro. Bross, of Utica passenger station, recently spent a week in New York City, visiting friends.

In its issue of April 10, the Utica Saturday Globe has a picture of Bro. L. W. Quick, with a sketch of his life. Among other things it states that he was recently elected treasurer of the city of St. Louis. It also states that he is grand secretary and treasurer of one of the richest labor organizations in the world.

Bro. G. F. Hayes, second trick block signal 30, has resigned to accept a position with the Oneida Railway Co., as switchboard operator. Everyone wishes him success in his new position.

We are not getting the support of the fraternity in the way of items. Is it necessary to speak of this every month?

The return of business to the Mohawk Division which was promised after March 1, has not materialized, and conditions are about the same. Trains are handling summer tonnage eighty loads east, eighty-five empties west. DIV. COR.

St. Lawrence Division—

C. F. Fairand has been appointed agent at Castorland, vice Bro. Virkler, who is on leave of absence.

Tricks at Plumbrook, Sissons, Gouverneur, Pamelia, Watn. Jct., Pine St., Marcy and Lowville are up for bid.

J. H. Marron has been assigned to third trick at Gouverneur.

M. Meng is holding first trick at Woods, vice A. C. Gillespie.

Among those who received vacations lately are C. Hayden, E. M. Barnard and J. O. Canfield; all were relieved by Relief Agent Moore.

"MJ" Tower is on the three-trick basis again, Mullen having the first.

Stittville is working two tricks of nine hours each, on account of construction work trains.

We understand the management is placing two men at stations coming under the new schedule, as working over thirteen hours; this will help out many of us.

Our list of members continues to grow, but we are not yet solid. DIV. COR.

Hudson Division—

Just a few hurried notes for this issue. No contributions have been received from any source to help make them interesting. This may be accounted for by the fact that everything is moving along nicely.

Bro. Collins, formerly at block signal 28, has resigned, and gone to Chicago, where he expects to make his future home.

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Among the list of assignments on bids of April 1, notice the following: A. E. Boener to second at block signal 19; E. M. Newland to third at 27; C. Pine to third at 28; S. Stecker second at 36; M. Comiskey, first at 155th St.; L. Brooks, second at 18; R. L. Van Lueven, third at 22; L. J. Kreig, second at 40; L. F. Stopf, second at 43; P. Burns, third at 58½, and F. E. Terbush, second at 66.

Station and ticket offices are now being advertised when vacant, and all signalmen who are qualified have the privilege of bidding on them. This is one of the new concessions granted in our working rules, effective March 1. This is a valuable change, as it gives all an opportunity to bid on desirable positions.

Occasionally we hear the remark that a certain member is going to sever his connection with the Order because he does not approve of some particular working rule in the schedule. In my opinion no true union man would make such a statement, and those who do are no doubt merely looking for a very weak excuse to drop out. It must be remembered that our working rules are a result of hard work and careful consideration on the part of our general committee, that the rules were drafted with a view to adapting them to the needs of the majority, and for the protection of all. It is with our rules as it is with our municipal or State laws; they will no doubt work adversely to someone at some time, but would you get out of the State if some of the laws did not suit you?

By the time you receive this issue, the Grand Division convention, which promises to be one of the most important conventions in the history of the Order, will be in session in Atlanta.

CERT. 525.

Buffalo Division—

The special meeting which was held at North Tonawanda on the 7th inst., was well attended. Our new local chairman, Bro. J. H. Groat, presided, and Bro. J. M. Carley acted as secretary.

Bro. Groat gave an outline of the recent changes made in our schedule. The new rules appeared to be very satisfactory to those present.

Local Chairman Graham, of the Rochester Division, was present, and explained many of the new rules and the reasons for their adoption.

The time of our regular meetings has been changed. Meetings will be held at North Tonawanda on the first Wednesday of alternate months, the next one to be held in May. Special meetings will be held in Buffalo at such times as the local chairman may deem it necessary. When members desire that a day meeting be held, they should communicate with Bro. Groat.

The ball committee made a report which was accepted, and the committee discharged. Unpaid accounts were placed with the local chairman for collection. When all moneys have been accounted for, there will be a net profit of about $25.00.

Bro. Groat is working earnestly to increase the percentage of membership on the Buffalo Division, but he needs the united assistance of the rank and file if his efforts are to be crowned with the success they deserve. Become an "active" member for a month; be an O. R. T. man in talk and actions—be a brother to a brother, and an acquaintance to those who are not members.

Leave no one in doubt as to where you stand. The "no card no favors" motto does not apply only to the transient telegrapher who may possibly panhandle you for a quarter with which to buy a meal's victuals. If applicable to "boomers" at all, it should be applied a thousand times more vigorously to the men who are working with us sharing in the benefits of increased wages, better working conditions, and being protected against long hours of service by both State and Federal laws placed on the statute books through the efforts of the officers of our Order, and persistently refusing to bear their just proportion of the burden.

Bro. Imhof has been assigned to the afternoon trick at block signal 60, Gratwick, made vacant by the recent death of Bro. Geo. D. Johnson.

The day trick at block signal 2, Erie, is now vacant.

Bro. Barry, the ticket agent at North Tonawanda is reported to be slowly recovering from a recent serious operation.

Bro. Cory has just completed a two weeks' term as juryman in the supreme court.

Bro. Holtz is overhauling his motorboats, which he will have on the Niagara River, this summer.



E. J. MANION,
Delegate Div. No. 29.

When you get the copy of the new schedule do not permit nons to see it, or discuss the changes in their presence. This will be only doing justice to fellow members. CERT. 57.

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Norfolk & Western Ry.

N. & W. System, Division No. 14—

I want to again ask the membership to give the local correspondents more assistance. A number of them are complaining of not being able to secure items. Our communications have been improved from time to time by the hearty co-operation of every man, or at least quite a number of them, and we hope to continue to improve. Remember this, and send in a few notes, which, I assure you, will be appreciated.

We are pleased to congratulate the General Western Division on again having a clear record, which places them on the February roll of honor. The Norfolk & Western is certainly fortunate in having such a splendid set of men as are to be found on this district. The boys are proud of the good record they have made for entirely satisfactory service, and have set an example, not



R. E. PORTER,
Alternate Div. No. 29.

only to the membership on the Eastern District, but to the telegraphers over the entire country.

I also want to congratulate the boys on the Eastern District for the splendid service they have given the organization in securing new members. Very few are left on the "bad order track;" almost every man on it is either a scab or some fellow who is so narrow-minded as to let some personal matter prevent him from doing the "square thing." These are the men who have been accepting the benefits and not supporting the movement financially or otherwise, and do not, therefore, deserve much consideration at the hands of the membership.

A little quizzing by the boys along the line will have a good effect. Let the man with whom you work know that you are expecting him to get in line, whether he be "the man behind the gun" or a block telegrapher. Good results can thus be accomplished very quickly. We need every man in the service to stand behind our committee.

GEN. COR.

Scioto Division—

Notes for the month of March were found to be considerably short when a request was made by our general correspondent that items should be sent in by the 15th inst. This being the case we will have to be content with the items that chance to fall in our way.

So far few changes have been made under the new agreement. As usual a small percentage of the membership is not altogether satisfied. We should not find fault because the changes do not exactly conform to our ideas. The committee did the very best it could under the circumstances. The thing for us to do is to get to work and assist the men we have elected to represent us, and stand by them.

Delegates to the seventh biennial convention are now arranging details preparatory to starting on their trip to Atlanta, Ga. If you have anything to offer for the good of our division or the Order in general, place such matters in hands of your representatives in due time, that they can be taken up promptly. Every one should arrange to attend meetings, especially those held on our division. Get in touch with matters of interest that are under discussion, as they will be taken up strictly in accord with the wishes of the majority as near as can be determined. A good attendance indicates interest, and gives our officers encouragement, to which our success is due to a greater or less extent.

Too often it is the case that we pay our dues but stand back for the other boys to do the work. The question naturally arises, what can we do? It is easily answered, we assure you. Look over the names on the "non list" and make every endeavor to induce the telegraphers shown thereon to become members of the organization. This is a very important matter, as "in union there is strength."

The service bulletin for the month of February, 1909, gives our division another clear block.

Owing to the serious illness of his wife Bro. H. H. Kirk has been off duty for some time. The latest reports indicate that Mrs. Kirk is recovering nicely.

Bro. J. M. Sotcher relieved third trick at Naugatuck, W. Va., April 5th, temporarily.

Bro. G. F. Ferrell, the agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., was off duty a few days, threatened with typhoid fever; relieved by Bro. F. C. Stratton.

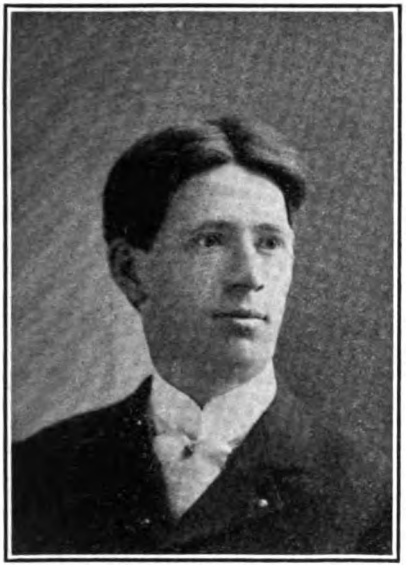
Sister J. R. Compton has been assigned to Webb, W. Va., nights.

Mr. W. H. Bush, who has filled the position of claim adjuster on this division for many years, was recently transferred to the Roanoke Division. Mr. Bush was succeeded by Mr. Lawrence Gard-

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ner, a young member of the freight claim department.

Prichard, W. Va., on the Big Sandy, was the scene of a head-end collision at an early hour on the morning of March 30th, resulting in the death of Mr. Wm. R. Spaulding, fireman, and



E. C. TERRY,
Alternate Div. No. 29.

serious injury to Engineer Charles Engles and Brakeman James Kelly. An extra west met No. 86. Newspapers have contained some lengthy articles in regard to it, but responsibility in cases of this kind can not always be placed before there has been a full investigation, which will no doubt be had as soon as the injured employes have sufficiently recovered. Mr. Spaulding, the fireman who was killed in this collision, was the husband of Sister Spaulding, the second trick telegrapher at Wheelersburg, O. We hereby extend to her our tenderest sympathies.

Bro. C. B. Caile is relieving Mr. J. V. Brown at Sargents. Mr. Brown is enjoying a vacation of fifteen days.

Bro. Benton Mosser, the agent at Wayne, W. Va., is off duty on account of the recent illness of his wife; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

The traffic statement of our line for the month of February shows an increase in the gross earnings amounting to $349,156; net earnings increased $191,207, which indicates a renewal of prosperity. This item appeared in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* during the last week in March.

Private cars 1 and 100 were over the Scioto Division during the first week of April. Portsmouth, O., was enthusiastic over the coming of these cars, as it was understood that the N. & W. officials were looking over the situation preparatory to increasing terminal facilities at that point to double their present capacity.

Bro. R. E. L. Ward, the agent at Wilsondale, W. Va., is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. R. H. Chitwood.

Mr. Robert Edward Watts is the new assistant at the freight office, Dingess, W. Va.

While on his last visit to Dunlow, W. Va., Mr. B. H. Lane, route agent Southern Express Co., was taken suddenly ill. It was at first thought that there were symptoms of poisoning, and he was persuaded to return home on the next train. He was confined to his room for several days, but is now thought to be entirely out of danger.

Bro. J. M. Marcum, the agent at Dunlow, W. Va., is enjoying a fifteen-day vacation. Bro. A. L. Peake is looking after the station during his absence.

CERT. 750.

WILSONDALE, W. VA., April 20, 1909.

This will but inadequately convey my grateful thanks to the members of Division 14 of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for kindness, sympathy and floral contributions during the sad hours of affliction caused by the death of my beloved husband. I desire also to especially thank Sister Ida E. Bailey and Bros. Guy Calhoun and J. Gerlach for personal contributions of flowers.

Yours in deep sorrow,

LURAY M. SPAULDING.



B. WHEELER,
Alternate Div. No. 29.

Pocahontas Division—

Business for the West seems to be on the increase, while the east-bound traffic does not show much improvement. We are all anxious to see the long-talked-of "prosperity" return.

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Bros. J. J. Hale, of Rock, and H. H. Hale, of "BF" office, Bluefield, have been at the bedside of their father for some time. We hope Mr. Hale will soon recover.

We understand that in a short time our division office will be moved in the old Bluefield Inn.



W. M. HOLMAN,
Delegate Div. No. 31.

This will be a great relief to our division office force, and I am sure they will be glad to have room enough in which to breathe. The present offices are entirely too crowded for good service.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

Radford Division—

If anyone made the resolution requested relative to sending in items during the year 1909, he has either broken it or they have been lost in transit, as we have failed to receive them. We are still "at the old stand," and will appreciate anything contributed.

Our record for the month of February is one of which we should feel proud. There were but six men disciplined in the entire service. This is an average of one to a division. The Radford Divison had two while "Poky" and Scioto Divisions were on the honor roll. This must be very gratifying to the company, as it indicates that we are trying to give the very best of service. With a system employing over six hundred telegraphers, the making of such a record as this is indeed a splendid showing. Although we are not going to be on the roll of honor this month, where we had hoped to be placed, we must strive all the harder to keep our records clear.

Some of our brothers seem to have very short memories in that they work in the interest of and subscribe for a paper that not a year ago advocated a reduction in the salaries of employes of the N. & W. The attention of the membership was called to this matter at the time through the journal with the request that they remember the attitude of this paper. "Consistency, thou art a jewel!"

Bro. E. E. Band has gone to Texas to engage in business with his brother.

Bro. J. A. Broderick, of Christiansburg, has been assigned to third trick at Wytheville, vice Mr. J. F. Wohlford. Mr. Wohlford assigned to the second trick at West Roanoke, "UN" tower. Mr. S. S. Parrish, of Pembroke tank, assigned to the second trick at Christiansburg.

The vacancy at Speedwell, caused by the death of Bro. C. W. Gose, has been filled by Bro. J. J. Crump, who was formerly relief agent Pembroke tank third.

Oakville third and the relief agent's place are now vacant.

CERT. 231.

Shenandoah Division—

It is up to us to say something, as another month has come and gone. Anything looking like news is a very hard thing to locate over here just now.

We are exceedingly sorry that our representative can not go to the convention and report the Shenandoah Division solid, as we had expected. There are a few who have not paid dues and are now on the non list. This fact is not only regretted by your correspondent, but by the entire membership of the Shenandoah Division.



W. L. WILMARTH,
Delegate Div. No. 31.

Bro. S. L. McClanahan is working the second trick at Stanley, vice Mr. H. A. Fix, who is on the sick list.

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Bro. C. P. Harris, from the third trick at Glasgow, is relieving Bro. H. A. Bickers, the third trick man at Shenandoah. Bro. Bickers is relieving Bro. H. O. Ringle, first trick at Shenandoah, for fifteen days. Bro. J. M. Brugh is relieving Bro. Harris at Glasgow.

Mr. Scott, an extra man, relieved Bro. McClanahan on the second trick at Stanley.

Bro. J. W. Melton has gone to Rippon to relieve agent Bro. P. W. Hairston for a few days.

Bro. Finter, the agent at Lyndhurst, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. R. C. Thomason, from the third trick at Riverton. Bro. McIntosh is relieving at Riverton.

Bro. H. H. Burks, of the second trick at Glasgow, bid in the relief agency.

Glasgow second trick, Elkton third trick and Martinsville third trick are on bulletin.

Mr. R. Y. Melton relieved Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird, for a few days, while Bro. Bear was on the sick list.

Bro. S. L. McClanahan relieved Bro. J. M. Brugh, the third trick man at Glasgow. Understand Bro. Brugh has left the service and is taking a trip West.

Bro. P. G. Parrett, of Buena Vista, bid in the position of day telegrapher and assistant agent at Front Royal. He was relieved by Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott being called away a few days later by the death of his sister, was relieved by Bro. R. E. Bear. Later Bro. Bear returned to first trick at Loch Laird, and was relieved at Buena Vista by Bro. Skelton.

Bro. J. L. George has returned from a trip to the Southwest, and is again on the side wires at "UD," Roanoke.

Bro. Mitchell, second trick Greenville, is still on the sick list, and Mr. Shultz, an extra man, is relieving.

Bro. Landers, agent Midvale, was off one day on business, being relieved by Bro. McClanahan.

Bro. Shacklett, third trick at Berryville, is being relieved temporarily by Bro. W. D. Waddell, an extra man.

Bro. W. Q. Kearns, of the second trick at Bentonville, bid in the third trick at Martinsville, while Bro. P. L. McNiel bid in third trick at Elkton.

The second trick at Buena Vista and the second trick at Bentonville are on the board at the present time.

We understand Bro. J. W. Melton took the second trick at Glasgow on bulletin.

When Bro. Hairston resumes duty at Rippon, Bro. Melton will go home for a few days' rest.

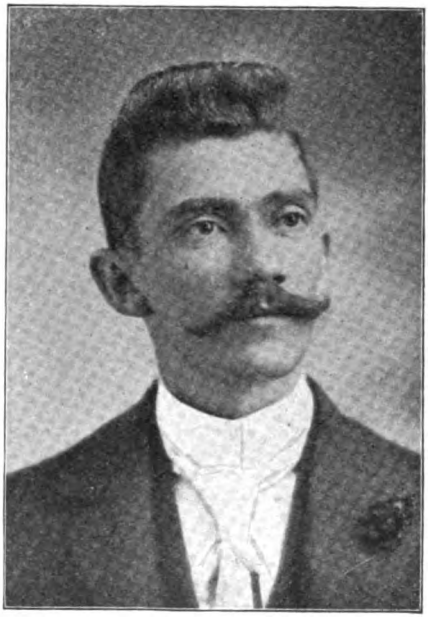
Relief agent Bro. H. H. Burks goes to Greenville to relieve Bro. Merritt for a while. Mr. Anderson is relieving at Glasgow, second trick.

J. H. B.

Norfolk Division—

Everything seems to be working smoothly except that some of our telegraphers are allowing themselves to get in arrears. Brothers, the financial side of our organization is the backbone. We can not afford to allow the treasury to become weakened by neglecting to pay up regular semi-annual dues. Some seem to get in the habit of "putting this off" until the very last possible moment, just remitting in time to save themselves from being dropped from the Order for non-payment of dues or assessments. This is not business, and I hope that the brothers will break themselves of this dangerous habit.

After some brother has convinced you that it is your duty to become a member of the organization; that it is of untold benefit to yourself and those of your craft, a spirit creeps in and says, "Don't bother about paying dues until the last pinch; if you drop out they'll take you back again." Now, this isn't right. Don't you feel better when you hold an up-to-date card? Con-



L. D. McCoy,
Delegate Div. No. 31.

ditions are such now that we are going to need a strong treasury to carry forward our plans and to protect you and me in our present positions. In saying this I do not mean that we are in bad shape. We have a strong fund at the back of us, but we want to keep it strong.

Send your dues to Bro. T. H. Lankford, Secretary and Treasurer, Cloverdale, Va., at once. Let your delegates go to Atlanta saying we haven't a man on our division behind in his dues.

The general correspondent has called for items a little early this month, and one of my assistants having failed me, places me in an awkward position. I can only give a few items of local interest. I wish the brothers would take enough interest

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in the journal to send me notes each month by the 15th. Have written several, with no results. I shall have to give up writing for the journal unless I can secure assistance from the members, as my other duties are too pressing for me to shoulder



FRANK SEAL,
Delegate Div. No. 31.

the responsibility alone. Who will respond to this appeal?

Crewe, "K" office—Bro. A. A. Owen has secured thirty days' leave of absence. We understand he goes to the Virginian, stationed at Princeton, W. Va., which will be one of the terminals of the line. Our best wishes go with him. We are always glad to see our men reaching out and obtaining better positions. All these things speak well for the telegraphers and train dispatchers of the Norfolk & Western.

Bro. Hubbard is working extra at Crewe, but we understand that the position will be filled by Bro. Alfred P. Sale upon his return.

Crewe, "DS" office—Bro. H. C. Page has been off several nights on account of illness; relieved by Bro. Harlan. We hope for Bro. Page a speedy recovery.

Nottoway—Sister Carter is off duty fifteen days; relieved by Telegrapher M. H. Rose. Bro. Cardwell laid off one night; relieved by Bro. Carmack, extra.

Wellville—E. E. Robertson was off a few days recently attending court at Nottoway; relieved by Bro. Carmack, extra.

Ford—Bro. A. S. Vaiden off one day and at Dinwiddie, C. H., buying a horse; relieved by Bro. Carmack, extra.

Bro. "Bob" Dewsbury off three nights; relieved by commercial Bro. Cook.

Church Road—Bro. J. H. Hardy was off March 15th attending court; relieved by extra telegrapher A. C. Johnson, from Petersburg.

Addison—W. S. Hall was off March 28th to April 3d; relieved by extra telegrapher M. H. Rose.

Farmville—Bro. C. E. Ellington was off three days recently; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook.

Pamplin—Bro. Rice was off duty for a week or ten days; relieved by C. P. Williams.

Lynchburg, "X" tower—Bro. Carson has been off a few days; relieved by Bro. Rice.

Appomattox—Bro. Boothe is off on a vacation; he and family are visiting relatives in Georgia; relieved by Bro. Shannan.

Kenny—Mr. Dawson bid in the night position, leaving third trick at Juniper on the board.

Goode (new agency)—Bro. Jacob Bonsack has been assigned to the regular position as agent. This move makes first trick at Wakefield vacant.

Bedford—Bro. Frank Layne bid in third trick.

Bro. H. L. Warner is off a few days attending the funeral of one of his favorite aunts in Pennsylvania.

Negotiations with the management have been closed satisfactorily, and our committee is to be congratulated upon the cool-headed, business-like manner in which the business was carried forward in the face of unexpected developments.

It should be a matter of pride, not only to every member on the Norfolk & Western Railway, but to the membership at large; the fact that we



ROY RICE,
Delegate Div. No. 31.

have not lost an inch, but, on the contrary, have gained ground, slowly but surely, is certainly enough to convince the few hardshells that they are on the wrong side of the fence.

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It is now up to every man who wants to see still greater success to boost the service and make it as nearly perfect as it possibly can be made. Let it be said that the telegraph service on the N. & W. is a model for others to copy; then boost the Order. If you have a grievance, don't take it to your side-partner, or worse still, to the engineer and train crews, but take it to your local chairman or his assistant, and you may feel assured that it will be adjusted in accordance with our agreement. If it should happen that there are flaws in the agreement, it's up to the telegraphers to come together and make that agreement more perfect. It can not be done without the hearty support and influence of all telegraphers. CERT. 110.

Michigan Central Ry.

It is with regret that we announce the death of our correspondent, Bro. Geo. W. Lewis, of Middleville, Mich. Bro. Lewis had not been feeling well for some time. Upon retiring for the night he felt no alarming symptoms, but died suddenly, about two o'clock in the morning. Mr. Lewis was one of the oldest telegraphers on the M. C. in point of service, and will be greatly missed.

Things along the line of this road have been rather quiet of late. Business is on the increase, however. The embargo on live stock has been entirely lifted, thus removing one of the principal causes of complaint. The Canadian Government has prohibited the transportation of live stock through Canada for the past several months, and the company was obliged to divert all live stock via Toledo.

The annual statement of the M. C. showed a considerable falling off in earnings for the year 1908. However, their operating expenses were a great deal lower, so that, upon the whole, there was a net increase of eight per cent.

The Western Union and Great Northwestern commission question is still being agitated on the lines of the M. C. The question seems to be a mooted one, the W. U. and G. N.-W. claiming to have made a new contract with the railroad company whereby the railroad was to reimburse the telegraphers for the commission formerly paid by the commercial companies. The railroad company denies having entered into such a contract, and, in the meantime, the telegraphers are the ones to suffer, as they have received no commission since October. Perhaps the commercial companies consider that they achieved a grand stroke of business when they accomplished the cutting off of commissions; however, later on, no doubt they will conclude that it was not a financial success after all. I wonder who will solicit business for them? They have treated the public in such a contemptible manner that they have not a friend on earth. The matter was brought before the conciliatory board in Canada, with the result that the decision was against the G. N.-W. Not another company doing business on these lines, where the employes are required to handle or attend to their business ask such employes to do it for nothing. The express companies, accident insurance companies, and sales machine companies pay a very liberal commission, and the work in connection therewith is small when compared with that of the Western Union, which company is always whining about this charity work not being given first attention.

Although the telegraphers on the M. C. are quite well organized, still there are a few who have failed to join and do something in appreciation of what others have done for them. When you ask them to join they trot out the threadbare chestnut that they are going into other business, which they never do. Each brother should consider himself a special committee of one to see that all in his immediate vicinity are members, or know the reason why. Thorough organization pays. Capital has organized and their principal object is to keep the wage earners under their thumb. If we are to successfully combat them we must also organize and be ready to meet them half way. Let our slogan be "No card, no favors."



H. J. MOHLER,
Delegate Div. No. 31.

You will forward any items of news, such as changes in your office, etc., to your local chairman, who will see that same is forwarded to the proper person. CERT. 123.

Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—

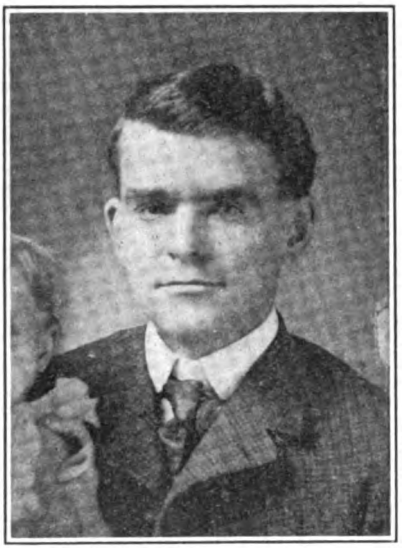
Bro. L. G. Frankfurth, third trick at Waters, resigned April first, and is now working for the C. R. I. & P., in Iowa. He was relieved by H. A. Branch.

Bro. F. G. Dorriell, second trick at Gaylord, off duty the first of the month, relieved by Bro. L. R. Porter, who has taken the second trick at Lansing permanently.

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Bro. W. J. Shaw, the first trick man at Grayling, is now in Bay City, posting up as extra dispatcher, and we are quite sure he will make a first-class man. We wish him success.

Bro. J. E. Berry, first trick at Bay City, and W. Steinhoff, second trick, were off for some time this month, both being down with pneumonia. Bro. Berry is back again and we understand Mr. Steinhoff is getting better. Bros. Flood, Gordon and others did the relief work during their absence.



W. F. SAWREY,
Delegate Div. No. 31.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Shelton, of Bath, Mich., who was one of our oldest and staunchest members. Bro. Shelton committed suicide by shooting himself during a fit of temporary insanity brought on by ill health. The funeral was held at Flint, Mich., and a beautiful floral emblem of the Order was among the many flowers.

Bro. M. J. Granger, first trick at Mackinaw City, is already making preparations to attend the biennial session of the Grand Division at Atlanta, Ga., which convenes May 10.

Bro. J. F. Hasely, formerly second trick at Cheboygan, is now agent at Bath. CERT. 89.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Order who contributed the beautiful floral offering to my beloved son, J. E. Shelton, whose death occurred April 14, 1909. Yours fraternally,

MARY SHELTON,
Bath, Mich.

East Toledo and Bay City Divisions—

Everything is so quiet and orderly in these parts that it requires quite an effort to even attempt to write anything of interest to the fraternity.

Business appears to be improving since the Canadian government raised the embargo on live stock shipments and it is gratifying to note that the usual routine of business is re-established.

There is no surplus of telegraphers on this line, and some times difficult to obtain relief.

The meeting held at Detroit, April 14, was quite well attended and the evening was pleasantly and profitably spent in the discussion of matters of interest to our branch of the service.

J. W. McNamara, from "F," Detroit, office, has been transferred to Supt. Millington's office.

The first trick at Monroe was recently on bulletin. Bro. Eames, who was on second trick, moves to first, and Bro. Shoner, from South Rockwood, is working second. South Rockwood is to be bulletined later.

Bro. Parsons of Windsor, contemplates attending the Yukon exhibition at Seattle. XYZ.

West, Joliet and Benton Harbor Divisions—

We have now gotten over the excitement of election. Having seen the good resulting from organization can't we try just a little harder to make the year of 1909 another and brighter star in the crown of the good old O. R. T.? It would be a pity to drag along in the same old rut and not endeavor to better our condition? We have but few nons, and I am glad to note that the number is gradually growing less, due, no doubt, to the individual efforts of the members.

Bro. Wolcott, agent at Gary, resigned recently, and has been relieved by Mr. Goodrich, who was formerly agent at Tolleston. The latter station is still in the hands of the relief agent.

Dispatcher Pfeifer was off duty several days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Quance.

Bro. Stanley Crane, of Hammond depot, has been enjoying a vacation, which he spent up in Michigan, visiting relatives. He was relieved by Mr. Willis, who was in turn relieved by Mr. Ward, from "GN," Gibson.

The new addition to Tolleston tower has been completed and the boys now have their hands full.

Bro. Colvin, agent at Willow Creek, is laying off on account of a serious affliction of the eyes. He was relieved by Mr. Glover.

Bro. Kluge has left "TY," Michigan City, to go west. He was relieved by Bro. Murphy.

Mr. Dryer, of Galien, is in a serious condition at a hospital in Chicago, where he recently went to undergo an operation. He was relieved by Mr. R. C. Fuller, late of the N. P. Ry.

Mr. T. A. Mitchell is working second trick at Galien, temporarily.

We learn that Bro. Wolcott has been reinstated and is working at Chicago Heights days, relieving Bro. Duncan. Bro. Duncan is making a two months' relief there on account of Agent R. D. Chatfield having been granted a leave of absence.

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Bro. G. E. Alexander, at East Gary, has been appointed correspondent of the West, Joliet and Benton Harbor Divisions, so if the boys will kindly help by sending all items to him we will have a good write-up each month.

UNCLE DUDLEY.

Middle Division—

Bro. Brewer, who recently worked third trick at Niles depot, relieved Bro. Virgo, first trick at Cassopolis tower, a few days, going from there to third trick at East Yards, Jackson, where he is now relieving Telegrapher Milsdon. Bro. Mohler, from Chicago, is working third trick at Niles at present.

Bro. Spencer is still off duty, and is working the extra stunt at Jackson ("SF"), a few nights a week. Bro. Northrop is holding the second trick at Niles until his return.

Wm. Frackleton is new night ticket clerk at Niles, Mr. Spencer, Jr., having gone to Jackson to work in ticket office. We understand that Bro. Lutz, from Hastings, bid in the agency at Glenwood.

The ice houses are full, and ice messages have disappeared. The ice all came from the Mackinaw division. The work train at Barron Lake has been taken off, and Conductor Malone is again on through freight.

Nearly everyone is working steadily. All of the extra men seem to be working.

Middleville, first hours, Nashville second and Middleville third are vacant. The death of our esteemed Bro. Lewis caused the first vacancy. We understand that Bro. Leroy Mead takes first trick at Middleville.

Bro. Boyland, of Lake Shore tower, is off a few days. Bro. Miller, from third at Hatres tower, worked first trick at L. S. tower during his absence. Bro. Helt relieved Bro. Miller.

Let us all try to make our division solid. If you work at the same station with a non tell him why he should join our Order, and make it strong and to the point. CERT. 414.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to remove from our midst our loyal and beloved Brother George W. Lewis, and while we humbly submit to the will of an all-wise Providence, yet we deeply feel the loss of our friend and co-worker. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, Division No. 16, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing wife and family its sincere sympathy in this, their loss, which is irreparable; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed with the records of this division, a copy sent to the stricken family and our esteemed brother, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. C. CULKINS,
J. J. LEAVY,
C. M. BROWN,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers:

We wish to express our appreciation of the beautiful floral tribute and sympathy extended during our recent bereavement.

MRS. MARY LEWIS,
MISS LEWIS,
MR. AND MRS. W. J. LEWIS,
MR. AND MRS. H. G. LEWIS.

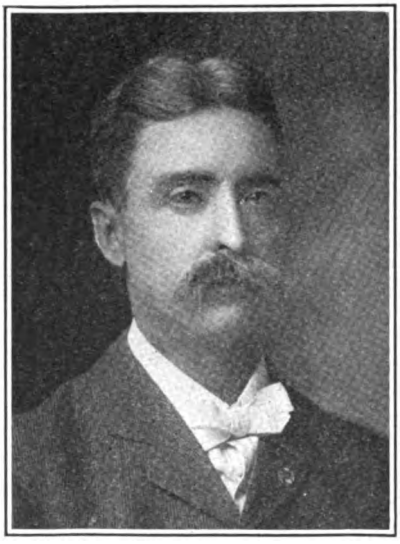
New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Cleveland Division—

The following is the result of the election held by Division No. 18: Bro. E. M. Mulcahy, delegate to the convention and local chairman, First District; Bro. C. F. Mayer, alternate to the convention and local chairman, Second District; Bro. A. F. Hixon, local chairman, Third District; Bro. W. A. Hite, local chairman, Fourth District.

Bros. K. C. Smith and Sedgwick, second and third trick men at "CD," Cleveland, were recently off several days; relieved by Copier Crane, who was in turn relieved by Mr. E. P. La Moreaux, an extra man.

Bro. C. F. Mayer, first trick at Rocky River, has been off duty several days, on account of the death of his brother. He was relieved by second trick man Bro. R. E. Gifford, who was in turn relieved by Mr. E. P. La Moreaux.



J. E. FARLOW,
Delegate Div. No. 31.

Second trick at "SI," Sheffield, has been abolished, putting the station back on a twelve-hour basis; hours from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Do not know where Mr. R. B. Hammond, who worked second trick, went.

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Bro. H. S. Dunlap, agent at Euclid, laid off several days, on account of being ill. He was relieved by Mr. W. H. Stoltz.

Bro. H. R. Kist, third trick at Shinrock, was off duty several days. He was relieved by Mr. E. P. La Moreaux.

Bro. A. C. Stiles, third trick at Euclid, was off duty several days lately, on account of an attack of rheumatism. He was relieved by Mr. E. R. Miller, of Willoughby, nights, who was in turn relieved by Telegraphers Morse and La Moreaux.

Sister McEwen, first trick at Woodland, has returned to work, after several weeks' of illness. She was relieved by Mrs. E. R. Shepard.

Mr. C. M. Welker, who worked as fourth man at Bellevue yards, has been relieved by Mr. W. H. Stoltz. Mr. Stoltz was in turn relieved by Bro. H. N. Jones, from the Ft. Wayne Division, and is now working third trick at Bellevue Depot, having relieved Mr. W. H. Whitmore.



R. M. CROCKETT,
Alternate Div. No. 31.

Bro. R. E. Gifford, second trick at Rocky River, was off duty several days; relieved by Mr. E. P. La Moreaux.

C. C. Hall, a former Nickel Plate telegrapher, and once a member of the Order, is now employed as instructor at The Scientific Telegraph College, at Cleveland, O.

There are a few brothers on this division who are not up-to-date. It is about time that all worthy members should be able to show up-to-date cards; so, those who can not, had better "get busy." "BUSTER."

Bro. F. G. O'Neill, formerly third trick at Continental, has resigned to enter the implement business with his father-in-law at Continental. We wish him success in his new venture. He is being relieved. until the vacancy is bulletined, by Telegrapher C. A. Brown.

Bro. Hixon, first trick at Continental, was off duty one day recently, on account of sickness in the family; relieved by Telegrapher C. H. Monroe, who is on the extra list.

Bro. Parker, the first trick man at Leipsic Junction, is laying off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher J. S. Davis.

Bro. Johnston, second trick man at Leipsic Junction, was recently off duty a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Monroe.

Bro. Hixon laid off one day last month and attended a meeting of the General Committee at Cleveland. He was relieved by Telegrapher J. S. Davis.

Bro. C. L. Zimmerman, who works third trick at New Haven, Ind., was off a few days about Easter time, visiting at Greensprings and Maple Grove. He was relieved by Telegrapher Dimmick, from South Whitley.

Last month Bro. E. V. Stineman, of New Haven, made a trip to California, and upon his arrival at Los Angeles secured a position with the Southern Pacific Ry. We are informed that he has decided to remain in that country. We wish Bro. Stineman success.

Meetings will be held at Leipsic on the third Wednesday of each month hereafter, unless otherwise announced. All members of Division No. 18 are urged to attend, and members of other divisions are cordially invited to be present. Meetings will be called to order at 7:30 p. m., and will adjourn in time for the east end men to catch No. 4.

A. F. Dill, who has been spending some time in the West, has returned to the "Nick," and is working a trick at McComb. COR.

To the Members of Division No. 18:

I wish to announce that I have been appointed correspondent for this division. Therefore, I ask that the members kindly mail in any news they may have for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER. It is up to the members as well as to the undersigned to furnish news for the write-up from this division. Let each one do his part, and I will send in as good a communication from Division No. 18 as possible each month. Thanking you all very kindly in advance, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

E. G. MANSON,
P. O. Box 135, Vermillion, O.

Second District—

Bro. C. F. Mayer is holding the agency at Rocky River, relieving H. W. Stearns, the regular agent, who is taking a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Burnap is doing the copying "stunt" from noon until 9 p. m.

Bro. Gebhardt, who works the second trick at Kimball, is off a few days on account of sickness in the family; relieved by Mr. La Moreaux, an extra telegrapher from Willoughby.

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The third trick at Bellevue depot, and the third trick at Bellevue yard office are bulletined.

The trick at Mentor has been on bulletin for the past two months. Apparently twelve or thirteen hours per day don't look good to the boys.



MRS. M. E. RAY,
Alternate Div. No. 31.

The second trick at Sheffield has been abolished.

Telegrapher Hawey is working days, from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Bro. E. M. Mulcahy has resigned as general chairman and local chairman of the First District. We are sorry to record this fact, but he has some side issue and did not feel that he could give the office proper attention. We wish Bro. Mulcahy success in his present and future enterprises.

Bro. Ferry has been appointed local chairman of the First District. Bro. Mayer, local chairman of the Second District, and general secretary and treasurer. Bro. Hixon, local chairman of the Third District, and general chairman. Bro. Hite, local chairman of the Fourth District.

Bro. Weider, who has been working third trick at Kimball, has resigned.

Dispatcher Bumap is working the first trick a few days, while Dispatcher Connors is enjoying a vacation. E. G. M..

C., M. & St. P. Ry.

La Crosse Division—

The Grand Convention which will be called to order May 10th, at Atlanta, Ga., will doubtless prove to be one of the greatest meetings ever held in the history of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Brothers will be present from all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Local Chairman Bro. Upham will be on hand to represent the La Crosse Division. After the convention is over we will hold a local meeting for the benefit of this division, either at Portage or La Crosse, and we request that all the brothers attend.

Dispatcher W. G. Bowen was off duty a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Jones, of Sparta, relieving him. Bro. Jones also relieved Bro. Donnelly, of Sparta.

Bro. Marsh will work third trick at Sparta for a few nights. Bro. Marsh for some time past has been working in dispatcher's office, but that office has been dispensed with, which places him on the extra list.

Bro. Wm. Alvord, of Duplaneville, is enjoying a trip to the Pacific Coast; relieved by Bro. Swang. Bro. Bean relieved Bro. Swang. Bro. Henry Alvord has accepted the agency at Okauchee.

Bro. Loeser, of Watertown, is off duty for a few days; relieved by Bro. Hayes.

Several changes have been made at the non-telegraph stations during the past three weeks. A new agent has been installed at Richwood, this being the third or fourth one inside of a year.

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I. & M. Division—

In behalf of Fred's wife, as well as myself, I would like to tender my sincere thanks to each and every one of the O. R. T. boys of the



H. A. SHULER,
Alternate Div. No. 31.

I. & M. Division, for the beautiful pillow of flowers contributed by them on the occasion of the burial of my son, F. S. White, whose death occurred on Friday last, after a long and painful

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illness. Such a kindly remembrance in his behalf from his friends and brothers of the Order, I assure you can never be forgotten by us, and I would like as far as possible to thank them for this kindly tribute of respect and esteem.

Sincerely,

M. J. WHITE.

C. & C. B., in Iowa Division—

Bro. W. E. Rose has been working second trick, extra, at "JO," Marion yard office, for a few days.

Bro. T. C. Peterman, of Perry dispatcher's office, accompanied by his wife, visited friends at Slater, Sunday, April 11th.

Bro. J. N. Elsner is relieving Bro. G. W. Ireland, at Langworthy. Bro. Elsner is being relieved, at Morley, by Relief Telegrapher Parmenter.

Our genial General Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. G. E. Soyster, has resigned the agency at Covington, and is now permanently located at Cedar Rapids.



E. J. BYRNE,
Alternate Div. No. 31.

Bro. R. J. Waugh, recently of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is working third trick at Slater, dividing his time between the tower and the depot.

Bro. L. M. Phelps, of Marion yard, second trick, is laying off six months, to try his luck with Uncle Sam, in The Railway Mail Service.

All brothers should be very careful not to use non-union products, and should use special care in the selection of cook stoves, breakfast foods and hats. Do not patronize any one who tries to rob labor of its rights.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek did not go to Manning, as reported in the former issue, but landed the third trick at Delmar Junction. Bro. W. M. Arrasmith, secured the second trick at Manning, and Bro. A. C. Hutton, Slater tower, third trick.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, of the Middle Division, has been appointed second trick telegrapher at Delmar Junction, relieving Bro. Bailey, who was assigned to the third trick at Herndon, on bulletin. Bro. Bailey was subsequently appointed telegrapher at Clinton, succeeding Bro. E. T. Farnham.

A third trick telegrapher has been added to the force at Delmar Junction, Bro. W. K. Hodgson landing the job. Bro. W. R. Knight is filling in at present, he having been relieved at Lost Nation by Bro. J. H. Brubaker, of the Wisconsin Central.

Bro. Geo. Ramsey and wife, of Eldridge, are enjoying a three weeks' vacation in the "Sunny South," stopping off at Birmingham, Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans and Ponchatoula. They expect to spend a week or ten days in the pine woods on Santa Rosa Sound, Fla.

Bro. F. M. Kelly, of Bouton, is laying off, on account of the serious illness of his wife. He is being relieved by Bro. C. E. Miller, who was relieved at Madrid, second trick, by Bro. A. O. Olson. We understand that Bro. Miller intends to remain on the extra list this summer.

Bro. L. F. Mouser, of Madrid, third trick, has been granted a month's lay-off, and has gone into the land business in South Dakota, with headquarters at Woodward. Telegrapher O. H. Darby is working third trick at Madrid, until Bro. F. R. Hoesly, of Bayard, takes charge. We understand that Mr. Darby is to quit railroading soon.

Bro. L. Dove has been appointed to the six months' vacancy at Browns, relieving Bro. F. G. Zeiser. Bro. R. L. Leamon to the six months' vacancy, second trick, Marion Yard. Telegrapher J. H. Harding to the six months' vacancy, second trick, Capron. Pearl Doyle to the six months' vacancy, second trick, Neola. Bro. W. E. Rose to the six months' vacancy, third trick, Paralta. Bro. F. R. Hoesly, to the six months' vacancy at Madrid. The third trick, six months at Olin, and the third trick, six months at Herndon, are on bulletin.

Bro. E. L. Nunn, has been appointed to the third trick at Ferguson. Bro. R. N. Wogan, of Huxley, to third trick at Cambridge tower. Bro. D. W. Rynor got second instead of third trick at Capron, Bro. R. L. Merrill landing the third. Bro. M. P. Richardson got Keystone, third trick. Bro. W. E. Rose, Collins, third trick, instead of Paralta, six months. Telegrapher A. P. Hopkinton, Des Moines River, third trick. Bro. Thomas Griswald, second trick at Maxwell. Bro. M. L. Blakeslee, second trick at Defiance, and Bro. H. H. White, got Covington, nights.

Bro. C. W. Hall, formerly of Covington, has been appointed agent at Elwood; Bro. L. F. Rogers, of Madrid, agent at Bagley; Bro. N. N. Embree, of Maxwell, agent at Madrid; Bro. E. T. Farnham, of Clinton, agent at Maxwell; Bro. D. A. Bowen, of Underwood, agent at Covington; Bro. J. H. Murphy, of Haverhill, agent at

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Underwood; Bro. C. R. Posten, of Capron, agent at Herndon, and Bro. W. W. Stahl, of Maxwell, second trick, agent at Capron. Haverhill and Huxley agencies are on bulletin. The old agents are as bad to migrate as the younger ones.

The brothers are not sending in items as they should. Please bear in mind that it is up to each



A. M. HEUSLER,
Alternate Div. No. 31.

one individually to send in whatever news that comes to his notice. When a member has anything to say concerning himself, or others, he should not wait for some one else to tell about it, but jot it down on a postal card, and send it in. This is the only way we can have a good, clean write-up each month. "JOHN TILE."

S. M. Division—

Another month has rolled around, and with it a decrease in business which has been good since last fall.

There are quite a number of changes among the boys on account of Bro. Canfield's appointment as postmaster at Winnebago.

Bro. T. P. Horton, extra dispatcher, has returned to Ramsey, days, after about a week spent at his home in La Crosse. While there he relieved C. M. Aughey, third trick dispatcher, who attended the O. R. C. annual ball at Dubuque.

Bro. Gunderson, formerly relief agent, bid in Wykoff on permanent bulletin, and is now settled there. He enjoyed a few days' visit at his home at New Richland, Minn.; relieved by Bro. Spike Parker.

Bro. J. M. Olson has been appointed to the agency at Welcome, and has taken charge of that station.

Bro. Mathison, relief agent, has taken charge of Grand Meadow, until appointment is made on bulletin.

Bro. Parker worked third trick at Ramsey; Bro. Knutson, second, and Charlie Stephenson, days, while Bro. Hortons was at La Crosse, relieving.

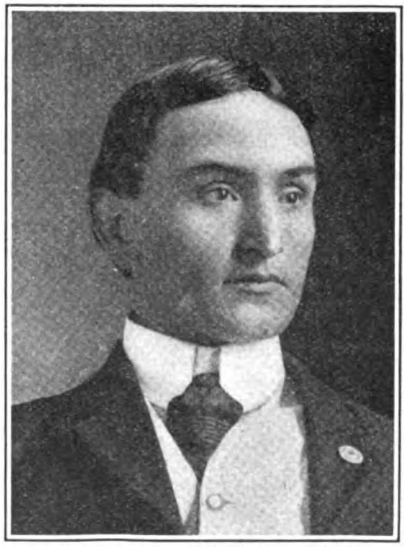
Bro. Tagland, clerk at Wells, is off duty a few days, visiting his home in Rushford, on account of his brother having returned from the navy. He was relieved by Olaf Bachman, now in Uncle Sam's mail service, between Austin and Mason City.

Bro. O. A. Laugen has taken up his duties as agent at Winnebago, vice Relief Agent Stewart, who has been there for a couple of months.

Bro. Odegard, day telegrapher at Winnebago, off duty temporarily, and is being relieved by some helper from the west end. The position is now open for permanent appointment. We can not say where Bro. Odegard is going.

The appointment of J. M. Olson to the Winnebago agency, for a term of six months, has been canceled, and the bulletin made a permanent one; this makes it nicer for all concerned, as the man taking the position can move his family there and rest assured that he will not be bumped when the six months is up.

We understand that Bro. Zenor is working at Hatfield.



C. H. BUTLER,
Alternate Div. No. 31.

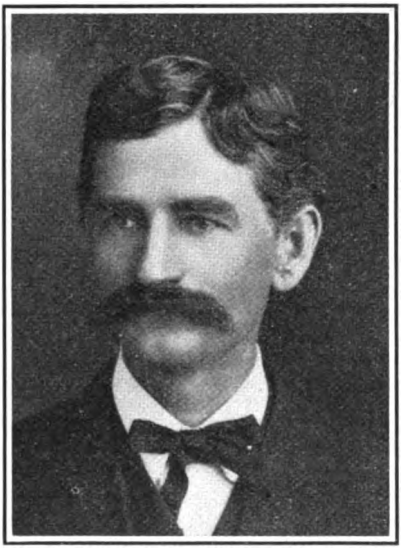
Bro. J. W. Malone has returned to Jackson, nights. While absent a student named Whalan relieved him.

It is rumored that our old friend Ed Malone has gone to the Extension.

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Bro. Harmon, who was bumped at Bryant, has been relieving Bro. Fry, at Howard, for about ten days.

Agent Earl, at Erwin, will soon resume work, after having been engaged in business for about four months. Various agents have been at this station during his absence.



J. A. BIDDLE,
Delegate Div. No. 32.

The writer is indebted to Bro. Fry, at Howard, and Bro. Wood, at Spring Valley, for items. Let the good work go on, and no matter how small the item, send it in.

The Extension of the Milwaukee is now through to the coast, so far as rails are concerned, the last spike having been driven about the last of March. There remains a great deal of ballasting and filling of temporary bridges to be done which will consume considerable time, so it will no doubt be early next year before the fast passenger trains are put on. Many rumors are going the rounds that the S. M. will get considerable business off the Extension via Bristol, but as yet have heard nothing definite.

DIV. COR.

River Division—

Election is over and I think everybody is well pleased to know that for the next two years our welfare will continue to be ably looked after by worthy Bro. W. G. Hanson, of Lake City, who has been elected local chairman. Bro. Hanson will also represent us at the National Convention in Atlanta in May, and will see to it that the confidence reposed in him is not misplaced.

The force in "C" office, Minneapolis, has been reduced on account of light business, and Bro. H. M. Erickson is now working first trick at King's Cooley.

Bro. Ray Sanborn, of Merriam Park, has been elected manager of the South Minneapolis High School base ball team.

Telegrapher Jimmy Donohue, at Lower Yard (St. Paul), is devoting his spare moments to studying law, and hopes to become one of the shining lights of the Ramsey County bar.

Bro. W. G. Hanson is doing his annual stunt at Lake City for a month looking after the company's interests in the shipment of trees from the Jewell Nursery Co. Relieved on the first trick by Bro. Stegner, who was relieved on second trick by Bro. Lester, of Minneapolis. When through at the Nursery, Bro. Hanson will arrange for his trip to Atlanta as delegate to the convention.

Did you ask the reason for that satisfied smile on the face of Bro. Fitzgerald, of Merriam Park? After allowing him to grope around in darkness for eighteen years, the company took compassion on him and now his "domicile of discontent" is brilliantly lighted by electricity.

Bro. C. W. Workman, who has been relieving agent Frank Brown at Dakota on account of sickness, resumed his trick at Lake City on the first of the month.

Monster preparations are under way for the double eclipse circus, to be held at Frontenac in May. Bro. Tackaberry will have his hands full taking care of the crowd, if the special trains expected from both directions materialize.



P. E. DAUGHERTY,
Delegate Div. No. 32.

I. P. Deschneau, acting agent at Stillwater, has been relieved by Telegrapher Frank Galliven. From the present dope-sheet we judge that Mr. Deschneau will soon be appointed permanent agent

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at that station, which is not covered by our schedule.

Mrs. W. C. Crandall, telegrapher at Chippewa Falls, is back at the old stand. She was relieved by Bro. Scott, who has now gone to Merriam Park to relieve Bro. Sanborn.



J. E. McQUADE,
Delegate Div. No. 32.

Bro. Moore, of Hastings, is on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Maloney.

Bro. K. K. Brainerd, agent at Durand, Wis., has returned from a month's vacation on the Pacific Coast, and reports a most enjoyable trip. He was relieved by Mr. J. B. Stahl, of Chippewa Falls.

Business on the Chippewa Valley Division is reported quite good and improving. In looking over comparative statements a marked increase in both "received" and "forwarded" is noted.

Bro. Art Faulkner, of Chestnut street (St. Paul), was absent from duty for a few days on a company law-suit; relieved by Bro. Scott.

Telegrapher W. G. Kenyon, at Signal Tower, who is taking an enforced vacation on account of sickness, is being relieved by Bro. J. H. Levall, who recently returned from the Philippines.

Bro. H. C. Vogel, first trick at Hastings, is acting agent for a few weeks; relieved by Bro. Moore.

Bro. P. J. Reed, of Blackbird Jct., has taken third trick at Hastings, and is being relieved by Bro. Myers, from "VD," Minneapolis.

After being laid up for the winter two work trains and a steam shovel are again in operation on the double-track work east of Hastings.

On May 1st the United States Express Company, which has been operating over the C. M. & St. P. Ry. for years, will give way to the Wells-Fargo Express Co., and the latter will also operate the Coast Extension. As this will give them a through Northern route from Atlantic to Pacific, we have heard no complaints from brother agents working on a commission basis.

The last rail in the new Extension (Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Ry.) was laid a few weeks ago, but we understand that the overland passenger service will not begin until the new line is properly ballasted.

Repeaters were recently installed in "C" office, Minneapolis, and Seattle and Tacoma now work direct with Chicago. CERT. 1908.

Third District—

Bro. Morganson, of Lincoln avenue days, is laid up with rheumatism, and has taken a sixty-day leave of absence; relieved by Mr. Gustave Bouett.

Bro. Laas, of Belmont avenue days, has resumed duty, and Bro. Corcoran is again on the night trick.

The death of Mr. J. P. Shreenan, of dispatcher's office days, was a great surprise to all of us. He was at the hospital getting along nicely after an operation for appendicitis, when complications set in and death came quickly. Mr. Movery, of Glenview, made an effort to secure a floral offering, but the body was removed to Darlington, Wis., before his object could be accomplished.



P. M. GAMBLE,
Delegate Div. No. 32.

Our sympathies are with Mrs. Shreenan and the relatives in their affliction.

Bro. F. C. Mauck, the agent at Grayland, was called home in March on account of the death of his father, which occurred March 4th. The

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sympathy of all is extended to him in his bereavment.

Bro. W. P. Joyce, now working at Warrenton nights, has been transferred to Division No. 23 from Division No. 76.

Mr. J. H. Beland, who removed to Kenosha not long since, is to return to Truesdell as agent.

Bro. L. D. Stockton, formerly agent at Wadsworth, has moved to Findlay, Ohio, where he is engaged in the land business. L. C.

Iowa & Minnesota Division—

The I. & M. line-up bids fair to become the banner-winner of the system. Hobson, of Cleveland, Jannichek, of Mendota, Harris, of Rosemount, Barker, at Farmington, Carroll, at Cleve-



J. H. D. SMITH,
Delegate Div. No. 32.

land, have all entered the fold. Webster, at Minneapolis, also up-to-date again, while Condon, at Farmington, at last report had done the necessary.

This gives us practically a solid line-up, with the exception of a few non-scheduled agents, one backslider, a hopeless case, on the cut-off, and the new man at Taopi, who has plenty of good intentions but is a little slow with the documents.

Bro. F. S. White, agent at Taopi until about a year ago, died recently at his father's home in Cresco, and was brought to Le Roy for burial. Bro. White has been afflicted for a number of years, and remained on duty until his eyesight failed so that he was unable to continue at work. Since that time he continued to fail until his death resulted.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The All-wise ruler has called Bro. F. S. White to another world, and relieved him of the trouble and afflictions of this, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Almighty; be it

Resolved, That in his death we lose an esteemed and faithful brother, his wife a devoted husband, and his father a dutiful and obedient son; also be it

Resolved, By the members of I. & M. Division of C., M. & St. P. System, Division 23, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the wife and father of Bro. White in the hour of their affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be spread on the record of the division, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. N. MEYERS,
H. E. WILSON,
E. L. BARLOW,
Committee.

A number of brothers on the east end attended the funeral of Bro. White at Le Roy. Supt. Clemons and Roadmaster McShane also were there.

Members on the I. & M. sent a beautiful floral emblem bearing the letters O. R. T.

H. E. WILSON, *Correspondent.*

C. C. B. Ill., R. S. W. Divisions—

There is not much doing this month and, consequently, news is scarce. The boys seem to be sticking to their jobs.

Mr. E. J. Prall, agent at Clinton Jct., has taken a year's vacation and is going to work with his brother at Freeport. Have not heard who relieved him.

Just as I am writing this I chanced to hear that Telegrapher Sloan was called to Savanna to see the chief. We understand that he had not been attending to "biz," and consequently was reported.

There seems to be quite a lot of friction between a number of the telegraphers and the dispatchers, which can be done away with to a great extent if the boys will meet the dispatchers half-way and try to be more pleasant. Try to create a friendly feeling between yourself and the dispatcher you are working with by assisting him in every way you can, and you will find that things will be better all around. This is not meant for the telegraphers on this division alone, but for all who may chance to read this. Get busy, be pleasant and obliging, and show your superiors that you are anxious to do what is right, and it is "dollars to doughnuts" they will do the rest, and then we will not have any more of this petty ill-feeling that seems to exist at present. It will do no harm to give it a trial. Not only between the telegraphers and dispatchers should this feeling exist, but between the telegraphers on the line as well. Treat your co-workers as if they were men and not dogs, as some of the boys are in the habit of doing. We live but once, and might just as well make it pleasant for each other, for we get enough of trouble without looking for it. Get the habit and be pleasant. DIV. COR.

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Missouri Pacific Ry.

Central Division—

Boys, you should feel proud of the Central Division, on account of the great gains we have been making in the past month. Robinson, Berry, Blake, Rozzell, McKnight and Blakely taken into the folds of No. 31 this month. By the help of



F. G. CASEY,
Delegate Div. No. 32.

each member on this division I know we can make it solid by June 30. Now, everybody join hands and make Mr. Non a scarce article. Just think of the good that has been accomplished here. We are now eighty per cent and still going upward.

Bro. Wilkerson, agent Lenapah, has resigned. Unable to say where he is going. Bro. Adcock, day telegrapher at Claremore, has bid in Lenapah agency. It is nice to have one brother fill another's shoes when a vacancy occurs.

Bro. Maddox, who has been working nights at Palarm, landed the third trick at Nowata.

Bro. Berry, a true-blue style from the El Paso & Southwestern, assigned to agency at Claremore.

Bro. Phelps, of Nowata, is now working at New Orleans with the Frisco. Says the S. P. and H. & T. C. are strictly solid O. R. T.

New man at Oolagah. Can't say how he stands, as will not talk or answer letter.

Telegrapher Brengle, Greenwood Jct., was bumped by Bro. McKnight, Brengle going to Ft. Smith days, and again rolled by Bro. Blakely.

Telegrapher Brenenman, an up-to-date Western Union man, worked few days in Ft. Smith, but has now gone to the Postal at same point.

Bro. Walsh, from Neodesha, is working nights at Ft. Smith until assignment is made. This is bid in by Bro. Mitchell, of Conway.

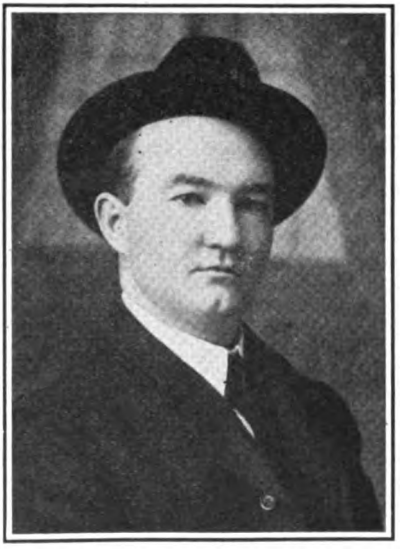
Spadra, days, has been closed, Bro. Blakely getting Ft. Smith, days.

The east end is in total darkness to me. Brothers, I can't see why you could not send me a few items each month. As soon as you receive your journal the first thing you look for is Central Division, and you see nothing, you say to yourself: "Can't see why there is never anything from this end." How can there be when no one takes any interest.

Here is a bunch of the nons on Central Division. I hope each brother will write them a note explaining where they stand.

Mr. J. W. Mollard, Claremore, Okla., G. F. Morgan, Inola, Okla., J. H. Spencer, Illinois, Okla., J. L. Quinn, Vian, Okla., Wesley Garrett, Sallisaw, Okla., F. Noyes, Jenny Lind, Ark., J. C. Berger and F. E. Lucand, dispatcher's office, Van Buren, Ark., R. M. Wildman, Ozark, Ark., S. P. Jett, Hartman, J. F. Logsdon, Spadra, Ark., E. M. Stehwein, Knoxville, Ark., Chas. Haskins, Atkins, Ark., G. A. Winters, Plumerville, Ark., A. C. Monette, Morrilton, Ark., Robt. Marshall, Palarm, Ark. The above sixteen names are nons. Looks bad for this division, but only five months ago we had thirty-seven of this class. You can see what great inroads we are making on them.

Boys, keep this list of nons, and kindly remember them when you are asked a favor, for I have begged this bunch with tears in my eyes and got no sympathy at their hands. V. C. W.



J. G. CAMPBELL,
Alternate Div. No. 32.

Sedalia District—

Bro. D. E. Smith is at present attending court at Cape Girardeau, and is being relieved at Waverly by Bro. A. W. Williams.

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Mr. J. S. Ford, Jr., is working extra at Grand Pass, while the regular agent, Bro. J. E. Farrell, is on leave of absence.

Mr. R. S. Davis is working nights at Grand Pass, extra, relieving Bro. H. Williams, who has been working a few nights at Pleasant Hill, and is now taking a vacation.



J. E. STEELE,
Alternate Div. No. 32.

Bro. L. M. Nance secured the agency at Naptonville on bid.

Bro. Hopkins, of "CY," Kansas City, was absent several days on account of the death of a sister. He was relieved by Mr. Robinson, who also relieved Bro. Rice, while the latter was attending the meeting of local chairmen in St. Louis.

Bro. J. D. Jones has been checked in as agent at Centertown, permanently.

Mr. H. R. Lessell secured the agency at St. Aubert on bid.

Mr. F. H. Zeitz, the agent at California, is taking a thirty days' leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. J. J. Gunn, of Pleasant Hill. Bro. Gunn is being relieved by Mr. O. F. Miller.

Bro. R. W. Oman, the second trick man at Blackwater, enjoyed a couple of weeks' vacation, recently, being relieved by Mr. Jack Corbell.

Bro. J. K. Hobbs, who works nights at Warrensburg, was off duty two weeks in March, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. A. N. Page.

Mr. Page also worked fifteen nights at Holden.

Mr. Raymond Mason is working nights at Smithton, extra.

R. O. Herndon, night man at Centretown, has been off several days on account of sickness; relieved by P. W. Aylesworth.

Bro. J. E. West, a member of the Frisco Division, is working extra at Chamois.

Bro. J. D. Ferguson is working the third trick at Chamois, relieving Bro. Charley Duncan, who is visiting relatives in Illinois.

Bro. S. R. Smith, the agent at Bunceton, has purchased a nice home, with three large lots.

Bro. A. S. Bryan is still holding the fort at Sedalia as clerk for Chief Dispatcher B. H. Knapp.

The second and third tricks have been taken off at Little Blue, on account of running our freights over the Rock Island between Pleasant Hill and Kansas City.

Bro. Homan, formerly second trick at Little Blue, is now located at Osage, on second trick.

Bro. Sam Kelley is working the third trick at Blackwater. The third man at Blackwater will be taken off as soon as the steam shovel completes work there.

Bro. C. R. Williams secured the day position at Sweet Springs on bid.

Bro. Hadwen, agent at Strasburg, is off a few days, and is being relieved by Mr. O. F. Miller.

Bro. F. A. Wilson, second trick man at Myrick, has bid in the third trick at same place, as the hours are more satisfactory.

Mr. E. W. Arnold, formerly of the Union Pacific, is working the second trick at Myrick, extra.

The writer was very sorry to be compelled to allow one issue of the journal to come out without a few items from our district, but when he started for St. Louis he only expected to be absent three or four days, instead of ten days. He did not reach home in time to send in items.

The following letter was received from Bro. C. F. Holtzen, who has been employed as day telegrapher at Sweet Springs, for some time, but has resigned to accept a more lucrative position with a milling company at that point. No doubt it will do us all good to read this letter, which may make us more appreciative.

SWEET SPRINGS, Mo., March 8, 1909.

Mr. W. L. W.:

Having accepted a position with the Sweet Springs Milling Company of this place, I have this day tendered my resignation to the Missouri Pacific Railway.

While I am leaving the service of the Mo. Pac. Ry., I am pleased to advise that I do not intend to drop my membership in the Order of Railway Telegraphers, as so many do when severing their connection with the railroad.

I have too much regard and sympathy for the grand Order of ours to withdraw my support, for I feel they need my little help as well as I need theirs.

Remember, then, my love and fellowship shall remain with you in your work, for my connection with the Order has been too pleasant and beneficial for me not to have its interest at heart.

I can say that I consider my change for the better, as I receive a better salary, shorter hours and no Sunday work, and these things are all to be considered.

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With best wishes for your future success and happiness, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

C. F. HOLTZEN.

Bro. Holtzen is building a modern cottage in Sweet Springs, as he feels more secure in his new position than he did on the road. We wish him success. W. L. W.

St. Louis District, Eastern Division—

Bro. Zasche, working second trick at 23d St., has resigned; relieved by F. E. Welch. Bro. J. J. Glynn bid in the trick.

F. E. Welch is working third trick at Kirkwood until bulletin is filled.

Bro. Spreckelmeyer is working first trick at Valley Park, relieving Bro. Waugh.

Bro. Fred Haub is now agent at Osage. He relieved Bro. Cole, who went to Centretown as agent.

W. H. Davis relieved Bro. J. W. Haub at Osage. Bro. Davis bid in an agency on the west end, but decided he did not want it, and is now working the second trick at Gasconade. W. H. Davis was relieved at Osage by Raymond Davis, of Berger, and is now working third trick at Gasconade.

Bro. S. S. Johnson, from second trick at Gasconade, bid in third trick at Washington, and Bro. Buente moved up to second trick at Washington.

Bro. Turner, the agent at Morrison, who has been sick for some time, is again at the key. Was relieved by Raymond Davis.

Second and third tricks Gasconade, second trick Osage, and third trick Kirkwood on bulletin, but do not know who will get them at this date.

CERT. 243.

Missouri Division—

Our division has not been represented in the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER in many moons, therefore I take it upon myself to write a few lines. I do not know whether we have a regular correspondent, but certain it is nothing has appeared from this division for six months. Other divisions are represented almost monthly and, as we are one of the leading divisions of the system, it would look much better if we appeared oftener. Will not some good brother write a few lines next month?

At the present writing so far as I am able to ascertain, this division is about 99 per cent strong. Within the last two months several of the most obstinate nons have come into the fold. We are glad to welcome them and hope that others (if any now exist) will follow suit.

Bro. Caldwell, at Knobel, is the acting division chairman, to whom all bids for positions should be sent and to whom grievances should be addressed. He will send them through the proper channels.

Our local chairman, W. H. Holman, having been elected to the position of General Chairman, leaves Bro. Caldwell with the position vacated by Bro. Holman.

Quite a number of changes have taken place among the telegraphers recently.

Hoxie Yard, second trick, was bid in by Bro. A. M. Crain, from Hogan.

Bro. G. M. Carter, who has been working the Hoxie Yard trick extra, has gone elsewhere on the division to work extra; have not learned where.

The Hogan position is not yet advertised.

I notice several telegraphers at stations where there are W. U. wires only doing railroad business and sending personal injury reports, etc. Since these agents receive only about thirty or thirty-five dollars per month for their work as agents and W. U. telegraphers, it appears to me that they are violating the minimum clause in our schedule. Business for the railroad wires should not be accepted from these men. In fact, they should not accept for transmission any railroad business of whatsoever nature, and when we accept business from them we are accepting $55.00 business from $35 00 agency men, which is not according to our agreement with the company.

The first and second tricks at Piedmont have been advertised and bid in. C. S. Marr secured first trick and I. E. Rainer second.

Mill Springs nights is being held down by Mr. H. N. Wilson, an extra man. Mill Springs has been advertised, but it does not appear that it has yet been bid in, as Mr. Wilson is a new man.



F. M. HASWELL,
Alternate Div. No. 32.

It is to our interest to give our employers the best service possible. We now have two excellent chiefs, who will treat us fairly, and we should put forth our best efforts to give satisfaction.

The writer knows of several changes, but does not know the names of persons bidding.

CERT. 2214.

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White River Division—

It has been a long time since I noticed anything in the journal from the White River Division.

Bro. M. G. Benning resigned third trick at Crane and was relieved by Mr. Blassingame.

Bro. W. K. Cottrell, of Galena, is taking a leave of absence, and is being relieved by Bro. W. G. Mackey. Bro. Mackey bid in third trick at Crane.

Bro. J. H. Taylor, who resigned his position as agent at Crane about two years ago, is running the Portland Hotel at that place. We are glad to know that Bro. Taylor is prospering.

All who have not secured current cards should pay dues today and not wait until tomorrow; tomorrow never comes.



F. R. O'CONNER,
Alternate Div. No. 32.

J. W. Wooley, the agent at Cotter, who is sick and laying off, is being relieved by extra Dispatcher W. H. Duey.

Hurley has been opened as a non-telegraph station, and we understand that Battlefield will also be opened as a non-telegraph station in the near future.

Hollister, Mo., has been opened as a Western Union office only. The agent is a student from the Springfield Business College.

Mr. F. L. Moeller, who went from Yellville, Ark., to relieve J. W. Wooley at Cotter, was checked in but remained only a few days.

We understand that work is to be resumed on the new round-house at Crane immediately. It is rumored that the company has set aside five million dollars for improvements on the system this coming year.

Clean up your stations and offices and keep them neat and tidy. Give your superior officers good service, and show them that we appreciate the kind treatment we are receiving on the White River Division. I believe we have the finest set of officials of any division on the Missouri Pacific Iron Mountain system.

Commercial Agent Jonte was a caller in Aurora in interest of the company's freight business on the evening of April 14th. CERT. 2226.

St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Wallace J. Haswell, the son of Bro. F. M. Haswell, of Division No. 32, is one of the champions of Drury College, of Springfield, Mo., in a debate against Washington University, of St. Louis, Mo.

The subject is stated, "Resolved, That the Boycott Is not a Legitimate Weapon of Organized Labor."

Drury College has the labor, or negative side of this question. Young Haswell is a junior in Drury. He is making his own way through college. Vacations he acts as relief agent and telegrapher for the Frisco.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Philadelphia Division—

At a meeting of Baltimore Division No. 17, held March 17, 1909, the legislative committee of Maryland was re-organized.

Bro. F. F. Sullivan was again chosen chairman. Many compliments were paid him by the members of recognition of his earnest work, showing conclusively that the membership appreciates his services.

Doctor Sebastian, who will long be remembered for his invaluable assistance in securing the eight-hour law in Maryland, came in for his share of compliments.

The next meeting in Philadelphia will be held at 63d and Woodland Ave., Saturday night, May 15. A good attendance is requested and expected.

There is a growing demand for sick benefits in Division No. 33. This subject should be thoroughly discussed at meetings and some conclusion reached. Divisions with dues not as high as No. 33 pay both sick and death benefits.

The correspondent of the Wheeling Division, in the February number, makes a plea for a larger attendance at meetings, and suggests that all "kicks" be made in the lodge room, instead of at other places. He should come over to some of the meetings on the Philadelphia Division and see how well the boys turn out. It would do him good to see the big bunch we have. All grievances should be discussed in the lodge room, rather than in public places. CERT. 421.

Monongah Division —

As some of the boys have opened their hearts and sent me just a few items I will try to give this Division another little write-up. Our worthy local chairman, Bro. C. E. Hosler, and Bro. A. G. Youst, local chairman from the Wheeling Division, held a joint meeting on March 28, in Red Men's Hall, on Merchant street, Fairmount, W.

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Va. The following brothers were present: Bros. C. E. Hosler, A. G. Youst, M. E. Price, F. M. Baker, H. F. Farlow, A. A Eater, W. W. Satterfield, H E. Heck, Chas. G. Pettit, C. F. Theiss, Ellis Wilson, A. E. Shingleton, L. B. Tennant, J. L. O'Dea, C. E. Miller, H. P. Robinson, R. E



C. E. HOSLER,
Delegate Div. No. 33.

Smith, C. W. Satterfield,, T. A. Haggerty, R. C. Zimmerman, Marion Jones.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. C. E. Hosler at 11 a. m., and lasted until 1:20 p. m. Motion made by Bro. Hosler that the necessary funds be drawn from the general funds to purchase a floral offering for Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, our deceased general manager, who died in Baltimore on the 27th of March. The motion was carried and Bro. Hosler wired Bro. Van Atta that it was satisfactory with the Monongah and Wheeling Divisions, and from what I can learn there was a very beautiful wreath presented to the family in Baltimore on Tuesday, the 29th, the day of the funeral. The family has the heartfelt sympathy of all the telegraphers on the Baltimore Ohio Railroad system.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman, from "WD" tower, who got a six months' leave of absence, is now located on the Tonopah & Goldfield R. R. at Red Lick, Nev.

Bro. C. E. Ogden, at "D," Clarksburg, was off two days account of his wife being sick. Was relieved by Bro. Wrick.

Bro. Smith, second trick at "D," Clarksburg, was off one night, relieved by Bro. Cain, second trick from W. Va. & P. Jct. Bro. Cain was relieved by Bro. Wrick.

Bro. Stout, third trick man at W. Va. & P. Jct. is off for five or six weeks, to take a trip to Phoenix, Ariz.

Bro. Leatherman, third trick at Bridgeport, is off for a few nights, relieved by Telegrapher Snider.

There was a little mistake in the appointments. Bro. Nestor was appointed second trick at W. Va. & P. Jct. instead of Bryon. Bro. Nestor was off a couple of days, relieved by Bro. Wrick.

All the telegraphers around Clarksburg are up to date.

Business has picked up a little in the last few days.

I understand Telegrapher Minnick, who was discharged from the B. & O., a short while ago, is working in "DC," Western Union office at Clarksburg.

I understand Professor Buttingham, at Wilsonburg, wanted to start another school at Buckhannon. The people of Buckhannon were very much opposed to it.

Bro. J. B. Glenn, second trick man at Wolf Summit, who has been off sick for some time, has resumed duty. His friends are all glad to see him back at the key again.

The brothers, at the meeting held at Fairmount on the 28th, donated the sum of $5.00 for a floral offering for Bro. C. D. Carpenter, who died in the bathroom at a hotel in Denver, Colo. He was once a member of the Wheeling Division, and understand at the time of his death he was a member of the Grand Division, in good standing. Bro. M. E. Price was appointed to select the wreath,



E. N. VAN ATTA,
Delegate Div. No. 33.

which was a 14-inch wreath, with the letters "O. R. T." in gilt through the center, and on the card was inscribed the words, "Presented by the Telegraphers of the Wheeling and Monongah Division."

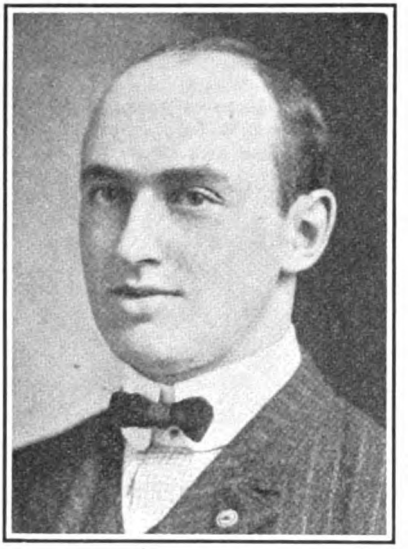
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Chicago Division, West End—

Bro. Fulkner, of Walkerton, who was off duty a couple of weeks, was relieved by Bro. Waddell, of McCools.

Bro. C. J. Fullmer, bid in the third trick at Albion on bulletin, but does not like the position.



W. J. CURRIE,
Delegate Div. No. 33.

Bro. McMullen, of Wolf Lake yards, worked at Garrett, "G" office a couple of weeks this month. He was relieved by Bro. Todd Gary.

Some of the brothers have not paid dues for the present term. This should be attended to promptly; each brother should be able to show an up-to-date card at all times.

Bro. R. W. Clark, of Suman, third trick, was off duty a few days, visiting his parents at Kimmell.

Bro. A. C. Boomershin, of Kimmell, third trick, was off duty a few days recently, hunting ducks In the vicinity of Millers.

Bro. W. H. Baker, of Ripley, who took a leave of absence to sell lightning rods in Iowa, does not like the business, and will return in the near future.

Bro. Parent was sent to the Pittsburg Division for a couple of weeks, but has returned to the Chicago Division.

Bro. C. C. Otto, third trick at Albion, bid in Tiffin, third trick, and left for that city on Feb ruary 20.

Bro. A. H. Fisher is working at Syracuse, second trick, during Bro. Shoults's absence.

On the morning of February 26, "VA" tower at Avilla was destroyed by fire. Mr. F. S. Yeiser, first trick telegrapher, lost about $50.00 worth of personal property. Bro. C. R. Roth, the second trick man, lost a new typewriter and a sending machine. Mr. Hugh L. Stoneburner, third trick, who was on duty at that time, lost a coat and hat and had a narrow escape. The office cat, "Sam," was badly singed. The company at once put in gates and a small shanty to operate the crossing until a new tower is erected. The new tower will be much larger and heated by steam.

Bro. W. S. Yeiser, of Albion, was off a few days, recently. He was called home on account of sickness. Relieved by Telegrapher Stickney, of Republic.

Agent Holderman, at Albion, was seriously injured last month. The second engine on train No. 16 struck the express truck which Mr. Holderman was handling. His lower jaw was broken in three places, nose broken and head badly cut. He was off duty a month, but has recovered sufficiently to resume work, with the aid of a clerk.

If anyone has news for next month, send to the local chairman, who will be glad to forward it to the journal. DIV. COR.

Connellsville Division—

B. C. Bowers was off a few days during the first part of March, on account of the sickness and death of his daughter, Margaret, which occurred on March 10th. He was also off duty several days in March, on account of the illness of his mother at Bedford. We understand that Mrs. Bowers is improving.

Bro. H. C. Smathers, a newcomer from B. R. & R., relieved Bowers.

Bro. Claude Gates, of Somerset, was recently called to his home at Bedford, Pa., on account of the serious sickness of his brother, Dale, who we are glad to state is convalescing.

Bro. M. K. Leutz was absent several days last month, attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Bowmaster, of Somerset.

Bro. Mull, the second trick man at "FO" tower, has resigned, and accepted a position with Western Maryland Railroad.

Bro. Stone, of Williams, was off a few days on account of having a boil on his neck.

Bro. J. S. Evans, who formerly held second trick at Williams, is now located at Hyndman, third trick. He was awarded this trick on last bulletin.

Bro. Rose was the successful bidder for "FO" tower, second trick.

Bro. H. J. Evans, of Williams, is off a few days looking after business affairs in and about Cumberland.

Bro. Elder, who is working at Philson, third trick, was off about a week at the beginning of the month on account of sickness.

Bro. Cronin, a recent arrival, is working extra out of Hyndman. At present he is holding the second trick at Williams.

Bro. J. E. Rush, the agent at Montana, W. Va., is at his home in Ohio Pyle, Pa., on account of the serious illness of his mother. We are happy to be able to say that she is now on the road to recovery, and we trust that the balance of Bro. Rush's stay will prove to be a pleasant vacation.

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Mr. Frank Rafferty, of Ohio Pyle, Pa., is filling in the unexpired time of Bro. Merryman's six months' furlough at Yough tower.

Bro. Vincent was recently called to Columbus, O., on account of the death of his aunt.

The next meeting will be held on May 28th, at Rockwood, morning and evening sessions.

Bro. Lohr, of Jerome Junction, is taking a two weeks' vacation. COR.

New Castle Division—

We have missed the New Castle Division news for the past few months.

The new block wire has been put into service between Warwick and Chicago Junction, and trains will soon be handled by signal indication, the same as they are now handled on the east end.

With the advent of the block wire "GR" tower at Big Four Crossing has been abandoned as a train order and block station. The sidings are now connected by 'phone with "MN" tower at Northern Ohio Crossing, which is the block station for Greenwich.

This relieves the Big Four telegraphers of considerable work.

The new electric interlocker at Sterling went into service on March 18th, and is one of the best on the B. & O. It contains eighty-six levers, and is manned by Bros. Perry, Adams, Gillety and Sweet, as telegraphers, in connection with two twelve-hour levermen.

Bro. C. F. Adams, who worked the third trick at "OD" tower, Lodi, launched out as a book agent, and later engaged in selling bath room supplies. Success to him.

Bro. McBride, third trick man at "MR" tower, is on sick leave, and expects to be off duty three weeks. He was relieved by Mr. J. C. Johnston.

Bro. Breneman, first trick telegrapher at "MN" tower, is batching for a few days, on account of his wife and daughter visiting in Cleveland.

Bro. Milburn, who works first trick at "OD" tower, was off duty nearly a month on account of the sickness of he and his wife. Bro. King relieved him.

Bro. Meagher, third trick at Nova, was recently called to Sandusky, on account of the death of his sister. He has the sympathy of the division.

Bro. Elson, the second trick man at "MR" tower, who is spending a few days with relatives in Cleveland, was relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Burch, third trick at "MN" tower, made a trip to Cleveland recently, accompanied by his mother, who he placed in Lakeside Hospital for treatment. We hope she will return in much better health.

Bro. Brillhart, according to the April bulletin, has been assigned to the second trick at Boughtonville. This leaves the agency at Middlefield open.

Bro. C. F. Adams, of "OD" tower at Lodi, is enjoying a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. C. S. Fearer.

Bro. Gillety, the second trick man at Sterling, who has been sick for a couple of weeks, resumed duty on the 15th.

A new man, Mr. Lee, worked this trick during Bro. Gillety's absence, and is now working third trick temporarily, relieving Bro. Lee Sweet, who is visiting in Mansfield.

We could not get a line of any news from the east end or Lake Branch, so the foregoing are strictly west end items. CERT. 1892.

Pittsburg Division, West End—

The following appointments were made on bulletin No. 11 of April 5th: P. A. Slattery to split trick at Callery; Jerome Glancey to second trick at Downieville; Bro. E. L. Ayers to second trick at Elfinwild; Bro. W. M. Taylor to first trick at Mackin; T. H. Erwin to second trick at Ribolds.

Vacancies now exist at the following offices: Second trick at Ellwood City; first trick at Elfinwild; third trick at Goehring; second trick at Mackin.

Our last meeting, held on April 5th at Hotel Wilson, Pittsburg, was fairly well attended. An open meeting is contemplated at our regular meeting in June, which will be decided on at the



A. P. WEBSTER,
Delegate Div. No. 33.

May meeting. Let each and every member make it a point to be on hand.

Bro. J. L. Lanning, the delegate-elect to the convention which is to be held in Atlanta, was not present at the meeting. He gave a very satisfactory explanation, and expressed his regrets

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through Local Chairman Yeager. His two small children have the whooping cough, and he himself is feeling poorly. It was thought by Bro. Lanning, at one time, that it would be necessary to call on Alternate Bro. J. T. Williams, of Downieville, to prepare to go to Atlanta in his place, but it is earnestly hoped that Bro. Lanning will be able to be on hand at Atlanta when the gong sounds.

Bro. Elmer Ayres is now working at Elfinwild, second trick.

Bro. Hoeffell has been transferred to Ellwood City, second trick.

Bro. Miler, of Gibsonia, honored us with his presence at the last gathering.

Bro. J. R. Davis, second trick at Callery, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation. He expects to return to duty about April 5th; relieved by Telegrapher Rubell.



T. W. DUFFY,
Delegate Div. No. 50.

Bro. C. D. Morehead bid in second trick at Hickman Run, and has taken charge.

Bro. Louie Schmidt has resumed duty as agent at Ribolds, after having been confined to his room on account of a severe case of mumps.

Bro. W. M. Taylor is in charge of the first trick at Mackin.

A base ball team is about to be organized on this end of the division in the near future. There is some great material on this end, so the river and Pike boys should beware.

The correspondent wishes each and every one to furnish a few items for these columns. It is impossible for one man to keep track of every move made on a division. Send all news to J. Yeager, "Jr.," local chairman, Box 117, Callery, Pa.

Again we request all members to make a special effort to attend meetings. "SHORTSTOP."

Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

Regular meeting held with the usual good attendance. Everyone enjoyed the box of cigars furnished by Local Chairman Bro. J. A. Yeager, of the P. & W. We can not afford to miss these interesting meetings, so do not overlook the date, and bring other members with you.

Bro. J. W. Smith, third trick at Lavenia, met with a serious accident on Monday night, March 19th, while on his way to work, in attempting to board an eastbound freight train at Layton, he lost his hand-hold and fell, the wheels passing over his left foot. He was taken to the Connellsville Hospital on No. 10, the same night, where his foot was found to be severely crushed, necessitating its amputation about the middle of the instep. Papers for his relief are now going over the division, and everyone is responding very liberally.

About one year ago one would imagine that this division was to be manned by "telegraph college graduates." Quite a number were sent along the road to "post." Some are still "posting." The rest, it seems, have given up all hope, and their opinion of the colleges is not worth mentioning. Stung!

The following appointments are shown on the bulletin, dated April 5th: Lavenia, third trick, J. W. Smith; Point Mills, days, A. Kayser; Reduction, third trick, P. C. Getz; Rand, third trick, F. B. Billups; Vista, third trick, C. L. Shugart; Versailles, first trick, W. S. Finnell; Versailles, second trick, S. J. Harper; Wheeling Junction, second trick, R. J. Carrier.

H. A. Milar is working first trick at Smithton.

Bro. Rankan, of Rand, spent Easter with relatives.

A few notes from the brothers on the "Pike" will be appreciated. CERT. 1687.

Cleveland Division—

As THE TELEGRAPHER goes to press early this month, we have had but little time to gather news, but will endeavor to have a good write-up next month.

Bro. G. H. McCoy will make the trip to Sunny Georgia, for the purpose of attending the convention at Atlanta.

Bro. F. X. Lengs recently made a flying trip to Canton to take the color examination.

We trust the brothers signed the petition of Bro. E. F. Stenger, of C. H. & D. Ry. He hopes to be appointed "Secretary" of Ohio Railroad Commission. DIV. COR.

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West End Cumberland Division—

Since our last write-up spring has returned, and the brothers who have not caught the spring fever are sitting along the mountain streams trying to entice the members of the finny tribe from the cool depths below.



H. H. CHAMBERS,
Delegate Div. No. 33.

The company has a force of men at work remodeling the interlocking plant at Rowlesburg.

We are very sorry to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Patrick Moran, of Grafton. Mr. Moran was a well-known B. & O. engineer, and ran an engine over this division for many years, but owing to poor eyesight was retired a short time ago. His death was due to heart failure, from which he suddenly expired on the evening of March 31st. He was the father of Bro. D. S. Moran, of Piedmont, and Bro. Will Moran, of Flemington, both of whom have the sincere sympathy of the brothers of this division.

Bro. J. R. Murphy spent several days in Pittsburg visiting friends; relieved by Bro. F. J. Murphy, of Mt. Lake Park, who was relieved by Telegrapher Luthke.

Business is still rather dull on this division. We do not look for much improvement before the fall, as most of the coal business is going toward the Great Lakes at present, and will very likely continue to do so until early autumn, which is usually the case.

Our meeting of April 15th was very well attended, and quite an amount of business was transacted.

An effort will be made in the near future to hold daylight meetings at some convenient point on the division. When notice is received, do not fail to attend; also don't forget the meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

CERT. 113.

East End, Cumberland Division—

Bro. G. W. Chambers, first trick at Hancock tower, met with a very severe accident recently, while going down the tower steps his feet slipped, causing him to fall and fracture a bone in his leg; he is at present confined to his bed.

Bro. W. C. Fisher, first trick man at Sir Johns Run, is at present laying off in an endeavor to regain his health. The boys all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. I. B. Clark, who has been working third trick at Sir Johns Run for the past year, has secured a position on the C. V. R. R., and will move to his new location soon.

C. T. U. A. Bro. Metelits, of Green Spring, was a business visitor at the Village of Oldtown recently.

Quite a number of the telegraphers would be lonesome, indeed, were it not for the students they allow to handle switches and sometimes work wires. Do you not know that you are making conditions worse by allowing these students in your offices?



W. E. FRASHER,
Delegate Div. No. 33.

Bro. C. P. Houck, from Hedgesville, worked a few nights at Green Spring last week.

Bro. J. D. Rockwell, second trick at Green Spring, spent his vacation around Sleepy Creek and Millers Hill this month.

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A note from Bro. C. F. Starr, formerly second trick at Okonoko, states that he is comfortably located in Washington, D. C.

Bro. E. T. Van Gosen, first trick man at Okonoko, has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks with typhoid fever. We are glad to know that his condition is improving at this writing. COR.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Chicago Division—

Another month has rolled around, and no items have been received from any of the brothers, therefore, I will attempt to give what few changes have occurred. Why can not the members help out by sending us an item or two each month? Get them to me by the 20th, so that they will appear in the next month's journal.



J. F. RICHARDSON,
Delegate Div. No. 33.

The first and second tricks at "WA," Watseka, are still on bulletin, and will probably be filled by the time this is in print.

Bro. F. R. Spurgen, the agent at Pittwood, who resigned to take a position with the C. M. & St. P. R. R., has decided not to leave, and has canceled his resignation.

Bro. H. S. Lottenville, second trick at "SA," St. Anne, has returned from his vacation and resumed work.

Telegrapher C. F. Prough bid in "WA," Watseka, third trick, and will commence working that trick as soon as he is relieved from the first trick at that place.

Once more let me ask that you get busy, and send me some news. COR.

Illinois Division—

Bro. H. R. Fogler, first trick at "SX" tower, has been elected local chairman of the Illinois Division; Bro. W. H. Wyckoff, representative, and Bro. E. W. Lacy, first trick at Villa Grove yard, alternate. We can not say at this time who has been elected general chairman, as we were unable to attend the meeting called for that purpose at Momence, Sunday, March 21st.

Now that we have a most excellent local chairman of this division, there is no excuse for another year of inactivity. However, do not depend on the local chairman to do all the work, but assist him in every way possible by soliciting new members, instead of making too many suggestions.

Bro. L. Finn, first trick at "SA" tower, has resigned, and is going back to Mother Nature, via the "Farmer's Line." Mr. F. J. Wheling is manipulating the levers, extra, until the position is bid in.

Bro. Goodall has bid in second trick at Thebes.

Bro. Gunn, second trick at Cypress, has resigned. He is being relieved temporarily by Mr. J. E. Hawker.

Bro. O. L. Neal is taking a few days' vacation, which he is spending with his folks near Odin, Ill.

Bro. W. S. Johnson has bid in third trick at "AH" tower.

Bro. M. L. Uhrich, third trick at Salem yard, is taking a few days' vacation. He is being relieved by Mr. F. J. Wheling.

Bros. Hobbs and Vincent, second and third tricks at Marion, have traded positions. Bro. Vincent is now working second, and Bro. Hobbs third trick.

Why not hold a meeting at Mt. Vernon in the near future? This would be a splendid place to hold meetings, and a number of the boys in that vicinity are in favor of meeting at that point. The train service is fairly good, and as there are many things of interest to discuss, we should have a large attendance. If this suits the reader, write local chairman Fogler to that effect, and "push."

The station at Holland has been closed; also the first trick telegrapher at Benton has been taken off. The second and third trick men are working nine hours each.

Bro. A. C. Tanner, who was formerly agent at Tamms, has bid in the agency at Ullin.

Bro. J. L. Johnson, the former cashier at Mt. Vernon, has bid in the Mode agency, relieving Mr. W. A. Butler. Mr. Butler relieved Bro. A. C. Tanner at Tamms.

The writer will endeavor to learn the names of all the nons on this division, and send them to the local chairman, and asks all the brothers to assist him by doing likewise.

Personal letters were written to quite a number of the members on this division, requesting that they send items for a write-up, but only one member responded. We thank him, and ask all the others to come in next month. CERT. 54.

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Pennsylvania Ry.

New Jersey Division—

An increase in membership is reported and the gradual growth which is being experienced at this time is the result of the nons awakening to the fact that what has been received up to the present



A. G. YOUST,
Delegate Div. No. 33.

time is the fruit of organization. The only reason that we are not receiving more is that there has been in the past a lack of support, and, in the hope that good things are yet to come, appeals have been made to every eligible employe to become identified with the organization of his craft, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

There has been a reduction in the initiation fee; this has been made to enable those who have been hard pressed financially to get in at the least possible expense. The special rate expires at the end of the present six months' period. Telegraphers have often heard to state that they would like to belong to the organization, but that it costs too much to get in. Three and one-half cents per day pays a member's dues and carries an insurance of $500, so that with the practice of self-denial to the extent of one cigar each day of the year membership can be carried in an organization which represents and legislates for the interests of the telegraph department. The Federal nine-hour law for telegraphers has been tried and found to be satisfactory, and the time is not far distant when an eight-hour law will be demanded for the agents and other employes coming under the jurisdiction of our organization. To bring this about it is necessary for each employe to become a member of the organization and bear his proportion of the expense. Let us establish a record by making every eligible employe a member of the organization before the end of the period. Explain the benefits of organization to the non next to you, and endeavor to secure his application for membership.

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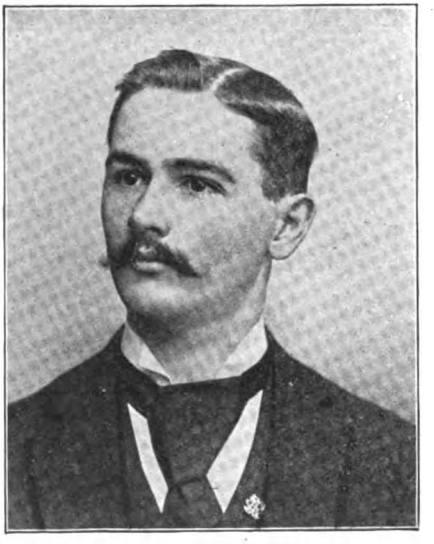
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

New River District—

A meeting of the membership of the New River and Alleghany Districts of Division No. 40, was held in the Big Four Building at Hinton, W. Va., April 15, with a very fair attendance from New River, everything considered. The meeting was opened at 10 o'clock p. m., with our worthy general chairman, Bro. L. E. Hicks, of Cralgville, Va., in the chair. Bro. Hicks gave us a very interesting talk, which was no doubt appreciated. Having had twelve years' experience as local chairman, he is exceptionally well qualified to serve as general chairman.

The nons should get in line; we do not want any more soft soap and hard luck stories. There are but few left, so let us endeavor to make C. & O. System, Division No. 40, solid from one end to the other. We have one of the best divisions on the system, and it is through hard work that it has been put in this condiiton.

If you are working with a non-member, go after him and do not stop until you secure his application.



J. B. MILLER,
Alternate Div. No. 33.

We are very glad to again have Bro. M. L. Denning for local chairman. He is well known by the good work he did in the past, while chairman of Division No. 40.

Everything is moving along nicely. Bro. Hicks is of the opinion that we will be solid by June 30.

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Delinquent members are paying up, and a number of applications are being received. This sounds good, and goes to show that the membership in general is well pleased with the present officers.

Some of the boys experience difficulty in obtaining rooms after meetings are over. They should



J. T. WILLIAMS,
Alternate Div. No. 33.

follow Bro. Judy's plan and register at the Chesapeake on arrival at Hinton. The McCreary is very nice, also the Y. M. C. A. furnishes good beds at twenty-five cents, sufficiently good for Bro. Daniels and the writer, who know from experience. We should secure some rest in order to give good service the following day.

Any time that you have a grievance you can not adjust satisfactorily, Bro. Denning is willing to see you through. He, being located near Hinton, can handle matters personally with the division officials.

Our division was very poorly represented in THE TELEGRAPHER during the months of January, February and March. It is not for the want of news, nor for the lack of capable writers that our division does not occupy more space in THE TELEGRAPHER. The writer has been induced to try his hand and hopes this action will inspire others to do likewise. CERT. 310.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Divine Ruler of the universe to take from our midst our esteemed brother, J. W. Graybill, who died at Clifton Forge, Va., on March 20, 1909; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. Graybill his family has lost a true and loving member, and Division No. 40, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers a worthy and faithful member, and one who was fearless in the discharge of his duty, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of the all-wise and divine Ruler who doeth all things for the best; be it further

Resolved, That the officers and members of C. & O. Division No. 40 extend to the bereaved family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad hour; be it further

Resolved, That, as a tribute of respect to our deceased brother, these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to the family, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. E. TYLER,
C. A. SEAL,
W. S. ACORD,
Committee.

Erie Ry.

The older members of this division were much pained to learn of the death of Bro. Wm. Clancy, which occurred at St. Louis, while he was participating in a parade, given by the Knights Templars, on Easter Sunday, of which order he was an honored member. We, the older members of Erie System Division No. 42, remember that it was Bro. Clancy who stood for us in the infancy of the Order, and who by his loyalty and devotion to the cause he believed to be just and right, accomplished his object that of bettering the condition of the telegraphers on the Erie Ry. I speak from a personal knowledge of affairs at the time when the telegraphers were smarting under many impositions, and working for a rate of wages barely enough to keep them alive. When Bro. Ellis (the first man sent here to organize) made his initial trip over the division, the first to respond was Bro. Clancy. He did all he could for the betterment of the craft at any and all times. No doubt but that all the old-time members appreciate his efforts, and I think I voice the sentiments of all who understood the situation, and the disadvantages under which Bro. Clancy was placed when he was made general chairman. He never faltered, but persevered until the desired results were obtained, and we trust that when he stands before the great judge he will hear these words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many."

J. S. COLLIER.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, our esteemed and beloved Bro. Clancy, be it

Resolved, that we thus express our high appreciation of his long service as an officer and worker for our Order, and be it further

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Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of each loyal brother of Erie System Division No. 42 be extended to his family in this their hours of desolation and sadness, at the loss of their loved one, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our meeting, and treasured in the archives of the lodge room to the memory of a worthy departed brother, also a copy be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. W. UPLINGER,
J. W. BRINGOLF,
J. S. COLLIER,
Committee.

Susquehanna Division—

Everything along the division is very quiet, and items are scarce.

Bro. W. J. Malone has resigned to accept a position with the "Elmira Advertiser." While we are sorry to lose Bro. Malone, we are glad to see him better his condition.

Bro. P. Shaughnessy, third trick at Bingn station, was off one night; relieved by Mr. Moseson.

Bro. M. J. Derrig has secured the third trick at Wellsburg.

Bro. Tim Ryan is off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. Pitt.

Bro. H. M. King has been assigned to the agency at Hickory Grove.

Telegrapher L. A. King has been working second trick at Painted Post.

Bro. Barkalow bid in the second trick at Canisteo. We are indebted to him for west end items.

Bro. M. R. Hollands, of Erwin, was assigned to second trick at "Magees," but later Mr. A. R. Taylor relieved him.

The new time table, which goes into effect May 2d, will be a boon to the traveling public. Two N. Y. and Chicago trains are to be added.

It is expected that the Elmira & Waverly trolley will be rushed through to Elmira and that cars will be running into that city before the summer is over.

The date of the next meeting will be made known in due time; come out and you will hear something that will be of interest to you.

DIV. COR.

Mahoning Division—

The third trick at "OB," superintendent's office, was bid in by W. T. Williams.

The first trick at Niles, which at the present time is advertised, is being held down by Geo. Hemple until regularly assigned.

E. B. Bundy, the third trick man at De Forest tower, has left the service, and the third trick at the present time is being held down by H. A. Kirby.

In order to insure insertion in the convention number, it is necessary to mail these items a week earlier than usual, and on that account your correspondent does not get the benefit of the regular monthly meeting at Warren, at which to gather the news.

Remember that the meeting in May is to be on the fourth Saturday night, instead of the third Saturday night, on account of the convention in Atlanta. The meeting will be held in the same place, corner Park Ave. and Market St., over Union National Bank Hall, on the third floor.

DIV. COR.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Dauphin and Prince Albert Section—

It is so seldom that these columns contain any reference to this system, particularly this district, that I feel constrained to pen a few words in relation thereto; and hope that some of the boys on this and other districts decide to break into the journal's space more frequently.

What do you think of the financial statement for 1908, which has just been received? It looks pretty fair doesn't it? To my mind the most pleasing feature of it is that we have the old C. N. practically solid O. R. T. For this, great credit is due our efficient general chairman, secretary treasurer and those members who have assisted them in lining up the nons.



D. H. MORIARTY,
Alternate Div. No. 33.

Our old acquaintance Bro. Hughes has lately been moved from Neepawa to Prince Albert, much to the regret of the people of the former place.

Kinistino's genial agent, Mr. McRoble, was presented with a son and heir last week.

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Bro. C. S. Chard recently moved from Mafeking to Crooked River, vice Bro. Wheaton, who has been transferred to Rossburn agency.

Bro. McMann has been appointed agent at Hudson Bay Junction, in place of Mr. Demochell, who is no longer in the company's service.



OSCAR J. RASH,
Alternate Div. No. 33.

Bro. Armstrong has returned to Erwood after a brief vacation, during which time he was relieved by Night Telegrapher Salter from Swan River.

Let us make an effort to get the remaining nons into line; there are but a few of them. They offer no excuse but what can be torn to shreds in a minute. They draw the increased salary, get their express and telegraph commissions, work under a schedule which guarantees them shorter hours, adequate compensation for overtime, and numerous other advantages; all of which benefits were secured by the Order, and for which they pay nothing.

Do not lay your journal aside and wait for someone else to contribute next month. Write a few lines for the Fraternal Column, and get it in for the next and the following issues.

A great many of us are so situated that it is almost impossible to arrange regular meetings or attend them, and practically our only means of intercourse is through the journal (the wire excepted), so let us get busy and take a lesson from other divisions. Fraternize as it were through the department which is reserved in the journal for this purpose. In this manner we can keep in closer touch with each other, one district will know what the other is doing and vice-versa, and we can keep track of "what's doing" all over the many scattered and rapidly growing lines of the system. "MISTAKEN."

Fourth District—

Times are rather quiet up our way while old man Winter is at the bat, but now that spring has arrived and summer will soon be having his innings, you ought to be able to brush up a bit and send your correspondent a few notes each month. No matter how small or insignificant they may seem to you, send them along, and when all the notes are "amalgamated," they may prove of interest to the most of us on this division.

Many changes have taken place on the line since this district was last represented in THE TELEGRAPHER, but as I can not recollect them all, will only mention a few of the more recent.

Our late Local Chairman, Bro. Litster, of Langham, bid in the agency at South Battleford. Bro. Douglas, from Warman, securing Langham.

Bro. Woods, the day telegrapher at Warman, secured the agency at that place. We hear that Bro. Bethune is now on the day shift at Warman.

Bro. Dan Bigham, of Lavoy, with his family, is at present visiting Manitoba and points East.

Bro. Waterfield is taking a spring "rest-up," and is being relieved by Bro. H. McGill.

Relief Dispatcher Bro. Fallow bid in the agency at Vermilion, lately vacated by Bro. Hinsberger.

Bro. Harry Moore, the Fourth District "wire wizard," is now in "FD" office, at N. Battleford.



B. A. MILLER,
Alternate Div. No. 33.

Bro. Lane, of Veregin, is taking a few holidays at present, and is being relieved by Mr. McCully, late of Bruno.

In closing, let me impress upon the members that it is their duty to handle the business of the company in a business-like manner. Make

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the officials realize that we are working for their interests as well as our own. It will be to our advantage in the long run.

Send any notes you have to your correspondent, as early in the month as possible, as they must be in St. Louis by the 28th to insure insertion in the following month's TELEGRAPHER.

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Central of Georgia Ry.

Chattanooga Division—

At a meeting of the general committee, held in Macon, several weeks since, Bros. Livzey and Travis were re-elected general chairman and secretary and treasurer for another term, so we may rest assured that our affairs will be properly taken care of. While these brothers are competent, they need the assistance of each individual member to keep every eligible man lined up. Let's all do our duty in this respect.

Mr. St. Clair, copier in the dispatcher's office, was off duty a few days recently; relieved by Bro. Bolton, from yard office, Chattanooga. Bro. Bolton was relieved by Bro. Housch.

Mr. B. A. Powell, who has been out of the service for a number of years is on the extra list, and relieved Bro. Dunaway at Chickamauga, a few days.

We understand that Rossville agency is up for bid, and that the bidding is pretty lively. Don't know where Bro. Brantley intends to go.

CERT. 265.

Savannah Division—

Mr. J. M. Eden has been transferred from Machen to Mansfield agency, vice Mr. O. Z. Ozburn.

Mr. G. L. Mills' position as warehouseman at Tennille has been abolished and he is now working extra. He relieved Mr. Shumpit at Millen and Mr. C. T. Vaughn at Gordon, a few days each.

Meldrim third trick, held by Mr. J. R. Pope, has been abolished, leaving Mr. Pope in the field.

Dover second trick has been abolished, Bro. H. E. Holland bidding in third trick at Gordon over Mr. Jones, who is a younger man in the service.

The general committee met at Macon, Saturday, March 29, for the purpose of auditing the books of the secretary and treasurer, and electing both secretary and treasurer and a general chairman. Bros. Travis and Livzey were re-elected to their respective offices. The books of the secretary and treasurer were found to be in excellent condition.

To avoid any disappointment to the members when looking over the journal, would request that all changes made during the month be reported to the correspondent. One man can't keep track of the changes on an entire division.

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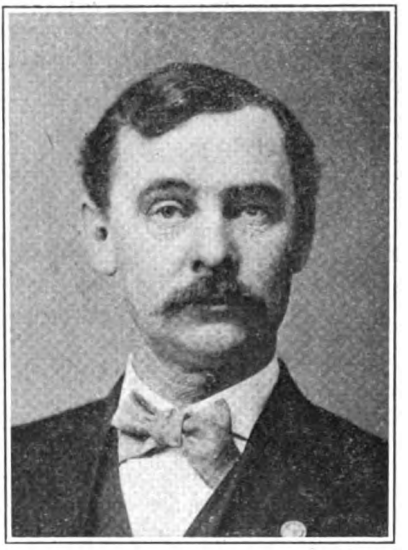
Ann Arbor Ry.

The third tricks at Hallet and Clare are open for bid. Bro. Lanham, of Hallet, bid in the Vernon agency, and Telegrapher Nevison has left the service.

Election is over and Bro. L. R. Taylor, of Mt. Pleasant, has been declared elected to the position of local chairman of the Ann Arbor Ry.

Bro. D. Campbell, third vice-president, was with us at Owasso, Friday evening, March 19. On account of the short notice there were but four members at the meeting. Look out for another date in near future and be sure to be present.

Mr. D. J. O'Hara is again at work on the Ann Arbor, after having been out of the service for some time.



JNO. V. PHILLIPS,
Delegate Div. No. 34.

Bro. Kerwin is at Durand, working third trick; Bro. Mattis has gone to Lakeland days.

Bro. Manor, of Ann Arbor, took a trip to the northern part of the State a few weeks ago, and reports having had a good time.

The ice harvest is about over with, and business beginning to drop off. Lake George, Cadillac and Beulah have been the principal leading points and several hundred cars have been shipped from each place.

Telegraphers Carr, of Shepherd, and Briggs, of Mt. Pleasant, have traded positions. This brings Carr to Mt. Pleasant, which is his home.

Bro. Roof, formerly third trick at Clare, has taken the first trick, which was made vacant by the resignation of Telegrapher Nevison, who has left the service.

Bro. Mills, of Division No. 39, has been working at Lake George, for some time.

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If anyone is working with a brother belonging to another division, secure his certificate and division number and advise your local chairman, who will arrange to have him transferred to Division No. 48. This is in accordance with the constitution.

Can you not spare the amount of one month's increase, secured during the negotiations of two years ago, to wipe out the indebtedness of the division? Think it over and decide in the affirmative.

It is rumored that a change in management of the Ann Arbor is contemplated. We have heard that the C. P. R. has secured control. Time will tell.

An examination on sight and hearing was held recently. So far we have heard of no one in



E. W. LACY,
Alternate Div. No. 34.

the telegraph service who was unable to pass, but understand that there were a few in the train and motive department who failed.

DIV. COR.

Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

Bro. J. M. Cochran, first trick at Sumnerville, took a few days' vacation, recently. Relieved by Telegrapher Keep.

Bro. R. W. Ferry, first trick at Wallace Jct. for the Nickel Plate, enjoyed a short vacation recently. Unable to say as to relief.

Bro. H. B. Long, second trick at "XB," North Bessemer, enjoyed a vacation last month. Mr. A. E. Hedeen, the third trick man, worked second, and Telegrapher R. S. Keep worked third trick.

Bro. C. A. Rood bid in the first trick at Kremis. Mr. F. J. Clavin worked at Queen Jct. until "MY" was bid in by Bro. C. W. McDowell.

Mr. D. W. Tait, the agent at Fredonia, who took a leave of absence and toured the Western States, has returned.

Bro. H. B. Smith resumed duty first trick, Mr. T. R. O'Brien went to second trick at Coolspring, Mr. H. L. Hicks taking third.

Mr. W. E. Wright, agent at Platea, has taken a leave of absence, and Bro. E. W. Hoover, a telegrapher from the New York Central, has been checked in.

Mr. F. B. Campbell, an extra telegrapher, is working at Hartnett, first trick, until this position is assigned.

Mr. T. W. Cosgrove, third trick man at Pittsburg Jct., had the misfortune to fall in the engine pit at Butler transfer. He received some severe bruises. Bro. J. H. Brooks, second trick at "JC," worked third and Mr. C. W. Rimer worked second. Mr. E. F. Redfoote relieved Mr. Rimer at Culmerville.

Engineer S. R. Miles died at his home in Albion, March 28. The remains were taken to Punxsutawney for burial. Mr. Miles had many friends among the fraternity, who were sorry to hear of his death.

A serious wreck occurred at Houston Jct. in which Engineer Clarence Gordineer was killed and Conductor Titus badly scalded. The market train hit the rear end of the "nigger" local, damaging one of the new engines and delaying traffic.

The meeting held in Grove City, March 24, was well attended and everyone seemed pleased with the change. Unless No. 44 is pulled off it is our intention to hold more meetings at that point. Meetings are held in Odd Fellows' Hall, third floor of building corner Broad and Blair streets, opposite the station.

From all indications it is evident that a larger amount of business than ever will be handled by the Bessemer this season. Eighteen new engines have been added to the motive power and a large amount of work on double tracks is being done.

Bro. J. C. Simmons was on the sick list last month. He was relieved by Bro. C. A. Callahan.

Bro. R. P. Kebert was off duty one trick on April 5. Mr. C. E. McGuire filled his place.

The general committee met the officials of the B. & L. E. Ry. at the general manager's office in Pittsburg, Pa., April 19, to adjust a few grievances and negotiate for a revision of the schedule. Results will be announced later.

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Southern Pacific Ry.

Shasta Division—

The future Alaska-Yukon Exposition is causing a gradual increase of business in passenger traffic, as well as freight. It is understood that four more passenger trains will be added to the card about the seventh of May, two of which are old 11 and 12, and the other two strictly first-class passengers, making very few stops between Portland and San Francisco.

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We regret to say that Representative F. E. Walters will be unable to attend the convention. Bro. Walters, our re-elected local chairman, is doing excellent work and in a very short time this division will be solid, with the exception of a few hopeless cases.



R. A. BROWN,
Delegate Div. No. 35.

Bro. A. C. Shutt has been assigned to the position of telegrapher at Smithson.

Bro. A. Bundy is stlll working the second trick at Red Bluff, and Sister E. J. Bundy is relieving Bro. G. J. Rudolph, the third trick telegrapher.

Telegrapher K. W. Jones, the regular third trick man at Hornbrook, is relieving Telegrapher R. P. Flynn, at Dunsmuir for a short time.

Bro. A. D. Henning, first trick telegrapher at Sisson, is taking a few weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. J. N. Nixon, regular third trick man. Bro. Nixon was relieved by Mr. L. Loyd.

Bro. F. A. Reiser of Montague, has just returned from Southern California, where he enjoyed a few weeks' vacation. Bro. N. N. West has been assigned to the third trick at Montague.

Bro. Geo. L. Corby has been assigned to the first trick at Kennet.

Bro. M. P. Jarvis was appointed agent at Hilt on last bulletin.

Mr. L. R. Wilson, a new man on the division, is working as second trick telegrapher at Redding. The second trick is bulletined; applicant must understand the sale of Eastern tickets.

A new man is relieving at Coram.

Relief Telegrapher F. E. Edwards is relieving Bro. U. L. Hakes at Hornbrook. Bro. Hakes is relieving S. J. Smith, the agent, and Bro. H. Wilson is working in the place of K. W. Jones, the night man.

Bro. A. F. Howard has been assigned to the agency at Macdoel.

The following vacancies are shown on Bulletin No. 11:

Agent at Mt. Hebron.

Telegrapher and clerk at Coram.

Telegrapher and clerk at Dunsmuir Freight House.

Second Telegrapher and Clerk at Redding.

As usual, we are unable to get news from branch. Boys, get busy and send me a few notes occasionally, you can't expect me to do it all. Address letters to Siskiyou.

DIV. COR.

"BD," General Telegraph Office, San Francisco—

Vacation time is here once more, and the way the old-timers in the office are going after relief is no joke.

Bro. E. C. Smith is off for sixty days, beginning March 1. It is reported that Smithy is making a sort of summer resort out of his ranch near Glenullen, Calif. He has been occupying most of his time building a swell bungalow.

Mr. W. H. McKinney, who keeps things going on the Omaha Dux, is off for thirty days, April 1.

Mr. C. L. Balliette, late night chief, is spending thirty days in Southern California and Arizona. He has been experiencing poor health the last two years.

Bro. Glensor, who is winning distinction in law circles, will leave for thirty or sixty days the first of May.



DAVID M. CALLIS,
Delegate Div. No. 35.

Bro. Otto Harelson is acting as late night chief during the absence of Mr.. Balliette.

Bro. Abbott, from "OW," Oakland Pier, is filling in one of the vacation reliefs.

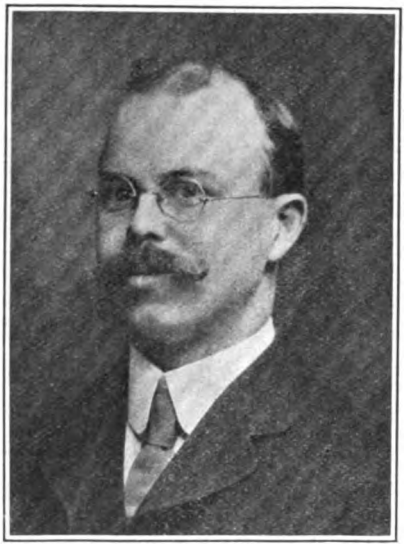
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Mr. Carl Cogdon, recently from Chicago, and Mr. W. A. Warrensford, an old-timer in the telegraph business, are also filling in during vacations.

Bros. Holladay and Segur leave for an extended vacation the first of May. They will endeavor to discover the precious yellow metal in the desert of Nevada.

Business continues to be nothing more than fair and it is the earnest wish of everyone in the office that things would liven up, as they were three years ago.

On April 6 "NG" office and "H" office in Los Angeles were taken away from us. "NG" office, which, for many years has been the relay office for Southern California, has been made more of a terminal office, while "H" office, General Agent Graham's uptown office, has been abandoned. All



OLIVER T. TOADVINE,
Alternate Div. No. 35.

the relay work will be handled at "HU," General Superintendent Platt's uptown office, with the following temporary force to handle it: Mr. H. H. Cooper, manager; Mr. L. C. McIntosh, assistant manager and wire chief; Mr. Tom Gray and Bros. Hage and Steere. Mr. Cooper has been in "HU" office for many years, and it is hoped that the new arrangement will lighten his burden. Bro. Segur, who handles the first Los Angeles Dux, will, no doubt, be more appreciative of the new arrangement than any one else.

Bro. Brown Pogue recently moved his residence from Oakland to South Berkeley.

We take this opportunity to say that it would be manifesting the proper spirit, if a few of the relay offices on the Pacific System would show signs of life. At numerous division relay offices the membership is very limited. There is no better talent in the telegraph service than that on the Pacific System, and it seems to us that there are no acceptable excuses for the men not lining up. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

CICERO MUTT.

Sacramento District—

Local Chairman J. E. Blackford has just returned from his trip over the Sacramento District, and reports everything in a very favorable condition. Only one non-member, without good or sufficient reason has refused to take out a card. There still remains a few non-members, but all have promised to come in before June 30. All members are in good standing, what few delinquents were in the district have been paid up, thus showing that our schedule is appreciated. There is certainly no good reason why we should have any non-members; however, we always find some who are willing to let the other man pay for what he receives.

Bro. C. S. Greene, first trick at Reno, has taken a vacation on account of sickness. Bro. Fogelson is relieving him. Mr. Radcliffe, an old-time dispatcher, is working second trick. Mr. Jepson is working third trick. Bro. I. A. Hartwick has given up third trick and accepted position as ticket agent. We are sorry to lose him as a telegrapher, but pleased to see him obtain a promotion.

Bro. Geo. Yeager, agent at Boca, is on a vacation taking a trip through the East. He is relieved by Bro. H. L. Bruce.

Bro. R. H. Loban third telegrapher at Boca, has gone to Floriston, relieving Mr. S. J. Bailey, who has been assigned to the agency at Corning. Bro. J. J. Woodbury has taken third trick at Boca.

Bro. C. C. Stroupe, third trick at Spruce is taking a vacation, he being relieved by one of the Los Angeles students.

Bro. E. F. Stewart has returned from a trip to Santa Cruz.

Bro. C. A. Bailey, agent at Towle, has been on leave of absence account sickness. Bro. Bailey's father died recently in Auburn. Sacramento District extends its sympathy in his great loss. Bro. C. E. Schoonover, second trick at Caporn, has taken charge at Towle during Bro. Bailey's absence.

Bro. W. H. Gorton has gone to Wheatland to accept position as clerk, temporarily, his position as third trick at Gold Run being filled by Bro. P. B. Bell.

Bro. A. T. Johnston is relieving Bro. Schoonover, second trick at Caporn.

Bro. J. F. Casey, first trick at Colfax, is going East, soon. He has been sick for some time, and we trust that his vacation will improve his health. We find the force at Colfax solid, Bro. Lobne as agent, Bro. Thomas, first trick during Bro. Casey's absence, Bro. Flynn second trick and Bro. McCloud third trick.

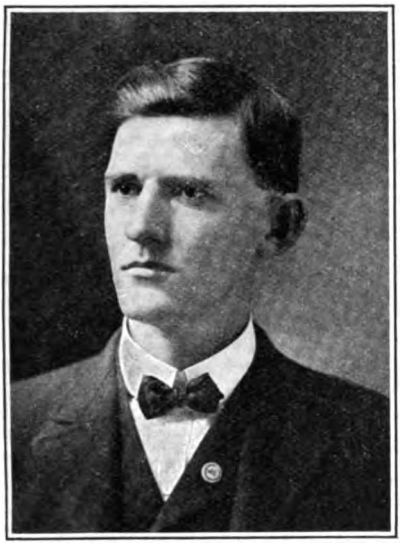
Mr. H. Van Fleet, at Auburn, third trick, relieved by Bro. H. C. Troth. Bro. Troth is to take the agency at Williams soon. Mr. Van Fleet is

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an old-timer, and we are assured that he will soon take out a card. Auburn office will then be solid.

Bro. W. E. Rogers, at New Castle, has an excellent opportunity to do some missionary work at that point.

Bro. Mathers, of Penryn, and Bro. Aymar, of Loomis are getting their working clothes out for the busy fruit season, which soon begins.



O. A. NETHERCUTT,
Delegate Div. No. 36.

Bro. L. L. Brewer has accepted the agency at Roseville, temporarily.

Lincoln agency will be on the next bulletin, as we understand Mr. A. C. Fleming is going out of the business. First trick is now filled by H. C. Ernst, whom, we understand, is a member of another division. His wife, also a member of another division, is filling position as clerk.

Bro. R. V. Moore has filed on the agency at Emigrant Gap and will go there within a few days.

Bro. C. A. Nelson, agent at Corning, will take the agency at Towles when relieved by Mr. Bailey, of Floriston.

Mr. D. C. Pelton, of Fruto, is on a vacation, relieved by Bro. M. H. Church.

Bro. F. M. Goff, of the E. P. & S.-W., is relieving Bro. Locey at Colusa Jct., whom we understand is taking a vacation.

Bro. L. F. Pinder, of the C. & A., is relieving clerk at Williams.

Bro. C. E. Heidrick, of Zamora, has returned to work. He has not fully recovered as yet from his gunshot wound, but is improving rapidly.

Bro. G. W. Whybark has recently purchased a new Ford automobile. He can be seen every evening speeding on the fine roads around Yolo.

Following is the new local board for Sacramento District: J. E. Blackford, chairman, Towle, Calif.; H. H. Houston, secretary, No. 2020 "S" St., Sacramento, Calif.; H. M. Baxter, committeeman, Truckee, Calif.

The new seniority list is now in hands of the printer and will, no doubt, be distributed soon. In case there should be an error in the dating of any brother, the matter should be taken up with the local chairman at once and date will be corrected promptly. CERT. 2453.

Western Division—

Bro. J. W. Beardsley, from Avon, is taking a trip in the East, visiting relatives, he having resigned the position at Avon account of his daughter's health.

Bro. L. Dyer, second trick from Davis, bid in Avon. Bro. J. McMichael relieved Bro. Dyer.

Bro. P. M. Quien, extra, bid in the assistant agency at Vallejo Jct.

Bro. E. H. Roe, after visiting relatives in the East, has returned, and is doing his share at Elmira.

Bro. E. Weidner has returned to his position at Livermore, after relieving Mr. Groves at Bay Point for several weeks, while the latter was visiting in Oregon.

Bro. R. Hebard, from Mt. Eden, bid in the agency at Bethany, Bro. H. L. Tompkins having resigned same to accept another position.



T. J. GALLAGHER,
Delegate Div. No. 37.

Understand Bro. W. R. Burns, assistant at Pinole, has resigned and accepted a position with the Union Oil Co. at Oleum.

Bro. C. B. Ballard is doing the relief act at Guinda for awhile.

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Bro. G. A. Rusterholtz, the night owl at Bay Point, is taking a vacation, and visiting relatives in Chicago. Relieved by J. C. Clay.

Bro. L. G. Eby, agent Suisun, bid in the agency at Napa Jct.

It is hoped that members will keep me fully informed on matters they wish published in THE



E. B. CLAY,
Alternate Div. No. 37.

TELEGRAPHER and have same reach me not later than the twentieth of the month in order to have them appear in the following issue as they have to be in the editor's hands by the twenty-eighth.

Now that we have a dispensation for April and May, it should be a great inducement for the members to secure the application of the nons, and not let them rest until you have lined them up.

Am in hopes of having a better write-up next issue, as will expect to be better posted on the changes by the members where the changes are made, although will see that this division is represented in each issue.

DIV. COR.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Minnesota Division—

This is to inform the members of the Minnesota Division that I have been elected local chairman, and shall do everything in my power to better conditions.

The following are a few of the changes:

Bro. Anderson has been transferred to Frazee Station, relieving Mr. Waller, who has gone to Milnor, on the branch. We understand Mr. Stokley, former agent at Milnor, has left the service.

Mr. Mahar, second trick at Glyndon, is taking a short vacation. His place is being filled by Mr. Ringstad, who was formerly located at Grand Forks.

Mr. Owston, who formerly worked at Fertile, landed the Grafton agency and Mr. Johnson was transferred from Voss to Fertile. It is understood that a new man by the name of Weston is holding Voss station.

Fraternally,
H. E. OLSEN,
Local Chairman.

Lake Superior Division—

This month's write-up will be short, as I have not much material and less time.

I am glad to say that some of the members take an interest in our fraternal column. I received notes from a couple of brothers. They will please "come again," as every little helps.

Spring has really arrived, and there are signs of returning activity along the line. We now have at least two work trains at the Barnum pit, and another pit will be opened a short distance west of Carlton, on the Second District this week. I understand the company intends to surface the line from Hinckley to Wyoming soon.

Telegrapher O'Brien has been at Aitkin, third trick, for about two weeks. He was relieved the 18th and came home (Pine City) for a few days' rest, before going to the new pit job at Carlton.

We understand that Carlson and Jacksie, who were relieved at Carlton a short time ago, are again in the service. Jacksie is now second trick man at Barnum, another man having been put on here on account of work trains. Carlson relieved O'Brien at Aitkin.

Bro. D. C. Gray, of Pine City, went up to Duluth, recently, with the High School debaters, and was the guest of Telegrapher Lansworth, of the dispatcher's office.

And it's a good thing for the boys, when they get the chance, to drop in and get acquainted with our dispatchers, as it tends to promote good fellowship.

Bro. O'Sullivan was down from Hinckley the 14th, and gave us a call. He is beginning to prepare for the trip to Atlanta in May.

DIV. COR.

Idaho Division—

Bro. Cox, second trick man at Hauser, is taking a thirty-day lay-off, and looking over the situation around Portland. He was relieved by Bro. Wheeless, from the Illinois Central, who stayed but two days. Telegrapher Galvin, a commercial man, relieved Wheeless.

Bro. Arndt is back on first trick at Ramsey. Bro. Lukanitsch is working second and Telegrapher Hackett third.

Agent Smith, of Hauser, is spending a sixty-day vacation at his old home in Michigan. Bro. Seward is holding down the agency at Hauser during his absence. Telegrapher Pampau relieved Bro. Seward at Trent.

Mr. Brown is holding down Kootenai, vice Telegrapher Barrett. He comes from the Montana

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Division, where he has held an exclusive agency for several years.

We understand that Bro. Colwell, of Cabinet, was married, recently, but we were unable to learn the particulars.

Telegrapher Seaman is contemplating a visit East, and will leave as soon as he can get relief.

Bro. Bob Horn goes to Farmington as agent.

We hear that Bro. Scott has left Granite, but we are unable to learn where he went. Bro. Suydam is now working the second trick there and Bro. Paula third.

Telegrapher Edgar Hall relieved Bro. Mueller on the owl trick at Kendrick.

Mr. Joy, former agent at Lewiston, who was recently reinstated, has been assigned to Creston.

At this writing Bro. Cottingham, of Algoma, is waiting for relief. He will spend a short vacation in Western Washington.

Telegrapher Caples, who has been holding down the third trick at Sand Point, has gone to Pasco to work in a drug store. He was relieved by Telegrapher Chalupsky, from third trick at Hope. Telegrapher Doles, from Trout Creek, goes to third trick at Hope.

Telegrapher Cain, from second trick at Athol, takes the agency at Lenore, vice Mr. Ormsby.

Bro. Burton is now on second at Athol, and Telegrapher Befeke third.

Bro. Frost accepted the agency at Volmer, and took charge the last of March. Bro. Mueller is working first trick at Cocolalla, Telegrapher Owen second, and Bro. R. E. Donahue, from the Pasco Division, third.

There has been considerable dissatisfaction among the boys on account of no bulletins appearing on this division. Most of the other divisions seem to be getting bulletin service and we see no reason why we should not. Bro. Seward is endeavoring to do something for us along this line.

We asked one of the brothers the other evening if the third trick man had a card. He didn't know. Don't be afraid to ask a newcomer if he carries a card. If your office isn't solid, get busy and find out why. Don't leave it all for your local chairman.

Some of these items may be a bit ancient by the time the journal is out, but as there was no write-up last month, it was deemed best to cover as much ground as possible.

DIV. COR.

Montana Division, Butte Line—

Bro. J. D. Rollins, of Division 34, relieved Bro. Nott at Hoppers.

G. N. Larson and Sam Reynolds are the new men in Livingston office.

R. E. Lovejoy relieved Bro. Millikin at Muir.

Bro. H. W. Jessee, at Sappington, contracted the "Panama bug," and left the service.

Agent Cook, at Columbus, is ranching. He was relieved by Bro. Logan.

Bro. Riley, of Greycliff, and Bro. Jones, of Merrill, attended an April Fool party at Chestnut.

Bro. Shipton has been transferred from Belgrade to the agency at Three Forks.

Bro. J. C. Robinson, formerly of the R. M. Division, relieved Bro. Meadows at Laurel. Bro. Meadows left the service.

Telegrapher Reynolds transferred from Livingston to "BG" office at Billings.

Bro. Leech is the new man on second trick at Mission.

Bro. Guernsey, of Belgrade, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. E. C. White.

Telegrapher Jeffers has been transferred from Chestnut to Manhattan. Bro. Little gets second trick, and Mr. C. A. Reichardt, from the Burlington, third trick at Chestnut.

Bro. N. K. Strunk has been transferred to third trick at Butte, relieving Bro. C. Whitelock, who is on a short vacation, looking after business interests near Chicago.

We understand that Bro. Strunk is to take a vacation and go East on Bro. Whitelock's return to Butte.

Bro. Carr, of Welch, resigned and was relieved by Bro. H. W. Jessee, who was later bumped by Bro. King, of Sappington. Bro. Jessee accepted the position of night man at Sappington, but later left the service. He was relieved by Bro. A. C. Parks, lately with the Milwaukee at Sappington tower.

Bro. Carr is doing the third trick stunt on the R. M. Division at Silver Bow.



JOHN J. POWERS,
Delegate Div. No. 38.

Quite a number of changes have taken place at Whitehall in the last few months. Mr. M. W. Gardner returned to his home in Michigan. Bro. L. G. Graham was transferred to M. U. Transfer, relieved at Whitehall by Bro. W. H. Earp, just

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returned from a leave of absence. Mr. M. Conrad, off the Wabash at Pittsburg, is now on third.

Late news from Mr. R. R. Brown, who was formerly located at Welch and Lombard, informs us that he is now throwing levers for the C. & N.-W. at Mechanicsville, Iowa.

The local chairman wishes to thank Bros. Earp and Oberg for the items contributed this month.

CERT. 1079.

Yellowstone Division—

Bro. Anderson was called home the fore part of March on account of his mother's sickness, returned to work at Hodges, the first week of April, his mother's condition being much improved.

Bro. Amundson, who relieved Bro. Anderson at Hodges, has returned to third trick at Rosebud.



C. I. MEAD,
Delegate Div. No. 39.

Bro. Mennell, of Terry, moved his family on the farm, which is eight miles from town, and spent a few days with them, working on the place.

Bro. Peck, at Medora, lost one day, recently, on account of sickness. Telegrapher Weatherly, who relieved him, is now relieving Bro. Sullivan, at Hoyt.

Sister Minton, second trick at Sims, took a few days' vacation, recently, visiting her parents and friends in Glendive. She was relieved by Telegrapher Dietz, a new man on the division. Later he relieved Bro. Vreeland, at Big Horn, who went East on a vacation.

Bro. John Paul has accepted the agency at Fallon for a couple of weeks.

Bro. Gough spent a night in Mandan the first of the month.

Bro. Kerlin was called home by the receipt of a message stating that his mother was seriously ill with pneumonia. He left Glendive on No. 4 the 11th inst., but before he reached St. Paul another message was received, conveying the sad news that she had passed away. Bro. Kerlin has the sympathy of the entire division.

Chief Dispatcher Johnson has resumed duty, after spending a couple of weeks in St. Paul.

The local chairman made a short, quick visit to Mandan the last Sunday in March, leaving Glendive on No. 6, and returning on No. 5. He was accompanied from Dickinson by Bro. Tompkins, and had the pleasure of seeing a few of the brothers while on the road, but did not have much opportunity to talk with them.

Don't neglect to furnish Bros. Miller and Gough with material for the next two issues of the journal. In order to do our division justice, they must have assistance.

CERT. 456.

Pacific Division, First District—

I shall begin this article with an extract from a letter received from Bro. Baker, which I hope all concerned will read and consider carefully:

"The delinquent list shows several brothers and sisters who should see the error of dropping behind. I doubt if they will remain out of the Order long. If any of them see this, I hope they will take a few minutes and think the matter over and see if they can find out where they will be gaining anything by dropping out. I have studied this matter quite a bit and have decided that the Order would not die of heart disease if I dropped out, while, on the other hand, I would lose the insurance protection, the benefit of a card, the good will of all brother telegraphers and my own self-respect. It is a mistake to think that dropping your membership is going to benefit you or injure the Order. The Order will live and so will you, but you will not feel in your heart that you are doing your full duty to yourself, or to your brother craftsmen."

Telegrapher W. J. Owens, third at Thorp, is laying off. Relieved by Telegrapher C. A. Barry, late of the G. N.

Bristol—Bro. E. L. Carr bid in second trick at Ridgefield, on Second District. Vacancy filled temporarily by Bro. V. O. Brunner, and permanently by Bro. G. W. Milton, from Castle Rock.

Nelsons—Bro. W. H. McKiddy bid in Lemolo; relieved by Mr. G. W. Wood.

Easton—Glad to report that Bro. U. G. Calvert is out of the hospital and again on first trick. Bros. Brimberry and Moore are on the other tricks.

Upham—Bro. F. C. Fischer is taking a thirty-day lay-off; relieved by Bro. F. H. Rowan.

Martin—Mr. Spencer is laying off; relieved by Bro. V. O. Brunner.

Lester—Telegrapher Peterson is back at the key after a severe spell of sickness. Telegrapher E. A. Johnson is laying off. Bro. E. G. Mathews is

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on second. Bro. E. Best, of Division No. 53, is working third.

Lemolo—Telegrapher H. V. LaDow bid in the Covington agency.

Covington—Bro. J. G. Greybeal bid in the Bucoda agency.

No double-track news, except that Mr. Gress, who has been working nights at Kalama, is now third trick man at Meeker. Bro. J. L. Miller, from third at Meeker, to a ticket and clerical job at Olympia.

South Prairie—Bro. T. E. Kennedy resigned, and has been relieved by Mrs. Wingfield.

Dispatcher's Office, Tacoma—A. M. Costello, from The Dalles, Oregon, has been employed. Vacations have commenced. Dispatcher Flynn, who has been relieved of trick work, is on the local examining board. K. C.

Fargo Division—

Having had the honor to be elected local chairman of the Fargo Division, I will do all in my power to make this the banner division of the road.

I desire that each member send me items of interest in order that they may be forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, also the names of nons coming to this division, so that I may send them application papers.

Bro. E. C. Murray, of Bloom, has just enjoyed a six weeks' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. F. J. Trinwith.

Bro. H. G. Larson, the third trick man at Bloom, has been transferred to Sanborn third trick, being relieved by Bro. C. A. Kleman, of St. Paul Division. Bro. Kleman, in turn, was relieved by Bro. Trinwith, who goes on third and Bro. Kleman goes to Spiritwood, relieving Bro. E. H. Nelson. Bro. Nelson goes on second trick, relieving W. M. Wilson, who is off on a thirty-days' leave of absence.

Bro. Larson, of Sanborn, third trick, has been transferred to second trick at Oriska; relieved by Bro. N. F. Julius.

Bro. R. C. Pravitz is away on vacation; relieved by Bro. Mannes, from Cooperstown, who also relieved V. F. Nelson while he was absent getting married. CERT. 1619.

Dakota and Fargo Divisions—

If each member who is working with a non would talk O. R. T. to him and keep at him until he came in, it would be but a short time until we would be solid. We all understand the benefits to be derived from holding membership in the Order, and why a person should hesitate to join is more of a problem than I am able to solve.

Bro. Case has been transferred from Steele to Dawson, relieving Bro. Peterson, who went to Steele, third trick.

Bro. Carr, a new man on the division, is relieving Mr. Boyle, at Bismarck, for a few days.

Bro. Strand relieved Bro. Yosti, at Windsor, for a week. Bro. Yosti is laying off to "prove up" on a claim.

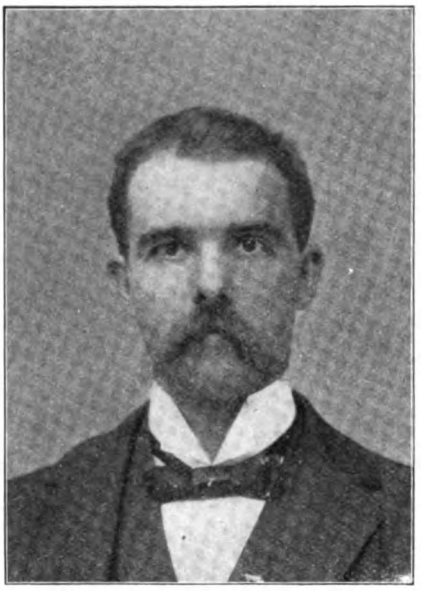
Bro. Norman, at Brinsmade, has resigned, and, we understand, has gone into the implement business with his brother-in-law, at some point in Minnesota.

Mr. Rich relieved Bro. Norman at Brinsmade. Mr. Adams, from "J," Jamestown, relieved Mr. Rich at Oberon.

Mr. Adams was relieved by Mr. Papron at "J," Jamestown. Mr. Capron has since resigned, and has been relieved by Bro. Christensen, from "JY," Jamestown. Bro. Strand is now doing the second stunt at the yard.

Anyone having anything of interest send it in, so we can have a little write-up in the journal each month. Yours fraternally,

P. A. ELBERT,
Local Chairman.



L. E. HICKS,
Delegate Div. No. 40.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Wheeling Division—

The regular monthly meeting at Navarre was fairly well attended, there being some nine or ten brothers present. It has been decided to hold all meetings in the future at Navarre, instead of Massillon, as it is more convenient for Cleveland, Wheeling and W. P. T. & W. S. B. members to attend. Meeting is held on the third Saturday evening of each month.

After the regular meeting the new general committee met and elected the following officers for the next two years: General chairman, Bro. R. E. Hamilton, Mogadore, O.; general secretary and Treasurer, C. R. Guthrie, Jewett, O.

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NOTICE.

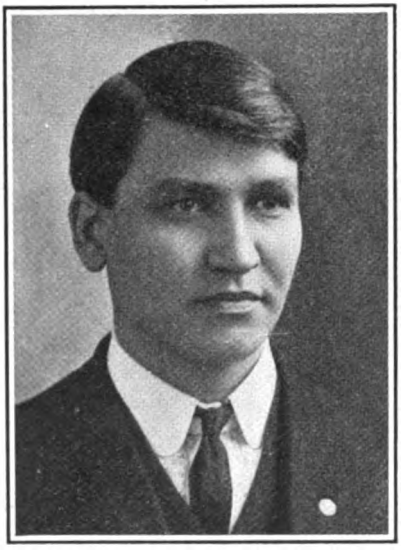
To All Members of Division No. 55:

Dues for term ending December 31, 1909, are due on July 1st. Remittances for dues should be made direct to me, instead of to Bro. L. W. Quick, which will save time and trouble, as cards will not be issued until my report, showing the members as having paid dues, reaches St. Louis. Dues, per term, in Division No. 55 are $4.00.

Remit assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department to Bro. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis Mo.

Yours fraternally,

C. R. GUTHRIE, *G. S. and T.*



G. F. WILLIS,

Alternate Div. No. 40.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

JEWETT, O., March 27, 1909.

To All Members of Division No. 55:

In the future regular monthly meetings will be held at Navarre, instead of Massillon, on the third Saturday evening of each month. All members are requested to attend.

C. R. GUTHRIE, *G. S. and T.*

West End—

Bro. Ricketts, the agent at Williston, has accepted an agency on the W. P. T. Ry.

Telegrapher C. H. Kintner has left the service and is located at Wooster.

Bro. R. H. Fields, third trick at Lodi, will take second trick in the near future. Mr. Johnson, night telegrapher at Pryor, landed third trick.

Bro. B. W. Tuttle, agent at Brighton, is laying off on account of sickness. He is being relieved by Bro. France.

Bro. Mismanger was the only one present from the west end, at the meeting held at Navarre, Saturday evening, March 20th. Wake up and attend meetings, as they are a benefit in more ways than one. A meeting will be held at Norwalk some time during the later part of April, at which Bro. Hamilton, our new general chairman, will be present. We would like to have a large attendance, and a good meeting.

DUTCH.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty in His supreme wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved Bro. J. U. Sineath, and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of our late brother we have lost an honored member, and the parents a dutiful son, therefore be it

Resolved, That the G. S. & F. Division of The Order of Telegraphers extend to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy in their hour of affliction, and most earnestly commend them to our Heavenly Father for consolation and comfort, ever remembering that He doeth all things wisely, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon our minutes.

W. O. WILSON,
P. C. GRIFFIN,
L. F. SINEATH,
J. M. WOOTEN,
O. H. WATSON,
General Committee.
E. M. WEEKS,
L. D. HAMILTON.

Southern Ry.

Words are indeed inadequate to express my profound interest in the meetings to be held in Rome, and as I am unable to attend, I hereby make a feeble effort to express my sentiments in a way that may be helpful to some brother less interested.

I am requested by one of the efficient members of our Order to mention these facts for the benefit of some listless brother who may be aroused to a sense of duty.

Our most important aim at present is "Thorough Organization." When we have accomplished this we can manifest our power for the good of our profession. This, I think, should be forcibly impressed on the minds of members, and its importance demonstrated so clearly that they will realize their situation. "There is fighting all along the line," and each member has an equal share of responsibility, and no effort should be spared to arouse him to a true sense of duty.

Our achievement depends entirely upon individual effort, and we should therefore put forth unfaltering energy; surmounting difficulties until we

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have at last attained the royal heights of success. Is this possible? Certainly it is if we can but realize our duty and acquire the determination to discharge it. Don't be a "Drone" in this busy field of labor. Let's resolve that our future efforts will be exerted in disseminating a grand



J. A. SEWELL,
Alternate Div. No. 40.

and glorious cause. Visit the nons, and endeavor to show them the real situation. Explain the necessity of their assistance as well as the critical condition confronting them. Show them how they will be serving their best interests in aiding the persistent throng that is laboring so hard for their financial welfare. Emphasize these facts and the results are sure to be gratifying.

Another injustice we are suffering, is the failure of our superior officers to bulletin vacancies. This is not in accordance with our contract and should be rectified. "Seniority" seems to have lost its prominence on this division. Since we lost our esteemed Bro. Moss, our members have apparently forfeited their interest in our noble fraternity, and given sway to approaching conditions which threaten to captivate and enslave us; however, we are grateful for the interest now arising and hope renewed energy and enthusiasm may engulf each member and crown his efforts with a bountiful harvest.

Your highest aspirations should be for the upbuilding of your financial welfare, and that of your brother workers; and if each individual member will follow these earnest suggestions to maturity, as he is respectfully requested to do, it will be but a short time until we can easily command the consideration and respect of our superior officers, and look forward to a brighter future. CERT. 157.

Atlanta Division, North End—

A very interesting meeting was held in Rome, Ga., March 28th. The meeting was well attended, there being seventeen present. The object of this meeting was to make arrangements for regular monthly meetings.

The next meeting will be held April 25th, and a larger attendance is expected. Mrs. E. B. Smith, of the Dixie Twin Order Club, will be with us, and also the Hon. Jerome Jones, of the American Federation of Labor, and a hearty welcome will be given them.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters, you must come to these meetings in Rome, and wake up, take part in them. They will be held every fourth Sunday in each month, and there should be no excuse to stay away. Get your passes in time and be with us.

One of our members gave us a letter to read at the meeting, and we hope to see it reproduced in the columns of the journal. We hope it will be the means of waking up some listless member or bring a non across.

Sister McCoy, from Lawrence, Ala., was with us at our last meeting and will be at the next one.

We are very sorry to say that Mr. G. D. Hanna, first trick dispatcher, is in very bad health, and is off duty for about thirty days. He will



H. S. SHUEY,
Alternate Div. No. 40.

go to the country, in the neighborhood of Varnell, and stay two or three weeks.

Mr. C. S. Bosworth left Plainville, and has gone back to his old place, second trick at Varnell. Relieved by Mr. A. M. White, from Seney.

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We understand that Bro. D. M. Butler, second trick at Shannon, will quit the service in the near future, and go in the grocery business with his brother.

Bro. Silvernail, of Silver Creek, has a very sick daughter in the hospital at Rome.

ASST. DIV. COR.



J. B. BODE,
Delegate Div. No. 41.

Atlanta Division, South End—

Bro. Kenney, of Jackson, our local chairman, was recently relieved by Telegrapher Weems. We hope to have Bro. Kenney with us again soon.

Mrs. Scott has secured third trick at Holton, permanently.

Bro. Tucker, of Cork, spent a few days last week with his mother at Holton.

Bro. Goodwin spent Sunday last at Juliette.

Bro. Chancelor, the third trick man at Virgin, is off for a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Jackson, of Stockbridge.

We extend to Bro. Scott, of Holton, our sympathy in his bereavement, caused by the loss of his mother.

Mr. G. W. Adams, third trick dispatcher at Atlanta, has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been for his health.

Let us hear from the brothers of this division. We want to know what is going on. We can not get around to see you all. Get busy and let's get a solid line. DIV. COR.

St. Louis Division, West End—

The second trick man at Bartelso, Mr. Byerly, is spending a few days' vacation at Georgetown.

Bro. Chapman, of Mt. Carmel, paid his parents a visit last week.

Regular first trick Dispatcher Devney worked second trick a few nights last week. Dispatcher Gilley working first trick.

But few items were recceived from the boys this month, hence this communication is necessarily brief. CERT. 2377.

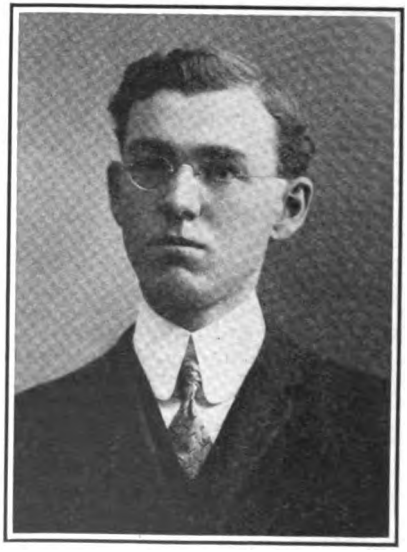
Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

Cincinnati Division—

The meeting at Danville on the 12th was a grand success. Immediately upon arrival of No. 27, the members of this division, together with a number of those present from the Chattanooga Division, repaired to the I. O. O. F. Hall, where the remainder of the Chattanooga Division men were in waiting, they having arrived previously on No. 2.

As a preliminary to this meeting, Mr. R. C. Reid, Chief Dispatcher of the Chattanooga Division, gave us an interesting talk on the duties of the men relative to the business of the company, which was very instructive, and which was appreciated by the members.

After this, the meeting was called to order. A local division was organized and a regular meeting place agreed upon. The following brothers were elected as officers of the new local: H. S. Griffis, chief telegrapher; K. C. Gardner, secretary; J. E. Bishop, first vice-telegrapher; J. W. Bailey, second vice-telegrapher; W. B. Compton,



J. A. TUCK,
Alternate Div. No. 41.

past chief telegrapher; B. P. Shewmaker, marshall; M. Williams, inside sentinel.

It is hoped that the members will make a special effort to attend these meetings, which will be held subject to the call of the chief telegrapher.

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It was, indeed, a great disappointment to Bro. Gardner and the writer that the Cincinnati Division was not better represented. We believe a greater number from the Cincinnati Division could have been present had they made an effort.

The men from the Chattanooga Division, seventeen in number were very enthusiastic, and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

Bro. A. B. Willison has been elected delegate to the convention to be held in Atlanta in May.

The following were elected local chairmen of Division No. 62: Bro. B. D. Stone, A. G. S. Division, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Bro. M. B. Dungan, Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky.; Bro. E. H. Boutwell, Cincinnati Division, Williamstown, Ky.

Bro. A. B. Willison, of Science Hill, Ky., was re-elected general chairman, and Bro. K. C. Gardner, of Williamstown, Ky., general secretary and treasurer.

Bros. A. H. Harper, of Chattanooga, M. J. Kelly and E. H. Boutwell, of Williamstown, were appointed tellers and counted the votes at Williamstown on the first of March.

Bro. G. G. Davis relieved Bro. L. M. Triplette at "QA" office, Cincinnati, Bro. Triplette bid in third trick at Nicholasville.

Bro. M. J. McGuirke, "DI" office, Cincinnati, has been sick at his home at Erlanger, for some time. He has almost recovered and has resumed duty. Mr. Holder relieved him.

Mr. Hurt, formerly of Richwood, has accepted the agency at Walton, temporarily, vice Mr. Walsh, who is expected to return to his agency soon. Bro. Nelson relieved Mr. Hurt at Richwood.

Bro. H. A. Wise, who held the Walton agency for some time is now agent at some point on the Chattanooga Division.

Mr. Kirby, who has been at Blanchet for some time, disappeared about the 20th, an extra man filling his place until the position is bulletined.

We are pleased to again see Bro. Arnold at Corinth.

Bro. Witt, third trick at Sadieville, is working second trick at Lexington, in Bro. DeCorr's place. We understand that Bro. DeCorr has accepted a position as dispatcher on some Western road. We wish him success.

We are glad to see Bro. J. F. Jones again at work with the C. S. He is ticket agent at Georgetown. Bro. Brooks, former ticket agent, has accepted a clerk's desk in the freight house.

Bro. McCowan, of High Bridge, has resumed duty after a protracted illness. Mr. Frye relieved him.

Bro. Conway, who has been working at "DV" office, Danville, has returned to his old position, third trick "D" office, same town.

Mr. Frye is relieving Bro. J. V. Hall at "GT" tower, Georgetown.

We should demand the union label on everything we buy. Articles manufactured by union houses are just as good or better in quality than non-union products; just as easy to obtain, and in buying them we show a union spirit. If we would favor union labor and show that we are thorough union men, we must patronize its products. The union label is a guarantee that it is made by union men, under union conditions.

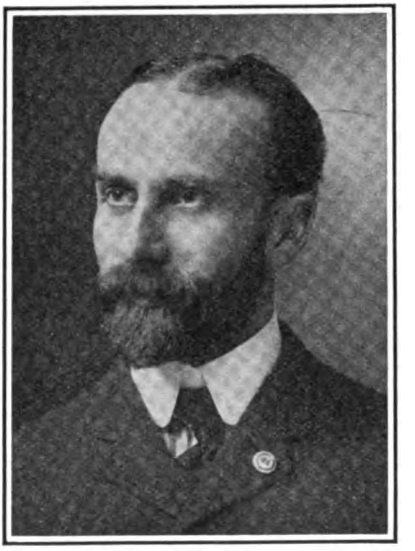
SKYGACK (FROM MARS).

Telegrapher E. P. Allen, who has been extra man at Glen Mary for some time, is working extra at Flat Rock. Mr. McKnight has been assigned to Glen Mary permanently.

Bro. McCartt was off duty a few days this month, and enjoyed a trip to Florida. He was relieved by Mr. McKnight.

Bro. Joe Davison was off one day this month, and was relieved by Telegrapher Hudson, an extra man.

Waynesburg agency has been assigned to Bro. Reed; second trick at McKinney to Bro. Dumas;



F. N. HALL,
Delegate Div. No. 42.

third trick at Oneida to Bro. Strunk, and "GF" tower to Bro. Rogers.

It is rumored that Robbins will soon be opened as a night office.

Bro. Carlton, of Emory Gap, was off several days during March; relieved by Telegrapher Hudson.

Bro. Lewis, second at Helenwood, has been sick, but cannot say whether he has returned to work.

The first trick at Moreland was bid in by Bro. Compton, and the second by Bro. Singleton.

Mr. Ishmale has quit the service and gone to parts unknown.

Bro. Phillipps, first at Oneida, took a lay-off of ten days in March and got married.

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We were all glad to see Bro. Burgoon reinstated at Nemo. He was out of service about 27 days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Hudson.

Bro. Hall returned from the West and relieved Mr. McCarty, the night man at Pine Knot.



E. J. SHIRM,
Delegate Div. No. 42.

Telegrapher Hudson was off duty several days recently on account of ill health. We understand he spent his time in the West.

Bro. Hall, from Pine Knott, recently spent a few days in Courteville and Chattanooga.

Business is light on Q. & C. at present, but we hope to see it improve as soon as strawberries come in. Let us suggest that a division correspondent be appointed, that our division may be represented each month.

"A SILENT COMMITTEE."

Queen & Crescent Ry. (South).

There have been numerous changes since the last issue of our journal. Several new positions have been created and men assigned to them.

Bro. Hyde, the former agent at Poplarville, is now handling the agency at Lumberton. Mr. Boyett, agent from Enterprise, succeeded Bro. Hyde at Polarville. Bro. J. C. Fields, who was formerly agent at Pachuta, relieved Mr. Boyett at Enterprise, and is now agent at that place, while Bro. McKinnon, from McNeil agency, relieved Bro. Fields at Pachuta, and is now the regular agent. Mr. E. L. Bishop, the day telegrapher at Ellisville, has been installed as agent at McNeil, relieving Bro. McKinnon.

Bro. C. Moody, the second trick man at Enterprise, was off duty a few days, and while absent was relieved by Mr. McDonald.

Bro. Price has also been on a short vacation, and was relieved by Bro. McConnell.

We learn that Bro. J. C. Bostick has resigned as third trick man at Q. & C. shops, Meridian, but we have not heard who relieved him.

An old-time telegrapher named Bruner relieved Mr. Bishop as day man at Ellisville.

Bro. Morris, agent at Moselle, happened in bad luck a few nights ago; some one broke into his office, taking all his belongings.

Mr. Crane, formerly a member of Division No. 69, has returned and secured a position as third trick tower man at Terminal Junction, New Orleans.

Mr. E. Moody, the first trick man at Hattiesburg, was on the sick list for some time. After spending a while at Staffords Mineral Springs, Vossburg, Miss., he returned, and is again on duty.

It has been learned that Bro. Dyess, the third trick man at Laurel, will succeed Bro. Bostick when the latter is transferred. Bro. Dyess has been third trick telegrapher and night ticket clerk at Laurel for several months.

There is a new set of men at Eastabuchie, and also at Slidell, but we have not learned their names.

Bro. Punch, from Picayune, third trick, will relieve Bro. Dyess, third trick man at Laurel. We have not heard who relieved Bro. Punch at Picayune.

"UNCLE JAKE."

Great Northern Ry.

Minot Division—

P. M. Waters, agent at Pleasant Lake, has been transferred to Stampede, as agent, Bro. M. J. Waters taking the agency at Pleasant Lake.

Bro. G. K. Farr, agent at White Earth, has left the service; relieved by M. B. Mathews.

Bro. D. E. Peterson, agent at Tioga, was on vacation during February.

Mr. H. J. Holland transferred from agency at Bisbee to telegrapher at Ray.

Mr. R. M. Russell transferred from Perth to Upham as agent.

Mr. R. H. Boettcher transferred from Upham to Perth as agent.

Mr. T. J. Clifford, agent at Berwick, has resigned; relieved by E. E. McVicker.

Mr. E. E. McVicker relieved as agent at Landa by Mr. Hanson, from the Soo Line.

The depot at York was destroyed by fire January 19, and as a result Bro. James Dupuis and wife are working second and third tricks in a box car.

Mr. C. E. Sanford was relieved as agent at Dunseith by Bro. E. C. Rotramel.

Bro. N. A. George, agent at Glenburn, has left the service to engage in the furniture business, being relieved by Mr. N. L. Greer.

All third trick men on this division have been notified of a reduction in salary of $15.00 per month, to take effect on March 21st.

Bro. A. D. Hagenstein was off duty several weeks on account of sickness, during which time

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he took a trip to Seattle. He was relieved by Mr. F. J. Falvey from Minot yard office, who has left the service and gone to the Soo Line.

Bro. A. D. Hagenstein has resigned to engage in business in Minot. He was relieved by Bro. W. Post, relief agent.

Bro. R. R. Patterson, third trick at Rugby, is on the sick list; understand it is a case of scarlet fever; relieved by M. Hartman.

Bro. W. J. Kelley, second trick at Rugby, is out of the service; relieved by Mr. M. N. Cavanaugh.

Mr. F. W. Larson, third trick at Williston, is out of the service; relieved by Mr. Millard.

Mr. M. W. Cousineau, agent at Barton, has been transferred to the agency at Bisbee. He was relieved by Mr. E. H. Roberts, from Bisbee.

Bro. G. M. Wedge, agent at Denbigh, is out of the service temporarily; relieved by Mr. M. B. Mathiews from White Earth. Bro. C. V. Vance is now agent at White Earth.

The telephones have been installed on this division, and are ready for business. The dispatchers have been to Willmar to inform themselves on the handling of same. They will be put in operation March 21st.

All of the small stations on the branch have been made non-telegraph offices, and the salaries of the agents reduced $15.00 per month.

Several of the boys on the west end have resigned, and a number on the east end will leave the service in the near future on account of reduction in salary. CERT. 61.

Cascade Division—

The writer, who has assumed the responsibilities of division correspondent, will endeavor to have the Cascade Division represented in the journal each month. He will do his share, and shall expect the members to do theirs, by furnishing all available items.

Let us get the Cascade Division lined up solid.

Each member should be able to secure at least one convert, but do not stop at that, get as many as possible. Talk O. R. T. to every non you meet, explain the benefits of organization and keep after him until success crowns your efforts. I have no application blanks at present, but will have a supply in a few days, and anyone wishing them will kindly drop me a card.

Bros. E. T. and H. F. Hegan were in Seattle last Thursday.

New 90-pound steel for double track is being laid between Meturn and Mosher; the 68-pound steel in the old single track will be replaced by 90-pound steel. It is expected that it will be finished in time for the A. Y. P. Exposition, which begins June 1st in Seattle.

Telegrapher Wolfe, who at one time was leverman at North Portal, recently sailed to Japan on the S. S. Minnesota, to accept a position as wireless telegrapher.

The new Blaine cut-off was put into service a few days ago. Two new offices, White Rock and Olivers, "BC," were opened, and Cloverdale, on the old main line, was closed.

It is understood that we will have service every hour between Everett and Seattle during the fair.

Address all correspondence to

H. F. REAGAN,
Box 77, Richmond Beach, Wash.

Butte Division, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—

F. C. Paul, who carries a C. T. U. of A. card, was put to work on this Division April 1st.

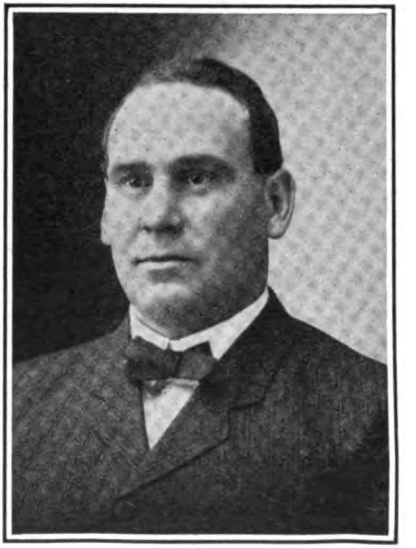
Bro. E. L. Rightmire, of Division No. 130, visited the local chairman a few days last month.

F. K. Barrett, who recently resigned second trick at Spion Kop, and went to the main line, has returned and will probably go to work at Judith Gap. Barrett was relieved at Spion Kop by H. A. Loesch.

J. E. Reeves, Judith Gap, third trick, has left the service. Relieved by Harry Spencer.

This road recently opened the gravel pits at Mitchell, Wicks, Portage and Brady, which gave employment to several telegraphers.

We understand that Bro. Percy, who has served as local chairman for some time, contemplates leaving the service. He will probably be relieved by relief agent Warner, who has been spending most of his time at Stockett, since the company



W. H. HUSTED,
Delegate Div. No. 42.

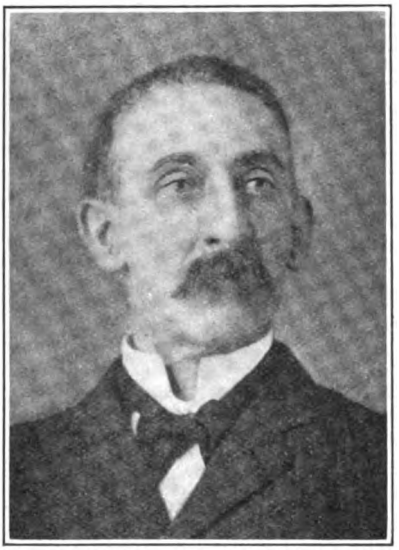
is unable to keep a regular man at that point on account of insufficiency of salary.

There are now three men at Vaughn, Mr. J. M. Atwood, first trick; Harry Howe, second, and Victor Sather, third.

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Bro. J. W. Smith, first trick at Spion Kop, was the only member who sent in items this month. We appreciate the interest he is taking in the Order, and thank him for his assistance.

I would like to ask each telegrapher on the Butte Division to send me items about the



F. W. COLEMAN,
Delegate Div. No. 42.

fifteenth of each month. I have lately been appointed postmaster at Cushman, Mont., and have opened a new office here, so please remember the address, and show a willingness to assist the cause that has done so much for each and every one of us. No doubt it is apparent to all that it is impossible to secure news from six districts by wire, and, of course, we all like to read items from the Butte Division. Having but recently been elected chairman, I do not know who the members are, and I would ask that each one drop me a line, giving Cert. number. If a member of another division, so state, and I will arrange to have you transferred. Let us endeavor to accomplish something on the Butte Division this year. I can not do it alone, but I am willing to do all in my power. If each member will do as much, we will be able to note a great change in the membership of the Butte Division, and within a short time. We have an extra good set of officials, and if we handle our affairs in an intelligent manner we will be able to gain more recognition than otherwise. Let us work faithfully together, striving hard to better working conditions, at the same time giving good service, Yours fraternally,

E. C. SKINNER,
Local Chairman.

B. & O. S. W. Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in his wisdom has called to His everlasting home our worthy Bro. J. W. Tate; and

WHEREAS, It is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to state that in his removal from our midst, we lose one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard. That in his death our Order has suffered a material loss, our country a true citizen, and his family a devoted husband and father. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased in its great bereavement, and commend the members thereof to Him who orders all things for the best for consolation. Be it further

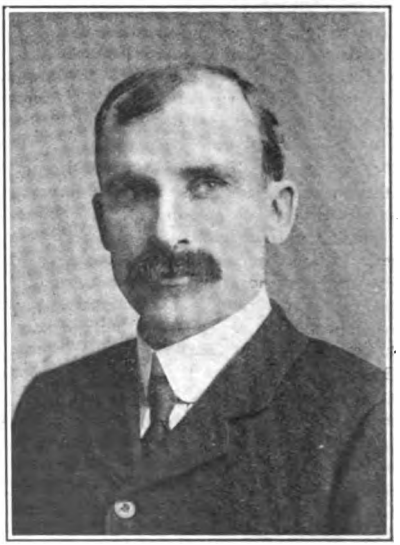
Resolved, That this token of sympathy and sorrow be sent to the relatives of our departed brother by the secretary, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of Division No. 74.

Signed: J. W. N. PECK,
BEN F. RUSSELL,
G. L. CONNER,
Committee on Resolutions.

C. & N. W. Ry.

The Air Line is holding its own, as usual, with a good, strong membership in evidence.

Bro. W. I. Oyler, the third trick man at Jackson, has resigned and left for the State of Washington. He was relieved by Mr. Mike Beck.



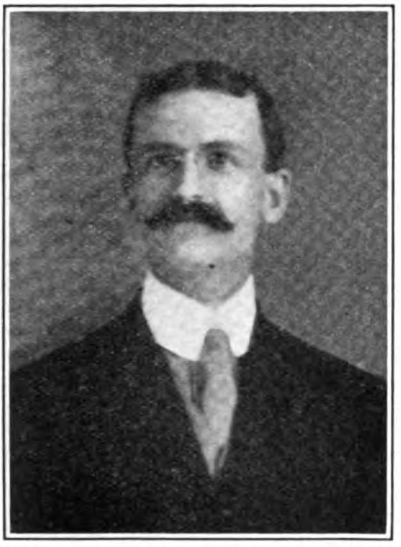
C. N. ALDRICH,
Delegate Div. No. 42.

Our local chairman was recently instructed to get out a circular letter to the membership relative to the monthly assessment, but could not do

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so on account of not being able to obtain a mailing list. Bro. Kempke's office was closed, he being absent to undergo an operation for appendicitis. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

We hope that the members will all pay the small monthly local dues promptly, as we can not afford



E. J. HESSER,
Delegate Div. No. 42.

to write notices asking them to pay up. The best way is to pay for several months at a time. That will save the expense of buying money orders.

A new office has been opened at Milwaukee called Chase Yards. We have not heard who is in charge.

Bro. Heinzelman, from Rockfield, spent Sunday, evening, April 4, with the local chairman.

Bro. F. J. Rehorst, from Eden, called on our local chairman one day last month for a friendly chat.

Our members should bear in mind that grievances are to be taken up with the local chairman, accompanied by the facts in the case, so that he can take the matter up with the proper officials. Some of the boys have a habit of communicating with the general chairman before they mention it to the local chairman. This procedure is improper, as the papers will have to be returned to be taken up with the division superintendent. DIV. COR.

CARD OF THANKS.

Myself and family join in tendering thanks to the members of the O. R. T. for their kind assistance and the beautiful floral offering we received on the occasion of the death of our little daughter, Helen. Our best wishes will ever be with you. Sincerely yours,

O. HOUSER, *Cert.* 538, *Div.* 76.

Sioux City Division—

Bro. E. J. Johnson, agent at Kiron, drew Modale station on bulletin. Did not hear who goes to Kiron.

Bro. R. L. Ells, the agent at Schleswig, relieved by Mr. Thomassen, who has been agent at Lawton.

Bro. W. I. Grush, agent at Blencoe, was off duty for a few days recently, being relieved by R. C. Amos, who is now working at Mondamin as telegrapher.

Mr. A. C. Gibson relieved Mr. Amos at Mondamin, while he was at Blencoe.

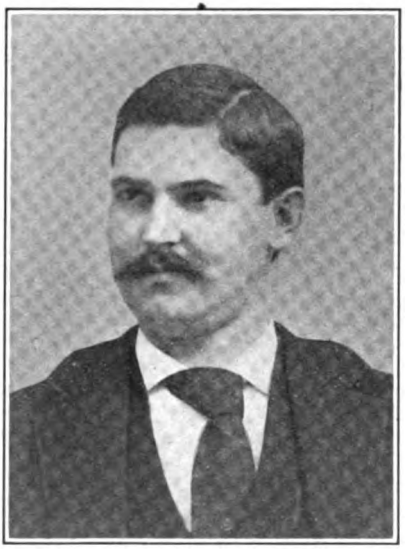
Mr. B. I. Fenn, the agent at Onawa, is laying off a few weeks; relieved by Mr. V. E. Wendell, who has been acting night ticket agent at Sioux City during the absence of Mr. L. W. Hill. Mr. Hill has resumed duty.

Bro. G. A. Swanstrom has returned from Canada, where he has been for a few weeks.

Will some of the brothers please send items once in a while? I am indebted to Bro. T. M. Noe for most of these items. Everyone should lend assistance in order that we may have a good write-up each month. CERT. 231.

Minnesota Division—

T. F. Carroll bumped G. W. Cotton, who was working the second trick in the dispatcher's office. Mr. Cotton resumed second at St. Peter Jct., "CK," on the first of April. G. B. Zepp took third and C. D. Roach went to third trick at Owatonna.



J. F. KARL,
Alternate Div. No. 42.

G. B. Zepp is laying off and is being relieved by his brother, A. P. Zepp.

F. A. Grant, who has been agent at Vesta for some years, has resigned and returned to his

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home division at Larsen, Wis. This move was made on account of the health of his wife. M. F. Goodmanson, from Springfield, held this station down until bulletin expired, V. F. Pfeiffer getting it.

A. L. Taylor, the agent at Essig, was off duty a few days this month, relieved by I. V. Furry,



A. A. DONNELLY,
Alternate Div. No. 42.

A. P. Zepp relieving Furry, second trick at Stockton.

A. McDonald, third trick at Waseca, was off a few days recently, being relieved by H. J. Johnson, an extra telegrapher.

C. D. Roach relieved T. C. Ferris as third telegrapher at Owatonna, while Ferris was relieving Agent Porter for a week or so.

A new man by the name of P. L. Tork is working at Lamberton.

M. J. Manchester, the agent at Plainview, is taking an extended vacation; relieved by B. Lahey, cashier at Rochester.

A new man by the name of R. A. Foard worked a few nights at Mankato, relieving H. J. Johnson, who went to New Ulm to fill in. Upon F. W. Mosher's return, he resumed work at Mankato Jct.

Telegrapher T. Lowery is working second while Richardson takes a week's lay-off.

J. L. Keegan, day telegrapher at Redwood Falls, is taking a three months' lay-off on account of ill health; relieved by some Redwood Falls man.

Telegrapher Whelan, who has been holding second at Watertown, has been transferred to the Wisconsin Division.

R. A. Pfefferlee, the third trick man at Sleepy Eye, is taking a few days' vacation this month, being relieved by Extra Telegrapher T. Lowery.

T. A. Woodruff was sick about two weeks at Chatfield, an old-timer by the name of Addy relieving him.

F. A. Bieresdorf, first trick at New Ulm, was off a few days this month, looking after his ranch in Dakota, G. P. Skeels doing the necessary while he was away.

N. Paulson, Centerville, S. D., was elected delegate and J. J. Klein, of Sanborn, Minn., alternate from this district.

M. M. Zeches drew Eyota, third trick, A. C Boomer Watertown, second and the position as agent and telegrapher at Porter is now on the slow board. Paul L. Tork gets Lamberton, third trick.

The double tracking of the River Division of the C. M. & St. P. Ry., from Wabasha to Richmond, which was to have been completed through here this summer, has been laid on the table for another year in order to rush the completion of their coast extension. G. W. C., DIV. COR.

Madison Division—

Mr. P. J. O'Brien, our superintendent, is away on his annual vacation.

Mr. H. R. Koch, of the dispatcher's force, who spent a few days' vacation with friends and relatives at different points, has resumed duty.

Mr. Glen Cole is laying off a few days, visiting friends and relatives.



J. E. SHEEHAN,
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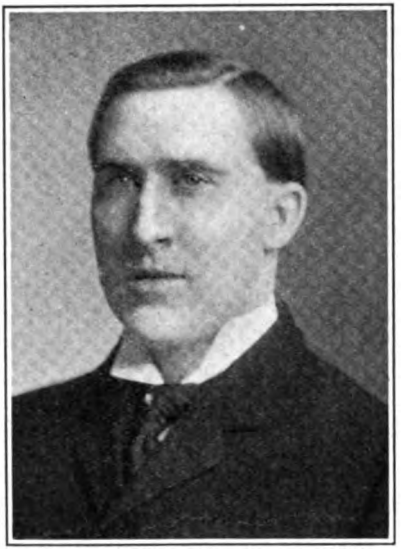
Mr. G. J. Adams and Bro. C. Willis have left the service and their positions have been filled temporarily by extra men.

Bro. E. L. Canney is working Bro. Fred Tomlin's shift at Elroy at the present time.

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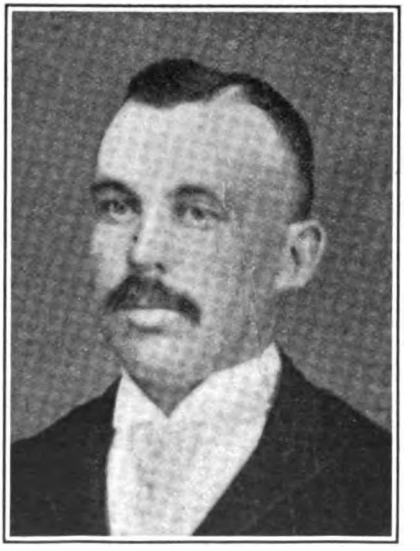
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D. H. O'BRIEN,
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E. G. SKELDING,
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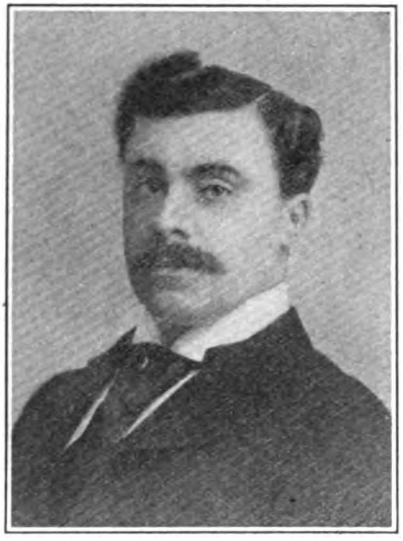


F. J. BELLEAU,
Delegate Div. No. 43.

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Bro. W. O. Ebert, the agent at Lavalle, is enjoying a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. J. A. Kucher.

Bro. Chas. Bennett has taken a six-months' leave of absence, and is now engaged in farming near Lancaster.



L. J. FUROIS,
Alternate Div. No. 43.

Bro. Duprey is holding down the telegraph job at West Allis, vice Bro. Bennett, and Mr. Gaylord is relieving Bro. Duprey, third trick at Oregon.

Bro. H. J. Ralph bid in Cobb station, and took charge March 24. Bro. Cottinghgam, who was working at Cobb extra, went to Ridgeway as agent until the position is assigned permanently.

Mr. J. S. Lewis, who is relieving C. B. Adams at Caledonia, has moved to that point. Mr. Adams is working in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. F. S. Cain, second trick at Oregon, was off duty a few days recently. Mr. Gaylord relieved him.

Mr. N. A. Browne is working second trick at Dane, vice Mr. M. Hendrickson, who has gone to Beloit.

Mr. C. F. Hanger is holding down second trick at Leyden. Leyden and Fellows are both telephone positions.

Mr. E. Phinney, son of Conductor Phinney, has charge of the first trick at Fellows, vice Mr. Will Holden, who resigned to engage in farming.

Mr. Kreglow, who formerly held down second trick (phone) at Brooklyn, worked a few days at Fellows, and, later, went to Norwalk, to work third trick.. Mr. J. B. Reilly relieved him at Brooklyn.

Mr. Ted Thompson has been appointed agent at Magnolia, vice Ray Andrews, who has resigned.

Mr. B. F. Edwards, who was on the sick list for some time, has resumed duty at Wales, and Bro. Elsner, who was relieving him, has gone to West Allis as telegrapher. Bro. J. A. Duprey took charge of his regular job, third trick at Oregon.

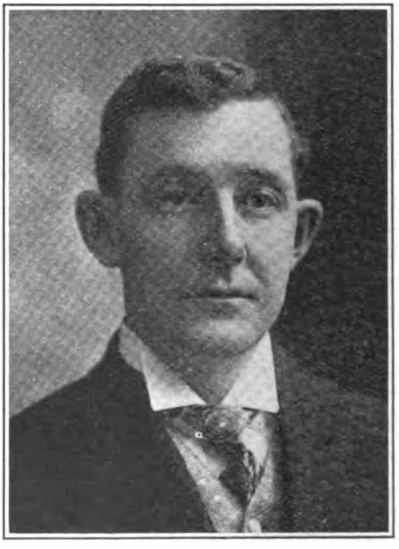
Telegrapher Gaylord and R. J. Starry took turns working second trick at Wonewoc while Bro. Kucher was at Lavalle. The second trick at Wonewoc is now a telephone position.

Mr. C. B. Adams, of the dispatcher's force, was recently a visitor at Milwaukee.

The meeting Saturday evening, April 17 at Madison, was a success. Apparently the boys need a storm to bring them out, as, in spite of the heavy thunder storm, a large crowd was present. Railroad affairs were pretty well discussed, and the exchanging of views was certainly helpful. Meetings of this character are a direct benefit to the railroad company as well as the men, therefore, let us hold them as often as possible.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, appointed a committee consisting of Bros. E. W. White, C. R. Fisher and M. H. Hansen to audit the accounts of Bro. C. E. T. Hansen, our local secretary and treasurer. The accounts were found to be in first-class shape, and the books to correspond with the statement mailed to the members in January by Bro. Hansen. All expenditures were covered by vouchers and the bills were properly signed.

After Bro. Schneider had thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him in electing him local chairman and delegate to the convention,



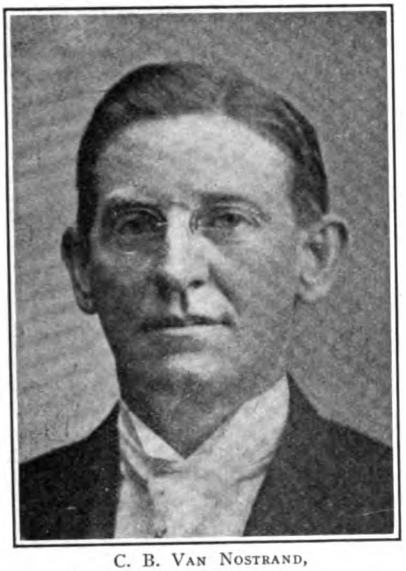
J. E. SHIELDS,
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and assuring them that his efforts would be exerted in their behalf, the meeting adjourned.

Bro. Schneider stated that another meeting would be called after he returned from the convention.

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C. B. VAN NOSTRAND,
Delegate Div. No. 44.



A. R. LINN,
Alternate Div. No. 44.



E. L. EVANS,
Delegate Div. No. 45.



B. C. BERRY,
Alternate Div. No. 45.

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Wisconsin Division—

We were well pleased to note the liberal attendance at the meeting held at Waukegan March 27th. Important business was disposed of, including the election of a local secretary and treasurer and a division correspondent. We thank



C. H. LIVSEY,
Delegate Div. No. 46.

the few brothers from the Gal. Division, also those from the Mad. Division for their presence. Bro. Livezey treated to fruit and cigars, which assisted those present to pass an enjoyable evening. The next meeting will be held at Harvard, after which meetings will be held alternately every month at Waukegan and Harvard. This will give the brothers from all points an opportunity to attend.

Several changes have recently taken place on our division. The boys seem to be floating around considerably of late.

During the illness of Bro. Houser's daughter, Telegrapher Dunham relieved at Chemung.

Bro. Stevenson, of Capron, was off a few days recently and while absent was relieved by Telegrapher Schonhoff. Bro. Regan is working second at Capron and Bro. Cameron is filling his vacancy at Shopiere until third trick there is bulletined.

Bro. Paull, of Hebron, is enjoying a vacation of three weeks, being relieved by Telegrapher Woodbury, of Crystal Lake.

Telegrapher Herman Schallenger is working second trick at Crystal Lake in place of Telegrapher Woodbury.

Bro. Geo. Stewart has taken first trick at Crystal Lake on bulletin.

Mr. Earle Hyde, who works second trick at "GA" tower, Genoa Junction, was off duty a week on account of sickness. He was relieved by Telegrapher Louis Jackman.

Bro. Vail, formerly on first trick at Sharon, received third trick at Kenosha on bulletin.

Mr. Cunningham, a new man on this division, is working first trick at Sharon until the same is disposed of by bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Argonbright, also a new man on this division, is holding down Harvard, third trick, until the same is bulletined.

Mr. Geo. Gaffney is working first trick at South Janesville, which position will soon be on bulletin.

The second trick at Chemung, recently created, was assigned to Telegrapher Dunham.

Mr. H. E. Evans, for several years agent at Capron, was recently pensioned, owing to disability caused by a stroke of paralysis.

Telegrapher T. F. Nolan, of Woodstock, received the agency at Capron on bulletin.

Telegrapher Marr is filling the vacancy at Woodstock until it is bulletined.

Telegrapher Hartwick, who worked second at Capron, has resigned and gone to farming.

If you have a grievance, don't kick to the public about it, but take it up with the proper official, which is your local chairman. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to bear to that eternal home the beloved wife and only child of Bro. Earl Gore; be it hereby



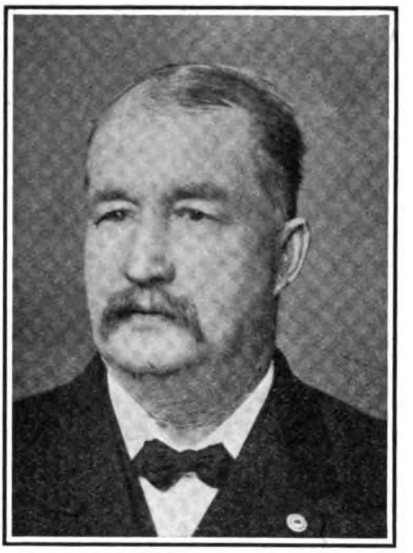
D. MONTGOMERY,
Alternate Div. No. 47.

Resolved, That C. & N. W. Division, No. 76, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brother our most heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of sorrow; and be it further

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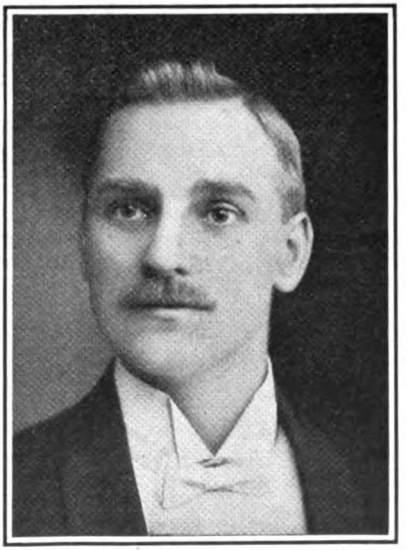
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F. J. TRUESDELL,
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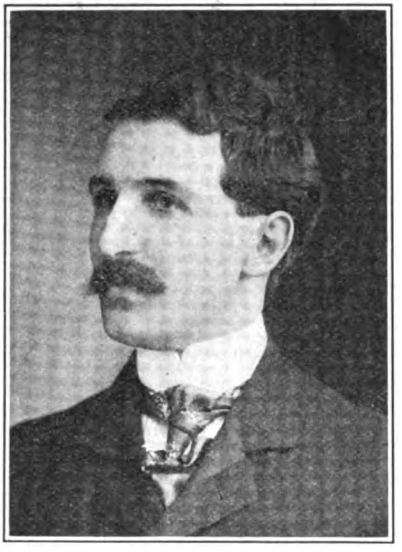


H. A. ROBERTS,
Delegate Div. No. 52.

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Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy submitted to our official organ for publication.

CHARLES F. O'CONNOR,
A. B. CURTIS,
C. R. WIGHTMAN,
Committee.



C. C. CAMPBELL,
Alternate Div. No. 52.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from this earth the beloved daughter of our worthy brother, O. Houser, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Wisconsin Division, No. 76, extend to Bro. Houser our heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. P. LIVEZEY,
ROY L. HERRICK,
CHARLES REGAN,
Committee.

Ash Division, South End—

When you read this the convention will no doubt be in session at Atlanta. It goes without saying that the O. R. T. delegates will be royally welcomed by the warm-hearted and hospitable people of the South during their short stay in Atlanta.

The agents and telegraphers have not materially advanced during the past year or so in that we have secured no revision of the schedule, but we can pat ourselves on the back and truthfully say that we have met with no reverses and have retained intact every former concession, which assertion means much when we take into consideration the recent financial depression. Furthermore, our treasury was never in better condition nor our organization in better shape.

From the foregoing, we do not want our members to get the impression that our numerical strength is all it should be, for there is room for improvement in that respect, especially on this division. For this reason we ask that every exertion be made to secure the applications of non-members.

We were sorry to hear of the illness of our ever faithful secretary and treasurer, Bro. Kempkes and trust that he has fully recovered by this time.

The banquet which was to have been given at Antigo during the latter part of April was postponed until some time in the month of June on the advice of our superintendent, Mr. Quigley, as it was thought by that time we would have better train service. No doubt some of the Sunday summer trains will be put on by June.

Bro. H. A. Sechrist, who formerly worked on the Lake Shore Division, died of tuberculosis at his home in Glen Rock, Pa., March 22d, after a lingering illness. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents.



T. H. ALEXANDER,
Alternate Div. No. 52.

Bro. W. F. Van Gilder, now with the C. M. & St. P., at Tomahawk, spent Easter Sunday with relatives at Wittenberg.

Bro. Seyler, of Pelican, received the agency at Birnamwood on bulletin. Pelican is now open for bids.

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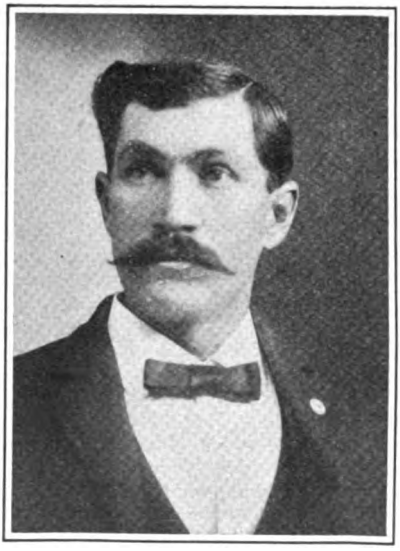
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S. A. THOMPSON,
Delegate Div. No. 53.

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North End—

Bro. Paull and family were called to Ohio on March 25th by the serious illness of Bro. Paull's father.

Bro. Matz, from Lac Du Flambeau, to Saxon, is relieving while Bro. Paull is away.



O. KILPATRICK,
Delegate Div. No. 53.

Most of the new large capacity steel ore cars have arrived at Ironwood. Everything points to a busy summer between Ironwood and Ashland during the ore season.

Kimball and Birch will be opened, each with two telegraphers, which will give work to four more men on the north end. COR.

Northern Wisconsin Division—

The election passed off rather quietly. Bro. Hackbert was re-elected local chairman without opposition, this being his third successive term in office. He was also elected delegate to the convention at Atlanta for the Northern Wisconsin and Lake Shore Divisions.

Bro. J. B. Stark is working at Eden, on the Wisconsin Division.

Bro. Heinzelmann is taking a few days off; relieved by Bro. Fisher, of Jefferson.

Bro. Remmel, of Milton Junction, has accepted a position with the North Western Mfg. Co., at Ft. Atkinson; relieved by Bro. Hemmler, who has passed the civil service examination and has been assigned to a position at Wahington, D. C., in the U. S. treasury.

There are several stations on the South and east ends where a great deal of missionary work could be done by the near-by brothers. For instance, Plymouth, Malone, Oakfield, Oak Center, Chester, Minnesota Junction, Juneau and Johnson's Creek. Get after them and assist the local chairman in thoroughly organizing our division before our committee convenes.

The headquarters of the Grand Division will be at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, should any of the brothers wish to communicate with Bro. Hackbert during the convention.

Remember, brothers, that all agents located at railway stations are eligible to membership in our organization as well as telephone men doing blocking, regardless of whether they are telegraphers or not. We have several who are eligible and should be induced to join.

Bro. Hildebrand secured Plymouth on the recent bulletin, but did not accept it. He is farming at Thorpe, on the W. C.

Mr. W. D. Krebs has gone to Plymouth as agent. CERT. 100.

To the Members of Northern Wisconsin Division:

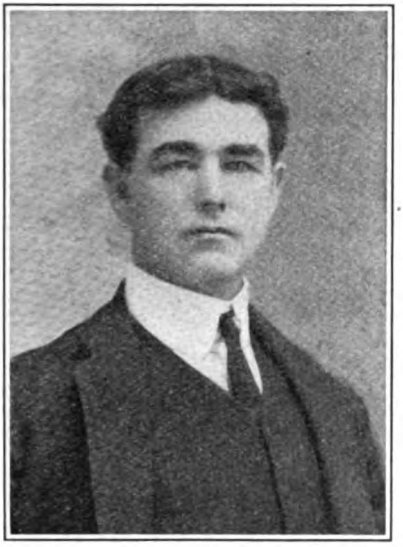
Having been elected local chairman of your division for the third time, I wish to thank the members for the confidence placed in me, and I hope to successfully represent them in the future as I have in the past. All I ask is the hearty co-operation of the membership and assistance in bringing in new members. Give the company the best possible service at all times. In so doing the grievances will be reduced to a minimum and the company will be more inclined to great concessions. Attend all meetings and endeavor to assist



G. H. McCOY,
Delegate Div. No. 53.

in the upbuilding of the Order. I assure you I shall represent the division to the best of my ability at the coming convention. If you have any suggestions to offer in regard to the work of

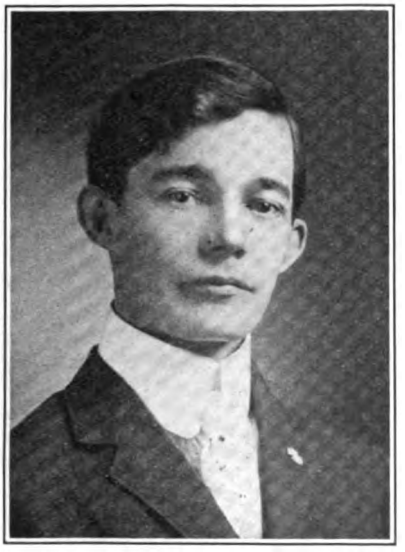
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Alternate Div. No. 53.

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the organization, I shall be glad to hear them and do all in my power to accomplish the best results.

Yours truly,

P. L. HACKBERT, L. C.



SAM JOHNSON,

Delegate Div. No. 54.

Northern Iowa Division—

Bro. C. M. Keck, who is a member of Division No. 8, spent a short time at Jewell Jct., resigning to accept a position with the Great Northern.

Dispatcher Welch fell under the ax when the force was reduced. He returned to his regular trick at Jewell Jct.

Bro. "Jim" Troy was sight-seeing over this division recently.

Toledo Station has been bulletined temporarily, and Dakota City permanently.

Dispatcher Shanor recently spent a few days in Chicago, and, incidentally, took in the Gotch-Mahmout mill; relieved by Mr. Welch.

Mr. Coleman, of Boone, is the new master mechanic of the Northern Iowa. Mr. Quimby was transferred to Pierre, S. D.

We are advised that the Great Western agent at Eagle Grove is conducting a school for the purpose of putting the finishing touches on the products of a Kentucky "ham factory."

Mr. Paul Braden, now of the Huron dispatcher's office, spent a few days with friends and relatives in these parts.

Verne McIntyre, a brakeman on the Northern Iowa Division, and one of the lucky ones in the Rosebud land lottery, has decided that "decorating" 160 acres of his own is preferable to doing "stunts" on a C. & N.-W. box car.

Three inches of snow on April 10 was a surprise to everyone.

The night office at Hubbard has been closed, and Telegrapher Bushmell is working extra at present.

Bro. E. E. Carder, who works the night trick at Gifford, is laying off on account of sickness.

Bro. Perry, at Gladbrook, is taking a fifteen-day vacation, being relieved by Rellef Agent Rising.

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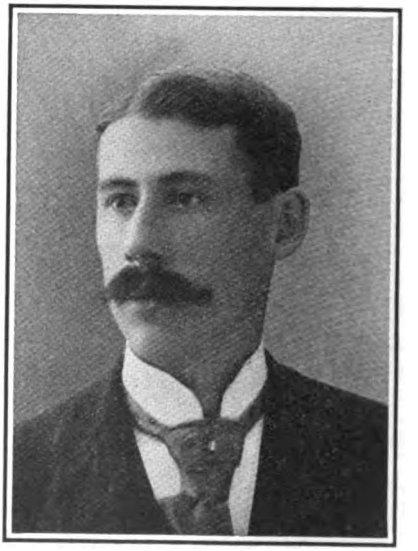
Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—

We regret very much to record the fact that Dispatcher Bert Stubbs was forced to undergo a very serious operation in Minneapolis recently. At this time we are pleased to hear that he is getting along nicely and the prospects are bright for a speedy recovery.

Bro. Van Meter has resigned at Hudson and accepted a position as train auditor. He has already assumed the duties of his new position.

Bro. Kvool is acting as agent at Humbird pending the bulletin. The telephoners are coming in nicely and it is only a question of a short time until they are solid on the Omaha. There is plenty of room for improvement in the wage and working conditions of the phoners and nothing but organization will bring this about.

Once more we wish to beg of the members on the Omaha to put forth every effort to complete thorough organization on this line. A few of



I. N. HOLMES,

Delegate Div. No. 54.

our members are working nobly on the few remaining nons and they manage to keep their immediate neighborhood solid, but the indifferent members offset the work of their energetic brothers by allowing nons to work with them and alongside them without trying to secure their applica-

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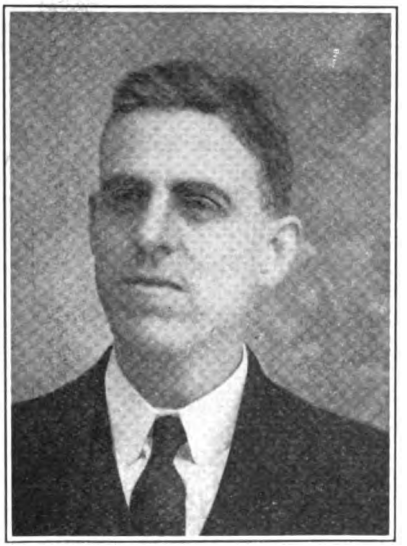
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E. M. POOL,
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tions. This is a matter of vital interest to each and every one of us. The conditions under which we work depend upon the strength or weakness of our organization and to those who were here before the first schedule was secured it is not



J. O. PEOPLES,
Delegate Div. No. 55.

necessary to say anything about working without an agreement. They have been through the mill. They have worked fourteen, sixteen, eighteen hours per day and even longer for $45.00, $50.00 and $55.00 per month and no overtime. Six years ago $55.00 per month was the highest salary drawn by a night telegrapher on this division, and only four positions paid that amount. Today $55.00 is but one step above the minimum and the salaries range up to $75.00 and $80.00 for nine hours' work. This is only one of the many phases of the benefits secured by the telegraphers on this railway through organized effort. We could fill several pages telling of the switch lights, dinner hour, pay for calls, seniority, bulletin rule, travel pay, protection, adjustment of grievances, etc., but what's the use? Every man on this road knows it and those who don't admit it are generally the ones who will not concede anything for fear it will cost them something. The continuance of these benefits are in our own hands. Do we wish to keep them, and secure more, or are we willing to go back to where we were six years ago? If we choose the latter, all that is necessary to do is to sit back and let the nons increase and thereby weaken the organization that is striving to better our condition.

That was rather a hard jolt handed out by the Northern District correspondent last month to the party who is trying to tear down what his fellow-workers have built up. However, from what we can learn, it was justified. The position referred to pays $65.00 per month for nine hours' work. When the first schedule was secured the job paid $50.00 per month and the telegrapher worked as many hours as the dispatcher felt called upon to hold him, but never less than twelve hours. Every penny of increase and every minute cut off the day's work was secured by the work of this organization. From this distance it seems that the occupant of that position should be an organizer instead of a disorganizer.

The following are the assignments on the March bulletin:

Valley Junction, third trick, S. F. Haskell.
New Richmond, third trick, W. B. Campbell.
Cumberland, second trick, W. E. Steiner.
Itasca, third trick, A. C. Dimock.
Cameron, third trick, P. S. Peterson.

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Minnesota and Iowa Division—

Bro. Beyer has returned from Nevada, Iowa, where he assisted in checking the books of Division No. 76.

Bro. A. M. Kehrer has resigned his position at Mankato, and, we understand, has moved his family to Minneapolis.

We learn that Bro. I. R. Kempkes, general secretary and treasurer of Division No. 76, has undergone an operation for appendicitis. We are pleased to be able to state that he is rapidly recovering.

Bro. A. P. Jamieson is still working sidewire at St. James, while our friend Fairfield is in the hos-



O. H. WATSON,
Delegate Div. No. 56.

pital at Heron Lake. We are all pleased to hear that his condition is gradually improving.

Mr. H. M. Helenaick, of Pipestone, is covering the division, checking up tariffs. He expects to

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P. C. GRIFFIN,
Alternate Div. No. 56.



W. J. BURKE,
Delegate Div. No. 57.



J. A. MCKEY,
Alternate Div. No. 57.



F. C. MELVIN,
Delegate Div. No. 58.

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be through about the first of May. Bro. E. E. Stolte is relieving him.

Bro. B. J. Funk has been working the first trick at Mankato since the resignation of Bro. Kehrer.



L. E. CRANDALL,
Delegate Div. No. 59.

Notices are out announcing the promotion of Mr. Geo. Boyce to superintendent of telegraph and signals, vice Mr. H. C. Hope, deceased.

Bro. F. H. Spatgen, second trick telegrapher at Merriam, is taking in the sights at the Twin Cities and visiting friends (?) at Worthington. He is being relieved by Mr. R. L. Hart, of Savage.

Mr. Hart was relieved by Mr. G. F. Stucke, who drew the third position at Savage on the March bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Hamilton, of Belle Plaine, who has been on the sick list for a few days, has resumed duty. Bro. C. A. Hendricks relieved Bro. Hamilton during his illness, and Mr. J. H. Johnson performed the night duty. Mr. Johnson went to Lake Wilson upon the return of Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. W. B. Martin, of Carnes, has given up his position at that place, and was relieved by Mr. O. J. Smith. Bro. Martin was sent to Sioux Falls.

Bro. Jerry Mock has returned from his South Dakota claim, and will stay with us a short time. This afforded Bro. Martins an opportunity to take a short lay-off, and upon his return Bro. Mock will again go to his claim.

Bro. Wm. Cosgrove, who is employed on the C. G. W. near Sycamore, Ill., recently visited relatives at Bigelow.

Word comes to us of the death of little Charley Baxter, of Windom, a nephew of Local Chairman Tenny. He was the child of Bro. Tenny's sister. Death was caused by pneumonia. The family has the sympathy of the telegraphers.

Bro. Watson, of Fairmont, relieved Bro. C. H. Cooper, at Currie, a few days. Bro. Cooper returned from Storm Lake with a new Reo auto. Bro. Watson was relieved at Fairmont by Bro. C. R. Williams.

Bro. Hamilton, of Belle Plaine, was recently called away on account of the death of a relative, but we are unable to learn particulars; he was relieved by Bro. C. N. Williams, of Bingham Lake.

Mr. R. A. Slaker, of the general office at St. Paul, spent Sunday, the 11th inst., with his parents at St. James.

Bro. Wagner, of Garden City, has been somewhat under the weather with la grippe during the past few days.

Bro. Alvord, of Mountain Lake, visited with his wife's relatives in the Twin Cities a few days since. He was relieved by Bro. C. N. Williams.

Several of the boys have bid on the Mankato vacancy this month. It remains to be seen who the lucky aspirant is. On account of the editor requesting that items be in his hands by the 18th, we are unable to give you the benefit of the assignments, in this month's journal.



WADE H. CORD,
Delegate Div. No. 59.

Bro. G. E. Price, of LeSueur, was called to Amherst, Wis., March 13, to attend the funeral of his grandfather, who died at the age of 89 years, 3 months and 12 days. Bro. Price was relieved by Mr. J. Williams. CERT. 251.

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A. I. SHEELY,
Delegate Div. No. 59.



J. W. BURGESS,
Delegate Div. No. 59.



W. N. THORNTON,
Alternate Div. No. 59.



W. R. LITTLE,
Alternate Div. No. 59.

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Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Northern Division—

Since my last letter I have been looking for some kind-hearted brother to come to the front with a few choice morsels of news, but it is the same old story, and now, with barely time to get my letter in before the 20th, I realize that



JAKE VAUGHN,
Alternate Div. No. 59.

if I keep on looking, the division will be left out of the fraternal columns for another month.

Quite a number of changes on this division have been reported lately. A number of good positions are up for bid, and many of the boys are taking advantage of the opportunities afforded for advancement.

Bro. E. Bartlett bid in a position on the Southern Division.

Mr. W. C. Bowley secured the position of excess clerk and telegrapher at Houlton on bulletin.

Bro. Sutherland bid in a position on the Southern Division and later bid in his old position as agent at Jemtland.

Mr. Campbell, nights at Caribou, has resigned Relieved by Mr. Fanning, the assistant at Ft. Fairfield Jct.

Bro. Johnson is relieving at Monticello. Bro. Tompkins is off duty for two months, on account of having his eyes treated.

Mr. H. A. Austin has resumed work at Ashland Jct. after several weeks' illness.

Bro. Libby is relieving at Robinsons, until the position is bid in.

Bro. F. V. Tapley, Robinsons, and Bro. E. N. Tapley have resigned and gone West.

Bro. Sherburne, of New Sweden, bid in Limestone. New Sweden is up for bid.

Corrigan is the new man at Ashland Jct., nights, temporarily. The position is now up for bid.

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Southern Division—

Bro. Thorpe has been transferred from the South Le Grange agency to Millinoiket, second trick, and Bro. Eli Bartlett from "HF" office, Houlton, to third trick at West Sebois.

Bro. Wilson has accepted Rand Cove agency temporarily, until the position is bid in. He has been working the second trick at West Sebois.

Bro. Reynolds, who recently relieved at Stacyville, is off duty on account of sickness. He is being relieved by Bro. Hamilton, from Patten.

Bro. Reynolds relieved at Crystal recently, Bro. Faulkner being absent on account of sickness.

We understand that Bro. Marshall, at Brownville Jct., is laying off for six months, and is being relieved by Bro. Babkirk.

Bro. Dumont has resigned and intends to return to his home in Quebec.

Bro. Sutherland has been transferred from Jemtland agency to Bradford agency, which he drew on bulletin.

We are ignorant of what is occurring on the Greenville branch, as no one contributes items. Anyone having notes should forward them to the correspondent, which will lighten his burden and insure a good representation in the journal each month.

CERT. 90.

Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

The meeting held at Kankakee was called to order by Bro. Walters with the following officers in their places: Bro. Cailey, first vice-chief teleg-



B. D. FLOURNOY,
Alternate Div. No. 59.

rapher; Bro. Searel, second vice-chief telegrapher; and Bro. Hersher, sentinel. After the usual routine of business the newly-elected officers for the ensuing year were duly installed.

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W. H. ANDERSON, JR.,
Alternate Div. No. 59.



W. J. SOUTHWORTH,
Delegate Div. No. 60.



J. W. HOWARD,
Delegate Div. No. 61.



A. B. WILLISON,
Delegate Div. No. 62.

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In order to provide a fund to be used to assist worthy needy brothers in case of sickness and to defray miscellaneous expenses, it was moved and seconded that, beginning with the second quarter, each member of the Chicago Division be requested to pay into the treasury, quarterly, the sum of



K. C. GARDNER,
Alternate Div. No. 62.

twenty-five cents, the same to be paid at any time during the quarter. Please take notice and assist in this worthy cause.

Bro. Morrison was called to Memphis, March 24, to attend a meeting of the general committee.

We are informed that all the general officers were re-elected by a unanimous vote to fill their respective stations for the ensuing year. This, we feel, will be gratifying to a large majority of the members.

Mr. Wood relieved Bro. Morrison while he attended the general committee meeting in Memphis.

Bro. Crannell, of Tolono, relieved Mr. Gerbel, third trick at Champaign. Mr. Gerbel is working as extra dispatcher at Kankakee.

Mr. Billingsby relieved Bro. Crannell.

Bro. C. T. Hupp, of Ashkum, is off duty for three weeks, visiting in Nebraska; relieved by Bro. H. J. Phelps.

Bro. Scheniderjohn, second trick at Rantoul, is off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Fitzpatrick.

Will the brothers who lay off kindly drop me a card, giving full particulars? This will enable me to make a report of it in the journal. We have not received a single note from the worthy assistants, much to our surprise and disappointment. Remember, my address is Thawville, Ill., and it only costs one cent to let me hear from you. I shall expect some assistance next month.

J. F. C.

Louisiana Division—

Business seems to have reached its normal stage on this portion of the I. C. The lumber mills are doing a good business; the strawberry and vegetable output will be very large this season and the banana movement out of New Orleans is larger than ever. Altogether, we are doing a splendid business, and we think as soon as the tariff question is settled, business all over the country will improve wonderfully. The idle telegraphers have disappeared and men are beginning to get scarce.

Our general committee convened in Memphis, Tenn., March 24, and adjourned March 26. Bro. C. A. Mulhall was re-elected general chairman; Bro. R. L. Shannon, general secretary and treasurer; Bro. W. P. Moore, general chairman for the Y. & M. V. lines, and Bro. G. E. Chance assistant general chairman for the I. C. lines. The following were elected members of the sub-committee for schedule negotiations, etc.: General Chairman C. A. Mulhall, General Secretary and Treasurer R. L. Shannon, General Chairman Moore, of the Y. & M. V., Assistant General Chairman Chance, C. D. Clements, of the Indianapolis Southern, E. W. Hill, of the Western lines, and J. W. Miller, of the Southern lines. The sub-committee will probably convene about June 1.

Our regular monthly meeting held at McComb, Miss., Sunday night, April 11, was well attended

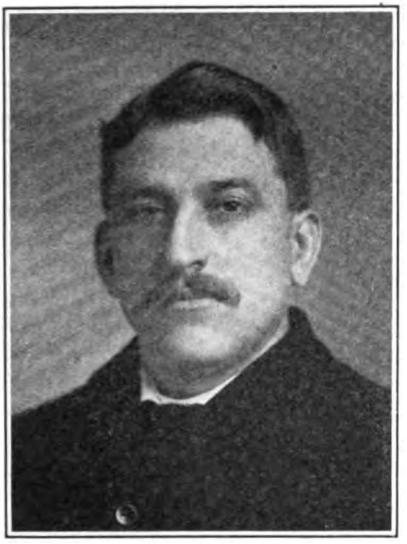


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Alternate Div. No. 64.

and several important questions were disposed of. A special meeting will be held at Jackson, Miss., April 25, for the benefit of the Y. & M. V. boys.

The new telephone, for the handling of trains, was put into operation April 8 from McComb to

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C. R. CHAPMAN,
Delegate Div. No. 65.



H. L. JONES,
Alternate Div. No. 65.



W. E. SIMMONS,
Delegate Div. No. 66.



R. A. BELYEA,
Alternate Div. No. 66.

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Canton and from McComb to New Orleans. The new innovation has its advantages and its disadvantages. The dispatcher does not lose so much time calling; just as soon as the bell rings the boys answer promptly, but there is no question of the telegraph being more reliable and safer. Several



J. A. SHIELDS,

Alternate Div. No. 69.

special schedule orders have been bulled in transmission, but, fortunately, the dispatcher caught the errors while the orders were being repeated. Another disadvantage, it is slower than the telegraph, especially in putting out special schedules and repeating them.

Bro. E. A. Robert, late of the E. P. & N.-E., is working extra at Kenner Jct., but will soon leave for Atlanta to attend the convention.

Sister Edna Rheams, agent at Kenner, La., was painfully hurt, recently, by being thrown from a motor car, but she is OK again.

Bro. G. B. Muller, extra telegrapher at "BD," New Orleans, has accepted a position with the Western Union.

Bro. Chas. Galvani, who was agent at Manchac, La., continues in a critical condition at his home in Magnolia, Miss. The physicians hold out no hopes for his recovery.

The following bulletins just out: Agency at Kenner, La.; first, second and third tricks at Kenner Jct., La., and agency at Roseland, La.

Among the late arrivals who are working extra are Bros. J. S. Scott and W. H. Thornton, late of the Rock Island. DIV. COR.

Mississippi Division—

There are several new men on the division.

Bro. F. R. Kern, who has been in the employ of the Panama R. R. in the Canal Zone, has joined a mining expedition for Peru. He at one time worked at Durant.

Bro. Stevens visited relatives on the Grenada District a few days this month.

Bro. A. Kennard, Cashier at Grenada, made a trip to Okolona recently.

Bro. O. H. Cowen recently made a flying trip to Memphis, where he visited friends.

Bro. Geo. Franklin narrowly escaped serious injury or worse on the 6th inst., when the depot at Aberdeen was destroyed by a cyclone. Mr. Ike Franklin, the cashier was in the wreck, but crawled out through a window, and was at his post the next day. We are certainly glad the boys escaped injury.

The company is installing phones on the main stem, and also on the Grenada Dist.

Bro. Bowers was off duty a few days this month on account of illness, but we are glad to note that he is again at his post.

Mr. R. W. Hansell, of Frisco, is working extra on this division.

We hope the boys will have a fine time at the convention in Atlanta and that much good will be accomplished. CERT. 1658.

Peoria Division—

Bro. Gallagher, the second trick man at Olney, was off a few days in April, viewing the sights in Chicago. He was relieved by Bro. Caster, from the extra board.



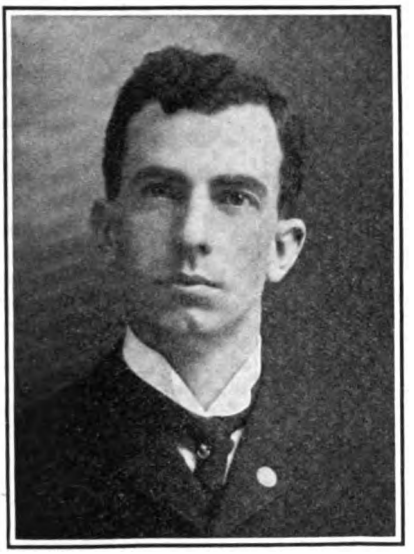
P. M. ABBOTT,

Delegate Div. No. 70.

Bro. F. A. McGinnis is off on leave of absence on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Ben Knight.

Bro. Jones, from the St. Louis Division, of the Big Four, while in Newton, Sunday, April 4, made the boys a pleasant call.

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O. L. DAVIS,
Delegate Div. No. 71.



W. A. FULLER,
Alternate Div. No. 71.



L. F. SCHNEIDER,
Delegate Div. No. 76.



E. H. WEBSTER
Delegate Div. No. 76.

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Bro. Young, the agent at Griffin, is off duty twenty days, visiting his parents in Jefferson City, Mo. Bro. Caster is relieving him.

Bro. Short has been enjoying a thirty-days' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Knight, from the extra board.



JAS. TROY,
Delegate Div. No. 76.

Bro. Hoffman relieved Bro. Leeds at Emden, a few days, on account of Bro. Leeds having a bad case of toothache and not able for duty.

Bro. Wilson, our extra man, is relieving Telegrapher Perry for two months. We understand that Perry is soon to return.

Bro. Endicott, who is on extra board, is holding down the helper's job at New Harmony until more extra work shows up.

We understand that the Quad will soon be put back into service at Mattoon office.

Bro. Greenfield and wife, of Grayville, and Bro. Hoffman and wife, of Linton, spent Sunday, April 18, with L. A. Richards and family, of Newton. CERT. 1315.

New Orleans Division—

Through inadvertance the death of Bro. Jenkins has not been reported. On January 20, last, at Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, La., the immortal soul of our beloved Brother John S. Jenkins entered into eternal rest, and on January 22 his remains were laid away in the city cemetery at his home in Gloster, Miss. The burial services were conducted under the auspices of the local camp, Woodmen of the World, of which he was a member. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. W. Reed, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Gloster, in which Bro. Jenkins held membership. Rev. O'Brien, of Slaughter, La., assisted Rev. Reed, and delivered an eulogy on the life and character of our deceased brother, testifying to his moral worth and high character. A delegation from the Order of Railroad Telegraphers acted as pallbearers. Among the many beautiful floral offerings was a lovely design, consisting of a wreath encircling the letters "O. R. T., Division No. 93," presented by his brothers and co-workers of the New Orleans Division, Y. & M. V. R. R., to whom the grief-stricken family request their thanks be extended. The writer has been intimately associated with Bro. Jenkins for more than eight years, in the capacity of fellow-employe, brother and friend, and has known him to be always faithful, loyal and true. His family has lost a noble son, brother and husband, and their loss now seems irreparable, but He who doeth all things well can and will comfort the sorrowing hearts and heal the aching wounds caused by the loss of their loved one. Bro. Jenkins was peculiarly devoted to our Order and the principles represented by it. We will miss him, because we have lost a faithful and loyal brother and an earnest co-worker. His country has lost an honorable and upright citizen. John Silas Jenkins' example is well worthy of emulation.

Bro. F. C. Hardesty, who is working first trick at Baton Rouge, was laid up for about ten days with chicken pox, but is again on duty. He was relieved by Bro. Henry Graves, of Roxie.

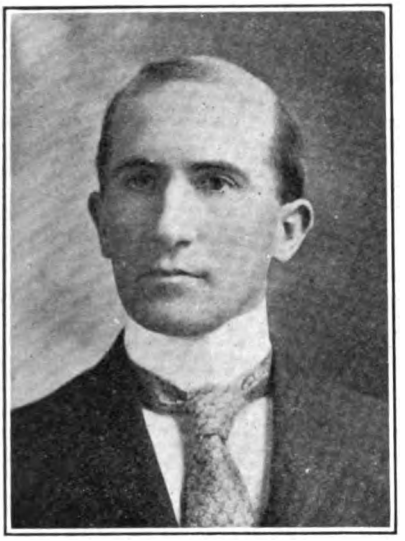


I. R. KEMPKES,
Delegate Div. No. 76.

Bro. Graves also relieved Bro. P. E. Bond, of Harriston, who has been enjoying a short vacation, spent at home.

Bro. H. F. Mingledorf, third at Baton Rouge, made a flying trip to Nashville and Memphis,

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C. M. WURZBACHER,
Delegate Div. No. 76.



I. B. HAYMOND,
Delegate Div. No. 76.



L. D. MARQUETTE,
Delegate Div. No. 76.



D. R. HICKOK,
Alternate Div. No. 76.

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Tenn., visiting relatives, and, incidentally, taking in Mardi Gras.

Mr. J. P. Norris, ticket agent at Baton Rouge, is laying off with the mumps, and is being relieved by Bro. C. Purtell, days at Lutcher, La. Mr. Norris should remember the many good things



J. H. GILBERT,
Alternate Div. No. 76.

of which he has been the recipient at our hands in the past and also in the present, and come across the chasm. There is no stigma attached to the name of a railroad telegrapher that bears such odium as the word "non," written before the name of a man who partakes of the bounty derived from the earnest and persistent efforts of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and yet refuses to bear his share of the burden.

It is the very incarnation of ingratitude; the acme of moral turpitude, and degrading alike to the individual and the calling he follows. Get on the right side; do as you would be done by; be fair with the rest of the craft; and, if after pay day you have but one dollar left after paying your dues you will be possessed of the supreme satisfaction of knowing that it is wholly your own, an honest dollar, part of which has not been filched from your comrades, who have contributed their time, their brains and their money, in making your position and its surroundings what they are. How small a "non" must feel, with what withering contempt is he regarded by his fellows, as he sneaks into the pay car and pockets his fifty, sixty, seventy or hundred dollar check, which was forty-five dollars formerly, and would be at present were it not for the united efforts of his organized fellow-employes. The blood of a true man or true woman boils with righteous indignation to even think of having to call him fellow-employe.

Bro. W. A. Anderson bid in Garyville, days, Bro. B. L. Harper relieving him on third trick at Gloster.

Bro. J. S. Wilson got Wilson agency on bulletin, and was relieved at Centerville, days, by Mr. Warren Price.

Bro. G. J. Bryan, days at Natchez depot ticket office, has been enjoying a vacation, and was relieved by Bro. Purtell.

Bro. Montgomery has returned from a meeting of the general committee held at Memphis. He also attended a meeting of the Memphis Division boys at Clarksdale on the 18th.

There will be a joint meeting of the Louisiana and New Orleans Divisions at Jackson, Miss., Sunday, the 5th inst., which, we hope, will be a good one.

Brothers C. E. Badgeley, Port Gibson; M. N. Furr, Stampley; Blount Burke, Red Lick; W. W. Williams, Carlisle, and F. J. Szulinski, Myles, are the latest additions to the family circle of the New Orleans Division, and right welcome do we make them. The Natchez District is again the banner district of the division—not a darn non.

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Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division—

A great many changes have taken place and the boys all seem willing to assist in recording them.



FRED. P. GOSS,
Alternate Div. No. 76.

Bro. Duvall, who has been working as agent at Coates, has decided to return to the second trick at Rich Valley.

Telegrapher J. F. Burns, who for some time has been working second trick at Coates, has quit the business and accepted a position on the *Cleveland Leader* as cartoonist.

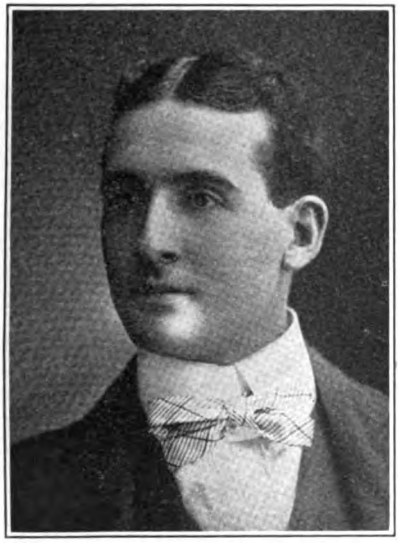
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R. F. BIGGAR,
Alternate Div. No. 76.



W. P. LIVEZEY,
Alternate Div. No. 76.



J. E. AGNEW,
Alternate Div. No. 76.



B. G. LYMAN,
Alternate Div. No. 76.

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Bro. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, has returned to work after another siege of illness.

After working at Dodge Center for a few weeks, Telegrapher Vermillion has resigned and left the road.



A. D. JONES,
Alternate Div. No. 76.

Bro. Cain, second trick at Rich Valley, has taken the agency at Coates, relieving Bro. Duvall.

Telegrapher C. E. Maxfield is relieving Bro. Whitcraft, agent at Taopi.

Telegrapher B. C. Jenkins is relieving Telegrapher Maxfield on second trick, while Telegrapher E. J. Luscomb is relieving Telegrapher Jenkins on third trick.

Mr. Anderson, a new man on the C. G. W., is relieving Telegrapher Wallace, second trick at West Concord. We understand that Mr. Wallace met with a severe accident.

Dispatcher A. L. Wilhelm has resumed duty after a month's illness.

Bro. B. A. Mills, the agent at Renova, was off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Holmes. Bro. Holmes was in turn relieved by Bro. J. C. McGall, a new man on the C. G. W.

Bro. J. W. Beresford is now working second trick at Hayfield.

Telegrapher Armstrong has vacated the position of second trick man at Hayfield and Bro. C. B. Leach, of Division No. 70, is relieving him.

Telegrapher L. J. Green, second trick at Skyburg, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Bro. J. C. McCall.

Bro. P. Stenstrom, the second trick man at Randolph, is at present working first trick at that point. Mr. Theo. Hamlin, a member of the Train Dispatchers' Union, is working second trick.

Telegrapher Ira Short, who has been working second trick at Vlasaty for some time, bid in and secured the third trick at Coates. Mr. Short was relieved at Vlasaty by Mr. Adams.

We understand that Bro. Leach, of Hayfield, is laying off, and Bro. McElrath (who was at one time third trick telegrapher at Randolph) is relieving him.

Be sure and read the account of the meeting with the officials, and the work accomplished by the general committee while in St. Paul.

The correspondent wishes to thank all those who contributed to this write-up. There is no better way to show your interest in the Order and your brother workmen than to assist in making the journal interesting and instructive. Let us strive to make it a magazine that we can all read and enjoy after our tiresome shift is ended.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and divine power to remove from this life the beloved mother of our Bro. A. Whitcraft; therefore be it

Resolved, That Division No. 96, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives its sympathy in this sad hour; be it further



GUY A. JOHNSON,
Delegate Div. No. 78.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of this division, a copy sent to the bereaved son, and a copy forwarded to the editor for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER.

C. H. KINNE,
J. E. JENNY,
C. E. MORRIS,
Committee.

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Ft. Dodge Division—

Mr. Powell has been transferred to the Waverley agency.

A Mr. Dowling, of Waverley, bid in the Lohrville agency.

Bro. M. H. Murphy, recently of Austin, bid in the second trick at Carroll.

Bro. W. F. Curran, of Chicago, drew third trick at Carroll.

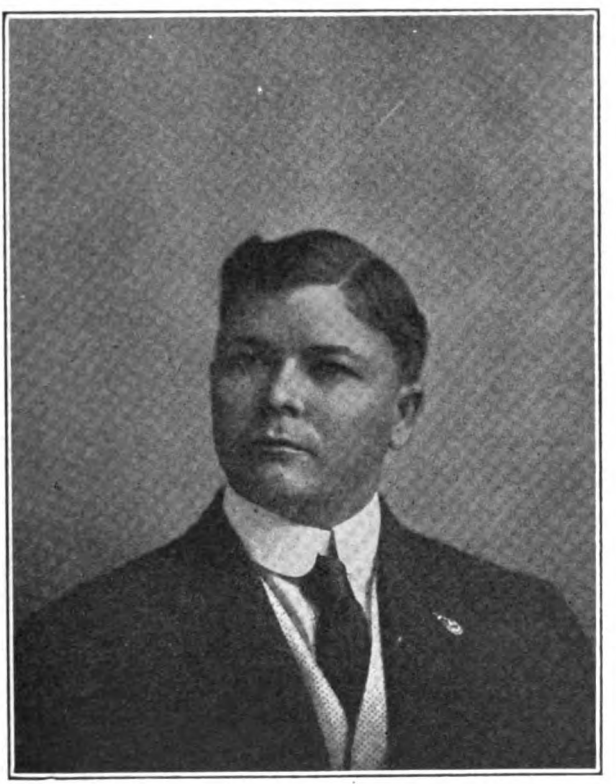
Bro. P. D. Beegle has been transferred from second trick at Harlan to second trick at Somers.

April 12th. Bro. F. L. Mortimer and wife, of Moorland, were at Somers, Sunday, April 11th, to pay a farewell visit to Bro. Butler and wife before their departure.

Mr. Jolley took second trick at Somers, but was bumped by Bro. P. D. Beegle, from second trick at Harlan.

The writer wishes to thank several of the brothers for the news sent him, and he hopes that they will do the same next month.

CERT. 200.



J. O. BOLTON,

Delegate Div. No. 79.

Telegrapher Wm. Quirk, formerly second trick man at Carroll, but later on the extra list, has resigned. We understand he intends to engage in other business. He leaves for his home in Dubuque for an extended visit shortly.

Telegrapher Simon, third trick at Manning, has resigned, and we understand he contemplates leaving the service.

Bro. E. E. Butler, second trick at Somers, bid in second trick at Harlan, taking effect Monday,

Des Moines Division—

Having been appointed assistant local chairman of this division, it is up to me to see that our division is represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. If the brothers will assist me we will have a write-up in the journal every month. Send all the news, especially the changes.

Bro. Leroy Royce, formerly third trick telegrapher at So. Des Moines, is working for the C. R. I. & P. Ry. at Liberal Kan.

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Bros. Judd, of Marshalltown, and Reed, of Gladbrook, contemplate going to Canada to buy land.

Bro. M. Gee, agent at Valeria, drew the position of cashier at Waterloo, on bulletin No. 47. Mr. J. R. Wright relieved Bro. Gee, and Miss McIlhon is working second trick.



W. C. LONGMIRE,
Delegate Div. No. 80.

A. C. Crabtree drew Berlin agency.

Bro. I. H. Latimer got third trick at Baxter.

H. F. King, formerly of the Wabash, secured third trick at Cummings.

Bro. Scarborough, relief agent at Berlin, was assigned to third trick at Peru, which place is near his home.

H. L. Coggins is now working third trick at Parnell.

U. G. Simons secured third trick at Conception.

Bro. J. V. Goin, who was for several years agent at Afton Junction, got third trick at Rea.

Mr. L. G. Nuseum is working first trick at Gladbrook, relieving Bro. Reed. Bro. H. H. Hilginger, from Conception, is holding second trick, and Mr. McColl, third trick.

Bro. Harry Hunter, first trick man at So. Des Moines, visited his home near Faribault, Minn., the first of the month.

We haven't had a chance to visit the boys, but will try and make a trip over the division soon.

Now, brothers, it is up to you to help me, so let's see if we can not have a solid division by July 1st. ASST. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Fifth Division—

The meeting held at Americus, March 28th, was characterized by a good attendance, and considerable enthusiasm was displayed.

Local Chairman Tidwell was on hand. He seems to have the interest of the membership constantly in mind. He requests that Fifth Division members work unremittingly for the elimination of the non, and it is believed that renewed effort along this line will result in quite a number of telegraphers on our division becoming up-to-date.

Several new features will distinguish our meetings in the future, and it is expected that the attendance will increase on that account. Those who make no effort to attend, and who are seldom present at our meetings are bound to fall behind the procession, so if you belong to that class, wake up and come out occasionally.

It is expected that two high officials will address the April meeting, which will be held in Savannah, and those who fail to attend will have ample cause to regret their absence.

Mr. B. G. Tippins, formerly general chairman of Division No. 97, is riding in a brand new auto.

Bro. D. F. Rush and wife recently visited relatives in South Carolina.

Mrs. W. L. Tidwell and little daughter, Jewel, recently returned from a visit with relatives at Columbus. CERT. 147.

Second Division—

A splendid meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at Hamlet, Saturday night, Bro. W. L. Moore, local chairman, presiding. There was a good crowd from the R. & A.



J. L. LESTER,
Alternate Div. No. 80.

We now have a splendid division, which should inspire us to give the local chairman our earnest support, and endeavor to keep it up to the standard.

Telegrapher Livister, who worked at Raleigh block, is no longer in the service. He was re-

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C. E. MARKER,
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F. J. CROZIER,
Delegate Div. No. 83.



A. W. SHERBURNE,
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L. A. PAGE,
Delegate Div. No. 84.

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lieved by Telegrapher Allison, who hails from the N. & S. Ry.

Bros. Guess and Glass, of Method, were off duty for a few days recently. They were relieved by Telegrapher Wrenn.

Bro. Baucom, of Cary, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Hughes, from the A. C. L.

Bro. Wrenn is now working third trick at Apex.

Bro. Firrall holds second trick at Merry Oaks.



R. PARKER,
Alternate Div. No. 85.

We regret very much to hear of the death of Bro. Kimball's wife. He has the sympathy of the entire division in his bereavement.

Bro. Causey is again at his post at Lemon Springs.

Bro. Tally, of Cameron, visited Raleigh on a pleasure trip.

Bro. Herring has been stationed at Cognac.

The results of the election is that Bro. W. L. Moore will be our local chairman, and Bros. Benn and Cumming, both from the First Division, will represent us as delegates to the convention.

The boys along the line will assist the correspondent by sending him notices of changes taking place, and other items of interest. This in order that mention of them may be made when sending items to THE TELEGRAPHER. It is difficult to find out what is going on north of Sanford.

Business is brisk. Never before has the Seaboard done as much business as is being done at present. R. & A. COR.

D. S. S. & A. Ry.

Western Division—

Bros. Huberty and Malloy, from Cusson and Iron River, respectively, were out to last meeting.

Bro. L. G. Stuesser, of Bruces Crossing, was elected justice of the peace at a recent election.

Bro. M. J. Clossey, of Trout Creek, is laying off twenty days, taking in the sights in lower Michigan. He was relieved by regular relief agent.

The logging business from the Baltimore branch has been discontinued for this year and the extra crew pulled off. "MC."

Houghton Division and M. R. Railway—

Business seems to be about normal on this division, and as soon as navigation opens up we expect to see everything on the boom.

Bro. Danielson, after spending six months in the West, has returned and resumed duty as agent at Chassell.

Mr. J. D. Porter has been checked in as agent at Alston, temporarily, relieving Bro. D. J. Lewis, who, I understand, is leaving the service.

It is rumored that Mr. W. H. Boylan, agent at Mills, has bid in the agency at Alston, and that transfer is to be made soon.

The manner in which the contributions to the fraternal department have been coming in is very gratifying, and I wish to thank all who have assisted me in the work. I trust they will continue to furnish items.

Let every brother make it a point to say a few good words to the nons, using every effort to land them. Don't wait for someone else to make a move, but get busy yourself. DIV. COR.



N. T. BRYSON,
Delegate Div. No. 85.

Mackinaw Division—

Business seems to be pretty good on this division, and we see no reason for any "hard times" cry on our end of the line.

Bro. Ed. Stuesser, the agent at Seney, has resigned to accept a position as ticket agent on

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Delegate Div. No. 86.



J. L. FRANKS,
Alternate Div. No. 86.



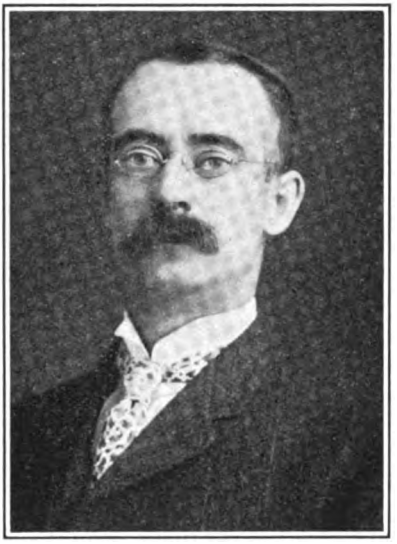
LEONARD J. ROSS,
Delegate Div. No. 89.



A. E. MCCULLOUGH,
Alternate Div. No. 91.

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the Munising Ry., at Munising. He succeeds our former secretary and treasurer, Bro. Kemp, who goes to Gwinn, on the Munising Ry., to act as agent. Bro. Stuesser is succeeded at Seney by Mr. P. M. Stillman, formerly of Chassell.



H. R. CHILDS,
Delegate Div. No. 92.

There is a new man at Fiborn Jct., by the name of Wubbena. We are unable to learn where he came from.

Several changes have been made at St. Mary's Transfer of late, and we now have three new men there. We understand that Bro. Starrine, formerly of that office, has gone West to seek his fortune.

There are some of the boys along the line who are in arrears for last half of 1908, and some for the first half of 1909. We would like to see them in good standing, as we all know that "In union there is strength."

If anyone would like to assist by furnishing items for THE TELEGRAPHER, we would be glad to receive them. Send them to your local chairman, who will see that they are sent to the correspondent. W. R. G.

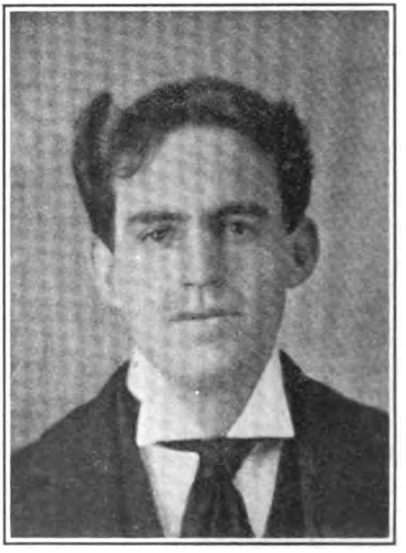
Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

Winnipeg Division—

After having called a meeting during the winter which we were forced to abandon on account of the stormy weather, we succeeded in holding one at Thief River Falls, Sunday, March 28, at which eighteen members were present. We are of the opinion that there should have been a better representation, as we are unable to find any excuse for the absence of the men on the Wheat Line between Thief River Falls and Adams. This being an open meeting from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. we were favored with the presence of Mr. Wyman, superintendent's chief clerk; Mr. Gillick, chief dispatcher, and two of the trick dispatchers, Mr. Langlois and Mr. Boyce. Our superintendent, Mr. Michaels, was invited, but on account of the fact that his presence was required in Minneapolis, at the general offices, he was unable to attend. He assured us that he would be pleased to meet with us at some future time.

The object in holding these open meetings and having our division officers meet with us, is to give them an opportunity to point out the many ways in which we, as employes, can better the service. We expect to hold more meetings of this kind during the summer and would suggest that all employes who can possibly arrange to do so be present, as they will have a chance to learn something to their benefit.

The afternoon session was a closed meeting and was called to order at 2 p. m., by Local Chairman Allison. There were some very interesting topics discussed, and, under the head of "good of the order," every member present had a chance to express himself and most of them took advantage of the opportunity to do so. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m., and everyone present expressed himself as having had a good time. At the close of the open meeting, which was presided over by Bro. Allison, Mr. Wyman invited us over to the Commercial Club rooms and turned them over to us during our stay in the city. We feel



L. P. O'BRIEN,
Alternate Div. No. 92.

under many obligations for the hospitality shown us while in their beautiful city, and hope to return in the near future.

Bro. Smith, of Vergas, missed his first meeting on account of five of his children being sick with

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ROBT. L. MONTGOMERY,
Delegate Div. No. 93.



G. E. CHANCE,
Delegate Div. No. 93.



R. P. WALT,
Delegate Div. No. 93.



R. C. EISER,
Delegate Div. No. 93.

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the scarlet fever. We missed him very much and know that it is only cases of this kind that keeps him away from our meetings. We are pleased to state that his children are on the road to recovery at this writing.



FRANK E. REHORST,
Delegate Div. No. 93.

Bro. Wilson, of Mahnomen, was present, this being his first appearance at our meetings.

CERT. 212.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Martin, who formerly worked nights at Hoffman, has left the service. We are unable to state who relieved him.

We understand that Bro. E. H. Carpenter, formerly of Glenwood, is now in Kansas City, in the employ of the W. U. Telegraph Co..

Bro. W. F. Smith is relieving at Glenwood a few days.

Bro. T. O. Davis, from M. & St. L., is working the third trick at Glenwood, permanently.

Bro. V. Starrine, from D. S. S. & A., is working second trick at Glenwood.

Bro. Taylor, who has been at the Soo for the winter, is with us again and has gladdened the hearts of the night men by accepting Enderlin, nights.

Mr. Rit, who formerly worked at Enderlin, has gone to the city, and probably will not return.

We understand that there is soon to be a meeting held at some point on the main line. Let us all turn out and make it the best on record.

DIV. COR.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Iowa Division—

Bro. J. B. Smith, of Marengo, was recently called to Indiana, on account of the death of his father. He has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. Ralph E. Douglas is working second trick at Newton.

Bro. W. B. Fryberger, agent at Exira, has resigned, and gone to his farm in Canada.

Bro. E. E. Fisher, of Valley Junction, has left the service to go to his farm in the Elberta country.

Bro. C. A. Barton secured Walnut, on bulletin.

We understand that Bro. G. B. Ohle, former agent at Walnut, has left the service.

Bro. H. S. Clow has returned from the Isle of Pines, and resumed duty.

Bro. A. M. Huston is visiting in Tennessee. We can not say when he will return.

Agent Read, at Newton, has just returned from Idaho. Bro. F. C. Walker relieved him while away.

Bro. C. W. Plumley, agent at Marengo, is off duty for a few days, and is on a business trip to Topeka, Kan. Bro. Smith is holding down the agency, and Bro. Whitehead doing the first trick while he is away.

Agent White, Kellogg, is off duty to take unto himself a better half, and enjoy an extended trip



C. A. MULHALL,
Delegate Div. No. 93.

through the West. Bro. Barrett is holding down the agency, with Mr. Teeters, second trick, and Mr. Burns, third trick, while White is away.

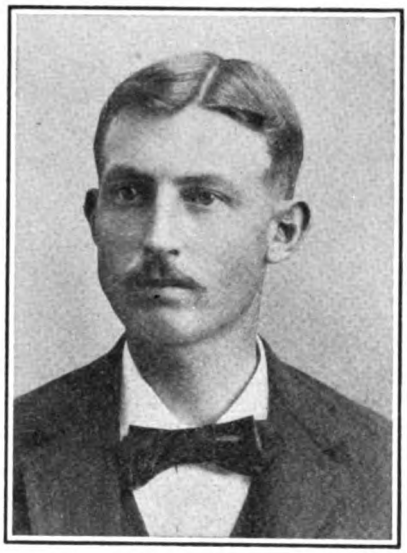
The Atalissa night office has been closed.

G. H. M.

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Delegate Div. No. 93.



E. L. MATHIS,
Delegate Div. No. 93.



F. B. FOX,
Delegate Div. No. 93.



J. H. WELLS,
Delegate Div. No. 93.

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Arkansas Division—

Mr. W. R. Pratt, agent at Lonoke, has been relieved permanently by Mr. J. D. Turner, from Enid, Okla.

Bro. L. R. Cotney is laying off this month. We wish him a pleasant time.



J. E. BULL,
Delegate Div. No. 93.

Our meeting at Little Rock, March 22d, was not the success that we had hoped for. This was no fault of the local chairman, who gave plenty of notice. We are advised by the members all along the line that requests for passes were ignored. This matter will be taken up as a grievance, and handled in the regular way.

The agents and telegraphers on this division should get busy, and not expect the local chairman to do all the work. He receives no pay for his services, and it is your duty to assist him. Conditions are what we make them.

CORRESPONDENT.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. E. L. Stowe, agent at Rockford, is enjoying a vacation of thirty days, and making an extended trip through the Western States. Bro. Homer Hull is acting agent during his absence. Bro. W. T. Posey is on second trick, and a Mr. C. A. Dickenson on third.

Bro. J. L. Berschens, who has been off duty several weeks on account of a broken ankle, has returned to work. He visited relatives in Illinois and Wisconsin during the time he was incapacitated. Mr. Mills Agner, from Cedar Rapids, relieved Bro. Berschens.

S. E. Severson has been appointed agent at Albert Lea, vice W. C. Smith, resigned.

Bro. H. D. Haase was recently appointed agent at Greene, vice Bro. E. L. Stowe, who was transferred to Rockford. J. H. Hemphill, of Rockford, resigned.

After April 16th, Kensett and Gordonsville will be opened as night offices. It is reported that these will be split tricks.

It seems strange that with the special rate now in effect we are not receiving more applications. The members should be more aggressive. The rate for this month is only $6.25.

Mr. Mills Agner, an extra telegrapher, is working third trick at Iowa Falls. This position is still up for bid.

After thoroughly investigating, I find that there are too many nons on this division. Do you know what this means to us? Can we ever expect better working conditions when there are so many nons here? Now that you have a complete list of all members, and nons, on the division, I can see no reason for you not pulling some of the nons on the right side. There are several of them on the fence. Get busy and see what you can do. When you get through with your journal give it to some non, instead of ditching it.

Mr. L. A. Hardfield, extra operator and agent, has come into the fold.

Our assistant local chairman J. W. Kennedy, of Robertson, was off duty a couple of weeks in April. Relieved by P. R. Frost.

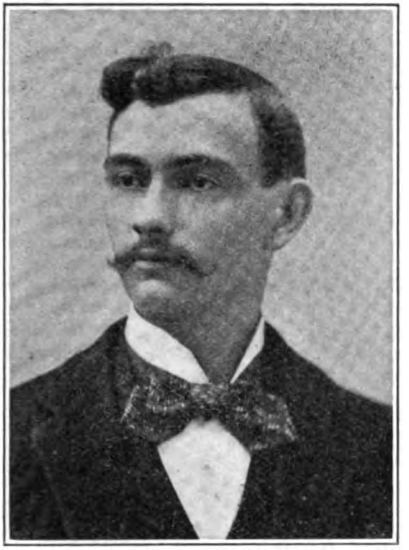
E. J. McDermott has quit third trick at Gundy Center. Unable to say where he has gone.



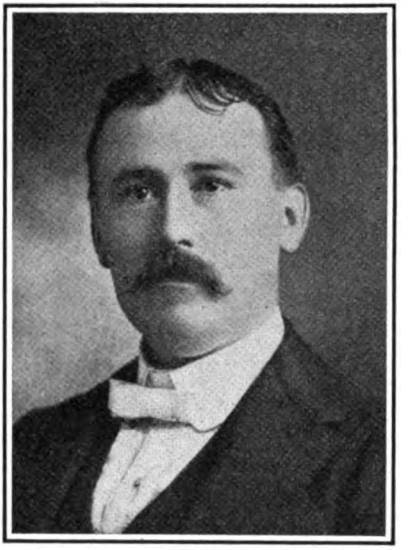
C. J. WALKER,
Delegate Div. No.. 93.

P. R. Frost, from off C. G. W., gets new trick at Gordonsville. Father and son now have control of this station, and both nons. It is time to do some freezing around there.

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W. E. DAUGHERTY,
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HOWELL R. WESTON,
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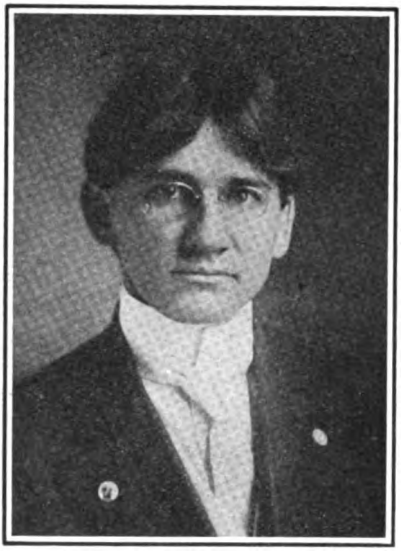


L. J. BARTLE,
Alternate Div. No. 93.

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Bro. B. W. Hinnan gets Kensett, new trick on bulletin.

E. Scholof, second trick, Tower Grove, transferred to dispatcher's office at Cedar Rapids. Bro. A. Grift, from C. H. & D., is working this trick.



R. L. SHANNON,
Alternate Div. No. 93.

X. L. Jones gets second trick at Polo on bulletin, vice B. A. Curel appointed agent Ottosen, vice E. O. Hanson, resigned.

Bro. J. D. Harris was appointed agent at Washburn, vice Bro. O. A. Schreiber transferred to Wellsburg. Bro. Harris is from Wellsburg.

G. M. Agner is the new third trick man at Iowa Falls. He is too young to belong to the Order, but promises to line up as soon as possible.

Bro. Frankburg, of Division No. 16, held second trick at Grundy Center and was succeeded by Bro. T. Jaden. DIV. COR.

I wish to thank the members of the Minnesota Division for the trust reposed in me, which they manifested by placing me in the responsible position of local chairman. With the aid of my assistants, Bros. W. H. Morris and J. W. Kennedy, I will endeavor to carry on the affairs of my office in a manner to reflect credit on the members of the Minnesota Division. Thanking you, I am

Yours fraternally,
W. N. STALEY,
Local Chairman.

El Paso Division—

Bro. J. W. Livesey has been transferred from McPherson to the third trick at Durham.

Telegrapher H. W. Paine has resumed work at McPherson, after taking a sixty-day vacation.

The Rock Island-Frisco depot at Medora is being remodeled. Understand the four O. R. T. brothers there will have a much better office to work in, when completed.

Can you not get two or three new members before May 31st? It's to your interest to do this. Try it and see.

Bro. T. J. Farrell, first trick at Pratt, is spending a few days at his home in Peru, Ind. He contemplates taking a station up on his return.

Bro. E. S. Davis, of Mo. Pac., Division, No. 31, is working in the Pratt office during the absence of Bro. Farrell.

The chief dispatcher's office at Pratt has been abolished for the present. The train dispatchers have been moved to Dalhart, and, together with the telegraphers of the entire division, are under Chief Dispatcher E. P. Ryan.

Bro. Walter Campbell is working third trick at Meade.

Bro. Leroy Rice, of Liberal, is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. John Sauer.

Mr. Lucero is working days at Dalhart. We cannot say where he hails from.

Members should make more use of our motto, "No Card, No Favors." If they were to do so, more of the nons would see the necessity of becoming members.

Bro. E. L. Merrill, of Logan, is enjoying a sixty-day vacation, during which time he will attend the convention at Atlanta, as representative of the Panhandle, Amarilla and El Paso Divisions. Bro. Merrill is being relieved by Bro. R. E. Minnis.

Telegrapher C. P. Fleming is working second trick at "DS," on the west end, while Dispatcher Rice is away on a vacation. L. C.

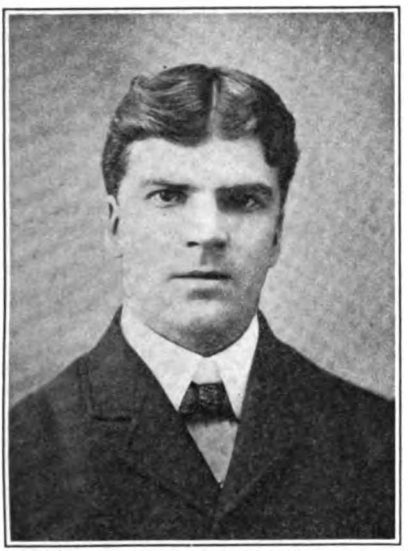


R. L. PULLIAM,
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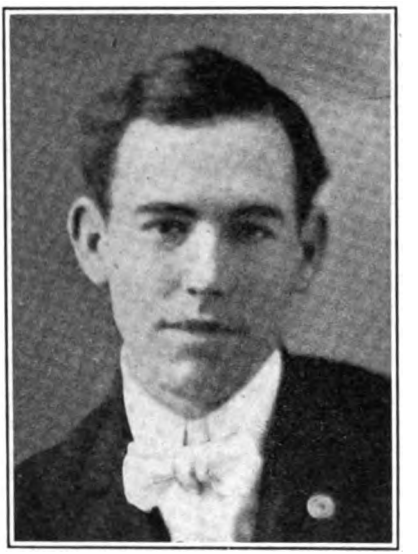
Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Dists, Missouri Div.—

Bro. L. L. Stewart has gone from Udell, nights, to Donovan, days. He was relieved at Udell by Mrs. Underwood, wife of the former agent at Unionville.

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B. W. PIERSON,
Alternate Div. No. 93.



S. MESSINGER,
Alternate Div. No. 93.



A. L. PRYOR,
Delegate Div. No. 95.



A. L. COLEMAN,
Delegate Div. No. 96.

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Bro. A. B. Waits, who has been working at Laddsville, nights, has been promoted to agent at County Line.

Mr. A. L. Haines, first trick at Seymour, is off duty a few days and is in Chicago on business. Relieved by third trick telegrapher, Bro. S. E. Miller, who was relieved on third trick by Extra Telegrapher J. A. Milbourne.



F. O. CUMMING,
Delegate Div. No. 97.

Udell, nights, and Nahant, third trick, are on bulletin.

Bro. J. E. McColloch, of Nahant, is off duty on account of sickness, and is being relieved by Telegrapher J. S. Stewart.

Bro. C. F. Fisher, the agent at County Line, has resigned. He was relieved by Bro. A. B. Waits.

Mr. F. H. Doman, Eldon third trick, has been promoted to dispatcher on the West Iowa Division.

Mr. E. Sperry, Eldon, second trick, takes third, and Bro. E. O. Schreiber, extra, takes second until the position is bulletined.

Mr. C. G. Belding, from the Northwestern, relieved Bro. Schreiber at Columbus Jct.

Bro. J. C. Morrow, of Highland, secured Troy on bulletin. He was relieved by Bro. C. W. Hollis.

Telegrapher Burnham, of Donovan, has left the service.

Mr. J. Allen, the second trick man at Cameron Jct., is laying off on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. J. C. Rudrow, who lasted but one night on account of his abnormal thirst for "firewater." As no extra men were available, Mr. Stauber and Bro. Schreiber doubled for almost a week. Bro. B. Loughon was finally secured for relief.

Mr. E. R. Benner, third trick at Cameron Jct., is on a sixty-day vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Schreiber.

Bro. Walter Gregg, agent at Altamont, is off on a ten days' hunting trip; relieved by the second trick man, Bro. P. E. Rouch. Bro. Rouch was relieved by Bro. J. E. McDonald.

Bro. E. Oliver, of Blake, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Laughren.

Bro. P. E. Rouch, second trick man at Altamont, recently spent a week shooting ducks; relieved Mr. E. M. Dormer.

Mr. Waggoner, agent at Weatherby, has returned to work, after a vacation spent in Texas and Oklahoma. He was relieved by a Mr. Turner.

Bro. Waits was relieved at Laddsdale by Extra Telegrapher Madden.

Mr. W. S. Cates, third trick at Princeton, is off duty for thirty days; relieved by J. A. Melbourne.

Bro. H. O. Sawyers, the agent at Seymour, was off recently, on account of the death of his father, who resided at Unionville. He was relieved by the first trick telegrapher, Mr. A. L. Haines. Bro. S. E. Miller, the third trick man, took first trick.

Telegrapher Farrell, the helper at Clio, is working nights at Harvard, temporarily.

We are thankful to the brothers who sent in items this month. The boys in St. Joe did fine.



D. MAY,
Delegate Div. No. 97.

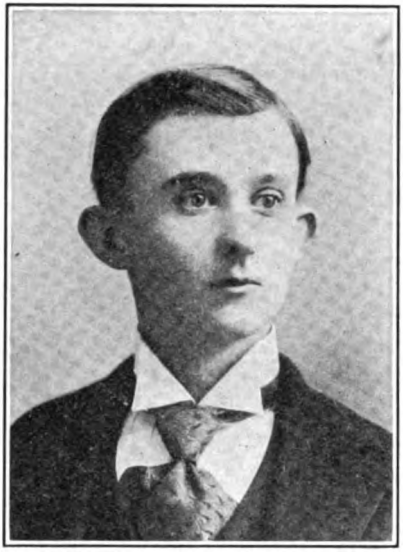
Bros. Schreiber, Wallingsford and Wilson also contributed.

We understand that work has commenced on the automatic block signals west of Culver, which are to be in operation by fall. "T. M."

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J. L. ALLEN,
Alternate Div. No. 97.



J. T. BENN,
Alternate Div. No. 97.



J. J. CAMPBELL,
Delegate Div. No. 99.



C. R. ELLIOTT,
Delegate Div. No. 100.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has deemed it wise to remove from this earth the beloved father our our worthy Brother H. O. Sawyers; therefore, be it



LEWIS RUBERG,
Alternate Div. No. 102.

Resolved, That we, the members of C. R. I. & P. Division No. 126, extend to Bro. Sawyers our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to Bro. Sawyers, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

S. E. MILLER,
G. E. HUGHES,
H. C. BRIGGS,
Committee.

Chicago Terminal and Illinois Divisions—

Bro. Lottenville, assistant local chairman at Peoria, spent Easter Sunday in Joliet.

Telegrapher Hood drew the day position at Auburn Park, made vacant by Bro. Harrison going to Rock Island message room.

Telegrapher H. Hanson bid in on Blue Island second trick vacated by Mr. Hood.

Bro. W. F. Kay, first trick at Joliet, bid in second trick at Silvis yard and took charge April 22. Bro. Wagoner, our local chairman, was the successful bidder for first trick. We understand that Bro. Lynch, from Blue Island takes third trick.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Bro. William Clancy which occurred on Easter Sunday, as he was marching in the ranks of the Knights Templars. Bro. Clancy, during the past eight years, had been acting in the capacity of secretary to Bro. Perham.

DIV. COR.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Eastern Division—

We must admit that no organization can maintain a solid front without the co-operation of its members. One point essential to true unionism is friendship. This feature, in the opinion of the writer, is being sadly neglected by the members on this division. How often are we found favoring a non and neglecting a brother and, consequently our organization. Moreover it is a common occurrence for a non-member to work for months amongst the members in an office without being approached relative to affiliating with us.

It has been the desire of the general committee to see Division No. 129 solid by the time our delegate was sent to convention, but through lack of interest on our part we have allowed a number of nons to accumulate, and mostly those of the "old school," who should possess a thorough knowledge of the benefits to be derived from affiliating and working in unison with the younger element. Alas, it appears they have allowed the veil of ignorance to be woven about the gray matter in their craniums and still insist on holding out. There are numerous other questions, such as revision of the schedule, the advertising of vacancies and the recognition of seniority that should receive the careful consideration of each member.

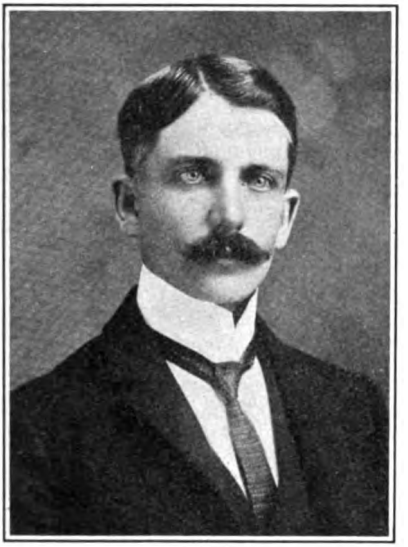
At the recent election Bro. Kipp very nearly lost the honor of being elected local chairman



J. J. MACLEOD,
Delegate Div. No. 103.

He was declared elected after a very spirited contest. Bro. Tom Clancy was his opponent. Bro. Kipp was also elected delegate to the biennial convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., and Bro. Tom Clancy alternate.

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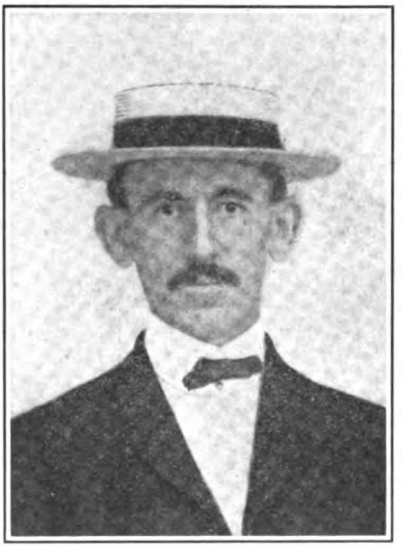
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J. P. RUTLEDGE,
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T. W. RYAN,
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Bro. J. G. Frawley is working days at Northeast tower.

Bro. Snyder, of Bay View, was off duty a few nights on account of a severe cold. He was relieved by Bro. Jim Madell.



J. A. FLECK,
Alternate Div. No. 109.

We third trick boys certainly miss the familiar "fist" of Bro. Jake Greisinger, of Silver Creek.

We wish to extend congratulations to Bro. Baker, of Silver Creek, upon his recent matrimonial venture.

The local chairman reports but few delinquent members and hopes to see these in good standing by the time this article appears in print.

A RECRUIT.

Detroit Division—

Bro. Arnold, of Norvell, was called home on March 2, on account of the death of his sister. He was off duty about a week.

Telegrapher Kohler, of Tecumseh, relieved Bro. Arnold at Norvell.

Bro. Acre, of Monroe, worked in the train dispatcher's office at "JD," Detroit, a few days. During the coming season he will do relief work there while the dispatchers are taking vacations.

Telegrapher Griffith, of the Michigan Division, did relief work at Monroe and Wagon Works, recently.

Bro. Wilson, of Monroe, visited relatives at Tecumseh, a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Kohler.

I desire to thank our local chairman and others who assisted in securing these items. If any of you hear of any changes or of someone laying off, communicate with Mr. Lowe at Monroe.

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Michigan Division—

Telegrapher Andrews has resigned his position at "B" block office. He was relieved by Telegrapher Chilcote, who hails from Osseo.

Telegrapher Ritter, of "RT" office, Elkhart, is spending a month's vacation in Florida; relieved by Bro. Eveston.

Telegrapher McMillan has returned from a month's vacation spent in California. He reports a most delightful time. Bro. Hostick relieved him, and later Bro. Williamson relieved Bro. Hostick.

DIV. COR.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

Brookfield Division—

We would be glad to have all telegraphers take notice of the article entitled "Seniority" in the February number of the journal, and express their views to S. J. Egelston, Churchville, N. Y. This is a matter that should interest every telegrapher. Rule No. 3, in my opinion, seems to hold preference.

When through with your journal, send it to some non down the road, as it may help him to see clearly.

The third trick at Laclede and the second trick at Lathrop are on bulletin.

Mr. Wm. McCue is enjoying fifteen days' vacation, in which to shake the "hay" from his brow. This looks pretty bad, especially on a nine-hour trick. He was relieved by Bro. Shackelford.

We were in error when we mentioned L. C. Howe as brother in the February number. Sorry

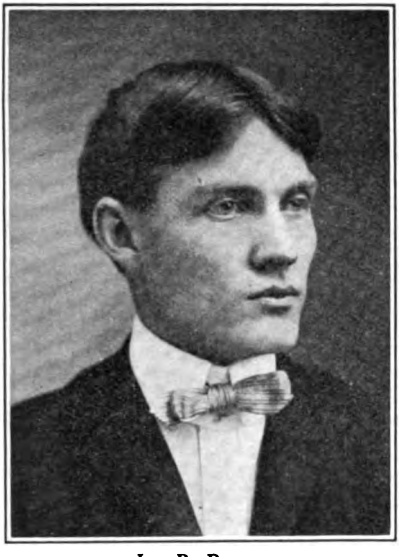


JAS. N. EDWARDS,
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we can not make him see the right road and fall in line.

Wish to thank Bros. Smith and Pierron for items sent us.

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CHAS M. SANFORD,
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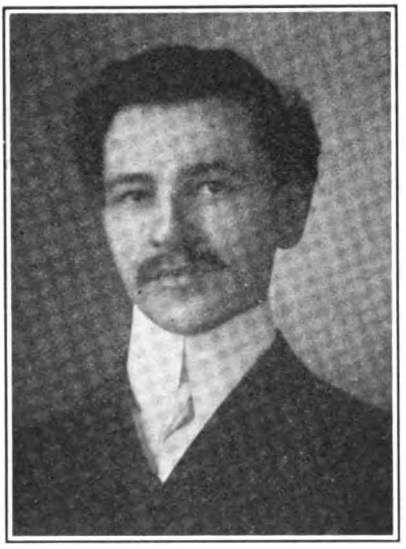
STANLEY TAVENER,
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B. W. Welsh has been awarded third trick at Laclede, his home town.

Bro. Sprague secured second trick at Lathrop on bulletin.

The third tricks at Lathrop and Stewartsville are advertised at the present time.



W. V. JONES,
Alternate Div. No. 114.

Bro. Little is holding down the third trick at Lathrop until it is bid in.

R. E. Oneill has been absent a few days; relieved by Bro. Rightmire.

Bro. Rightmire is taking a few days' leave of absence. He is relieved by Bro. Yount.

S. B. Thiehoff is off duty a few days, gunning; relieved by Bro. Nolan.

Bro. Freeman is working at New Cambria a few nights, extra.

Bro. A. F. Ritter, our local chairman, is again in Chicago on committee work. He was relieved by Bro. Freeman.

Bro. Stevens is visiting in Kansas City a few days; relieved by Bro. Leake.

Bro. Saunders, by prompt action in flagging train No. 995, on the morning of the 11th, averted a more serious derailment to the train. As it was, only one pair of trucks left the track.

Bro. A. F. Ritter returned home the 14th, and reports Bro. C. L. Lamb, Red Oak, Iowa, as being elected general chairman, vice Bro. M. J. Johnson, resigned. Bro. W. A. Henry was re-elected general secretary and treasurer.

Our dispatchers are again at Brookfield, instead of Bridge Depot.

J. S. Roswell bid in third trick at Stewartsville.

W. H. Wilhoit has been awarded third trick at Lathrop.

Bro. Saunders is taking a few days off; relieved by C. W. Carroll.

Bros. Ritter and Alspach, won emblem rings in the contest.

Applications are being received for second trick at Nettleton and third trick at Easton.

Bro. W. A. Henry made a flying trip to Omaha, recently.

Bro. G. N. Little is at Sumner resting up until business improves.

Remember, we cannot handle grievances for nons.

Bro. Shackelford is at Easton, third trick, extra.

F. Shepherd is at Nettleton, second trick, extra.

E. C. Walser was at Birmingham several nights, working extra; relieved at Randolph by F. R. Bishop.

Bro. Telch, Birmingham tower, was off duty one night to attend the wrestling match in Kansas City. He was relieved by E. C. Walser.

Dispatcher Weigner is on the sick list.

Conductor H. C. Crane won the diamond ring in the "most popular" conductor contest which was gotten up by the *St. Joseph Star*.

We are glad to see the boys renewing their cards, but such important matters should not be allowed to drag. Quite a number are yet unable to show the 1909.



CLEMENS REIF,
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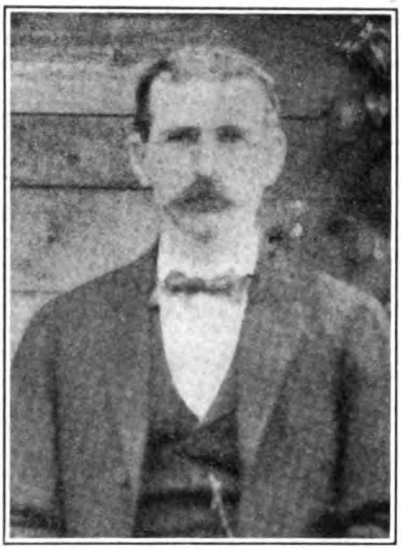
Beware of forgery on cards. Have seen several lately that did not look genuine. Bestow no favors unless you are satisfied that the person presenting a card is the original owner.

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CLARENCE E. JOHNSON,
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J. C. PHILLIPS,
Alternate Div. No. 118.

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Sterling Division—

Owing to the writer being absent in Chicago the past month, the news from this division will be very brief. However, the new schedule will bear good news for some of us. The increases obtained may be small, but they are as much as can be



G. W. LEWIS,
Delegate Div. No. 119.

expected under present conditions. Let each of us put forth our best efforts to further the interests of our employers and make the Burlington the safest and best route from Chicago to the West.

All relay telegraphers and "phone" men are at liberty to join our ranks. Let us show our appreciation by giving better service and showing a big increase in business. We promise more news next month. J. T. MADDOX.

Wymore Division—

It is nearly time to again pay dues and there are several members on this division who have not yet paid dues for the present term. We must not permit them to drop out of the Order. If we keep an eye on the delinquents I believe we can keep them in the fold. If any of you are interested, drop the local chairman a card and ask for a list of the delinquent members and endeavor to induce them to pay up.

We have a number of telephone men whose membership should be secured, now that we have made arrangements to represent them. Let us all try to make the Wymore Division the banner division of the Burlington system.

It is certain that we all must work together if we accomplish anything; merely paying dues will not bring in new members.

Don't dismiss this matter as soon as you have read this article, but make a mental note for future reference, and then get busy.

Mr. Henion, nights at Salem, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. Graves.

Bro. L. B. Murdock has returned to the second trick at Rulo.

Bro. C. D. Bowers, from Beatrice, landed second trick at Humboldt on bulletin.

The Wymore Division has been having its trials with booze-fighting boomers lately. It does not look as if it would be necessary to use this class of men if telegraphers are so plentiful in the country.

Mr. Carpenter, from Washington, is now working second trick at Pawnee.

All the brothers who have had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Clancy, secretary to President Perham, will regret to learn of his death at St. Louis on Easter Sunday.

Is it not aggravating to have a non tell you to come around on a certain date and he will give you his application and then when you show up right on time have him spring another hard-luck story on you?

Bro. Jack White, cashier at Superior, has been taking a vacation.

Bro. W. I. Filley, agent Bostwick, was recently called away on account of sickness.

Mr. Whitson, the agent at Table Rock, has returned to work and Bro. Zink is back on his old trick.



O. R. HATTON,
Alternate Div. No. 119.

Mr. R. G. Drysdale, the agent at Tecumseh, has resigned to accept a position in a bank at Tobias.

The east end, which used to be solid, is getting a reputation for nons. Can't you boys down that way land a few of them? DIV. COR.

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CHAS. H. KEMP,
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GEO. P. MADDEN,
Delegate Div. No. 123.

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Hannibal Division —

Corporations, papers and politicians warn you against being found in the ranks of labor organizations and that your leaders are a set of grafters, and are working a "skin game" on you. This is because they want you to be their slave, that they



W. F. MURPHY,
Alternate Div. No. 123.

may do the grafting and skinning themselves. As you do not own the corporations, newspapers and politicians, but hold stock in your labor union, and have a journal run for your benefit, which would you prefer—to be a slave to your union to the tune of four or five dollars per day, or to the corporations and petty tradesmen for about two dollars? If slaves we must be why not make the most of the situation? That which is told you by those who profit by your toil is likely to be adulterated to about the same degree as the goods they sell.

Quite a number of changes have taken place on the Hannibal Division during the past month and I am glad to note that some of the members are taking enough interest to inform the writer of them.

Mr. E. J. Heather, agent at Perugue, was called to Hannibal on April 3, on account of the death of a relative. He was relieved by Bro. Lindsey.

Mr. W. E. Long, agent at New Truxton laid off April 15 to get married; relieved by Telegrapher Frank Welch.

Telegrapher Stratman, third trick at Peruque, was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. J. P. Steele.

Mr. R. C. Ochiltree, the night telegrapher at Bellflower, laid off April 9th; relieved by Mr. Geo. Wells.

Mr. McDonaugh, the agent at Alton, has resigned. Relief Agent Ferree is working there temporarlly.

Sister Wenzell has resigned the agency at Hamill and Houghton, being relieved by a Mr. W. A. Benjiman, of Mooar, Iowa.

The night office at Wellsville was closed a few nights while Telegrapher H. G. Dew was relieving Bro. Merriwether at Buell, temporarily.

Telegrapher Gillis, night man at Reading, is on a short vacation, and is being relieved by Bro. W. R. Dupont.

Mr. W. T. Dent, a "phoner" at the Hannibal block office, has resigned to accept a position as switchman. Mr. G. T. Stephens, a new man at the biz, is doing the stunt there at present.

Bro. W. G. Merriwether, of Buell, was off duty a few days in March on account of sickness, a Mr. Pace working there during his absence.

Mr. J. W. Hollan, agent at South Troy, laid off a few days during the latter part of March, owing to the death of his sister. He was relieved by Mr. L. E. Williams, the night telegrapher from Moscow. Mr. Williams was relieved by Bro. Dupont.

Bro. F. C. Palmer, second trick man at Ashburn, secured the agency at Viele on bulletin. He was relieved at Ashburn by Bro. J. W. Cullen, who was formerly third trick telegrapher. Mr. Cullen was relieved by Mr. Harry Kider, a new man.



J. S. STRADLING,
Alternate Div. No. 124.

Mr. W. W. Clower, agent at Winfield, was on a vacation during the latter part of March, and the first of April. Extra man Frank Welch relieved him.

Rex Foley, third trick telegrapher at Foley, was off duty a few days in March and April on account of sickness.

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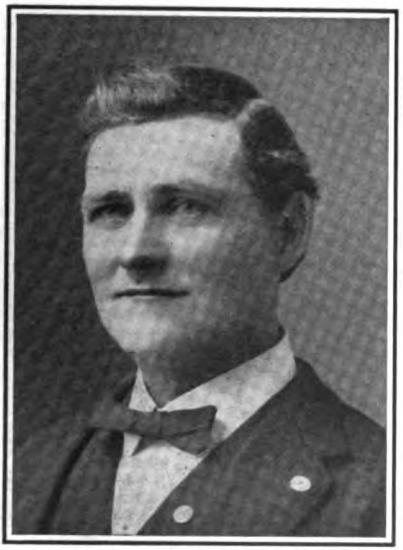
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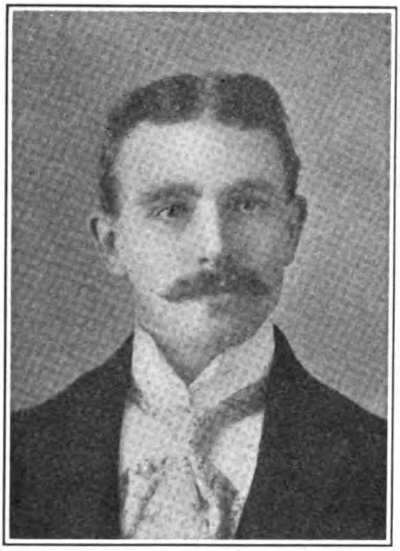


GEO. H. MEIER,
Delegate Div. No. 126.

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Alliance Division—

I am an advocate of hearty co-operation between employers and employes, and this spirit is growing very strong, both with the managers of the railroads and the heads of labor unions, and how can we find a better medium of co-operation than



E. L. MERRILL,
Delegate Div. No. 126.

through our labor union? Electing men from our ranks to meet men with the power to regulate rules and wage conditions—don't you call that co-operation?

And to some who think this is granted grudgingly, let me say that one of the highest general officials told our acting general chairman, "My office door swings both ways; when you're in town, drop in, whether on business or not." Does this show a strained feeling?

And this co-operation can be better brought about through unionism than in any other way. The movement is in its infancy as yet, but will continue to grow. On one line in the East, through a friendly feeling shown the men by the managers, the amount they were able to increase the earnings of the road was remarkable—and all this because the officials began to consider the men something more than mere machinery—began to take an interest in their welfare. The men reciprocated by doing everything in their power to cut down expenses and increase the revenue of the company.

We always find labor unions the starting and continuing source of this co-operation on the part of the employes.

Mr. P. R. Young has been transferred from third trick at Halsey to third trick at Seneca.

Bro. B. A. Darrow, of Mason, is laying off. We understand that he intends to buy a farm in Indiana. Bro. J. W. Thomson, the regular relief agent, is relieving him.

Bro. John Boyer has gone from Girard to third trick at Halsey.

Telegrapher E. G. Picker, from Shelton, Neb., is now at Girard.

Geo. Leisure, lately at Girard, has left the service. He has a position on the C. & N.-W., east of Chadron.

Telegrapher M. R. Cox has left the service and is working in the C. & S. office in Denver.

Brother Adams is acting agent at Halsey while Bro. Sanderson is laying off.

Bro. McKinnie worked third trick at Halsey temporarily. Later he went to Crawford and Rockford as agent.

The company is commencing to close offices for a few hours each day, working two men in three men stations. Most of this has been done at Halsey.

Bro. Herncall has been transferred from second trick at Seneca to second trick at Crawford.

Mr. A. D. Williams has left the service. We understand that he has secured a position as assistant cashier in a bank in Hildreth, Neb., his home town.

Mr. J. H. Ullpm is working third trick at Anselmo.

Hecla office has been closed for a few days, while "Baldy" Brown is taking his annual vacation.

Miss Blanche Wiley, of the telegraph department in Alliance, spent a few days the fore part of the month visiting friends in Lincoln.



T. M. NELMS,
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Telegraphers S. D. Irwin and T. A. Murphy, of the Alliance office, have left the service. Understand Murphy is working in the W. U. office at Omaha.

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WM. F. KAY,
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Telegrapher Person, from "J" office, Alliance, is now working in Omaha, for the Western Union.

Warren Marcy, second trick at Whitman, is laying off to farm his Kinkaid homestead near Mullen.

Clark McIntyre is night agent at Hemingford. We suppose he will soon quit to play ball. His



G. A. LINDBERG,
Alternate Div. No. 126.

ability in that direction is bordering on profes sionalism.

W. J. Hoback, an old-timer on this division, who is now located at Boise, Idaho, spent a day or so on the division recently.

Bro. Zabel has been transferred from Anselmo to Edgemont. "KINKAIDER."

Galesburg Division—

Bro. L. P. Gougler, of Ipava, is laying off a few days; relieved by Mr. E. L. Hendricks, whose position at Elmwood was filled by Bro. Harris, from Bardolph.

Mr. A. S. Gustas, at Yates City, was recently off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Farrell, from Fowler.

Knoxville station is now thoroughly equipped with electric lights.

Bro. E. G. Armstrong, of Macomb, Ill., was relieved one day recently by Bro. H. V. Austin, of Camp Point. Bro. Austin became ill and was relieved by Bro. J. G. Ogle, of Palama.

Bro. R. R. Farrell, of Fowler, relieved at Warner a few days during the month. From there he went to Yates City and then to Farmington.

It is understood that Mr. H. M. Thornton, formerly of Farmington, is now working as extra agent.

Bro. Eddie Novak, of Yates City, is visiting relatives in Chicago, where he intends to remain about two weeks. Mr. Mirven Jones, formerly with the B. & O. at Olney, Ill., is relieving him. Mr. Jones also relieved Mr. Haden, agent at St. Augustine, a few days while Mr. Haden was off duty on account of sickness.

Bro. Harris relieved Bro. Bodkins, at Abingdon, for two weeks, while he was on a vacation in Missouri. Bro. Harris also worked in the place of Bro. Graves at Abingdon while he relieved Mr. Case, the agent. Mr. Case spent his vacation in Idaho.

Mr. Baker, at Saluda, has resigned on account of having trouble in getting to and from work. We understand he has a position as street car conductor with nearly as good hours and pay as he had at Saluda and can live where he works. He was relieved by Mr. O. J. Erickson, from Terminal Junction. After working one night at Saluda, Erickson went to Prospect St., relieving Bro. R. F. Brothers, who laid off to spend a day with relatives at Coatsburg. Mr. Schinn relieved Mr. Erickson at Saluda and Bro. Brothers relieved Mr. Schinn.

A new man from Kirkwood has the first trick at Seminary St. block office, Galesburg.

The depot at St. David burned to the ground, March 25. The cause of the fire is unknown. All records and fixtures were destroyed.

Mr. Carl Cecil, telegrapher at St. David, was recently married to Miss Hattie McElray, of Bardolph. They will visit Denver and other points of interest in Colorado.



W. W. WOODWARD,
Delegate Div. No. 127.

Mr. T. R. Whray, of Augusta, has resigned.

Mr. Hazard relieved Mr. Erickson at Terminal Junction, third trick.

Mr. Austin worked first trick at Lynn a few nights.

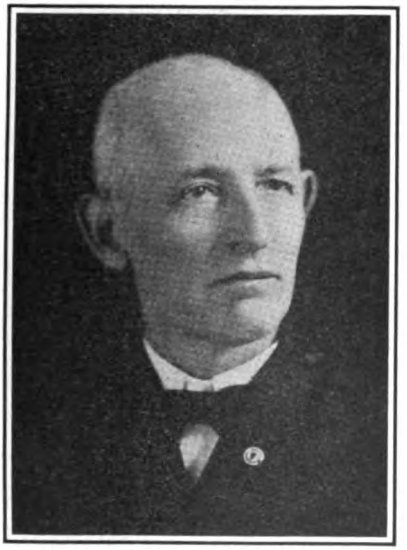
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M. S. LOWE,
Alternate Div. No. 129.

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A new man is working at Orion, second trick, but we are unable to learn his name.

Mr. Bambrick has been transferred from second trick at Orlon to first trick at Lynn.

Mr. Colville, of Rio, was recently off duty a few days, on vacation. He was relieved by Mr.



T. J. CLANCY,
Alternate Div. No. 129.

Fling. He has returned and resumed duty, and Mr. Fling has gone to Augusta as extra telegrapher.

There seems to be quite a number of changes being made but we are not sure whether they are extra or permanent.

In my opinion it is the duty of every member, in cases where positions are vacated and not bulletined within a reasonable length of time, to call the attention of the local chairman to the matter, giving all available information.

In cases where application has been made and turned down and a younger man placed in the position, I would suggest that an investigation be made before anything is said, either against the organization or the chief dispatcher, as there is a chance for the application to have been misplaced or overlooked.

It is probable that by the time this is in print each member will be in possession of a copy of the revised schedules. You will note that there were no reductions in salaries on our division, and no increases granted with the exception of the Galesburg yard office, which receives a $5.00 increase. We do not want the membership of this division to be under the impression that the committee worked for its own interests and neglected those of the membership. The writer had nothing to do with the schedule with the exception of helping to elect the schedule committee, and making several recommendations, which, with the exception of the raise mentioned above, did not meet with approval. As far as the increase in salary is concerned, rather than to have even one man on the division feel that it was secured unfairly the writer would much rather it had not been granted.

I believe that most of our members know the amount of work done at the yard office, and will consider the matter in its proper light.

The undersigned will attend the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., as a delegate, representing the Galesburg and Burlington Divisions of the C. B. & Q. system. If any brother has suggestions to offer they will be given due consideration.

I wish to thank those who contributed items and hope they will do as well next month.

Have heard no suggestions from anyone relative to holding meetings. Fraternally yours,

G. W. MALONE,
Local Chairman.

McCook Division—

Bro. Hanks did the relief act at Stratton while Bro. Chambers was visiting at Atwood.

Mr. Bailey, who has been holding down Stratton, nights, for the last six months, has resigned and gone back to the farm. He was relieved by Bro. Geo. Rohn, late of the Wabash. Bro. Rohn has been working as extra agent on this division.

Bro. Hanks, who has been bucking the extra list for the last three months, has finally landed Eckley, nights, permanently.

Bro. A. V. Anderson, who was in McCook the first of the month working on check rolls, is now

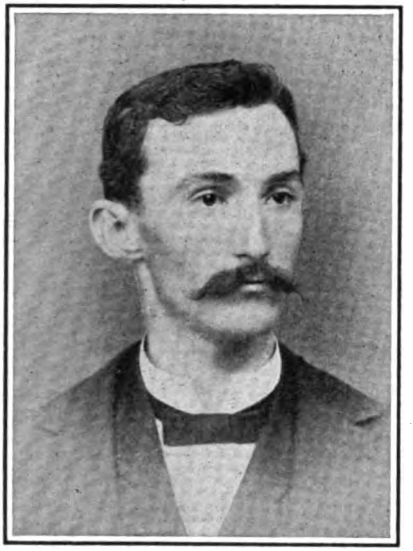


J. C. DAWSON,
Alternate Div. No. 129.

relieving Mr. Draper at Stamford. Mr. Draper was called to Greeley on account of sickness.

Bro. McClintock is relleving Bro. E. S. Lohr, at Axtell, while the latter is on furlough a couple

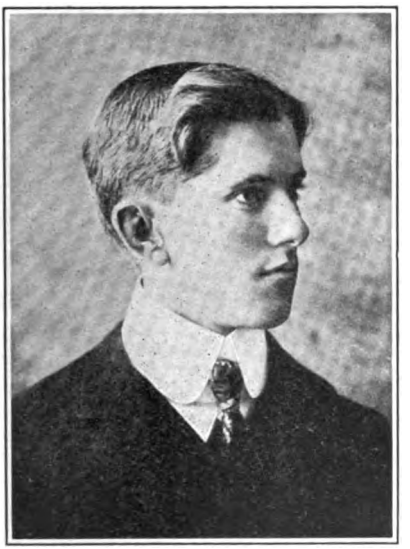
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of weeks, visiting in Chicago, Aurora, Ill., and other points of interest. He is also visiting relatives at Bartley and Beaver City.

G. S. Scott, extra agent at Oronque, relieved Bro. H. S. Bevans, who was off on a furlough.



E. G. ARMSTRONG,
Delegate Div. No. 130.

Later Mr. Scott went to Akron, relieving Bro. H. W. O'Donnell, the agent, who has resigned.

Bro. C. D. Churchill, of Long Island, got Almena on bulletin.

Bro. N. D. Bush, of Almena, has gone to Oberlin.

Mr. A. I. Cole, lately acting agent at Oberlin, is at present laying off.

Mr. C. S. Cole, the second trick telegrapher at Oxforn, has been off duty for the last few weeks on account of rheumatism. Mr. J. C. Rabe is holding down second trick.

Bro. F. E. Hanks is working nights at Eckley.

Mr. Showalter is acting agent at Long Island.

Bro. R. E. Chapin is agent at Parks, temporarily. Mr. M. A. Mountain is taking a vacation.

Bro. Waters, the day telegrapher at Republican, is taking a short vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Scott.

Bro. Perry, agent at Bloomington, is off on a short visit; relieved by Extra Agent McClintock.

Bro. N. J. Frost, late of the Wisconsin Central, relieved Mr. L. T. Hill at Pimeo, nights. Mr. Hill went to Eno upon his own request, where he will do the twelve-hour owl stunt.

Mr. J. G. Colfer, the agent at Pinneo, with his wife and daughter, accompanied Mrs. Colfer's mother as far as Denver on her way to California to visit her daughter. Mr. Colfer, while absent, was relieved by Extra Agent McClintock.

I wish to thank the brothers who so kindly came forward this month with items, and ask that they, as well as others, send me all available news, so that this division may be well represented each month.

Send the names of all the nons you know either to me or to the local chairman and we will see that they are supplied with blanks. Anyone desiring blanks for their own distribution can secure them by communicating with either of us.

Bro. C. F. Avery, second trick at Akron, has been transferred to the general telegraph office in Omaha, to work a phone temporarily.

Bro. F. W. Coward has been put on the second trick at Akron, being relieved by Mr. H. G. Hollingsworth, third trick. Hollingsworth, who was later taken to McCook relay office, was relieved at Akron by Mr. Thune.

DIV. COR.

La Crosse Division—

Mr. J. H. Rogers Jr., our local chairman, has been transferred from Victory to Grand Crossing depot. Bro. Deidrick, who was working second trick at Victory, secured the agency on bulletin Bro. Deidrick's son is now working second trick at Victory.

J. M. Harville, agent at Grand Crossing depot, has been transferred to Onalaska, and Bro. Tom O'Brien, of Onalaska, to Bay City as agent.

Bro. Rogers, of Grand Crossing depot, made a couple of flying trips to Victory since he has been at Grand Crossing.



G. W. MALONE,
Delegate Div. No. 130.

Bro. Guthrie relieved Bro. Marks, of Lytle, for a couple of weeks while he went to DeSoto.

Bro. J. Norton, of Onalaska, went to St. Paul to visit relatives during the early part of the month; relieved by Bro. Guthrie.

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J. G. CHAMBERS,
Alternate Div. No. 130.

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Bro. Guthrie is working third trick at Trevino at present.

Bro. Olson, of yard office, "JD," visited Hastings a couple of days, being called there on account of the illness of his father, who, we understand, is convalescing. Bro. C. E. Dyer, of Grand Crossing depot, relieved Bro. C. W. Olson, of yard office, "JD," while he was absent.



W. B. BECK,
Alternate Div. No. 130.

Bro. J. Norton, of Onalaska, relieved Bro. C. E. Dyer.

Quite a number of brothers attended the Trainmen's ball, April the 12th, which was given at La Crosse. Bro. Flanagan, of South Jct., was relieved by Bro. Guthrie for one night so he could attend.

Bro. Flanagan, of South Jct., visited Winona one day during the middle of the month. Bro. C. E. Dyer, of Grand Crossing depot, spent a day in Alma, recently. "R."

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Richmond District South—

No notes have been received from anyone on the District this month, but we cannot afford to have our items omitted from the convention number of the journal, so I am going to give a little "spiel." We are one of the big districts, and we have a delegate (Bro. Williams, of Wilson) to represent us at the convention, so, of course, we must be heard from even if we have nothing to say.

We learn with regret that Mr. E. B. Tucker, first trick, south side, at Rocky Mount has again "lost out." He was succeeded by Bro. C. G. Grigg, from Richmond.

Bro. Bridgers has appointed as his assistants on the local board Bro. Chas. Bolick, of "CO," South Rocky Mount, and Bro. Geo. B. Lamm, of Elrod. These gentlemen are both good, live brothers, and will be heard from by both members and nons.

Have you secured one of the emblem buttons Bro. Williams is giving as a premium for securing one new member? If you have not, now is your opportunity, as you may never have another chance to win one so easily. Just go out with determination and give the non to understand that you will not take no for an answer. The special rate is $5.83. This pays to June 30.

Help us to make the Richmond District up to date in every respect. We have more double track, more trains, and more men per mile than any other district of the road; we should also be able, within thirty days, to say that we have more members than any other like portion of the road.

Bro. C. R. Shuler, of Beards, was sent to Pembroke for a few days this month. He was relieved by Bro. W. G. Parker, of Division 97. Bro. Parker also relieved Bro. J. M. Lee, third trick man at Dunn, for a few days.

If some brother will send a few notes to the local chairman, Bro. J. L. Bridgers, by the 20th of each month, he will see that they reach the correspondent by the 21st, which will be in time for the following month's journal.

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Wilmington District—

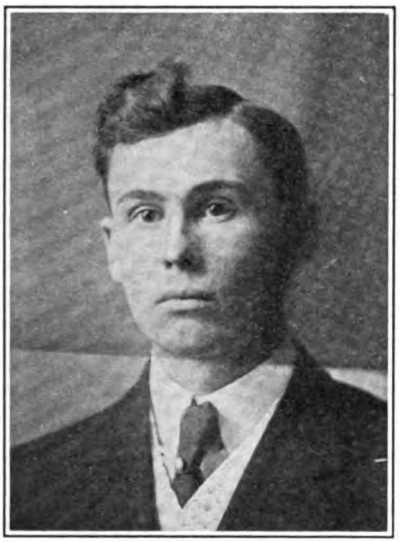
We are looking to Bro. Pridgen, our new local chairman, to do a great many things for us on the W. C. & A. in the way of lining up that end of the district.



F. A. ARNOLD,
Alternate Div. No. 130.

The Lake Waccamaw agency was bulletined some time ago, but no assignment has yet been made,

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Delegate Div. No. 132.

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although there were about eleven applications for it. We are waiting to see what the officials will do with a case of seniority like this. The decision has been reached that the telegraph service will not be cut out at that price for the present. Therefore the salary will remain at $50.00.

D. C.



J. H. WILLIAMS,
Delegate Div. No. 132.

Richmond District, North—

The May journal, coming out so much earlier than usual, has caught us napping this month, so you will have to be indulgent if the district is not well represented.

At last we have elected a local chairman, but it took a long time to do it. There is small comfort in the fact that three other districts were in the same fix. We must give Bro. Cooper all the assistance we possibly can, as the position of local chairman is not an enviable one at best. We must show him that he has the membership of the district back of him, that he can count on their support, and that they will endeavor to do everything in their power to make the line solid.

Bro. S. B. West, at Dunlop, has been reinstated with all his rights restored to him. Bro. Wheeler, the general chairman, handled the case very satisfactorily.

Bro. J. C. Griggs has been transferred from third trick at Jarratt to a trick at "B" tower, Manchester. We have not been able to learn who succeeded Bro. Grigg, or who he displaced at the tower.

The nomination of Bro. L. Clemmer for local chairman, coming as it did almost before he was a member, was a nice compliment. Although not elected, he sees that the members appreciate him by offering his name as a candidate.

DIV. COR.

Savannah District—

Our new local board and a few other members have certainly been making good these days. Six new members in two weeks, and they have just begun to get down to work. This reminds us of the days when Cracker Joe was with us and kept the nons on the run. At this rate, we should soon see the "no card, no favors" sign hanging out at every office, and on every trick. Why can't we get our district that way? Simply because some of us get careless, or have fancied grievances, which are not handled as promptly, or in the manner in which we think they should be.

If we have a grievance we should take it up with our local chairman. If he can't adjust it, it will be referred to the general committee. If you don't hear from the local chairman promptly, you should write him again, and not go around saying the O. R. T. is no good because your case was reported to the local chairman and he took no notice of it. He may not have received your first letter; again, it takes considerable time as a rule, to handle a grievance. I am not writing this because any member has made complaint, but that we may all guard aginst occurrences of this kind.

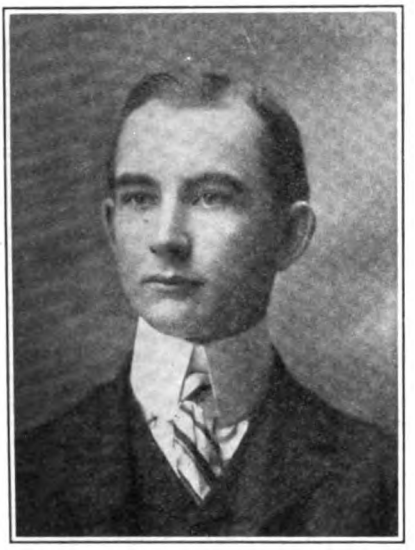
The summer season is upon us, and all, or most of us will have to buy new wearing apparel. We should see that the union label is on every article. You can get wearing apparel from a hat down, even to belts and suspenders, with the label on it. We, as union men, should wear only those



W. L. CURRY,
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things known to be manufactured by union labor. Demand the label every time, and if you can't get it, go where you can get what you want. If you can't secure it in your town, or the neighboring

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one, write to Bro. Williams, secretary and treasurer and he will give you a list of firms who deal in union-made goods.

The block season has closed and with it we lose several good members, not least among whom is Bro. Louis Grebenc, of Ways.



T. C. GRIGG,
Alternate Div. No. 132.

Since the block closed I have been unable to get a list of changes, but understand there has been quite a number. We note that Bro. W. C. Clark goes back to Moncrief from Picketts.

There has been a general shaking up in "YN," Jax. Mr. White, from block station 2, new yard, has gone to that office. Have not learned the names of the other men, but it seems there is an entire new force.

How many of us will go to Atlanta during the convention? We should send a pretty good delegation over there as we have three or four well-traveled routes. The A. B. & A. running direct from Waycross, the Southern direct from Brunswick and Jesup, the Central direct from Savannah, and the G. S. & F. and Central from Tifton. Don't you think a few days could be well spent in the Gate City of the South?

Here's wishing all a pleasant and profitable trip to Atlanta. CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Waycross District—

With much less news than usual to commence with, and with less time in which to prepare items, we fear that the banner district will not show up so well as it might under different circumstances.

Bro. H. M. Morris has been transferred from Nahunta to the agency at Alexanderville. This disposes of the last of the boys who were at Nahunta when Bro. O'Neal met with misfortune at that place.

Why can't we send a good number of our members to attend the monthly meetings held by the G. S. & F. boys in Valdosta? It is very hard to hold meetings on our own line on account of poor train service, but a good delegation could visit Valdosta and return in plenty of time, without relief. Our line is sadly deficient in meetings, and that, in a measure, accounts for the lack of interest shown by some of the members. Now that there is a meeting of another division held right at our doors, we should take advantage of it and attend. We have five members in Valdosta, which is more than a quorum. These, added to members from the other line, would make quite a respectable bunch.

We welcome to our line and division Bro. F. M. Smith, from the Big Four. Bro. Smith is now holding down one of the tricks at Live Oak.

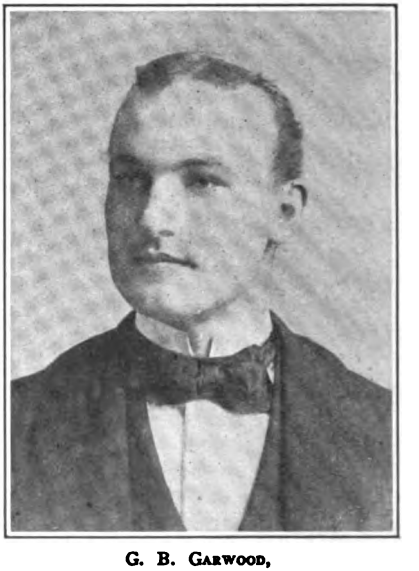
Bro. Williams writes that he expects to show an application from the Waycross District on every weekly report. Owing to the scarcity of nons this seems a little unreasonable, but let us make every effort not to disappoint him.

CRACKER.

THE UNION LABEL.

Every day convinces me more firmly than ever that the union label is one of the strongest weapons of the trade unionist today.

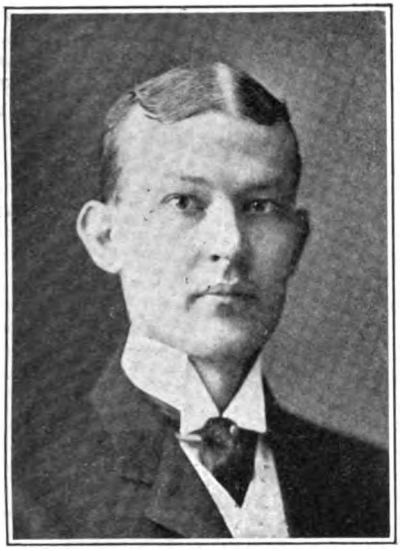
I am also brought face to face with the fact that the trade unionists themselves must learn every label by sight, as unscrupulous manufacturers are using every kind of device in order to fool those who do not know the label when they see it.



G. B. GARWOOD,
Alternate Div. No. 132.

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Only yesterday I received from the secretary of the garment workers a list of the brands of shirts, etc., manufactured in three of the prisons of adjoining States, and imagine my surprise to see the names of shirts on the market in this city, and put out by one of the largest business



L. R. FUNDERBURK,
Delegate Div. No. 134.

concerns in Baltimore. I will add further that I have unknowingly worn this same brand of shirts.

In this list appears several labels that would fool any trades unionist who was not familiar with the kind of label that should appear on the articles manufactured.

One of these labels actually read "Union Made," while another does not so read, but asks the question, under clasped hands, "Are You Union Men?" and goes on to say "if you are, why don't you patronize your union brother and buy the Union Overalls of ———?"

Every union man should demand the label on every article he wears or otherwise uses. Do you smoke? Does your favorite brand of cigar, cigarette, or tobacco bear the label? Do you know what the tobacco workers' label looks like? Do you know what the garment workers' or the shirt waist and laundry workers' label looks like?

Have you bought your spring hat? Did you demand the label in it? That is the one article of wearing apparel that has carried the label for a number of years, but just now there is one of the biggest fights on that has occurred for many years. Are you helping the hatters or the hat manufacturers? You can look in your hat and find the answer. What is it?

Have you ever gone into any store and asked for anything with the label on it? If you haven't don't you think it is about time you did?

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS,
General Secretary and Treasurer, Div. 132.

Lakeland District—

The following changes were noted on this district during the month.

Bro. R. W. Harrison is back with us again. He has been working as clerk-telegrapher at Fort Myers while Bro. White held down the dock job at that point. The former dock man went to Tampa as bill clerk.

Bro. White has now left the service and Mr. S. E. McCutchen, of High Springs, bid in the clerk-telegrapher position, which sends Bro. Harrison to the dock.

Mr. C. E. Browne, the former agent at Fort Myers, goes to Lakeland as agent and Mr. Hoffman, from Lakeland to Fort Myers.

Bartow freight agency is now on bulletin.

We understand that Mr. J. D. Brooks is filling the clerk-telegrapher position at Fort Mead. Bro. Hood, who formerly held the position, has left the service. Mr. Brooks recently returned from the West, where he has been "pounding brass" for several years.

Bro. J. D. Doty, Division No. 2, has just been ordered from Dade City to Fort Meade. This



CHAS. T. HARPER,
Delegate Div. No. 134.

place was bulletined, but no applications were made for it.

Bro. Weems has been on sick list for some time, but has recovered, and is relieving Mr. McCutchen at Fort Myers, while he is attending court at Jesup, Ga.

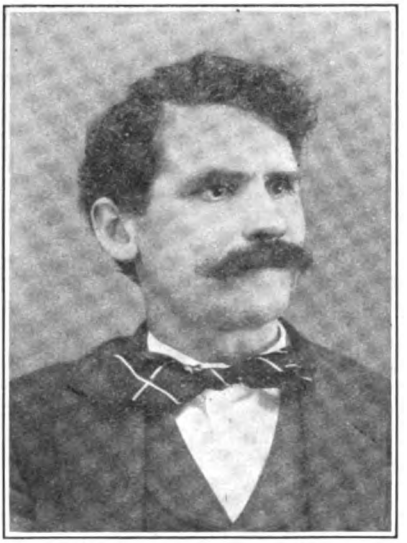
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Mr. J. D. Hamilton, who has been working extra at Dunnellon, for the last two weeks, relieving the regular men, is now enjoying a vacation.

DIV. COR.

Charleston District—

With the advent of the cabbage trains, business looks better, even though the crop is very short this year. The short crop will probably, in a measure, compensate for the loss sustained by the growers last year, as this will make the prices so much better for them. We understand this is the condition at present.



W. J. MCCARTHY,
Delegate Div. No. 135.

Speaking of high and low prices, how does this affect us? Answering for myself, it strikes me in a very tender spot—namely, the pay envelope. Here we are paying $8.00 per barrel for flour, and double the price for cabbage and a substantial increase in lard and bacon, the necessities of life. With most of us, when we go outside of these articles, we enter the field of luxuries. It is fortunate that a few of us can plant potatoes on the right of way, or we would have to cut our bill of fare in half if the prices continued to soar.

If we wear less and eat less, then, perhaps, our $50.00 per will reach from one pay day until the next.

SANDY.

Montgomery District—

Bro. Strickland, after having been elected local chairman of Montgomery district, found he could not serve on account of having too much business to give the office proper attention. Another man has been nominated. Let us give him all the assistance we possibly can. There is nothing that will make him feel better and take more interest in the work.

Business seems to be on a standstill at present, but it is far better than it was at this time last year. It has improved considerably in the last three months.

Bro. Huey, night telegrapher at Grady, has accepted the Daleville agency. Bro. Carter, former agent there, takes Bro. Huey's place at Grady. They both seem well pleased with the change.

Bro. A. Strain, third trick telegrapher and night ticket agent at Bainbridge, is off a few days.

An old-timer, Mr. Joe Kirkland, is relieving him.

The boys seem to be doing good work. I can hear them asking for application blanks nearly every day. That's right, let's keep the good work going. Get behind the non nearest you and endeavor to get him into the fold. Let us try to make Montgomery District solid.

I notice the dispatchers are having to call some of the boys longer than necessary, and some of these are brothers, too. We should give the wires strict attention, then we can rest assured that we will get along better.

Bro. Dykes, day telegrapher and extra dispatcher at Dothan, worked Sunday as dispatcher, relieving first trick Dispatcher Black.

While Bro. Dykes made good as dispatcher, Night Telegrapher Lawson doubled to keep business moving.

We should hold meetings at some convenient point. This would bring the boys together and create interest in the good work. All except the Montgomery District hold meetings, and why shouldn't we?



W. J. DELEHANT,
Alternate Div. No. 135.

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More interest is now being taken in O. R. T. work than for some time, so let us increase it by getting together occasionally.

Bro. H. B. Evans, extra telegrapher, is relieving at Cairo. We have not learned who is absent.

Our local chairman, when installed, should see to it that positions are bulletined. This is some-



L. A. MILLER,
Delegate Div. No. 136.

thing that is very important. Let every man be promoted according to ability and length of time in service. BILL FILLIGIN.

Norfolk District, Main Line—

There has been a few changes on the main line this month, some of which are noted below.

Bro. R. L. Small, has resigned to accept a position with the S. A. L. at Suffolk, as third trick telegrapher. We are glad to see him better himself, as he was only working extra with us.

It is rumored that Mr. Penington, telegrapher at Tarboro, will leave in the near future to take up his old position at Wrightsville Beach. This will cause a vacancy at Tarboro. Can't say who will fall heir to this position; it is considered a nice job for some of our young brothers who are single.

It is reported that E. F. Riddick, who was formerly agent at Whaley, has opened a "ham factory" at Whaleyville. We have not heard how he is progressing in his new field, but certain it is that he will get no encouragement, for there are too many staunch O. R. T. men at Whaley.

Branches—

Bro. W. C. Andrews, of Vandemere, has been off duty for a few days, on account of the illness of his sister. He was relieved by Mr. O. G. Carson.

Mr. S. H. Cobb is working second trick at Parmele for a few days. Mr. Watson, the regular man, is prospecting, with the end in view of securing a position on the Virginian Railway.

Bro. J. K. Cobb has been assigned to Jamesville agency. Miss L. B. Parrott succeeds him at Edwards. Miss Parrott has just re-entered the railroad service, having been with the Western Union several years, as manager at Rocky Mount and Goldsboro. She worked on the C. & O. several years ago.

Our local board members, Bros. Andrews, of Parmele, and Blow, of Suffolk, with Bro. Parker, of Speed, as chairman, desire your assistance in making this district solid.

Bro. Parker, the local chairman, is our representative to the Atlanta convention.

While he is in Atlanta let's get after the nons and surprise him upon his return by handing him a big bunch of applications. We can do it if we go at it in the right way.

DIV. COR.

C., C., C & St. L. Ry.

Chicago Division, East—

The first thing I wish to do is to apologize for the scarcity of items in this write-up, but not having been around the wires any this month, it is utterly impossible for me to give any of the happenings along the line, as I have received nothing from any of the boys.

But something is going to happen to you who are hanging back with your dues for the current



F. K. MILLER,
Alternate Div. No. 136.

term. There are but few delinquents, I am glad to say.

Would just like to advise those who have as yet failed to do the necessary to please stop and

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ponder a moment, as the minister says, "before it is everlastingly too late." At the present time you can very easily get back where you were and I'll go a little farther and say that you can apply that either way. You can easily get back in good standing in the Order, or you can, by letting



ED. WHALEN,
Delegate Div. No. 138.

things take their course, get back to where you were ten years ago.

But you will say "Oh, no, guess not, as I'm the only one, and the rest will keep the thing going." But I would just like to say for you, brothers, that the time is not far distant when you will find that someone else is not going to bear your burden and I think I can safely say that we have the dope at the present moment that will make you stick up your ears and widen your eyes upon this great question of nons reaping the benefits paid for by the other fellow. This thing has been going on for twenty-three years, with no remedy discovered, but you will acknowledge that this is a progressive world and new discoveries are made every day.

Possibly you do not realize that when you fail to pay up in the allotted time you are injuring not only yourself, but the organization as well, for you should realize that when you do not pay up it is up to us to find out why and each time it takes two cents; not much, to be sure, if there were only one, but take a system division like ours and think of the many that do the same thing, and you will find it runs into dollars.

The point is this—that each and every expense incurred by the Order tends to weaken it, and if you would sustain the organization one of the great ways to do so is to do all you can to curtail expenses.

A great many are not remaining delinquent intentionally, but through no other cause than negligence. You can pay dues just as easily on the first of December or June as you can the first of May or November, so why hesitate and put your committee to a lot of needless worry and expense.

If for any cause you find it impossible to meet your dues, please act the man about it, and write your chairman, giving particulars, and if there is anything we can do to help in all probability it will be done.

I would request that all delinquent brothers write their chairman and set forth reasons for their delinquency and it may be that in a great many cases we can straighten you out; but it's a cinch that we cannot help you if you do not give us an opportunity.

In the last write-up I promised I would give something more on the west end of the Chicago Division, but I find I am going to be crowded for space, so will cut that part of it short.

I will add, for the benefit of the several brothers interested over there, that there were three excuses given. First, old age. Several of the worthy gentlemen are on the edge of the grave, although at the present time they are in the very best of health. They have never found out that they have been receiving hundreds of dollars through the Order in the past years and my opinion is that if we had not discovered a way to prevent it they would continue to do the same thing for several years to come. Some people have a tendency to be very dull of comprehension on some subjects.



R. B. COOK,
Delegate Div. No. 138.

Second, hard luck. This dope was handed me by several, and in nearly every case we found the dopester was either building a new house or investing in land, and the poor, deluded representa-

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tives of the human race do not know that it is our money they are using to do this work with.

Third, "The Order never did me any good." This dope was "dished out," several making this statement: "I belonged to the Order here for a long time when I was the only man on the Big



GEORGE LAVENGOOD,
Delegate Div. No. 138.

Four that belonged and the Order never did anything for me." This was handed me by at least five, so, as the saying goes, "Somebody lied," for there were five, each claiming they belonged at the same time and yet each posing as the only one. Great argument.

Now, again in closing, would like to make one more appeal to our delinquent brethren to communicate with the chairman.

At the time of this writing we find the Chicago Division installing telephones, so I suppose phones will be a reality instead of simply talk, in the near future, especially on the east end of the Chicago Division, as I "13" this end of the division is to be used for the purpose of experiment, and if things work satisfactorily, the work will be pushed on the entire system. As yet we see nothing to startle us in the way of reduction of force or salaries, and we understand that this is a question of progress and not of economy.

In behalf of one of our brothers at present not employed in the service would like to say a few words.

Bro. P. G. Ahring, formerly employed by the Big Four, has now branched out into the jewelry business, and is ready, at any time, to do all kinds of repair work or make sales in this line, and think all brothers who can swing anything his way should do so, as Brother Ahring has kept up his card during the past two years, although he has passed through adversity and has not done a minute's work at telegraphing. Bro. Ahring's present address is, P. G. Ahring, Sunman, Ind.

W. O. BRINKMAN,
Local Chairman.

Chicago Division, West—

Telegrapher J. R. Paul is now working the second trick at Laft yards.

Bro. Andrews is now on first trick at Swanington, the first trick man, Bro. Briar, having left us. The third trick, which is now on bulletin, is being filled by Extra Telegrapher McDaniel, a new man from the C. I. & S..

The third trick at Donovan is on bulletin; now being filled by Extra Telegrapher Munzer, a new man from the C. & E. I.

Bro. P. S. Lottinville, second trick man at St. Anne, has just resumed duty after a thirty-day lay-off and trip to the Northwest.. He was relieved by Bro. Montgomery, a C. & E. I. man.

Bro. J. L. Young is now third trick man at St Anne, which position was vacated by Bro. P. K. Jeffries, who has left the Big Four. Bro. Jeffries has accepted a position with the Union Pacific Ry. at Omaha, Neb.

Dispatcher Milligan was off duty a few days during the first part of the month on account of sickness. While absent, Dispatcher Drewy relieved him.



F. S. MASON,
Alternate Div. No. 138.

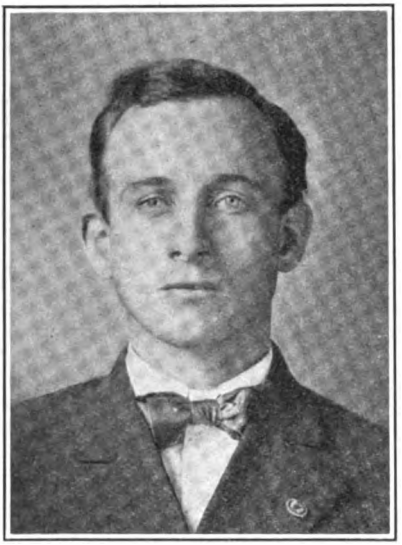
Extra Dispatcher R. I. Pensleger held second trick, vice Mr. Drewy, and Extra Telegrapher Cox relieved Pensleger.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased the Almighty Creator to remove from this world of trials and tribulations the dearly beloved little son of Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Green, of "SY" office, be it therefore

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 138, Order of Railway Telegraphers, extend to the



A. J. HORNUNG,
Alternate Div. No. 138.

bereaved parents their most heartfelt sympathy in this, their time of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this division, a copy sent to the bereaved parents and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. O. BRINKMAN,
J. M. DUPPS,
S. G. MARTIN,
Committee.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. F. Barnum, of Lagrange, has returned to work, after an illness of a couple of months.

Bro. Greetham is off duty on account of the death of his sister. He has the sympathy of all.

Bro. Snowberger, of Rochester, is going into the chicken business.

Bro. Conklin, of Marsh, returned to work after having enjoyed a fifteen days' vacation.

They are still advertising the second trick at Harper. This is surely an undesirable position.

Bro. Kroefke, of Grafton, is off on account of the death of his father. He has the sympathy of the members.

Mr. Clegg visiting at Bellefontaine.

Let us see if we can't "come out of it" and start a little more interest than has been manifested in the past. Get after the nons, and try to induce them to come into the fold. There is no question but what we need their support, and if each member will do his share I think we can soon make this the banner division of the system.

Rouse up and show that you take an interest in the Order, also make it a rule to write your local chairman at least twice a month, in order to help him keep in touch with the situation, for unless you assist him he cannot do the work as it should be done.

I wish to extend my thanks for the honor conferred upon me at the recent election, and hope to be of assistance in keeping the division alive and up to date.

To the young members I wish to say, get some of that scrap paper and put in your spare moments practicing, so that when you bid in a job there will be no question as to your ability to hold it.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

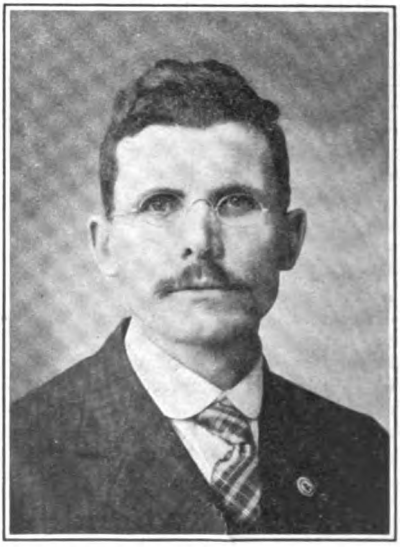
Michigan Division—

Telegrapher Duncklee has returned to Marion freight office, having bumped Bro. E. S. Middlekamp, who in turn bumped Agent Seward at Jonesboro.

Bro. R. A. Ferree, agent at Letts Corner, is taking a lay-off for a few days.

Bro. King, formerly of North Vernon, nights, has returned to the Michigan Division.

A Mr. Riley, of Markleville, is relieving Bro. King for a few days.



H. S. WALTERS,
Alternate Div. No. 138.

Bros. Walters, of Marion, was off a few nights this month; relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. King bid in Goshen.

Bro. Tilmon, of Elkhart, is taking a lay-off; relieved by Telegrapher Wood, from Summitville.

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We understand that Bro. Tilmon has been very sick. The last we heard of him he was in Chicago.

As no items have been sent in by any of the brothers I am out. I wish someone would kindly endeavor to send me a few items each month.

DIV. COR.

Cincinnati and Sandusky Divisions—

Mr. Chester, of Monroe has been discharged from the service; C. D. Moore is working third trick until bulletined.

E. R. Mendenhall is working the second trick at Sharon. This is the man who worked in "C" office, Cincinnati, Ohio, during the commercial strike.

Bro. Stokes, of Huntsville tower has been on the sick list for a few days but is again able to be on duty.

Bro. H. E. Loy, the third trick man at Grants, was off duty a few days while sick. He was relieved by Telegrapher Harrison, of Plattsburg.

Bro. A. J. Sorgan, second at Grants, has resigned to accept a position as city mail carrier at Kenton. He was relieved by Telegrapher H. W. McGill, of Urbana.

Bro. E. W. Utz, first trick at Grants, has resigned to accept a position in the division freight agent's office at Dayton.

Bro. H. E. Loy, the former third trick man at Silver Creek, is now working the third trick at Grants. Telegrapher Jay Garrett, of Springfield, is filling in at Silver Creek.

Bro. C. R. Wilkin, the third trick man at Kenton, was off duty a few days on account of sickness, Telegrapher McGill filling in.

Telegrapher Harrison is working the third trick at Avenue at present.

Bro. R. W. Lippincott, the agent at Plattsburg, spent a few days with his parents at Catawba, last week, Telegrapher Harrison filling in at Plattsburg.

Bro. Keever, formerly third trick man at Silver Creek, passed over the Sandy Division a few days ago, on his way to Michigan.

The third trick at Monroe has been bid in by a Mr. Barnhart.

FOXY GRANDPA.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us the father of our loyal brother and co-worker, Bro. W. A. Scully, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, O. R. T. System Division No. 138, extend to the bereaved brother its heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. E. SIDENER,
F. G. HICKMAN,
L. D. STABLER,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our esteemed Brother Bert Demory, his beloved mother, in manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, of the C. C. C. & St. L. Railroad System Division No. 138, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. W. STABLER,
L. S. DELONG,
A. A. BRIGHT,
Committee.



C. K. POTTER,
Delegate Div. No. 139.

Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.

Quite a number of changes have occurred on the "Valley Route' since our last write-up.

The Newby night office has been closed. Sister Smylie, from Newby, is now working the second trick at Corsicana.

Bro. C. B. Pirtle from Corsicana has been transferred to the agency at Emhous, vice Bro. C. C. Wheeler, who succeeds Mr. Lineweber as agent at Singleton.

Shiro night office is closed, Bro. Isaacs going to third trick at T. & B. V. Junction, vice Bro. J. A. Russell, who has accepted the cashier's position at Waxahachie.

Bro. N. B. Anderson, our genial secretary and treasurer, bumped Bro. Garrett, who was on second trick at Tom Ball

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We are almost solid and want to keep after the few remaining nons.

We will try to have something in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, and members having anything of interest will please advise Bro. Anderson.

CERT. 20.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.

For the first time in many months the I. S. is to be represented in the journal. Our regular correspondent resigned the position shortly after being appointed to that office last June. Since that time we have been without a correspondent.

Make a note of all the happenings and changes in your locality and send them to the correspondent and we will have something in the journal each month.

The following are the few items we have been able to glean, which will probably interest those that have not been in touch with the I. S.



DAVID R. FORD,
Delegate Div. No. 142.

Mr. H. O. Bean, day telegrapher and extra dispatcher at "Q" office, Indianapolis, has left the service and is now holding down a trick with the A. T. & S. F. at Arkansas City, Kan.

Bro. C. D. Burnett, cashier at Bloomington, landed "Q" office, Indianapolis, days, on bulletin, but withdrew. This left it to Bro. A. L. Young, of "Q," nights. Bro. Young handled "Q" days in Bro. Bean's absence.

Bro. P. G. Evans, Wis. St. yards, days, landed "Q" office, Indianapolis, nights, on bulletin.

Bro. McCord did the extra stunt at "Q," Indianapolis, nights, while the day and night jobs were on bulletin, then relieved Bro. Evans at Wis. St. yard, days, while that position was on bulletin.

Bro. E. L. Smith, first trick telegrapher and ticket clerk at Linton, landed Wis. St. yard, days, on bulletin and started working there March 21.

Bro. A. H. Howard, second trick telegrapher at Linton, is taking thirty days' vacation. He was relieved by the second trick man, Mr. James, of Bloomington. Mr. James was relieved by Telegrapher C. G. Ault.

Second Trick Telegrapher James, of Linton, is holding down first trick while it is on bulletin, with Bro. McCord doing the second trick stunt.

Bro. M. D. Renfroe resigned as agent at Stanford in November, and is now farming in Northern Indiana. Bro. Ray Wolfe, of Sullivan, landed Stanford on bulletin.

Mr. J. C. Gentry, helper, of Bloomfield, was checked in as ticket agent at Trevlac, March 22.

Bro. Tom Pemberton, our Linton agent, was seen going up the line on train No. 32, March 23.

Telegrapher Francis relieved Bro. Shepherd at Robinson, about March 1, Bro. Shepherd having landed third trick at Dugger.

Bro. Shepherd, third trick telegrapher at Dugger, is on the sick list, and is being relieved by Telegrapher J. W. Mathews. While sick Bro. Shepherd is staying at Bloomfield.

Bro. McCord, who is working second trick at Linton, has landed Stoy, days, and will take same in the near future.

Bro. J. F. Glass, the agent at Solsberry, landed Linton, first trick, on bulletin, but decided to withdraw after securing it and at this writing we are unable to say who gets the position.

Mr. J. G. Shepherd relieved Telegrapher Melton at Stoy, days, he having been assigned to second trick at Sullivan.

Guy Tomlison, of Browns, Ill., succeeds Mrs. Markman as clerk at Oblong.

Bro. G. B. Calvert, first trick telegrapher and ticket clerk at Sullivan, is our new local chairman. It is up to all the members on the I. S. to assist Bro. Calvert in his position and help get the I. S. solid.

Bro. F. B. Fox, agent at Stoy, was elected delegate to the convention and Bro. Calvert, alternate.

Bro. Fox desires to attend the convention this year if he can arrange to get away.

DIV. COR.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. J. E. Armstrong, second trick at Corinth, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Hudson.

Bro. Stovall has been assigned permanently to Ruslor, third trick.

Bro. H. B. Romins, an old-timer, has been assigned to the Booneville agency.

Bro. B. E. Sander is working the third trick at Clamore, extra.

Bro. Hundson bid in Clamore and will go there soon.

Bro. Caver has been off duty several days on account of sore eyes.

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Bro. R. L. Brooks, of Corinth, was off duty a few days recently, visiting relatives at Kenton. Bro. Hundson relieved him while absent.

Mr. W. E. Ramer has been assigned to first trick at Trenton.

Bro. K. Sommers has been assigned to first trick at Perry.

Bro. J. F. Hateley, agent at Laketon, is absent a few days, getting married. He was relieved by Bro. R. Bailey. Mr. O. Rutledge, of Perry, relieved Bro. Bailey at Union City.

Mr. W. M. Franklin, of Moscow, relieved Bro. K. Somers at Perry for several days.

Bro. McDermont, of Waterloo, is laying off a few days; relieved by Mr. James Donahue.

Bro. Earl Taylor is visiting St. Louis. He is being relieved at Percy by Mr. J. Nelson.

Bro. G. E. Meisenheimer, of Ava, is laying off a few days; relieved by Mr. Haynes.

Bro. McCord, of Oraville, is laying off and taking in the sights at Oran, Mo., relieved by Mr. Gorim.

Bro. Underwood, of Percy, is taking a few days' vacation; relieved by the third trick man. Mr. Haynes, of Red Bud, relieved the third trick man.

Bro. Childers, of Mountain Glen, is sick and off duty; relieved by Mr. Donahue.

It is rumored that some of our members are teaching telegraphy without permission. This is a violation of the obligation you took when becoming a member of this organization, and subjects one to expulsion, so if the rumor has any foundation I should advise the guilty persons to dismiss their students before charges are preferred. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

R. U. WIDEAWAKE.

Chicago & Western Indiana Ry.

Mr. J. R. Stanley, the genial agent at Dolton, is enjoying a thirty days' leave of absence, and, with his wife and family, is visiting childhood scenes in the old Blue Grass State.

Mr. George Miller, agent for the Belt at Lemoyne, is also enjoying a thirty days' leave of absence and is trying to spend the large surplus of money that has accumulated on his hands.

Extra Telegrapher A. S. Crippen has landed third trick in "CU' tower, South Deering. We are all glad to hear his familiar fist, and hope he will like the position, as he certainly deserves a steady job, and one with which he is satisfied.

Mr. W. R. Dixon is working extra at "GS" tower, 16th St.

Telegrapher R. M. McCullough, second trick at Oakdale and H. W. Grace, second trick at Pullman Junction, were down to Blue Island recently. If you want to see the boys smile, just ask them what they think of the dinners served in that busy little town.

Telegraphers A. R. Hoffman, E. O. Jacobson, and C. A. Munn, took in the circus at the Coliseum. They report a fine time.

Telegrapher Guy Brown, is slinging lightning and pulling levers in "AU," 75th St. tower, third trick.

E. M. Moore, of "YC" office, Yd. Center, is enjoying thirty days' leave of absence.

Now, boys, let's all turn out to our meetings, which are held every fourth Saturday night of each month at Masonic Temple, and help make them a success. DIV. COR.

Lake Superior & Ishpeming Ry.—Munizing Ry.—Marquette & Southeastern Ry.

Bro. C. H. Dagenais, who has been second trick man at Little Lake for some time, has resigned, and is now engaged in the grocery business at Marquette, Mich.

Bro. Tim Hughes, of Ishpeming is now holding down the third trick at Little Lake, relieving Bro. Lewis.

Bro. L. V. Johnson, formerly of Iron Mountain, is now nicely located as agent at Lathrop,



CHAS. C. WEBNER,
Delegate Div. No. 144.

having taken the position left by Bro. Haberman, who went to Florence.

A joint meeting with the men of the D. S. S. & A. Ry. was held at Negaunee, Mich., Sunday afternoon, March 28, in the Kirkwood Hall. The attendance was surprisingly large. Brothers came from as far west as Iron River, Wis., and from as far east as the Soo to attend.

Meeting was called to order at 3 p. m., sharp, by Bro. W. J. Murray, of the Pen Division, with Bro. F. Van Handle, of the D. S. S. & A., as secretary. Speeches were made by Bro. Gilbert, representing the Mackinac Division, Bro. Carlson, of Houghton Division, and Bro. Clossy, of the Western Division, of the D. S. S. & A. Ry. Bro. Troy, general chairman, of the C. N.-W. system

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spoke for an hour and a half on subjects that were very interesting and instructive to all. Much enthusiasm was shown, and the meeting did not close until the hands rolled around close to six o'clock. This meeting being very successful, arrangements were at once made for another joint meeting to be held in the near future.

Bro. Moran, of Powers, is enjoying a vacation, which he is spending in Chicago and other points South. He was relieved by Bro. Crikelair, the relief agent.

Bro. C. T. Hartho, of Carlshend, Mich., a member of this division, is about to leave the Munising Ry. Carlshend station is to be closed in a few days. Bro. Hartho has not as yet decided where he will locate, but thinks it will be west of here.

Bro. R. A. Marsh, a member of this division, who has been agent for the Munising Ry. at



N. B. ANDERSON,
Alternate Div. No. 144.

Princeton, Mich., for the past two years, has resigned and accepted a position with the P. M. in lower Michigan.

Bro. C. O. Boogren, member of this division, formerly agent for the Munising Ry. at Gwinn, Mich., has been transferred to Princeton, Mich., as agent, taking the position held until recently by Bro. Marsh.

Bro. Bakken, of Ishpeming, has taken third trick at Iron Mountain, on bulletin. He was relieved by Joe O'Leary, of Negaunee.

Bro. Kandalls got first trick at Iron Mountain by bulletin, relieving Bro. Johnson.

The meeting held at Menominee, Saturday, March 27, was fairly well attended, the brothers from the north end being in the majority. The meeting was opened by Bro. W. J. Murray (retiring chairman). A general discussion took place, followed by an interesting talk by Bro. Troy, who gave us the fine points we lacked. A list of the officers appointed will appear in our next write-up. There will be another meeting held on the line in the near future, when we hope to see more of the south end brothers present.

Bro. J. Brown secured third trick at Stephenson by bulletin.

Bro. Sullivan secured second trick at Menominee.

Our newly-elected local chairman, Bro. Haberman, got Florence by bulletin.

DIV. COR.

Boston & Maine Ry.

NOTICE.

Eastern Division—

During the months of May, June and July, Assistant Local Chairman E. G. Hall, Kittery Depot, Maine, will act as local chairman of the Eastern Division, having charge of the organization's affairs during that period, as I have requested a leave of absence covering five or six weeks.

Western Division—

The annual report shows Chairman Butler's initials as H. A. The correct initials are H. L., and South Berwick, Me., members will kindly remember this correction when corresponding with Chairman Butler.

Fraternally yours,

J. B. BODE,
General Chairman.

Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.

Northern Division—

Bro. A. L. Munyon, Kalkaska, Mich., has been appointed local correspondent for this division. Items of interest should be forwarded to him not later than the 20th of each month to insure insertion in the following issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Let us hear what is going on along the line. The first thing we do after receiving the journal is to look for local items, and if we lend Bro. Munyon our assistance there will be no reason why we can't have an interesting write-up in the journal every month. It is but a short time since we were organized, and the members on this division holding Grand Division cards were transferred to No. 143. At first everyone took an interest, but of late enthusiasm is beginning to wane.

It seems that one is waiting on the other to do the work. Why not all help a little in getting a schedule and a $60.00 minimum. There is no reason why we can't do it if we put forth an effort.

BUSTER.

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Kingston & Pembroke Ry.

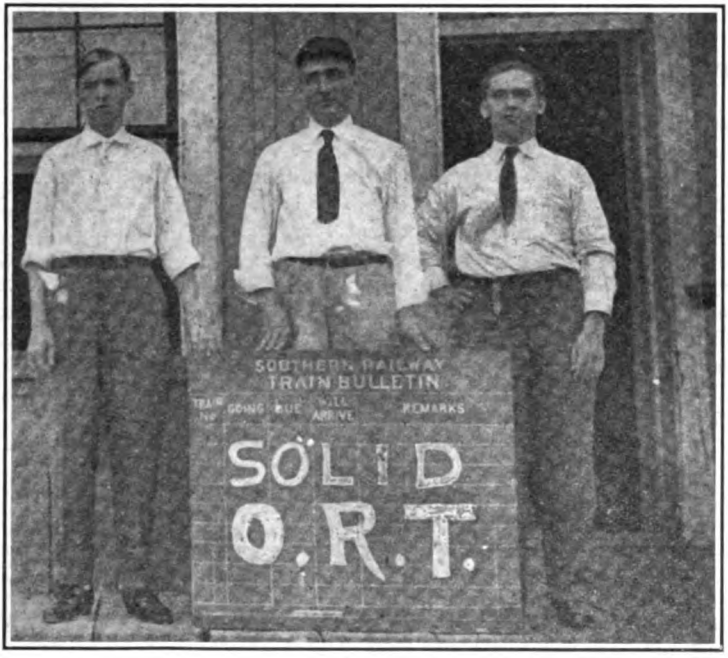
IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to bear to his eternal home the dearly beloved father of Bro. F. Clark, be it hereby

Resolved, That the Kingston and Pembroke Division of System Division No. 7, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to our bereaved brother and friend our most heartfelt sympathies in this, their bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the record of our division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother, also a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. FORSYTHE,
S. S. CAMPBELL,
L. A. CAMERON,
Committee.



J. W. Hanna. W. E. Dellinger. G. T. Knowles.

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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 122 is due May 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires June 30, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A)	20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B)	30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	60 cents each

BENEFITS PAID DURING APRIL, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
808	Thos. E. Hipple	Hemorrhage of Lungs	Grand	14826	C	$1,000 00
853	Carl H. Lee	Struck by Train	52	17758	B	500 00
858	C. E. Jennings	Typhoid Fever	54	25634	A	300 00
865	Michael J. Domes	Suicide	92	7073	C	1,000 00
866	A. L. Armstrong	Pleuro Pneumonia	35	24651	C	1,000 00
867	F. E. Hastings	Inflammatory Rheumatism	116	21722	C	1,000 00
870	Wm. M. Bailey	Apoplexy	93	22856	A	300 00
871	J. O. Blasenak	Railroad Accident	89	21447	A	300 00
872	Robt. F. Gibbs	Pernicious Malaria	32	25045	C	1,000 00
873	Harvey W. Sawdey	Chr. Paren. Nephritis	53	6833	B	500 00
875	Eugene Abbott	Membranous Augina	25	21983	A	300 00
876	Wm. C. Truax	Typhoid Fever	Grand	15075	C	1,000 00
878	Eugene L. Ford	Mitral Regurgitation	53	15575	B	500 00
880	Wm. Clancy	Mitral Insufficiency	42	14	C	1,000 00
884	John W. Graybill	Pneumonia	Grand	10825	C	1,000 00
885	James W. Darby	Run Over by Train	23	7155	C	1,000 00
889	John Wood	Cerebral Hemorrhage	35	532	C	1,000 00
896	Fred S. White	Brain Tumor	23	9015	A	300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to March 31, 1909	$761,570 87
Received on Assessment Account April, 1909	5,098 31
	$766,669 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to March 31, 1909	$506,981 47
Death Claims paid in April	13,000 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,146 61
Assessments transferred to dues	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, April 30, 1909	245,339 57
	$766,669 18

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th and Keller sts., Harrisburg, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munes, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo. W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 141 Dunn ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. C. F. Loring, Local Chairman, Nelliston, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Electric Zone—Between tower 7, King's Bridge, and "VO" tower, Mt. Vernon to 56th st.—Meets 3d Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., Colonial Building, Rooms 44, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York City. Every third meeting a day meeting at 10 a. m. E. Neumuller, Local Chairman, 136 W. 167th st., New York City. H. R. Vernon, Assistant Local Chairman, representing G. C. Terminal. Chas. Armitage in charge of Station Agents, 125th st. Station, New York City. September meeting will be a day meeting at 10 a. m., and every third meeting thereafter will be a day meeting. Buffalo Div.—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first

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Wednesday evening in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., and Nov. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Elizabethtown, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCracken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Harford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooks Falls, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberger, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 203 W. 144th st., New York City.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

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No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division meets on second Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. C. B. Pierce, 2021 Eighth st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. D. M. Wright, Jr., Brunswick, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. T. Williams, Mars, Pa.; Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. O. J. Prouse, 550 College ave., Fostoria, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman, Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Tousset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atalanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George St., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikeville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 324 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 365 Shelton ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

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No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. B. Homan, Gen'l Chairman, Pando, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen't S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Bladea, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

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No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T, Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy A. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway system. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden, N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.

No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

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No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st, Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer, H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. J. L. Seibert, Chief Tel., 318 W. Washington st., Hagerstown, Md.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

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No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.

No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.

No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.

No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.

No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahanoy City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.

No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Colfax, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.

No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.

No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, 520 West 7th st., Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.

No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut St., Virginia, Minn.

No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.

No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION QUE.—C. A. Bilodeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

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No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. &. E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Houck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlemoir, Local Chairman, Carriers Mills, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. T. E. Powers, Chief Tel., Valley Falls, N. Y.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyan House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. M. F. Leeds, Gen'l Chairman, Alice, Texas; G. H. Roddy, Gen'l S. & T., Rockdale, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay and Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. A. Donart, Gen'l Chairman, 2616 Force st., Ft. Wayne, Ind.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Tex.

No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. M. C. Roop, Gen'l S. & T., Cragford, Ala.

TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB—Meets second Saturday night each month at Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves., St. Paul, Minn. R. R. Foulkes, Pres., 232 Cayuga st., St. Paul, Minn.; T. H. Line, S. & T., 2365 Doswell ave., St. Paul, Minn.

TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President at "The Plasa," 141st st. and Edgecombe ave., New York City; M. G. Woolley, President, 155th st. and 8th ave., New York City; E. Neumuller, S. & T., 126 Union st., High Bridge, New York City.

DIXIE'S TWIN ORDER TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB—Meets every second Saturday night at 7:30 p. m., in Federation Hall, 14½ N. Forsyth st., Atlanta, Ga. The object of the club is to provide for the handling and entertainment of the O. R. T. Convention to be held in Atlanta next May. All brothers are urged to be present at these metings, but especially do we urge all brothers from the southeastern territory and of railway lines touching Atlanta to turn out and be with us, as we need your help. Chas. H. Livsey, President and Chairman General Committee, East Point, Ga.; Mrs. E. B. Smith, S. & T., Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.

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EDITORIAL

THE CONVENTION.

THE Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers convened in Gate City Guard Hall, Atlanta, Georgia, at 10 A. M., Monday, May 10th, and continued in session until the evening of May 18th, when its deliberations were brought to a close.

In matter of attendance it was the largest convention ever held in the history of the Order, 334 delegates answering roll call; included in this number were the General Chairmen of nearly all the large lines of railways in the United States and Canada, the secretaries of most of the divisions, innumerable local chairmen and others who have distinguished themselves in the ranks of the organization, all of the Grand Officers and the two Past Presidents of the Order, the venerable founder of the organization and its first President, A. D. Thurston, and his successor in office, Past President D. G. Ramsay.

In enthusiasm and firm determination to do only that which would redound to the future upgrowth and benefit of the Order, no greater convention was ever held.

The convention was entirely devoid of sensational features, its whole time being taken up in considering amendments to the Constitution, resolutions effecting the interests of the Order and other routine matters.

The reports of the Grand Officers were all very flattering and showed the work of the organization to be in excellent condition, regardless of the late "financial depression."

The report of the President and the four Vice-Presidents showed that much progress had been made during the last two years toward better working conditions and shorter hours.

The report of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer showed that the membership had been remarkably well maintained regardless of the unsettled industrial conditions during the last two years and that the financial

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condition of the Order was better than ever before in its history.

One of the most important matters coming before the convention was a resolution endorsing the Railroad Employes Department of the American Federation of Labor. After a thorough discussion of the subject, the following resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority:

"WHEREAS, A new plan of federation has come into vogue known as the Railroad Employes Department of the American Federation of Labor with ten international organizations already enrolled as members and several other organizations about ready to make application for membership; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this, the Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers endorse the Railroad Employes Department of the American Federation of Labor."

Probably the most important amendment to the Constitution was the changing of Article XV of the laws governing the Mutual Benefit Department so as to provide for the payment of assessments in that department semi-annually instead of monthly, which amendment was made effective on July 1st. The article was amended to read:

"Members of the Mutual Benefit Department shall, without notice, on January 1st and July 1st of each year, pay an assessment of one dollar and twenty cents for certificates in Series A, one dollar and eighty cents for certificates in Series B, and three dollars and sixty cents for certificates in Series C. The assessments of persons admitted to the Mutual Benefit Department at any time after the first month of the semi-annual period, shall be computed from the first day of the month in which they are admitted to the end of the current semi-annual period, and shall be payable on the date of admission.

"Should the amount of the assessments thus provided prove insufficient to pay the approved claims against the department, the secretary and treasurer shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Insurance Committee, levy extra or special assessments in such sums as are directed, and notice of said special assessments shall be mailed to each member of the department at his last known address as shown on the books of the department.

"If any of the above regular or special assessments are not paid at the office of the department within two calendar months from the date said regular or special assessment is payable, the certificate or certificates upon which such regular or special assessment has not been paid, shall thereupon, without notice, become forfeited, together with all rights to any benefit thereunder.

"The sending of any notice of assessment shall not in any case constitute or be considered as a waiver of any previous unpaid assessment.

"Members of the Mutual Benefit Department whose dues are not fully paid in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period, shall forfeit their membership in the Mutual Benefit Department, without notice."

The law in regard to the payment of per diem to delegates attending the convention was amended so as to provide for the payment of $6.00 per day instead of $5.00, as heretofore.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer in his report to the convention, made the following reference to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER;

"During the last two years THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER has averaged nearly 200 pages in size per issue, and regardless of the fact that the journal has been enlarged, it is still impossible to use all the matter submitted for publication. This is especially true of the Fraternal Department. In order to keep the cost of publication of the journal within its revenue we have been compelled to materially cut down items received for that department. It would hardly be exaggerating to say that enough matter has been received for the Fraternal Department of each month's issue to fill two publications the size of ours during the last year. *The advisability of putting some limit on this department is suggested for your consideration.*"

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The Committee on Official Organ, in its report to the Grand Division, which report was adopted unanimously by the convention, reported in part as follows:

"Your Committee on Official Organ desires to express its hearty and unqualified approval of the manner in which Bro. L. W. Quick has discharged the arduous and difficult duties of editor of the official organ.

"Endorsing the suggestion of Bro. Quick that the volume of matter published in the Fraternal Department be limited, *we urgently recommend that he prescribe and rigorously enforce such rules as, in his judgment, may exclude from this department all matter not of strictly fraternal interest.*

"We submit this recommendation in the belief that its adoption will reduce the volume of correspondence to such an extent that the bulk of it may be promptly published."

The President and Grand Secretary and Treasurer were authorized by the Minneapolis convention to purchase a lot in the city of St. Louis and to erect thereon a building for permanent headquarters of the Order, with the consent of the Board of Directors. The reports of those officers showed that the instructions of the Minneapolis convention had been carried out, the lot purchased being 63 feet 9 inches by 127 feet 6 inches, located on the corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, in the City of St. Louis. The property is described as being practically in the heart of the city, and located within four blocks of the Post-office.

During the convention a request was received from the ladies present in Atlanta that a committee be appointed by the Grand Division to assist them in organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order, which was accordingly done, and the Auxiliary was formed, a full account of which appears in another column in this journal.

The Grand Division decided to hold its next session in Toronto, Ontario.

The election of officers occurred on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 18th, and resulted as follows:

President—H. B. Perham.

Grand Secretary and Treasurer—L. W. Quick.

First Vice-President—J. A. Newman.

Second Vice-President—T. M. Pierson.

Third Vice-President—D. Campbell.

Fourth Vice-President—J. J. Dermody.

Members of Board of Directors—C. E. Layman, A. O. Sinks.

Delegates to the American Federation of Labor—H. B. Perham, L. W. Quick, D. G. Ramsay.

Alternates to the American Federation of Labor—L. A. Tanquary, W. T. Brown, J. E. McQuade.

Delegates to Dominion Labor Congress—D. Campbell, G. D. Robertson.

Alternates to Dominion Labor Congress—J. A. Bell, W. L. MacDonald.

The Entertainment Committee of the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club, consisting of members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, in and around Atlanta, arranged many enjoyable entertainments for the delegates and visitors, chief among which were an open meeting at the Opera House on the evening of the first day of the convention, where addresses of welcome were delivered by Governor Hoke Smith, Mayor Robt. F. Maddox, Jerome Jones, President of the Atlanta Federated Trades Assembly; B. Lee Smith, of the Atlanta Typographical Union, and Colonel Lawson Lamar, on behalf of C. T. U. A. Local No. 60, which were responded to by President Perham and Past President Thurston on behalf of the Grand Division, and a barbecue given at Lithia Springs, about twenty-five miles from Atlanta, on Wednesday afternoon.

The only disagreeable feature connected with the convention was the treatment accorded the delegates and visitors by the Piedmont Hotel, which boasts of being one of the best hotels in the South, and which was designated as headquarters after an agreement in regard to rates, etc., had been made. The clerks and cashiers were unaccommodating, and in some instances uncivil; the management apparently made little effort to carry out its agreement in regard to rates, and, taken as a whole, the treatment accorded the delegates by the Piedmont Hotel was the most unsatisfactory that had been accorded by any hostelry to the Grand Division in years.

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ACCIDENTS.

THE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of October, November and December, 1908, as shown in the reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission, under the "Accident Law" of March 3, 1901, was 184, and of injured 2,924. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on or off cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 17,644, of which 798 were killed and 16,846 injured. Of the number killed 34 were passengers, which is only two-thirds as large a number as shown in the report for the preceding quarter.

The total number of collisions and derailments during the present quarter was 2,684, of which 1,373 were collisions and 1,311 derailments, of which 206 collisions and 130 derailments effected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by these accidents amounted to $1,940,133.00.

One of the collisions especially referred to in the report was between two freight trains, in referring to which the report says:

"Two trains had been coupled together to get over a hill; were separated at the summit. Leading train had among its cars a dead engine, and by this operator at next station was deceived. He thought that there were two trains, and thereupon authorized the station in the rear to send on another train."

A collision between two freight trains in which three persons were injured is attributed to a telegrapher having accepted an order after the train had left. In describing this case the report says:

"The collision, which occurred about 2:00 a. m., was due to misinformation given the dispatcher by the operator at 'A.' A freight train with two engines arrived at 'A' at 1:20 a. m., and the operator assuming that the helping engine was the regular engine of the train, made a mistake in reporting the numbers—the train being an extra freight, and trains being identified by the number of the engine—and continued to assert to the dispatcher that the regular engine of the train—that is, the train itself —had not arrived. Accepting this information, the dispatcher gave the right to the road to a train coming from the opposite direction. The operator in this case was eighteen years old and had been in the service only one month. The dispatcher was twenty-one years old and had been a dispatcher for about six months and an operator for a year."

A collision between two freight trains, in which seven persons were injured, is shown to have been due to: "Operator, having two orders, one Form 19 and one Form 31, delivered Form 19 only. Operator in service at this place one week; had had ten years' experience elsewhere."

One person was killed and sixteen injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train. The report, in commenting on this collision, says:

"This collision was between a southbound passenger train and a northbound local freight train. It occurred at 6:35 p. m. The freight train had entered the side track at the station to make way for the passenger train, but in consequence of the engines not being properly controlled, the train ran through the side track and out upon the main line at the north end, and the collision occurred about 400 feet north of the north switch. The freight was to stop at that station long enough for the trainmen to eat supper, and the engineman had got off the engine a little distance short of the station to go to a hotel. According to the testimony of this engineman, the engine (moving) was left in charge of the fireman, but the fireman denies having received instructions to that effect, and he was on the front of the engine covering the headlight, and therefore did not shut off steam or apply the brakes. The headlight being covered, the engineman of the passenger train did not see that the main track was obstructed until he was almost at the point of collision. The conductor of the freight train was also held at fault for allowing the train to move so far after it had entered the side track."

Seven persons were killed and eleven injured in a collision between two freight trains, which report shows to have been due to the overlooking of an order by the conductor and engineer. The report says:

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"Conductor and engineman of freight held an order to run one hour and thirty minutes late; forgot the order and ran one hour and fifteen minutes late."

Two persons were killed and eleven injured in a collision between two passenger trains due to misreading or overlooking orders. Of this accident the report says:

"This collision was due to a mistake of an engineman in reading a telegraphic order. This engineman, running southbound train No. 3, went past the appointed meeting station at full speed, having unaccountably taken the order to mean the next station south, the two names beginning with the same letter. The conductor had neglected to require the engineman to read the order aloud in his presence. The conductor had read the order to the baggageman, but the baggageman appears to have taken no pains to keep the meeting place in mind, as the train passed that station without his knowing it."

Twenty-five persons were injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, which the report shows to have been caused by "failure to observe wait order; conductor and engineman both apparently forgot that the order had been delivered to them."

Two persons were killed and four injured in a collision between two freight trains due to "failure to observe wait order and failure of inferior train to clear time of superior train five minutes."

Two persons were killed and five injured in a collision between two freight trains, which the report shows to have been caused by "conductor accepted orders from operator and receipted for them, yet left them in the office and moved his train regardless of their instructions."

One person was killed and four injured in a collision between two freight trains, which the report shows to have been due to the following causes:

"Conductor and engineman misread or assumed name of station in telegraphic order; order was plainly written and the two names were utterly unlike."

Four persons were killed and three injured in a collision between two freight trains, the cause for which the report states was, "entire crew of northbound train forgot or ignored schedule of southbound."

One person was killed and forty-seven injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train. In referring to this accident the report says:

"Freight encroached on time of passenger train. Engineman disregarded schedule of passenger train. It was Christmas day and his ignoring of the passenger train was due to his mistaken impression that the day was Sunday, on which that passenger train did not run."

Two persons were killed and five injured in a collision between two freight trains, which the report shows was due to "operator reported that an extra train had passed, when in fact it had not arrived; dispatcher acted on this misinformation."

One person was killed and four injured in a collision between two freight trains, which the report shows to have been caused by the engineer overlooking an order to meet another train at a given point and proceeding on beyond that point. Shortly after passing the station the conductor and flagman discovered the fact and attempted to stop the train, but did not succeed in doing so before the wreck occurred.

Eight persons were killed and twenty-seven injured in a collision between two passenger trains, which accident is described in the report as follows: "This collision, killing eight and injuring twenty-seven persons, was due to disregard of the ten-minute time interval rule.

"Both trains were passenger trains, southbound, one due to leave 'S' at 7:00 a. m. and the other at 7:30 a. m. The latter train came on to the main line from a branch at this point. The leading train was thirty minutes late leaving 'S.' The second train was recorded by its conductor as leaving 'S' at 7:30, which was exactly the time that the leading train left; but from testimony given before a coroner it appears that the actual time of departure was 7:35, making an interval of five minutes between the two trains. The rule requires that this time interval shall be ten minutes. The junction being a registering station, the station agent or operator was not required to hold the second train to keep it ten

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minutes behind the first, but this duty rested on the conductor and engineman, who were required always to examine the train register before leaving junctions.

"The collision occurred at 'L,' which is 17½ miles south of 'S.' According to the men on the leading train it occurred at 8:00 a. m., indicating that this train had run about seven minutes faster than its schedule. According to the men on the other train it occurred at 8:04 a. m. The leading train had made two stops of thirty seconds each for passengers; had stopped to open and close a switch at a station, and had reduced speed to about ten miles an hour at one other point. It had started from 'L' and was moving about ten miles an hour when the collision occurred.

"The second train was warned twice by drawbridge tenders of its proximity to the leading train, but the report says that the engineman inquired of the draw-tender why he was stopped, and, on being informed, replied with derisive remarks; and he passed the drawbridge without having received the proceed signal. The report says that this reckless conduct on the part of the engineman of the second train was repeated at the second drawbridge, and that the train was running at a high speed when it struck the leading train. Its engine crushed three cars of the leading train and damaged a fourth, and did not stop until it had run 635 feet beyond the point where it first struck. There was a dense fog at the time, making it impossible to see more than about 500 feet. The engineman says that he saw the preceding train about 500 feet before he reached it, but it is believed by the officers that he did not see it until his engine struck it. The evidence of two witnesses, one at 'L' and one some distance back, is quoted to show that the engineman was not keeping a good lookout. He was facing backward, and apparently talking with another engineman who was riding in the cab. The brakes of both trains were set automatically as soon as the collision occurred, rupturing the air pipes; but in spite of this the distance run was 635 feet, as before stated.

"The schedule time of the second train from 'S' to 'L,' about twenty-nine minutes, was eight minutes less than that of the leading train."

One of the worst accidents reported in the report was a derailment of a passenger train, whereby fifteen people were killed and fifteen injured. The derailment occurred near Metz, Mich., on the Detroit and Mackinac Railway, on October 15th, in the midst of extensive forest fires, and its immediate cause was the distortion of the track by the heat from a pile of burning sleepers which lay near the track. The train, consisting of an engine and six freight cars, had been made up hastily to carry to a place of safety the inhabitants of Metz, this being the only chance of saving their lives. The atmosphere was filled with smoke so dense that the engineman could not see far ahead and there was great danger, but it was impossible to go in the other direction and it would have been fatal to remain at Metz. The refugees, numbering about seventy-five, were in a steel gondola car. When the engine was derailed about one and one-half miles from Metz, in consequence of the weakness or displacement of the track, the cars, of course, could not be moved further, and thus were left close to the burning sleepers and at the mercy of the flames, and twelve persons in the gondola car, unable to escape, were burned to death. One man riding on the engine escaped from the engine, but was burned to death on the ground a few feet away. Two trainmen were killed, and the list of injured persons includes thirteen refugees and two trainmen. One of the latter, Conductor John Kinville, was severely burned in trying to save some of the people in the gondola car.

BLACKLISTING.

MANY of the old-time delegates to the Grand Division will remember Thos. B. MacMahon, of Buffalo, who was in the early '90's a prominent figure in conventions of the Order. In later years he took up the practice of law, first in Detroit, Mich., and later in Seattle, Wash., being located in the latter place at the present time, and he recently won a very important case, which will be of gen-

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eral interest to telegraphers. A Seattle paper, in giving a history of the case, says:

"The Western Union Telegraph Company will have to pay $1,200 damages for blacklisting James W. O'Brien, telegraph operator, formerly employed by the United Press, according to a verdict rendered in Judge Wilson R. Gay's court this morning by a jury that had been out about an hour.

"O'Brien had been an operator for twenty-four years, and showed by testimony that his services on all the newspaper associations where he worked had been satisfactory. During the telegraph strike of 1906, O'Brien became Chairman of the Press Committee and gave out information concerning the manner the Western Union handled messages at that time. Through an agreement in a contract made with the Western Union in leasing its wires and equipment to the United Press, the former retained the right to dictate whom the latter should employ as operator in a provision that the operator should be satisfactory to the Western Union.

"On December 30, 1907, O'Brien was discharged by the United Press from *The Puget Sound American* at Bellingham, on demand of the Western Union, the only ground being that he was not acceptable. Since that time O'Brien showed that he was unable to work in Vancouver or Tacoma, where newspapers wanted an operator, and the United Press wanted to hire him because the Western Union Telegraph Company would not accept him.

"There was no testimony brought out in the trial by the Western Union showing that O'Brien was incompetent or was not of good character, the only reason assigned for its demand for his discharge being that he was not satisfactory.

"Taking this defense up in his argument before the jury, Attorney Thomas B. MacMahon, who conducted O'Brien's case with George McKay, scored the Western Union.

"'What does the Western Union mean by not being satisfactory?' he said. 'It might say a United Press operator should wear a suit of green clothes, have a glass eye or a wooden leg, and because he did not possess these qualifications he would not be satisfactory. Would that be a reasonable excuse to deny an expert telegrapher employment, a man with whose work even the Western Union has found no fault, and so admits? Then, what is the reason? It is this: O'Brien criticised the Western Union the same as hundreds of others did at the time of the strike and are doing now.'"

AN APPEAL.

IN the January, 1905, issue of this journal an appeal for financial assistance in behalf of J. W. Ezell, a member of Illinois Central Railway System, Division No. 93, was published. That appeal read as follows:

"J. W. Ezell, a member of Illinois Central Railway System, Division No. 93, in good standing to June 30, 1905, is now in jail at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of the yardmaster where he was employed."

"His attorneys have filed a motion for a new trial, setting up as their reasons therefor that the testimony on which he was convicted was biased and otherwise incompetent. Should this motion be denied an appeal will be taken.

"The defendant's defense was self-defense. In his testimony he stated that he had been attacked by the yardmaster, and in attempting to defend himself and break a choking hold which the deceased had around his neck he struck at the fingers of his assailant with a razor to force him to release his hold, but missed the objective point and slashed him in the neck, which wound resulted in death.

"The penalty of first degree murder, of which he now stands convicted, is death, therefore, his attorneys are now fighting for his life, and they are in need of financial assistance to secure what they believe to be justice for the accused. They are outspoken in their opinion that the verdict is not a just one, and will fight the case to the end. Division No. 93 has already taken up the matter of raising funds to assist in the defense of this member, and as it is necessary to raise several hundred dollars in order to fight the case through and secure justice for the accused man, outside help is necessary, and a donation from as

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many members of the Order as feel able to make one would be appreciated not only by the accused, who is without funds, but also by Division No. 93. It is a worthy cause; no member should be compelled to forfeit his life through a lack of funds to secure justice when a small contribution on the part of each one reading this item will enable the convicted man's attorneys to push their efforts for a new trial, or in the event of their failure to secure that, to appeal the case."

The appeal referred to in the foregoing was made to the higher court, but without success, and finally, as a last resort, an appeal was made to the Governor through the Board of Pardons to commute the death sentence to that of life imprisonment, which was accordingly done.

Bro. Ezell is still a member of Division 93 in good standing. He has been confined, imprisoned since September 23, 1904—nearly five years. His parents are not in a financial condition to render him the necessary assistance to enable him through his attorneys to take up and actively push a petition for his pardon, and to do the things necessary in connection therewith. His leading attorney expresses the belief that an effort to secure a pardon for this unfortunate young man can be made successful if sufficient funds are available to meet the necessary expenses in connection therewith, and he proffers his services without remuneration if the members of the organization will contribute enough to meet the expenses that will be incurred in the effort.

It is estimated that $1,000.00 to $1,500.00 will be required for this purpose.

During the last few years it has been the desire of the Editor to entirely eliminate appeals from the columns of the journal, believing that cases requiring assistance should be handled by the division in which the member holds membership, but this rule is being deviated from in this case for two reasons: First, because it would appear from facts at hand that a member of the Order is incarcerated in the penitentiary of the State of Pennsylvania, who, as a matter of right, should be free. Second, that the amount necessary to assist this member is of such magnitude as would make it a burden upon one division to attempt to meet it.

If an attempt to secure a pardon for this unfortunate young man is to be made, it will be necessary to raise the amount of money named, and such members of the Order as are interested in the case can assist by contributing to a fund to be raised for his benefit.

Those desiring to do so should make all contributions to L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo., and accompany the remittance by a letter plainly stating that it is for the Ezell Fund, for which remittance a receipt will be issued.

THE BOND QUESTION.

AMONG other matters considered by the Grand Division at its late session in Atlanta, Ga., was the "Bond Question." In connection with that question a letter was read from a member, who requested that it be read to the Grand Division in order that the delegates might better understand the situation as it exists. The letter, which is from an old-time member of the Order, read in part as follows:

"I am in receipt of your circular letter of April 26th, on the bond question. When I am financially able I will send you the money for at least five shares. I want you to read this letter to the Grand Division when it convenes on May 10th. I have just been relieved on the ..... Railway, in freight service as brakeman and extra conductor on account of bond company not answering letters of the superintendent regarding their withdrawing from my bond in November, 1907. Since the surety company cancelled my bond, have been trying to get at them in legal way and have spent considerable money and time to do this, but have been unable to accomplish anything up to the present time. I have taken my case up personally with the superintendent, general manager, auditor and others. The auditor wrote numerous letters regarding my case and has been in correspondence with the bonding company for the last eight months, but has obtained no satisfaction, as they keep dropping the

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matter and offer no reason for withdrawing from my bond.

In January the bond company wrote me they would make a decision in my case shortly, and asked me for certain records, which apparently was for no other purpose than to cause further delay, as they have my complete record, as I have been bonded with them for a number of years. I am still waiting for developments. The bond company will make no charges against me nor will they answer any letters or telegrams. The bond company has practically put me out of business; when I get a position I can not hold it on account of inability to give bond. I claim that any agent or employe holding a bonded position can be discharged from any road through the instrumentality of the bond company with or without cause, and there seems to be no recourse. All that is necessary for one to do who has a purpose to serve, whether he be official or individual to secure the discharge of a bonded employe, is to report him as being unreliable or to be guilty of some imaginary thing and his bond is cancelled, and as a consequence he loses his position.

"I think the bond question undoubtedly the most important that has ever confronted the Order, as I am firmly convinced that some officials are taking advantage of this means to get rid of certain men, and no telling where it will end, unless proper steps are taken to remove the present condition. In other cases the bonding companies are making employes put up the full amount of bond in cash before they will issue bond in their behalf.

"We want an O. R. T. bonding company for the employes, which will be just and fair to both corporation and employe.

"I write this letter so members can see just how inconsistent these bonding companies are and how hard they are to cope with, and want them to realize that when they get their bonds cancelled and go looking for positions, they will find that no one wants them regardless of their ability, as there are only a few positions that do not require bond. If any member is so unfortunate as to have this experience, he will then better appreciate the necessity of an O. R. T. bonding company, but it will be too late so far as he is concerned. Bro. Quick's circular letter is to the point. Do something and do not leave yourselves open to discharge at a moment's notice and without warning or reason. Without this bond question settled by the organization of an O. R. T. bonding company, no order man is afforded proper protection."

The Grand Division at its forenoon session, on Tuesday, May 18th, took this question up, and after discussing it at considerable length, adopted the following motion:

"THAT THIS GRAND DIVISION PLACE ITSELF ON RECORD AS ENDORSING THE ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN TOWARD FORMING A BOND COMPANY."

In the September, 1907, issue of this journal, this subject was taken up editorially, and a general plan outlined. As several thousand new members have affiliated with the organization since that time, extracts from that editorial are reproduced for their information.

The editorial in question read in part as follows:

"The bond question is one that has been prominently before the membership of the organization for a number of years, and the subject has received much attention on the part of writers in these columns; in fact, the subject was discussed as far back as 1890, but no satisfactory solution of the question has as yet been found. Many cases have been cited where bonds have been cancelled without reason, whereby great injustices have been done bonded employes, as the loss of their bond meant the loss of their position, and in many instances appeals have been made to the bond company for a reason for such action, but such requests have invariably been ignored, and as a consequence the one most interested was without information as to the nature of the charges against him and had no opportunity to defend himself. It has been developed in innumerable cases that complaints have been made against bonded employes merely to gratify a personal grudge under the guise of a 'confidential' communication, and on the

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strength of that the bond was cancelled with no redress. Many a strictly first-class station agent, who could command a first-class salary as such, has been compelled to work for meager wages on account of having his bond cancelled for reasons unknown to him and without cause. Various plans to correct this evil have been suggested during the many years that the subject has been discussed, none of which have taken tangible form, and as some members have suggested in recent articles that it was 'time to act,' the subject seems to merit editorial attention.

"The license question, another subject that has been thoroughly discussed in these columns for many years, was finally disposed of by the last session of the Grand Division.

"The Editor believes that the bond question should likewise be finally disposed of either one way or the other, and for that reason will now suggest the general outline of a plan that will permit of the solving of the question if the membership is disposed to do so, and if on the contrary the membership in general is not interested in the bond question, that fact can be developed and the subject dropped.

"Those who have given the subject serious consideration must realize that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers can not go into the bond business as an organization, as its whole efforts as such must be directed to the work that is being carried on for the betterment of the working conditions of the railroad telegraphers of North America.

"The members of the Order can very properly organize a bond company and conduct it not only as a matter of business, but also to remove the unsatisfactory conditions that prevail on account of inability to get fair hearings when questions arise in regard to the discontinuation of their bonds. If such a company was formed with only members of the Order as stockholders, it would give it such a close affiliation with the organization that the results would be the same as though it was formed by the organization itself.

"The proposed plan is as follows:

"Organize a bond company with a capital of $250,000, to be divided into 25,000 shares of stock at $10 each, subscriptions to be received only from members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

"The first and foremost consideration in connection with the adoption of this proposed plan would be that of interesting a large majority of the membership of the Order in it, for if the plan is to be carried to a successful conclusion, it will be necessary that it shall receive the active support of a large majority of the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, as it would be necessary, in order to make the plan effective, to revise existing schedules by the insertion of a clause providing that telegraphers and station agents represented shall be bonded in that company, or at least a provision providing that bonded employes shall be allowed to give bond in any reliable guaranty company of their own selection, which would be equivalent to the same thing.

"The fact that there would be such a close relationship between the proposed company and the Order would make it possible to conduct its affairs at a very nominal figure.

"It is estimated that one-half of the telegraphers are bonded and that the amount of their bonds will average $1,000 each. Taking his estimate as a basis, the number of members of the Order that give bond is approximately 20,000, and the amount of their bonds aggregate $20,000,000, which computed at the rate $2.50 per $1,000, gives a total of $50,000 premiums per annum. The running expenses of the institution would be comparatively small, as would also the losses.

"In addition to the revenue derived from premiums, something like $5,000 would be derived annually from interest on the money (not all of the money would draw interest, as most States require a cash deposit of a certain amount from bond companies as an evidence of good faith before they will grant them a charter).

"Making due allowance for the regular operating expenses and losses and unforeseen contingencies, such a plan should yield

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at least eight per cent net to shareholders, in addition to furnishing the means of overcoming one of the greatest obstacles with which the railroad telegraphers and station agents have had to contend.

"If such a plan is to be adopted there are many details to be worked out which it is unnecessary to attempt until it is ascertained whether or not this plan meets with the approval of those interested and whether or not there is a sufficient number of them to carry it through if it does meet with their approval.

"One thing to be considered in connection with such a proposed plan is whether or not the proposed company, if organized, should bond all station employes regardless of whether or not they are members of the Order, or whether it should limit itself strictly to members of the Order."

In the January, 1908, number of THE TELEGRAPHER, an editorial was published setting forth at considerable length the views of the Editor on the question, from which the following extracts are taken:

"In the September number of THE TELEGRAPHER the Editor suggested that the only solution of the bond question, which has been a subject of discussion for the last fifteen years, seemed to be the formation of a bonding company to be owned and controlled by members of the Order. In the October, November and December numbers of this journal the opinions of many prominent members, including many general chairmen and other officers of divisions, were given, all favoring the suggestion.

"It will be remembered that the Editor addressed a communication to all of the general chairmen asking their views on the subject. Replies were received from at least 75 per cent of them, all of whom expressed themselves as in favor of the plan proposed, with two exceptions, one of whom failed to express an opinion either for or against it, and the other expressed himself as against the plan.

"Out of the thousands of letters received on this subject from the rank and file since the suggestion was made in the September issue of THE TELEGRAPHER the writers have in every instance, without a single exception, announced themselves as heartily in favor of the proposition.

"The question of carrying out the plan suggested resolves itself down to one proposition, namely: whether or not the members of the Order are sufficiently interested in the matter to subscribe the necessary amount of money to carry it to a successful conclusion.

"As the originator of the plan, and having expressed no opinion through these columns since making the suggestion, the Editor has been requested by many members to go more fully into detail regarding this plan, and as the question is now to be finally decided, a plain statement of facts as they appear to the Editor, would seem in order.

"The 'bond question' has been a subject of discussion in THE TELEGRAPHER practically during the whole existence of the Order. Hundreds, and even thousands of good, reliable men, have suffered the loss of their positions through the cancellation of their bonds, as they firmly maintain, without just cause, and with absolutely no redress.

"Men with families, many of them old and faithful employes, who had filled positions of trust on the same line of railroad for years, were suddenly thrown out of employment on account of having their bonds cancelled. Only one of two alternatives were left them—either to seek employment in other walks of life, for which many of them were not fitted on account of having spent practically all of their lives in the railroad service, or accept some undesirable position where bond was not required, and which only paid a very meager salary. Efforts on the part of the individual to learn the cause for the cancellation of his bond were always unsuccessful, consequently, it can be truthfully said that the bonded employes on the railroads have been completely at the mercy of the bond companies.

"The bond companies have been arrogant in their dealings with the employes. Appeals for fair play from one whose bond has been cancelled by requesting that he be given the right to disprove any charges that might have been made against him, have

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fallen on deaf ears, and the aggrieved one was never even able to learn what, if any, charges had been made against him.

"Many a home has been broken up; many a helpless little child has been made to want; many a loving housewife has been driven to the dire necessity of taking in washings on account of the sudden cancellation of the bond of the loving husband and father—the breadwinner of the home.

"A knowledge of these conditions have kept the 'bond question' to the front for a period of twenty years, more especially during the last few years on account of the greater number of employes that have been required to give bond during that period.

"The all-absorbing question has been *how to remedy this evil.*

"Various plans have been discussed, but no definite plan of action has heretofore been decided upon. A thorough knowledge of the conditions existing, and the apparent sincere desire on the part of the membership to find some satisfactory solution of this perplexing question in order to rid themselves of this, what has proven in hundreds, and even thousands of cases to be a curse, prompted the Editor to suggest the plan that is now about to be acted upon.

"The plan suggested contains two separate and distinct features which will work together harmoniously. First and foremost, if it is carried to a successful conclusion, it will relieve the injustices that are now being practiced. By this it should not be taken for granted that any one could secure a bond in the proposed company, because such would undoubtedly not be the case. Only those who, by qualification, honesty and integrity—could secure a bond in it, but like any other matter with which members of the Order have to deal, every one would receive justice. If complaint were filed against one who was bonded, he would undoubtedly be given that right due every man—the right to be heard in his own defense—before action was taken.

"The second feature is a business one. If the company is organized, at least $250,000 in cash will be subscribed by the members of the Order, and it is only right and just that they should have some returns on that investment: therefore, this feature has to do with the business end of it, which it would be well to consider briefly.

"Regardless of the so-called financial 'stringency,' none of the bond companies seem to be in any immediate danger of being compelled to go out of business, therefore it is safe to assume that they are not doing business at a 'loss,' and if any one has any idea that they are doing so, a little mathematical calculation will soon dispel that thought.

If the present bond companies can conduct their business at a profit with their many high-salaried officers and elaborate offices, not only at their headquarters, but also in all the important cities of the country, and many other expensive luxuries, to say nothing of their large corps of special agents, it would seem certain that an economically conducted company, with no high-salaried officers, no special agents, with moderate offices, and whose business is conducted in a modest and business-like way, would be a financial success.

"The present bond companies, when they desire to investigate any one, are compelled to send a special agent out for that purpose; when a loss is sustained, the services of an auditor, and also of one or more special agents are required to apprehend the guilty one. These men not only draw large salaries, but they also have large expense accounts.

"The members of the Order have it in their power to conduct a bond company on a more economic and surer basis than any institution in the world, barring none. Members of the Order are located in practically every city, town and hamlet in the United States and Canada. Investigations regarding the character of an applicant can be made through members of the Order.

"By requiring each applicant for bond to file a late photograph of himself, duly attested by two other members of the Order, no special agents would ever be necessary in hunting for any one in case of loss. The publication of the photograph in THE TELEGRAPHER would have a much better effect in apprehending him. The thought might occur that some might object to that form of procedure. There is no occasion

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for objection. If the proposed bond company is organized it will be a company of, by and for members of the Order, co-operating together for their own welfare. No one who is actuated by proper motives, should object to do anything that would insure the success of the undertaking.

"In considering an important matter such as this, it is well to consider it from every possible angle. The affirmative side has been briefly touched upon, and it has been assumed, as no doubt nearly every member is convinced that the proposition is a good one.

"The negative side, if there be one, should also be considered. In endeavoring to consider this side of the question it would seem that the worst that could befall those interested in this question would be that their hopes were not realized through failure of members to subscribe the necessary amount of money to permit of the organization of the company. If such should prove to be the case, the money of those who did subscribe would be returned to them in full, therefore no financial loss would be incurred.

"Going further on the negative side, the next greatest calamity that could befall the proposed plan would seem to be inability to do business after it was organized. Assuming that such might be the case, it would seem entirely safe to assume that the interest on the money subscribed for stock would more than meet the expenses of incorporating, etc., and that the affairs of the company could be wound up, and the stockholders' money returned to them in full.

"Therefore there would seem to be nothing to lose under any circumstances in the effort to organize the proposed bond company.

"While considering the question of finances, etc., the Editor desires to give it as his opinion that the company should not be organized with less than $250,000 capital, and that the capital should be made as much more than that amount as is subscribed up to $500,000. The larger the capital the better the standing of the company.

"After having considered this subject from all its various phases, the Editor is of the opinion that:

"1. The proposition to organize a bond company is a good one, both to relieve the present unsatisfactory condition, and as a business consideration.

"2. The formation of the proposed company is entirely feasible, and it can easily be accomplished if each member who is interested in the matter will subscribe for as much stock as he can afford, and will make it his business to interest others in the project.

"3. The scope of the proposed company should, for the present, at least, be limited to that of bonding railroad station employes and officers and employes of the Order.

"The Editor has herein expressed his belief that the proposition to organize a bond company is a good one, and that it is feasible. He will, as soon as this journal is off the press, demonstrate his sincerity in this belief in a more tangible form than words by filing his subscription for the maximum number of shares allowed any one member —fifty shares. In addition to this he will agree to receive the subscriptions, conduct the correspondence, and do the various other preliminary work necessary to be done until the company is incorporated and ready for business, without remuneration.

"When incorporation is effected, under the law, the stockholders will hold an election and elect a board of directors, who, in turn, will elect the officers. At that time everything will be turned over to them.

"It is necessary in Missouri to publish what is termed a 'Declaration,' for a period of thirty days before the Articles of Incorporation are actually filed. Whether the proposed company is eventually incorporated under the laws of Missouri or some other State, it would be necessary to have by-laws or a 'Declaration;' therefore, when a sufficient number of subscriptions to the proposed company have been received to justify the belief that the proposed plan will be a success the Editor will publish a blank in that number so that the subscribers to the stock in the proposed company can elect a committee of five to meet and draw up by-laws or a declaration for the proposed company."

On account of the existence of the financial stringency, whereby hundreds of mem-

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MR. L. W. QUICK, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.:

I herewith enclose.....for $.....as first payment on subscription for.....shares of stock in the proposed Bond Company, to be organized and incorporated by members of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and hereby agree to remit the balance due on said subscription, in installments of five dollars per month until the full amount of this subscription is paid. If this remittance and those made hereafter, in accordance herewith, are accepted, it is under the condition that if for any reason said Bond Company is not organized, the full amount of any and all remittances made by me on account thereof are to be returned to me without any deductions whatsoever.

CONDITIONS.

I understand: That it is proposed to organize a Bonding Company, with capital stock of not less than $250,000; stock in said company when organized to be of par value of $10.00 per share; subscriptions to such stock to be accepted only from members of THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS in good standing. No one individual to be allowed to subscribe for more than fifty shares of stock. Subscriptions to be payable as follows: Five dollars to accompany the subscription blank, and the balance to be paid in regular monthly installments of five dollars each. All money to be returned to remitter, if for any reason the proposed company is not organized.

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bers were thrown out of employment, the effort to organize the proposed company did not meet with as ready response as it would otherwise have done, but now that conditions are again about normal, this subject should be disposed of, and with that end in view, a final limit as to when a majority of the stock should be subscribed for or the proposition abandoned and all money paid in refunded, seems advisable. Therefore, October 1st will be fixed as that date. Unless a majority of the $250,000.00 worth of stock in the proposed company is subscribed for on or before October 1st next, the Editor will assume that a majority of the members are not interested in this question, and will thereafter abandon the question and refund the money already paid in.

IN ORDER THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE ORDER MAY SUBSCRIBE FOR A FEW SHARES OF STOCK IN THE PROPOSED COMPANY, IF HE DESIRES TO DO SO, subscriptions will be accepted for ten shares or less if accompanied by remittance of five dollars, with the understanding that five dollars per month is to be paid thereafter until the full amount of the subscription is paid.

In sending in subscriptions, members should use the above form.

ANOTHER HONOR.

AGAIN The Order of Railroad Telegraphers has been honored. Just as THE TELEGRAPHER is going to press, word is received from Washington, D. C., of the election of H. B. Perham, President of the Order, as Eighth Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor to succeed Max Morris, deceased, who was also Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association. As Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, President Perham becomes a member of the Executive Council of that body.

The selection of President Perham as a member of the Executive Council of the greatest labor federation in the world, is a

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deserved recognition of merit and faithful service to the cause of labor.

During the last twelve years, he has been an officer of the Grand Division, first as Grand Secretary and Treasurer, which position he filled from May, 1897 to October, 1901, and then as President, which position he has filled continuously to the presesnt time, having been re-elected at the Atlanta convention by acclamation for the ensuing two years. The fact that he has served the Order as a Grand Officer for a longer continuous period than any other officer since its organization, and that he should have been elevated to the presidency, the highest position in the gift of the Order, after having served four years in another capacity, and that he should after a service of twelve years be re-elected by acclamation, testifies to the esteem in which he is held by the rank and file of the members of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

The American Federation of Labor is to be congratulated on having secured such an able and enthusiastic champion of organized labor as a member of its Executive Council.

President Perham's membership on that body, will put him and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in closer touch with the general labor movement, and will be mutually beneficial to all concerned.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY.

By Mrs. E. B. Smith.

On May 14, 1909, after having discussed the matter of organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary for several mornings prior to this date, the final organization took place, constitution adopted, and also ritual. The election of officers resulted in the following:

President, Mrs. E. B. Smith, P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.

Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Malone, 580 E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.

First Vice-President, Mrs. E. L. Mathis, Greenfield, Tenn.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Liddane, 227 West Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Campbell, North Bay, Ontario, Canada.

Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Hurr, Engle, Tex.

Grand Chaperone—Mrs. Charles M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.

Assistant to President, Miss D. M. West, 319 E. Georgia Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Board of Directors—Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman, No. 1 Pond St., Auburn, R. I.; Mrs. W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.; Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, Ind.; Miss Francis E. Edwards, West Point, Pa. (Clinton Co.); Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.

A committee appointed by the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was appointed and sent to confer with the Auxiliary and to lend any aid possible in the organization. Through the recommendation of this committee the Grand Division agreed to purchase the necessary stationery, etc., to carry on the business of the Auxiliary, and the Auxiliary instructed the Grand Secretary-Treasurer to remain over a few days with the President to draw up the forms for printing, charters, cards, blanks, etc., which was needful for the business of the Auxiliary. This the two officials did, and it is probable that this printing will be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and President within the next few weeks for disposition.

The Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was launched with a charter membership of 122, and before adjournment two charters were taken out, Division No. 29 getting Charter No. 1, while Division No. 67 came in for Charter No. 2.

Seven charter members is needful for application for charter, all applications being sent to Mrs. G. W. Malone, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, at 580 E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.

The organization of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers is a step which will without a doubt be a great help and assistance toward the keeping of the membership up to date on their O. R. T. cards, for when once the women become educated to the vital importance of organization and its benefits; when once she sees her duty, and the duty of her husband, brother, father or son, there will be a weight brought to bear upon that delin-

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quent member, or that non-member, which will be irresistible.

Any lady, who is the daughter, sister, mother or wife of an up-to-date member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, is eligible to membership, and as soon as the relative becomes delinquent in his dues to the O. R. T., the member of the Auxiliary immediately forfeits her membership. In this way there is a binding tie between the O. R. T. and its Auxiliary, and in this manner the members of the Auxiliary will be the means toward keeping many an O. R. T. member in good standing.

Anyone who is unable to get up the required number to apply for a charter on their own division, can send in their dues to Mrs. G. W. Malone, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and become a member of the Grand Division until such time as there can be found enough members to get a division charter. The dues per month is 10 cents, with an initiation fee of 50 cents, payable semi-annually. Until application blanks are received, a letter applying for membership will serve, giving the name of the O. R. T. member upon whom the Auxiliary membership is taken, his certificate and division number.

From the manner in which the President's mail is coming in, the Auxiliary has struck a chord which has sounded with a vim from one side of the country to another. Calls are coming in from all sides for her to be present at the organization of Auxiliaries.

Matter for the Department of the Ladies' Auxiliary should reach the President by or before the 20th of each month, in order that she will have ample time to edit it before forwarding to Bro. Quick. Let every division send in a few items each month, and let us have your views, and also suggestions as to how to forward the work of the Auxiliary, giving also pointers as to where it will be beneficial to the O. R. T.

In a few months, after all printing and the general workings are under way, there will be such another coming together of the ladies that it will make the membership of the O. R. T. look sick, but the good point is, that every member of the Auxiliary represents an up-to-date member of the O. R. T.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SINCE the last announcement, the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

M. W. Allan (9), Clarence E. Alford, F. R. Arnote (5), Geo. P. Alrutz (5), G. L. Allen (2).

G. M. Bennett (5), B. F. Becker, V. N. Bastin, M. R. Bruster (4), J. P. T. Burton (6), R. Boardman (3), G. W. Brown (2), A. R. Buckles.

J. F. Carder (2), C. D. Carlton, C. C. Campbell (3), W. R. Connelly, W. E. Cook, J. C. Colley (5), W. H. Cord (3), A. W. Cue, Guy Cochran (5).

F. G. Denison (7), O. L. Dunn, F. P. Darland (2).

J. F. Elchert.

B. Fulwider, A. A. Fitz, C. J. Filer.

H. Q. Gwinup (5), L. G. Ging (6), R. D. Garber, J. C. Gibbons (5).

Wm. L. Heaney (5), D. A. Hubbartt, W. G. Hanson (2), M. E. Hall, M. Hunt (2), C. E. Hosler.

W. F. Johnston (6), M. E. Jacobs (3), A. L. Johnston, S. E. Jones.

W. G. Kuhnel (4), H. N. Krings, J. P. Kennedy.

G. B. Lamm (5), W. J. Leahy (3).

J. E. Nelson (8), T. F. Noon, G. B. Newline, H. B. Newland.

J. P. Meehan (2), A. E. McCullough (2), J. W. Martenis (4), Carl Martz, O. P. Mullin (4), Miss Marie McGregor.

H. E. Olsen (3).

H. R. Pigg (2).

I. J. Rasner (4), T. J. Rodgers, J. H. Rogers, Jr. (4), D. C. Root, P. T. Robertson, D. M. Rogers, A. S. Reed.

Carrie P. Seid (2), R. B. Safford (4), R. A. Sewell, Thos. Sasser (3).

E. L. Smith (3), D. W. Smith (3), H. W. Stabler (2), J. L. Stanberry (5).

R. R. Searle.

F. O. Tiger (7), R. P. Thomson, W. N. Thornton, J. G. Tarvin (5).

C. A. Walter, J. B. West (2), V. C. Walker (3), C. D. Williamson (3), Edw. Whalen (6), W. L. Wilmarth (5), B. R. Willia, Percy L. Wright (4), D. E. Wright, E. P. Willcoxson.

Mrs. C. A. VanSandt.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

No card, no favors.

Be a "Booster," not a "Knocker."

The proposed bond company was endorsed by the convention.

Five hundred and thirty-eight new members were initiated into the Order during the month of May.

Assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department, commencing July 1st, are payable semi-annually in advance instead of monthly.

The proceedings of the Atlanta Convention accompany this number of THE TELEGRAPHER, and every member should read them carefully and thereby familiarize himself with the doings of that body.

New York Central Railway System, Division No. 8, and Illinois Central Railway System, Division No. 93, divided honors as the largest delegation at the convention, each having fifteen delegates.

The Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division was a hummer, 334 Delegates and Grand Officers being present. This was the largest convention ever held in the history of the Order.

Every member should carefully read ALL of the Editorial appearing in this number under the caption "The Bond Question," as this matter is of the utmost importance and will be finally disposed of, one way or the other, on October 1st, next.

"Daddy" Thurston had no occasion to use his famous admonition "Do Right," at Atlanta, as the convention was a thoroughly representative and business one, and satisfied itself that it was right before any action was taken.

There was a rumor afloat at the Atlanta Convention that Past President Ramsay was "Touched" enroute to that city. At any rate his famous saying, "Just one more word and I am done," was missing at that convention.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

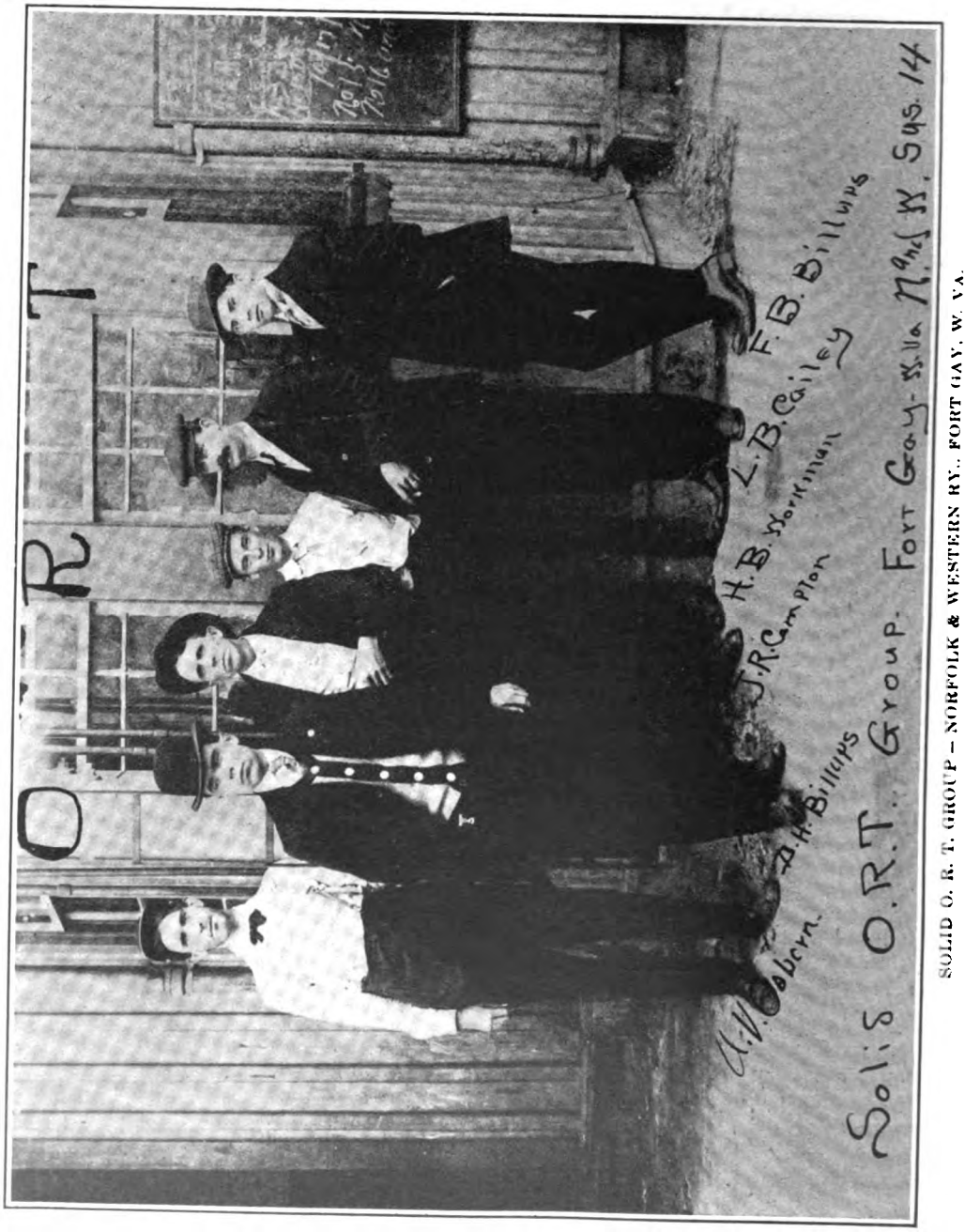
The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings



can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.

The constitutional amendments at the Atlanta Convention were not numerous. The changing of the laws making assessments to the Mutual Benefit Department payable semi-annually, changing of the rate per diem for delegates to six dollars instead of five, the providing that amendments to the constitution shall be filed with the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before April 15th, preceding the Grand Division Session (in order that they may be printed before the convention convenes), instead of introducing them in the convention, the changing of Local Division laws so as to enable the Chairman of a Local Board of Adjustment to appoint more than two assistants if he desires, and the amending of the System Division laws in regard to a change of venue in a trial before a Local Board of Adjustment, were practically all the amendments made.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Pittman, of Bishopville, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. S. Tyler, of Bath, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Richard Morissette, of Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ira C. Halderman, of Chicago, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. Neal, of Bridgeport, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Ward, of Foxholm, N. D., a girl.

To Bro. C. F. and Sister Julia A. Moffitt, of Koshkonong, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. P. Richardson, of Corsicana, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. O. Bloom, of Mascot, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Dermody, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ira Overfelt, of Gunnison, Utah, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. P. Winborne, Jr., of Cochran, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Geo. H. Allward, of Ypsilanti, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Adams, of Muncie, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. PenDarvis, of Frederic, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Lindsley, of Franklinville, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. R. Fisher, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. H. Grandy, of Badaxe, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Porter, of Round Mountain, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Miller, of Reedsville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Williams, of Olney, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. R. Cole, of Syracuse, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jas. E. Lally, of Windsor Locks, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Torance T. Townsend, of Salina, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Dan Brislen, of Massillon, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Hire, of Madrid, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. B. Hass, of Plattsmouth, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Milligan, of O'Fallon, Ill., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. W. C. French, of Div. 59, to Miss Nannie Lee Smith.

Bro. Earl P. Smith, of Div. 54, to Miss Mary E. Singer.

At Muncy, Pa., Bro. Thos. L. Grady, of Div. 24, to Miss Edith L. Grange.

At Mortimer, Ohio, Bro. H. J. Freeland, of Div. 18, to Miss Pearl Gehr.

At Williamsport, Pa., Bro. Geo. Nelle, of Div. 24, to Mrs. E. M. White.

At Mulberry Grove, Ill., Bro. F. H. Mathews, of Div. 27, to Miss Ollie A. McKean.

At Belspring, Va., Bro. C. T. Wood, Div. 14, to Miss Ada Myers.

Bro. C. E. Van Deusen, of Div. Miss Muriel Raleigh.

At Ingleside, W. Va., B... ton, of Div...

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At Herndon, Iowa, Bro. W. J. Swenning, of Div. 23, to Miss Lena Pell.

At Barneveld, N. Y., Bro. E. P. Jones, of Div. 8, to Miss Bertha Gates.

At Quebec, Que., Bro. Sylvio Proulx, of Div. 115, to Miss Marie Lajeunesse.

At Silver Bow, Mont., Bro. Jess B. Herndon, of Div. 54, to Miss Lily Brown.

Bro. A. J. Rohr, of Div. 8, to Sister Lilah Ross, of Div. 8.

At Belleville, Kan., Bro. R. V. McKenzie, of Div. 126, to Miss Florence A. Moore.

At Liberty, Mo., Bro. F. W. Saunders, of Div. 130, to Miss Annie Sheets.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Philadelphia, Pa., Bro. Thos. J. Coan, of Div. 12.

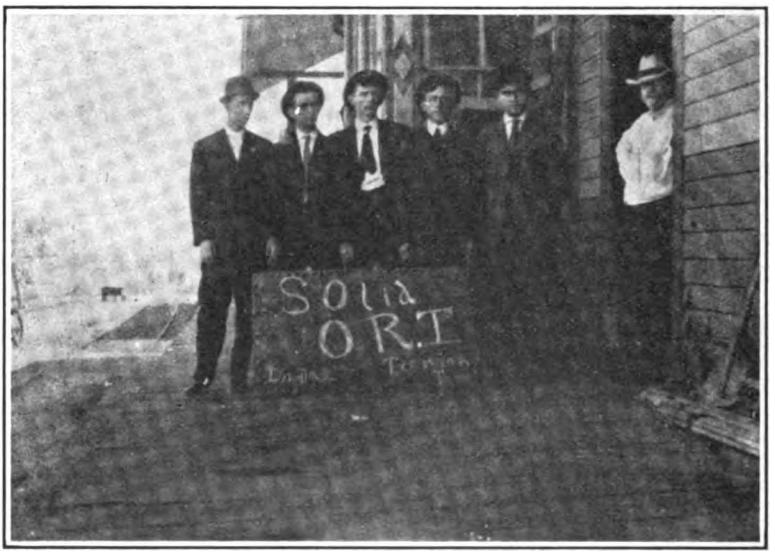
At Providence, R. I., Bro. D. J. Cushing, of Div. 35.

At Wadsworth, Ill., infant son of Bro. J. R. Porter, of Div. 23.

At New Haven, Conn., mother-in-law of Bro. B. J. Keating, of Div. 29.

At Hematite, Mo., A. J. Phillips, father of Bro. G. A. Phillips, of Div. 31.

At Caledonia, N. Y., father of Bro. Jno. F. Connor, of the Grand Division.



J. A. Hight, L. W. Moore, T. A. Ware, J. H. Potts, J. W. Newson.
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At Palmyra, Mo., Bro. H. F. Harris, of Div. 130, to Miss Myrtle Vol-Brock.

At Belleville, Mich., Bro. John L. Phillips, of Div. 2, to Miss Louise Lewandowsky.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Bro. J. W. Soderberg, of Div. 49, to Miss Artie Anderson.

At St. Joachim, Que., Bro. J. A. ...ne, of Div. 115, to Miss Emiliana ...

...ER extends congratula-

At Pompton Lakes, N. J., infant son of Bro. E. B. Youmans, of Div. 42.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of A. J. Farley, who worked for C. N. W. in June, 1906.
O. E. LOEK, Kolze, Ill.

Present address of James R. Caples, last heard of working for O. S. L. at Salt Lake City, Utah. JOHN L. MONAHAN,
Hood River, Ore.

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Present address of W. L. Meeker.
J. F. THORNTON,
Box 365, Caddo, Okla.

Present address of D. C. Wells, last heard of at Black Rock, Ark. Important.
J. H. HURT,
Sumner, Miss.

Present address of H. B. Ellwood.
JOHN E. MCILHON,
Care C. G. W. Ry.,
Dispatcher's Office, Des Moines, Ia.

Present address of John W. Lackey, last heard of working for I. C. at Grayville, Ill., about twelve months ago.
O. T. BUFFALOW,
Martin, Tenn.

Present address of E. A. Kelley, last heard of working for Southern Ry., Atlanta Division. Any information will be appreciated. J. L. THOMAS,
Plainville, Ga.

Present address of A. P. Hodge, last heard of working for W. U. at Cumberland, Md. W. B. DOWNEY,
Care C. R. I. & P.,
Burlington, Ia.

Present address of Earnesy Salzmann, last heard of at Blooming, Ore., about nine years ago. Information will be appreciated by aged mother in Switzerland. Write me at Ridgeway, Iowa. D. D. LYONS.

Present address of L. Worley, last heard of was working at Stewart, Fla., for F. E. C. Ry. "W.," if you see this, write your old pal. O. C. YOCUM.,
Fontanet, Ind.

Present address of W. I. McLaughlin, last heard of was working for Buckeye Pipe Line Co., at Green Springs, Ohio.
H. K. KLINGENSMITH,
243 Grandview Ave.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Present address of P. J. Fitzgerald, formerly train dispatcher of the Erie, Buffalo. Last heard from at Mentor, Ohio, with L. S. & M. S. Has been seen at Denver, Colo. "Paddy," if you read this write your mother at Darien Center, N. Y.
YOUR BEST FRIEND.

Present address of Chas. H. Haughwout, formerly of Columbus, Ohio. Any information of his whereabouts will be appreciated. JAS. O. LARRY,
807 Franklin St.,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Present address of M. R. McQuey, last heard of working at Tulsa, Okla., about a year ago. Your sister is very anxious to hear from you. If you see this, write her at Greensburg, Kan.
C. D. WILLIAMSON,
Care C. R. I. & P.,
Hutchinson, Kan.

The following member desires to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

C. S. Quigg, L. B. 427, Walkerton, Ind.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 1394, Cert. 6076, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 25414, Cert. 1662, Div. 32, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 30340, Cert. 469, Div. 62, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 22912, Cert. 28, Div. 140, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 5057, Cert 3473, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 19367, Cert. 182, Div. 140, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 28415, Cert. 1569, Div. 76, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 20563, Cert. 468, Div. 62, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 31247, Cert. 110, Div. 16, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 28685, Cert. 2479, Div. 53, for term ending June 30, 1909.

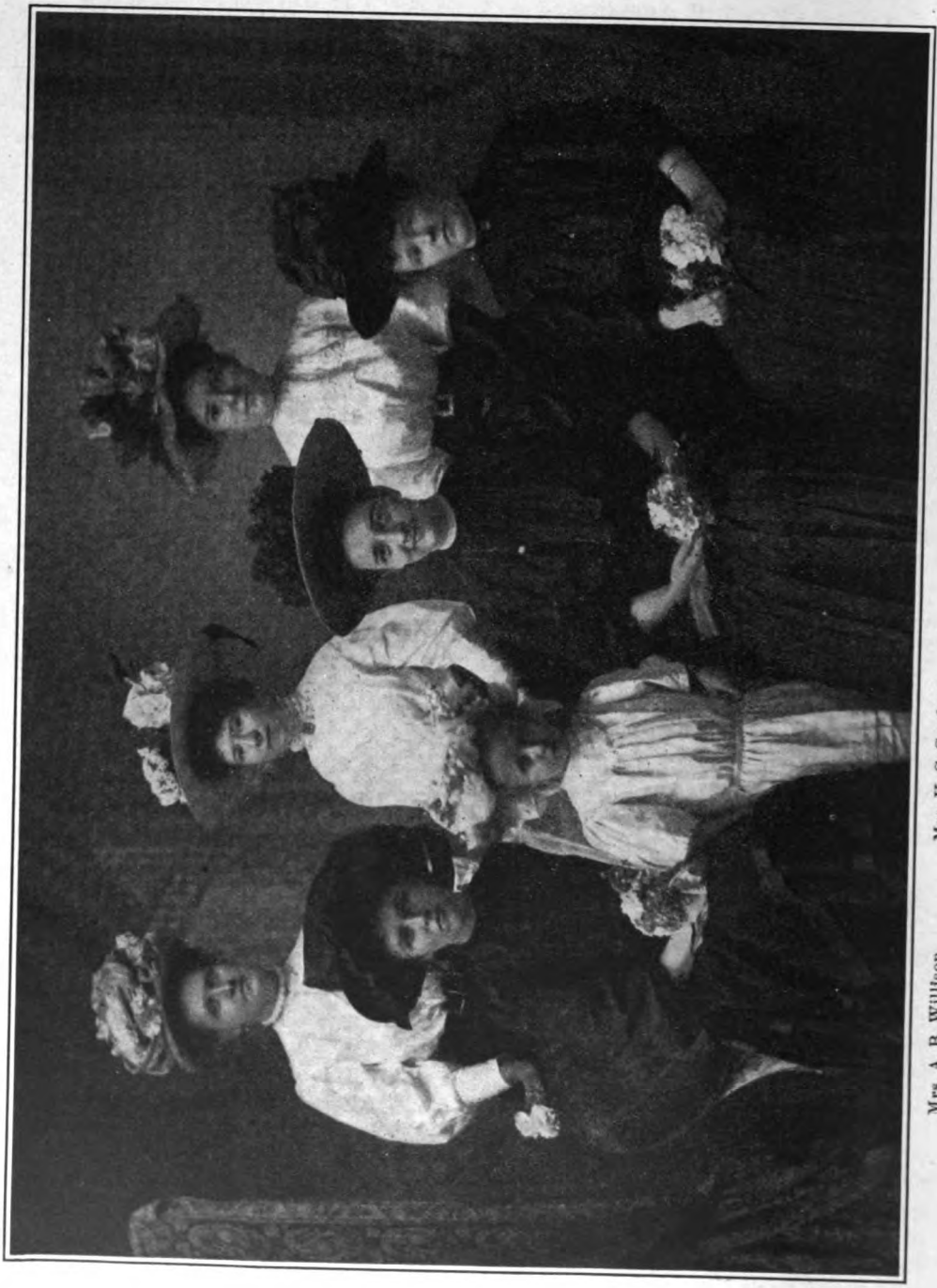
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Card 960, Cert. 495, Div. 91, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 14631, Cert. 1072, Div. 132, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 9448, Cert. 40, Div. 100, for term ending June 30, 1909.

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Mrs. A. B. Willson. Sister J. McGinnis. Mrs. K. C. Gardner. Miss Williamson. Mrs J. F. Jones. Mrs. J. W. Bailey. Sister M. J. McGinnis.

MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF MEMBERS

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GLEANINGS

Be sure you are in good standing.

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Opportunity is the cream of time.

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The noblest motive is the public good.

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"Every kick is a boost, if you get it going up."

* * *

Labor asks and demands that the courts shall treat every citizen alike.

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Get together, stand together and together we will win.

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Ask for the label—as long as the U. S. Supreme Court will permit you.

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The Chicago Van Teamsters' and Helpers' Union gained an advance of $1 in their wages per week.

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A labor organization is not in violation of law, but an honest business proposition.

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Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, announces that convict contract labor in that State will be abolished.

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Every member the union man gets into the organization of his craft helps strengthen the bulwark of unionism.

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Labor is growing exceedingly tired of seeing its efforts for the uplift of mankind blocked by judicial blockheads who serve only greed and avarice.

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The labor union question is whether workingmen, through their own organizations, shall restrict their own personal liberties, or whether they will, without organization, subject themselves to any restriction of those liberties that capitalists may desire to impose upon them.—*Pittsburg Leader.*

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A bill prohibiting railroad companies from operating trains with less than a sufficient crew to safely handle them has passed the Texas Legislature.

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New York unionists are adapting a plan to sell stamps, similar to the Red Cross idea, for the purpose of raising funds to assist Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison.

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Are you a Union Label Fan? If not, get busy and become one, and show that you are a live fan. Boost for a "home run" for all Union Label goods.

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If union men would stop boycotting one another's union label products, laber unions would be in a stronger position than they are today.

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Help the hatters by demanding the union label in your new hat. The hatters are in a fierce struggle for the life of their organization.

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Co-operating, like drinking whisky, is hard to do at first, but after you have formed the habit it is harder to stop. Form the habit. "That is, of co-operating, not of drinking whisky."

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How much would labor get if each individual workingman was left to deal for himself with organized capital, which was in possession of the goods of which the individual wanted a share?

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R. J. Steele. Herbert Steele.

O. R. T. MEMBERS — ILLINOIS CENTRAL RY., ADDISON, ILLS.

Your labor power is your own, yours to sell in the highest market. Sell it to your advantage or your employer will take advantage of you. Organize.

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The Oklahoma legislature has passed an eight-hour act, making the eight-hour day the legal maximum of labor on all State, county, city, township or other public work.

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Labor is capital. Labor has the same right to protect itself by trades unions, etc., as any other form of capital might claim for itself.—*Cardinal Manning.*

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A bill to keep American labor agitators out of Canada was introduced in the Canadian senate, but was defeated on the second reading on a vote of 21 to 13.

Senator McMullen introduced the measure.

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The Bible says, "Love your enemies," but it doesn't say patronize them. Therefore, even though you feel it your duty to love Van Cleave, you don't have to buy a Buck stove or range to prove it.—*The Potters' Herald.*

A union card is the best recommendation any honest workingman can carry in his pocket, and employers are recognizing the fact to a greater extent each succeeding year, month, week and day.

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The county commissioners of Spokane County, Wash., have passed a resolution that all county printing must bear the union label. No non-union bid will be considered, nor will work be given to a non-union shop.

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President Gompers, of the A. F. of L., is making arrangements to visit England, Germany, France, Russia and other countries to study the trend of the labor movement. He will sail about the latter part of June.

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A bill making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from $100 to $500, or by imprisonment for from three months to one year, either to use a union label without authority, or to counterfeit the label, or to have in possession any merchandise marked with a counterfeit label, is now a law in the State of New York.—*Exchange.*

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Today every student of economics, every philosopher, every honest statesman, and many employers admit the necessity of labor organization, and they frankly declare if they were in the working class ranks they would join trade unions.

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The Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union and the Operative Plasterers' International Association have adopted an interchangeable working card, which permits members of either union to work at the other trade upon payment of current dues.

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Organized labor is now passing through a crisis which will tend to strengthen it forever. The true union man will exert himself more than ever before to build up his union. Only in time of war is the true soldier proven.

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In Australia mine owners are compelled by law to provide rescue chambers under ground. Each room must be large enough to accommodate twenty-four persons and must be provided with canned food and first-aid appliances.

In their decisions against labor and its interests, and in favor of capital and its interests, the courts are doing more than anything else to bring about their own destruction and the starting of a new system in which labor will get its due and in which capital will not control the courts to the detriment of labor.

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It is quite true that "Half a loaf is better than no bread." But the inferencec that it is imprudent to demand the whole loaf that belongs to us is altogether wrong. If we ask for the half we may get a dry crust or a few crumbs. If we demand the whole loaf and go out to get it, we are likely to get the half soon and the whole in time.—*New York Call.*

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If you're not a label booster,
You're a good-for-nothing rooster;
You're an agent for the sweatshop,
Just promoting want and crime.
Don't be aiding Post and Parry;
Get a move on, do not tarry;
But just keep this in your noodle—
Boost the label all the time.

—*Labor Leader.*



F. T. Dindinger. R. M. Fiscus.
J. S. Cornelisen. T. E. Wilson.

O. R. T. GROUP—P. & L. E. RY., WAMPUM, PA.

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The Associated Hat Manufacturers, declaring that Lamson & Hubbard, manufacturers of Boston, Mass., who recently reorganized and established a union factory, are operating to the injury of the manufacturers' organization, brought suit in the United States Circuit Court to restrain the Lamson & Hubbard concern from using the union label. The firm of Lamson & Hubbard, incorporated, a member of the manufacturers' body, was one of the companies affected by the hatters' general strike. Two weeks ago the corporation went out of existence, transferred its business to the Lamson & Hubbard Company, of Maine, withdrew from the national association and took back its men on the union basis.

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Slowly, but surely, the world is beginning to understand the labor movement, and with that understanding comes each day a larger measure of co-operation and sympathy from the other classes.

But there are still those, who cannot or will not see the workman's movement as it is intended by him to be, therefore he is periodically denounced.

He is a striker, they say. So he is, but not until he has been arrogantly told that there is nothing to arbitrate.

He boycotts. Yes, but he learned the use of that weapon from the cruel blacklist—the blacklist that made him an industrial outcast, that denied him the right to be the bread winner, and sent him away from his home with the wail of his child and the sobs of his wife breaking his heart.

The striker is but a rebel. The rebel has been the torch bearer of civilization since man realized he had a soul.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

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Labor unions in the years agone have made many mistakes, and you will find that no people are more ready to acknowledge those mistakes than the members of these same unions. Because we have made mistakes in the past we have every reason not to make those same mistakes in the future, and I believe they will not be made. Labor needs more abiding faith in itself and in the people with whom it deals. Until it has this faith it will be able to accomplish nothing which makes for the progression of its cause. We must trust each other and trust the people all over the world to help us in our righteous cause. If the people once realize that we have faith in them they will come to our aid and we will win in the end. When this great problem is solved it will be solved by the wage earners, and it is for us, the adherents of unionism, to bring about a closer relation among the wage earners of the world.—*President Huber, Brotherhood of Carpenters.*

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If labor is ever compelled, as now seems probable, to make a vigorous and effective move in order to meet the encroachments of predatory wealth, backed up by the courts of the country, there will be a weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in certain quarters which now find great glory in lording it over labor and making capitalism supreme. The decisions of high courts against labor are forcing this issue to the front very rapidly.

Judge Wright was sorely offended to think that after the courts interfered, the boycott on Buck's stoves was more effective than before. It seems to us that as a promotor of boycotts Wright is in a class all by himself. That decision should lighten the work of Van Cleave's shipping department if the injunction was the boomerang the Judge intimates. To be perfectly frank about it, who knew very much about the Buck stove boycott until Van Cleave began to squeal? The blunders of our people cause us to lose many fights, but the enemy blunders also, and sufficiently to square the account. But Wright, he evidently thought the injunction would make people buy the stove.—*Painters' Journal.*



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MISCELLANY

A GUARDIAN WRAITH.

JACK EVERETT, the "third trick" dispatcher with steady nerve and sound digestion, woke that evening with his mother's voice ringing in his ears.

"Be careful, Jack," it said softly, but warningly.

This was the second time he had heard it. Once before—forty-eight hours before—and the same words.

His mother was miles eastward, away over the mountains, but the voice spoke to him so plainly that he caught himself forming a surprised reply. To be sure, she was coming to him as fast as the fast schedule of the Pacific Express would permit, but that she would be in his arms tomorrow was no explanation of her voice today.

Had he been dreaming? No, the echo of the voice was in the room, and besides he slept the dreamless sleep of a healthy boy whose troubles have not begun.

Railway superstition that makes much of "warnings" began to oppress him.

Blindly anxious to do something, anything to shake off the uncanny feeling, he hurried down to the telegraph office. The Pacific Express was marked up on the blackboard as four hours late. He could catch it at Toston, on the Montana Division, with a word to his mother. He scribbled and tore up, scribbled and tore up again, until, consulting his watch, he handed this message to the operator:

"Missoula, Mont., June 3.

"To Mrs. Fanny Everett—On No. 1 Toston: I am on duty at midnight and will watch over your safety, mother dear, from the time you leave Helena. Don't worry, sleep sound, and dream of JACK."

"You've got twenty minutes to get 'em in, Jimmy, and now I'll see if I can eat some dinner!" was his comment, as he strolled off to Draco's restaurant and ordered a meal, still groping for a solution of the mystery.

For years he had wandered, but the weekly letters between his mother and himself knew no break. Now as he thought of them, there sounded an eerie note through the letters to him in key with the warnings. He had never noticed it before. How many times she had insisted that she was watching over him; instead that she could and would be near him in time of need. Why, in her last letter—he had received it only that morning, the last one to come before she would be with him—she had said:

"Jack, dear, I love you so, my boy, that if danger should threaten you, at that moment you will find your old mother at your side to stand between you and its shadow."

He had looked on the letters as epistolary lullabys that crooned of the days when they would be together; when his boyhood would be lived again. She seemed to be singing happily of her child coming to her with his troubles, looking to her for ready consolation. That, with boyish condescension, was the way he had interpreted them.

The warning words struck another key. The theme was full of minors that set his nerves quivering.

"Be careful!" What was he but careful? How could he answer for the safety of those in his care, for the lives, except by being careful. Where a single oversight would pile up engines and cars in horrid chaos resounding with the dying prayers and curses of those his mistake had murdered.

He had seen a man once who had forgotten, pacing the floor in white-lipped sus-

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pense, waiting for news of the crash of two trains he had sent racing into each other. Wasn't the memory of that man's oversight and the agony which followed enough without these words spoken out of the mystery of the night?

Mechanically he paid his check, leaving his meal untasted, and walked out into the quiet street to reason with himself.

For miles he tramped. He must quiet his nerves, must get himself in control before he went on duty.

The battle was won at last, and he reached the office just before midnight—hot, dusty, foot weary, but with brain cool and alert.

And while he walked the little mother lay in her berth in the sleeper "Oneta," on No. 1, the telegram folded in one hand, unable to sleep, and thinking so busily of him. Of Baby Jack, with his cunning ways; of Schoolboy Jack, with his boyish pranks; of Jack, the youth who left home to seek his fortune, and left her heart almost breaking.

Up Placer Hill, down past the barren sides of Clasoil, and through Prickly Pear Canyon, Bill Dalrymple drove the 417. The sleepers swayed and rocked, and the berth curtains swung with the curves they rounded, but it was not until the train slowed down in Helena yard that her weary eyes closed.

Every man on the Rocky Mountain Division knew that Jack Everett's mother was coming out on No. 1, and as Jack was the apple of the eye of every man on the division, from superintendent to section boss, there was a general feeling that No. 1 must take her over the division in style.

Though "Black" Swayzey, of the 423, and Dan McLane, of the 479, had an intimate acquaintance with every bolt and bearing of their big machines, that acquaintance was personally renewed, and prolonged visits paid with torch, wrench, soft hammer and oil can before they would allow the engines to be taken out of Helena roundhouse. They spoke words of wisdom to their firemen, too. Words of railway wisdom that told volumes of what the furnace stuffers might expect if they failed to furnish steam in plenty for the run, which the engineers suggested would in all probability keep them busy.

So it was that everything was ready for a record-breaker, when, as Jack's mother fell asleep in the "Oneta," the engines backed down on the train; Sawhill's silver-plated lamp swung out; and with echoing toots they picked up their load with Jack's orders to run three hours late from Helena to Missoula—for the Montana Division had made up nothing of the four hours.

"Let's see," said Jack to himself as he received the report of their departure at his office where the Rattlesnake and Hell Gate join their waters, and, tipping back at the open window, blinked at the familiar face of the clock. "Four hours—that will give Swayzey a chance to pick up ten minutes on the hill and fifty minutes from Blossburg to Missoula, and still keep on the safe side of that order. He surely can not do better than that even if I do want to get 'Marmsie' here as quick as I can."

The situation looked good to him, and he began to give way No. 1's time to freight trains with a lavish hand. He believed in the maxim that freight trains pay passenger crews' wages.

But "Black" Swayzey hadn't taken orders from Jack for two years for nothing, and, knowing the young dispatcher's habit of helping those who helped themselves, chuckled as he hooked the 423 up and opened her out to tear off the miles.

"If you keep the old beast hot," he yelled across the cab to "Shorty" McCone, his fireman, "we'll have Everett canceling a lot of those orders he is passing out to freight trains, and then he'll give us a show," and "Shorty" grinned, for the escaping steam was singing over the roar of exhaust even then as he steadied himself to round the curve at Birdseye, and squinted at the cloud of black smoke pouring out of the big McQueen's stack.

Digging along behind in desperate effort to keep the pace, the "hog" coughed frantically, with Dan McLane leaning half way out of the cab window keeping watch on a pin that was a bit tender. It made Jack's eyes sparkle with delight when the operator at Butler reported the double-header by

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without having stopped for water. That meant ten minutes saved.

Other duties called his attention. Two freights just in from the west end were ready for orders, waiting to pull out of Heron; a stock train was calling for orders at Horse Plains; Trout Creek wanted help for a delayed way-freight up White Pine Hill against No. 3; and a helper at Arlee must come over the mountain to have its boiler washed out. By the time he had silenced the clamor of the night hawks west of Missoula, the operator at Blossburg reported No 1 rolling out of the tunnel.

They had made up twenty-five minutes coming up the hill. A record run sure enough. It meant that they would crowd the order to run three hours late before Swayzey whistled for the Garrison yard-post. They must be given a chance, and, telling Blossburg to copy for No. 1, Jack quickly picked up the freights to which he had given away the time, and sent an order canceling the favors against No. 1, and giving that train an order to run three hours late to Elliston and two hours late from there to Missoula.

Each station repeated the order back, the train crews signed it and were released, and Swayzey, now freed from McLane's lumbering giant, dropped out of Blossburg so precipitately that Sawhill had to forget his dignity and catch the first coach he might or get left behind.

Jack tipped back in his chair again, loosened his vest, and filled his lungs with the cool night breeze of June that blew from the foothills. Then with deliberation stuffed tobacco into his pipe and aided its purpose with a match.

The moonlight tipped the distant snow caps with silver. It shone over the little town which was all asleep but for the chugging activity of chubby, important switch engines that kicked and pushed and pulled cars here and there in obedience to waving lamps, spitefully banging those they cast off against their fellows slumbering on the side tracks. The clang of iron on iron echoed through the still air and brought a long-drawn "yap, yap yar-r-r" of defiance from a lone coyote on his haunches in the Indian burying ground on the nearest terrace of foothills. The roar of the Hell Gate over its rock-strewn channel reached the office in a murmur that was music to the young dispatcher's ears, until the sharp chatter of the sounder broke in to tell him that his charges in the west were again after him to straighten out their tangle.

He had just told Noxon for the third time that if Cameron's special would not help itself he could not reach out and pull it along, and begged its crew to remember that a little time honestly stolen is a lot of help in getting over the road, when the pages of his order-book shivered with a sudden draught. There seemed something strange around him.

He could not understand the sensation. He was all alone, but there was the compelling feeling of eyes that demand response. From sheer perverseness he resisted the influence as long as he could, perhaps for a minute, calling himself a fool for his nervousness. It was of no use. He looked up from the train sheet.

Standing between the door and his desk was a little woman gray garbed, no covering on her gray hair that was drawn smoothly back from her face, her eyes like Jack's own.

His mother, his darling mother—but how did she get there? By any process of reasoning she could be nowhere except in her berth on No. 1, still miles out on the division; yet here she was. He could not mistake form or feature, or the indulgent smile, which had so often tempered her reproof of his boyhood misdeeds.

His lips moved in a meaningless attempt but he could not utter a sound.

She came slowly toward his desk as though groping her way, her eyes fixed on the train sheet. She pointed to its margin, and said in mild reproach:

"You told me to sleep soundly for you would guard me safely. Is this the way you watch over the lives in your charge, Jack?"

Dumb with fear, his eyes went back to the record of the trains once more, realizing some awful sight awaited him; something which had brought his mother to him

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to keep her promise; some explanation of the warnings he had so little understood.

Under the extended finger and at the extreme edge of the sheet were the figures showing Magill's special east had passed Garrison just after midnight when Jack had given them the three hours' time on No. 1. They had gone on to Lester's siding for the crew to load five cars of ties. They had been bottled up there with no telegraph office when he changed the order to No. 1. The figures on the sheet were so small he had overlooked them, and knowing nothing of the change of program the train was even then hurrying on to make Ainslee for the express, which Swayzey, in the belief that he had a clear track, would surely get there first.

The horror of it roused the boy. The thought of the crash of engines, the toppling over of the coaches down the fill, went through him like an electric shock.

"Os-os-os No. 1 by, three hours late." Elliston was reporting Swayzey paring his time order close. The 423 had struck her gait and would make up fifteen minutes more to Ainslee.

Railway training asserted itself. How his warning came, how his mother was at his elbow was not a question to be dealt with then. One of those trains must be stopped.

If he might get Avon! That station had no night operator, but the agent slept in a little room off the telegraph office, and if he had not cut out his instrument the office call might wake him.

"Av—Av—Av" rang out sharply as Jack grasped his only chance.

"Av—Av—Av—" the brass sounder seemed to change its metallic clatter to a human cry for help.

"Av—" once more; then

"I—I—Av—" ticked back, sleepily, and Jack was on his feet with excitement.

"Drop your signal and stop Magill, special east," he snapped.

"O. K. Magill here; what do you want with him?" rattled back the operator in a way which spelled indignation at broken slumber.

"Get him on the siding quick, and take this order," answered Jack, his breath coming thick as he sent a copy of the order given to No. 1 at Blossburg, and which meant so many lives.

A heartbreaking pause, then it was repeated, the signatures of Magill and his engineer were added, and before the ink was dry on the order book, Avon reported No. 1 passing like the tail of a comet.

The special started east. The thread snapped.

Mike Schenck, the yardmaster, threw ice water over Jack half an hour after, doused him unsparingly, and revived him pale and bedraggled. No one knew why he collapsed and let trains run themselves for thirty minutes! no one—in authority, at least—knew of the narrow escape of No. 1; and Jack's mother could not understand why the dispatcher's office seemed so familiar to her when she met him there as No. 1 arrived in Missoula, although she never before had seen it.

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And while no one in authority received any report of the mysterious visitation which had prevented a fearful catastrophe, there will not be found many railroaders who will deny the reality of such occurences; few will ascribe them to the imagination of the person who receives the strange warning. But the puzzling question which remains, and defies solution, is this: How did Jack's mother "get away from herself" and traverse the space that separated her from her son?—*Pennsylvania Grit.*

A SISTER'S AFFECTION.

By Evelyn May.

"I DON'T know, Miss Lee," the chief dispatcher said, as he turned in his chair and faced a brown-haired, brown-eyed girl; "the only place in sight just now is night work at C——, and it isn't a very desirable place for a lady, either.

"I'll go," Alice heard herself saying, as a lump arose in her throat. "All right, the train leaves at five fifteen," the chief added.

As Alice walked slowly down the hall, and descended the steps to the waiting room, she thought, "It's for Paul, and I'll do it." It was then just four o'clock, and

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she sat down to meditate upon the happenings of the two preceding years.

Paul and his father had run the station in their home town in Illinois for several years. One day a dispute arose and Paul had become very angry. He left home in this state of ill-temper, informing his father that he would not return.

Alice's life had been saddened by this, for they were such chums, this brother and sister.

As the weeks and months wore on and no word came from him, she watched her father's hair turn gray and her mother grow paler and frailer every day; and sweet Nellie Brown seemed sadder and sadder.

Alice left home and came West, with the determination of finding Paul, and find him she must. Even if she were compelled to go farther west, she would not return without him.

As she alighted from the train at C——. it was almost seven o'clock. Looking about her, her eyes rested upon a box car a few feet from the track, which she concluded must be the telegraph office. She stood outside watching a man walking lazily toward the office, who proved to be the day operator. He shortly nodded his head to her, and after some difficulty succeeded in removing his hat.

"Are you Miss Lee?" he asked, and upon being answered in the affirmative opened the door of the office for her to enter.

It was a small, dingy-looking place, with the table and instruments in one end of the car, and an ill-kept stove and a dilapidated bench in the other, this serving as a waiting room. The floor was covered with ashes, paper and tobacco.

At this reception Alice's heart almost sank within her; but drawing her small figure to its full height, and blinking hard to keep back the tears, she determined to fight it out—if it would help her to find Paul.

"You can get some supper at that house over yonder," the operator informed her, pointing to a house about a quarter of a mile from the track. "I'll stay here 'till you come back."

She soon found herself mounting the steps, and at the door, where she was greeted by a kind, motherly looking woman, who, after learning who she was, prepared her quite a tempting supper, and gave her a midnight lunch. Then after having engaged a room, Alice returned to the office.

After the day operator left she observed that he had attempted to make some improvement in the appearance of the office during her absence. True, the place did look somewhat better.

With a shudder she said to herself, "I only hope there will be no attempted robberies tonight, or anything else of an exciting nature." Nothing unusual occurred that night, and Alice was glad when morning came, and the operator again made his appearance.

The second night and the third passed slowly and peacefully; but the fourth night, about ten forty-five, Alice was absorbed in the contents of a book, when suddenly she heard steps outside; she paused to listen. Some one raised the latch, and two masked men walked in.

Alice confronted them with clasped hands and a frightened face. One, who seemed more bold than the other, walked toward her and said, "Stop Number Four, Miss, or see that?" as he exposed a revolver.

The other grasped his arm, a low moan escaping from his lips. "Aw! now kid," the bold one said, "don't you go and lose your nerve the last minute over a pretty girl." At this the "kid" sank into a chair in a far corner of the car, with his head bowed, apparently engrossed in deep thought.

Alice stood as if petrified before the big ruffian, wondering the while how she might save the train, when she dared not move toward the table.

While these thoughts were occupying her mind, the ruffian had gone over to the boy, and, shaking him roughly by the shoulder, said, "What's the matter with you? spruce up!"

The next instant, upon looking up, Alice saw standing before her, mask in hand, ill-kept clothes, and his hair rumpled—Paul.

"Paul," she sobbed, running into his arms, "how could you?"

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Meanwhile the ruffian seeing the outcome of his contemplated robbery, escaped unnoticed, and Number Four Passed C—— in safety.

"Paul, where have you been?" Alice asked at last. "Oh, I have wanted you so badly!" "—and I wanted to go home many a time, little sister," he said, "but I was too proud to return; and thought too, I would not be welcome—" "Why, Paul!" she interrupted, "of course you would have been welcome. Father and mother have grieved so over your leaving, and we're all waiting for you."

"—and Nellie?" Paul asked at length. "Yes, and Nellie," Alice assured him.

The next morning Alice telegraphed her resignation to the chief dispatcher. She had nothing to remain for now.

A happy brother and sister were they, who two days later were so cordially welcomed at home amidst tears and kisses; and Nellie waited, over the way.

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NELL; OR THE MYSTERY OF RITA STATION.

BY ISRAEL ORLANDO.

RITA is a small wayside station on the Western Division of the K. & C. R. R. The hamlet from which it derives its name lies quite a mile to the northward, leaving the depot, especially by night, lonely and deserted.

I did not fancy my new position as I stepped from the train that dreary November afternoon; for I had come to take up the duties as night operator at this isolated hovel of a telegraph office.

A five-minute talk with the agent did not tend to encourage me a great deal. "You see," he remarked, in the course of our short conversation, "it is not the loneliness of the place that makes it so undesirable, for all night positions must necessarily be more or less so. But it is the peculiar manner in which all the night operators employed here during the past year or eighteen months have lost their positions.

"During this period no night operator has remained here longer than a month, and some of them but a few days. Not one has gone of his own volition, but all have been discharged or indefinitely suspended. What is more strange, the majority of the men were good telegraphers, and all of them fully capable of handling this position. Still it has always been a clear case against them, and the officials of the company, although I am warranted in saying are mystified, have had but one course to pursue.

"Errors in train orders and in signals have been the chief causes, some of them so ridiculous as to beggar belief. For you will laugh when I tell you that orders, written on the regular forms used for that purpose, and which were never issued from the dispatcher's office, have actually been delivered to trains by some of these men.

"Wrecks, almost without number, resulted from this wholesale confusion of orders. And one after another the operators were discharged, although, in nearly every case, stoutly maintaining that the charges against them were unjust; that they had employed the best of care, and that it was utterly impossible for these gross errors to have occurred through their negligence. Nevertheless, upon investigation it was usually found that there was no one else at fault, and so, perplexed, one by one these men have gone away, sometimes with mutterings of a supernatural power that had exerted its accursed influence over them."

Thus spoke the day man, agent and operator, at Rita Station. And I must confess his words did not improve my opinion of the wayside station. To me, five minutes before, it was a lonely little shack, now it was more—it was a place of mystery. Here in their loneliness and in the stillness of the night, good men and true were constantly, and it would seem in a reckless manner, committing gross blunders and errors—doing things that mere children would know to be wrong. Surely there must be something back of all this, and the thought of that something caused a creepy feeling to chase along my spinal column. For I, also, felt that it was some mysterious power that bordered on the supernatural.

"You will understand," the agent added, as he regarded my troubled countenance, "that I do not tell you these things to alarm

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you in any way; but, forewarned is forearmed, you know, and I thought perhaps you had better be made acquainted with these matters.

"Now," he continued, patting me on the shoulder, "I believe that strange as it may seem, there is a solution to this mystery, and although I have no idea who or what it may be, I think that at the bottom we shall find a human agency; for I have never believed in ghosts. What is your opinion?"

"I have never made a study of the occult," I replied. "But if, as it appears, I am to be assisted by ghosts in running this joint, I can assure you that I shall learn whether or not it is the real article."

The agent's face brightened perceptibly. "You're just the man I've been looking for!" he exclaimed. "I feel disposed to help you, because I believe that you are going to help yourself. Now," he went on, dropping his voice to a whisper, although I could see no reason for so doing, as there was probably not a human ear within half a mile of us, "this mystery is deeper than you can have any idea of. Through it the company has lost a score of its best telegraphers; has had numerous costly accidents; and, I dare say, that no one believes any of the discharged men guilty of wilful negligence.

"For proof of this assertion," he continued, drawing an envelope from an inner pocket, "I have here a letter from the general manager, in which he states that one thousand dollars in gold will be given to me, to you or to both of us, if we clearly solve this mystery. This, of course, is confidential."

"This is getting interesting!" I exclaimed, recovering my spirits somewhat.

"Very much so," he replied, "and there is no reason why we should not secure the thousand-dollar reward. I shall place the whole matter into your hands and shall act as your assistant. There by the window is a private telephone connecting with my house at Rita. A call over the 'phone will bring me to your assistance immediately.

"Now, a little piece of advice may not come amiss: Do not allow anyone within the station under any circumstances. You will have no passenger trains after six o'clock, and therefore the doors may be locked. I can not impress this upon your mind too urgently—do not allow anyone inside. Everything else I leave to your own good judgment, and I shall be prepared to answer your call at a moment's notice."

I went on duty at six o'clock that evening, with many misgivings. I was strongly inclined to treat the whole matter as a joke; still there remained a hidden feeling of something unreal, ghostly, and I am afraid that the smile which I gave the agent at parting was rather ghastly.

"Courage, my boy, courage!" he said. "Fear nothing, and don't forget the 'phone and the one thousand."

How was I to know that before another sun had risen this perplexing railroad riddle would be solved; that in after years I would look back upon this dark, wild, rainstormy night as the most eventful one in my career; that, somehow, Fate, Fame and Fortune were rushing toward me through the fast gathering storm? Therefore, I only smiled another ghastly smile for answer, and the next instant I was alone.

I waited until the agent's footsteps had died away on the gravel walk without, then I took my lantern, and going into the little waiting room, made sure that the doors were properly bolted and the windows securely fastened. Coming back into the office, I bolted the office door and drew the curtains. Next I made a thorough examination of the signals, the switch-board and the instruments. I even looked over the blanks on which all train orders had to be copied. I was in a strange place among strange people, and in a case of that kind my motto had always been to trust no one. Even the agent who had kindly forewarned me was not to be depended upon. He might be a true friend, I felt inclined to think so; yet he was an acquaintance of scarcely an hour, and it was even possible that the whole matter was only a story concocted by him to cause me uneasiness or fear. Some men are born with an uncontrollable desire to annoy or injure their fellow men. But, somehow, I could not form so rash an opinion of the agent, and yet

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his remarks lacked proof, save the fact that no less than eighteen or twenty men, sitting in the very chair which I was now occupying, had lost their positions during the past eighteen months. The superintendent had informed me regarding that fact before he had sent me there, but he had not gone into details.

For a long while I sat by the instrument table and pondered the matter over. An oppressive silence had invaded the room, the occasional clicking of the instrument being the only sound to break the stillness. Outside the threatened storm broke suddenly in a fury of wind and rain. The little building trembled violently in its wild embrace. I leaned over in my chair, drew the curtain from the window and peered out into the inky darkness of the night. Peered out on the first act of the little drama that ere morning would be played to a finish.

Tired of gazing out into the wild night, I dropped the blind at length, and looked to the adjustment of the instruments. After some difficulty I was able to reach the dispatcher, and I informed him that a furious rainstorm was raging, with every indication of continuing through the night.

"Stay close," he clicked in reply. "I am afraid we shall need you in the worst kind of way before morning. The bridge will bear close watching."

"What bridge?" I asked.

"The river bridge," he answered.

"The river bridge?" I repeated.

"Yes; it may be necessary for you to go up and see if there is any danger before allowing No. 14 to cross it. The heavy rains of the past few days have caused a flood in the river, and the old bridge is none too safe at best. I shall have a freight train report the condition of things to me before No. 14's time, and shall advise you if I think it is necessary for you to go up. Stay close."

"O. K.," I replied.

"I'll feel like swearing if I have to make that trip," I muttered to myself, as I took a schedule from a nail on the wall and leaned back in my chair.

"Let me see," I communed, "No. 14 due at Rita at 1:13 a. m., and according to this schedule the river bridge is two miles from here. I wonder what that dispatcher takes me for, anyway?"

I threw the schedule on the table and glanced at the clock. It lacked two minutes of eight.

"It isn't hard to understand why men lose their positions at this place, if the dispatcher calls upon them to go miles from the office and let any old Tom, Dick or Harry come in and run the joint," I mused. "But that brings to mind that I may have other things to deal with tonight, besides the wind and rain and the river bridge. So I might as well make myself presentable."

Suiting the action to the word, I took a gleaming little weapon from my pocket, carefully filled the chambers and laid it on the table before me.

"Now———"

But my reverie was suddenly interrupted by the sharp ringing of the telephone bell behind me. I sprang to my feet and answered the call.

"Is this you, Hartranft?" came over the wire.

"Yes, sir," I replied.

"This is the agent. Anything turn up yet?"

"Not a thing."

"Well, don't be alarmed. This is a bad night, but keep your nerve and you'll come through all right. I'm going to bed now; so if you want me at any time, you may have to ring pretty hard, but don't give up until you have raised me.

"There is one thing I want to tell you about: The dispatcher is going crazy about the river bridge. I'll admit the water is pretty high, but it will never harm the bridge. So, if he instructs you to go out there, don't go. Bluff him."

"How?"

"When he tells you to go up to the bridge, answer 'O. K.' Then remain in your chair until ample time has expired for you to make the trip; then tell him that you have been out and that you found the bridge to be all right and safe. For, remember, you must not leave the office under any circumstances nor allow anyone inside. Good-night!"

"Gracious!" I exclaimed as I hung up the receiver. "If that fellow isn't at the

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bottom of this plot, or if he isn't trying to scare me, then this must certainly be a mysterious job I've tackled here."

Revolver in hand, I began to pace the little room. Outside the wind and rain was still raging fiercely and beating against the building like some wild demon. Suddenly there was a lull in the storm, followed by a peculiar noise at one of the windows, and immediately a man's gruff voice: "Hey, partner, let me in!"

Startled, I stopped near the middle of the room. I did not answer at once, and the question was repeated. "Hey, partner, I say, let me in. It's turrible wet out here."

I walked over to the window. "I'm sorry," I called, "but I can not do it, it's against the rules. Who are you?"

"That's none of your business," came the quick reply. "I asked you to permit me to come in out of the storm, and you refuse, saying that it is against the rules. I don't believe that."

"It certainly is," I replied.

"In a storm like this?"

"There are other places of shelter. Why did you come here?"

"Because I want in the office."

"And I must refuse to allow you to come in."

A gust of wind went thundering by, but above its wild moaning I heard his stentorian voice: "You're a coward!" he shouted.

"You'll have to prove that," I replied.

"Easy!" he returned. "You have the doors locked, the curtains drawn, and at present you are standing with leveled gun, quaking in your shoes."

"Stung by this taunt, I dropped my weapon on the table, threw out my arm and drew up the blind. Startled by the sight that met my gaze, I fell back a step or two and stood staring through the window at the giant figure without in the driving storm.

Standing close by the window his face, covered with a flowing white beard, now dripping wet, was pressed against the panes. His glassy blue eyes were focused upon me. A mat of iron-gray hair fell about his shoulders. An old slouch hat covered his head, while his burly frame was wrapped in a ragged overcoat.

For a full minute we stood staring at one another, then, slowly, I saw him raise his hand, and instantly I grasped the revolver on the table. A smile full of scorn came over his hairy features. "Coward!" he shouted, and his clinched fist descended heavily upon the window-sill.

Nervously and somewhat abashed, I lowered my weapon.

"Who are you, and what do you want?" I called.

"Years ago I was an operator," he shouted back, "but never a coward. As a friend I came to you and asked you to take me into your comfortable room out of the stormy night. But you coldly refuse, and treat me as if I were a robber. Others have done the same thing before you, and, as they did, so have you sealed your doom. Ask of them, they will tell you all about me. I am growing old and feeble," he continued, shaking a bony finger at me, "but little Nell will help me. My curse is hanging over you, young man, and Nell shall see that it is fulfilled. Cowards do not remain long here. Bear in mind this is your last night at Rita Station."

He dropped his hand, and the next instant the storm and the darkness had swallowed him up.

For a long while I stood by the window peering out into the darkness, than I drew the curtain again and looked at the clock. It was 9:30 and all was still, for the storm had apparently passed.

"I wonder where he came from and where he went to," I communed to myself. "A hermit from the hills, perhaps, or maybe a lunatic or a ghost."

Taking up my lantern, I unbolted the door and stepped outside. The rain had almost ceased now. Far in the west I saw a tiny star struggling through the clouds. All was silence, save for the rushing of the river two miles away. Feeling elated because the storm was over, I entered the office again, closed the door and reported the good news to the dispatcher.

"All right," he said, "that spares you a very unpleasant trip."

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Half an hour later a freight train went by, and, therefore, I felt sure that the bridge was safe.

Taking a magazine from my pocket, I sat down in my chair and began to read. Shortly I became sleepy, however, and dropped the periodical. About 12:30 I arose from my chair and went to a window at the far end of the room, drew the curtain and peered out into the night in the direction of the village.

While I was standing there by the window, I was suddenly startled by the mad clicking of the sounder.

"What is that?" the dispatcher was saying. "I'm not getting you. Adjust."

Slowly and distinctly the reply came: "One span of the river bridge has moved several feet and may go down at any minute. Try and get Vernon before the wires break, and hold No. 14.

(Signed) "OPERATOR RITA."

"Forgery!" I muttered, as I hurried to the instrument table and nervously reached for the key. Then I hesitated. "What if it should be only too true!" I exclaimed aloud. "Suppose the bridge is gone! Who sent that mysterious message, anyway?" I asked myself. No telegraph office between Rita and Vernon, and Vernon is eight miles beyond the river bridge."

Already the dispatcher was calling Vernon; for No. 14 was about due there. When he had received a response to his call, I heard him placing an order, holding all trains east. Then he called me and placed a similar order, holding all trains west.

When the order was finished I had displayed the proper signals. I took up my lantern, placed my little weapon in my coat pocket, went outside, locked the door behind me, and then hurried up the track toward the river.

Twenty minutes later I stood by the old bridge. I could not see the swollen stream, but I heard its wild roaring as it thundered by. Yet, as far as I could see, the bridge was unharmed. It was an old covered, wooden affair, and as dark as a prison dungeon. I entered the structure cautiously and slowly made my way over the ties, examining the rails carefully as I went along. Beneath me I could hear the madly dashing torrent, but the water had not harmed the bridge, and it appeared to be as strong and safe as it had ever been. Mystified, I turned and retraced my steps.

"I may as well wire my resignation." I muttered, as I hurried back. "An express train lying at Vernon and the bridge O. K. Curse the hand which sent that message!"

Perplexed and angry, I made my way down the tracks toward Rita Station. Hurriedly unlocking the door, I rushed to the key, but instantly fell back and caught my breath in amazement, for all the wires were open and I could get no circuit.

I waited there for half an hour, and as the instruments were still silent, I again took up my lantern and hurried up the track.

Far in the southeast the clouds had disappeared and a half moon had risen and was shining brightly on the boiling, gushing river. I could see it now, a raging, thundering monster. But it was not the sight of the awful flood that caused me to stagger in horror, for there before me, a broken, twisted, splintered mass, in the surging torrent lay the major portion of the river bridge.

For a long while I stood there on the railroad track and gazed at the havoc which the waters had wrought. Then a sense of loneliness began stealing over me, and I remembered that I had not seen a living creature since the early part of the night, when the burly old man with the matted hair left me, shouting his maledictions back at me. I turned and looked down the track. Away in the distance my night hawk at Rita Station was burning brightly.

The only other sign of life was another tiny light, bravely struggling through a belt of wood that skirted the railroad tracks for a mile beyond the river. I looked at my watch; it was 4:15 o'clock. Then I started down the track toward the station. I had gone only a short distance, however, when I turned back again, having suddenly resolved to cross the river. The signals at the station were set against all trains, and, as the bridge had carried the wires down

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with it, it was not necessary that I should return there immediately.

A little way down the river was a wagon bridge. I could see it quite plainly in the moonlight. A modern structure, built of steel. After I had located the highway, it was but a minute's walk to the bridge. When I reached there I found that the water was still about two feet below the girders, and, fearlessly, I crossed over. Once on the other side, I followed another public highway back to the railroad, and, still carrying my lighted lantern, I started up the tracks toward the west and did not stop until I came to a point opposite to the light in the wood.

The house from which the light shone was a rude affair, built of logs, scarcely more than a hovel. It had a window and a door on the side facing the railroad, and just now the door was ajar. A well beaten path ran the short distance from the tracks to the house. Just within the window a lantern was burning brightly.

Somehow, I felt as I stood there that this little dwelling was the home of my friend of the flowing beard and the matted hair.

Becoming curious, I determined to investigate.

Taking up my lantern, I examined my revolver and returned it to my pocket again, then I strolled down the path toward the house.

I did not stop to knock when I reached the door; but, with one hand in my pistol-pocket, I stepped into the room.

The first thing that my gaze fell upon after I had entered the house, convinced me that I had made a startling discovery, and that the mystery of Rita Station was about to be solved. Lying on the table beside the lantern were a pair of lineman's climbers, a pocket telegraph instrument and a small coil of copper wire.

Dumbfounded, I stood looking at these tools for perhaps a minute, then suddenly I realized that I was in a strange house and that I was not the only person in the room.

This was brought forcibly to mind a moment later by a woman's voice in a commanding tone: "Pray, may I ask what is the meaning of this, and—?"

I turned toward the speaker, and the next instant I was looking upon the prettiest scene it has ever been my lot to behold.

Standing near a little stove, from which was issuing an unmistakable odor of fried ham and eggs, at the far end of the room; the rough brown walls of the hut as a background; her raven hair falling in a wealth of profusion about her comely neck and shoulders; tall and graceful, with exquisitely chiseled features and dark blue eyes now sparkling with an angry fire, stood a girl perhaps eighteen years of age. She was tastefully dressed in a gown of black material reaching to the ankles, where a dainty pair of boots was revealed.

"Beg a thousand pardons!" I exclaimed. "But I was coming by on the railroad, felt tired and lonely, saw the door was open and made myself at home."

"Very much so, it appears," she replied, walking to the table and taking up the lineman's outfit. "And may I inquire," she added, "what you see in these traps to startle you as they did a minute ago?"

"I—I—that is—I was interested in them for the minute, because I believed that I had made a discovery," I stammered.

She stood beside me, like the fairy mountain queen that she was, looking me full in the face, and I thought that I detected just the suspicion of a smile hovering about her rosy lips.

"I understand," she said simply. "You are the operator at Rita Station."

"Yes; that is, I was until a few hours ago."

"I am sorry for you; but if you men could only understand my dear old papa, you would not lose your positions so quickly. Poor papa, he is growing feeble-minded, but he is harmless and you people should make some allowance for him. During the past two years he has cursed a score of operators, to their sorrow. You were the last one to anger him, and you have received your deserts. I tell you these things, because, I believe, you will keep them secret, and, because I do not wish you to understand that I have, of my own free will, done these wicked things which have been the cause of perhaps many good

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men losing their positions. I do not wish you to believe that I willingly sent the message that has cost you yours.

"You need have no fear for me," I replied, "for your father's curse, in my case, proved to be a blessing."

"I do not understand you," she said.

"Because you are not aware, perhaps," I answered, "that the bridge you wired about is now lying at the bottom of the river."

"The bridge gone?"

I nodded affirmatively.

"Say, papa!" she called excitedly, pushing open an inner door that led into another room. "Papa, the bridge has gone!"

I listened; but there was no response.

"He is asleep," she said, turning to me. "Remain here while I wake him."

She slipped into the room, leaving me alone. I might have gone from the house then with a clear title to a thousand dollars in gold; but I was loath to leave, and perhaps there was nothing further from my mind just then than this handsome reward.

After a few moments she returned to the door. "Father sleeps very soundly," she said. "Would you kindly come and help me rouse him?"

I followed her into the little room. The old man was lying on a low couch, dressed in the rough garb of the woodsman; his head pillowed on his shaggy hair and his heavy beard covering his chest. The girl shook him gently. "Father!" she called. There was no reply. "Father!" she said again, growing pale and startled.

I went nearer and laid a hand on the old man's brow. It was icy cold.

"How long has your father been lying here? I asked.

"He lay down about eleven o'clock," she answered in a tremulous voice.

"Be brave," I said, my heart going out in sympathy to her, "I fear that your father is dead."

"Dead!" she cried. "No, not dead! Oh, kind sir, tell me he is not dead!"

"I sympathize deeply with you," I said, "but evidently he has been dead for several hours."

Overpowered by this sudden overwhelming sorrow, the grief-stricken girl buried her face on her father's bosom, and sobbed aloud, while I silently withdrew to the little window and raised the sash, for the air in the small room had become damp and stifling.

Far to the southeast the dawn was breaking through the scattering clouds. For a long while I stood there in the silence of the room, watching the first bright streaks of morning, and listening to the roaring of the mighty flood that was sweeping down the river. When I turned from the window, the girl had brushed away her tears and was standing there, a sorrowful look on her sweet young face enhancing even more her queenly beauty.

Suddenly she dropped to her knees beside the dead man's couch, and, while I bent over a chair, through the open window, on the crisp November air, her rich young voice floated heavenward, as she poured out her soul in prayer.

When she had finished, she arose to her feet, and I, scarcely knowing what I did, clasped her hand in mine, there by the dead man's side. "You are a noble woman," was all I could say.

I heartily agreed with Nell, when, a few minutes ago, she brought little Grace and baby Joe into my study for their usual good-night kiss, that the remainder of my story is entirely too sweet to be told. Suffice it to say, therefore, that I received the thousand-dollar reward for solving the mystery of Rita Station. I was, also, placed in line for promotion, and today I am superintendent of the Western Division of the K. & C. R. R., and the agent who had aroused my suspicion on that dreary night is now my most trusted assistant.

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MY MIDNIGHT EXPERIENCE.

BY WALTER H. CANDLER.

EXPRESS robberies along the G. R. & I. had been growing daily more appalling, and as they came nearer the little station where I was holding down my first night job I grew rather nervous. Not that I had anything especial to fear, for the old safe was perpetually in a proverbial Mother Hubbard cupboard state.

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But on this particular night five thousand dollars of express money was to remain in the safe, and I found myself trembling with nervousness when Mr. Humphries, the agent and sole "day man," started to leave. I let him get as far as the door before I could bring myself to make the extraordinary request which had trembled on my lips for full ten minutes.

"Mr. Humphries, please leave me your pistol." I wondered if the voice could be mine, and he evidently wondered, too, for he stared at me incredulously a moment, then broke into a loud laugh, but seeing my seriousness, he asked: "Not losing your nerve, are you Kid?"

"No, I'm not," I returned shortly, "I was just thinking of the company's interest." I drew myself proudly erect with conscious effort, but the effect was lost, for I saw a smile curve his mustache as he went out.

He came back to the counter door to say: "No one knows about the money, there is no danger; whereas, if I leave the revolver, Kiddie might get hurt."

He was gone. I was mad; yea, I was furious. In my innermost realm of thought I consigned money, agent and all to utter oblivion. Among other emotions, I remember a desire that they should find the safe robbed, and me cold in my own blood when the express should come in. That was my idea of revenge.

Righteous anger kept all other emotions away for fully three hours, then the memories of the day, the big circus that had "hit" the town, and the usual flotsam that had followed in its wake, began drifting through my mind, until I feared to turn my head lest I see a burly vagrant behind me.

There was nothing to keep my mind occupied, not even a "work extra" before the three o'clock express.

I tried to read, but found it impossible. My fear was growing into desperation, when I heard steps on the hard ground outside. They came nearer.

The door was violently shaken. I jumped up, and reached the middle of the floor, then I hesitated, with a desire to ask who was there. Meanwhile I heard the sound of steps going around to the window. I held my breath.

My relief was intense when I saw Mr. Humphries' nose flattened against the pane. In my heart I forgave him, and hastened to open the door, ashamed that he had found it locked.

"I have come on special business, he said, when I had let him in, and he drew from his pocket a toy pistol, which he proffered with much ado, and when we turned to sit down he took it and placed it in a empty file case near the door, laughingly remarking: "For safety."

I silently blessed Mr. Humphries at his going. He had spent an hour, pleasantly narrating incidents of his early career, and my nervousness had vanished, so much so that when I turned back from the door, after telling him good-night, I did not even turn the latch again.

I took up my book, and was soon so deeply interested that I heard nothing until someone spoke at the ticket window. I started up.

There stood a tramp of the most decided type, battered hat, tattered garb, and sooty face, He asked, in mumbling tones, if he might sleep in the waiting room. I know naught of psychology nor what impulse moved me to give him permission against every rule, only that any human being, it mattered not how vicious, was preferable to the solitude.

He went into the waiting room and went to sleep. At least I presumed so, and I forgot him.

I finished the novel before twelve, and laid it aside. Still deep in its plot, I ate my lunch. As I was not sleepy, I called up the fellow at "Vn," the next station, and was engrossed in conversation with him when someone spoke at the window.

I looked around, impatient at the interruption, and saw a young man of about thirty years. "What time is the express due?" he asked.

"Three a. m." I replied, turning back to the key. I was deeply interested in reminiscences of the fellow's early days, as he rapidly ticked them off, when suddenly the

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nervousness of the early night was on me again.

I have never experienced the feeling before or since, but my mind was dominated by some irresistible force. Drawn by it, I turned and saw the man had come around to the counter door. His gaze held mine, and I feared the spell of his will.

"Give me a ticket to Ft. Wayne," he said. I informed him that the ticket case was not open, and turned back to the key. I was ticking off an apology for having "opened up" when the man behind me began again: "Look here!" His voice bore a command, and without stopping to think why I did so, I arose, leaving the key open, and took half a dozen steps toward him.

At the same time he came inside the counter door, and then I saw that he was not alone. Another man followed him.

Instinctively, I realized that I was in the power of a pair of desperate men.

I was hopelessly in their power. The station "Vn" and my friend, were but three miles away; all kinds of schemes rushed through my brain.

I knew that if I could get my hand upon the key I was saved. "Will you give us tickets, please," said the last comer, and in pretended compliance, I turned, extending my left hand for the ticket case key, and reaching for the telegraph key with my other. I was sure my friend at "Vn" would hear the first click of distress— "One click, and you are dead." My hand dropped heavily.

I thought while they both stood covering me, that could I get the toy cap-shooter, I might bluff them momentarily, pending the arrival of some chance comer. But I could not see it, where it lay in the file case. I was wholly at the mercy of the robbers, and well I knew the efficacy of their Colts. I knew that I must give up the combination sooner or later, or hope for small mercies.

I also remember that my rash wish of the early evening recurred to me, and I denounced the mood in which I had made it as childish. It was inversely, I suppose, the truth of the quotation: "Ease would recant the vows made in sorrow and suffering as null and void." At any rate, under cover of two revolvers, I fairly quailed in my insignificance, and thought little of martyrdom.

The one who had appeared last began: "Now we want that combination, and if—" he let the full portention of the words impress me in the silence that followed. Some of the intensity of my purpose asserted itself under this covert threat. "But suppose I refuse to give it to you?" I said, and wondered at myself.

"We'll get it, or leave you dead," the first comer said cooly. He glanced to the clock, with a muttered sentence about not having all night to waste, then continued, addressing me: "When I count three, its all off." I knew he spoke the truth.

"One!"

Deep silence reigned through the office, except for the ticking of the clock. I seemed to be fast sinking under some potent hypnotic spell; my whole mind was concentrated upon the revolver barrels; my power as a free moral agent was gone.

"Two!"

I glanced at his face, and my mind registered the impression of blurred features, dominated by resolute chin, and eyes filled with intensity. I found myself listening for the "three," and wondering how I would feel—when I saw the door steal softly open and the first comer, the tramp, enter, a revolver in each hand. At that moment I reproached my self for having misjudged that specimen of human nature, and betrayed myself into the hands of the robbers.

"Three!"

I saw the tramp suddenly knock the pistol upward, and send the ball wide. Hands up!" he commanded, and the robbers wheeled around to find themselves both covered.

I was too amazed to comprehend, and the voice of the tramp aroused me. "Get these handcuffs out of my pocket and put them on," he commanded, I followed instructions, and with demoniac joy snapped them upon the domineering burglar.

"There's another pair in the other pocket," the tramp said, and I applied them

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to the other one. "Now the feet," he commanded, and following his terse directions I soon had the foremost one bound. The tramp laid down his pistols, and helped me to fetter the other one.

After they were bound, it occurred to me that it was like a fairy tale, this tramp turning up at the crucial moment, with a full outfit for the capture. But he deemed no explanation necessary. He picked up the two captive's pistols, where I had laid them. "Take whichever you choose, for your bravery," he said. It dawned across me that he was a detective in disguise, and I was suddenly proud of the part I had played. I said modestly that I should like them both. I got them.

It was not until the express rolled in that I learned more regarding the detective. He was an expert in the service of the G. R. & I., and had been trailing these two most clever criminals of the day for months. I was vanquished by the greatness of the man, and a fear grew out of a consciousness of his power.

When he was about to board the train, I stepped up, and under the guise of shaking hands, said: "You know it is against the rules of the company to let tramps sleep in the waiting rooms, and I hope you won't."

He dropped my hand, and swung aboard, turning to say: "Young man, I am no tramp!"

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MUMFORD'S PAVEMENT.

CERT. 118.

There's a little town in old New England that sets upon the banks of the slowly ebbing and flowing river, where the winter winds howl and the snow-flakes fall thick and fast.

On one of those cold snapping evenings last week some one accidently upset a bucket of water on Mumford's pavement, Jack-frost slipping along soon after transformed it into a sheet of glistening, bone-breaking ice.

Mumford, wholly unconscious of the pitfall in front of his door, had just taken a seat at the basement window, when a stout old gentleman came along, carrying a half-peck of cranberries tied up in brown paper, and softly humming:

I wish I was a turtle-dove,
I wish I was a sparrow,
I'd fly away to ————

Je-ru-sa-lem! he exclaimed, as his legs spread themselves suddenly apart, a frightened daze crept into his eyes, and a few seconds later he had bursted the suspender buttons off of his pantaloons, and hopelessly ruined a new eight-dollar silk hat trying to butt a barrel of ashes into the gutter, while the air in that vicinity was filled with blue profanity and red cranberries.

Owing to the thermometer being down a flight of stairs below zero, and the old gentleman not having Calcium light in his vest pocket, he concluded not to pick up the eighty-eight thousand and odd cranberries scattered around, but contented himself by shaking his fist violently in Mumford's direction and yelling, "I can lick the stuffing out of a hull cart load of such smarties as you!"

"Mercy what a funny old gentleman! first he falls down then he jumps up and blames me for it," remarks Mumford to his wife, who was sitting by the light sewing; he can not to this hour recollect what reply his wife made, his whole attention being riveted upon a very tall, thin woman with a long nose and big feet, who was dragging a fat dumpling built little boy along by the hand; she reached about the same spot where the old gentleman a few minutes before had been doing stunts, when she stopped suddenly, clutched wildly at vacancy, tried to kick her bonnet off, missed it by a few of the shortest kind of inches, tripped up the boy and sat down upon him with a force that threatened to drive him through the earth to China. The prompt use of the boy-preserver, saved bones from destruction, but it flattened the sacrificing youth to the thickness of a Jack-of-Clubs in a euchre deck.

"Don't you grin at me you nasty big baboon, you!" she screamed, nodding her head at Mumford, while she groped around for her false teeth that had slipped out of her mouth in the confusion.

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"She certainly must be drunk!" soliloquized Mumford, watching her actions with amazement.

"If I was a man I'd skin you alive for this, you wretch!" she shouted when she got her teeth back, and her bonnet on.

"Drunk and a lunatic both, what have I got to do with her slamming herself around on the sidewalk, I'd like to know?" he asked himself, as he watched her fading away in the darkness with her flattened boy in tow.

A few moments later he was flattening his nose against the window pane, a pair of lovers came tripping along.

"And Amy, love," said the gentleman, "I can hardly realize that so soon you are to be my little darling duckey— "Suffering Alligator!" he shrieked, as his legs opened like a pair of compasses and he struck the sidewalk with a jar that loosened his back teeth, lifted his scalp an inch or two, cooled his love, started his eyes full of tears and made him regret bitterly that he had forgotten so much of his boyhood profanity, "Oh, Freddie!" exclaimed his fiancee, trying to lift him up by his paper collar, and the next instant his charmer's feet slipped on the ice and after swaying to and fro violently for a moment, she attempted to turn a backward somersault, which her lover did not look upon as a success, owing probably to the fact of her kicking him in the ear as she went over with more force than a Missouri mule.

They got up, glanced sheepishly around to see if anyone had noticed them, tried to coax up a sickly smile and limped away, trying to look as if they didn't want to rub themselves.

"Hang it all, why in thunder don't you sprinkle some sand or ashes on that ice, called out a grocer, who had skated off in the gutter and smashed three dozen eggs, the back of his head and a bottle of olive oil, in falling.

"Oh, there's ice there, so that accounts for the gymnastics," said Mumford, filling a scuttle with hot coals and ashes and hurrying out.

Some of the neighbors who happened to be looking out of their front windows, about that time, have said since that it was grand and aweinspiring to see Mumford, after remaining for a second on his back, pointing at the twinkling stars with his heels and emptying his pockets on the sidewalk, suddenly collapsed into a tangled, scorched and bruised heap and shrieks and more sparks than a fireworks explosion would make.

A policeman helped his wife and cook carry him into the house, and he has informed the attending physician that as soon as he can cultivate enough skin to cover the bruised places, he is going to move to a climate where it don't freeze once in a billion years.

His wife thinks that she has read of such a place in the bible.

LOVE OF MONEY.

By A. H. MODRICKER.

IT has been quoted from time immemorial that "the love of money is the root of all evil." And some modern wit (?) has seen fit to air the few remaining bits of "wisdom" in his belfry by making the following observation: "Give us plenty of root." His "wit" must have been death to him—with no great loss to the world.

But, seriously, did he not strike the nail on the head? Fool that he was, the desire that he expressed is possessed not only by hundreds, but thousands of mortals today. The rush of the civilized world is for money, and gladly do we plunge with the others into the whirling maze of the financial rapids to glean from its uncertain depths the gold that we will fondle so lovingly in our old age, or spend in riotous living in our youth—according to our varied inclinations.

So swiftly are some of us carried down the swirling waters that love for those nearest and dearest to us, mother, father, sister, brother, evaporates before that one consuming flame—the love of money. Having eyes, we see not; having ears, we hear not the warning swash of the angry waters on the jagged rocks beyond. The emblem of youth—the almighty dollar—like

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an apparition, forever appears before us, gliding as we glide, slowing up as we slow up; but forever leading us on, on to our ultimate destruction, if we heed not the warning bell of danger—that bell called Moderation.

And, after all, riches do not always bring contentment, nor joy, nor pleasure, nor health. A happy life depends not upon a fat purse. If we but lead an upright, straightforward existence, even if we only steer the middle course, being neither wealthy nor poor, having a healthy ambition, doing good with what we have, helping those in trouble and distress—our days will be filled with joy, our bodies with health and our hearts with love—not temporal wealth, but for God and our fellow-men.

SPRING FASHIONS.

By Carl M. Haugen.

NOW shall we succumb to the long green frock, modeled on the chase, yet graceful line of a string bean, with the double row of buttons scattered along the ribs like the stops on an organ? Or shall we allow our errant fancies to be wooed into the melodious drama by the modist one-button cutaway as worn with the fashionable waistcoat of the new squashed cantaloupe tint? Shall we have the scalloped effect or the turned back cuffs? Or shall I order some of these tasty side pockets that are set on a curve and put on the bias like a shark's smile.

It's all an open question to me, and I will probably need the help of a few discriminating friends to make a selection.

You see there is such a confusion of directions coming from those that are most qualified to speak out and advise an excited public. One leading authority says that the broad line of wavy braid running down the outer seams of the trousers or pants, if made west of Pittsburg, would provide a truly winsome effect on a business suit for forenoon wear.

Another who is of an equal standing in the profession, especially recommends that they be made loose and carefree about the hips, but turned up at the bottoms as far as the dictates of good taste and the size of the knee joints will allow.

Personally I have a haunting dread that the long and clinging frock coat will not fit me. It would be fine for a willowy and slender form, say like that of Secretary von Meyer, who is really the only Gibson girl statesman we have left. But I have a good figure that is only pleasantly plump, still I am willing to admit that I am getting what you would call lumpy in spots. That is what makes me hesitate in my selection of those close-fitting or princess effect garments.

It's no wonder that so many of our young men are breaking down under the nervous strain of trying to do the right thing, in the face of such conflicting and contradicting advices.

It would look, from my readings, that a man that dresses up like a human being this season, is in great danger of being jeered at as one lacking in the mere rudiment.

One article that I saw in the paper says that not only the coatings, and the pantings and vestings, but even the under-shirtings and porous plastering, if such be worn, must follow a common tint, such as mauve, shrimp, pink or a muskmelon tan to stamp a fellow as a dresser of discrimination and individuality.

Now a man of even the simplest tastes will need at least six walking canes, and as for cuff-buttons and scarf pins there will soon be no limit.

It certainly makes me envious to read of the garments that are going to be worn by the world of fashion the next month. Our stock sprang from the primeval soil at too recent a period to qualify me to wear those Pain's fire works clothes. If I should become an owner of a pair of those fashionable egg half-hose, formerly socks, having the design of Southern smilax twined around the ankles, and holly hocks in their natural colors running up the legs, I'd feel that I'd have to walk on my hands to get my money's worth. But the mamma-born, as the poets say, can go paddling around in society with his southern terminals thus en-

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meshed in beauty's weave and never let on any more than if he were barefooted.

It takes about three generations of persistent wealth and the kind of culture you get while railroading to reach the point where you can put on these garments and look as if you were wearing them. With most of us it would look as if the clothes were wearing us.

This clothes proposition is a funny game any-way you take it. When our healthy ancestors were inhabiting the swamps of Briton, wearing their own teeth and hair, and with no excess baggage to speak of, then they were savages; when they fell into the habit of wrapping up their legs the same as comic opera banditti and wearing outer garments that fit them as badly as if they had been made by an up-to-date tailor of the present day, then they were semi-barbarians. But in this century when a man puts on a pair of suspenders that saw into his better nature and cut his disposition into two jagged fragments, and when he inserts his feet into pointed toed shoes, that have enabled so many of our leading men to buy country places, and encases his dome in an opera hat that would be a concertina in itself, if it had works in it, and backs into an overcoat that fits like a dog tent, and sometimes even falls for one of those tweed suits with such nice broad stripes in it that you have to walk around behind him to see the rest of the pattern, then he is a crowning product of civilization.

We are all slaves of some sectorial tyranny or other, whether we get it from an almanac by the light of a log fire, or buy them direct from a high-priced specialist on Fifth Avenue. The main difference is that out in the provinces they do not go after the new tailor-shop goods every time the calendar moulds a page. They seem to stick closer to the old idols.

A highly shellaced white shirt with a white tie and a diamond stud—that's a gambler; same with the tie, but without the stud—that's the local pastor; same with the tie slipping around under the ear and a marble design of tobacco juice on the bosom—that's a member of the legislature; same with no tie, no stud and carving a trip to the laundry—that's the man that cleans up around the place for fifty cents a week.

A person in the back-woods district can always hold his own and a little of somebody else's if he clings to two things, his power of speech and his Prince Albert coat.



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POETICAL

Praise of Homely Women.

Prate not of pretty girls to me,
Of ruby lips and dreamy eyes,
That beauty can not cease to be
An ever fresh and sweet surprise;
I care not though her face be fair,
And framed as in a wreath of curls—
For pretty maids I do not care;
I sing the praise of homely girls.

I sing of her whose nose is pug,
Though even to the side 'tis tipped,
Whose figure's like old Omar's jug
Which mourned the potter's hand had slipped;
And say you that she squints a bit?
What odds? And in her speaking halts?
Nay, girls who squint possess the wit
To squint a man's most glaring faults.

A dainty, slender foot, no doubt,
Is pleasing, when all's said and done,
But husbands later find it out
That larger feet are best to run
Their little errands, fetch their shoes
When home they come at day's demise.
For dainty feet possess no wings—
Big-footed girls are for the wise.

The pearly, peach-blow cheeks has fears
Lest cooking spoil its lovely tint.
Cerulean eyes dare shed no tears,
Or show of Sympathy a hint
The hand of Venus smoothes no brow,
Unless it be a Duke's or Earl's—
And so when you would choose a frau
Do not forget the homely girls.

—*Philadelphia Press.*

The Sweat-Shop Suit.

It tells of the sweatshop's misery,
It speaks of the toiler's strife;
It calls to mind human suffering
That ends with the worker's life;
It sings of the hot, foul attic,
Where twenty long hours a day
A horde of men, women and children
Are wearing their lives away.

It tells of the fainting creature
Sewing on at the endless seam;
It pictures the crowded quarters
That reek with the heat and steam;
It represents human life-blood,
The price that it costs to live;
The cost of the bread and butter
Some starving mortal must give.

It shows in its shabby make-up
The injustice that gave it birth;
It speaks in its shoddy finish
Its uttermost lack of worth;
Its sag and its thousand wrinkles
Tell plainly where it was made,
As though even it were ashamed to be seen—
The suit of the sweatshop grade.

Then why do you buy it, brother?
Those clothes that are stamped unfair;
Those garments of filth and squalor
That the smell of the sweatshop share
Refuse them and look for the label;
Your conscience won't trouble you then,
Don't accept the product of starvation—
Wear union-made clothing, like men.

—M. Dash.

Say Something Good.

Pick out the folks you like the least and watch 'em for awhile;
They never waste a kindly word, they never waste a smile,
They criticise their fellow men at every chance they get,
They never found a human just to suit their fancy yet.
From them I guess you'd learn some things, if they were pointed out—
Some things that every one of us should know a lot about.
When some one "knocks" a brother, pass around the loving cup—
Say something good about him if you have to make it up.

It's safe to say that every man God made holds trace of good
That he would fain exhibit to his fellows if he could;
The kindly deeds in many a soul are hibernating there
Awaiting the encouragement of other souls that dare
To show the best that's in them, and a universal move.
Would start the whole world running in a hopeful, helpful groove.
Say something sweet to paralyze the "knocker" on the spot—
Speak kindly of his victim, if you know the man or not.

—*Baltimore American.*

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Co-operation.

"Help one another," the snowflakes said,
As they cuddled down in their fleecy bed;
"One of us here would not be felt,
One of us here would quickly melt;
But I'll help you and you'll help me,
And then what a big, white drift we'll see."

"Help one another," the maple spray
Said to its fellow leaves one day;
"The sun would wither me here alone,
Long enough 'ere the day is gone;
But I'll help you and you'll help me,
And then what a splendid shade there'll be!"

"Help one another," the dewdrop cried,
Seeing another drop close by its side;
"This warm south breeze would drive me away,
And I should be gone 'ere noon today;
But I'll help you and you'll help me,
And we'll make a brook and run to the sea."

"Help one another," a grain of sand
Said to another grain just at hand;
"The wind may carry me over the sea,
And then, Oh, what will become of me?
But come, my brother, give me your hand;
We'll build a mountain and there we'll stand."

—*Selected.*

A Pertinent Query.

We've the modern horseless carriage and the wireless telegram,
Likewise smokeless powder now in use from New York to Siam,
We've the soundless war torpedo coursing underneath the sea,
While no doubt the wingless airship is a thing that's soon to be;
So 'tis natural to wonder if the time is far away,
When the moonbeams will be beamless and the sun give rayless rays,
When the earth's crust will be crustless, purchased by a trustless trust,
And all microbes will grow lifeless living in a dustless dust.

When we'll rest until we're restless, breathing in the airless air,
Smoking smokeless cut-tobacco while we comb our hairless hair;
When from seedless seeds will issue goodly crops of fruitless fruits,
Upon treeless trees well nourished by some sturdy rootless roots,
When the cities and the country will be full of noiseless noise,
Painless pain and sleepless sleeping and a thousand other joys,
When we'll drink of juiceless juices just to please a tasteless taste,
And the show-bills will be pasted on the boards with pasteless paste.

When the nurse will drop the baby 'mid a rush of careless cares,
And he'll roll with bumpless bumping safely down the stairless stairs;
When the tireless tire-woman will be sponging spotless spots,
From the leading lady's dresses rich with dotless polka dots;
When the birds with wingless wings will sit on limbless limbs and spark,
While they leave the leafless leaves to rustle gently in the park;
When the listless maid will listen to her lover's toneless tones,
As he sounds a soundless wooing over phoneless telephones.

When rheumatics will not worry in a world of jointless joints,
And the pins in all the cushions will be stuck on pointless points;
When the after-dinner speaker will delight with speechless speech,
And the nation's eagle-bird be trained to do a screechless screech;
When the railroads of the country will be running trainless trains,
While we'll find forsooth, the final end of endless chainless chains;
And when, lastly, nothing will be less than nothing, who can say,
Is the time when all these things will be, so very far away?

—ARTHUR MACDONALD DOLE, in *Sunset Magazine.*

Poverty.

The people call him rich; his lands
Stretch very far and very wide;
They call him rich, yet there he stands
Ill-clad and bent and hollow-eyed.

The people call him rich; his gold
Is piled in many a yellow heap,
But he is all alone and old,
And when he dies no one will weep.

They call him rich, but where he dwells
The floors are bare, the walls are bleak;
They call him rich; he buys and sells,
But no fond fingers stroke his cheek.

They call him rich; he does not know
The happiness of standing where
Sweet winds across the meadows blow
And toss the verdant billows there.

—*S. E. Kiser, in Harper's.*

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FACETIOUS

His Gain.

"How did Harry enjoy his trip abroad?"

"Very much. He looks happy, and has gained one hundred and fifteen pounds."

"One hundred and fifteen pounds?"

"Yes; and she's an heiress."—*Brooklyn Life.*

What Was Needed.

"John, the landlord says he'll make any repairs on the house that are needed."

"Well, Maria, the house is all right except one thing."

"What is it, John?"

"Well, Maria, several times lately I've nearly broken my neck reaching for another step at the head of the stairs when I got home late, so I guess he'd better put another step there."—*Ex. Gaz.*

Unfortunate.

"Eunice says she is the unluckiest girl in the world."

"What's the matter now?"

"She was just about to marry a traveling man when he was admitted to the firm, and now he will be at home all the time."—*New York Globe.*

Very Plausible.

Two Irishmen were digging a sewer. One of them was a big, strong man about six feet four inches in height, and the other one was a little puny man about four feet six inches. The foreman came along to see how the work was progressing, and noticed that one of them was doing more work than the other. "Look here," he cried, "how is it that little Dennis Dugan, who is only half your size, is doing nearly twice as much work as you, Patrick?" Glancing down to his partner, Pat replied: "And why shouldn't he? Ain't he nearer to it?"—*Kansas City Independent.*

Hardly.

A Laramie woman went to the theater the other night with some friends, but when they were seated she was separated from her friends by a man and woman who seemed to pay no attention to each other. The woman figured out that if the two people would sit over a seat she could sit with her friends. Bracing up her nerve, she said sweetly to the man, "Beg pardon, are you here alone?" The man stared at the curtain as if he were drawing a salary for it. "I beg pardon," the woman said a little louder, "are you alone?" "Get wise," whispered the man hoarsely through the extreme corner of his mouth, "this is my wife."—*Exchange.*

A Double End Collision.

"What was your most exciting experience in a fast machine?" was asked of Oscar Figman, an auto fiend who sleeps with his goggles on.

"My most harrowing experience," said Figman, with a shudder, "my most terrible ride in an automobile occurred in an upper berth on a B. & O. train. I dreamed that I was five miles ahead in the Vanderbuilt Cup race.

"All of a sudden my machine broke down, and it looked as if I was going to lose after all. I leaped out and crawled under the machine to make repairs. There came a most horrible explosion and I was blown into—the aisle!

"I awoke flat on my back, with the sounds of a woman's screams echoing around me. It seems there was a timorous young woman in the lower berth when I crawled under my phantom racing auto to make repairs.

"The porter and some other kindly souls saw me off at the next station—and I was glad to get off."

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The Reason.

A lawyer, who had recently come into Boston, placed his shingle outside his door. It read, "A. Swindler." A gentleman who was passing by saw the sign, and entering the lawyer's office, said:

"Man alive, look at that sign! Put in your name in full—Alexander or whatever it is. Don't you see how it reads now?"

"Oh, yes, I know," replied the lawyer; "but I don't exactly like to do it."

"Why not?" said the stranger. "It looks mighty bad as it is. What is your name?

"Adam Swindler."

Polite Man.

A lady had an amusing experience in a Buffalo street car. The car was empty, with the exception of one man, and he was the reverse of the car. As she entered he rose, made her an unsteady but magnificent bow, and said, "Madam, please be kind enough to take thish plashe." Rather than offend the man, there was nothing else for her to do, so she thanked him and sat down. And for seven blocks he hung from the strap, swaying in the breeze, with not a soul in the car but the two. The lady says it is frequently that she is taken for other women, but never before had any one thought she was a carful.—*The Argonaut.*

An Amusing Incident.

Signaling in all its branches by the international code, by the hand-flags, the semaphore, the Morse code, form a part of the English naval officers' education. Quite an amusing incident occurred to an officer consequent upon his acquaintance with the last-named methods, which is, of course, the same as the telegraph system. He was traveling on the train from Liverpool to Manchester in a carrige, of which the only other occupants were two very young ladies, evidently telegraph operators. Scarcely had he settled down to enjoy his morning paper when his attention was arrested by a tick-tick, tick-tick from the other end of the carriage. Presently he found himself listening and spelling out the letters as they were ticked off, and this is what he read:

First Girl: "Sailor."

Second Girl: "Undoubtedly."

First Girl: "Nice looking."

Second Girl: "Adorable."

First Girl: "Like to kiss him."

Before the second girl could reply, the officer, grasping the situation, had dropped his paper and ticked off on the window frame with the bowl of his pipe, "Come on, both of you!" The consternation of the girls can be better imagined than described. —*J. G. W.*

Paid For.

An Irishman entered a country inn and called for a glass of the best Irish whisky. After being supplied he drank it and was about to walk out when the following conversation took place:

Landlord—Here, sir; you haven't paid for that whisky you ordered. Irishman What's that you say? Landlord—I said you hadn't paid for that whisky you ordered. Irishman—Did you pay for it? Landlord—Of course I did. Irishman— well, then, what's the good of both of us paying for it? —*London Tit-Bits.*

Where Counsel Failed.

A barrister "for the defence" was conscious that he had a weak case, and his only chance was winning the sympathy of the jury.

He was cross-examining his last witness.

"Have you any occupation, my lad?" he asked the witness.

"No, sir."

"Don't you do any work?"

"No, sir."

"You mean to say you loaf about?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, what does your father do?"

"Same as me, sir."

"How does he support the home then?"

"He doesn't, sir. Mother does mangling."

Counsel grew indignant.

"The fact is you and your father are worthless fellows; no good to anybody. Does your father drink?"

"Hadn't you better ask him?" replied the lad. "There he is in the jury box; third from the end!"

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Our Correspondents

THE PIVOT OF HUMAN LIFE.

PROFESSOR SELIGMAN, one of our great dabblers on modern industrial problems and turmoils, has reeently said: "The economists of today in our colleges are more in sympathy with producers than with consumers. Hence they favor high tariff taxation more emphatically than in former times."

To chatter about tariff taxation or any other kind of the many with which all nations have always been cursed, without first trying to ascertain if they are inevitable or not, indispensable or not, to honest, human development—what kind of logic is that? In the realm of human government, no question is properly answered, no assertion is proved to be sound, no method or process or details can be set down as honest and sensible until we try to ascertain the quality of the taxation we may have as favoring the evolution of industrial monopolies or preventing, making that evolution fragment of God's planet anywhere, for any length of time.

The only method of taxation that can be honest, with the honesty of the golden rule law, is that which would leave all men, as plain workers, free to use and develop any fragment of God's planet any where, for any healthy, useful occupation in the industrial fabric of human life. That is just what no method of taxation has ever done. They all have done just the reverse. All our tax methods are but copies of those devised by the worst heathen despotisms. We have simply made them work, in their fatal results to all of us. The grand totality of evil is bound to grow in proportion as population increases all over the earth, and we keep the land monopolist, the land gambler, the land speculator, the corporation, the trust, the merger, the syndicate, or any franchise industrial combination between God's plant and the multitude of workers who alone can properly develop that planet of ours.

The planet in question belongs to the workers of nations. It is principally through rotten, idiotic systems of taxation that all nations, heathen or christian, have given the absolute, even if indirect control of that whole planet, to groups of men, for them to fix the conditions on which the bulk of the most indispensable workers would be allowed to work and live a mean existence, when not a very wretched one, in relation to the kind all workers could have under the supremacy of golden rule principles in human laws.

All assertions or discussions on human development and growth are worthless, a waste of time, as long as we refuse to even grasp the fundamental social crime that has poisoned the life of all men, in all ages and generations, from saint to sinner, generally speaking. We mean the legalized crime of all nations as far back as we see fit to go. That crime has been allowed to grow and bloom, because it has never been taken cognizance of, because we don't want to even recognize its existence. Hence the many sins and wrongs we keep suppressing, we say. Hence the many wrongs and sins we keep alive and growing.

Our absence of taste to go down to the fundamentals of our life, comes from the fact that our education has not taught men that we only have the right to look for enjoyments when no one may need to suffer from them. We thus discard the eternal condition on which alone we all can have boundless joys. Outside of that simple condition we all are subject to have boundless sorrows. We all then have to pay some penalty for the Godless civilization we

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do our best to develop, even if we don't mean that. Given certain causes, certain results shall follow.

It is very depressing to notice that the wisdom of men has never seen fit to recognize the following fundamental verity: Either we must have a sound, social and national environment, or a bad, rotten, disgraceful one, because there is no middle term between the right and the wrong, between the true and the false. Well, under a wrong social environment, because of selfish human laws, laws of land and wealth monopoly, we all condemn ourselves to live and work for the badness and unhappiness of all of us. It is only through a sound social environment, and so under the action of unselfish laws, and hence laws of equal rights to all, that we can work for the goodness and happiness of self and everybody else. Is not that as self-evident as possible? And yet neither civil nor religious education tells men the simple processes by which to establish a natural, normal social media.

Every now and then some of our good men try to dwell on what Christ would do or say if He was here among us, as He was among the men of the nineteen centuries ago. Christ is here all along, has never left us. He is here with His constant new revelations to men, they being simply fresh expansions of what He told us nineteen centuries ago. He gave us then—the plentitude of God's wisdom, in relation to our duties on earth. That wisdom gives us—the mathematics of righteous conscious development. It does that in forms even more simple and exact than we find it in the mathematics of the physical universe.

The plain people of modern nations do today, perhaps, as well as they can, as it was very likely the case with all previous generations. What right have we to deny that, we, the fellows that could remodel civilization in a few short years, because we have or can obtain the power and knowledge needed to place humanity in peace with God?

As soon as we see fit to live grouped in nations, or social agreements, we establish a pivot, a central point around which the life of everyone of us is bound to turn, to rest upon, to condition the essentials of our conduct and behavior. Each one of us becomes then more or less responsible for the sins of the rest of us, if we have not established the right kind of pivot. We have never yet seen fit to even try to discriminate between a healthy and a sickly pivot, for our combined development. We keep stuck to the distorted pivot of a dishonest, national and social income, through dishonest methods of taxation. We know, or know how we can learn to establish nations on the sound basis of an honest national and social income, through a simple, honest, practical, natural, ethical tax system.

When we see fit to develop under the action or influence of the healthy national pivot we have mentioned, then each one of us shall only be responsible for our individualized deviations of ethical and moral law. The social organism shall then leave to all the glorious freedom of laws divine. It shall give to no one the direct or indirect power to oppress anybody under the mantle of monopoly laws. Few, if any, shall then be idiotic enough to oppress anybody, when all shall have the opportunity to live a full life without the trouble of getting on top of others. And if any body tried that trick, soon, very soon would he starve and perish, or human laws would vanish the fellows in question into the wilderness, there to live *"a mere animal life."*

JOSE GROS.

THE STUDENT QUESTION.

It would appear to be within the bounds of possibility that we will want to adopt a different policy a year or so hence, than the one which has governed us in the past in regard to teaching the art of telegraphy.

Formerly, the force of numbers and the strike were our only recourse toward enforcing our demands for readjustment of wages or improved working conditions, but now when the clouds of discontentment become threatening, the civil authorities are alert to promote arbitration before the storm begins.

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Conditions, two or three years ago when telegraphers were so hard to find when wanted to fill a vacancy, and also, during the past year when there has been so many idle telegraphers, are satisfactory proof that the supply or demand does not entirely govern the wages now. It is "Organization" that solves the problem, and the more complete the organization the fewer the figures that are required to "do the sum."

The student as taught now is very poorly trained for the important duties of telegrapher in a train-order or block office, even though the teacher be a "Dispatcher and a main line wire in the room," as we are often told. It lacks that fundamental element, *Observation,* which is so important in thoroughly learning anything concerning the duties of a railroad employe at a local station or in handling trains. Mr. Student is located *away-back,* or, up-stairs in some private room in a sky-scraper where he sees no trains, passengers, freight, baggage, express or business of any kind, nor does he hear any of the thousand and one inquiries for information in regard to telegrams, tickets, freight bills, rates, routing, arguments, kicking, fool questions and *damns* that a railroad telegrapher must go up against every day of his service. Forcing the railroad companies to employ men who have been trained in this manner as they were compelled to do two years ago, is eloquent logic in favor of the $45 or $50 minimum remaining at that figure, and it is also ample reason for using the telephone in lieu of the telegraph. Some say the companies ought to pay more and get the good men back that have left the service for better positions elsewhere, forgetting, apparently, that our committees go up once a year and agree upon a schedule of wages that are to remain in effect one year, and the chief dispatcher who employs the men has no more authority to change the figures in that schedule than he would have to change a freight or ticket tariff. It is up to him to secure telegraphers with that document, and if he can not do it the superintendent will proceed to find a man who can. Just at the present time there is an abundance of good telegraphers, but there are not many good men out of a job and there will soon be a demand for more men, and it is for us to say whether the chief dispatchers will be compelled to go to the "Factories" for untrained men, or will we furnish them good and properly trained telegraphers for all vacancies, men that are worth more than $50 per. People concerned in other occupations endeavor, individually and collectively, to gather all there is of knowledge concerning their peculiar industry for the benefit of every member whether he be leader or layman, expert or tyro, and thus by their mutual advancement, elevate their moral and intellectual standing and financial worth to a higher plane of civilization.

The railroad telegraph office is the only proper place to produce a competent railroad telegrapher. To be a good "Morse" linguist is but a very small portion of the knowledge he must possess to be thoroughly reliable and trustworthy, and he can acquire an up-to-date knowledge nowhere except in a railroad office, and there only by actual practice and long experience in the service, and under the guidance of a practical knight of the key. There he learns, step by step, the numberless different duties that must not be overlooked, the methods and customs in vogue in doing the work, the book of rules and time card instructions, and as he becomes more proficient in the art he learns the office calls, the abbreviations, the numerals and short cuts in continual usage for words, phrases and expressions, and the different forms of messages, bulletins, train orders, block signal usages, etc., etc., and their application to the service. His advancement is so gradual day by day that he scarcely realizes the progress he is making, but finally he is aware of the fact that he is doing a good share of the most important work of the office, and needs no prompting as to what is the next thing to be done. By and by a vacancy occurs and he becomes a full-fledged telegrapher, and enters into the spirit of the work with the air of a veteran. The dispatcher calls a bunch of offices, using that familiar "9" and he is called with the others. "Cy 9" is what he hears, the "9" being as much

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like the preceding "9" as two silver dollars are alike, but with lightning quickness the scanty context conveys to his well-trained mind that there is quite a difference in their meaning. With nerves relaxed and in an affable and business-like manner he copies the order in plain legible style and delivers a copy to each of the four conductors and engineers.

But how about the "Factory" student who has had no opportunity to learn the numerous, intricate and important details of the duties of the position to which he has been assigned. He approaches his task suffering with a nervous rigor. The call from the dispatcher's office almost palsies his arm, and before his frenzied effort at revising and touching-up the order trying to make the writing appear legible, is ended, the condition of his mind is verging on emotional insanity; and little do the occupants of the trains governed by that order realize that they are thus menaced with being maimed, mangled and slaughtered, because of the employment of untrained men to handle train orders.

Telegraphic orders for the movement of trains are worked out in the dispatcher's office with mathematical precision, and their faithful, careful and correct execution rests jointly and alike upon the telegrapher and the trainmen, and the necessity for experienced, reliable and trustworthy men is just as great in one position as the other. Without thorough, practical training and experience by the employes, no train is safe to go ahead, back up, or even to stand still on the main track or side track.

Because of the changed conditions I believe we ought to teach the art ourselves and teach it right; and when I say this I do not mean to say that we should all enter into a promiscuous contest to see who could produce the greatest number of telegraphers, but we should go at it systematically, and in a way that would give the O. R. T. officials a complete record of every student. I would suggest the adoption of a student's clause in our constitution and by-laws, authorizing a student's card and a button, making a nominal charge therefor, having the obligation taken, and making the student an honorary member of the Order with the privilege of speaking in our meetings, but not to vote; the selections to be made say by the chief dispatcher and local chairman, on the recommendation of the brother who proposed to do the teaching and the approval of President Perham, from young men just out of school who would be required to pass a mental and physical examination similar to that of Uncle Sam's cadets, or by the employes of some roads on entering their service. The cynic, of course, will be expected to do his duty by knocking on the *boys,* but the finest of our craft who possess the essential qualification of swift and sure judgment and decisions in emergencies, and the ability to solve any problem of moving trains in a congested district, and do it in a space of time that can be measured only in fractions of a minute, in a tower or train order office where the unit of time is seconds, learned the art in their young days, and when men of experience are remarkable in this respect, I am prone to believe that it is an inheritance preserved from their early life, rather than a faculty acquired after arriving at the age of mature years.

We should teach only on roads whose managements would enter into an iron-clad agreement that no other teaching was to be allowed, and while we should teach enough men to supply the demand on that road there should be no unnecessary excess or surplus of men instructed in the art when they might be employed in some other vocation, instead of idling away good time waiting for some one to die or resign.

An agreement of this character should bring about mutual action between the division officials of the roads and the representatives of the Order, instead of that eternal vigilance of each to out-Herod the other, bring about better discipline and more loyalty to the dispatcher, promote a better service, secure for us a higher consideration by the trainmen who would be most benefited by the greater security to themselves and family, and also command public opinion generally in our favor. I believe it was Abraham Lincoln who once said that "public opinion in this country is everything." CERT. 2254, GRAND DIV.

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SUNDAY LABOR.

What we wish to obtain through legislation in regard to Sunday labor, is for railroads and large factories to be compelled to recognize the law of the land the same as smaller organizations which are prohibited from Sunday labor throughout our land.

We do not wish to force some strange religious faith upon the people, as the brother signing Cert. 61, Div. 111, in the March number would intimate, far from that. We only ask what is fair from a physical as well as a religious standpoint.

All laboring men need one day in the week for rest, whether they be employed by a railroad corporation or a factory, in order for their bodies to have a relaxation and rest from duty, and it is impossible to obtain that necessary weekly rest while working in certain vocations for many different corporations, including those mentioned herein.

Am on duty twelve consecutive hours every Sabbath in the year, as a telegrapher, with exception of a few hours occasionally granted me by the trick dispatcher. And many Sundays are harder and more of a strain than the week days, as our road believes Sunday to be a "cleaning-up" day, and put all the trains on the road that they consistently can to clean up the business on this day. And from a religious standpoint I think we should have and recognize a National Sabbath day, a day on which people would be free from their labors and have an opportunity to serve God if they so desire; one day out of every week should be set apart for religious observance, whether it be the first day or the seventh that could be called which ever day the denomination saw fit, so long as one day of each week was set apart for the glory and worship of God, and allow the masses to be the judge which day that should be, as it's impossible to hold more than one National Sabbath day.

Separate God's commandments from the laws of our nation and you would have left a mere useless skeleton of no account.

CERT. 3, DIV. GV.

COMMERCIAL POWER OF THE O. R. T.

I think the time has arrived for the organization to make use of the vast amount of traffic which moves as a means of furthering our interest.

I have given this feature as explained below, a great deal of close thought and study, and am firmly convinced that we can branch out into a field heretofore undeveloped by our labor organizations, and one presenting greater possibilities than any yet tried.

During my visits as an organizer for the past eleven years among the telegraphers and agents, I have taken pains to observe whether or not there was a tendency on the part of members to route freight and passengers via lines friendly to our organization. I find that they are not as careful as they should be in this respect.

They have been instructed and appealed to in the past, and we all know the result: "Not as it Should Have Been."

I firmly believe that the organization, O. R. T., should engage the services of competent traffic men (there are many enrolled), whose duties would be as follows:

To ascertain at each station visited whether or not any traffic moves from station in question "via" unfriendly or unscheduled lines, and if so to see the shippers, ascertain the volume of traffic to move, and request that it be routed via lines friendly to the O. R. T. (Not necessary to mention the O. R. T., but mention the friendly competitive lines.)

His duties do not end here:

He would then communicate with the man having charge of traffic at the office of the Grand Division, who in turn would take it up with the man in the field in the territory of the unfriendly line, who could go to the traffic department of the friendly line or lines whom it was desired to favor with the traffic. I feel certain the traffic department of friendly lines would only be too glad to send a representative to secure the business.

Personal interviews with representatives of several friendly lines touching on this subject, has thoroughly convinced me that

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we could control enough traffic, if the plan be properly worked, to make the O. R. T. a commercial power, viz., to enable the President of the Order to go before the management of any company and promise to increase their business in return for consideration given our members.

As already stated, have talked with representatives of friendly lines, of course not giving them any plan, also have talked with members of our organization, and men very friendly to the O. R. T. who are traffic men, and find they would favor any organization who could by a systematic effort assist them in a business way of routing their business or traffic via lines friendly to this Order.

If we did control this traffic, we would have a standing with the traffic departments of the railroads which would go a long way toward off-setting the feeling against us on the part of operating officials.

I find a member of the B. of R. T. holding the position of traffic manager for one of the largest manufacturers of threshing machines and threshing machine engines in the country. Another good friend of ours, and ex-railroad man receives THE TELEGRAPHER, would be a member if he was eligible to membership, is secretary of a Board of trade, also traffic manager for a Shippers' Association controlling a large volume of valuable business, amounting to thousands of carloads of the following commodities: cement, lumber, hides, leather, paper and forest products, yearly.

Then another, who has been an ardent worker for the Order, now holds a very prominent and important position, and in a position to dictate (I might say to the Traffic Department of Railroads), would undoubtedly co-operate with the policy outlined to increase business for our friends, which would bring our friends to a higher standing financially as well as morally.

There are many gentlemen in the same standing, if properly approached, some of them telegraphers now employed in the general freight or passenger departments of railroads as clerks, who could be induced to route a vast volume of traffic now moving via other lines, over lines more friendly to us. When the attention of the traffic officials of a scheduled line be called to the fact, that we had secured or been instrumental in routing a certain number of cars or passengers via his line, he would not lose sight of the fact, as the traffic is the heart of the carrier and their prosperity pulsates accordingly. Some of the organizers now in the field could no doubt be very useful in the traffic department at the same time, hold our membership together by their visitations, or if necessary use these men as regular organizers. Many members would take a new lease on life were such a plan to be put into operation, and would give the Grand Division officers information regarding traffic movements enough to keep the field men busy.

Allow me to say this is not the result of a sudden inspiration, but is the result of long and careful study, and a close observance of the features introduced in the operation of such a plan.

Our traffic representatives could obtain reliable data regarding volume of traffic, earnings, etc., for comparative purposes from the different State Railroad Commissions, at the same time cultivate a friendship with the commissioners which would prove valuable in more ways than one.

I believe such men would be self supporting by reason of their good offices in holding the membership now enrolled, and opening the way for new or improved schedules as when a railroad is threatened by a power that can deliver the goods, a good deal of the delay usually attendant upon negotiations would be avoided, the cost reduced, etc., etc. While this plan would involve an additional expense for the Order, yet I absolutely believe it would prove successful if tried.

J. A. BRANDON, *Organizer.*

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Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Penna. Ry., Tyrone Branch—

Our genial relief man, Mr. Goodlander, formerly secretary and instructor in telegraphy, Y. M. C. A., at Tyrone, Pa., has tendered his resignation to seek more congenial companions.

The student pest is still in evidence. At a great many towers along this branch may be seen the classical features of this element.

This is a miserable condition to find ourselves in. Who can frame an excuse? Much has been said about getting after the non. Why not get after those who claim to be members and make *men* of them? Then get after the non.

Our superintendent says: "No one except employes in discharge of their duty may be allowed inside towers and telegraph offices." Why not take advantage of this protection, and use our sole-leathers on those persistent young men who want "posting" six or eight months?

Bro. J. D. Schaeffer, agent at Beech Creek, has purchased a new auto, and is enjoying himself immensely.

Business shows a slight increase with prospects of soon becoming brighter. SHAMROCK.

Lancaster Div., No. 9.

The meetings held during the months of April and May were not so well attended as they should have been, but the faithful who turned out to help go through routine of business were well repaid, as the meetings are getting spicier each time. Matters of vital importance to the craft were discussed, and these meetings as a whole are very interesting and should not be missed, especially by those who work such hours as to able to attend. Sick benefits paid, $36.00.

Bro. H. N. Borngesser returned to duty April 26th.

Bro. H. W. Good, reported sick, we are glad to note has returned to duty.

Bro. B. G. Kern bid in "ES," 11 to 7.

Bro. W. G. McCuen is relieving Telegrapher Clair on account of sickness.

Bro. Frank Spink is working extra on train wire, in "F," Harrisburg, covering vacations.

The boys at our last meeting were very agreeably surprised by having the choicest Havanas handed around, which were enjoyed by all present.

So far very few have sent items to the correspondent. Get busy boys, and help your scribe.

DIV. COR.

Sunbury Div., No. 12.

The following changes have been made: Bro. B. F. Wiliams, from Wolverton, second trick, to "SB" office, Sunbury, doing extra work while the train dispatchers and telegraphers in "S" and "SB" offices are enjoying vacations.

Bro. A. G. Jarrett worked extra at Wolverton, second trick, a few days, after which he returned to his regular position, Keefer, second trick.

Bro. W. T. Dyer is now working extra on second trick, and Mr. H. L. Dewitt on third trick at Wolverton.

Bro. T. C. Phillips, of Bluf, third trick, has moved from Bluf to Catawissa.

Bro. C. M. Cornelison has been transferred from the third trick, to the second trick at Rupert tower.

Bro. C. L. Hawbecker assigned from third trick at East Bloomburg to third trick at Rupert Tower.

Bro. Joseph Nucklas assigned to East Bloomsburg, third trick.

Mr. H. W. Lennon, who had been working extra at Nescopeck since last fall, was assigned to "RX," L. & S. Junc., second trick, and later to "HO" tower, third trick.

Bro. C. L. Keyser, of relief schedule No. 4, did the extra work at Nescopeck for about a week, after which he was relieved by Mr. S. J. Doherty, a new man on the road.

Bro. F. A. Zuern, of Port, second trick, is contemplating a trip to Seattle, Wash., this summer, to visit the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition. We wish him good luck and pleasure on the trip.

Bro.. G. E. Minemier has resigned to accept a position as agent on the D. L. & W.

Bro. W. A. Groff is working extra at "UN" tower, second trick. I understand he expects to get a position as clerk at Mocanaqua in the near future, and will then leave the telegraph service.

Bro. W. G. Levan is working extra at "HO" tower, second trick.

Bro. J. J. Murray, of Nanticoke, second trick, has had a visit of good luck. He has been willed a fortune and a pension of fifty dollars per month. Bro. Murray has sent in his resignation to take effect may 30th. We are glad to hear this good news and trust that even if Bro. Murray does leave the telegraph service, he will still remember his brother telegraphers, and retain his membership in our Order.

Bro. A. B. Calhoun, of Milroy, spent a few days in Pittsburg recently, visiting friends.

Bros. C. W. Kase and G. O. Stahl attended our convention at Atlanta, Ga.

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Bro. T. J. Coan was buried at Frackville, April 29th, and one day after the funeral, claim blanks were sent to his family, and our Mutual Benefit Department was ready to pay the $1,000 insurance on his life; this shows the solid foundation of our Order. This should also put to thinking those few nons and others who are always balking at paying the small dues that are necessary in order to be a member in the O. R. T. Have you not realized that some day you will die too; then is when your wife or parents will see the importance of this matter. There is always danger in delay, and in this case there is special danger, for death often comes when we do not expect it; therefore, join the O. R. T. today and always keep your dues paid up.

Bro. Joseph Hall has been assigned to Boston Run Junc., second trick, which vacancy was caused by the death of Bro. Coan.

There were five assistant correspondents appointed several months ago, and I was informed they would give me some assistance in gathering news for this column. Up to this time I have not heard from any of them. Brothers, if you are still alive I would be greatly pleased if you would send me some news before the twentieth of the month.

Remember the time our next meeting will be held, and be sure to make arrangements to be present. This is important. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our highly esteemed and beloved Bro. T. J. Coan, be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all, and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge, and be it further

Resolved, By Sunbury Division No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. D. METTLER,
G. N. COOKE,
W. D. GRANT,
Committee.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of our noble journal, to extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the members of Sunbury Division, No. 12, and especially to W. D. Grant, for the kindness shown me during the time of my great bereavement, occasioned by the death of my brother, Thos. J. Coan, at Philadelphia, on April 25th, and for the beautiful O. R. T. floral pillow furnished. J. T. COAN, *Cert.* 37.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

Division No. 17 is falling in line with the other Railroad Brotherhoods, and while they are holding mass meetings in large theatres, Division No. 17 will celebrate in our regular meeting place, 8. p. m., June 2nd. This meeting promises to be the "Best Yet," in fact Bro. J. B. SeBastian tells us we will have speakers of national reputation, fine music, etc. All will be amply repaid for coming. The delegate will have returned from Atlanta, and will be pleased to give you particulars of the convention.

Bro. T. C. Hunter, of Parkton, is undergoing a surgical operation at the Maryland University Hospital. His case is a critical one, but we hope for a speedy recovery.

Bro. E. C. Bange has been compelled to take a rest, on account of ill-health. We are glad to hear Bro. Bange back at the key, and trust that ere long he will enjoy his usual health and vigor.

We hear the wedding bells over the wireless, and they tell us that our good Bro. C. S. Lowe will ere long take unto himself a better-half.

Our worthy Chief, Bro. Wm. M. Skinner, has reappointed his official staff, viz: Bros. W. A. Schubert, W. B. Brenize and Wm. M. Rollins. We are glad that these brothers co-operate so heartily with our chief, thus Division No. 17 moves along as one happy family, now and again adding a few new members to its long list.

MAYFIELD.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

First regular meeting of May called to order by Chief Telegrapher Bro. J. I. Klingenberger. While the attendance was not what it should have been, what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. Don't overlook the date of our meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Owing to the sickness of the wife of Representative Bro. J. N. Sponsler, Alternate Bro. T. R. Hepler is representing Division No. 24 at the bi-ennial convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. J. E. Rubendall is working a few days in "GO," Williamsport, during the absence of Bro. Hepler.

How about creating a sick benefit department? Have you ever thought of it? Attend the meetings, and if you think it a good thing advocate it and have it adopted.

Bro. C. M. Bickel made a short visit with friends and relatives at Millersville recently.

It is hoped that after the regular correspondent and his assistants get in the harness, that Division No. 24 will be represented each month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

How about that non next door, have you asked him to join us, or have you merely insinuated that it would be nice to have him join?

Who said that we would hold a picnic the coming summer, a real O. R. T. picnic? Why couldn't we?

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Since No. 62 is a flag stop at Herndon, we think Bro. Riland could attend each meeting, how about it?

Bro. P. A. Herman, proprietor of the "Square Deal" coal yard, at Selinsgrove, has recently purchased more land adjacent to his yard, to enlarge same on account of the continual increase of his business. May it never cease. CERT. 23.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

I was not present at the May meeting, but understand that the session was as short as possible to enable some of the delegates to catch an early train enroute to Atlanta.

The delegates should have some interesting tales to tell at the June meeting, and let us hope that there will be a good attendance.

I wish the brothers on the C. N. E., and on the other divisions of the New Haven, would send me a few notes. Don't wait for the other fellow to do it, but if you know of changes or news of any kind send it along, it may not seem of interest to you, but it will interest the membership at large.

We rise to remark that we have a fine set of officials, and we know this to be especially true of the officials of the Western Division. Let us all show that we appreciate the many favors granted by them, by attending strictly to our duties and giving the best service possible, if we do this we will find them always ready to treat us fairly. I know some will scoff at such talk, but after they have scoffed sufficiently let them try the course suggested, and we will guarantee satisfaction. T. A. ALLEN, *Div. Cor.*

Western Division—

Bro. Holian, of Sheffield, bid in the agency at Newtown.

Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, is acting agent at Sheffield for a few weeks.

Bro. Ryan, agent at Still River, is on the sick list. Bro. Smith relieving him.

Bro. Percy, telegrapher and ticket clerk at New Milford for over (20) twenty years, has bid in the agency at that station.

Mr. Frank Foster, late of "JC" office, New Haven, has been awarded third trick at Tolles Cabin.

Bro. J. C. Webb, at New Britain, is making the dust fly with his "gas wagon."

Bro. Reddish has been awarded Terryville on bid.

Bro. Ryan, agent at Still River, was the successful bidder for first trick at New Milford.

Bro. Kane, extra, is covering Bro. Osborne's job at Brookfield Jct. Bro. Osborne is not yet able to resume duty.

Bro. Powell, at New Milford, has bid in the agency at Sheffield, thus returning to the position he held for several years previous to coming to New Milford.

Bro. Shepherd, third trick at New Milford, is covering first, and Bro. McKnight is covering third trick until first trick is awarded.

Bro. Eustace, of Plainville, has bid in Southport.

Eight hours on duty,
Sixteen for play,
Stay on the job,
Keep out of the hay.

Mr. E. Clark, for a number of years located at Danbury as station lineman, has been chosen by Mr. Smith to fill the newly created office of "Inspector of Telegraph Offices," a position he is well qualified to fill, and we all rejoice with him over his well deserved promotion.

Bro. Howard Tuttle, second trick at Brewster, writes insurance policies during his spare hours. He is only too glad to enumerate the many superior features of the company he represents.

In recognition of his many years of faithfulness and hard work, Bro. O. S. Culver, of "NH" office, New Haven, was elected Great Keeper of Wampum, of the Great Council of Connecticut Red Men, at the Great Council of that body held at New Britain, Wednesday, May 11th. The honor came as a pleasant surprise to Bro. Culver, since it was entirely unsolicited and wholly unexpected. After filling this office, Bro. Culver is entitled to stil higher honors, being a Past Grand Sachem, and entitled to a seat as representative at the U. S. Council.

Some one is doing too much interrupting on the wires, a senseless practice, cut it out.

Bro. Flynn, of Towantic, attended the wedding of a friend at Eastford recently.

We understand that Bros. Kane and Kelly, at Hopewell, have developed into crack ball players, and have signed with the club of that town.

Bro. Dunbar, second trick at Danbury, is covering first, and Bro. R. G. Halsted is covering Bro. Dunbar's trick during the absence of Bro. Dowd, who is a delegate to the Atlanta Convention.

T. A. A.

Midland Division—

As usual the May meeting was well represented by brothers from the Hartford Terminal.

Bro. James O'Day casts a mournful eye at all the fine eight-hour positions that are being posted on the Shore Line, and regrets coming over to the Midland.

With the opening of the summer season, Bro. Baker, at State St., will have his hands full, and he should have a man to handle the outside work.

Bro. and Mrs. Kingsland spent a few days recently at their old home in Walingford, calling on relatives and renewing old acquaintances.

Bro. Normandine had the misfortune to severely sprain his ankle while on duty a short time ago, but we are glad to note that he has returned to work after a few days lay-off.

Bro. Swaine has taken the agency for an automobile firm located in Chicago.

Manchester Station has taken on a new coat of paint, and added a new member, which makes the house solid; may it always stay that way.

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A recent edition of the *Rockville Journal* had the following item: "Mr. James Costello, the congenial first trick man at Vernon tower, has leased two acres of ground near his home, and will endeavor to show his friends his ability as an agriculturist."

Mr. Shaw, of Bolton, is located on top of the mountain where it should be easy for him to look both ways, back to the days of nine per week, and forward to what we are getting now, and it can not be very hard for him to discern who got it for him. I feel sure that the three good brothers at Steeles could land him if they set about it right.

Your local chairman has divided the Midland Division into three districts, as follows:

District "A," Hartford to Willimantic, inclusive, and Northford to Chestnut Hill, inclusive, also the Springfield Branch, which he will look out for personally.

District "B," from North Windham to Norwood Central, inclusive, and from West Thompson to Southbridge, inclusive, is in charge of Bro. M. E. Jacobs, of Franklin Jct., to whom you should refer all matters that need attention.

District "C," from South Windham to Cranston, inclusive, and from Navy Yard to Dayville, inclusive; this district is in charge of Bro. M. E. Weeks, of Washington, R. I., and though Bro. Weeks is a new man on this part of the division, he is an old-timer on the road and will take care of all of your troubles.

We were very glad to see Bro. Stoughton at the meetings, and hope he will be a regular attendant.

Bro. White, of Westchester, was a visitor in Hartford last Sunday.

Bro. Pierce, one of our oldest agents (in point of service), was down to the April meeting, and was so well pleased that he is going to arrange to attend them all.

Bro. John Lewis is with us "for keeps" this time. "EN."

Providence Div., No. 35.

May meeting found thirty brothers present, and all were eager for news from the seat of war, as it were. Atlanta was upon all tongues, the mere mention of that city assured the speaker a listening and appreciative audience. Meeting was called to order by First vice Bro. McCabe, as acting chief; Bro. Smith, marshal; Bros. Trainor, Simmons and Farley, as acting secretary and treasurer, first vice and past chief, respectively; Bro. Conant, second vice, with Bros. Moore and Healy as inside and outside sentinels. Much more than the usual amount of business came before the meeting, and was disposed of with neatness and dispatch. The addresses of the visiting brothers were given close attention and were enjoyed by all.

Bro. Leete, local chairman of the Midland Division, was a most welcome visitor at the meeting, and was "there with the goods" in the shape of six applications, together with an instructive address which gave his hearers plenty of food for thought.

Bro. Malstrom, of Division No. 102, was another welcome visitor, and his account of conditions where he came from was very interesting and instructive.

Bro. Byron P. Greene was recently stricken with pleuro-pneumonia together with congestion of the liver and kidneys, and for several days his condition was very critical; so much so that one rumor had it that he had passed to the "great beyond," but we are very thankful, indeed, to say that at this writing he is on the road to recovery. And it is the hope of his many friends that he wil soon be making regular trips to Olive St. tower at Attleboro.

The "grim reaper" has again invaded our midst and removed another of our old and popular brothers to that land from which there is no return On Friday morning, May 14th, Bro. D. Cushing, of Westminster St. tower, while on duty suffered an apoplectic shock, affecting his entire left side. He was placed upon No. 72, taken to Providence, where an ambulance was in readiness and removed to the R. I. Hospital, where death ended his sufferings at about 8:50 a. m., Monday the 17th inst. He is survived by a widow and four daughters. Bro. Cushing, who was about forty-five years of age, was among the oldest towermen in point of service employed in this vicinity, having entered the employ in April, 1891, for several years previous he was employed as telegrapher on the old New England Railroad. By his unfailing good nature and sunny disposition he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He will be greatly missed by his sorrowing relatives and friends who can only bow their heads and murmur: "Thy will be done."

The General Assembly, which recently adjourned, passed an act which all labor and social organizations are interested in, and each member should do all in his power to stamp out the practice at which it aims. The act makes it a penal offense to wear the pin or emblem of an organization, unless the person wearing it is a member. We are aware of the great extent to which such practice is carried on by a certain class of "parasites," who tell hard luck stories of sickness, etc. Let us all join in and make "Little Rhody" too warm for them.

The news that Bro. R. A. Brown, our most popular secretary and treasurer, was again compelled, through sickness, to cease work, came as a shock to his many friends, and we hope ere this appears in print that "Bob" will be back in the harness none the worse for his enforced lay-off.

The professor of that "factory" in the vicinity of Ashton, R. I., who averages about one or two partly cured "hams" per year, should take a few lessons himself at the "key," so that he could recognize his own office call at the rate of ten words per.

We were very sorry that Bro. McDermott was compelled to leave early at the April meeting in

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order to catch the train for home. We all enjoy "Mac's" visits very much.

Bro. C. R. Weeks has been transferred from Midway to second trick at Orms St. tower.

Bro. Farley, from second trick at Orms St., to first trick at Dexter St.

Bro. Masterton, from second trick at Blackstone Station, to third trick at Park St. tower at Attleboro.

Bro. McCluskey, first trick at Niantic tower, is again at work after a two weeks' siege of sickness.

Bro. Smith, second trick man at Davisville, was off duty several days on account of neuralgia. Bro. Dykeman relieved him.

Bro. Byrns, second trick at Kingston tower, transferred to second trick at Midway, "MA" tower.

Bro. Dykeman, from New York, is one of the latest arrivals posted at East Greenwich tower, and made good.

Bro. Darrow recently attended meeting, we believe for the first time. We hope the present schedule of trains will allow the brother to be present each month.

The painters and decorators have been busy for several days upon the Holden St. tower, Attleboro Annex, making it a thing of beauty and joy forever.

Bro. Giles, first trick at East Junction, was off for a few days, on a trip to Gardiner, Mass., visiting his mother. His position covered by Bro. J. C. Clark.

Bro. Henry Benoit, of Millville Station, was the successful bidder on second trick at "CK" tower, Attleboro.

Bro. Henry Savaria, from second trick at "CK" tower, Attleboro, to third trick helper at Northup Ave. tower.

Bro. F. Bayley, first trick at West Mansfield tower, is again at work, he having recovered from a lingering illness. We are glad to see his smiling face once more.

Mr. Withington is covering third trick, Olive St., Attleboro, in Bro. Greene's absence.

Mr. W. H. Mattison is covering second trick at Olive St., Attleboro, pending assignment.

Mr. Sargent covered first trick at West Mansfield during Bro. Bayley's absence.

It certainly is a source of great pleasure to know that all the old officials of our beloved Order have been elected to succeed themselves for another term; thus insuring for the organization another two years of go-aheaditiveness. May it ever be thus.

The Order is certainly jumping from one extreme to another in regard to convention cities, from the Sunny South to the Frozen North is sure "going some."

P. V. Branch—

Bro. Wood, of Harris, is farming, and in addition looking after his real estate.

Haven't seen Bro. Luboskey, of Auburn, at meetings lately. Something must be wrong, for Sammy used to be a regular attendant.

Third District, Electric—

The advent of the summer season on this branch is at hand, and bids fair to be the biggest and busiest yet.

The opening of the tunnel taking our trains into the Union Station, and the heavier travel which will naturally result from the improved connections, and facilities for reaching the shore resorts and the installation of a straight ticket system, will have a tendency to keep all the station employes on the branch running in circles from May 30th until Labor day, inclusive.

Bro. Brown, of East Providence tower, whose illness prevented his attending the convention, is at the present writing slowly improving. Bro. "Si" Haley covering the first trick at East Providence during Bro. Brown's absence.

The new tower at East Water St. opened in March. Bro. Bishop, first trick; Bro. Hedges, second trick, and Carter, third trick.

A new tower is now being erected at Waterman St., and is expected to be put in service soon.

Bro. C. A. Brown, formerly of Wrentham, relieved Bro. D. M. Callis at Touisset, while he attended the convention as alternate for Bro. R. A. Brown.

Bro. A. M. Ross, of Valley Falls, was a visitor a few days since, in pursuit of the festive clam.

Bro. Ed. Phillips called on us while on his way home last week, and reports progress. Ed. is getting more or less familiar with the rail and water routes of Eastern Maine in the interest of the Oliver typewriter, and we are pleased to state is making good.

Old Colony Division—

Bro. Hathaway, first trick at Somerset Jct. tower, who has been off sick for the last month, has returned to work.

Bro. Hathaway was relieved by Bro. Callaghan, second trick man. Mr. White relieving on the second trick.

Somerset draw-bridge has been double tracked and a new electric machine installed for the operation of the draw and interlocking. The big freight engines will commence running over the draw on the new time table.

Bro. John Trainor was in Fall River recently, renewing old acquaintances. Bro. Trainor has been out of the ranks of the actively employed telegraphers for some years, but has retained his membership in the O. R. T., and always has a good word for the boys.

Bro. Ambrose Winslow, agent at Assonet, has been laid up since last fall with a severe attack of rheumatism, but will return to work soon. Bro. "Jim" Riley has been holding down the job in the absence of Bro. Winslow.

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Sister Pare, telegrapher at Fall River Wharf, is negotiating for a new sending machine.

Bro. Cushman, of North Easton, has bid in the spare towerman's job.

North Easton is now up for bid. DIV. COR.

FALL RIVER, MASS., May 1, 1909.

The annual banquet of the telegraphers of Fall River and vicinity, has become an event looked forward to by all who have been fortunate enough to secure invitations. The 1909 gathering was one that will long be remembered with pleasure by all present, and was such an unqualified success, that it is expected that the committee will enlarge a little on the plans for next year, so as to include more of the membership in the territory covered by the Boston and Providence Divisions in the list of invitations.

The arrangements for the banquet just held were made by Bro. Fred. I. Walker, and Bro. Wilson, of the Fall River station, and were above criticism. The scene of the gathering was the Hotel Savoy, Fall River, and Mr. McCarthy, the genial host, outdid himself to give the boys a good time.

Bro. Ross, local chairman of the Old Colony Division, acted as toastmaster and proved to the satisfaction of all, that besides looking the part he possessed a whole lot of ability.

Bros. Trainor and Wilson spoke on subjects of interest, and the discussion became general, all present taking part.

The time and place of the 1910 affair has not yet been decided on, but as the same committee has charge of the arrangements it is a foregone conclusion that it will be a success. COR.

ARNOLD MILLS, R. I., April 16, 1909.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of Providence Division No. 35, O. R. T., and all other friends for their generous contributions to me in my present sickness. Words can not express my appreciation, and I wish it were possible for me to thank them all personally.

Yours fraternally,

W. M. WOOD.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

What's the matter with Division No. 37? Two months have passed and no items. How can we claim that No. 37 is one of the most progressive divisions in the East unless we have a write-up each month thereby letting other divisions see we are not dead ones.

A word to members in New Rochelle: We have at least fifteen members here and the average attendance is about three. This does not look well when other members come fifty miles to be present. Those who are married should coax their better halves to let them have the second Friday each month off, and if they refuse they (the members) should show their independence by coming any way. The chief will appoint a committee to escort all such members home in safety.

Bro. F. R. Gallagher, agent at Bethel, accompanied by his family, is spending a few weeks in the Catskill mountains.

Bro. F. N. Taylor, who was injured while on duty at Oak Point Yard, is able to be out, after the lapse of five weeks. Ere this is in print he will be back on duty.

Bro. T. J. Gallagher was not at our May meeting on account of being in attendance at the convention. Come to the June meeting and hear all about it.

The committee has been appointed to make arrangements for our annual clam bake, and no doubt it will be up to the standard if not better than on former occasions. Every one is looking forward to it, and from all accounts it will be "better than ever"

Bro. Tiffany is spending his vacation in Susquehanna and vicinity. He formerly resided in Susquehanna.

Cos Cob and Harrison have been silenced in regard to reporting trains. We understand they are to be discontinued June 1st.

Many of the boys are wondering what will become of us when the branch towers are closed. Cheer up, we can go fishing. CERT. 10.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

At our May meeting we had a very-much-alive crowd, and things moved along nicely. Among the items of business transacted was the reception of five (5) petitions for membership, and advice from three of the five members who were in arrears to the effect that they would do the needful in the course of a few days. Thus the good work is going on among us; the prospects are very good for a prosperous future for this division. Individual effort has certainly been the real thing with us; but it must be admitted, however, that some of us have really exerted ourselves but very little, and a few have done about all the work. We notice that the larger our membership becomes the faster it grows accordingly, and will continue to grow until such time as all of the material (nons) is exhausted and solid organization will be the result of our activity in converting the available material into the finished product, good loyal members of the Order. Should this article reach any "dead ones" it is earnestly hoped that they will get busy and do their little bit, each and every one do something in their own locality, let this appeal not be in vain, if you have already done well you can do better. This means you and me and all of us. An especial effort should be made and made now. How many of us will do our share? I desire to remind one and all that we should have a better attendance at our meetings, in view of the fact that there are a good many members living within a short distance of Springfield; there certainly should be a larger attendance at all of these meetings. Many brothers go to a great deal of inconvenience, losing rest and undergoing more or less expense for the purpose of attending division meet-

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ings. These men deserve much credit and will long be remembered for their faithfulness.

They can feel the satisfaction of the righteous, and are not afraid to look another brother square in the eye, because they are right with their conscience. I believe every man has a conscience, although it's sometimes a difficult matter to find it.

There is another class of men who really do not seem to make any effort whatever to get to our meetings; this doesn't mean the "other man," it means you if you don't attend when there is no better reason for your absence than the picture-shows, bowling alleys, etc., etc. Some of the boys who live within fifteen minutes trolley ride, and others not over fifteen minutes walk from the division room, do not seem to care what is done at meetings, but if you meet them later they will show a very lively interest. We know these boys are really interested, but it's simply a question of careless indifference. We believe they simply do not realize the importance of being at meetings, keeping informed and learning the work which every good O. R. T. man should participate in at one time or another. Then again: some of the out-of-town members travel many miles, undoubtedly with the intention of being on hand for the meetings; some will arrive in town, and right in sight of the division room will turn the other way (there is not much chance for a change of moral attitude between the station and division room across the street), and roam over the city seeing the sights when without a doubt they would feel much more like men the next day had they attended the meeting.

Now then, brothers, won't you take this unto yourselves and come out to the meetings and help in the conducting of same, all these matters which come up in a division are of vital importance to you all, do your duty. If anyone has a grouch come and thrash it out, don't sulk like a child. If any brother has met with opposition in the division room (because all could not agree with him on some particular question), just think it over deliberately and see if it does not occur to you that the majority of members should have the moral and legal right to decide all matters. Come along to meetings one and all, there will certainly be plenty to keep you interested once you come in.

Let us remember the rule. Get the beam out of our own eye, and then the other fellow may look different to us. Few of us but have some fault, let us forgive any of these little faults we find in others, to the end that we may expect to likewise be forgiven.

Bro. Freehan has gone to Panama, did not hear further particulars. We are sorry to see him go, and he has the best wishes of all, wherever he may be.

Those of us who met Bro. Powers at the train, on his way to the convention, were pleased to see his jaw at the proper angle, and that he would make good.

The writer would like to see some of the ladies along the road, but it's almost impossible just now. Would like to see some one of our members "act the gallant," and maybe we would have a larger attendance of the opposite sex. They should be given the opportunity to grace the meetings.

Here is hoping that our division correspondent will "come out of it." SETH.

Boston Div., No. 41.

At a recent meeting, when the matter of a spread was being discussed, a suggestion was made which might be acted upon to good advantage by the members of this division. More or less attention has been given in the past, and with very good results, to the matter of feeding the stomach. These gatherings create a closer bond of fellowship among the men and should be encouraged. However, there is another equally or more important appetite which needs attention. I refer to feeding the mind as well. With a little effort on our part, and little or no expense, speakers could be obtained thoroughly qualified to inform us on leading topics of the day. Let us think for a moment what they might talk about. First they might tell us just what we are organized for, and just what union labor stands for. Perhaps you already know. It has, however, been my experience to note that in an argument with a non the majority of members are not able to hold up their side of the question. If they were, there would be no nons.

Have the unions benefited the unionists? Of course all will admit this. If these were all that were benefited we might well be accused of mercenary motives. Is the principle of unionism beneficial to the public and society at large? There is no room for doubt in this direction either. First, it has raised the standard of life among all classes of society and assured all of a living wage. The hours of work have been shortened, giving an opportunity for education and recreation, and greatly diminishing the number of accidents. Unionism is responsible for the elimination of the sweat shop, and improved sanitary conditions; likewise the child-labor law, and the limiting of the number of hours that women may work, thus safeguarding the health of those upon whom posterity so vitally depends.

Has it benefited the employer? It would probably be difficult for you to make some of them admit it, but it is true, nevertheless. In establishing a definite labor cost for a definite period of time, industry itself is steadied, and a uniformity otherwise impossible is secured. In the shortening of the hours statistics show that a much greater efficiency has been obtained, thus directly benefiting him. The increased wage comes back to him in an increased ability to produce and in increased consumption.

To sum up, the unionist, the public and the employer all share the benefits in this onward march of progress.

What about the injunction? Can you tell the inquirer why you do not favor it? The tendency of the times is toward giving every man the right of trial by his peers. The injunction takes away

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this right, and in this is wrong in principle. The absolute lack of uniformity in its operation, as applied at different times, also makes as to just where its abuse will end. That it is being applied in a manner contrary to what was intended by its creators there is no doubt.

In Germany and England it was the abuse of these matters that finally brought the labor party together and obtained there what will be impossible here until the very fountain head itself is reached. In this country labor has constantly endeavored to avoid any political party, but the climax is being forced upon us and there seems but one relief and that is through the powers at Washington and politics. Let us have a campaign of education.

With the rapidly increasing membership of our division, and consequent increase in number of the calls for assistance made by members, in time of sickness, it would seem that the time is at hand when some means should be devised whereby our sick members could be aided without constant demands upon our local treasury. As it now stands our treasury is ample for all running expenses, and for calls from the general committee, besides leaving a fair sum for emergencies. Up to this time we have been able to render substantial aid to our members in time of trouble, without circulating many subscription papers, but it is a question of how long we will be able to do this without levying an assessment, which should only be done as a last resort.

The question of a sick benefit fund has been agitated by a number of the members, and it seems now as if it were one of the best things that could be brought about, and the question will be brought before the division. The members will be given a chance to debate on the matter and the best means of going about it. With such a membership as we have, a sick benefit of some kind could easily be established, and would no doubt be a success; for example starting with a contribution of some set amount, say one dollar from each member wishing to join, and a small monthly contribution of a certain amount to be agreed upon, when the matter is brought before the division, or when the idea becomes a reality, we could easily raise a fund which would be independent of our treasury, and which would give to sick members, who belong to the association, a certain sum for a stated period of time, when they are in need of it. Such a fund could be handled by trustees, who could be appointed by the members, and be entirely independent of the local treasury, or could be handled by our secretary-treasurer in connection with the division funds, but still be kept separate. The members should think this matter over carefully, and when the matter is brought up before the division, they should each and every one have something to say on the subject, and any suggestions or ideas from members who are unable to attend the meetings on account of distance, or by reason of their hours of work interfering, will be gladly received by the chief telegrapher or by the secretary and presented at the meeting. Something of this kind has been adopted by other divisions and by a local organization, and as far as can be learned has met with success.

The business part of the May meeting had to be cut very short on account of time given to committee on the "Pension Bill." The workings of the bill was very clearly explained by members of the committee, and will be continued at the June meeting, when more time can be devoted to discussion of it; there was a good attendance, and every one present seemed to take an interest in the subject; it is to be hoped that we will have as large attendance at the next meeting, as it is a subject that interests each and every one of us. Several of the members took advantage of the opportunity to question the committee upon different points of the bill. A word of caution and advice may come in place here, regarding the entirely unnecessary and uncalled for demonstration made by some of the members at the meeting. It was, to say the least, in extremely bad taste and reflected on the Order as a body. The speakers were invited to be present at the meeting by request of a number of our members, therefore, in a sense, they were our guests, and entitled to respect as such, and even if all of the explanations were not clearly understood by every one present, there was no call for demonstrations of this kind. It places our Order in a bad light as an Order, and reflected on every well-meaning member present at the meeting. We should remember that at all times when the division is in session business must be conducted in an orderly business-like manner, and that while at times arguments may become a little warm, and perhaps a little feeling may be shown, the courtesy of the Order should be shown toward non members and visitors.

Eastern Division—Bro. Eccleston has taken Beverly, ticket job, in the place of Bro. E. C. Clifford, deceased, and Bro. Aronson went to Newburyport, third trick, vice Mr. Hall, deceased.

Western Division—Bro. B. G. Tuck goes to Bradford, Mass., as ticket agent, and Bro. Collins to Wakefield, in place of our former Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Tuck, who has left the service.

Southern Division—Bro. McDougall, of Coldbrook, bid in Gilbertville, vice Bro. Walcott, who has resigned; Bro. Hunt of Rutland, second trick, taking Coldbrook station.

Fitchburg Division—Mr. Simpson, of first trick at Gardner, is on a vacation in Brunswick, Maine. Bro. Alden of Orange, Mass., is enjoying a leave of absence. The agent's job at Peterboro, N. H., which was put up for bid last month, was bulletined in error. The agent was sick and off duty, but has returned to work. Bros. Porter and Roseberry, at Royalston, took in the May meeting, Bro. Roseberry being relieved by Mr. E. D. Smith, who is now relieving Bro. Alden at Orange.

A great deal of work is looked for by the brothers when the summer schedule becomes effective, June 21st. Every one will be on the jump until fall. Stevens station is again on the

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map, snow has been shoveled out, and the difference of opinion regarding price of live stock between shippers at Woburn and consignee at West Somerville has been adjusted and matters are now O. K. CERT. 80.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It seemed fitting to God to remove from our midst Bro. E. C. Clifford, late ticket agent at Beverly, Mass., be it therefore

Resolved, That we extend to his widow, his children and his mother, our sympathy in this their hour of grief, and be it further

Resolved, That Division No. 41 drape its charter as a symbol of sorrow, and mark of mourning, for the young life which glided away so early, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our division, a copy be sent to his widow and children, and that a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. B. BODE,
J. H. ECCLESTON,
H. F. CUNNINGHAM,
Committee.

Edward C. Clifford, of Division No. 41, died at his home in Essex, Mass., after a long illness. Bro. Clifford was ticket agent at Beverly, Mass., for the past three or four years, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He leaves a mother, wife and two children.

The funeral was held from his late home in Essex, Sunday, April 18th, and was largely attended. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, including a wreath from Division No. 41.

The bearers were Bros. F. E. Lambert, J. H. Eccleston, M. Freedman, J. Aronson, J. J. Lehan and Mr. J. F. Crowley, all of Salem.

The interment was at Essex.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of May was held at the usual time and place, with a very small attendance.

President S. J. Konenkamp, of the C. T. U. A., dropped in to see how we do business in old No. 44, and he was heard to remark, after the meeting adjourned, that it put him in mind of old No. 52.

Bro. Konenkamp favored us with a few remarks, which were well received, and all who heard him hope to have him favor us with another visit whenever it is convenient for him to do so.

A few excuses from the brothers who failed to attend the meeting: "I was tired," from an eight-hour man. "I forgot all about it," from another that was told during the day. "I had a date," from another one, and so on. Now brothers, this won't do, you expect the Order to look out for your interests and you fail to look out for the Order's interests. This means dollars and cents to you, just the same as it does to the man that has his capital invested in a store or any other enterprise. Come out once a month and lend us your assistance, it won't hurt you, and we know it will do you lots of good.

We are reliably informed that Bro. E. B. Collyer has invented a new combined box relay and sounder, and has applied for a patent. We hope he will meet with success in the venture.

Bro. F. Carlough bid in first trick at "EX," Flatbush Avenue.

Bro. E. M. Jones bid in third trick at "JE," Jamaica.

Bro. Andrew Doxey bid in third trick at Hollis.

The many friends of Bro. P. L. Donovan are pleased to see him again on the job, after a few weeks' illness.

The new tower at Hicksville is about completed, and will go into service in a few days. This is a forty-eight lever machine, and will make Bro. Hewlett sweat some this summer.

Bro. P. L. Donovan is handling the tower at Belmont Park during the races, with Bros. Knecht and Vorhees at the Wye end of it.

The new station at Floral Park is about completed, and Bro. Kaufman is walking around with a broad smile on his face.

NOTICE.

The semi-annual dues for the term ending December 31st are due July 1st, and should be remitted to the secretary and treasurer, A. A. Leonard, No. 365 Shelton Ave., Jamaica, N. Y. The amount is $4 50. KNOCKER.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Maryland Division—

Our secretary and treasurer, Bro. Melvin, is at this time attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga. According to newspaper reports the delegates were received very cordially by the Governor of Georgia and the Mayor of Atlanta. No doubt the boys are enjoying their trip South.

Bro. Gibson has been absent several days (on account of sickness), Mr. Callaghan filling his post.

Bro. Dempsey, of Newark, is spending several days of his vacation in the country, and is being relieved by an extra man.

Bro. Cassidy attended Ringling Bros.' circus, May 14th.

Iron-Hill, "SK" tower, has just received a new suit of spring clothes, in the form of a coat of paint.

Our relief man on lower end of B. & P. has a new stopping place on his journey, and has also received notice of a raise in his salary by the additional block at Glendale, "GA," which is being held down by extra men as yet. This new office was opened at noon April 15th, and makes a very close block with Seabrook.

The office at Lanham, "DX," which has been in service since March 1st, has at last been assigned its regular men. Bro. Pettibone, first; Messrs. Brahler and McDaniel, second and third,

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respectively. Seabrook has also been filled: Mr. Vitek, second, and Bro. Greenly, third.

Bro. Ober bid in second trick at "JU," Anacostia Freight Yard, which for some time was filled by extra men.

Bro. Mickey, who did such fine work at "DS," Bay-View, has bid in second trick at Calverton Block.

Bro. Cosden, of "CU," Shellpot-Cut-Off, is filling extra trick in Wilmington.

There seem to be a few nons left, but they are coming our way slowly. Get after them boys, and see if we can not have a solid O. R. T. division. DIV. COR.

Delaware Division—

Mr. E. H. Taylor, agent at Hursley, was quarantined for two weeks in May, on account of diphtheria in his family; relieved by Bro. Megee.

We learn that Extra Agent Roe spent part of May on the D. M. & V., relieving agents at Ironshire and Redden.

Our superintendent and party was down the D. M. & V. one day this month, inspecting.

Bro. A. G. Smith held forth on the B. & D. B. branch during May, relieving agents at Black, Still Pond and Lynch. We would all be relief agents if we could get such jobs as these.

By the time this appears in print the berry rush will be almost over.

Bro. A. E. Culver, the telegrapher at Easton, spent two days in Showell recently.

Bro. Vansant, of Delmar, spent his relief day in Crumpton as usual.

Bro. Easom, of "DA," was in Wilmington on his relief day; relieved by Mr. Dickerson.

Mr. Russell dropped down to Redden during May, to relieve the agent a few days. Finding he could not secure any boarding place there, asked our division operator, on the wire, if he could board in Georgetown. In reply he was asked why he could not board at Redden as the other relief men had been doing. The following was his reply: "The last extra man who worked here skipped his board bill, and the man who has been taking the extra telegraphers to board as an accommodation refuses to board any more." Because one man was a grand rascal, those who are all right have to suffer for his acts. The party who skipped his board bill at Redden is known to some of us, and if we hear of another similar occurrence, we will give you his name for your benefit. We are mighty glad to say that this man was one that we can not call a "brother." We understand this party left another bill along the division unpaid this spring, and if he should happen to see this we hope he will take warning. Mr. Russell only stayed at Redden one day, and was relieved by Extr Agent Roe, who was also unable to get board.

It seems very strange that even though our boys have been blessed with an eight-hour day they can not give the company good service. Now is the very time that good service is required by every one of us to show our ability and prove to the company that we are a part of the employes that they can not very well do without. The new telephone system went in effect May 6th, and all train work is being done on it. This system seems to work very satisfactory so far, but we yet fail to see the improvement over the old "telegraph."

Our faithful and well-known Local Chairman L. G. Jenkins has tendered his resignation, to take effect in the near future. Bro. Jenkins has acted in this capacity for the past three years, and his services have been very satisfactory.

Bro. Thos. W. Truitt, of Clayton, is attending the convention.

Bro. Iliffe, of Millsboro, spent a few days with his father at Hursley recently.

Bro. W. O. Merrick, of Easton, spent a Sunday with Extra Freight Conductor Anderson at Oxford during May.

Business all over the Delaware Division shows an increase over last year, and from present prospects it will continue to improve during the balance of the year. This is good news for the company as well as its employes.

Bro. T. E. Allen worked in "X" office during Mr. Atwell's vacation.

"BE" and "M" Blocks opened up April 17th, and the tricks were bid in as follows: "BE," first, Mr W. S. Whitlock; second, Mr. H. Sterling; third, Mr. M. J. Elliottt. "M," first, Mr. A. M. Eskridge; second, Bro. Leon Stein; third, Mr. R. H. Todd. It looks as though some one up in that district would have to do some missionary work.

Quite a number of the boys attended Ringling Brothers' circus in Wilmington, May 14th.

Bros. Byrd, Truitt and Butler spent their relief days at home. Bro. Taylor spent his in Philadelphia. DIV. COR.

Moncton Div., No. 63.

We have begun the new year with almost a perfect front, all over our division, from end to end. There are a few telegraphers who have just started in the service. We should secure them while the cheap rates are in effect.

Bro. G. O. Forbes, secretary of the Board of Directors, Spring Hill Junction, left for St. Louis, Mo., to attend the telegraphers' board meeting. He was relieved by Bro. W. F. McGrath, relieving agent, of Truro Division.

Bro. R. M. Scribner, of Amherst has been quite ill for the last few weeks. Relieved by Bro. Dalton.

Bro. R. R. Smith, of Amherst, who has been away on his vacation, has returned to work.

Bro. P. C. Ryder, of Hampton, is relieving Chief Clerk H. W. Lusby, at the Amherst freight office.

Bro. Harry Lowerson, of Evans, is spending his vacation in New York. Relieved by Bro. Frank Wheaton.

Bro. H. W. Wiles, agent at Calhouns, is absent for two weeks, owing to the illness of his mother. Relieved by Bro. Roy Morton.

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Telegrapher Roy Williams is working the night trick.

Bro. Frank Landry, who has been ill for the last month, has returned to work.

Bro. A. A. Jones, of Petitcodiac, who has been very ill for the last six months, has returned to work. He was relieved by Telegrapher Ross Brown while absent.

Bro. A. J. Gray, relieving agent for Moncton Division, is now at Cold Brook for a few days.

Bro. Driscoll, of the ticket office at St. John depot, has been at the freight department during the past season, and is soon expected to return to his own position. DIV. COR.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Changes are few and far between this month, but we've got what few there are, so here goes:

Bro. A. K. Leverick, formerly of Hampton, who was transferred from Division No. 2 to No. 71, has now been transferred to the Grand Division, he having left the service of the Iowa Central.

Bro. M. J. Cahill of Union agency, has been transferred from Division No. 52 to No. 71. We like to have the brothers and sisters belong to our division as long as they are working on the line.

Sister Charlotte M. Weldon has been transferred from Division No. 31 to No. 71. Sister Weldon is holding down first trick at Mason City.

Bro. Clyde Hunter has gone from Little York to Berwick, he having traded jobs with Bro. H. A. Sweigard, who comes to us from Division No. 54, and who will be found at Little York for the present.

Bro. H. E. Aye, of Division No. 76, is now the new agent at Cramers. We notice that when the company gets hold of a new man with an up-to-date, he generally understands his business. Very few of the boomers can show the pasteboard. Bro. Aye will be transferred as soon as he has been here the necessary length of time.

Fred J. Yenney is the new agent at Marsh. Think we will have to do some missionary work around Marsh.

Tom Ray is again at Hedrick days.

Bro. O. L. Davis, of Richland, has been away since the 10th of May, attending the session of the Grand Division at Atlanta, Ga. W. P. Vannoy has been doing the relief act.

We understand that Bro. Davis was late in getting to the convention, as the company failed to get his relief, and he had to furnish it himself at the eleventh hour.

Effective April 26th, F. E. Martin's jurisdiction as chief dispatcher was extended over the Northern and Southern Divisions and Branches.

Another change of agents at Mason City Junction, but can not say who got "soaked" this time.

There is a change of third trick men at Hampton. A gentleman by the name of Miller is on the job at present.

Bro. E. A. Cross is agent at Eldora while Bro. Edwards is taking a short vacation.

Bro. E. E. Carder is again agent at Gifford and we understand he will be until they can find some one else for the job. What's the use of hunting any further?

Bro. Ed Urbine resigned the job at Union after a "jangle" with one of the dispatchers because a certain newspaper said "he did not have six hands and could not be in half a dozen different places at once." He was relieved by Bro. M. J. Cahill. Can't say what Ed's plans are for the future.

In last month's items we reported Bro. Cahill as having gone to Montana which was an error.

Bro. Ralph Mitchell has left Marshalltown third trick and we understand that he has gone to Canada. He was relieved by a Mr. Carmichael.

We understand that Sullivan, at Grinnell, has been promoted to the position of cashier at the freight house. Don't know if you would call it a promotion or not if you could see the inside of that place. Ziska is reported to have worked himself to death in the place, such a condition was it in.

Olaf station on the Algona Branch has been opened, an agent having been appointed there, but no wires have been cut in.

No card, no favors. CORRESPONDENT.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

At our meeting on May 21st, the Belvidere Division was well represented. Our worthy chief telegrapher, Bro. M. T. Bryson, who was also our delegate to the Atlanta convention, explained to us what was done at the convention, and every one enjoyed it very much. Bro. Bryson was given a rising vote of thanks for the interest he had taken as our delegate. After all the business was attended to, the meeting adjourned at 11 p. m.

Bro. Goddard seems to have a liking for other people's overcoats. At the meeting he exchanged with Bro. Bryson and did not notice it until told about it two hours afterwards.

Mr. W. P. Maloney was off for two weeks. Mr. W. H. Wilmot, Jr., third trick at "X" Wilburtha, filling Mr. Maloney's place at "DK" Dickinson, during the time. Bro. A. W. Stoudt filled Mr. Wilmot's place.

We understand that Mr. Ashcroft bid in third trick at "FJ" Flemington Junction.

Mr. Foy bid in second trick at Moore which was made vacant by Mr. Ashcroft going to "FJ."

Bro. Harte bid in second trick at "FH" Lambertville.

Mr. T. E. Ryan third trick at "FJ" Flemington Junction, has resigned to accept a position with the P. & R. Bro. Northrup also resigned to accept a position with the P. & R.

Mr. T. J. Laine has been transferred from first trick at "FD" Frenchtown, to last trick "FG" Trenton. Mr. F. N. Gordon, second trick at "FD" Frenchtown, to first trick at that place.

Bro. Decker, who was filling in at "FG" Trenton, is back at "G" L. & H. Junction first trick.

Bro. W. R. Weaver, from first trick at "G" L. & H. Junction, to twelve hour job at "C" Belvidere, his regular job.

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Am unable to give much upper end news this month as I did not receive any. Will try to do better next time.

The following positions are up for bid at present writing: First trick at "N" Niece, third trick at "N" Niece, and second trick at "RX" Roxburg.

DIV. COR.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to call to Himself our dearly beloved brother, William Clancy, and

WHEREAS, the absence of this dearly beloved brother creates a void in our hearts and a break in the ranks of our organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, By Chicago Division No. 91, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in regular meeting assembled, that we express our growing sense of our heavy loss; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her who misses him most of all, as the one most capable of appreciating the void he leaves in our hearts; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our honored president, as the one most capable of appreciating the void he leaves in our organization; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this body, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, with a request for publication therein.

E. M. MOORE,
W. E. CARTER,
W. F. MCDONALD,
Committee.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

Elmira Division, No. 100, still continues to be in a prosperous and harmonious condition with the best of feeling prevailing between telegraphers and officials. Our members are enthusiastic and meetings are well attended considering the distance many have to come.

We have one member for each mile and a half of track covered by the division. Can any division on a single track road beat this?

We are sorry to say that at this writing Bro. W. U. Phillips, of Horseheads is seriously ill. Bro. Phillips is our new correspondent for the journal, and on account of sickness he was unable to represent us in the May number. We all miss him and trust that he will soon be with us again.

The familiar "fist" of Bro. Cayward is again heard at Hall, after an absence of over one month. He has returned from a trip to the West, where he went to look over some copper mines in which he and Ashley Pond are interested. Bro. Cayward combined pleasure with business and visited a sister at Regan, Neb., while absent. He also visited a few small cities in that part of the country, including Denver and Chicago. He reports having a pleasant and successful trip, but we can not understand how a man traveling alone could see so much and have so many thrilling adventures.

Bro. Fuller went to Washington several weeks ago to meet his brother, who is one of Uncle Sam's sailor boys. Bro. Fuller thought he would get a few pictures of the navy yard, but he had pressed the button only about twice before he was arrested. After being taken before nearly all the officers, from the corporal of the guard to the officer of the day, and showing them all his papers and Pennsylvania railroad passes he finally convinced them that he was not a Jap. spy and was then released. Bro. Dunning has written a serial story on this adventure.

Bro. Elliott is riding around over the road these days studying yards and sidings. He will soon be an extra dispatcher and we know he will make good.

Mr. Hatch, a new man on the road, is working third trick at Starkey. I do not see him wearing the button, although I have it from good authority that he is a member of the N. Y. C. System Division, and have seen kodak pictures of him wearing the button, and from some of them would judge that he is not opposed to unions. He should send in his card and be transferred.

Bro. Tipton, the relief agent, is working a few days for the agent at Phelps Junction. He reports this a busy place and says the telephone takes up considerable of his time.

Bro. Bob Holdredge has taken unto himself a wife and is now leading the happy life.

Bro. Fox, extra agent is at present working at Marsh Hill Junction.

Miss Hayes has gone back to third trick at McKinney.

The writer recently relieved the agent at Rock Stream for one day and Telegrapher Martin furnished so many good things to eat and drink that it was almost impossible to do any work.

Bro. Harry Gibbs who has more friends on this pike than any telegrapher we know is married and living the happy life of a hen-pecked husband at Oil City, Pa., where he is engaged in the meat business for Armour & Co.

It was our pleasure to shake the hand of Bro. G. W. Gesler a few days ago. Bro. Gesler left the road about three years ago and is now in the leather business. His many friends are always glad to hear from him and to know that he still carries a card.

The pay car now runs over the north end every two weeks but this does not meet with much favor from the employes.

Any one having items for the journal please send them in. We are unable to see everything that goes on over the entire division. If you do not see just what you are looking for it is your own fault.

Sister Clemie Miller is working the second trick at Horseheads during the absence of Bro. Wood, who is attending the big doings in Atlanta..

Bro. Osgood is spending his mornings planting flowers.

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South End Notes—

Bro. Stub Gray attended the meeting May 11th, but positively refused to partake of the ice cream. His brother however, managed to get away with enough to do for the pair.

Harry D. Hammond, one of our charter members has taken up his residence at Indiana, Pa. We miss him greatly at our gatherings, but wish him well.

At the convention in Atlanta a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed, which certainly was a good move, and we trust that the organization will be greatly benefited by it.

Those who failed to attend our meeting May 11th certainly missed a great treat. Refreshments were served and music furnished by both sisters and brothers present.

Remember the dates of meetings: The second Tuesdays at 10:30 a. m. and the fourth Tuesdays at 9 p. m.

Bro. W. H. Marquardt, at Cogan Valley, has been called home on account of the illness of his father. Relieved by Mr. White.

Bro. Bryant recently visited friends in New Jersey.

Bro. O. E. Miller is holding down the first trick at Trout Run.

Bro. Eaden is working the third trick at Bodine Siding, and Bro. Irwin is working second.

Bro. Fish has been transferred to Ralston third trick on bid.

Bro. Hoag has been transferred from Ralston third trick to "M" tower second trick.

Mr. Livingston is now working second trick at Marsh Hill Junction.

Bro. Lewis has been transferred to Starkey from Marsh Hill Junction, on bid.

Bro. C. S. Robinson landed first trick at Marsh Hill Junction, on bid.

Bro. B. P. Evans landed first trick at Fassett Siding, on bid, vacating third trick at Roaring Branch, which was bid in by Bro. H. E. Gray.

Bro. Bennett is still doing first trick stunt at Penbryn.

Bro. H. G. Furman was transferred from third trick at Fassett to third trick at Penbryn, on bid.

Bro. Bill Peterman is doing the third trick stunt and Bro. Andrews the first at Canton.

Bro. H. C. Jones, of Col. X Roads was off duty a few days, fishing at Roaring Branch.

If some good brother will kindly keep me informed as to what is doing on the upper end each month, his kindness will be appreciated and will be a great help to me in writing up the Elmira Division. Bro. C. R. Elliott will be glad to advise where to send communications. COR.

Cresson Div., No. 109.

Cresson Division, No. 109 held its regular monthly meetings on March 6 April 3, and May 1, 1909, respectively. While the attendance was comparatively small, there was a keen interest manifested in the various topics under discussion by those present. Especially was this true of our April meeting, there having been several communications read which set the boys to thinking about right on certain matters, and not a few were filled with indignation at the present outlook, but it is to be hoped that by good generalship on the part of our leaders, certain rights wherein our Order is deeply concerned may be duly respected. There is no denying the fact that our organization has made some very rapid strides in the way of achievements in the great cause of labor generally, notwithstanding the strongest powers in the universe have concentrated their efforts against us; and still the grand cause of God and humanity has more than held its own, which beautifully exemplifies the fact that "right, not might, must prevail." Therefore, let us not become discouraged at the injustice which labor has received at the hands of the capitalistic class and certain decisions recently handed down by a judge high in authority. All this goes to show how important it is to vote right and elect men to office who are not adverse to the interests of labor.

Since our last write-up, death has claimed two of the brothers in Division No. 109. Bro. George T. Plotner, first trick telegrapher at "W" tower, after a protracted illness of several weeks, died on April 17th, 1909, of Bright's disease. As a private member of the Order we always found him the same faithful, unselfish friend, ever ready to do anything in his power to further the interests of the Order. To the grief-stricken family, which consists of a wife, one son and two daughters, we tender the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss, a loss while great to us and the community as a model citizen, is far greater to them, inasmuch as it deprives them of a kind and loving husband and father.

Bro. Thomas Eathorn, a member of Cresson Springs Division, No. 109, and a resident of Carnegie, Pa., was suddenly summoned on April 25th, his death being due to heart failure. He was a brother of sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all, and while we bow with humble submission to Him, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to members of his family and those who will miss his presence.

At our regular meeting, held in May, a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions covering the deaths of the two departed brothers as noted above, and which will be found elsewhere in the journal.

In conclusion, I might add that we had one applicant for membership in the Order at our May meeting, which was favorably acted upon, admitting another member to the fold.

CORRESPONDENT.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our loyal brother and co-worker, Bro. Geo[illegible]n dis[illegible]ost trusted Plotner; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our [illegible]ath Mr. Culton [illegible]rder, but from a of his long ser[illegible] the writer had with him a few

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his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, that endeared him to all who knew him; and, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Cresson Division, No. 109, extend to the members of his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days in commemoration thereof.

THOMAS W. RYAN,
WM. H. PICKERILL,
LOUIS BITER,
Committee.

Conemaugh, Pa., May 1, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Thomas Eathorn, and while we humbly submit in this decree of the All-Wise, and know that our brother has received a promotion, we can but feel deeply the loss of his presence; and be it

Resolved, That we desire to express our respect, love and appreciation for our departed brother, who was a faithful and loyal member; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the members of his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Division, No. 109, sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days in memory thereof.

THOMAS W. RYAN,
WM. H. PICKERILL,
LOUIS BITER,
Committee.

Conemaugh, Pa., May 1, 1909.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular May meeting was held in Kane, at 10:45 a. m., Monday, May 17th, with a fairly good attendance. We were glad to see some of the sisters present, and hope that this is only the beginning of a regular attendance of the sisters of this division. We have some of the finest and are justly proud of them. Among those present were Sisters Geary and Thorsten, of Kane, and Bros. Griskey, Barner and Schroff; Bro. Griskey acting as C. T., Bro. Barner as S. and T. The next meeting at Kane will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall, on Fraley Street, at 10:30 a. m., ...stead of 3 p. m. as was first decided. A good ...ited ... ...e from the second and third trick mem- ...including ... ...ly solicited.

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16th, at 8 o'clock p. m. This is a very important meeting as the delegate's report will be read, and Bros. Edwards and Perry will give a very interesting talk on the outlook of the Order. Please try and be present at this meeting if possible. Our representatives at the convention will return prepared to give us full details of the situation in an intelligent and interesting manner. Let everybody turn out and make a good showing.

Aside from the wife of Bro. Newberry, of "AK," Renovo, being ill, I am glad to say that all members are in good health at this time, and everybody working.

Telegrapher Wiggins has been awarded third trick at Howards.

Bro. Bryant, from the Chautauqua Division, is working third trick at Rathbun, and will transfer to Division No. 110 next month.

Telegrapher Hoag has been awarded the second trick at "F" tower, Cameron.

Bro. Sulivan, of "HY" tower, Huntley, leaves us on June 1st, to accept an agency on the P. S & N. R. R. at Shawmut, Pa.

In the April Discipline Bulletin I note that six telegraphers received suspensions and reprimands. Sleeping and poor service seem to be the complaints. These shortcomings should be remedied at once. I wish when any of the members of this division are disciplined they would communicate with me in order that it can be shown whether or not the union men or the nons are causing this trouble. We don't want any thing charged to us for which we are not responsible. On the other hand, if O. R. T. men are disciplined, we want an opportunity to counsel them.

Bro. W. A. Russel, of Keating, enjoyed a fishing trip on Lake Erie a short time since, and brought home a nice basket full of sea bass.

Bro. Bechtold, of "MS," Wistar, is relieving Bro. Perry, at Keating, while the latter is acting as alternate to the convention.

Bro. Booth, of Columbia, Pa., is posting on the Manual block work at Cameron and Sterling Run, and will probably be awarded the third trick at Cameron.

Telegrapher Gakle, of Keating, is relieving Bro. Bechtold at Wistar.

Sister G. J. Kane, the popular and efficient second trick telegrapher at "AK," Renovo yard, has been complimented by the officials on her good service while in that office. Sister Kane holds the respect and esteem of all of the trainmen, telegraphers, dispatchers, and, in fact, everybody with whom she has occasion to work, and is a credit to Division No. 110. We wish her continued success.

Bro. L. R. Newberry, first trick at "AK," Renovo, is having his cup of trouble filled to the brim. His wife's life was despaired of for many days. However, we are glad to announce that Mrs. Newberry is out of immediate danger, at this writing, and strong hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Papers and letters received from Bros. Edwards and Perry, who are representing the division at Atlanta, show that the delegates are being well

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received, and entertained royally as befits the well-known Southern hospitality.

Sister McGraw, of "WY" tower, Kane, is enjoying a two weeks' visit; relieved by Telegrapher Barner, who has the second trick at that point. Mr. Barner relieved by Relief Telegrapher Cupp.

Bro. Jacobson, of Ludlow, second trick, is off on jury duty; relieved by Telegrapher Johnson, of Wetmore.

Bro. Campbell, of Sheffield, has accepted second trick at "MS," Wistar, and is doing good work.

Telegrapher Ganey, of Wilcox, is holding down third trick at Sheffield.

Sister Kiernan, of Clarendon, is enjoying a weeks' visit in Pittsburg; relieved by Relief Telegrapher Cupp.

Miss Fairchilds, third trick at Union City, is attending the funeral of her sister-in-law; relieved by Telegrapher Hovis, of Sheffield.

Bro. W. S. Barner, of Kane, is at Clarendon relieving Bro. Carlson, who was taken suddenly ill a short time ago; we hope for Bro. Carlson's speedy recovery.

Telegrapher Williams, of the B. & A. V. Division, is relieving Bro. Barner, at "WY" tower, Kane.

Bro. Krape, who has held the second trick at "F" tower, Cameron, has been awarded the first trick at that office, recently made vacant by Bro. Page being transferred into the signal department.

"Lest we forget," don't give any green blocks to pay cars without a message from the superintendent, or a "19" order to cover.

We are informed that Sister Floyd, who formerly held the first trick at "KS" tower, Sinnemahoning, has accepted a position with the Great Northern, at Seattle.

Bro. Pfoutz, of "HU," Huling, and Bro. Barner, of Kane, are making a neck and neck race to win the pennant for securing the most new members. Both of these brothers are hustlers, and indications are that a non can not be found on the Renovo Division with a fine tooth comb before the summer is over.

Plymouth Rock says:

"Our Order don't need any drones in the hive;
To line up the nons, let every one strive.
Tear the scales from their eyes and teach them to see
The blessings in Union, through the great O. R. T."

"Truly an up-to-date card is a mark of true Americanism. The principles for which we are fighting now are the same as those our forefathers fought for in 1776—freedom from oppression. Nons hunt up a history of the American Revolution and read it, and if you hesitate to join the Order after that, I fear you are lost souls. How can you accept the good things the Order has secured, without contributing your share towards returning something for the many favors received at her hands. Don't be drones any longer! Line up and be men among men!"

"PLYMOUTH ROCK."

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

For several months I have been soliciting notes from the membership of Division No. 117, and I am forced to admit that the response has been very generous—up to date the grand total amounts to something like naught. But we are not so easily discouraged in this neck of the woods. A membership of almost a decade in the noble O. R. T. has schooled us to expect these things. So, brothers, if you have an idea that you can force a blank space in the journal where notes from this division ought to be, you are doomed to disappointment. Therefore, wake up, send me something; if there is nothing of interest, go out after that non—they are quite plentiful on this pike—scalp him, send me the scalp, and you will receive due credit in these columns.

Brothers, there seems to be something eternally wrong with this division, and I am beginning to think that we are not made of the right kind of stuff—the kind that has made this grand Order of ours one of the greatest organizations of its kind in the world. We have enough members to do the work, and we have plenty of material to work on. Who will name the day when each one of us shall scalp at least one Indian? If we wish to succeed fully, we must have that non; there is no other way; now, all together.

I have just read an article that is going the rounds of the various newspapers, relative to a record made by the P. R. R. system during the past year, in which time not one passenger, out of the millions that were carried, was killed. I believe many other lines can say the same thing. This speaks volumes for our nine-hour law. It is an argument that can not be beaten. Let the public learn this truth and there is not a lawmaker in all the land who would dare cast his vote to abolish this law; there is not a judge on the bench of the Supreme Court who would dare declare it unconstitutional. Therefore, brothers, let us do all in our power to avoid mistakes. When an accident occurs, let it not be said that the telegrapher was at fault. We owe this to the public; we owe it to the men who struggled for us in the halls of Congress; we owe it to those who fought for us when the enemies of this law were trying to batter it down before the Interstate Commerce Commission; we owe it to our employer, and last of all we owe it to ourselves.

It grieves us beyond measure to have to chronicle the deaths of two of our old friends, Mr. G. W. Culton, first trick operator at "UR" tower, Lewisburg, Pa., and Bro. J. C. Collins, of Mahonay City, who resigned his position with the P. & R. a few days ago to accept a clerkship at Maple Hill colliery.

Mr. Culton was a man of sterling quality, young in years, being only about forty-five, yet ripe in experience. He had been with the P. & R. for many years, at one time was a train dispatcher and was always one of its most trusted employes. At the time of his death Mr. Culton was not a member of the Order, but from a conversation the writer had with him a few

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months since I believe he seriously intended to become a member during the summer. Mr. Culton was a gentleman in every sense of the word, he was a devout christian, and at various times and places filled pulpits in the absence of the regular pastor. One meets such men rarely, and you know them only to love them.

What has been said of Mr. Culton may also be said of Bro. Collins. His was a nature that knew no evil. Having worked in the same office with him for years, we learned to know his big heart. He was ever ready to do one a favor, his was a friendship of pure gold. Always cheerful and of a light heart, he cast sunshine all about him. Even when the dreaded white plague sunk its deadly fangs into his system and death threw its skeleton arms about him, he did not murmur, but smiled in his old way as he went marching to the grave. Bro. Collins was only twenty-eight years of age.

And so, as Mother Nature was putting on her beautiful spring gown, we robed these two for the tomb. And we may glean a lesson from the thousands that pressed about their caskets to gain a last look of these well-loved friends. They had reared their own monuments, not of clay nor even of solid rock, but something more enduring, for, indelibly, their deeds are written upon the hearts of men.

Mr. Nogle has been appointed to first trick at "UR" tower. Mr. McLaughlin has bid in second trick, vacated by Mr. Nogle, at the same point.

Mr. Baker, formerly at "WD," Williamsport, has resigned his position and gone to the Penn'a.

Bro. Nelson, now with the Penn'a, was around shaking hands with his old comrades a few days since.

Bro. Lyons, of N. B. Jct., called on some of the brothers on the C. & W. branch recently.

Quite a number of the boys took in the lecture on explosives, at Newberry, on the third.

Mr. Hagey has been appointed to second trick at West Milton. Bro. Ranck, please take notice.

Don't forget the notes, and, also, our next meeting.

CERT. 17.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

We hereby notify all the members that Bro. Nellis, of Wiliamstown, has ventured into business, and is running a restaurant, ice cream parlor and confectionery, directly in front of X station. His place of business is open all hours, and we hope you fellows will appreciate the fact that he is up-to-date, and call for dinner.

See that Bro. Hennessey, Bro. Jones and Bro. Hayner are going to race in the marathon, July 4th, with Bro. Woodlock as relay, also Mr. Bardwell will be relief after the 20th mile point. Race to come off at Mantague under the supervision of Bro. Cary.

Towerman Wickham is working as relief agent at Hoosick, while Bro. Potter is attending the convention.

Bro. Butler, of Schaghticoke, has been working in Troy for Union R. R., while Bro. Batson was in New York.

We understand that Sister Georgiana Moak will soon be leaving the tiresome trick at Schaghticoke.

Bro. Moston, of Buskirks, will make a tour of the States sometime in June, to get food for the novels he is writing.

Bro. Miller, of Scotia, was a visitor at Hoosac Tunnel, Saturday, May 15th, and came home with about twenty-five nice trout.

Telegrapher Borne is working third trick at Johnsonville, in place of Bro. VanWert who resigned to accept a position in Waltham watch works.

Bro. Brown, of Eagle Bridge, is still working extra, claiming he can earn more money and that he can learn the road much quicker, and in that way catch a side wire job, which means a future dispatcher sure.

Bro. Miller, of Valley Falls, is now working twelve hours per day, instead of his previous sixteen hours. He says this is the only time he ever enjoyed life so well, and learned what it was to have an evening off and get a good sleep.

Bro. Bringan, of Blackinton, was off sick recently, and Bro. Downing relieved him.

The following are the present officers of Division No. 139: O. A. Pitcher, chief; Frank Cook, secretary and treasurer; Chas. Downing, first vice-chief; Bro. C. E. Mosten, second vice-chief, with T. E. Powers, past chief; Charles Potter, chairman.

HENRY VAN FLE.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Southern Division—

Nearly all the men along the line are in their accustomed places, which goes to show that they are giving their undivided attention to the company's business, and should there be an exception to this rule, we hope he will follow suit. While I have an opportunity, would the membership permit me to draw attention to the fact that there are still a few individuals who are allowing the willing ones to shoulder their burden. To all such let me say, it is unfair, and should be discontinued. Get into the harness, where you belong, and assist in the work. If you stop to think a moment, you will bring to mind something you can do to help things along, which is a duty you owe your organization, so why not make good. Each one is responsible to the Order for his share. Another question of importance is that four agents along our line are still engaged in teaching students, and for what reason we are unable to understand. Surely when they take a good, honest look into their own hearts they must feel anything but manly, in face of the fact that they are receiving the fruits of organized labor, and in return for it, they are apparently trying to destroy the effect of the honest effort of their fellowmen, which, if they were eventually successful, would even rob themselves of an important part of their own daily bread. To those let me

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say, why not be men?. Cut out the student business so you can face your fellow-workers on even ground and give them a brotherly look, and shake of the hand when you meet them. Life is too short to curtail your own happiness in such a way, while you are at the same time withholding brotherly love from your fellow-workers, having placed a barrier between yourselves and them. Why not choose the better way and make life worth living. Think it over seriously, and cast your lot with the vast majority. Join the union which is the never failing friend of all wage earners, and come out before the world a whole-hearted, honest man in support of your God-given rights, and see that you get what is yours. When you have done your duty, just take notice of the results. They surely will please you, for you will be wiser and better paid men, and also possessors of sweetened souls, capable of giving to some unfortunate brother, something to cheer him on his way, thereby making this world better, because you have lived in it. Finding fault with your neighbor and the Order to which he belongs, won't remedy the supposed or imaginary evil, but on the other hand will bring trouble. Get right yourself and then dig in to help those who are pushing forward to the goal of victory. Don't be afraid to "right-about-face," when it is in the right direction. There is honor in so doing, and such acts are worthy of the highest commendation. Your co-workers will rejoice and give you their sympathy and assist you to maintain the position in life you will have obtained.

Now, boys, make a try. Let bygones be such. Strike out afresh and push on to the goal of victory.

"A kindness shown unto a brother, will fill your cup some day or other."

Before closing, I would especially invite the attention of the younger telegraphers among us who have not yet joined our ranks, to the fact that they have all been supplied with application papers, and to say that we are expecting to hear from them. We have gone through the list from station to station, and find a few not enrolled. When, please, may we hear from you. "Surely they don't mean me!" Yes, we mean just you. You have not been passed over, and it's a personal matter between you and us. Let our worthy General Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. D. L. Shaw, 769 King St., London, Ont., or our worthy Local Chairman, Bro. W. P. Hoffman, Paynes, Ont., or a brotherhood man next door hear from you, in order that you may get your papers fixed up as soon as possible, thereby placing yourself on record as having done the square thing to get right with your neighbor. We need your good-will, your membership and your assistance, in return for which you will be repaid ten-fold, and enjoy the higher and better life only known to true union men and women. This matter should not be put off until tomorrow. Make a move today and let the people know you count one in the world of progress. Who will be first? Don't delay. Dig in. Do something. CERT. 597.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Bro. H. R. Bettis, who has been working third trick at Stilwell, has been relieved by Mr. H. B. Dettra. Understand Bro. Bettis is going to Texas to visit his parents.

Mr. G. L. Presson is the owl at Grovette. Bro. Dad Pearson, formerly owl of Grovette, is now at the same old business in Arizona.

Bro. W. Southworth, at Siloam Springs, days, and Bro. R. S. Wilson, nights.

Mr. Dettra has left Stilwell; relieved by Bro. N. A. Iverson. Bro. Iverson relieved by Bro. O. H. Schwandt. Bro. Iverson transferred to Mena yard office, second trick.

Bro. S. A. Philips, of Heavener, was badly frightened when the doctor told him he had small pox. So he grabbed his little grip and flew to his ma at Ashdown. After six days of careful nursing they discovered he had nothing but a bad cold. Bro. Phillips now holds forth at Panama, days.

Bro. E. E. Brehm, day telegrapher at Heavener, is fast gaining a reputation as an actor. He played "Saunders" in "The Snow Ball," with other Heavener home talent.

Bro. W. W. Ludlum is back at his old post, nights, at Rich Mountain, after enjoying thirty days' vacation.

Mr. Luther Thomas, of Mena yard, has been at "NA" office for a few nights, while Mr. Crawford was off.

Panama Station has been turned over to an entirely different force within the past few weeks, as follows: Mr. W. D. Williams relieving Bro. J. F. Kessler as agent, March 26th; Mr. C. P. Sullivan, of Salt Lake City, Utah yards, relieved Mr. B. F. Lee as yard master, March 25th; Bro. S. A. Phillips, of Division No. 5, relieved Bro. O. H. Schwandt, March 27th, as day telegrapher. This station was opened as a night telegraph office March 15th, by Bro. R. C. Parsons, formerly of Division No. 126.

Bro. W. W. Slaughter, our general secretary and treasurer, at "HN," nights, was away two weeks last month, being called to Independence, Mo., on account sickness of his wife; was relieved by Bro. L. L. Wood, of Frisco Division No. 32, also by Bro. L. P. Fleshner, of Frisco Division No. 32.

Bro. R. M. Iliff, third trick at Knoche Jct., was recently called to Mount City, Kan., by the death of his grandmother.

Bro. L. L. Wood is working as relief agent at Asbury, relieving Mr. Armstrong.

Telegrapher L. P. Fleshner relieved Mr. Curtis, night telegrapher at Cleveland, while Curtis relieved the agent at that point. Later Telegrapher Wilie, from Stilwell, relieved Fleshner at Cleveland, and Fleshner relieved Telegrapher Mansfield at Drexel. Curtis and Mansfield both go to Stilwell.

Bro. Munea, our general chairman, is taking a vacation during May, attending the convention at Atlanta, and doing a little visiting around on the side. He was relieved by Bro. L. L. Wood.

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of the Frisco. Bro. Wood also relieved Mr. Rightmire, agent at Asbury, during April.

Bro. Walter Wilson has been transferred from Nelson to Redland.

Telegrapher Rabun, who worked nights at Asbury during Bro. Clopton's sickness in March and April, is back doing the helper stunt at Sulphur Springs. COR.

Union Pacific Ry.

Utah Division—

The end of double track extended from Riner to Cherokee on the 15th. It is expected to be completed to Wamsutter by July 1st. This will result in the closing of both Latham and Creston offices.

New office opened at Cherokee, box car, with Bros. McClain, Davis and Statzell handing up the 19's. No boarding house at Cherokee, necessitates the brothers all huddling in Bro. McClain's domicile at Riner, never crowded, however.

Telegrapher Olson, from Wamsutter was to work third trick at Cherokee, but the sheep dip around Wamsutter made him sick, and he was forced to go where he could get treatment. Bro. Leahy being sent to Cherokee to fill in, closing Riner for the day.

There is some class to that Riner job now. It will be a three-man job as soon as the double track is completed, with nothing to do but look wise and sign the pay roll.

Bro. Leahy, accompanied by his sister, is contemplating a trip to Port, Seattle, Van Couver and Minneapolis, next month.

Bro. Brown has left the seventh, and gone to work at Morgan on the ninth, juggling cream and eggs on the incline.

Creston is a three-man job for a few days. Sister Ford is being assisted by Messrs. Dettra and Livesay.

Bros. Ford and Dooley, first trick telegrapher and agent at Wamsutter, have left the service, and intend to seek their fortune farther West. Two worthy brothers; may success attend them.

Mr. Bishop, from Rawlins, relieved Bro. Dooley as agent at Wamsutter, Bro. Sherman relieving Bro. Ford as first trick telegrapher. Bro. Elby, from C. R. I. & P. working second, and a Mr. Smith working third.

Mr. Lepper, who "picked the currants" at Latham, has left the service, and is now herding sheep for the W. W. Daley Sheep Co., near Rawlins.

Messrs. Dettra, Livesay and Anderson are doing stunts at Latham.

Bro. Burch, of Bitter Creek, has left the service and is at present spending a few weeks' vacation in Colorado.

Marston closed, not for the want of telegraphers, but another case of too much "Sheep dip."

Second trick at Morgan has been bid in by Bro. J. P. Flaherty, who just landed from the Emerald Isle a fortnight ago. At first he persisted in addressing Mr. Agent as Lord Cleveland, but has gotten over that idea, and has just quit taking his hat off to every man with a white collar on.

Sister Gamble, at Uenta, has been laying off a few days on account of sickness, but at present writing she is well and has resumed duty.

Bro. J. P. Flaherty, of Morgan, will gladly furnish anyone with the necessary blanks and information, that feels inclined to do the proper thing, and we have a hunch that the brother will come across with an advance to enable the worthy non to join now.

Bro. C. E. G. Winert is practicing base ball between calls.

Mr. B. W. Stephens, new arrival on the 8th. "13" is making the usual promise.

Bro. E. V. Merrigan having practiced in several offices has finally hung up his hat at Evanston.

Telegrapher A. E. Davis, of Aspen, is on the sick list; relieved by Chas. Ammons, a C. T. U. A. member.

Bros. H. F. Switzer and G. A. Davis are kept "25" at Spring Valley, giving "DS" the water situation and pulling plugs from the switch board for "G" office.

Think LeRoy is closed, can not get anything from there.

Sister Gathercole, of Church Buttes, is away on a vacation; relieved by Bro. E. T. Harris.

Bro. A. W. Cue, of Granger, is again on duty after a week's absence. He took his little son East for medical treatment, and advises the little fellow is now recovering nicely.

Bro. Cue relieved by Bro. E. V. Merrigan. O. T. Bell working second trick, Bro. Howard Gordon, third trick.

Telegrapher Fred O'Hara, recently second trick at Granger, is now working a trick at Evanston.

Bros. L. W. Coa and Geo. Hendrickson have left the service and returned East.

Same old changes at Marston and Bryan: Marston closed, Bryan accommodating quite a number of the boys toward making a little stake.

I wish to thank Certs. 794-24562 and "OJ" for items received, and invite "P" to come through next month sure. CERT. 410.

Kansas Division—

Bro. Pinett has been transferred from R. I. Junction to Junction City, nights. C. W. Meyers from the Iron Mountain relieving.

Bro. Klasse is relievin at Williamstown. We understand that Mr. Edgar has something better in sight.

Bro. Farrell from Perry to St. Mary; T. E. Adams from Wamego to Perry.

Bro. Webb, of Belvue, is senior applicant for R. I. Jct. nights. Mr. Hooven is senior applicant for Belvue.

Mr. A. C. Broyles is senior applicant for Ft. Riley.

Bro. Meierotta from Ogdensburg to Junction City, relieving Bro. Hughey, while Bro. Hughey and the "Frau" attended the convention and visited home folks. Bro. Meierotta was relieved by a Mr. Race, from some official packing plant.

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Bro. C. F. Fisher is extra at Tolton.

Mr. A. E. Adams, a brand new recruit to the Harriman lines, is relieving Mr. Miller at Idana.

Bro. Armstrong relieved at Ellsworth, while Bro. Allan took a trip through Texas and Mexico. Bro. Mohler, of Ellsworth, has cancelled his resignation.

Mr. Schum, of Salina, is off duty several days, taking a few degrees in the Masonic Order. While he is in the notion some one hand him seven dollars worth of degrees in the O. R. T.

Bro. J. P. Ackors, of Ellsworth, was off duty several days on account of sickness.

Bro. F. W. Klasse is senior applicant for the agency at Detroit. Through an error Bro. Denision was advised that he was senior applicant, and his position bulletined.

Bro. Owens is senior applicant for Natoma.

Bro. W. E. Packard has gone from Kanapolis to Codell.

In passing out your favors, remember that Mr. Hughes, of Niles, is of the opinion that the Order never did, and never will benefit him or any one else, and that he feels that paying dues is throwing money away. Strange that a man so dwarfed in intellect should be capable of feeling.

Mr. Clark, of Simpson, is another west end man who hasn't more than the minimum number of favors coming to him. If he considers that the Order has helped the members after the next revision he will join, he will not, however help bring about such a state of affairs by lining up and pushing, he is ready though to accept all raises that may be secured. We can not help but wonder just what grounds he has for expecting an increase at the hands of the committee, and just how much of an effort the committee will make in his behalf.

The chances are that by the time this is in print we will have started on the new term, try to do just a little more in the next term than you have in this one, don't make a lot of good resolutions and pigeon hole them, think of the last bunch of resolutions made and their fate, and then instead of spoiling a clean page in the same old way, cut out the resolutions and dig in for results. Resolutions do not buy you any thing, nor help you on your way, but some good old hard work at the right time will do wonders. The Order expects every brother to do his duty. Are you doing yours?

When the information blanks reach you, give them some consideration, realize that you are furnishing the ammunition with which the committee will make its fight, and see that it is fresh and strong.

Realize that through your local chairman you are making your own fight. The correspondent of a Southern journal in a recent write-up has the following to say of the non, and as it is such a neat fit it should bear repeating: "There is no stigma attached to the name of a railroad telegrapher that bears such odium as the word non, written before the name of a man who partakes of the bounty derived from the earnest and persistent efforts of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and yet refuses to bear his share of the burden.

"It is the very incarnation of ingratitude; the sum of moral turpitude and degrading alike to the individual and the calling he follows. Get on the right side; do as you would be done by; be fair with the rest of the craft; and, if after pay day you have but one dollar left after paying your dues you will be possessed of the supreme satisfaction of knowing that it is wholly your own, an honest dollar, part of which has not been filched from your comrades, who have contributed their time, their brains and their money, in making your position and its surroundings what they are." How small indeed, a non must feel; what a perverted set of morals and decrepit bunch of reasoning machinery he must possess.

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Wyoming Division—

Like at "N," Cheyenne, changes in the day force at Laramie come only at long intervals, but Bro. Burnsmeyer broke the spell, recently, when he was appointed agent at Paxton, Nebr. This allowed Bros. Grayson and Grogan to step up a notch, giving the former a straight day trick, and the latter, who was "all night telegrapher," the evening trick. Bro. W. T. Conklin, originally from the I. C. at Dubuque, Ia., but more recently third trick man at Hermosa, relieved Bro. Grogan on the night job, but, fortunately enough he, too, gets some day work, while Bro. Grayson gets his thirty days' vacation in the East.

Bro. T. B. Doyle, who is a student at the university of Wyoming, has not been engaged in the "profession" for some two or three years, but when I met him in Laramie the other day, his card was the same color as mine, and mine is up-to-date.

Bro. G. S. Cessna, who recently worked nights at Lahkota, has resigned and gone to Ogden, Utah. He will enter the service of the S. P. from that point.

Bro. Virgil Martin, second trick telegrapher at Walcott, is leaving the latter part of June for an extended trip East. Rumor has it that he will not return alone. Bro. Martin refused to be interviewed on the subject, however.

Bro. F. C. Hunter and Miss Edna M. Beecher were married on Wednesday, April 28th, at the home of the bride's parents, Lincoln, Neb. The happy couple will make their home at Fort Steel, Wyo., at which point Bro. Hunter is auditor for the Carbon Timber Company in Wyoming.

Bro. C. E. Reynolds, second trick at Sherman, experienced the sensation of missing "the last train out" when he was in Cheyenne, pay day.

For some reason the Borie Cut-off was not placed in service with the appearance of the new time card, hence the tower at that point has not been opened, although everything appears to be ready for the world. There is no truth in the rumor that Bro. and Sister Horton are to take the first and second tricks there, so there will be

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need for three good strong telegraphers there in the near future, with the emphasis on the "strong."

Getting a day job at "KI," Laramie, so effected Bro. Grogan that he is going to take a plunge in the matrimonial sea soon. The fair one comes from Kansas City.

C. T. U. A. Bro. Brown relieved Telegrapher Brummell a few days at Barton, while Brummell got married.

Telegrapher Downing, at Purda, is an artist on the violin, and frequently entertains the boys along the line with some fine selections.

Seems to be a hoodoo on the Hershey station. No one seems to care for it. Bro. Besey recently relieved A. J. Branscome there, but almost immediately requested relief. It didn't look good to him.

Telegrapher Henry, of Dexter, bid in Julesburg, second trick. Now would be a good time for him to get a card, while the committee is preparing to descend on Omaha.

Bro. Baker secured Kolton, days. Telegrapher W. J. Dobbs taking his place at Weir.

Bro. E. C. Miles, for two years telegrapher at Buford, leaves on the second inst. We regret to lose him from Division No. 6. He goes to S. P. Co.

Bro. Mohr is now emergency telegrapher, and is doing a lot of traveling.

Bro. Johnson, for sometime third trick operator at Sherman, is senior applicant for second trick at Pine Bluff; relieved by Bro. Probst, of the Great Northern.

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Canadian Pacific Ry.

Central Division, District No. 3—

The boys have been looking for a few items from this part of the system until they are about ready to accept any old thing; so they appointed me to do the needful, and, as usual, I have been fairly flooded with letters from the members, giving me all the latest changes—what's that? Yes, I am mistaken.

There have been several switches in our lineup since the last local appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER.

At Elkhorn, Man., we miss the genial face of Bro. Patterson. He is away rusticating for the summer having accepted the agency at Welwyn.

Bro. W. Chandler takes Elkhorn days.

Bro. Clark of Oak Lake has retired from railroad work having opened up a real estate office in Oak Lake. He is succeeded by Bro. W. Baynham, from Kirkella.

Bro. G. Hyde is at present relieving at Kirkella, pending the arrival of the regular agent. Have not yet heard who gets this place. We were all glad to hear that Bro. Lake, of Esterhazy, had returned to work. He had a very severe case of appendicitis, which nearly proved fatal.

Our genial general treasurer, Bro. G. S. Morris, is at the convention, and we all hope he will have a pleasant trip and bring back a full report of the proceedings of the convention. Bro. Russell is working the day trick during Bro. Morris' absence.

Rumor has it that we are going to lose Bro. Campbell, of Kemnay, he having beguiled some poor innocent out of his "script," and as one has to dwell in the wilderness three years to get the "script" land, perhaps the other fellow is not to be pitied.

Last meeting was held in Brandon on April 18th. There was a good attendance and all were more than pleased with the result. It seems too bad than some of the Branch men do not make an effort to get to these meetings they are a real benefit to the ones who attend—matters of every-day welfare are threshed out and it is surprising the good ideas that are brought out.

Bro. Morris gave us a lengthy statement of the condition of System Division, No. 7, financially and otherwise, and it is surely a treat to see how well the West has done. The Order made no mistake when they gave the West the secretary-treasurer, and Bro. Morris is deserving of great praise for the way he has brought order out of chaos.

Well, will cut out now, and, say, brothers, don't forget to let me have a few lines from you relative to changes or any other matter of interest.

CERT. No. 250.

Western Division, First District—

Having been appointed division correspondent for this district, I wish first of all to direct an appeal to those interested for some little assistance in the shape of news items, changes, etc., or any subject matter suitable for discussion in these columns. Criticism also is heartily invited, as by this means the writer will be enabled to keep in touch with the views of the various members on all matters at issue.

A meeting was held at Moose Jaw on Sunday, May 9th, Bro. McLeod, local chairman, presiding. Owing to the lapse of time since the last meeting, the discussion turned largely to the reorganizing of the lodge, appointment of officers, etc., resolutions being passed as follows:

That regular meetings be held in future on the second Sunday in each alternate month, commencing July 11th.

That each member contribute 25 cents monthly to defray incidental expenses, such as hall rent, stationery, etc., this amount to be forwarded to Bro. G. Hillier, at Moose Jaw.

That the next meeting be devoted to the election of officers and the arrangement of details necessary to place the lodge on a business footing.

All things being considered, the attendance was a fair one, the stations represented being as follows: North Portal, Bro. Wilson; Estevan, Bro. Hopper; Weyburn, Bro. G. F. Guernsey; Yellow Grass, Bro. A. McLeod; Drinkwater, Bro. Wheeler. From the east end, Indian Head was well to the front with Bros. Boyd and McClure; Belle Plaine, Bro. Kirkpatrick; Pasqua, Bro. W. M. Owens; McLean, Bro. M. F. Hanley, relief agent. Tuxford Branch, Bro. C. F. McElhone, Brownlee; Bro. Rutherford, Tuxford, and Bro. Angus, Eyebrow. The dispatcher's office was well represented by Bros. J. W. Kipp and G. Hillier, also Bro.

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Moriarty. The meeting closed with a friendly discussion in which all took part.

Attention is called to the date of the next meeting, July 11th, next. In view of the very convenient train service from almost every part of the district, there seems to be no particular reason why this should not be a record meeting in point of attendance. Applications should be made for leave and passes in good time to avoid misunderstanding.

An attempt will be made next month to give a complete lineup of the district. News items should be addressed to Bro. McLeod of Yellow Grass, who will forward them to the correspondent. CERT. 973.

District No. 4, Central Division—

Another month has rolled around and news items are again in order. I will endeavor to contribute as much as possible to the journal this month, although in spite of repeated requests addressed to the members, I have failed to receive any items.

Since the last write-up our local committee met the superintendent, Mr. MacGregor, and straightened out a number of old grievances, and reduced a few "Brownies" for some of the boys. Mr. MacGregor treated the committee with fairness and respect, and stated that he was always glad to be able to do anything he could to help the district to run smoothly, so we ought to give him the best service at all times.

I understand there is to be a meeting at Napinka about May 28, and hope there will be a good attendance.

Business has fallen off considerably since February and at present only the way freight crews with two chain gang crews are taking care of all the business that is moving.

The C. P. R. Athletic Association was formed at Souris in April for the purpose of giving all the employes of the company pleasant recreation when off duty, a baseball and football department being formed. Mr. J. E. Ryan, our chief dispatcher, is president of the association; Bro. G. A. Caughill, the third trick dispatcher, treasurer; Bro. W. M. McLeod, manager baseball department, and Bro. A. S. McKechnie, secretary. If any of the brothers want to get up a match with the team in their own town just write in and they will try to accommodate them.

There have been very few changes lately on this district, so will enumerate them here.

Bro. T. G. Connon, of Pipestone, on leave of absence owing to sickness of his mother; relieved by Bro. W. F. Vergowe, of La Riviere.

R. T. Rodaway from night telegrapher at Arcola to night telegrapher at LaRiviere.

Bros. F. W. Gliddon and A. S. McKechnie are arranging to attend the annual convention of Train Dispatchers of America at Columbus, Ohio, along with Bro. J. Walker, of Winnipeg. They expect to be able to handle trains by telephone should it become necessary.

Our worthy chief dispatcher, Mr. J. E. Ryan passed a box of cigars around the office last week in honor of the arrival of a little girl at his place.

The new time table to take effect in June will liven things up a bit, there being two new passenger trains going on in addition to the present quota.

Will close this now, in hopes that some brother will help out next month.

CERT. 957.

Central Division, District No. 5—

As this is the first contribution from our new district, there is much to be said that has already become stale news, so your correspondent hopes to be pardoned if he refers more to such matters as concern us in the present than those that have already become of minor importance. For those on other districts who may be interested we will draw a brief sketch of our history, which dates from December, 1908. In that month our first meeting was held at our district headquarters at Saskatoon, Bro. J. T. Scott, of Viscount, acting as chairman. The principal business was the organizing of the district, Bro. Scott being nominated by Bros. Cobb, Stewart and undersigned for position of local chairman, nominations forwarded to general secretary and treasurer in usual way. Bros. J. T. Scott, G. C. Cobb and W. A. Sewell were elected as our local board of adjustment. Since that time we have had regular meetings on the third Sunday of each month, in the Flanagan House, Saskatoon, and considering the disadvantages which have to be met, the attendance has been very good. We would like to see more of our friends east of Strasburg. I am of the opinion that the brothers west at points where there are night operators would be glad to make some arrangement in the way of relief, taking turn about. This could easily be arranged if the members on the eastern end would give it a little attention, and endeavor to obtain relief along that if unobtainable otherwise. We are in need of their presence as well as they in need of the benefits of our meetings.

A few late changes are here referred to: Bros. McMurphy, Galloway and Ball returning to the Kenora dispatching office, where they expect to enjoy a much-needed rest. Our new staff consists of Bros. G. F. Thompson, G. M. Cordingly, and D. F. Bond, first, second and third tricks, respectively. Bro. Bond is newly appointed. He was relieved at Lockwood by M. R. J. Winter, who has stood by the company as assistant for a couple of years. This is a case where it suited the company's convenience to furnish relief. The matter of relief has become one worthy of attention, and we hope to see some arrangement made soon whereby one can be relieved without being taken sick or called upon to attend the deathbed of a friend or relative.

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Those who are looking forward to a summer vacation should see to it that an aplication is filed early, thus the requirements will be fully known, and no reasonable excuse can be offered for not meeting them.

As your correspondent had the honor of being elected local secretary and treasurer, it may not be out of order to draw your attention to the latest step towards strengthening our division, that is by the establishing of a local fund. This fund is to be drawn on for the purpose of defraying all local expenses, (not including those of the board of adjustment) and it is considered that the small amount of one dollar from each member will be quite sufficient to cover such expense as we have at the present time. I will be pleased to receive your remittances, and also, when you cannot attend our meetings, do the next best: drop a line to our local chairman, Bro. J. T. Scott, Viscount, and present anything you wish brought before the meeting. It would be appreciated, and let us know that your absence is not on account of indifference.

In closing, let us ask ourselves a question. How much have we done to bring influence to bear in the passing of the eight-hour law? Did we write our representative, or did we do our best to furnish Bro. Campbell with a large petition from our town? If not, why not?

Fraternally yours.
F. W. CRAWFORD.

New York Central Ry.

Wstern Division—

Division No. 8 held their meeting at Pythian Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., May 15, Sister Gorman in the chair. Matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order were taken up, but on account of the small attendance, were laid on the table to be taken up at the next meeting, which will be the third Saturday in July. Please make a note of that, paste it up where you can see it, and let us have a good turnout. There should be interest taken by the brothers sufficient to fill the hall every time, and yet there are very few who make it a practice to attend. Bros. Tobin, Porter, Calahan, Bartholemew, Whiteside and about seventy-five others should make it a point to honor us with their presence next time. Why? Because we are going to have a little entertainment, "call it a feed," that ought to bring you and besides the delegates from the Atlanta convention will be with us with their reports. Important matters will be brought up and a full attendance is desired. The entertainment committee consists of Bros. Deller, Hoyt and Enright, who guarantee a good time to all.

Mr. Harry Bateman has been confined to Dr. Campbell's sanitarium for the past few weeks, undergoing an operation. Relieved at intervals by F. D. Brown, Wheeler, and Bro. Miles.

Telegrapher Cornelius has bumped F. D. Brown at BS 2a. Brown transferred to Memphis.

Telegrapher Wheeler doing a stunt at "LX," Salina. Bro. Callahan is sick.

Bro. Dunn, who recently went into the mail service worked a few nights at Memphis.

Not an item sent in this month from up the road. What's the matter Has that spasmodic interest that was taken two months ago died a natural death? Or is it on account of the lack of change with which to buy a postal card? No items makes uninteresting reading.

Payday twice a month now, how does that strike you? Conditions are changing, and for the better.

Have you seen the new schedule? If not, come up to the meeting in July, and, with other good things, get a copy.

Bro. R. A. Faber, BS 40a, Batavia, has left the service of the signal department to engage in farming at Dale, N. Y., where he has purchased a large farm.

Local Chairman Hoff has appointed Bros. R. F. Tobin and W. L. Ratigan, of BS 2, Syracuse and 25, Rochester, respectively, as assistant local chairmen for the ensuing term.

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Hudson Division—

While our worthy correspondent is sojourning in the Sunny South, after attending one of the largest conventions ever assembled under the O. R. T. banner, I will endeavor to write a few lines for the perusal of the membership.

This is the month in which to send in our "scrip" to Bro. Blim for the new card, and help replenish our treasury.

The convention is over and our platform is down for two years more, and we are destined in the near future to have an organization that will be second to none, and by affiliation with ten other railroad brotherhoods we will be able to have our just and equitable demands recognized.

It is with regret we chronicle the death of Bro. Freer's father, who was instantly killed by a train at Garrison. Not only does Bro. Freer lose a kind and devoted father, but the community in which he resided a beloved and respected citizen. The sympathies of Division No. 8 are extended to the bereaved in this, their hour of grief.

Bros. Burns and Smith were badly disappointed in not being able to attend the convention. This on account of not being relieved.

Bro. Collins, formerly at 28, has returned West, and is located on a Western road out of Chicago.

Bro. Dougherty is now doing honors at Long Point Comfort, B.S. 57.

The electrical and mechanical departments of the Hudson Division have been consolidated and a new system of operation is in vogue, the change brought back to us one of our old-timers in the signal department, M. Dowd, he being assigned as foreman out of Poughkeepsie. We are all glad to see Marty back,

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Harlem Division—

I am now in a position to state that we have been very successful and have a solid division except for two or three who will probably be with us in a short time. Everything is running very smoothly.

But two positions were up for bid last month which shows that the boys are not moving around much. Those working more than twelve hours are now getting overtime, and those working split nine-hour tricks are getting a week's vacation with pay.

Another big responsibility taken off a number of agents who have been obliged to take care of switch lights, is the installing of eight-day-burning lamps, which are taken care of by men paid to look after them.

A piece in the Poughkeepsie *Courier* of April 25th, states that the N. Y. C. will soon commence double-tracking the Harlem from Brewster to Chatham.

Have very little news to write this month, as the boys have forgotten to send in items, or else there has not been enough stirring to make any news.

Bro. McDonough, of Tuckahoe, had a very "measly" two weeks' vacation with the measles; Bro. Brennan relieved him and a Mr. E. F. Farrand relieving Brennan.

Bro. Wooding, first trick "BA" tower, Ghent, has been enjoying a couple of weeks' vacation. Relieved by Bro. Larry P. Masterson.

Bro. Lloyd will soon have his hands full at Copake, as we understand that ground has been broken near there preparatory to erecting a large college for boys.

The O. R. T. baseball team organized and started off with a couple of games at Pawling. A number of the boys not having any practice, some very costly errors were made and both games were lost.

Don't forget when you take your vacations, or get married to drop me a line about it so as to have a little "newsy" news here each month.

Bro. Lind, at Boston Corners, was off a couple of weeks on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. L. P. Masterson. BOB.

Electric Division—

Owing to the absence of our regular correspondent, who is one of the Atlanta delegates, we will give below what little news we have been able to gather.

The following positions are up for bid:

First trick "JO" tower, Woodlawn, owing to Bro. Pethicks having bid in the trick at terminal, being located at lower "F," new tower recently opened.

Second trick at Bronxville station, owing to Mr. Merritt having bid in third trick at "WC," Wakefield.

Second trick, "MY," Wakefield, owing to Bro. Walker being successful in bidding in second trick at "JO."

First trick Kingsbridge station. It is understood that the present incumbent is leaving the service.

J. H. Moore, agent at Botanical Gardens, has been called to Youngstown, Ohio, on business, and is being relieved by Bro. McGlosson, one of our new members.

Agent Carroll, of Woodlawn, is confined to the house by illness, he having suffered a relapse of a previous attack which confined him indoors for over two months. We understand he is very low. He was relieved by the first assistant at Roselle, who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. Kohn. Extra Telegrapher Farrand covered Bro. Kohn's trick.

Bro. McBane, recently from "EX," and L. I. R. R., is relieving Bro. Altrutz at Fordham, second trick. Bro. Altrutz relieves H. A. Green, second trick at Mott Haven. Green is confined in the Bellevue Hospital, as a result of an operation on his left hand. We understand he will be out in a week or ten days.

Prospects seem to be good for the closing of 183d St. station. The company submitted figures showing a loss of $235.00 for the year 1908. There will be a public hearing before the Public Service Commission, first district, next week, when final action will undoubtedly be taken.

The day meeting Wednesday, May 12th, was a farce. As no refreshments and cigars were included in the order of business the boys stayed away. This goes to show that the inner man must be considered first of all. Of course, the brothers in attendance at Atlanta are exempt, as they are regulars, hence were elected delegates.

There is a little more work for the boys, owing to dirt extra being put on between G. C. terminal and Mt. Vernon. The fill being used at Mt. Vernon for new cutoff.

Bro. Nelson has just returned from a visit to his wife's relatives in Buffalo and Rochester.

There are enough nons on this division to keep every member busy. This should not be the condition and shows a lack of individual effort. Every member is an organizer and should make some kind of an effort to get at least one application during 1909. There are only a few impossibilities.

We are glad that conventions are not held every month, if the regular correspondent were necessarily a delegate. CERT. 2222.

Buffalo Division—

Regular meeting held at the Archer Hotel, North Tonawanda, Wednesday evening, May 5th.

On account of a change in the management of the hotel where our meetings are held, taking effect May 1st, it was impossible to send out written notices in regard to this meeting until new arrangements had been made. However, please take notice that in the future all of our regular bi-monthly meetings will be held at the Archer Hotel, North Tonawanda, unless you are otherwise notified.

It should not be necessary to have to notify each member when regular meetings are to be held. If you have the interest of your organization at heart you will keep posted in this matter. If in doubt at any time as to the meetings you can

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inform yourself by consulting the Official Directory published in the last pages of THE TELEGRAPHER.

There is no excuse for a small attendance at any meeting. You can certainly come out once in every two months. I can not understand how any man can neglect a matter that means better conditions and money for himself and family. What would you think of a business man who invests his money in an enterprise and then stays away and lets some one else run it for him. That is just what you are doing when you fail to attend your meetings. You pay your dues, but someone else has to do the work. We are all looking for better things. Why not do your part in helping to get them. Have a voice in the affairs of the organization, if there is anything you don't like make it known, if you have any ideas that you think should be brought to the attention of the general committee, make them known also. Provide yourself with application blanks and keep posted on the fees and dues for each month. Try to get men into the Order who will be a credit to it, and who give the company faithful and conscientious service. If there are any of the other kind pass them by. We want the officials to know that this organization represents their best men. In this way you are not only helping your general committee in their work, but you are helping yourself.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Bro. Macdonald Garratt, of North Tonawanda. Bro. Garratt was attacked by appendicitis while on duty at B. S. 59, Sunday, April 25th. He was taken to the Buffalo General Hospital for treatment but failed to survive the operation, dying Thursday night, April 29th. Bro. Garratt had been in the employ of the New York Central for fourteen years. He had the confidence of his employers and esteem of his fellow-men. "Mack" was one of our oldest and staunchest members, always to the front when there was work to be done or if anyone needed assistance. He was a kind husband and father, a faithful employe and a good Order man. What more can be said? He is survived by his wife and one child who have our heartfelt sympathy.

At this writing Bro. Loftus is attending the Grand Convention at Atlanta, as a delegate from Division No. 8.

Our old stand-by, Bro. Scott, from Black Rock freight office, has been assigned to the agency at Lancaster, which was advertised recently.

Bro. Harlock, at B. S. 50, who has been unable to work for a long time on account of sickness, has returned to duty. Fred had a hard pull, but we are glad to see him around again.

Bro. Miller, at B. S. 47A, has been holding down the afternoon trick at B. S. 47, for a few days. Howard is a handy man in a pinch.

Bro. Seely, at B. S. 47, the popular insurance man, is about to move to a place where merit is recognized. The hundred and fifty million dollar a year limit in this State has shut Harry out.

If any brother on the Buffalo Division hears of items of interest, don't be afraid to let it get away from you, for we all like to know what is going on. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Beech Creek Distirct—

Bro. John Heitsenrether, of Lumber, second trick, was off duty a couple of days last month; relieved by Telegrapher McQuown. He visited Mr. Harvey, the second trick dispatcher at Jersey Shore, while in that city.

Bro. D. R. Bitner, of Beech Creek, second trick, was off one day last month; relieved by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. Diehl, of Mahaffey, has bid in "WB" tower, third trick, and is now on the job. Bro. B. F. Sterling, of Curry, second trick, is working "J" tower, second, extra at present. He was relieved at Curry by Bro. J. A. Davis, of Dimeling, third trick. Bro. Davis was relieved by Bro. E. L. Crist.

Bro. Graham, of Lumber, third trick, was off one week last month, on account of moving; relieved by Telegrapher High.

Bro. C. W. Miller, agent at Hayes, has bid in "YA" tower, third trick. The agency at Hayes has been accepted by Bro. McCloskey, formerly agent at Lumber. The agency at this point filled by Bro. May, of "J" tower, third trick, at present the vacancy at "J" tower, filled by Telegrapher Brilhart. It has been bid in by Bro. J. B. Smith, of Dowler Jct., second trick, who we hope soon to see on the job.

Bro. Kennedy, "KI," Kerrmoor, off a week last month; relieved by Telegrapher Miller, of Jersey Shore.

Bro. D. R. Bitner, of Beech Creek, broke ground for a new house near the station, and expects to be in his new home by fall.

Bro. Berry, of Beech Creek, first trick, off for a few days trout fishing. He was relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Bro. Hunter, agent at Curry, made several hurried trips to Clearfield last month. Bro. Graham, of Lumber, third trick, was also seen in Clearfield last month.

A meeting was held at Lock Haven last month, also one at Clearfield. CERT. 2117.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

At our Grand Division Bro. Quick stated that our journal space would have to be reduced to some extent, now, brothers, this does not mean that we can not have a nice write-up each month from each division, we certainly must have this, but we must omit some of the changes in the way of relief for vacations, etc., and briefly take up the most important matters of interest.

Your representatives have returned from our Grand Division meeting more fully convinced of the importance of a strong organization, our growth and advancement in the past two years have been marvelous, considering conditions under which we have worked. We should all feel proud of the standing the telegraphers have in the labor

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world; our organization is recognized as one of the leaders, and the great benefits we have received have been accomplished by what we might call only a part of an organization. If our men will stand loyal to our great leaders, and see that every man employed in the movement of trains, either by telegraph or telephone, gives his support morally as well as financially to our organization we will accomplish far more in the next two years than we have in the past.

Now, brothers, let us put forth more individual effort and make the N. & W. one of the best; we have a very good schedule, but nothing like what we can have if our committee has the support of every man in our department.

By the time this is in print you will have received a full report of the Grand Division meeting, which contains much valuable information, and I want to urge every member to give this report very careful consideration

These Grand Division minutes will be taken up at each meeting and explained in detail by your representatives, and we hope the boys will make special efforts to get to the meetings and get the benefit of this information.

M. G. HARPER, *Gen. Cor.*

S. V. Division—

At the meeting held at Portsmouth, O., there was a good attendance. Bro. B. J. Watts presiding.

Bro. R. H. Chitwood has accepted service with the Virginian Railroad, as agent at Princeton, Va. Best wishes for success follow.

Your correspondent was the honored guest at a meeting of railway clerks, while he was attending an O. R. T. meeting at Portsmouth, O., April 17, and we bespeak for the new organization complete success, while yet in its infancy the membership is numerically a surprise. The Order is made up of first-class men upon whom the railroads depend for the successful handling of their business. The address of welcome by President Talbott was able, clear and interesting.

Bro. J. M. Marcum has resumed his duties as agent at Dunlow, W. Va.

Bro. G. W. Montgomery, the second trick man at Fort Gay, W. Va., has been relieved for his vacation by Bro. J. M. Sotcher.

Fireman B. Canterbury was seriously injured while trains were passing on double track between Nolan, W. Va., and Williamson, W Va., April 17, being struck by some object.

Conductor Charles McCoy, in charge of train No. 4, was injured at Pritchard, W. Va., April 17th. While taking water, a large lump of coal fell from the tender of the engine striking him on the head with serious results. Dr. A. W. Bromley was called to attend his injuries. At this time his condition is much improved.

Bro. O. C. Knight, agent at Peebles, O., was on his vacation the first fifteen days in May; relieved by Bro. E. L. Peake.

Bro. R. B. Leasure, agent at Higbys, O., relieved by Bro. H. B. Wortman for vacation.

Bro. W. M. Jaynes attended the convention at Atlanta, Ga., May 10th; relieved by Bro. E. L. Ward, who is now permanent agent at Nolan, W. Va.

Bro. George Moates, night telegrapher at Peebles, O., was severely shaken up by a thunderbolt, April 26th. Lightning struck near the office, damaging telegraph instruments, etc. Fortunately no one was injured but Engineer McOat who was in the office at the time, and it is stated that he did not wait for information as to what had happened.

Captain Thomas Rarden, veteran conductor running on the Portsmouth Division of the B. & O. S. W., suffered a paralytic stroke, Sunday, May 2d. Captain Rarden is past seventy years of age, and has been in the service of the above road for a half century. He was employed when the civil war broke out, resigned his position and went to the front. After the close of the rebellion he returned to railway service, his last promotion being to the mail run between Portsmouth, O., and Hamden, O. While his condition is improved, he is not able for service at this time.

Bro. Geo. L. Pake, formerly religious director at the Y. M. C. A., Portsmouth, O., was the victim of a cowardly assault at Chillicothe, O., May 4th, while there in interest of temperance matters.

The C. & O. Company has placed an order for fifty new locomotives with the American Locomotive Works, Richmond, Va., to be delivered by November 1st, this year, at a cost of $15,000 each.

Engineer C. F. Somers, of the Pennsylvania Lines, is handling a special consisting of an engine and four coaches, has the proud record of handling his train 133 miles in 98 minutes. This is the long distance record of the world 80.81 miles an hour.

Mr. C. T. Weeks, a clerk in Yard Master Sults' office, Portsmouth, O., died of typhoid fever at his home, May 21. A committee of trainmen accompanied the remains to Bedford, Va., where the body was interred according to the trainmen's ritual. He was also a member of the clerk's organization.

General Manager Maher, it is said, has declined receivership of the Norfolk & Southern, which has a salary attachment of $25,000 a year. He is acknowledged one of the most expert men in his position in the country, and for that reason was offered the receivership of the defunct company, and in time would have become the president.

Bro. C. A. Smith, agent at Winchester, O., is off duty taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. W. M. Jaynes.

Bro. F. C. Stratton, Nolan, W. Va., who has been on the emergency list for a period of two years, has taken service with the "Clinchfield," as agent at Speers Ferry, Va., which is one of the most important stations on this line.

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Pocahontas Division—

Bro. H. C. Calloway, our delegate to the Grand Division, has returned, and reports great things doing. We shall expect a full report in a six-hour speech at the next Bluefield meeting.

Business on the Pocahontas looks better, but it is not yet up to the old time ring.

Bro. J. T. Jewell, of Virginia City, Va., is being relieved by Bro. C. F. Bushman, who was kicked out of North Fork, W. Va., by Bro. Spielman bidding in third trick.

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Adams, of Bluefield, W. Va., who had held responsible positions at Bluefield freight station for the past twenty years. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

West Vivian, third trick is on the board; can not say who will be the lucky one.

Bro. Hale, of Rock, W. Va., bid in the agency at Devon, W. Va. We understand that Rock is to be closed June 1st.

If reports are true, the C. C. & O. will use N. & W. tracks from St. Paul to Coeburn, for freight service. This will call for more night offices on Clinch.

We are certainly glad to see the Pocahontas Division represented in the journal each month. Let more of us take an interest in this work, and make the old Pocahontas one of the best in THE TELEGRAPHER. CERT. 1102.

Radford Division—

The appeal for notes or contributions to the correspondents department seems to fall on deaf ears, but the writer is not the only one who is treated with this seeming indifference by the brothers, as we notice the general and division correspondents from all the roads are making the same complaint. It seems strange that none of the brothers feel like contributing anything or that they do not know of news that will interest the membership.

There is very little discipline being applied, which is evidence that the men are doing all that they can to keep their records clear. Several cases in which trains have been delayed by the telegrapher "losing" a train, did not receive O. K. and office call for same, have recently occurred. This is so easily avoided that it seems strange that any one would let it occur. Brother, be very particular when you "Os" to receive "OK," and the office call, and then there can be no trouble ahead for you nor any delay to a train. It frequently means a delay to an important passenger train, and the company will not stand for this. We found a few little items the other day which has impressed us very seriously, two of them at least, and we submit them to you with the request that you ponder them well and ask yourself frequently the questions:

First. "If you were an employer, would you be glad to employ your present self?"

Second. "What sort of business would it be if every man in it were just like myself?"

Let us make this a glass in which to see ourselves, and if we do not come up to the standard, strive to do so.

The installation of the automatic block signal has cut off all the telegraphers at Salem and West Roanoke, thus throwing some of our oldest men out, and away from their homes. Bro. Vest displaced Bro. Sabine, at Belspring; Bro. Sabine displacing Bro. E. C. Scott, at Saltville; Bro. Scott displacing Bro. Bennett, at Chilhowie, who has just displaced Bro. Desler; Bro. Kerner displaced Bro. Bennett, at Glen Var; Mr. Tucker, from West Roanoke, displaced Bro. Bennett, at Wallace; Bro. Huddle, from Wallace, displacing Bro. Jewell, at Glen Lyn; Bro. Farrow, first trick at Salem, has taken a clerical position there as assistant agent; Mr. Wohlford, at West Roanoke, displaced Mr. A. L. Davis, at Roanoke passenger station, Davis displacing Bro. Williams, at Pulas; Bro. Williams has taken a twelve-hour job with the Virginian, at Roanoke.

The wisdom of making a position subject to pull where the telegrapher has not been on the road five years has been demonstrated very forcibly, much sooner than was anticipated when it was adopted. All the old men who have been cut have had some choice of positions, and are very well satisfied. We frequently hear it said that the telegraphers are to blame for the adoption of the automatic signal and the telephone, by the part they took in the enactment of the nine-hour law. If it is true we have the first man to see who will say he will go back to working twelve hours again, and doubling any time the chief sees fit to make him double, if they will annul the law. If it takes fewer telegraphers, those who work will only work eight hours, and the companies are not going to make any changes unless they know it is to their advantage. When the safety appliance act was passed it cut a brakeman off of every train crew, but have you ever seen men who wanted to have this law annulled in order that more men could be killed by having to couple cars with the old link and pin couplers? In the march of progress it would appear that the labor organizations have done more to aid it, than to retard its movement, and they are never ready to lose ground in order that they may be overworked or killed so that the company may be spared a little extra expense. Conditions will materially adjust themselves to the new order of things and the wisdom of the movement will soon be apparent to the most skeptical.

Shenandoah Division—

Bro. A. D. Stockton, agent at Ashby, was relieved for a few days by Bro. McClanahan.

Bro. J. W. Melton has reported for duty on the second trick at Glasgow, which he bid in on bulletin.

Relief Agent Bro. H. H. Burks relieved Bro. G. W. Skelton, on the second trick, at Buena Vista. Bro. Skelton going home for a few days.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler has gone to Crimora, to relieve Bro. Walter for a few days.

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Bro. Bush relieved Bro. J. W. Melton, second trick, at Glasgow for a few days.

Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista, was relieved by Bro. K. A. Painter, while on his vacation. Bro. Painter being relieved on the third trick, at Loch Laird, by Bro. R. Y. Melton.

Relief Agent Bro. H. H. Burks, from the second trick at Buena Vista, has gone to Vesuvius, to relieve the agent, Bro. T. A. Graves; Bro. Graves being on the sick list. Bro. Bush relieving at Buena Vista.

Bro. J. W. Melton, from second trick at Glasgow to first at Stanley, to relieve Bro. Hamrick, who was taken sick. Miss Threlkold is relieving at Glasgow.

Mr. H. A. Fix, second trick at Stanley, was relieved by Bro. McIntosh, while taking his vacation.

Mr. C. B. Lackes, second trick dispatcher at north end, is relieving our Chief Mr. C. A. Graves a few days, while Bro. Jim Apple, with his pretty Morse, is holding down the second trick at north end.

Bro. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, is still on the sick list, but is reported as Improving. We are in hopes that Bro. Mitchell will soon be back to the key.

Bro. T. H. Lankford, first trick at Cloverdale, is off for the convention; relieved by Bro. W. T. Gentry, from first trick at Winston Salem. Do not know who relieved at Winston.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler not having anything to do relieved Bro. Gentry at Cloverdale.

Relief Agent H. H. Burks, from Vesuvius, to second trick at Buena Vista, and Bro. Bush, from that point, to third trick at Loch Laird, to relieve Bro. R. Y. Melton, who is on the sick list.

J. H. B.

Norfolk Division—

Naturally, all are looking for something extra from the correspondents this issue, especially from those who were sent as representatives from the different railroads. Brothers, you must bear with your delegates until they "kinder" get themselves together, you must remember "near beer" would get some of us fellows twisted, and we must have time to recover from the effects of our most pleasant trip to the convention held in Atlanta. Remember, too, that all of us returned finding plenty of work either at the office or at the home which needed our first attention.

As our Crewe meeting on the 22d was pressing us for time in which to get a report before the brothers, a few of us got busy in our room for the purpose of at least giving a partial report of the convention. We believe our boys appreciate this effort, and that they will fall in line and become active workers for the good of all telegraphers.

If any organization on the globe should feel proud of their Grand Officers, 'tis the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. It is through our support that they have been instrumental in bringing about great things for the telegraphers, and not only have these things matured, but many other important matters now receiving the careful consideration of our President, H. B. Perham, and his staff.

I put this in the language above, for the reason that it is in substance the way Bro. Perham put it before the delegates, which shows that he takes no special credit to himself (although deserves it), he attributes our success to the earnest support of the membership. I do trust, that if any in our ranks have grown careless and allowed their dues to go unpaid, that they will just wake up to a realization of what will be accomplished, if we will but give the organization our earnest support and influence. Not only what will be accomplished, but, if you please, reflect, "what has already been accomplished." You can not deny it. Now, to those who have never become members of this organization: Will you continue to accept the benefits and allow your brother telegraphers to deny themselves to help pay for what you are getting, absolutely free? Do you not feel that you are imposing upon your brother telegrapher, and can you rest well at night, knowing that the eyes of this great labor world are turned on you? Now in the kindest spirit, will you not be manly and do the right thing, and send in your application? I shall take pleasure in sending you application blanks any time.

Knowing the tendency on the part of all telegraphers to pay little or no attention to the reports from the convention, I want to take this means of asking that you will carefully read the reports of our Grand Officers, especially the report of Bro. Perham and Bro. Quick. In Bro. Quick's report, note our financial condition in the year 1901, showing an indebtedness of $16,585.69, cash on hand $144.66, since which time our finances have been increasing as will be shown in his report, and on March 31, 1909, we have no indebtedness, with a cash balance of $594,525.10, which is deposited in eight different banks in the City of St. Louis.

This report, brothers, shows how well our finances have been managed.

I want to impress upon our brothers the necessity of keeping informed as to the working of the organization. Above all, make a special effort to attend the division meetings. You will be slow to become animated with much interest until you get a coal from off the altar.

In conclusion, I wish to explain to some of the brothers who recently sent me some line-ups, that if they do not find them published in this article, it will be for the reason that this class of matter was voted out at the Atlanta convention.

Since the Ladies' Auxiliary has been established, it has been given a place in our journal, and you may bet we'll hear from our active ladies. In this connection I wish to also say a good word for this branch of our organization. Brothers, let's get busy and give to the ladies our earnest support in this matter. We must organize an auxiliary on our division immediately. I think this was to have been done at the Crewe meeting.

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The benefits to grow out of such an organization is immeasurable. You'll find an attractive lady at your office door to see "why you do not come across with your dues" when this organization is put in action.

Now, brothers, as I'm a little under the weather, and to write an article at this time means much energy for me, I want to urge you to become active members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and do all in your power to keep the membership in line in your vicinity. There is entirely too much of this dropping behind in dues, and we will fail to achieve the highest degree of success unless we can overcome this unbusiness-like feature in our organization.

Brothers, get busy and contribute an article to our journal, sending it to me by the 15th of each month. Give your views on any question that in your judgment would be elevating to our membership.

With kindest regards and best wishes to all.

T. O. M., CERT. 110.

Michigan Central Ry.

Owing to the absence of our correspondents, who were in attendance at Atlanta, news is somewhat scarce this month. However, there is one matter to which we wish to call the attention of the men. This is in regard to the person who is trying to work the brothers for money. His method is to procure some letterhead from some State prison, which would indicate that he was incarcerated, and then goes on to state that he was there through no fault of his own, but, for lack of funds, was unjustly convicted. However, he is trying to get a new trial, and, with the assistance of the brothers, he hopes to be able to do so. Then he sends on some horse hair watch chains to be disposed of at a dollar apiece to the brothers along the line. He signs himself as formerly a member of the B. & O. Division, but upon investigation the B. & O. brothers say he is a fraud and has been working several other roads, claiming to belong to different divisions. So if any of you receive letters from this person hand them to the waste basket. CERT. 123.

Canada Division—

Bro. O. E. Baker, formerly telegrapher at St. Thomas, is now connected with the Conservatory of Music at Brantford, as teacher, and is doing well. Bro. Baker deserves great praise and the telegraphers wish him every success.

Bro. Porter nights at Montrose, is relieving Bro. J. H. Staley, days. B. L. Laing, spare, is on nights.

Telegrapher F. C. Muller has resumed as agent at Springfield, after a year's absence. Bro. D. Campbell will resume nights.

Hugh Williams, dispatcher, is in Winnipeg for his health. Mr. Williams is very poorly, and it is hoped the trip will benefit him. P. McNabb is relieving Mr. Williams.

The agency at Leamington, which was recently bulletined, was bid in by D. A. Young, Rodney, and Telegrapher John Bentley, Windsor, nights, has been transferred to the agency at Rodney. Bro. H. C. Phillips, from Windsor yard, nights, has been transferred to Windsor station, nights, and E. L. Conlon, Tilsonburg, nights, has accepted Windsor yard, nights.

Telegrapher J. A. Abbott, Essex, who was recently off duty owing to serious illness, has resumed duty. Bro. Clunas relieved days.

Business on this division has had a decided increase since the embargo on live stock was raised. Several crews have been put back on regular, and we are all very glad to see business coming back to normal again.

James Holway, one of the oldest agents on this division, is dead. Mr. Holway was agent at Windsor for years, and was one of the best agents the company had. He was obliging and willing to do a favor for anyone, and has left behind kind remembrances which will not soon be forgotten. W. J. Sedge, agent at Tilsonburg, has accepted the agency at Windsor. The appointment of agent at Tilsonburg has not been made.

W. H. McNabb, telegrapher at "DS," St. Thomas, nights, is relieving the Pere Marquette dispatcher at St. Thomas for a couple of weeks.

Bro. H. L. Oliver, telegrapher at Niagara Falls, Ont., was off for a week, owing to illness. Bro. Farr took the day shift, and Telegrapher W. W. Grant the night shift.

Owing to other business Bro. J. H. Staley is unable to continue the duties of local chairman, but still retains his office as general secretary and treasurer, with headquarters at Ridgemount, Ont. Bro. David Hoy, Fletcher, assumes the duties of local chairman.

West End Division—

The dispatchers are making their trips on local trains in order to familiarize themselves with the road.

Bro. Murphy, at Michigan City, days, is relieving Bro. Quance. Bro. Anderson is relieving Bro. Murphy nights.

Office at "Lydick," on Benton Harbor Division, will be opened Friday. Understand Telegrapher Fuller goes there.

Bro. C. V. O'Connor is working first trick at New Buffalo while Bro. LaCrone is off duty. Understand Bro. LaCrone was called away on account of death in his family. DIV. COR.

Middle Division and Main Line—

Bro. Don Spencer, one of the oldest in point of service on this division, who held second trick at Niles, has resigned, and, with his family, has moved to Jackson. Bro. Rennor, from Colon, third trick, bid in the vacancy. Bro. Northrop, who has been working the second trick until the change was made, resumes third trick at Niles and telegrapher McGilward, who relieved Bro. Northrop, went to Grand Rapids to work second trick at that point.

Bro. Keefe, third at Kalamazoo, was off sick a couple of weeks, but am glad to say he is OK and

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back to work again. Telegrapher Sweeney, from Jackson relief force, relieved him.

Bro. Ketchum, second at Kalamazoo, is enjoying a few days' vacation. Bro. Kitchen, a new man on the road, is relieving him.

Bro. Bergy, who has been off on a vacation lasting about two weeks, is at work again, first trick at Battle Creek. Bro. Slowey, from Albion, second, relieved him, and Telegrapher Kitchen relieved Bro. Slowey.

Bro. Eagle, from extra list, secured third trick at Colon on the bulletin, relieving Bro. Rennor when he went to Niles.

Bro. Calkins, the general chairman, is attending the convention at Atlanta.

Bro. Helt is working the first trick at Albion during his absence.

Bro. Brown, local chairman, also attending the convention. Bro. Miller is working the first trick at Harris, and Bro. Brewer is working Bro. Miller's third trick there.

Bro. R. J. Ramsey, of the examining car, is working as yardmaster at Niles, while Yardmasters Seeley and Zane are taking their annual vacation. Frank Allen, extra dispatcher, is holding down the examiner's job during his absence.

The dispatchers are going over the road, and Extra Dispatcher Cummins is relieving them. Two new men from W. U. relieving in "SF" office, Jackson. Did not learn their names.

In last month's news I was in error concerning agent at Glenwood. It was Bro. Louks instead of Bro. Lutz that bid in the position. Bro. Louks says he is keeping batch, as there is no place to board near by.

Business is good and there are several extra conductors on the board. Our extra men are all busy, too. Our slogan should be "Organize," and remember to ask for the card when a telegrapher strikes you for a stake. "No card, no favors." CERT. 414.

West Joliet and Benton Harbor Divisions—

Bro. Main, of "DO," Chicago, was called to Detroit by the death of his mother last month; relieved by Bro. McAninch, recently of the U. P. Ry. On Bro. Main's return, Bro. McAninch went to "CA," Kensington, third trick, for a few nights, relieving Bro. Martin on account of sickness.

We are glad to be able to call T. A. Mitchell brother. He is working third trick at Galien, relieving Mr. Drier, who, we understand, is now convalescing and may be expected to be around again in about a month. Mr. Glover has taken his regular second trick at Galien, after doing relief agent work for some time.

Mr. O'Connor, who has been relieving Bro. LaCrone at New Buffalo, has resumed work on third trick at that station, Bro. LaCrone having returned. Bro. Mohler, who was relieving Mr. O'Connor at New Buffalo, is at present working first trick at "KD," Kensington, relieving Bro. Thoms, who, we understand, sprained an ankle.

Mr. H. Covey, late of the Iowa Central, who was relieving at New Buffalo, is working days at "DO," Chicago, at present.

Bro. Redding, second trick at New Buffalo, has resumed duty after a ten days' vacation, which he spent with home folks in Indianapolis.

Bro. Alexander, of East Gary, was recently called to Ann Arbor, on account of the death of a relative, and was absent for several days; relieved by Mr. Vedo, a new man on the road.

Mr. R. C. Fuller is filling the temporary position at the Lydick gravel pit during the construction work which is being done there.

We are glad to note that the west end is now nearly solid, and with a little more individual effort we can easily make it solid and keep it so.

A meeting may be called some time during the present month, and we must all try to make it a record breaker in point of attendance. Keep up the good work and send in any items you may know of, so we can have a write-up each month.

UNCLE DUDLEY.

The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Cleveland Division—

When you read this, just ask yourself how much of it you contributed.

The services of the copier in the dispatchers office at Cleveland have been dispensed with. Mr. J. E. Burnap has gone back to "CD" office, first trick, bumping Mr. H. O. Wiltsie. Mr. Wiltsie bumped Bro. K. C. Smith who went to Woodland second trick which he received later on bid.

Bro. V. J. Beaumont, second trick at Euclid, and Mr. J. E. Ross, second trick at Woodland, have resigned. Both accepted positions with the W. U. Tel. Co. at Cleveland. Bro. A. C. Stiles is holding down second trick at Euclid at present.

Bro. E. G. Manson, first trick at Vermillion, off one day, while making a flying trip to Cleveland. Relieved by Bro. Chas. Walton, an extra man.

Mr. W. J. Howey, who is working at Sheffield, an old-timer at the business and an ex-member of the Order has put a handle to his name. It is Prof. Howey now, as he is running a ham factory at Sheffield. He dropped out of the Order giving that old, old and threadbare excuse, "Hard up, no money to pay dues." The boys did not think he was so old in the business that he was getting feeble minded, but his actions show that there is something radically wrong in his upper story.

Bro. L. L. Gerhardt, second trick at Kimball, is off duty at present, serving on the grand jury at Norwalk, Ohio. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Austin.

The third trick at Euclid, second trick at Woodland and third trick at Kimball were advertised this month, and the following named receiving same on bid. Mr. E. R. Shepard, third trick at Kimball, Bro. K. C. Smith, second trick at Woodland and Mr. E. P. LaMoreaux, third trick at Euclid.

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Telegrapher McGurdy, third trick at East Lorain, off a few days, being relieved by Bro. Chas. Walton.

There are a couple of up-to-date members on this division who are violating their obligation to the Order by harboring students. I don't see how they can do this with a clear conscience after what the Order has done for them. I hope these members will see the mistake they are making, and discontinue the practice, as it is contrary to the laws of the organization and those who indulge in it are subject to expulsion.

Bro. Gebthard recently made a business trip to Cleveland, and went from Cleveland to Wheeling, West Va.

Telegrapher Hammond, formerly second trick at Sheffield, has left the service, and is doing the farming stunt, near Lorain.

We hope before you see another write-up from this division that our committee will have met the management and renewed our schedule and adjusted a few grievances.

In closing, I want to urge the few brothers who have neglected to pay their dues for the last six months to do so at once, as nothing is more encouraging to our general committee, when up before the management, than for them to know that they have a solid line-up behind them.

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First District—

We have a good membership on this district, but what we want is a decrease in the number of nons and an increased O. R. T. membership and better organization. If the brothers will get busy and make this a good, live O. R. T. district, they will be giving our new committee the best possible aid.

Bro. T. B. Groves has returned from a visit to his home in Pennsylvania and is working third trick at "NH," relieving Mr. E. H. Todd, who is doing relief work at Conneaut.

Mr. V. H. Weatherup, third trick at Westfield, was off during the last week in April; relieved by Mr. J. F. Now.

Mr. D. G. Dudley, first trick at Brocton yard, was on the sick list several days; relieved by Mr. S. J. Paddock. We are glad to see Dan at work again. Understand Mr. Paddock has left the service.

Bro. A. G. Berens, second trick at Westfield, off April 25th for one night; relieved by Mr. J. A. Clavin.

Bro. Sobetzer, second trick at Angola, was off a few days on account of the serious illness of his wife. Glad to hear she is much better at present.

Mr. B. P. Cobb, brother of Bro. A. J. Cobb, of Swanville, has been appointed relief agent, vice Mr. S. W. Beatty, who has taken the agency at Ripley.

Mr. M. P. Sherwood, formerly agent at Ripley, has been transferred to the agency at Geneva, Ohio.

Mr. F. J. Almeda worked third trick at Lake View a few nights, in place of Bro. Mix.

On May 8th Bro. Morrisy took charge first trick at West End Double Track. Bro. Wiser on regular second trick and Mr. Crossen on third trick, while Bro. E. M. Mulcahy is at Atlanta, representing Division No. 18.

Bro. Mulcahey and wife and Bro. Geo. Kipp and wife, of Division No. 129 are making the trip together. We wish them a pleasant journey and hope much good may be accomplished for the Order.

At Wallace Junction Bro. R. W. Ferry, our local chairman has first trick, Mr. Hayes second, and Bro. H. J. Emmerling third.

Bro. Bolhogen, extra dispatcher, is working third trick at Conneaut while Dispatcher C. E. Benjamin is away on vacation.

Bro. C. J. Dow, third trick at "MX," Conneaut, worked as first trick dispatcher in place of Bro. E. J. Parrish for a few days. Glad to see C. J. promoted.

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Third District—

Telegrapher A. S. Kiger, first trick at West Fort Wayne, is off duty a few days, on account of the sickness of his wife; relieved by Telegrapher Carney, who formerly worked at Claypool. Mr. Carney left the service of the company and has only been back a short time.

Carney was relieved at West Fort Wayne by Bro. C. A. Brown, from Contl, who was formerly with the east end, working as ticket agent at West 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Bro. Brown was relieved at Contl by Bro. W. S. Avey, from McComb, who got Contl on bulletin. Bro. Avey was relieved at McComb, third trick by Telegrapher Shaw from Hobart.

Bro. C. J. Erickson, third trick at Leipsic Junction, is off duty a few days visiting his home in Iowa; relieved by Telegrapher Keniger, a new man.

Bro. D. F. Thomson, at Maple Grove, got rid of his student, and we are all glad to hear this.

Bro. H. J. Freeland, third trick at Mortimer, Ohio, is taking a vacation and enjoying a wedding trip to Hadley, Pa. Bro. Freeland has our best wishes for a long and happy life.

Bro. Freeland is being relieved by Telegrapher Demmick, a new man.

Bro. C. H. Zimmerman, formerly third at New Haven, worked a couple of weeks at Tippecanoe, relieving the regular agent on account of sickness. Bro. Zimmerman was relieved at New Haven by Telegrapher Monroe.

The work at Maple Grove has grown so rapidly that it was necessary to make two towns of it, naming the quarry works Narlo, and the regular agent, Bro. Baldwin, placed at "Narlo." At the junction, or Maple Grove, Bro. C. L. Zimmerman was checked in as agent, doing six hours' wire work. Bro. C. R. Detlif is on second trick, and Bro. R. M. Thompson has third trick. Bro. Cornelius, who formerly worked first trick at Maple Grove, relieved Telegrapher W. Bechtold at Oakwood, two weeks, while he was off on vacation. Bro. Cornelius bid in third trick at New Haven.

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Bro. E. J. Brennan is relieving Agent W. C. Elick at Tippecanoe on account of sickness.

When at Leipsic and in need of supper, lunch, etc., dont forget Bro. E. J. Brennan's restaurant. He will be glad to wait upon all brothers.

On May 11 the officials were on the road inspecting and looking over the new block stations. It begins to look now as though we were going to get rid of the old form of block now used, which is about twenty years behind the times and very unhandy, especially at a few offices, where the office is in the center of the passing track, causing considerable confusion when trains from both directions are close and only orders for one of them.

There seems to be considerable confusion at present regarding the bulletining of offices, but we hope to be able to get it straightened out soon and keep it so.

The board of adjustment on the Third District now consists of Bro. F. F. Cowley, of Mortimer, Ohio, Bro. C. J. Erickson, of Leipsic Jct., in addition to Bro. Hixon, general chairman, at Contl, O. Please present your grievances to any of the above members of the board and they will use their best judgment in handling same.

Bros. Parker and Erickson, of Leipsic Jct., were appointed as a committee to wait upon the city council at Leipsic and tender our thanks for the courtesies shown us in the use of the hall, etc.

There were eighteen present, but quite a number of offices have not yet been represented where one man out of the three could very handily get relief if any effort were made.

Try to show up at some of the meetings and not let a few do the work. Get out and get acquainted with the brothers personally, which will engender a better feeling among us. ZIM.

New York, Ontario & Western Ry.

A meeting was held at Oneida, Sunday, May 9th, and a very agreeable time was enjoyed by all present.

Bro. McCuen, assistant local chairman, had all arrangements made, so we were able to proceed with business immediately after the arrival of the members. Several matters of importance were brought before the meeting, including changes that should, in our opinion, be made in our schedule.

After the business meeting was over we proceeded to get acquainted, which I think is a very good feature of these meetings. We all know each other more or less on the wire, and in other business ways, but what we want is to get together and know each other personally, that is the way to make these meetings a success.

There were about twenty-five present, which was a very good number, considering the way trains run on Sunday. There were two new applications handed in and the promise of more later. I might say here that there are only a very few nons on the Northern Division, and we hope, in the near future, that this number may be greatly diminished, and I think it can be easily done if we all get out and hustle.

We are going to try to hold meetings every month, and I wish every brother would try to be present. In this way we will become better acquainted with each other, as well as with the business that comes up from time to time.

Bro. Ingersoll started for Atlanta, Ga., May 7th, to attend the National Convention. We all hope he has a fine time, and no doubt he will, and we shall expect to hear from him on his return. CERT. 89.

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry.

Second District—

Bro. C. B. Miller has been chosen general secretary and treasurer. Send all dues and remittances to him at Piqua, O.

Bro. Bushwaw, the retiring general secretary, deserves much credit for the efficient work he preformed while serving for a number of years in this capacity. He will long be remembered with affection by the officers and brothers of Division No. 21 for his many kindly acts and pleasant ways.

Elemwood Place, second trick, was up for bid recently. Can not say who bid it in.

Night offices at Cridersville and Kirkwood have been closed. Bro. Schulte, who had second trick at the latter place, has been working third trick at Tipp City in place of Bro. Ragon, who has been on a vacation.

"13" Bro. Kroger, first trick telegrapher and all around man at Troy, has accepted a very nice position at Dayton.

Bro. Joe Schulte worked second trick at Sidney, while Mr. Small was spending a week at his old home in Glendale.

Third Trick Telegrapher "Dick" Shearer, of Penna tower, recently attended a "powow" of the Red men at Sidney. Mr. Shearer is a very enthusiastic Red man, and takes a deep interest in that order.

The company has opened a new gravel pit at Troy, on the old line, and installed an office there for the summer. Can not say who will get this office.

Word has just been received announcing the death of Mr. J. H. Louy, who succumbed to an attack of paralysis, at Independence, Kan. Mr. Louy was telegrapher, dispatcher and chief dispatcher on the Lima-Toledo Division for a number of years, and consequently had many friends among the employes of the C. H. & D., and especially among the older telegraphers.

CORRESPONDENT.

C. M. & St. P. Ry.

Kansas City Division—

Our local chairman, Bro. J. P. Doherty, is attending the Grand Convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, assembled at Atlanta, Ga., and from reports received from there they are having a very busy session, and no doubt some very interesting things will be brought before the assembly.

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On Wednesday afternoon a barbecue was held, and in the evening the Sweetwater Park Hotel was thrown open for the telegraphers to enjoy dancing until the train left for Atlanta.

The ham factory at Blakesburg, Ia., has turned out a couple of students in the last month, and we are intormed that there are a couple of new ham factories starting on the south end. We will not mention any names at this time, and should this find its way to these stations, we hope the guilty persons will take notice and "cut it out."

There are still some nons on this division, and they are so deep in the rut that we doubt if they will ever come out of it, some of them are men we should have and they owe their allegiance to the organization, in fact, they all owe it to the organization, but there are some few that we do not want at any price for we are better off without them. The members know who they are, and a special effort should be made to get only the ones who are eligible. I am enclosing to Bro. L. W. Quick, at this time, a list of the nons on the Kansas City Division and their present location, and should the name of any one appear on the list who has been persuaded to come in with the up-to-date members of this great organization, I will thank any member to personally call the attention of the local chairman to it, and the list will be promptly corrected.

On the east end of the Kansas City Division we find very few changes, and they are only of a temporary nature.

While the steam shovel is working at Cone, Ia., they have three telegraphers where formally but two were employed. It has been operated as a one man station, viz: the day man does the telegraphing and the night man does the lever work, each working twelve hours.

We wish to thank the brothers who have contributed some of the news items, and desire to request that items be sent to the correspondent on or before the 15th of each month, so as to insure their coming out in the next issue of the journal.

Bro. Chas. Cross is relieving Bro. Doherty, while he is in attendance at the Atlanta, Ga., convention, and Bro. Harry Hoover is doing the stunt at ticket seller at Ottumwa, while Bro. Cross is away. CORRESPONDENT.

West End I. and D. Division—

Not many changes on the division.

Understand Bro A. W. Hakes, of Rock Valley, has been appointed postmaster at that place.

Bro. C. W. Jacobs figures on a trip to Europe this summer. We all wish him a very pleasant time.

Bro. M. J. Flannigan, of Inwood, has been West, looking after his land interests.

Bro. F. R. Douw back to Canton, after working relief at Mitchell side table.

Bro. Jno. Hurley, of Worthing, has gone to the Pacific Coast extension, where he has taken a station; relieved by Bro. F. H. Clark, day telegrapher from Marion Jct. Regular man for Worthington coming from Beulah.

Bro. J. J. Curtis is working extra at Marion Jct., nights.

Bro. J. J. Elker, at Marion Jct., likes his new place fine.

No changes on the Running Water line; everything solid there.

Bro. Beeson is working relief at Pukwana, while the regular man is away. CERT. 1322.

Wisconsin Valley Division—

Bro. Manthy, who has been holding down Minocqua, second trick, is now relieving Telegrapher Wake at Star Lake while Wake is relieving the agent.

Bro. Ludlam is working second trick and Bro. Van Wilder is holding down third at "UF," Tomahawk.

Bro. Case is now agent at Brokaw. Bro. La Marchee, the former agent, is now working third at Grand Rapids.

Bro. Hutcheson is holding down his old job again, second trick at Minocqua. He has been acting agent at Arbor Vitae, vice Mr. Schultz, who has resigned.

Bro. Whaley is relieving the agent at Pittsville.

Bro. Lynn is still on second and Bro. Sundir third trick at Babcock. A BROTHER.

Northern Division—

Bro. Quardt, of Iron Ridge, is going to have a fine depot when the company finishes the improvements they have started there.

Bro. Dunlays, of second trick at Horicon, was taken suddenly sick about a week ago and has gone to his home on a farm near Berlin to rest up.

Bro. Sisohke, from second trick at Granville, is holding down second trick at Horicon during Bro. Dunlay's absence.

Bro. E. H. Radtke is working at Washington, Iowa, on the Kansas City Division, having resigned second trick at Beaver Dam Jct. Mr. Art Hintz got the job on bulletin.

Bro. Geo. Doyle is still in the South, having gone there the fore part of the winter for his health. Bro. Carmeio is working second trick at Pardeeville during his absence.

Bro. Seefeld is holding down third trick at Iron Ridge while Bro. Carmeio is at Pardeeville.

A new position of day telegrapher at Hartford was bulletined a few days ago, but has since been cancelled and putting on a third trick there. Bro. Thiele telegraphs now from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., and Bro. O'Neil holds his same trick from 5 p. m. till 3 a. m. The third trick man works from 3 a. m. to 1 p. m. with a noon hour.

If any of the brothers hear of any news, would be glad to have them hand it in, as it is pretty hard to keep track of every one.

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River Division—

Mr. I. P. Deschneau has been promoted to agent at Stillwater, vice L. W. Smock, who went to Winona. Mr. Deschneau has been cashier at Stillwater for a number of years. Bro. Reese,

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from Wabasha, has been appointed telegrapher and cashier at Stillwater.

Mr. M. P. Garven, of Winona, has been promoted to freight agent at St. Paul, former agent F. J. Clemons, of St. Paul, having resigned.

Telegraph offices opened at Gravel Pit on the island between Red Wing and Hastings. Telegrapher S. B. Nelson is doing the stunt there. Nothing but work trains using that track now, so office is operated only in the day time.

Business has not started to boom very strong yet, but we are all in hopes that it will soon increase, as the weather seems to be settled. It certainly is to be hoped that some of the offices where the forces were reduced last fall and winter will be allowed men enough for full crews when business gets normal, thus giving men enough for full crews when business gets normal, thus giving some of the boys who are now on the extra list regular assignments.

Bro. C. H. Erickson has been appointed third telegrapher at Langdon.

Temporary fifth telegrapher put on in relay office in Minneapolis. Bro. A. M. Kehrer, from the Omaha Ry., at Mankato, is filling in there temporarily, but understand that Telegrapher P. C. Heuer, from Island Track Switch goes there on bulletin.

Bro. F. G. Maloney relieved Bro. P. J. Reed at Hastings. Bro. Reed was sick for some time. He has now resumed work and Bro. Maloney went to River Junction.

Agent G. F. Smith, of Hastings, has returned from a winter spent in California and looks as if the trip agreed with him. He has not yet resumed his duties as agent. Bro. H. C. Vogel is the acting agent.

Have not noticed that the phone system is displacing any telegraphers throughout the country as yet. It seems to me there will have to be a great many improvements over any phone we have ever used before it will be a safe instrument to use in dispatching trains on single-track roads. There is too much property and too many lives at stake for any guess work.

I guess there were a good many dry eyes among the agents when the change in express companies took place. As I understand it the outgoing company started to run a kind of hold-up game in connection with the bond premium business. It seems to me that the companies should pay the agents' premiums, but instead of that they doubled them.

Telegrapher P. J. Carolan went to Lower Yard (St. Paul), third trick, relieving Telegrapher Donohue on account of sickness. Later, Telegrapher Carolan was sent to Island Gravel Pit and Telegrapher J. H. Donehower went to Lower Yard.

Bro. R. E. Kennedy has resumed his position as second trick telegrapher in "C" office, Minneapolis, displacing Telegrapher Bean.

Bro. G. H. Swanberg, third trick at Signal Tower, was absent a few days on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. L. E. Kenyon, from Chestnut Street, St. Paul. Telegrapher S. B. Nelson from Island Gravel Pit, is doing the stunt at Chestnut Street during Bro. Kenyon's absence.

Bro. R. C. Sanborn, third trick at Merriam Park, after a month's vacation spent in training his baseball team, is back at his old job.

Bro. K. K. Brainerd, agent at Durand, Wis., is off on a six-months' vacation. Bro. C. E. Griswold is doing the heavy work during his absence, and the day telegrapher position is bulletined.

Bros. H. W. Lake, third at Red Wing, and J. Y. Creel, second trick at Island Track Switch, have resigned to enter the service of the Northern Pacific. Bro. J. P. Myers, from Blackbird Junction is filling in at Red Wing, and both positions are bulletined.

Bro. Walter Scott, who has been relieving Bro. Sanborn at Merriam Park, for several weeks, tendered his resignation to accept a position on the Coast Extension at Butte, Mont.

Understand Bro. Krugmire, second trick at Blackbird Junction, has left the service.

New time card in effect Sunday, May 16, gives us two additional passenger trains (Nos. 10 and 11) between Minneapolis and Chicago.

Bro. Will Kenyon, second trick at Signal Tower, is absent from duty with an attack of appendicitis. He was relieved by Bro. R. C. Sanborn, from Merriam Park. Bro. O. C. Franke, from the M. & St. L. Ry., is doing the "owl watch' at Merriam Park.

Our genial chief dispatcher, W. J. Thiele, left us on May 15th, to accept the position of trainmaster on the C. &. M. Division, with office in the Union Depot, Chicago, and is relieved by Mr. L. T. Johnston, formerly chief dispatcher on the H. & D. Division. Both of these are nice promotions, and while we are sorry to lose W. J. T., we are also pleased to see his ability recognized, and, as Mr. Johnston was formerly a popular trick dispatcher on this division we are all pleased to welcome him back as our chief.

Bro. E. F. Fitzgerald, agent at Merriam Park, is limping around these days with a sore leg, the result of stepping into a hole in the dark.

Bro. W. J. Leahy, second trick at Merriam Park, has been appointed division correspondent, and is anxious to give us a good write-up every month, but cannot do so without your assistance. So, boys, be ever mindful of your duty and send him the news, whether it is one item or fifty, in one letter or a dozen, and he will do the rest.

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Hastings and Dakota Division—

Jimmie Ingraham gets the Hazeltine pit job. This will give "Cinders" lots of chance to make good in his line.

Changes on the east end of the H. & D. are rather scarce just now.

A vacancy exists at Twin Brooks. Mr. Guernsey, formerly cashier at Montevideo, is there at present. Bro. Rowan Conner, former agent, has gone to extension.

A new man from another "pike" gets the cashier job at Montevideo.

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Bro. Fruetel, the genial agent at Correll, is on the sick list. A Mr. Ronning is relieving him.

Vacancies at Bristol, first trick; Andover, third trick, and agency at Wolsey, on J. P. Division.

Bro. Bradley, former agent at Webster, who is now traveling freight agent on extension, came east on No. 4 the other morning.

Mr. Spencer received appointment as day telegrapher at Summit.

Bro. Stanton received appointment as agent at Holmquist.

We understand that Bro. Strock is back on this division after an absence of about a year. He relieved one of the telegraphers at Milbank, and is now relieving at Summit.

There will be a telegraph office opened in the gravel pit at Odessa in about a week or ten days. This will require about two telegraphers.

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Third District—

Bro. N. E. Thompson, of Somers, is quite an "old boy" to be afflicted with the mumps, but that is just what happened; he recovered safely and last week went to Madison, Wis., to visit a son attending the Wisconsin State University.

Bro. F. P. Woda, of Rondout, third trick is sick, and off duty. He is being relieved by Bro. Geo. Brown, of Walworth, third trick.

Mr. B. O. Bowser has been relieving Bro. H. I. Derrickson, second trick at "WC" tower for the past three weeks.

Quite a number have paid semi-annual dues for the second term this year. This is very encouraging, and let every one see to it that their dues are paid on time and save the division officers much extra work that can be more profitably spent on the nons left in the Chicago Terminals.

There was a change made in the by-laws of the M. B. D. at the Atlanta convention which requires that insurance assessments be paid semi-annually instead of monthly, as heretofore. The members still have the sixty days after the first of each term in which to pay up before becoming delinquent, but be sure and send Bro. L. W. Quick the insurance assessments for the next six months beginning July 1st, before August 31st. Keep this in mind, as this is very important and necessary to protect your membership in both the M. B. D. and the O. R. T. CERT. 1129.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, An all-wise Creator has seen fit to remove from our midst the father of our worthy Brothers B. J. and R. J. Simen, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Third District, Division No. 23, members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, do most sincerely sympathize with Bro. B. J. Simen and Bro. R. J. Simen in their affliction, the death of their father at Oconee, Ill., April 22, 1909; let us all believe that our earthly losses only mean an increase in our heavenly store; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Bro. B. J. Simen at Libertyville, Ill., Bro. R. J. Simen at Marysville, Calif., and Bro. L. W. Quick at St. Louis, Mo., for insertion in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

M. R. CORCORAN,
FRANK LUMEN,
N. E. THOMPSON,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this means of expressing my heartfelt thanks to all of the boys of the Third District, Division No. 23, who so very generously contributed to a fund for the relief of myself and family and to assist me in paying my hospital and doctor bills incurred during the serious sickness of my wife. She is now on the road to recovery and we shall always feel that each of you were instrumental in furthering her recovery by rendering substantial aid in time of need.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES R. PORTER.

Wadsworth, Ill., May 1, 1909.

C. & C. B. Division, in Iowa.

Bro. W. E. Rose, of Paralta, was off a few days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Parmenter.

Bros. Brubaker and Welch have resigned on the east end and left for other stamping grounds.

Bro. C. J. Oleson, the former agent at Herndon, is back from the Pacific Coast Extension.

First Trick Dispatcher John Raymond, of Marion, was off three weeks, looking after his Montana ranch.

Bro. C. W. Hall, of Elwood, laid off few days, and was relieved by Bro. W. T. Bright.

Bro. M. J. Coughlin was appointed to third trick at Keystone, afterward exchanging it for the second trick at Maxwell.

Bro. J. N. Elsner, is handling Wyoming Station during the absence of Bro. J. N. Swordes. Telegrapher Warner, relieving Bro. Elsner at Morley.

Our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. G. E. Soyster, was seen passing over the east end recently, on his way to Elgin, to attend a meeting.

Bro. M. L. House was used extra at Council Bluffs yard, for a few nights, and was relieved at Weston by Telegrapher Curran.

Bro. J. F. Ryan, of Bouton, was appointed to the agency at Haverhill. Bro. C. E. Miller was appointed agent at Bouton.

Bro. Charles Rupp, of Slater tower, third trick, was in Marshalltown, Sunday, the 23d, to hear Billy Sunday preach. He reports Mr. Sunday is a masterful speaker.

Telegrapher Chas. Mills drew the second trick at Herndon on bulletin, but was subsequently relieved by Telegrapher Platt. Bro. M. L. Blakeslee is working the third trick at present.

Bro. J. N. Elsner, of Morley, nights was granted a lay-off recently, and was relieved by Telegrapher Rowe, who, after working a few nights, was relieved by Telegrapher Brosnon.

Bro. W. R. Knight relieved Bro. F. N. Rathbun at Martelle, Bro. Rathbun being called away

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on account of a death in the family. Bro. Knight was relieved at Lost Nation by Bro. Welch.

Bro. Breese relieved Bro. Welch at Lost Nation, third trick, and was afterwards relieved by Telegrapher Parmenter. Bro. Breese has been on the pension list of late, on account of no work in sight for him.

Bro. E. E. McConoughey, of Lost Nation, is laying off for a short time, and is being relieved by Bro. Rogers, the night man. Bro. Breese is relieving Bro. Rogers.

Bro. F. R. Hoesly was appointed to the first trick at Madrid, filling vacancy left by Bro. Lewison. Bro. A. O. Olson got the second trick. Telegrapher O. H. Darby is now working third.

Bro. W. T. Bright, of Elwood, nights, laid off a few days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Brosnon, who subsequently was relieved by Telegrapher Breese. Brosnon took charge of Collins, third trick.

Bro. James Keenan, of Marion "JO" office, first trick, is taking a lay-off. Bro. L. R. Carbee, the second trick man is relieving him. Telegrapher Parmenter is working the third trick at present.

Bro. R. L. Leamon has been dispatching the second trick on the branch, he being relieved at Marion yard by Bro. James Keenan, who, in turn, was relieved at "JO" office by Telegrapher Parmenter.

Bro. M. B. Leonard, of Paralta, was relieved a few days by Bro. M. Warner, who also relieved Bro. J. E. Tracey, at Martelle, a few days. Bro. Warner was relieved at Hale by his son.

Bro. G. N. Whipple, of "KS," Slater, accompanied by his sister, were in Chicago, Sunday, April 25th, where they attended the funeral of a relative. Bros. Rood, Hottle and Rupp took care of business during Bro. Whipple's absence.

Bro. A. Gamelin has resigned the agency at Huxley, and understand he is now located at Lemmon, S. Dak., on the Coast Extension, where he is acting as station cashier. Bro. L. M. Lewison has been appointed agent at Huxley.

The few meagre items which we have been able to glean this month have been in part contributed by Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, of Delmar Junction, Bro. W. J. Swenning, of Herndon, and Bro. W. C. Bliss, of Portsmouth. Now, the rest of the brothers should do likewise, so that we could present a good write-up each month. Let each and every member do his duty in this respect.

Bro. W. C. Bliss, of Portsmouth, was off duty four days to attend the funeral of his father at Galesburg, Ill., he being relieved at Portsmouth by Bro. P. H. Curran, who was relieved on the night job by Telegrapher Jeffries one night and by Telegrapher L. V. Curran three nights. Young Curran has promised to make good as soon as his age permits.

Bro. Chas. Rupp was appointed third trick at Slater tower in place of Bro. A. C. Hutton.

Bro. J. W. Hart has been assigned to the afternoon trick at Rockaway for six months.

Telegrapher J. H. Toler was appointed to the night office at Bayard.

Bro. L. O. Harned has been asigned the third trick at Woodward.

Bro. D. D. Dean is now working at Rhodes.

Bro. H. C. Krasche has been transferred from third to second trick at Perry yard.

Bro. F. P. Henry is now holding down second trick at Council Bluffs yard.

Bro. H. H. White has been transferred to the night office at Atkins.

Telegrapher J. J. Brosnon, of the east end, has been assigned to third trick at Collins.

Bro. D. M. Kelly is holding down third trick at Council Bluffs yard.

Bro. A. J. Elder has taken third trick at Perry yard.

Telegrapher J. R. Harding has been assigned to the night office at Covington.

Bro. W. R. Knight has taken Clinton.

Telegrapher C. L. Jeffries is doing the third trick at Maxwell. JOHN TILE..

Southern Minnesota Division—

After twenty years of service as superintendent at LaCrosse, Mr. Wilbert Irwin has been succeeded by Mr. E. G. Perkins, formerly trainmaster of the S. M. Division.

Mr. E. G. Atkins, from Wisconsin Valley Division, has been appointed trainmaster, vice Mr. Perkins.

Bro. R. N. Miner at Isinours visited his parents at Austin a few days, being relieved by Roy Wood from Lanesboro.

Bro. T. P. Horton, extra dispatcher, relieved on second trick in dispatchers' office at LaCrosse, while Dispatcher Whalen attended his sister's wedding at Lansing, Iowa.

Bro. Sheehy has take charge of Grand Meadow station, which he drew on recent bulletin. He was forced to have another operation performed at Rochester. Bro. Mathison, relief agent, is in charge temporarily.

Bro. G. L. Parker drew Ramsey, third trick on bulletin. Ramsey agency is bulletined for four months on account of Bro. T. P. Horton relieving regular dispatchers for vacations. Bro. Burnett is at work at Ramsey, third trick awaiting assignment of bulletin.

Bro. Burnett enjoyed a short pleasure trip, accompanying Yankee Robinson's circus to Mapleton, Mankato and LeSueur Center.

Bro. Barber has been absent from Spring Valley about three weeks attending the convention at Atlanta. Bro. Graves, from the C. G. W. Ry., is in charge during his absence.

Fred Stewart, who worked at Winnebago as relief, is now working at Zumbrota for the I. & M. Division, while Bro. Anderson is in the hospital at Red Wing.

Bro. J. A. Knutson, who was appointed day telegrapher at Winnebago before taking up his duties at that place, enjoyed a few days' sightseeing at Minneapolis. Understand Bobby Can-

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field is helping the "old man" out on the lost office proposition.

Bro. E. J. Fogarty acted as relief at Easton until Bro. Campbell, from Colman, was transferred there.

Bro. Mathison worked a few days for Bro. Clayton at Alden and is now filling in the remainder of Bro. Kellogg's six months' leave at Colman, S. Dak.

Bro. Mathison also had charge of welcome station while Bro. Olson was moving from Grand Meadow and getting settled.

Not very much news from the west end.

Understand Bro. Harmon has gone on the Jim River Division as relief agent.

Bro. Zenor, at Hatfield, has left us and gone to the G. N. Ry.

If you have any items and can't hunt up the division correspondent, slip them across to Bro. Barber at Spring Valley, who will forward them to me. DIV. COR.

Iowa and Minnesota Division—

Geo. Lieb is laying off and figures on taking a cashier job in North Dakota. Sexter relieves him, relieved in turn by Geo. King, a new man on the division.

W. J. Lieb, Farmington, has resigned to take the position of traveling freight agent under J. T. Conley. No man appointed in his place as yet.

There is a persistent rumor afloat that O. W. R. has been appointed chief dispatcher on H. & D. Division.

H. E. Peterson, third trick at Farmington, is out of the service. He was relieved by Perry Mason, a new man on this division.

G. P. Ryan, back from a session at the Hot Springs, gave up Westcott to do relieving this summer.

F. C. Hobson recently went to Lonsdale to relieve J. J. Malek, who was off duty on account of sickness.

F. D. Fleetwood, first trick at Comus, has resigned. He was relieved by C. C. Chapman, who was appointed in his place. C. E. Hannon relieved Chapman, and was himself relieved by a new man on the division named Duffy.

On account of changing the time of No. 1 to half hour earlier, hours of Owatonna, Faribault, Dundas and Castle Rock have been changed so first telegrapher comes on thirty minutes to an hour earlier.

Quite a number of changes are taking place on the division this month. Farmington agency, Westcott, Cleveland, Farmington third trick and Side Table temporary position, are all bulletined and with the resulting vacancies prospects are poor for vacations in time for the Seattle-Yukon show.

Now that we have the new express company, most of the boys regret the change, as it seems to be a setback of ten years in methods of handling the business as the U. S. triplicate system is badly missed by most of the joint agents.

F. C. Hobson has been assigned to Westcott, relieving G. P. Ryan, on account of sickness. Ryan has gone to Hot Springs.

H. E. Peterson relieved S. R. Parker at Rosemount a few days, on account of sickness.

H. E. Peterson relieved John Condon at Farmington. Condon has left the service, rule 8.

A. E. Henry, has gone to the N. P. Ry. from Comus. He was relieved by Bro. F. B. Losey, who, in turn, was relieved by C. E. Hannon, a new man:

G. F. King is relieving Geo. L. Leib, of Owatonna, who is putting in a crop on his North Dakota farm.

O. A. Potter relieved J. E. Liebel, of Mendota, two or three days. CERT. 154.

International & Great Northern Ry.

Bro. C. A. Brown is relieving Bro. W. C. Mantius, at Lindale, while Bro. Mantius is on a vacation down on his farm at Encinal.

Bro. A. L. Holland, of Arcola, is off for about ninety days; relieved by Mr. B. H. Bullock.

Bro. W. H. Wright, who suddenly became very sick, going to Austin for recuperation, has recovered sufficiently to relieve Mr. Mellon on the third trick there, while Mr. Mellon is temporarily at "MS," San Antonio. Bro. Wright was relieved, at Taylor, by Bro. F. E. Finnie.

Several of the brothers have been attending court, among whom were Bro. L. W. Sledge, from Cotulla, and Bro. J. N. Young, at Buda. They were relieved by Messrs. H. B. Miller and J. V. Blackwell.

Bro. T. C. Berry, of Encinal, can be heard almost any night at a late hour turning out onions and stock, and he doesn't fail to turn in overtime either, which is right since our contract calls for it.

Bro. T. G. Hines, at Encinal, has been sick several days, and Bro. E. I. Kellams is holding down the key there during his absence.

Bro. A. J. Gidley has been transferred to Lytle, and Bro. A. Pieper bid for McNeil.

Bro. D. C. Gaston, of Moore, was absent one day, but am unable to say who relieved him.

Mr. C. H. Cable again transferred to Bracken, the place having been made vacant by Bro. H. D. Gode going to Von Ormy.

Bro. W. T. McLean spent Easter Sunday at Austin, with friends.

Bro. L. E. Killen, of Goodwin, is off on account of the illness of his sister, and Mr. Blackwell is relieving during his temporary absence.

Bro. L. H. Hungate, of Marquez, is spending a few days at San Antonio, on committee business.

Bro. Walter Biel, formerly of Von Ormy, bid in the bulletined San Antonio job, and is working there permanently.

Bro. E. B. Luder, at Kyle, has been relieved for thirty days by Bro. C. W. Sledge, of Taylor, to escape temporarily the station's strenuosity.

Mr. W. C. Weather, of Alabama, is relieving Mr. Johnson, at Kyle, for a few days.

Bro. T. H. Stanton, of Rockdale, was relieved by Mr. J. T. Robinson, of Milano, during the

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time he was absent on account of the death of his son at Taylor, and Bro. H. C. Vance, of the same place, was also relieved by Mr. Robinson, while he was spending a few days with old acquaintances on the Santa Fe.

Bro. S. P. Dunlap, from Bryan, relieved Bro. J. W. Marshall, in the Mart office, while Bro. Marshall was visiting at Calvert.

Bro. J. L. Lovin, of Sellers, after spending a few weeks at Marlin for his health, returned to work; relieved by Mr. E. P. Martin.

Bro. W. J. Galye bid in the third trick at Bryan, which was vacated by Bro. Duncan, who has flown to different climes. Bro. J. H. Kelly being the older man has bumped man at Magnolia. Bro. F. W. Gayle has gone to Hallsburg, and Mr. H. N. Sandall, from Roans Prairie, now holds down Cawthon station.

Bro. J. P. Taylor is very unfortunate in still having to fight the extra board when he certainly deserves something better. All things come to him who wait.

Mr. J. C. Morris bid in the nine-hour trick recently bulletined, and is working there regularly.

Bro. J. M. Williams, at Venus, children have been real sick, suffering from an epidemic of whooping cough, but hope they will have recovered before he reads this. Bro. Williams is always very busy, but generally finds time enough to throw his harpoon into the stubborn nons.

The boys attending the Jewitt convention report having spent their time very pleasantly, and it is to be hoped whenever another meeting is called that that as many of the boys will attend as possible, as you could not possibly spend it to better advantage, and the importance and necessity for your doing so can not be over-estimated. The committee decided to raise the semi-annual dues 25 cents, for defraying the necessary expenses of our division, and for an active campaign against the nons and other incidental expenses; therefore, in sending in your next dues, please don't overlook this, but remit $4.50 instead of $4.25 as heretofore. CERT. 46.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our Bro. W. B. Eskridge, his wife, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of I. & G. N. Division, No. 25, Order of Railway Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to our official organ for publication

(Signed) L. H. HUNGATE,
I. L. WOOD,
J. O. EDDINGTON,
Committee.

Vandalia Ry.

Vincennes Division—

What is the matter that the old Vincennes Division is not represented in our journal any more? I have failed to see a thing from our division for a year. What is the first thing you look for when you get your journal? Why items from our division, of course, but alas, the same old story, not a thing to be seen. Now, brothers, let every "bloom'n" one of you send in something, if its only two lines, "every little bit helps." We can not afford to let this thing lag along when we are just ready to get something good. If we will all pull together just a few months, we will have a schedule that we will all be proud of, and what nons there are left will be running over each other for application blanks. Now is no time to get weak-kneed, if you have a non in your office keep hammering at him till he comes through. I understand there are two or three of our brothers who are delinquent. Suppose that all of us should drop out, how long do you think it would be until we would be back to where we were two years ago? Most of our jobs are paying at least $10.00 more than before we organized, saying nothing about better hours, etc. What does that little, old $8.00 a year amount to, compared with $120.00 a year increase. A word to the wise is sufficient, don't wait a minute but pay up, every "mothers' son" of you, and get the other fellow's application. Every pennies increase and every minutes shorter work day we are enjoying came through our order, if we wish to keep these and get more we will have to keep pounding away; but if you want to revert back to where we were, all you have to do is to sit with your arms folded, and you will sure land there and you will not be long about it.

Agent Lee, at Edwardsport, has been sick; relieved by Telegrapher Stoker.

We understand that Ticket Agent Overshiner, of Spencer, quit us and has gone on the road for the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co., St. Louis.

Bro. Smith, our newly elected local chairman, is on a trip through the West. "13" he is going to Alaska before he returns. Luck to you "HM," want you to hurry back and get busy.

Agent Jamison, of Martinsville, has had a very sore hand, it was thought for a while he would lose it, but understand it is slowly improving.

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St. Louis Division, East End—

Mr. J. J. Harrold, third trick at Greencastle, off for ten days; relieved by Mr. R. C. Siddons, third trick man from Almeda; Siddons relieved by Mr. W. C. Brown, new man on the extra list.

Mr. Brown was off one night sick, no extra men, so Telegraphers Farris and Stevens, at Almeda, had to work the old trick of twelve hours.

Bro. Watts, third trick man at Limedale, is sporting a new rubber-tired buggy.

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It is rumored that Bro. J. L. Grogin is to resign and go into business at Terre Haute.

Bro. Geo. Stevens, first trick at Almeda, made a flying trip to Indianapolis, off one trick.

Our annual telegraph inspection found most of the offices in first-class condition. Some of the inspectors had to wear smoked glasses to look at the instruments.

We are still blest with a healthy list of nons. Also a good list of professors teaching students. Some of the best offices on this end are filled by nons, or men who have dropped out. It looks like they ought to wake up and pay their part.

Almeda was not so lonesome as usual some nights since. An interurban car with all its passengers spent the night there.

Bro. B. H. Byrd, of Division No. 91, formerly telegrapher on the Van., is now stationed at U. S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

Mr. Geo. H. Eckert, a new one from Harmony, worked third trick at Almeda, in Mr. Siddon's absence. Mr. Siddons was second trick at Greencastle. Mr. V. A. Woodward, second trick at Greencastle, going to Limedale, second trick. Mr. McCullough, second trick at Limedale, taking his little daughter to the hospital at Indianapolis.

There are men on this pike whose salary has been raised $20.00, and hours of labor cut four, and still they can not come across and back the O. R. T. Say, it's always starting trouble or some other excuse.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty has deemed it wise to take from Bro. E. E. Paslay his beloved wife; be it

Resolved, That in manifestation of fraternal sympathy for our brother, the members of Division No. 27 extend their deepest sympathy in this his hour of trouble, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the brother, a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

(Signed) W. L. SHICKEL,
J. J. SOMERS,
C. R. SHORTRIDGE,
Committee.

To the Brothers of Division No. 27:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Division No. 27, for sympathy shown me in my sad bereavement, also beautiful floral offering.

ELMER E. PASLAY

St Louis West Sub Division—

Bro. E. E. Pierron, first trick at Vandalia, has been transferred to first trick at Rose Lake. Bro. Johnson, regular second trick at Vandalia, was assigned first trick there.

Mr. J. E. McCracken has been transferred to second trick at "EY" tower.

A Mr. Hurst is working third trick at "WF," Effingham.

Mr. Hellinger, first trick at Pocahontas, has accepted an agency at Center Point, a branch line south from Knightsville. He left this week to assume charge of his new position.

Bro. H. L. Stephens has accepted first trick at Pocahontas.

Bro, J. L. Hill, formerly first trick at Vevay Park, has been transferred to third trick at Collinsville.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick at Greenville, was off three weeks last month on account of sickness.

Not very much activity being shown in the way of increasing our membership. It's amusing to listen to some of the flimsy excuses offered by the nons. Scarcity of money, etc. I am anxious to know what they have been doing with the increase in salary secured by organization.

Business conditions appear to be about normal. The expected increase which was predicted some time ago seems to have been side tracked..

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Missouri Pacific Ry.

Eastern Division—

Mrs. M. Best, who has been laying off, has resumed work, and Bro. Lauhrey, who has been working the third trick at "DF," will probably go to Warrensburg to work nights in place of J. K. Hobbs, who got Boonville, first trick, regular.

Bro. A. W. Williams was relieved, at Boonville, by Bro. Hobbs, and will probably land Warrensburg, nights.

Bro. Martin, of Tipton, nights, off, and Bro. Mason is relieving him.

Bro. Walkley, third trick at Jefferson City, is off for a few days fishing, being relieved by some one who signs Z, did not learn his name. Cook worked the third trick, and Z worked the second.

Bro. Wilmarth is taking in the convention. Bro. H. McClain is relieving him. Bro. McClain being relieved by Telegrapher Shouse.

Bro. Kendall fourth on the list for Naptonville, lands the job, everybody else being content to stay at home.

There is nothing definite yet as to who will land Hughesville.

Bro. Bryan, who has been relieving Billy Croff, Mr. Knapp's clerk, is going to take a short vacation.

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K. C. N. W. Division—

No doubt some of you will be surprised to see this write-up, and I am sorry to say that our division has not been represented in THE TELEGRAPHER for an age. If every member will contribute one item, we can, I am sure, be represented each and every month. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and we can reasonably expect better things in the future.

F. G. Frederikson, of Bookwalter, gets Bancroft agency on bulletin.

V. Hart is acting as agent at Bethel, until bulletin is filled.

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News is scarce this month. How many items did you contribute?

There are two telegraphers on this division who are working their noon hours. Both brothers, too. Would you believe it? They are simply letting the privileges for which they have helped pay go by default. They should open their eyes and take advantage of what is rightfully theirs.

CERT. 380.

St. L. I. M. & S. Ry.

Valley Division—

It is said that there is a time for all things, but some of us are beginning to doubt the truth of that proverbial assertion, when we see month after month go by and never a line in our journal from this division. We owe it to ourselves to see that our division is properly represented in these columns, and each one should make it his business to see that this is done. Should we be content to be a back number, should we be content to sit idly by, while our brothers are doing all the work? I say emphatically no. I know the metal of the boys on this division well enough to answer that question for them. Then I say wake up, rouse yourselves and let every one know where we stand.

Bro. Holman, general chairman, was over the division a few days ago, shaking hands with the boys and doing some good work.

Do you all realize our strength on this division. We are now nearly ninety per cent strong, and many of the nons have promised to come across next pay day. Let us all work to make her solid this summer, we can do it if the proper effort is put forth, if each one will do his share. The hot weather will soon be upon us, and with its coming many of our brothers will seek a more pleasant clime. Watch the changes and see that they are properly bulletined, and do not fail to see that the new men who come to us are armed with the proper credentials.

I will not write more at this time, but let it be remembered that you will hear from us again for we are waking up. CERT. 1205.

Hoxie District—

Mr. J. L. Blassingame relieved Bro. R. M. Rees, at Alicia. We understand that Bro. Rees resigned to take his wife to Colorado for the benefit of her health.

Bro. J. C. Langston, night telegrapher at Swifton, laid off one night and visited Little Rock.

Bro. M. E. Doyle, second trick man at Newport, off duty a couple of days, on account of sickness.

Mr. Gattis and Sister Boyd doubled during Bro. Doyle's absence.

Bro. L. J. Moore, first trick at Bald Knob, made his regular monthly trip to Newport, a few days since, and reports a fine time.

Bro. F. E. Samuel, second trick at Bald Knob, went to Searcy a few days since, to be a witness before a coroner's jury.

Sister F. Davis and Bro. Woodson have traded tricks for a while, Sister Davis taking first and Bro. Woodson second trick at McAlmont.

We understand Bro. W. B. Doolittle, first trick at "BG," Little Rock, is laid up with the rheumatism.

There have been quite a number of changes on this district in the past few weeks.

Bro. F. E. Samuel, second trick at Bald Knob, to Jacksonville agency, relieving Bro. J. H. Marsh who goes to Tuckerman, relieving Bro. H. T. Brewer.

Bro. Brewer has accepted the Newport agency. We are glad to see Bro. Brewer get this position.

Bro. M. E. Doyle bid in first trick at Newport. Mr. Gattis set back to second trick until it is bid in.

Bro. W. H. Thamason is working second trick at Bald Knob until that position is bid in.

Bro. Werner, third trick at Argenta, worked first trick "BG," Little Rock, a couple of days in Bro. Doolittle's place.

Bro. J. C. Langston, bid in the second trick at Bald Knob. Bro. Thamason goes to Swifton, nights, until that position is filled by bid.

ASST. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Texarkana District—

Bro. J. D. Wilson, at Prescott, took a week's layoff last month, to try his luck with the finny tribe, but he was unfortunate as it rained the first few days then came near snowing. He was relieved by Bro. G. P. Casey, of Division No. 2.

Bro. E. I. McGinn, who has been holding down second trick at Malvern has left us. He was relieved by Telegrapher McShane, who held the position until it was bid in by Bro. Carl Pipkin, former third trick man at Gurdon.

Bro. E. Glenn, second trick at Clear Lake Jct., is taking a lay off, being relieved by Bro. D. P. Doyle, late from Minturn, nights.

Telegrapher William Hoag, of Billings, Mont., is holding down second trick at Texarkana until that position is filled by bulletin.

Bro. W. A. Baird, has left the service, and is now working for the K. C. S. at Texarkana

Bro. P. J. Kelly, general manager of "Kelly's Orphans Home," at Clear Lake Jct., invites all of the brothers down to fish. He reports that fishing is fine and the doors of his hospitable "Kelly's Orphans Home" are always open to the man that carries the credentials.

Bro. D. Brooks, of Daleville, is on the sick list. Bro. G. P. Casey relieving him.

Mr. J. T. J. Dawson, agent at Prescott, who has been on a vacation for the past fifteen days, which was spent in Texas, is again at the old stand waiting patiently for the "T. A." to come along and put the chains back on him.

Bro. C. A. LaForge, our former local chairman, has jumped from the "UD" job to that of second trick dispatcher on the Pine Bluff District.

ASST. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

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Pine Bluff District—

There has been practically no changes on the Pine Bluff District this month

Bro. C. S. Morrison, Wrightville, nights, has resigned, being relieved by Mr. W. D. Copp.

ASST. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

White River Division—

There is but little news on the White River Division this month; every one working hard.

Bro. S. Reed, of Aurora, superintendent's office, was off the latter part of April on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Blassingame, from Crane.

Bro. Woodfill, of LaRussell, is laying off attending court at Fort Scott, Kan., and is being relieved by Bro. W. W. Hoyt, of Newark. We understand that he will resume duty in a day or so.

Bro. H. Barton, of Guion, is off for a few days to attend court at Little Rock; being relieved by Bro. Hoyt.

J. W. Wooley, agent at Cotter, has reported for duty, and will take charge as soon as the auditor can make the transfer. Mr. Wooley has been off over a month on account of sickness. He was relieved by Extra Dispatcher W. H. Duey.

J. C. Read, chief clerk to the superintendent at Aurora, is visiting home folks in Nashville, Tenn. We understand that he will be back in the next few days.

Bro. Blassingame is off on a leave of absence of sixty days. We understand that he is taking in the sights in St. Louis.

The Order of Railway Conductors gave a big ball at Crane, Mo., the night of May 1st, which was enjoyed by those present.

J. C. Read, chief clerk to superintendent, took a party of twelve people from Aurora in a motor car. Superintendent J. W. Daniels was attending staff meeting in Little Rock and could not be present.

General Manager Sullivan made a trip over the line from Newport to Springfield, May 8th and 9th; was very much pleased with the condition of the track on the Springfield branch. This looks good for our road master, J C. Davis.

Agent Stafford, at Hurley, a non telegraph station, has resigned, and will be relieved by a Mr. Logan as soon as auditor can get there to make the transfer.

Bro. J. I. Woodfill, agent at Batesville, returned last week from a trip to Kansas City and Topeka, Kan.

Bro. F. C. Hoyt, agent at Newark, was a visitor at Circuit Court at Batesville, Ark., last week.

We will wager a bet that there is not a division on the system that has a nicer set of officials than those on the White River. When one calls on them they make one feel welcome. They have the respect and esteem of the men on the division.

The Arkansas Press Association made a trip over the White River Division in a special train. They were delighted with the beautiful scenery. and each and every one expressed himself as being highly pleased with the kind and courteous treatment accorded by our generous superintendent. Mr. J. W. Daniels, who accompanied them.

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Illinois Division—

Telegrapher W. J. Jarrell worked third trick at Prairie Du Rocher temporarily. Later he was relieved by Telegrapher C. E. Long, who was subsequently relieved by Telegrapher Etheridge.

Bro. J. P. Holloman is again with us at Raddle, nights.

Telegrapher Long went from Raddle to second trick at Gorham, temporarily and later to Prairie Du Rocher.

Brownsburg was recently made a one-man office and left in charge of Bro. Buyatte, Bro. Henderson going to Dupo, second trick, relieving Telegrapher Long, who has left the service.

Brownsburg has been closed and Bro. Buyatte is laying off for the present.

Bro. Donahue, formerly at Brownsburg, relieving while Bro. Buyatte laid off, is working a trick at Reily Lake, temporarily.

Warnock has been closed. Bro. Rudolph, who was formerly extra at that place is relieving Bro. Pierron at Rockwood a few days.

Bro. Fred Roberson is working third trick at Wolf Lake. Bro. R. T. Black is working second while Bro. J. W. Roberson does the agent's stunt.

Dispatcher Buckminister is again with us, working third trick at Chester.

Bro. Cartwright has resumed duty at his old stand after a business trip to the Southwest. Bro. Fred Roberson did the agent's stunt at Reily Lake during Bro. Cartwright's absence.

Telegrapher Obryan, who was working third trick at Prairie Du Rocher, temporarily, has left the service.

Bro. Dean Underwood, who did the agent's stunt at Bush. Was later relieved by the agent, Mr. W. J. Hoover.

Bro. O. R. Artz has been relieved at Bush by former agent E. C. Robinson, of Gorham. Artz got second trick at Gorham on bid, bumping Telegrapher C. A. Essary.

Bro. J. S. Lawson, late of the Canadian Pacific, is working third trick at Gorham.

Mr. F. H. Moake, who formerly worked days at "WX," Chester, and later second trick at Prairie Du Rocher, is now the full-fledged agent at Gorham, relieving Mr. E. C. Robinson at that place.

Bond has been closed nights and days.

The night office at Howardton has been closed.

Bro. V. X. McCarthy, of Howardton, and Mr. C. H. Essary, of Gorham, second trick, have been laid off on account of a reduction in force. They have gone to St. Louis.

Many thanks to Bros. Artz and Lawson for a number of these items.

Bro. A. J. Pittman, who worked third trick at Valmeyer, has been relieved by Bro. Donahue.

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Bro. Rudolph relieved on second trick at Prairie Du Rocher by Bro. Scott. Bro. Rudolph went to hospital.

Bro. Scott, who was relieved by Telegrapher E. G. Church, at Prairie Du Rocher, went to Herron as agent.

Telegrapher Church is now at Prairie Du Rocher. He was lately discharged from the hospital after a long siege of illness, caused by blood poisoning.

We anticipate holding an O. R. T. meeting in the near future on this division, and, judging from replies to inquiries which have been received we expect to have a good attendance. Further information will be given in a short time.

Bro. H. O. Gwineys, local chairman, was injured while alighting from a wagon, making it necessary for him to be absent from his work at Prairie Du Rocher. He was relieved by Bro. Clark Biggerstaff. Telegrapher Church worked second trick in Bro. Biggerstaff's place, while Bro. Rudolph relieved Telegrapher Church on third trick.

Dispatcher Smith has been relieved by Dispatcher Gecks. We understand that Smith has left the service permanently.

Bro. Buyatte was off duty a few days. While absent he attended the United Mine Workers' celebration at Murphysboro, Ill., and heard the Hon. John Mitchell address an audience of about 12,000.

DIV. COR.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

The Eastern and Western Districts held their regular monthly meeting in Pittsburg, Thursday evening, May 20, and I regret to state that it was very poorly attended.

Local Chairman Yaeger was unable to attend on account of working second trick, and Bro. Lanning, our delegate to the convention, did not reach Pittsburg in time to attend the meeting as was expected.

Brothers, these meetings are held for the interest and welfare of all members employed on the Pittsburg Division, and the room rent is paid out of the treasury, and therefore does not cost us a cent to attend, and it seems very unreasonable that only such a small number of the members can spare one evening in each month and thereby show that they are interested in the affairs of the Order, and that they are willing to support the local chairman. The way things look now, it seems that everybody is satisfied and don't expect to ever want anything more, but if we should wake up some morning and find our nine-hour law gone, we would all probably be very much interested.

Notice has been issued that trains on this division will be operated without the use of train orders in the near future. In order to do this telegraphers will be required to take the same examinations that engineers and conductors take when promoted. Examinations will, no doubt, take place during the week commencing May 23d.

Bro. J. F. Leonard, third trick at Bessemer, was off a few days, on account of an injured hand. He was relieved by Mr. E. A. Toneau, from Dennison.

Quite a number of the brothers are preparing to take a vacation this summer, which will cause a number of new faces to be seen. Don't forget to ask them for their up-to-date card.

A River District telegrapher recently made the following statement: "A man working for $60 a month cannot afford to belong to the Order." Possibly he does not realize that if it was not for the Order he would today be working twelve hours a day for $45 a month. We hope the near future will cause him to think better of such a statement and get in line.

Time for a new card. Let us see if all the brothers on the Eastern District cannot show an up-to-date card by July 31st. CERT. 1687.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the financial assistance and the many other acts of kindness shown my wife and myself since my unfortunate accident. I have been a member of the grand O. R. T. but a short time, and can scarcely realize that it is composed of the noble class of men and women they have proven themselves to be. I was practically a stranger in Division No. 33, but the way they came to my assistance proves that there are no strangers, and I am proud that I am a member of such a noble order. I wish especially to thank the brothers around Layton for the many favors shown my wife while I was in the hospital.

Fraternally yours,

I. H. SMITH.

Chicago Division, Eastern District—

The last regular meeting of the Chicago Division B. & O. Ry. was held in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio, May 19th, with a very large attendance. The capacity of our present meeting place is becoming insufficient. We have requested the Red Men to purchase more chairs so that the officers will not have to sit on the tables. The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., and by 8:45 p. m., the roll had been called. There being many new faces present, Bro. Miller, the secretary, was forced to ask the names of many a second time. On the arrival of No. 6 at 9:50 p. m., a large delegation from the west end arrived, which filled the hall to the limit. All those present were given a hearty welcome by the reception committee, highly entertained and abundantly served with refreshments fit for a king. These large and interesting meetings reflect the feeling of the faithful and active brothers along the line of the Chicago Division. This spirit of activity has been growing much stronger of late. No doubt there will be something doing soon.

If you failed to attend the meeting of May 19th, try to be present at the next one, which will be held June 16th. Transportation can be secured for the asking and connections are fine. An elaborate program has been arranged for the June meeting. If you know of any special talent notify

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Bro. Cook at Defiance. These meetings are one of our greatest successes and we hope they will continue to be the same or better.

On Saturday, May 15th, George P. Chew, first trick dispatcher on East End Chicago Division, B. &. O. Ry., died at Garrett, Ind. Death was caused by a complication of appendicitis and peritonitis. He was transformed in less than a month from a cheerful being to a corpse by the dread disease. Geo. Chew had dispatched trains on the Chicago Division for eighteen years and was well known to everybody as a cheerful, big-hearted man. Anxiously the boys along the line waited for news from the bedside and when word was sent that he had passed away much sorrow was expressed. We lost a good friend and a good dispatcher. One that always had time to sympathize with the trials and troubles of his telegraphers; one that was willing to do a favor or extend a helping hand whenever he was asked. A beautiful floral piece was sent by the telegraphers on the Eastern District as a token of love and heartfelt sympathy extended to the family. The last few hours of Mr. Chew's life were full of precious experiences in the spirit of hope and cheer manifested, and earnest testimonies and words of counsel and encouragement to those near and dear to him. For his companions and associates in daily life and work he spoke words of remembrance, mentioning names of some who had been especially close to him and leaving words for all "the boys" that he had "put up a hard fight, but had been unable to make it." Mr. Chew's last hour was one of natural, peaceful sleep and he passed away very quietly.

Bro. Magill is working first trick at Holgate while Telegrapher Shuman is laying off.

Bro. Reyff bid in second trick at Standley, and is now on the job.

Division Operator Schultz, accompanied by Dr. Morris, went over the East End on May 20th, examining telegraphers on colors and eyesight.

Bro. Fleck at The Bend was taken suddenly ill in the examination car. Dr. Morris had some difficulty in reviving him.

The Three Siggs are taking an extended trip through the West.

Bro. Rolf is relieving Telegrapher Fleck at Attica.

Bro. Manion visited in Garrett and called on Bro. Billington, of Chicago, this month.

We are glad to note that Bro. Durk, of Defiance, is back at the key after a severe illness.

Bro. Meyers is working third trick at Holgate. Telegrapher Gephart was on the job, but am unable to say where he is at present.

It will soon be time for the new pasteboards—be sure and get in line.

We will endeavor to have a write up from the Eastern District in the journal each month. If you have any news, please forward to your local chairman and he will send them to me.

CERT. 1028.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty Ruler of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst our worthy and faithful friend and dispatcher, G. P. Chew, of Garrett, Ind., be it

Resolved, By the members of B. & O. System Division No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that, while we bow in humble submission to Him who called our beloved friend, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who will miss his presence most; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family of our deceased friend, a copy spread on the records of the division, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication therein.

W. H. COOK,
O. J. PROUSE,
M. E. WHITING,
Committee.

Western District, Pittsburg Division—

The following are appointments and vacancies on this end as per bulletin No. 13, of May 5th:

Bro. C. D. Moorhead to second trick, Ellwood City; Bro. Jos. Engelman to first trick at Elfinwild; Mr. F. L. McGowan to third trick at Goehring; Mr. J. F. Sweney to second trick at Mackin.

Vacancies—Callery, split; Elfinwild, third; Ribolds, second and third tricks.

Bro. Phipps, of Schenley Tower is spending quite a vacation in Baltimore; relieved by Mr. Rubell.

Bro. Dunbar, of Sharpsburg Tower, was suddenly called to Niles, Ohio, on account of the death of his granddaughter; relieved by Mr. Campbell.

Bro. Long, of Callery, first trick, is off duty on account of sickness at his home. Bro. J. R. Davis, of second trick, is doing first, Bro. Yeager, of third, is on second, and Mr. J. D. Burke, extra man, is holding down third trick.

Bro. C. D. Morehead did not stay on this end very long. He has been transferred to Lavenia, first trick.

Bro. J. J. Lanning has returned from Atlanta, Ga., and is again at the key at Goehring. He reports having had a great trip. He was relieved by Bro. S. C. Phillips, a new man.

Bro. Leroy Williams is working at Ribolds, third trick.

Sister Corts has returned to duty as agent at Karns City after an absence of six months.

Bro. Yeager, local chairman of this end, was unable to be present at the last regular meeting, on account of having to work the second trick at Callery. This was made necessary by sickness in Bro. Long's family.

From the reports of Bro. Safford, of the East End, concerning the meeting of May 20, it seems that those present were mostly from this end. The local chairman greatly appreciates this fact, but would say that it could be very easily doubled, and we hope to see every first and third trick brother at these meetings, which includes "members on river and pike."

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Bear the date in mind and request transportation at least a week in advance. Think of some subject for discussion, or, if you can't do that, if you have a kick coming, this is the place to make it.

It is also earnestly desired by the correspondent that each and every member send to the local chairman any items worth publishing in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Local Chairman Yeager wishes to thank each and every member as well as others who contributed so liberally to the relief of Bro. J. H. Smith. Bro. Smith had the misfortune to lose a foot on his way to work on the night of March 29, 1909.

SHORTSTOP.

Chicago Division, West End—

Bros. C. J. Fullmer and W. S. Yeiser were off few days attending the graduating exercises of the class of which their sisters were members.

Bro. A. H. Fisher, of Syracuse, and Sister Miss Fisher, of Elkhart, Ind., visited Albion friends the 1st of May.

It is rumored that the company will soon put up a block wire from Hicksville to Wolf Lake yards.

Bro. Van Atta, our general chairman, was in the race (at the Atlanta convention) for second vice-president, but was defeated by Bro. Pierson, the vote being 195 to 126.

Leeland Gravel Pit has been opened, with Mr. Glen Wineland in charge.

Our local chairman, A. P. Webster, arrived home one day too late for the May meeting.

Bro. T. J. Karr cut his hand very badly while whittling, severing an artery. Dr. Short, of Wellsboro, was called and dressed the hand. Bro. Karr was relieved by C. G. Whitesel, of Garrett.

Ray Lansing, of third trick at McCools, is working third trick at Suman, while Bro. Clark is relieving Bro. Webster.

After an absence of three months, spent in selling lightning rods in Iowa and Missouri, Bro. William H. Baker has returned to first trick at Ripley.

Please send your news to Box 435, Albion, Ind. This will be greatly appreciated.

Bro. Savage, the third trick man at Ripley, was off a few days recently, visiting his parents at Defiance, Ohio. He was relieved by Bro. W. L. Meyers, a newcomer.

Bro. R. L. Phlegar, third trick at Wellsboro, was recently off duty a few days, visiting his parents. He was relieved by Bro. W. L. Meyers.

Bro. B. A. Halterman was off duty a month on account of sickness. Relieved by Telegrapher Mack, a newcomer, who, we understand, has since resigned.

Dispatcher Mr. Geo. Chew, of Garrett, passed away on May 15th, after undergoing an operation for appendicitis. George was well-known and liked, having been dispatcher for eighteen years.

Bro. W. C. Otto, formerly of Suman, is now working on the E. J. & E.

Telegrapher Newell, of Millers, has resigned, a newcomer, Mr. Rhoades, taking his place.

Bro. G. W. Waddell landed third trick at McCools. Telegrapher Spurgeon is working second trick at McCools.

Bro. H. W. Love, the second trick man at Union Center, enjoyed a short vacation recently. Relieved by Mr. Ritter.

Many thanks to Bro. Thornton for the items.

I wish to call attention to the fact that several telegraphers are leaving their offices without the dispatchers' permission. One man was recently discharged for this reason. This practice should be stopped. It has caused delay to trains, and no right-thinking person can say the dispatchers are at fault for turning in such cases. They have to show why delays are caused. So, brace up, give the company good service. Working but eight hours you can offer no excuse for poor service.

Send any items you may have to Box 435 Albion, for which we will be very thankful.

DIV. COR.

Columbus & Newark Division—

Bros. Marsh and Hackenbracht, of B. & R. tower, have changed back to their regular tricks, Bro. Hackenbracht working second trick and Bro. Marsh third trick.

Bro. Dildine has been off a few days, building a new porch, also a fence and painting his house. Telegrapher Dunn has been relieving him.

Bro. Hackenbracht was absent from duty one day recently and was relieved by Telegrapher Dunn.

We understand that Bro. March has gone to housekeeping at Union.

Bro. Runnels was on vacation a few days. He and his wife visited his parents in Sabina, Ohio, while Telegrapher Hand relieved him.

Bro. Rowe is on the sick list, and Telegrapher Hand is working his trick at Big Walnut.

From appearances on this end of the line, business is improving.

Bro. Wilson, of Outville, has been off duty a few days. Telegrapher Reed is relieving him.

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Monongah Division—

I have received a few items from one of the brothers, therefore I will try to give this pike another little write-up this month. We would appreciate it if some of the brothers around Parkersburg would send in a few lines each month, so their end of the line could be represented in the journal.

Bro. H. F. Farlow has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he has been attending the convention, and reports having had a fine trip.

Bro. O. H. Stout, from Clarksburg, has returned from Phoenix, Ariz., where he reports having had an enjoyable time among the sand hills.

Bro. C. E. Ogden, of "D," Clarksburg, was off duty three days. He and Bro. B. H. Hall made a flying trip to Washington, D. C. Relieved by Bro. R. R. Thrasher. Bro. Thrasher spent three days

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visiting his home at Deer Park, Md., and Bro. Hall is off a few days.

Bro. M. C. Owens, second trick at East Clarksburg, is off a few days, being relieved by Telegrapher Laughlln. We understand that Laughlin is going to Denver, Colo., to try his luck In that part of the country.

Bro. O. L. Leatherman, third trick at Bridgeport, is working Laughlin's turn, second trick, at that place, until it is advertised.

Bro. I. Scott is working third trick at Bridgeport, vice Bro. Leatherman.

Bro. J. J. Minogue has left Bridgeport and gone to New York. Don't know where he will land.

Telegrapher Mrs. Callaway is in St. Mary's Hospital at Clarksburg. She was brought here from Gillespie, where she was working. We understand that her case is very serious, but we hope that she will soon be ready for duty.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Sister Conlff, formerly Miss T. Lavelle, sister of our first trick dispatcher on the Branch, and the wife of J. J. Coniff, a former telegrapher, who is now a Pullman conductor, running between New York and St. Louis. Mrs. Coniff died very suddenly in New York on Sunday night, May 9th. She was brought to her home at Cornwallis on Thursday, May 19th, and buried at Parkersburg Friday, May 14th. She was telegrapher and agent on the Parkersburg Branch of the B. & O. for about eighteen years, and worked with us until married to Mr. Coniff, not quite a year since. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her. The brothers and sisters on the branch contributed liberally for the purpose of purchasing flowers. All the telegraphers who could possibly get off attended the funeral. She leaves many friends to mourn her loss who are grieved to lose her, but "God doeth all things for the best."

Bro. J. W. Stickley, of Pickens, was off duty a few days to get married. He has returned to work and has our best wlshes.

Bro. Jno. Switzer, who is working for the Grand Trunk R. R. at Scenice, Washington, will be home some time next month.

Business has improved considerably in the past month, and it looks much better than it has for the past year or so. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Ruler of the Universe has deemed it wlse to remove from the family of Bro. W. P. Turner his father, Mr. Thomas Turner, and also from the family of Bro. Wm. Moran his father, Mr. P. J. Moran; and

WHEREAS, We know human sympathy is insufficient, and that we can but point the bereaved to Him who promised to be an ever-present helper in the hour of trouble, praying His consolation to be ministered unto them; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Monongah Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brothers and families our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each of the bereaved families, a copy to be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, and a copy sent to our official organ for publication.

CLAUDE E. OGDEN,
FRANK M. BAKER,
RAY WRICK,
Committee.

Cleveland Division—

I wish to call the attention of the boys who are sleeping on duty to the fact that it is a practice that must be "cut out." Complaint has been made that we, as telegraphers, are not doing our duty, and not only the guilty persons will lose out by it, but innocent men as well. What answer could our committee give the officials if, upon asking for a better schedule and better working conditions, they were to complain of the service, and state that the telegraphers were sleeping on duty? We should be able to get enough sleep off duty when we work but eight out of every twenty-four hours. We must attend to business if we expect the assistance of the Order when in trouble. "Take a tumble" and wake up.

Bro. G. H. McCoy is in the Sunny South, attending the convention, after which he intends going to Birmingham to stay a few days, and then return to Massillon. He sent us a telegram stating Bros. Perham and Quick were re-elected, and the boys on Cleveland Division are glad to hear it and extend congratulations to them and to the Order for re-electing them.

Bro. A. C. Crampton is working at Bridge 80, first trick, while Bro. McCoy is in Atlanta.

Bro. Cecil Goodrich, of Columbia, has gone to Akron, Howard Street, while Bro. Jack Mulhearne is sick. The last reports from Bro. Mulhearne were to the effect that he was getting along nicely and recovering from an operation performed in an Akron hospital.

Agent T. A. Sherridan is also sick and in a Cleveland hospital, having had an operation performed for stomach trouble. Bro. H. J. Marlow, of Aultman, relieved him until Bro. Lampe bid in the job at Peninsula regular. Mr. Sherridan bid in second trick same place, and Bro. Marlow bid in Akron, Howard Street, third trick.

Telegrapher W. E. Kilbow bid in South Park, second trick, to which place he will go as soon as Sherridan reports for duty.

Telegrapher C. O. Tuttle is at South Park, extra. He now belongs to the teamsters and has been delegate to the American Federation of Labor, representing Fort Wayne.

Bro. Mike Hammel, "ND" tower, third trick, resigned. We are sorry to see Mike go.

Our last meeting was not very well attended. The boys, learning that Bro. McCoy was not back from Atlanta, did not show up. We trust that there will be a large crowd at our next meeting.

Our congenial first trick C. L. & W. dispatcher, Frank Weeks, has been in the hospital at Flushing, where he underwent a critical operation. All reports are favorable for his recovery.

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Extra Dispatcher Dick Blythe is doing extra dispatcher's work.

There are several changes reported in the general offices at Cleveland. The message boys in "CS" moved their office to the old C. L. & W. dispatchers' room and all Cleveland Division dispatchers moved in the room vacated by the message boys.

Have not heard who was the lucky bidder on East Akron job as clerk and telegrapher. Extra Telegrapher J. M. Hood is there temporarily.

DIV. COR.

New Castle Division—

The May bulletin is as follows: Assignments--"FS" tower, third trick, Bro. E. R. Post. Vacancies—"KN" tower, third trick.

Bro. Siering, who has been doing the extra work at Boughtonville, was called home on account of the sickness of his mother. He was relieved by Mr. Gary, a new man on the division.

Bro. Burch, third trick at Greenwich, is spending a few days in Cleveland, Bro. King relieving.

A semaphore has been placed at "RA" office, Chicago Junction yard, for blocking New Castle Division freight trains.

Bro. Lane, first trick at "MR" tower, at Homer, is spending a two weeks' vacation in his native territory, the Mahoning Valley. Bro. King is working this trick during his absence.

Bro. Carleton, of Division No. 59, is working second trick at "OD" tower while Mr. B. O. Mohn is visiting friends in Wooster.

Bro. Meagher, of Neva, is off duty a few days, visiting at his old home in Sandusky. Mr. C. J. Leahy is doing the relief act.

Bro. Cahill, of Lowellville, is off duty a few weeks, taking in the sights in Washington, Baltimore and other Eastern cities. Mr. J. C. Johnston is relieving him.

Bro. V. P. McLaughlin was relieved one day by Telegrapher J. M. Wilkin, a C. T. U. of A. man.

Bro. Byron Gray is off for a few weeks. Relieved by Bro. P. J. Lee, of Division No. 135.

Bro. Greene has returned to first trick at Ravenna after an absence of several months on account of being sick. Bro. French, who worked first trick while Bro. Greene was absent, has gone on third trick, and Bro. Barrett, who was working in place of Bro. Brown, has taken second trick at Niles Junction. Mr. Russell is working second trick at Lowellville.

Bro. Post, who was assigned to third trick at "FS" tower, was relieved a few weeks by Mr. J. E. Wildman.

Bro. Fearer, Niles Junction, third trick, was relieved for some time by Mr. Harlow. Understand Mr. Harlow has since left the service.

Bro. A. T. Atkinson, first trick at P. Y. & A. Crossing, was relieved by F. Y. Kelsey. Bro. Atkinson took a trip through the South and West and reports a very pleasant trip. He was offered several good positions in the "land of the cotton blossoms," but the B. & O. looked good, so he returned.

Mr. M. W. Hammon, agent and first trick at West Farmington, has taken a leave of absence to try his hand as cashier in a bank. Bro. Lackeye was checked in as agent, with Bro. Kerhes on third trick and Bro. Byron on second.

Mr. E. W. Adams, agent at East Claridon, was relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Jordan for fifteen days. We have not heard where Bro. Jordan is, but suppose he finds enough to keep him busy. Agents seem to be at a premium just now, judging from the speed with which changes are made at Middlefield. Bro. Brillhart was assigned to second trick at Boughtonville about two months ago, and we understand that Bro. Reid was to go from Boughtonville to Middlefield, but it seems no agent was available with which to make the changes. These eight-hour shifts seem to look pretty good to some of the agents who came back to the key with the advent of the nine-hour law.

We hear pusher engines are again to be put on Chardon Hill. May the business increase.

Bro. W. P. Johnston, second trick at "KN" tower resigned a short time since. Relieved by Mr. C. J. Leahy while position was bulletined.

The color car passed over the road during the middle of May. We have not heard of any failures. The doctor seemed to do all he could to use the boys right and did not seem to be looking for victims.

On May 16th the Hower Building, the largest block in Akron, was totally destroyed by fire, and with it went the Miller Simpson Technical School, same being another name for a "ham factory," but we are not yet without "colleges." Professor W. A. Russell still flourishes at Kent, working third trick on the B. & O., otherwise we would feel quite free from contamination.

We received a circular a short time ago from the Biddle Institute of Telegraphy, setting forth the glories of the "Institute" and praising the ability of the "professors." Mr. Biddle will be remembered on the B. & O. as the "person" who tried to "hog" the agency at Sullivan and was discharged for his pains.

There seems to be considerable trouble among the third trick men, especially in regard to sleeping on duty. While we appreciate that the third trick is a difficult trick on which to stay awake, yet we should understand that with the block system we must be awake if we are to keep out of trouble. There may occasionally be times when dropping into a slumber could be excused, but where the same men are suspended two or three times, it looks as though they were not making a very decided effort to render good service. This company has been fair to the extreme and we should show our appreciation by giving the best service possible. There are one or two brothers here who should be more careful in the future than they have been in the past, as we have reason to believe that dismissal will follow their next offense of sleeping on duty.

We have one or two delinquents and would be glad to see them pay up. Of course, they may expect to quit before many months, but if they

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drop their membership they are without protection, and moreover, they are enjoying conditions which they are not helping to maintain.

Boys, send your notes each month to the local chairman, and that will insure a good write-up. It is impossible for one or two men to cover the entire division. "UNCLE BIFF."

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Illinois Division—

Business is steadily increasing on this division, not a sudden spurt, but a gradual increase making business almost normal for this period of year. This also is the case on all Eastern lines and many of the Western lines, and makes prospects much brighter for the railroad men in general. We earnestly hope the business depression and resultant "hard times" will soon be a thing of the past. The sooner business reaches normal, the sooner we can go after that long delayed revised schedule, which, with the present committee, we should be able to get to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Bro. A. D. Adams has resigned as cashier at "AZ," Salem, and has been relieved by Mr. J. T. Jones, formerly of second trick "SA" tower. Mr. G. W. Trenary is working second trick "SA" tower at present.

Bro. Stout, first trick man at Thebes, has resumed work after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Coleman, extra.

Bro. Tanner, agent at Ullin, has bid in second trick at Cypress. He was relieved at Ullin by Mr. Wilson, from Shelbyville.

First trick "SA" tower is again bulletined. Mr. F. J. Wheling is holding this trick down temporarily.

Bro. O. L. Neal, second trick "SX" tower, has left the service. He was relieved by Mr. F. Renfro, extra.

Bro. Wowdy, second trick at Goreville, is off on a short vacation, visiting relatives at St. James. A Mr. Ward, from Danville, is relieving him. Understand Mr. Ward goes to Lenox when relieved at Goreville.

Bro. Z. H. Freeman is off on a vacation. Bro. E. A. Green, second trick at Kell, is doing the stunt as agent in Bro. Freeman's absence. Bro. Green is being relieved by Bro. Johnson, third trick at Kell, who is being relieved by some extra man, unable to learn his name.

There has been several brothers relieved during the past couple of months on account of showing up late to protect their tricks. We beg the brothers to watch this very carefully as it looks very bad. We have, and are enjoying, the nine-hour law and should do all we can to keep it in force. The company will take no excuse for being late on an eight or nine-hour trick, and personally, we can see no reason why a telegrapher who has sixteen hours in which to rest, can not be on hand to protect his trick promptly on time. If any one must be relieved for this, let it be some one not carrying a card.

Mr. D. White, third trick man at West Frankfort yard has been absent on a short vacation, visiting relatives at Burnside, Ill. He was relieved by Bro. Preston. Bro. Preston also relieved Mr. Armstrong, second trick at West Frankfort yard. Mr. Armstrong has left the service.

We understand that Mr. Maret, first trick at "SR," West Frankfort, has bid in second trick at "SA" tower. This leaves first and second tricks at that office open. We have not learned who bid in these positions.

We can not say how the first and second districts are organized, but there is plenty work for an organizer. We respectfully ask our local chairman to do all he can to get a local organizer over this division as soon as possible. We need thorough organization more now than ever. Every man carrying an up-to-date card should help towards this end by getting at least one applicant. Would suggest that a meeting be called to provide means for appointing an organizer and doing everything to bring the nons in. There may be several undesirables, but practically all of the nons should get the "up-to-date."

The writer wishes to thank Bro. Tanner for assisting in this write-up, he being the only one who sent in items. For this reason I am unable to give any changes on north end, and ask any brother on the north end to send what items he can on or before the twenty-fifth of each month. We have received many promises, but no items.

CERT. 54.

Chicago Division, Westville Branch—

I notice we still have students on the line, and I can not see why any agent wants to have a student around him, and in a great many instances put as much dependence in him as one would an experienced man. Just the other day I heard one of our agents ask the dispatcher if he could go home and work in the garden, stating that he had a boy with him that could get the call and would get him if needed. It has been a short time since I asked this man to start the new year with an up-to-date card, and he came back with that old time worn "Joke" that he was broke and could not afford it. If some of these nons would stop and think this thing over in an intelligent way they would certainly see that by getting a solid front he would in a short time be drawing a check at the end of each month that would make him smile, and he would have enough to hire his work done in the garden and not have to depend upon some boy at the office that would be liable to cause him troube. If the work is important enough to require an experienced man, it's a sure thing it is no place for an inexperienced boy.

Danville District—

The following changes have taken place since last month:

Bro. Adams, at "BX" tower, relieved by Mr. Miller. He resigned and was relieved by Telegrapher Shotts.

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Bro. Kaneen, from Bronson, bid in second trick at "BX" tower. Telegrapher Shotts going to Woodland Jct., third trick.

Bro. Johnson, agent at Perryville, was off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Aikman, agent at Bismark, is again at work after a month off on account of a severe attack of pneumonia. Bro. Aikman was relieved by Relief Agent Mitten. from Indiana Division,

Quite a number of offices are bulletined at present.

Brewer yard office was closed and telegraphers put at C. S. Crossing.

A. W. Lanquist, third trick at "BX" tower, makes his regular Sunday visits to Pittwood.

Telegrapher W. Richetz relieved Bro. Keenan at Bronson.

There is a new man at Fairmount Jct. We are unable to find out who he is.

The second and third trick telegraphers at Rossville Jct. attended J. E. Ray's funeral at Mann's Chapel, Friday. Mr. Ray was a C. L. S. & E. brakeman at Rossville, and was a friend of the O. R. T. boys if they ever had one, and he will be missed among the boys at Rossville Jct. Mr. Ray was killed while switching out a caboose at C. L. S. & E. yards at Rossville.

Bro. Payne, from Dewey, was the successful one to get first trick at Watseka tower. Bro. Montgomery got second trick at Watseka tower, and Telegrapher Prough takes third trick.

Bro. E. R. Songer, third trick at Coaler, off duty one week, visiting his parents in Rossville, Ill. He was relieved by Telegrapher Crawford.

Bro. Young, first trick at Coaler, is relieving Bro. Phillips at Wellington, while Bro. Phillips is attending the convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Young relieved at Coaler by Telegrapher Crawford.

I wish to thank the different brothers who sent me items this month, and hope that they will continue to assist me in order that we may be represented each month in the journal.

DIV. COR.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

Bro. J. E. Grove was off duty several days recently, due to sickness. He was relieved by Bro. A. B. Caldwell.

Bro. A. L. Ritchey was the successful applicant for the second trick at Enslie, being relieved at Ford City by W. E. McGee, formerly a member.

Bro. C. W. McElhinney resumed duty at Red Bank after a few weeks' vacation, during which time he was relieved by Bro. Harry Knapp.

Bro. J. C. Wylie is now the regular first trick man at White Rock, being relieved at Ford City by Bro. J. A. Bever.

Bro. J. L. McKinnon bid in and secured third trick at "NY" tower.

Bros. C. W. Golden and E. A. Shuster were Pittsburg visitors lately, no one seems to know what the object of their visit was.

Bro. F. A. McElhinney has returned from his Western trip and is again employed on the "Valley." He states that business in the West is no better than it is here, and is glad to be back even though he has to go on the extra list again.

Bro. W. F. Reiner has again resigned as agent at Tyler, being relieved by Bro. F. M. Evans.

Bro. A. V. Wineborne has resigned to accept a position with the Western Union at Pittsburg; sorry to lose "Van" and wish him success in his new position.

Bro. C. J. Moore was off duty a few days recently, on account of the death of his sister. He has the sympathy of all who know him.

Bro. O. J. Williams, of "NB," Pittsburg, has returned to duty after two weeks' vacation spent in Atlantic City and other Eastern points.

Bro. C. E. Kibler, of the same office, is now enjoying his vacation, being "close to nature" somewhere in Ohio.

Bro. Young has resumed duty in "BN" office, Pittsburg, after his trip to Atlanta, Ga., where he attended the O R. T. convention. He reports the most successful and harmonious meeting ever held by the Grand Division, a full account of which will, no doubt, reach all members before long.

Reports from all over the country indicate that business is gradually increasing. There are less telegraphers out of work now than at any time in the last two years, and if we will but be patient a little while longer, exert every effort to maintain our membership at its present high percentage and render the best possible service at all times, our reward must and will come with the return of prosperity. I can not too strongly impress upon your minds the necessity for watchfulness every minute that you are on duty, do not violate any of the rules, be on your guard so that when surprise tests are made you will not be caught napping. This is most important.

"BRIGHAM."

Conemaugh Division—

Bro. L. L. Porter, of Block station, is doing extra work at Kiskiminetas Jct.

A. P. Gilliland, an extra man, was assigned to third trick at Tunnelton, made vacant by Bro. W. L. Wagner going to Avonmore.

Bros. T. L. Turner and W. C. Stitt are both in Pittsburg message office, their tricks at stock yards being filled by extra men.

Telegrapher J. I. Lucas, of Avonmore station, is off for ten days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Hummel.

Bro. H. D. Bartlebaugh worked second trick at Tunnelton, while Bro. C. B. Garrison was off sick. "S2" being filled by Bro. H. S. Asson, an extra man.

Bro. W. L. Wagner attended meeting April 24th. He should come again as it does us good to see strange faces.

Bro. Yohe has been assigned to Black Lick, which position was made vacant by M. G. Schlock

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accepting position as clerk for our division operator, W. R. Smith.

Bro. C. B. Garrison, second trick at Tunnelton, resumed duty May 10th, after having been sick and off duty for six weeks.

Bro. C. R. Clark, of Indiana, is still off duty on account of poor health.

Miss A. F. Steele, third trick at Vandergrift, is off duty a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Miss Neupert.

Bro. H. S. Asson, from the east end, is now doing extra work on the Valley Side.

Bro. A. M. McLaughlin, first trick at Tunnelton has moved from the farm into town.

Bro. W. R. Wolf, has bid in third trick at Block station, made vacant by the resignation of Telegrapher H. B. Parker.

Bro. W. L. Wagner bid in second trick at Block station, Avonmore, made vacant by the resignation of Sister G. E. Skelley.

Bro. H. D. Bartlebaugh spent his relief day on the Pittsburg Division. A BEGINNER.

Pere Marquette Ry.

The night office at Badaxe has been abolished. Bro. Muir, second trick telegrapher, taking his old stand as day man at that point. Mr. Houghtaling has been transferred to Lakeview as telegrapher.

Bro. Harsh, from Loomis, bid in Grindstone City.

Bro. Sydnam has returned to his old stand at Elkton.

Telegrapher Forsyth, of Pigeon, has accepted a position in the car distributor's office.

Bro. Kirkpatrick is now at the new freight office in Saginaw, at Michigan Ave.

Bro. Clarke, of Belding, has bid in the agency at Loomis.

Bro. W. C. Johnson, our new general secretary and treasurer, reports new members coming in at a rapid pace, this is largely due to Bro. Brandon, grand division organizer, going over the line.

Bro. A. A. Patterson, agent at Silverwood, has been suffering with blood poison for some weeks, but we understand he is some better at this writing. CERT. 61.

Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division—

The meeting held at Warren on Saturday night, May 22d, was well attended by Meadville and Mahoning Division men. Bro. Harrington, of Meadville Division, was in the chair. After the regular routine of business, Bro. Lowrie, the delegate to the convention, was given the floor and told of his trip to Atlanta, Ga., and return. Those who missed this missed a rare treat.

Your correspondent did not receive any news items, and the only change in positions that he knows of is at DeForest tower, where the third trick is being held down by Telegrapher C. A. Conont, who, for a great many years, worked at Garrettsville.

Bro. Marshall volunteered to write a report of our first annual ball. The ball was a success, both socially and financially. Bro. Marshall took great pains to get this report up in typewritten form and mailed it to your correspondent, who, at that particular time, was in a mood to exercise his authority, and showed it by blue penciling the whole thing and chucking it in the waste basket, which is sufficient reason for its not appearing in these columns.

Don't forget the meetings at Warren the third Saturday night of the month in C. T. U. Hall, corner of Market Street and Park Ave., over Union National Bank. DIV. COR.

Susquehanna Division—

Bro. E. J. Hesser and wife attended the convention at Atlanta, Ga., and on their return trip spent a few days at Charleston Va., his former home.

Bro. M. L. Geer, of Painted Post, has taken first trick at "RX," Magees.

Bro. J. E. Coddington has secured second trick at Painted Post, and Mr. Partridge has taken third trick.

Bro. W. I. Kelleher, of Big Flats, took a month's vacation sight-seeing through the country and reports a very enjoyable time.

Bro. E. M. Condon has taken second trick at "JF," Southport Junction, which was left vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. H. Morgan, who has purchased a farm near Swartwood, N. Y.

Mr. Paul Gnuskey secured second trick at "MJ" tower formerly held by Bro. W. J. Malone, who is now a "printer's devil."

Bro. M. J. Derrig, of "UR" tower, has been absent several days, laid up with tonsillitis. Extra Telegrapher S. C. Moseson is filling the place.

"UR" tower at Wellsburg has been moved to the south side of the track to make room for the E. C. & W. street car line.

Bro. C. W. Vincent, of Waverly, was off duty one day this month.

Mr. G. W. Chichester, of Wellsburg, was off one day visiting his parents at Great Bend, Pa.

CERT. 788.

Buffalo and Southwestern Division, and Falls Branch—

I have searched THE TELEGRAPHER monthly for the past year in the vain hope of seeing a write-up from this division.

If each member will take about two or three minutes of his time each month, I think we can have something in each issue of our journal.

Business on the Buffalo and Southwestern Division is good and we hope to soon see it back to normal.

We are sorry to lose Bro. W. B. Prescott, second trick at Attica, who resigned, and who has secured a position with the Buick Automobile Co., at Flint, Mich.

Bro. T. English bid in the second trick at Attica.

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Bro. F. O. DeMuth, of "DF" tower, has resigned. We understand that he has gone to farming.

Bro. M. C. Healy, of "DB" tower, bid in "DF," International Junction.

Bro. G. W. Miner has resumed work at "CS" tower, Cawaseraga, after being sick for several months. All the boys are glad to know that he is able to resume duty.

Telegrapher Krieger bid in third trick at East Buffalo.

Operator Collins, first trick at "SB," bid in the day job at "JH."

Bro. C. Brockmeir, of Attica, has been relieving at Buffalo station for a few days.

Telegrapher Burgett is working at Lawtons.

Bro. C. J. Lenahan, first trick at "BN" tower, has the sympathy of the brothers. He lost his son, who, I understand, was working extra at Suspension Bridge. The young man died of typhoid fever. Bro. Lenahan's daughter was laid up all winter with diphtheria.

Bro. O. F. Veblocher, second trick at Collins, is off duty. We understand he has scarlet fever. On account of there being no available man for relief, Bro. Curtin and Bro. Cassel worked twelve hours each for a couple of days while Bro. Veblocher was on the sick list.

We will try to have a good write-up every month in the future.

Send me your items and I will try to do my part.

I would like to thank Bros. Williams and Mountain for sending in items and if some good brother around Hornell would do likewise we could be well represented each month. Nothing looks nicer in our journal than a write-up of our own division.

I notice that some of the offices have two or three students in them. Remember, this is injuring ourselves and the Order. Cut out the students and we will get more money when the proper time arrives. W. S.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Third District—

The first meeting of Third District, Division No. 43, was held in Dauphin, Sunday, April 25th, and, though badly handicapped by train service, eighteen members were present and a most enthusiastic meeting was held.

Many important matters were brought up and discussed by the members present including the proposed Canadian eight-hour law, substitution of telephone for telegraph, and changes deemed advisable when our next schedule is being framed.

It was decided to hold meetings every two months in future, and it is hoped that those members who were not in a position to attend the last meeting will be able to attend the next. Outside of the benefit received from the discussion of questions affecting us as telegraphers it is a good thing for us to get together and become more intimately acquainted. A district correspondent was elected, who will endeavor to deal out a little dope each month hereafter.

At the close of the meeting a group photo was taken which we hope to see reproduced in the journal in the near future.

Several changes among our officials have taken place lately. Supt. J. W. Dawsey has resigned, and was succeeded by A. Wilcox; Chief Dispatcher S. S. Foley was appointed superintendent of the Fifth District, and succeeded as dispatcher by C. D. Fisher, formerly trainmaster for the G. T. P. at Melville.

Bro. G. H. Vasbinder acknowledges he is about to become a benedict. He is relieved by Bro. D. W. Hunt, of Dauphin.

Bro. Wm. Gibbons, of Grandview, has been transferred to Dauphin.

Bro. King, Birnie, transferred to Ochre River.

Bro. Martin, of Division 7, has been appointed telegrapher at Grandview.

Ballast trains are to be put on at an early date, which will keep us all busy.

This district is now almost solid. Every member should do his utmost to close up every gap before the next half year opens.

Working conditions for telegraphers on this road will compare favorably with any in the country and of course we will all acknowledge that this has been brought about by the O. R. T.

DIV. COR.

Fifth District—

It has been some time since I have seen anything in the jorunal from this district and I think that we should make an endeavor to keep in touch with each other this way and I will greatly appreciate any little bit of news that any of the boys can send on to help the good work.

Boys, get after the remaining three nons, and get them to join the fold and make the Fifth District solid.

Bro. Oates has contributed some very interesting news this month. Quite a few changes have taken place on this district during the past month.

Notable among the changes is that of superintendents. We were very sorry to lose our late superintendent, Mr. Roberts, and the boys showed their appreciation of his merits by presenting him with a pretty Masonic emblem. On account of his having to proceed to Winnipeg on short notice, the presentation was made at Warman by Supervisor Lane, on the arrival of No. 16. Understand that it took him by surprise and touched him deeply.

We are sure that all will join in wishing him success in his new sphere.

Our new superintendent, Mr. Foley, is now in harness, and it is up to us to give him good service, sowing that which we wish to reap, and, if I am not greatly mistaken, we shall not be disappointed with the results.

Prince Albert has had a few changes lately, Agent Hughes, from Neepawanow, being in charge of this station, and Bro. Wickerson has been appointed ticket agent.

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Bro. G. Strong has resigned and Mr. Jacques has taken his place as night telegrapher. Bro. Edgley, former agent at Prince Albert, is doing tne "hello" biz as agent at Zealandia, with Bro. Piersdorff as owl. What's the matter with the phone?

Bro. Johnson, late agent at Zealandia, is taking a much-needed rest.

Nutana has been opened as a day telegraph station, with Bro. Black, from First District, in charge, and to whom we extend the glad hand.

Understand our worthy Bro. J. H. Strong is taking a thirty days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Merow, of Davidson, who in turn, is relieved by Bro. Flaxman, another new brother whom we welcome.

R. B.

Quebec & Lake St. John Line—

At a special meeting called by our local chairman which was held at Chicoutimi, April 4th, Bro. A. D. W. Lamoureux, of Lake Edward, was appointed local secretary, vice Bro. J. Alain, of Riviere a Pierre Junction.

Bro. A. Boulanger, of Metabetchouan, was appointed to the position of chairman of grievances, and Cert 361, who was absent, was appointed division correspondent, subject to his own approval.

Bro. J. W. Cliche, of LaTuque Jct., who was idle at the time was refused transportation to attend meeting.

Miss A. Simoneau, telegrapher for the G. N. W., Kiskisink, spent Easter holidays with relatives in Quebec.

Bro. L. J. Furois, agent at Riviere a Pierre Junction, and wife, were in Quebec for Easter days, guests of relatives.

Bro. J. M. Riverin is relieving Bro. A. Cote at Valcartier. The latter is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

With the advent of April, La Tuque Junction closed as a night office, owing to dull business.

Through the kindness of Chief Dispatcher Davidson and Dispatcher Brunelle, Bro. J. E. Hamel, second trick, spent Easter day with his brother-in-law, J. A. Blondeau, agent at St. Basile, C. P. R., where a "sugar party" was enjoyed.

A big washout, 85 feet long and 32 feet deep, occurred April 13th two miles south of Metabetchouan. Having no power north, the passengers were forced to lay up at Chambord Junction. Trains 1 and 2 were annulled two consecutive days between Chambord Junction and Chicoutimi. The mail was transported on a hand car the distance of 86 miles.

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Fourth District

Someone is running a ham factory between Warman and North Battleford. Wonder who he can be. Wonder if this brother remembers his obligation, and realizes that some day his "able assistant" will be corralling his job for him. Now, Brother Unknown, if your station work is too heavy for you to handle alone, you should apply to the superintendent for an assistant, put him on your pay roll, and then you won't need to make any agreement with him about allowing him to practice telegraphy on the wires in return for him doing your flunkey work for you.

Speaking of nons. Saskatoon papers state that Mr. Albert Wisewell, who recently quit the night job at Humbolt and hiked to Uncle Sam's domain, was arrested at Regina, on May 3d, charged with stealing private telegrams sent by H. E. Perry, Liberal organizer during the late election at Humbolt.

Another non. Telegrapher Balsborough, a new man, who relieved Bro. Bigham at Lavoy, last month, and later took on the night job at Vegreville, got tanked up at Vegreville, and locked horns with the agent, our local chairman, Bro. L. C. Matthews. Next day the town magistrate assessed Mr. Balsborough in the neighborhood of $25 for his "horse play." He was also canned by the company and has left for parts unknown.

Bro. Sturges is now holding down the day shift at Vegreville.

The agency at Canora has been temporarily closed account of smallpox in that district.

The bridge at the Elbow caught fire last week, and before the fire could be extinguished, about 100 feet of the bridge was burned, and the west end of the C. N. R. put out of commission for 24 hours.

No doubt you all received a copy of Bro. L. W. Quick's circular about lining up the rest of the nons. We have a few on the C. N. Is every brother alive to his own interests and keeping up a running fire with his neighbor nons? Or are you letting things go as they wish and leaving the hustling to be done by two or three? Though we are very strong on the Fourth District, we should not put on the brakes until we have every telegrapher on the district in the O. R. T. fold. Get busy.

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Central of Georgia Ry.

Chattanooga Division—

A very interesting meeting was held at Lafayette the third Sunday in May. All report a good time, and some business of importance was attended to. It was decided to meet at Rome the fourth Sunday in June, with the boys from the Southern Railway, canceling our regular meeting on the third Sunday. Hope all who can do so will attend.

Bro. Bledsoe, of Sargent, spent nearly a week at the Grand convention, and Bro. Lowe, of Bremen, went up to the barbecue. Both report a highly enjoyable time and are well pleased with the way the delegates were entertained.

Bro. Isbell, of Fort Oglethorpe, got Rossville agency on bid, Mr. Brown, of Youngs, going to Fort Oglethorpe.

Mr. McCraw, from Moons Factory got Youngs. Bro. Bryan, second trick at Carrollton, was promoted to cashier at that place, Bro. Ansley, from extra list, getting second there.

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Bro. Sammons, at Lindale, has resigned to take a better position with the Cotton Mill people at that place, and Lindale is up for bid.

Bro. Allen, from agent's office at Rome, expects to be off a few days in the near future.

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Southwestern Division—

Bro. T. J. Mills, our local chairman, is off a few days, taking in the convention at Atlanta.

Bro. J. H. Randall, third trick at Smithville, is working second during Bro. Mills' absence. Bro. Randall was relieved by Bro. E. M. Bruner, our old stand-by relief man.

The third trick at Americus is being filled by Ex-Baggage Agent Mr. Hall.

Bro. E. W. Slappey, first trick man at Albany, was off a few days last month, being relieved by Bro. E. W. Smith, Jr., second trick man, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Lyster, of Coffee Springs.

Bro. Lamar, after spending quite a while down in the everglades, has resumed duty at Powersville.

Bro. C. W. Morrison, agent at Bronwood, made a speedy trip to Albany a few days ago.

We understand that Bro. Powell, Arlington agent, is making his home folks a visit. Have not heard who is relieving him.

Bro. E. W. Smith, second trick at Albany, was on the sick list a few days last month, being relieved by a Mr. Howard.

We understand that Bro. Parks, who has been doing the copying stunt in the dispatcher's office, has been promoted to dispatcher on some other division.

Remember, "no card, no favors."

"UNION MADE."

Ann Arbor Ry.

Bro. Taylor, our worthy chairman, advises that he is too busy with his work and the position of chairman to act as correspondent, therefore he appointed yours truly to act in that capacity. I want every one to give me all the help he can, so that we may have a good "write-up" in the journal each month.

We held a couple of meetings in Owosso recently, and I am sorry to say that very few attended. This looks bad. Let every one take an interest in the Order and see if we can not have some very lively meetings in the future. We have a good percentage on the Ann Arbor, and if each and every one will take an interest it will not only be a benefit to yourself, but to the less experienced men. Bro. Taylor advises that there is to be a meeting again at Forrester's Hall, Owosso, May 30th, and sincerely hope that every member who can will be in evidence.

Understand that Bro. Campbell, our worthy vice-president, will be there, and it is quite a treat to hear him talk.

Several changes on the line since the last write-up.

Bro. Herrick bid in Annpere.

Bro. Lanham bid in Vernon.

Bro. J. W. McNamee bid in third trick at Hallett.

Bro. Scofield, formerly of Annpere, has left the telegraph department. Understand he is firing on the road.

Bro. Taylor has given me but one day's time in which to prepare this, so you will have to excuse this poor showing this time. V. N.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Utah Lines—

Owing to the renewed interest that is being taken in the Order on this end, we want to contribute a few items and express some of our opinions. Now that there seems to be an awakening over here, we should make "a long pull, a strong pull, and all pull together" and get back to where we were some time ago. Let each one of us take it upon himself to try and get a new member into the Order. It is a duty we owe ourselves as well as the Order. Some of the boys seem to think the telegraph school at Denver is going to hurt us, but it will not injure us or change conditions in the least. Do you know that nearly every one of the students who gets into the business procures an "up-to-date" as soon as he has had the necessary experience? I would gamble that at least 90 per cent of them will go in despite the fact that they are instructed to the contrary by their teachers. These boys are all too bright to do anything against their own interest, and it is evident to all what the Order does for the craft.

Bro. F. H. Barry has resigned as agent at Fruita, being relieved temporarily by Mr. W. C. Watson. Understand Barry is going to Southern California, on his orange farm. Bro. J. H. Sheppard, of Fairview, has bid in the agency at Fruita and is awaiting relief.

Bro. Rasmussen, of Heber, has bid in the agency at Fairview. Mr. R. B. Marks, from Thompsons, bid in Heber.

Cisco agency has been transferred from Bro. J. S. Jones to Bro. J. F. Rounds, from second trick at Fruita.

Bro. James Golden transferred from third trick at Thompsons to second trick at Cisco.

Bro. B. D. Mahoney has resigned as agent at Woodside. We understand that he is now working on the Oregon Short Line. He was relieved by a Western Union scab who is now working at Woodside. We hear this scab brags of the big money he made during the strike. A man must have a pile of respect for himself when he stoops to such dirty work and then brags of it. His name is P. F. Wagoner.

Mr. Thos. Fouts is off for ninety days, being relieved by G. M. Southwick, at Price.

Bro. C. A. Pierson is off for ninety days, at Sunnyside, improving his farm, we understand. He is relieved by Mr. J. B. Darrah.

Mr. R. J. Kirkpatrick is working second at Mounds. He is a new man on the line.

Bro. Geo. Prince has resigned as telegrapher at Ruby and was relieved by a Mr. Tromley. Bro.

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Prince was one of our old-timers, and we are sorry to see him leave us.

We hear Bro. G. W. Morgan has purchased a new piano. Very likely there will be "music on the desert air" now in accompaniment to the howl of the coyotes.

Bro. H. B. Mensil is relieving Bro. Tompkins at Castle Gate.

Bro. Tompkins has gone to Scofield to relieve Mr. C. H. Funk, who is off on ninety days' leave of absence, visiting the coast and the exposition.

Bro. S. R. Wright transferred from second at Kyune to second at Colton, relieving Bro. C. H. Rogers, who bid in Artwell day telegrapher. Bro. Kerwin, a new man from the East, relieves Bro. Wright.

Mr. H. S. Robinett recently quit the service. Relieved by Bro. W. H. Fennel, from American Fork.

On May 1 the office of trainmaster was abollshed and the title assistant superintendent substituted. Superintendent was substituted for assistant superintendent, without any change in officers or territory.

The Utah Lines have been divided into two divisions, now called the Salt Lake and the Green River Divislons. The Salt Lake Division comprises the main line and branches, Ogden to Hepler. The Green River Division comprises the main line, Hepler to Grand Junction and branches.

Effective May 1, the telephone was substituted for the telegraph in movement of trains over the Bingham district. Mr. H. C. Halloway was appointed chief dispatcher over this territory, with headquarters at Bingham Junction. A set of dispatchers was moved from Salt Lake to Bingham Junction. It is reported that the telephone is working fine, still we hear dispatchers putting out orders and getting "OS" on the telegraph wire occasionally. "VOLUNTEERS."

First Division—

I notice quite a few nons on this divlsion. Get busy, boys, and thin 'em out.

Bro. A. Richards has resigned at Vallie and left for "Old Missou." Bro. H. L. Evans was the lucky man when this job was bulletined, and is now a full-fledged owl.

Bro. F. W. Aiken, agent at Cotopaxi, is off on a vacation and intends to visit home folks in Amherst, Ohio, while away. While Bro. Aiken is taking in the convention at Atlanta, Bro. J. N. Friday is acting as agent and also as G. S. & T. If you happen to land a non, you know where to send the papers.

Bro. J. E, Bobbitt, agent at Parkdale, was off a few days, sick, the latter part of April. He was relieved by Bro. E. C. Morrlson. Bro. Morrison went from Parkdale to Walsenburg as cashier.

Mr. J. J. Marquis, a new arrival, from Pittsburg, Pa., is throwing the switch at Goodnight.

Bro. H. V. Evans, third trick at Canon City, is off on a two months' vacation. Relieved by Bro. P. G. Hyatt, formerly of Goodnight.

Mr. F. W. Schanck, first trick telegrapher and cashier at Canon City, was wearing the agents' cap at Canon City during the absence of Mr. Maddox.

Mr. F. B. Claar was relieving a few days at Portland while Bro. E. S. Stokes was sick.

An extra man has been put on in "SB," Pueblo office. This gives Mr. W. M. Morris a chance to look after wire trouble as Bro. F. W. Moore moves up to the day shift.

Bro. F. L. Reynolds moves from third trick to second, and the third falls to Doc Eaton, a newcomer.

Bro. W. W. Duncan, third trick at Littleton, is laying off a couple of weeks. Relieved by Mr. F. W. Shipman, an extra man.

Bro. E. J. McGowan, third trick at Colorado Springs, is off for a thirty days' vacation and a jaunt back East. Relieved by Mr. C. R. Elliot, extra man, formerly at Canon City.

Mr. R. C. Sheldon, of Graneros, bid in second trick at San Carlos on last bulletin.

A man by the name of McCain is working extra on second trick at San Carlos.

Extra dispatcher in "RG," by name of Neal, from I. C., Carbondale, is working second trick, first district.

Smith is now regular second trick dispatcher on the first district. Our old friend "Woody" went to third trick on third district. CERT. 606.

Second Division, Salida to Grand Junction—

Bro. Howe has landed first trick at Minturn. Glad to see him on the main line once more.

Bro. Wilkins now holds third trick at Salida. A fine job and nothing much to do.

Bro. Vaughn, from Pando, relieved Bro. Soderberg at the Pass while he was in Salt Lake.

Bro. Vaughn, from second trick at Tenn. Pass, to third trick at Granite.

Since the ice harvest is over, Bro. Homan, at Pando, is left alone, his night telegrapher, Bro. Vaughn, being sent to Tenn. Pass to relieve Bro. Soderberg.

Bro. Homan is now attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Eaton is relieving Bro. Homan.

Bro. Eaton has been relieved at Malta by Mr. Vaughan.

Mr. T. P. Leedom is at Tenn. Pass, third trick. He comes from the C. & S.

Bro. Crosno, of Minturn, has been taken out of the service temporarily because the bond company has refused to bond him longer, for the reason that his dates of service do not correspond with the record of a road for which he formerly worked. He has been given leave of absence and has gone East to straighten out matters. We hope to see him back among us soon.

News is scarce this time. The boys failed to mail me what items they knew of, with the exception of Bro. Wilkins, who always has something to send. Hope to do better next month. "Q."

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Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

Conditions seem to have improved and business is almost normal.

Bro. Bonnor has returned to Shenango, second trick, from third trick at Kremis.

Bro. Lynch resumed first trick at Shenango upon the return of Bro. Sloan to dispatcher's office.

Pardu has been reopened, second and third tricks. G. E. Hamilton returned to second trick, his old position. Third trick is being held down by E. F. Redfoote until bid in.

Bro. Donohue, third trick at Summerville, resigned and went West. Bro. W. H. Hall, nights, at Albion yard office, bid in Summerville.

The old Summerville office has been abandoned and a new office opened at Lexington known as "XG" tower.

Bro. Faivre has returned to second trick at "GV" tower, from third trick at Henlein. C. J. Newman is working third at Henlein.

J. D. Burke, third trick at Houston Jct., left the service. Understand he is on B. & O. Third trick at Houston Jct. bid in by Bro. Brooks.

G. E. Hamilton, third trick at "HX" tower, served thirty days for improper blocking of trains. He returned to work at Pardu, second trick. Bro. J. A. Johnston, a member of Division No. 52, relieved Mr. Hamilton at "HX" tower.

Adamsville was reopened, days, for the blocking of trains. We are unable to say as to who is working there.

H. M. Welchena, clerk to chief train dispatcher, has signed with the Steubenville team of the O. & P. league.

Bro. O. F. Whiteford, first trick at Pittsburg Jct., traded positions with Bro. W. A. Moffitt, and went to Calvin, second trick.

Every body is much pleased with the restoration of the bulletining of positions. Altogether our new schedule is one to be pleased with.

Mr. Filson was relieved at Meuer Jct. while on his honeymoon by F. B. Campbell.

The second trick at Pittsburg Jct. bid in by Bro. E. O. Eddleblute. Bro. E. G. Reisenger has left the service of the street car company and is working at Pittsburg Jct., first trick.

We understand that a brother from the B. & O., F. E. Smith by name, relieved Bro. Bonnor at Kremis.

Doubtless this will be considered a slim budget of news, but it was compiled entirely by "ye scribe," and consists of what came under his own personal observation. CERT. 134.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento Division—

Who said the Sacramento Division was not to be represented in the columns of our worthy journal? Just you watch and see. We have certainly been occupying a back seat long enough and there is no plausible reason why we should not have a seat in the "bald headed" row. Just as soon as our newly elected local chairman, Bro. J. E. Blackford, returns from the convention at Atlanta, Ga., he will no doubt appoint a permanent division correspondent, and I hope every one concerned will take an interest in this work and contribute liberally. The main thing in compiling the "news" for THE TELEGRAPHER, is geting the "dope," and I hope that just as soon as a division correspondent is announced, that all changes, sickness, etc., be reported to him. Through the personal effort of Bro. J. F. Neideffer, of "H" office, we were able to get a pretty good line-up, although there were not many changes and business is rather quiet.

Our newly elected local chairman and representative, Bro. J. E. Blackford, and alternate, Bro. H. H. Houston, left May 1st, to attend the meeting of general committee at New Orleans, and convention at Atlanta, Ga. From all reports Bro. Blackford is becoming very popular with the general committee, having been appointed chairman of several committees.

The election at New Orleans resulted as follows: Bro. W. H. Lester, re-elected general chairman; Bro. O. P. Bates, elected general secretary and treasurer, and Bro. D. W. Koppikus, elected assistant general chairman.

The contest between Bro. Lester and Bro. Koppikus, for general chairman, was very close. Committeeman on Grievances from Sacramento Committeman on Grievances from Sacramento Division. The membership of this division are to be congratulated on having elected such an able representative. He should receive the very highest commendation and support from all for the good work he is rendering. And he is just making his start. Thirty-five new members were taken in by him since April. One would hardly believe there were so many nons on the district. There are a few left and it would help if each member would lend his individual support to induce these to join us. There is no reason why any one holding one of our scheduled positions should not belong to the Order. It's a good business proposition, and if we don't take an interest in it and look after it, we need expect no business.

Bro. C. A. Nelson is working second trick at Towle, while Joe is at the convention.

Bro. B. B. Mullins, second trick 12th St., Sacramento, and Bro. "Bunch" McClintock, doing the stunt on first trick, during Bro. H. H. Houston's absence.

Bros. C. S. Greene and F. M. Roy, both of Reno, are on the sick list. They were relieved by Bros. J. D. Fogleson and J. I. Burns. It is reported from the hospital that both are doing nicely.

Bro. Geo. Carew recently made a flying trip to Sacramento for fishing tackle; relieved by Paul Storey.

Bro. Ed. Schoonover from Caporn to Loomis, to relieve Bro. Ayamar, on account of the latter being sick. Don't know who relieved Bro. Schoonover at Caporn.

Mr. Alder Randall from Spruce to Latrobe. He was relieved by Bro. C. C. Stroupe. We understand that Bro. Stroupe is sick and will be sent

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to the hospital at Sacramento. Didn't learn who was to relieve him.

E. F. Stewart has been transferred, temporarily, from Midas to Loomis, as second trick telegrapher during fruit season. Relieved by Bro. Harmon.

Understand Bro. James O'Connor, first trick at "H" office, is quite sick and has gone to San Francisco to take on some heavy atmosphere which will evidently put him on his feet again. Relieved by Mr Fender, new man; understand he is looking for a business opening in this part of the West.

Following positions are bulletined: Agencies at Towle, Floriston, Lincoln, Colusa Junction; second trick at Summit; third trick at Reno, and first and second tricks at Chico. CERT. 500.

Oregon Lines—

Bro. C. W. Bell having bid in a trick at Medford has moved his family there from Eugene. Bro. Bell is a good worker for the cause and we hope to see him land a few of those nons out there.

W. J. Mahoney is acting agent at Grants Pass, while the position is up for bid. We understand that Bro. Isham, of Cottage Grove, has bid it in. J. Summers is relieving Mahoney on first trick.

It is rumored that Mr. Beede had to throw up the second trick at Glendale, on account of poison oak. He was in the hospital for a week, and is now working third trick at Woodburn, extra. He was relieved at Glendale by Bro. Peek, who in turn was relieved by a Mr. Harley.

Bro. W. O. Miller has returned from a forty days' lay-off, and is at his old stand at West Fork, days. While absent he was relieved by Bro. E. C. Simpson.

J. R. Enger, our genial second trick dispatcher, has returned from his annual vacation.

Bro. L. S. Taylor is relieving our local chairman, Mr. Boyd, as agent at Oakland, while he is attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. R. J. Neill, extra, now working the third trick at Drain, has just been transferred from C. G. W. System, Division No. 96. He is relieving Bro. F. W. Cantrell who is holding down the second trick, vice L. S. Taylor, assigned to first trick at Cottage Grove.

It would be greatly appreciated if all the members knowing any news would send them to me about the 20th of each month Asked several members to do this a short time ago, but only about one-fourth responded; therefore, I am unable to give a complete write-up this month.

L. S. TAYLOR,
Local Secretary, Cottage Grove, Ore.

Oregon Short Line Ry.

Montana Division—

We have never seen this division represented in our journal. Let us get in line and insert a write-up every month. I am sure it will do a great deal of good. This division of the Short Line is almost solid, but there are still a few nons.

Bro. Shelley returned from the East a few days ago, and is now pounding brass again at his old job in "M" office at Butte.

Bro. Davy, formerly agent at Market Lake, has taken first trick at Blackfoot. His predecessor being Bro. Skinner.

We understand that Bro F. Kelley is going to work as second trick dispatcher in "H" office, relieving S. B. Castle, who intends to take a vacation.

Armstead station was opened a few weeks ago with Bro Garwood as agent.

The new line from Armstead to Salmon City is well under way.

Dillon now has one of the finest depots on the Short Line. It will be ready for occupation before long. CERT. 5783.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Minnesota Division—

Quite a number of changes have taken place on this division during the past few weeks. Winnipeg Junction station has been closed and is no longer a railroad town, all trains now running via Manitoba Junction, formerly called Summit. Mr. Hetzler who was agent at Winnipeg Junction transferred to one of the Western Divisions. All Red River branch trains and locals on main line now terminate at Lake Park instead of Winnipeg Junction.

We understand that Bro. Ogrosky is taking a trip East, he being relieved at Glyndon by a new man named Meyers.

Mr. Slavik transferred to Frazee, days, relieving Bro. Evans, who is taking a vacation.

Bro. Hauser transferred to Wadena, second trick. Mr. Leeman having left the service to accept a position with the Omaha.

Have three new men at Manitoba Junction: Carroll, McDonald and Pinson.

We forgot to mention in the last write-up that Sister Rivette had been transferred to Wadena, third trick, and Mr. Stinar has taken the dopelious hours.

We also have a new man at Verndale, by the name of Newman; do not know where he hails from.

Mr. Page, agent at Red Lake Falls, is off for a short time, being relieved by Mr. Grabbler from Verndale.

Mr. Ringstad transferred to Lake Park as cashier and telegrapher, and Bro. Hanna has taken the Manitoba Junction agency. Mr. Williams is holding the night telegraph position at Lake Park.

Mr. Gillerman is holding the first trick telegraph position at La Belle, which was created when the terminal was moved.

Thanks to Bro. Hauser for items; come again.

H. E. OLSEN, *Local Chairman.*

Dakota and Fargo Division—

Bro. Byle has returned to Bismarck, after having enjoyed his vacation. Bro. Carr, who was at Bismarck, is now at Ladoga Pit.

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Bro. Miller, at Dawson, is suffering from an attack of small-pox. Mr. Malone is filling his place temporarily.

Mr. Maxwell, a new man on the division, relieved Bro. Pase at Steele. Bro. Pase is now at Dawson, second.

The steam shovel has been moved from Ladoga Pit to Apple Creek. Bro. Parr is at Apple Creek first, and Mr. Munzer is second telegrapher. Ladoga has been closed.

Mr. Almore, who has been at Berner for the last three months, has resigned and has been relieved by Bro. Baker from the Southern Pacific.

Bro. Bricher, of the Fargo Division, is relieving Mr. Bingham at Jamestown yard for a few days. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Yellowstone Div., First and Second Districts—

Bro. Whitledge, from third trick to second trick at Hodges. Bro. Gammon from second trick at Hodges to second trick at Medora. Bro. Gammon is relieving Mr. Parker, who had to take a layoff on account of his health. He went to his home in Waldo, Ark.

Bro. Harris is working third trick at Hodges, having been bumped at Hoyt Gravel Pit by Bro. Pemberthy, who was on third trick at Terry.

Mr. Hessler, agent at Medora, was called away from home on account of the illness of his wife, who was in the hospital at Lincoln, Neb. He reports her on the road to recovery.

Bro. Peck relieved Mr. Hesser as agent while he was away.

Bro. Plaxton has been transferred from Rosebud to Belfield.

Bro. Forsbladt went from Belfield to Hebron.

Bro. Yeager, from St. Louis, relieves Bro. Plaxton, while Bro. and Mrs. Plaxton are spending vacation on the coast, where they will take in the exposition. Bro. Hayes relieved Bro. Cunningham at Sims. Bro. Cunningham is now at Glendive.

Bro. John Paul, extra dispatcher, has been relieved at Glenullen by Bro. Rohan. Bro. Paul is now working a trick at Glendive.

Bro. Anderson, first trick at Hodges, got second trick at New Salem on bulletin.

Old Mother Earth gave forth a few vibrations at 9:16 p. m., on the 15th, and some of the boys thought their time had come. The shock was felt as far east as Dickinson, and was something new to the most of us.

We "13" Bro. Weber is to take a vacation the 20th. We wish him a pleasant time.

Bro. Plaxton, second trick at Rosebud, changed to third at Belfield by his own request, relieving Miss DeMeres, who relieved Bro. Amundson, third at Rosebud. Bro. Amundson takes third trick at that place.

Wish the brothers and sisters would follow the example of Bro. Plaxton and drop us a line when they are to be transferred or going on a vacation, etc. Glendive is a busy office, and it is rather difficult to keep track of changes for a write-up.

Bro. and Mrs. Amey spent a week or so in Canada visiting their old home. Bro. Rowan, from the Milwaukee, did the relief stunt at Miles City while Amey was away.

Bro. Horton, from Wibaux, was recently called to St. Paul to attend a lawsuit.

Understand Miss DeMeres was held up the other night at Rosebud. Have not heard the particulars.

Bro. Ditz has been transferred from Big Horn to Glendive.

Bro. Smoot has done good work since he has been local chairman and he should have the benefit of any pleasure which the members are able to give him and would say to you all that he appreciates what you have done for him. H.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Harry Cooper and wife, at Weed, have again joined our ranks after being without a card for nearly two years. Brother and Sister Cooper will be heartily welcomed.

The following positions were bulletined during the past month:

Paradise, first, second and third tricks.
Ravalli, second trick.
Silver Bow, third trick.
Blackfoot, third trick.
Donlan, third trick.
White Pine, second trick.

Bro. L. V. Green, who, with his brother, was called east to the bedside of their father has returned and resumed his old position, second trick at DeSmet. His brother will return in a month or so.

Bro. E. P. Malone, first trick at Rivulet, made a flying trip to Missoula, and while there witnessed the play "Girls," which was given at the new Harnois Theater.

Bro. Wilson, second trick at Blackfoot, has been transferred to third at Birdseye; relieved by Bro. Black from the C. B. & Q.

Bro. Lucas, third trick at Blackfoot, has severed his connection with the company. Bro. Whalen, of Bearmouth, has taken the trick.

C. E. Lindell, third at Turah, exchanged tricks with W. H. Middlemans at Bonner. The latter is a new man on this division.

Bro. W. C. Turner, second trick at Bonner, is at the present writing in the Missoula Hospital.

Bro. J. T. Coughlin, who worked a few nights at Bearmouth, was transferred to Belknap, third trick, Bro. N. T. Thorson, of Minnesota, relieving him.

Bro. J. D. Stevenson, transferred from second to third trick at Bearmouth on account of Bro. Withler, second trick, leaving the service.

The little child of Bro. Stevens, first trick at Blackfoot, was hit by a work train engine during the past week. We understand that she was not seriously hurt.

Bro. T. A. Murphy has bid in the Drummond agency and will be transferred in a few days. Former Agent J. M. McKlaughlin went to Marysville, Bro. Trudell doing the relief stunt.

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Bro. E. J. Johnson, agent at Marysville, has taken first trick at Silver Bow.

We understand that Bro. Jess Hearndon has severed his connection with this road and accepted employment with the B. A. & P. at Rocker, Montana.

Bro. Flickinger, agent at Clinton, is away on a vacation, looking after some mining interests in California. Bro. Banks, from the G. N. Ry., relieved him.

Bro. Shannon is again an exclusive agent at Bonita. A third man was put on at that place owing to the fact that a great many work trains are being put on in that vicinity.

Local Chairman Rundell will soon leave for the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., and, no doubt, will be a credit to this division while there.

We think it would be a very good idea to hold a rousing meeting on his return and arrange for monthly meetings, also talk over other matters, such as taking care of our brothers while they are confined in the Missoula Hospital. While we know that they get the best of care while in the hospital there are many favors we could do them if we had a little fund for that purpose. Now brothers, get busy and speak with your next door neighbor about a meeting and all be prepared to come so that we may have a rousing meeting, which will be a credit to the Rocky Mountain Division. DIV. COR.

Lake Superior Division—

Bro. T. A. Sebesta relieved Miss LaPole as third trick telegrapher at Rush City for a few nights. He then went to Sawyer as relief agent for three weeks, and on the 20th of May he was checked in as relief agent at Wyoming for about sixty days.

Bro. Harry O'Sullivan, our popular local chairman, took 30 days off commencing May 1st, to attend the convention in Atlanta, and to visit old friends in Quebec, Can. He was relieved by Bro. Hoffman, second trick, who was in turn relieved by Telegrapher Jacksie, from Barnum, second trick. A. E. Michaelson, a new man who hails from Moose Lake, relieved Jacksie at Barnum.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the young daughter of Bro. Olson, agent at Moose Lake, which occurred about 11 p. m., May 12th, caused by scarlet fever. Bro. Olson and family have the sympathy of all in this, their hour of bereavement and loss.

Bro. Ellwood Gray, night telegrapher, acted as agent during the illness of Bro. Olson's daughter, and was relieved by J. M. O'Brien, who was at home in Pine City for a few days. He was relieved at Groningen by J. S. Kell, from Ashland. Kell got "sick" after a few nights at Groningen, and Bro. Remmey, from third trick at Pine City, was rushed to the scene. Bros. Peterson and D. C. Gray worked twelve hours each the first day, but the succeeding three days Telegrapher Youngberg, who had been at Fond Du Lac relieving Bro. J. M. Curtis as agent, held down the third trick until Bro. Remmey's return on the 18th. Youngberg went to Stacy, where, we understand, he is to be relief agent for a short time.

Telegrapher O'Brien went from Moose Lake nights to Hinckley, third, being relieved by O. A. Spaulding, a new man from the East.

Agent Buttrick, at Hinckley, was taken very sick and left on the 17th for the hospital at Brainerd.

Bro. John Houska is acting agent at Hinckley until Buttrick's return, with Bro. Hoffman first, and Telegraphers Jacksie and O'Brien second and third tricks respectively.

Telegrapher R. B. Mitchell, a new man, from Superior, is at present holding down the owl trick at Groningen.

We understand Bro. Ellwood Gray has bid in the agency at Tamerack, on the Second District, and now we hope it won't be so hard to get news items from that district.

A Mr. A. E. Lueke relieved E. C. Duffy at Aitkin as cashier and Telegrapher H. E. Carlson, formerly at Carlton, is on third trick at Aitkin.

Bro. Steele is at the Carlton pit at present, and John Conery is second trick at Carlton, bumping Bro. Mason, who went to Rush City, first trick.

Bro. Ben Donald was down from the hospital calling on friends a few days ago and we are glad to learn his injured arm seems to be doing well and we hope Bro. Donald will soon resume duty. He has had a hard time of it and had to go back to the hospital for a time, at least.

I wonder how long since the last bulletin was issued on this division, showing the vacancies, etc.? Or don't we have any vacancies? For my part I am used to working where these monthly bulletins were issued and think it would be a good thing to give the boys a chance to see what was going on and perhaps make a change for the better.

Get after these new men that are among us and occasionally remind the nons who have been with us some little time just what they should do to be happy and satisfied.

Don't hesitate to give me a call if you hear anything of interest to the members and I will do my part. I wish to thank those who helped gather this month's crop of items. Please come again. DIV. COR.

Montana Division—

E. R. McLane relieved Bro. Smith at Yegen one night, then was placed on third trick at Springdale regular.

A Mr. Arthur is now the third trick man at Columbus.

Telegrapher Babcock, recently from Chestnut, is working second at Columbus.

We understand that Bro. Hanold, second trick at Columbus, has left the service and is going back to Missouri.

Mr. Gaffney transferred from third trick at Reeds Point to third at Springdale.

Bro. Burnside, first at Merrill, attended the Masonic Lodge at Columbus and reports a good time.

Bros. Dahl and Jones, of Merrill, recently took in the sights at Livingston.

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Mr. Garroll, late of Greycliff, recently left for St. Paul. We understand that he returned to his home in Iowa, where he will attend school. A Mr. Stewart relieved Garrol at Greycliff.

Bro. Morrow, second at Greycliff, has been under the doctor's care at Big Timber, on account of blood poison. Upon his return to work he was transferred to "S" office at Billings.

Bro. J. G. Williams, from the P. F. W. C. at Bucyrus, Ohio, is working third trick at "UD," Billings, during the absence of Bro. Anderson, the regular man.

Bro. A. S. Mould, from the Illinois Central Ry., relieved Bro. Morrow at Greycliff a few nights, and was then transferred to third trick at Laurel, relieving Bro. Snyder, who is off for a few days.

Bro. Carrigon, of Livingston, now makes frequent trips to Butte, merely taking in the sights and enjoying the mountain air, of course.

C. S. Bly, new man on the road, is relieving in Livingston office for a short time.

Telegrapher G. R. Jacobs, recently with the Postal at Chicago, relieved Bro. Rollins at Hoppers. Understand Rolins went back East.

Bro. Didlake and Telegrapher English resigned at Townsend. They were relieved by Telegraphers McMahon and Early. Understand Didlake goes to the S. P. Ry at Sacramento, and English to the N. P. at Seattle. Later Early left the service.

It is reported that Bro. E. C. White, who worked at Belgrade a few nights, is now in the dispatcher's office of the G. N. Ry. at Great Falls.

C. T. U. A. Bro. T. J. Hoban relieved Agent Howorth at Central Park for a few days.

Applications for membership are coming so fast that I was unable to furnish the last two with application blanks account of being entirely out. This kind of work looks good for us and here is hoping that it continues.

So many changes have been made recently at different stations that it is impossible for me to keep a line on a number of offices and the brothers working in those offices offer no help in that respect. Kindly assist the correspondent by sending him items.

A Miss Smith, late of the W. U. at St. Paul, is now working third trick at Park City.

Understand that Bro. Scott has been transferred from Park City to Townsend, Bro. Luckey getting second trick at Park City. CERT. 1079.

Idaho Division—

Have been using the telephones and A. B. C. system for train movement, and find it a success. So many are prejudiced against the 'phones, but after becoming more familiar with them we believe that this prejudice will finally fade away.

Our superintendent, A. Beamer, has a great invention in his A. B. C. Block, and we believe that before long the roads throughout the country will adopt this system of handling trains. The officials from the Nickel Plate Road took a trip over the line to fully investigate its workings. This is only a beginning of the interest taken, and by the time a year has passed, Mr. Beamer will see his ideas being used by all of the larger roads of this country. We understand our popular trainmaster, Mr. T. H. Lantry, has also an interest in this block system. This new A. B. C. system is a safeguard which surely prevents wrecks.

Although a telegrapher is more closely confined, while on duty, checking up the "exceptions" in blocking, still if it is an extra precaution for the safety of the traveling public, we should consider ourselves fully repaid.

Before this gets to print, the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition will be open at Seattle, Wash., and it is then that heavy passenger traffic is looked for. This will also be the time when all telegraphers will be called upon to use extraordinary good judgment in getting trains through their immediate blocks, taking the safe side in case of doubt. Be very careful in checking the "exceptions," and do not let us have a re-occurrence of the recent mishap, that might have been serious. This happened because a telegrapher did not give any of the "exceptions," and the telegrapher who was to have pledged for the block, did not ask for the "exceptions," consequently the head on. There were no fatalities, but it shows that we must live up to the instructions issued by proper authorities.

On May 15th the Terminal point was changed from Trout Creek, Mont., to Paradise, giving us fifty-four miles more on the Idaho Division. A set of dispatchers will be located at Paradise to handle trains to Sand Point, and another set will be at Spokane. This will also be the chief dispatcher's headquarters.

Understand the new Terminal being built at Kootenai is to be the S. P. & S. Terminal, with Agent Lyons, from Trout Creek, in charge. S. P. & S. trains will be run over N. P. tracks, Marshall, Wash., to Kootenai, Ida., which will be the end of that run.

F. Chalupsky, second trick at Hope, has gone back in St. Paul, "NP" office; relieved by Telegrapher J. B. Doles, third trick at Sand Point.

Bro. Mueller, second trick at Cocolalla, transferred to Hope, relieving J. B. Doles, who has gone to Great Falls, Mont., on the G. N. We understand that he is working a dispatcher's trick.

Bro. Mueller, second trick at Cocolalla, has been relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Donohue.

We understand that Bro. McLaughlin is again at his old post at Yardly. Telegraph Merrill is lined up for Tuscon, bumping Bro. Colson, who goes on the extra list.

Bro. Seward has selected Bro. Mueller as division correspondent. All brothers are requested to send in news, and we would like to hear from the brothers on the branches.

Word has just been received that Kootenai is opened with a new set of telegraphers. We have been unable to learn their names. DIV. COR.

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Relay Division—

E. H. Shelton, a new man in the service, relieved T. P. Bernard at Helena. Bernard going to St. Paul in place of M. Hawkins, who went to Tacoma.

Late Night Chief John Morris, of Tacoma, took a two months' leave of absence, visiting relatives in Scotland. In his absence Clarence Christy is doing the late night stunt, he being relieved by M. Hawkins.

M. H. Hancock, of St. Paul, and E. C. Kuehl, of Spokane, arranged to exchange places, on account of the former's wife needing a change of climate.

The force at Fargo was reduced one man last month, D. Stone drawing the unlucky number. Understand there are thre men off duty at St. Paul on sick leave, being relieved temporarily by new men in the service.

With the expected increase of business in the immediate future, it is very likely several additional men will be put on before our next month's write-up is due. Let us hope they bring cards with them, and help stiffen up the wobbly backbones.

In the above line-up, the prefix "Bro." is conspicuous by its absence; a unique distinction at this stage of the game when 75 per cent of the telegraphers in this country are organized.

The new regime has not yet had time to make a tremendous showing, but they can point with pride to one office nearly solid. Dickinson now has only one non and we have his promise. Recently he was overheard delivering the following soliloquy which makes us very hopeful:

THE NON'S SOLILOQUY.

To join or not to join; that is the qeustion:
Whether 'tis chancier on the whole, to cast
One's lot with victims of outrageous fortune,
Than to lie low and let them bear their troubles
And bear ours with them. To lie—to beef—
To roar—and roar again for what we want,
But never paid for nor intend to pay
Except in promises—'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. But then again
Suppose—suppose they win: Ay, there's the rub;
For when they win the game, what things may come
To such as us who run with hare and hounds,
Must give us pause. Lo, the poor non
Doth breed calamity through his long life:
He meekly bears the whips and scorns of time,
The oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely,
The spotter's pois'nous fang, the law's delay,
The insolence of office, and the spurns
That the unorganized of the unworthy make,
Though he himself might his quietus make,
Had he the courage. Who would fardels bear
To grunt and sweat under a weary life,
But that the dread of things that never hap,
The fear of losing jobs not worth a shuck,
And ever getting worse—puzzles the will,
And makes us rather bear those ills we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of.

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Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Toledo District, West End—

Bro. P. G. Vernon, third trick at Huron Junction, has thirty days' leave of absence, and is visiting his parents at Rock Island, Ill. Relieved by Mr. W. W. Dunn.

Bro. J. J. Callaghan has resigned as agent at Milan and is taking a trip through the West. J. W. Wygle relieved him.

The yardmaster no longer does the telegraphing at Huron. Telegrapher O. B. Handy recently took charge of the office until the position is put up for bid.

Bro. F. C. Hull, first trick at "NY," Norwalk, visited his brother at Sandusky recently.

Work will soon be commenced on the new passing track at Mile Post 67, between Huron Junction and Hartland, near "Blue Fly" crossing.

Bro. L. E. Brown, Norwalk depot, recently spent several days visiting at Massillon and Cleveland. Relieved by O. B. Handy.

W. W. Dunn relieved the agent at Brilliant for one day before going to Huron Junction third trick.

When bidding on a position, send a copy of your bid to your local chairman, so he can protect your rights. COR.

Southern Ry.

Knoxville Division—

After weeks of expectancy, the O. R. T. boys and their ladies swept down upon Atlanta, Ga., in special cars on Sunday, May 9th, and for ten days the city was alive with the wearers of the wreath and sounder.

Delegates from Oregon and Oklahoma fraternized with the brothers from Florida and Maine, while the manipulators of the key from King Edward's Dominion of Canada mingled with their fellow workers from the land of President Diaz. In fact, the men who control the destinies of those who venture on railroads were in Atlanta from the whole North American continent. The conventions of the telegraphers have been steadily increasing in attendance for several years, but it remained for Atlanta, Ga.—first in everything—to entertain the banner convention of them all, 334 delegates. Not only in point of delegates, but the visitors outnumbered those attending any previous convention. And the ladies were no less a factor in the Atlanta convention than the men. They were on hand about 300 strong, and became so enthusiastic that they made preparations for organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. before half the week was over.

The welcome meeting was to have taken place Monday night at the convention hall, but the attendance promised to exceed the capacity of the hall, and in consequence these exercises were held in the Grand Opera House; and such a welcome has never been surpassed in the City of Atlanta on any occasion. The Governor of the State and the Mayor of the city lent official dignity to the occasion by their presence and made it plain to those assembled that Georgia more than deserved her

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universal reputation as a hospitable host. The warmth of their welcome was unbounded and their endorsements of organized labor unqualified.

The exercises were opened with music by a band of splendid musicians, who rendered an excellent program throughout.

Rev. H. A. Atkinson, ministerial delegate to the Atlanta Federation of Trades, invoked the blessing upon the convention in a fervent welcoming prayer.

Lawson Lamar, an honored member of the O. R. T., though at present a practicing attorney in the City of Atlanta, was master of ceremonies, and acquitted himself in his introductory remarks.

Mayor Robt. F. Maddox was very happy in his welcoming address, and was liberally applauded for his many expressions of friendship for organized labor and the principles for which it stands.

In extending a welcome on behalf of the State of Georgia, Governor Hoke Smith was very impressive. His remarks were full of encouragement to members of organized labor generally, and to the railroad telegraphers in particular. The Governor planted himself squarely as a champion and defender of organized labor when he voiced the following speech: "If I were asked what influence had contributed most during the past half century to the uplift of humanity and the advancement of civilization to the raising of the standard of living in this country by increasing the wage scale, to the advancement of free education, the taking of children from the factory and placing them in the schools; if I were asked, I say, what agency was most responsible for all these progressive strides in our civilization, I would not give the tariff policy of the government credit for them, but would have no hesitancy in saying that the labor unions of the country were more responsible than all other influences."

The Governor urged the telegraphers to keep on striving, through their union, to bring about a condition when they would more nearly get the just compensation to which the responsibility of their position entitled them, and told them that only through their organization could this end be reached.

His address created a profound impression on the audience, composed of delegates and their leaders, as well as a large percentage of local unionists. He was generously applauded throughout, and at his conclusion was accorded an ovation.

H. B. Perham, President of the O. R. T., replied to the addresses in a feeling manner, and gave a brief history of the Order.

He stated that the organization's early progress was beset with many obstacles which were gradually overcome, until now the Order has a membership of 45,000. He described the work of the telegraphers as the nerve-center of the railroads, and brought out the fact that the responsibility of the man at the key is as great as that of any man connected with the service, and that the welfare of the thousands who daily travel over the roads is almost entirely in the keeping of the telegrapher.

After President Perham's address, Mr. Jerome Jones spoke in behalf of organized labor as a representative of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Lee B. Smith, president of the Georgia Federation of Labor, was the next speaker.

"Daddy" Thurston, the founder of the O. R. T., made a ringing speech, and after him, Rev. Deen Ellenwood, of the chair of economics, Universalist Church, spoke on "The Church and Labor."

On Wednesday, at 2:30 p. m., the delegates and visitors took a special train for Lithia Springs, where an old-fashioned barbecue was enjoyed in the afternoon, while the evening was spent in the mazes of the waltz.

The barbecue was a genuine treat to those who came from distant points, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The party returned to the city at 11:30 p. m.

It is with pleasure that I make mention of the fact that the Southern Ry. furnished free the special train of twelve cars to take the delegates and their families to the Lithia Springs barbecue, which shows their good feeling, and which fact should be sufficient to make every telegrapher boost the Southern Ry. and give the best service that is in him.

The convention was addressed on Tuesday afternoon by Vice-President Ball, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and President Lowe, of the Maintenance of Way Employes, while Organizer T. C. Parsons, of the International Typographical Union, made a talk to the delegates. The speeches were of a general character, urging closer adherence to the principles of organized labor, especially as regards the union label and the purchasing power of the organized working men.

One of the most important movements made at the telegraphers' convention was the organization of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. The ladies accompanying the delegates held a meeting in the convention hall of the Piedmont Hotel on Tuesday morning to discuss the advisability of organizing an auxiliary to the O. R. T. About three hundred were present, and the meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. B. Smith, secretary and treasurer of the local telegraphers' organization. T. C. Parsons, organizer for the Typographical Union, and Jerome Jones, of the *Journal of Labor,* made talks of an encouraging nature and urged the necessity of co-operation on the part of the wives and mothers of trades unionists. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. started out with one hundred and fifty charter members, and this move will bear fruit, as these ladies will begin to work on the nons, and we can not see any loophole for them to slip out, and they might as well make up their minds to fill out the necessary papers.

This Ladies' Auxiliary is for the wives, mothers and sisters of members of the O. R. T. in good standing, and the initiation fee is 50 cents, and dues 10 cents per month; and when a brother member drops out, or his dues fall behind, his wife, mother or sister, as the case may be, if she

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holds membership in the Auxiliary, forfeits her membership as a result of the O. R. T. brother allowing his dues to lapse. Constitution, application blanks and all information can be had by addressing Mrs. E. B. Smith, Atlanta, Ga. As soon as possible we wish to start this movement on the Knoxville Division, and feel sure that we can get quite a number of our ladies in the Auxiliary.

In the face of the progressive movement the O. R. T. is making, can the telegraphers afford to withhold their membership? It will not be long until the O. R. T. will be solid throughout the country. This move is on foot and it is being pushed by men who have the interest of the organization at heart, and those few who are so selfish as to remain out will certainly feel badly, and in our opinion will fare very poorly, trying to stand alone. Let us all affiliate with the Order which is pushing forward to better things.

DIV. COR.

St. Louis Division, East End—

Bro. L. E. Crandall, agent at "CY," Chrisney, is off duty. Relieved by Mr. Kemp.

Mr. Robert Crawford, who has been laying off thirty days, has returned to Corydon Junction, which is a stiff job, as they cut off the assistant at that place.

Mr. A. Tyler, formerly of Milltown, is working third trick at English at present.

Bro. E. G. Stroud, formerly of third trick, "NA," is now holding down second. Relieved by Mr. Hoffman.

Bro. C. S. Barger, agent at "FS," Francisco, is off on fifteen days' vacation. Relieved by Rellef Agent Bro. E. B. Dittoe. CERT. 1837.

St. Louis Division, West End—

Bro. Borah, of Albion, made his regular visit Sunday.

Bro. Irwin was on No. 23 a few days ago, but was unable to learn his destination.

Bro. Chapman, of Mt. Carmel, called on his parents at Wayne City last Sunday.

Understand there is going to be some changing in telegraphers at Mt. Carmel soon, but am unable to ascertain just what changes are to be made.

Several of the boys along the line report that business is improving.

Not very many items in this write-up, but may be much better in the future. "H."

Charlotte Division, North End—

It seems almost impossible for me to get any thing much from north of Charlotte Each month, with the exception of Bro. Troutman, no one seems to take any interest in that part of the division. I thank Bro. Troutman for the nice write-up he sent us last month.

Bro. F. F. Carver, of Belmont, off a few days; relieved by Bro. C. E. Tryon.

At Spartanburg—C. R. Tinsley laid off, on sick list two weeks; relieved by Bro. H. A. Quickel and Mr. B. S. Allen, our old dispatcher.

Bro Quickel relieved J. F. Dowling, of Greer, a few days, while he was attending court.

Bro. C. S. Hobbs has left the service of the company. Mr. W. M. Freeze has been checked in as agent-telegrapher at Cowpens.

Pat Abernathy, of Blackburg, has left the service of the company to play ball during the summer season; relieved by Mr. Thomason, a new man on this division.

L. L. Benson, of Kings Mountain, laid off two weeks; relieved by Mr. A. D. Abernathy.

The following assignments were made on bulletin:

Bro. C. E. Tryon, third trick at Glass.

J. R. Tyler, third trick at Concord.

W. D. Miller, third trick at Newell.

Bro. L. T. Martin, third trick at Blacksburg.

B. C. Patterson, third trick at Charlotte, "MR" office.

At this writing we have quite a number of jobs on bulletin.

Bro. Fred J. Parham and wife, of Columbia, S. C., spent a day or so with his old friends at Thicketty.

Quite a number of the boys attended the 20th of May celebration at Charlotte. If we could get the boys to attend the meetings like they do celebrations and other public gatherings we would be in it, but it seems that they don't and can not understand that our meetings are important and that they should attend them regularly.

By the time you see this write-up, it will almost be time to get our new cards. Before you send in your dues get that non next to you, and send in his application with your remittance, and you can then go to sleep with a clear conscience.

"COUNTRYCRACKER."

Louisville Division—

It has been some time since there was anything "Doing" on the Louisville Division to stir the boys up and keep them awake. A great many changes have been made, the most important being that of the manager at St. Louis, who was made general agent at Memphis. We hope to be favorably recognized by the new "boss," as he is said to be an old train dispatcher, and would naturally be in sympathy with the telegraphers.

Business is getting a little better, and we are in hopes things will soon take on a new aspect.

A meeting of local chairmen of the Southern Railway has been called, to meet some time near June 3d, to elect a new general chairman, our former general chairman having resigned.

Our chairman, Mr. Watson, is making an effort to be present at the meeting, and we are in hopes that while Mr. Watson and our St. Louis Division brothers are attending this meeting on the system, they will make an attempt to have the Louisville-St. Louis Divisions annexed to the system so that in the future when the system makes a move we will be included, and in that way accomplish something. Why not? We are part of the Southern Railway.

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It is hoped that each and every member will give his full support during these seeming dull times, and in that way help benefit ourselves as soon as we can get things started again.

Understand the superintendent of telegraph intends making a loop or "short circuit" of the block wire which was installed some time ago between Lawrenceburg and Harrodsburg, but which was never used, the loop to be used in case of wire trouble. What about our Harrodsburg boys? If every body wakes up we should be able to accomplish something this year. DIV. COR.

Atlanta Division, North End—

The north end isn't dead after all, and the boys are waking up; they seem to realize what has to be done. I am proud to say that we are very strong over here, and the boys are still coming in, and more of them are attending our meetings at Rome. We hold regular meetings every fourth Sunday in the month, and the members will not regret it if they come.

We had a nice time at the convention and the barbecue. J. C. Gardner, W. E. Dellinger, Lee Beasley, Ed Williams, R. O. Daly, J. N. Hanna and T. A. Cox, reception committee, attended the convention from this end.

News was received from Mr. G. D. Hanna, first trick train dispatcher, who has been off for some time on account of bad health, that he was considerably better and would be able to return to his work in a month or so. He is at his home at Hagerstown, Md.

We are very sorry to lose our esteemed Bro. J. C. Gardner, local chairman, who was located at Rome. Bro. Gardner is working third trick at Roseland. He was relieved at Rome by Pat Obrien from Silver Creek.

Bro. T. A. Cox, from Phelps to third trick at Braswell, relieved by Bro. O. G. Davis. Bro. O. G. Davis, from Phelps to third trick at Oostanaula; relieved by W. N. Thomas.

D. M. Butler, second trick at Shannon, is visiting his home in South Carolina; relieved by Bro. W. K. Galamore, third trick.

Bro. W. O. Needham, division correspondent at Ellenwood on the south end, recently spent a night with his brother, Bro. E. C. Needham, second trick at Waring.

Bro. E. C. Needham has requested transportation and relief for ten days, and will go to his home in East Tennessee.

Bro. J. I. Hardin, second trick at Oostanula, wants off for three weeks, and can not get relief. Sounds like business is picking up.

Bro. P. O. Parker, agent at Cohutta, got his hand hurt playing ball, and was out of the service for a few days; relieved by Bro. Hanna.

Bro. J. F. Ayers, third trick at Varnell, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Hanna.

Sister McCoy, agent at Lawrence, Ala., and Bro. E. E. Morseman, Gadsden, Ala., on Attalla branch, are attending the meetings at Rome.

ASST. DIV. COR.

Atlanta Division, South End—

The O. R. T. biennial convention has just been held in the Queen City of the South, and each of the officers, delegates, alternates, their wives and friends have bid us good-bye. The writer was fortunate enough to meet a number of them, and they expressed their appreciation of the hospitality and kindness shown them at the hands of the Southern telegraphers.

The barbecue at Lithia Springs was a bright feature, and the "Base Ball" 400 had a splendid game, and the crowd showed remarkable enthusiasm. The dance, which was first conducted at the Springs, and afterward moved to the Sweet Water Park Hotel at the railroad station, was a pleasant affair. We had an abundance of pit cooked pork, mutton and Brunswick stew. The crowd was an exceedingly jolly one, and all were happy and in a highly social mood. We all left Atlanta Terminal Station on a special train, operated over the Southern Ry. to Lithia Springs, leaving Atlanta at 2:30 p. m., arriving at Lithia Springs at 3:30 p. m. Returning, we left Lithia Springs at 10:30 p. m., arriving in Atlanta at 11:30 p. m.

Mr. E. E. Norris, our esteemed superintendent on the Atlanta Division, and Mr. B. Haggard, our worthy chief dispatcher, furnished the special train of ten coaches free of charge, and of course the thanks we owe them and our warm feelings toward them are almost unspeakable.

I met several of the North End boys at the convention and more of them at the barbecue.

On Sunday, May 2, we held a meeting at Locust Grove, with Sister Smith presiding. She made a splendid talk. We had a reasonable attendance, considering the fact that very short notice was given, and that there was a misunderstanding in regard to the date. A lodge was instituted, and the following local officers were elected: Bro. W. O. Needham, chief telegrapher; Bro. J. W. Currie, secretary and treasurer; Bro. W. D. Mayes, first vice-telegrapher; Bro. C. D. Ingram, second vice-telegrapher; Bro. H. L. Allen, past vice-telegrapher; Bro. W. T. Nottingham, marshal.

It is expected that Bro. Allen will be appointed local chairman, to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Kenney. Bro. Needham was appointed division correspondent, vice Bro. Mayes, resigned.

I did not see any of the brothers from south of Macon during the convention, but doubtless a number of them were present DIV. COR.

A. & S. Division—

Everybody on the Asheville Division has been exceedingly quiet for the past eight months, as I have not seen a single write-up.

Because we are enjoying the nine-hour tricks we should not lose interest in our journal and the good old Order.

Everything is moving along nicely on this end and the nons continue to come in. There are, however, but a few left.

I notice that some of the boys are not answering calls as promptly as they should. We are not so

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busy that we can not answer calls promptly, so, wake up, and give good service.

Organization work is advancing very nicely on the Asheville Division. We are sorry to say that there are a few, however, who are holding off, although they have been members and know that the O. R. T. has benefited them. Let us hope that they will wake up before another month. Let us all get busy and help make the old A. & S. solid O. R. T.

There has been but few changes; the boys all seem to stay in their respective places.

I "13" there is a new man at "RN."

I am not an active telegrapher at this time, but I am with you to the end. I am O. R. T. all over, and stand ready and willing to help in any way that I possibly can. CERT. 1937.

Norfolk Division—

Although an invitation was extended through these columns a few months ago to the boys on this division to write something for our journal and for the upbuilding of our noble Order, so far nothing has appeared, and the request is hereby repeated.

We would like to hear different views on the important subjects now confronting us, and especially the new bond move. Each and every one of us is more or less interested in this, and I would suggest that all local chairmen be asked to make an individual canvass of his territory with a view of ascertaining how many members he has who will subscribe and for how many shares. If this should be done, every brother who feels interested should, and it would seem could, easily take a couple of shares. Let us all bear in mind that this is an important matter, and we should not promise to take one or more shares unless we really mean to make a remittance to cover when the time comes. Too much can not be said about it. I am sure most of us have received Bro. Quick's circular letter concerning the same.

The boys should be already thinking of new cards.

Get these promptly before the present card expires. They are splendid things to carry and will make any brother feel better.

Very few changes have been made on this division.

Bro. Rogers has given up the agent's chair at Capron to accept a clerkship in the division freight agent's office.

Bro. Kello, from Arringdale, is now at Capron and may bid it in on bulletin. There is a new man at Arringdale.

Bro. Baptist, agent at Boydton, is off a few days on a pleasure trip. Relieved by Mr. Stallard, of Lawrenceville.

Our local chairman, Bro. Thornton, is now attending the convention in Atlanta. Mrs. Owen, from Planers Point, "SY" office, is relieving him.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Chandler, former agent at Buffalo Junction, back to his old place. Also Bro. E. D. Flowers, who is again with us at Lawrenceville, Va. CERT. 2096.

Washington Division—

About 4:15 p. m. Tuesday, April 20, 1909, Bro. D. H. McLearen, our division correspondent, who works at Buena, Va., and resides at Mitchell, Va., while on his way from his office to his home, was thrown from his velocipede, sustaining a severe fracture of the skull, as well as being painfully bruised about the head and body. He was taken to the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Va., where he had to undergo a very severe operation. For several days his life was despaired of, but at this time, we are glad to learn, he is improving, and if no complications set in, he will soon be able to get around again. Bro. McLearen and family have our deepest sympathy in their troubles.

On Sunday, April 25, Mrs. J. W. Spitzer, mother of Bro. J. E. Spitzer, of Midland, Va., departed this life, after being ill only a few days. Mrs. Spitzer was in her sixty-third year, and her death was quite sudden and unexpected. The funeral was held at Midland on Tuesday, April 27. The sympathy of the entire division goes out to Bro. Spitzer in this, his great loss, for when our mothers are taken from us we lose our best friend.

We are glad to see Bro. Shelhorse, of Declare, able to be at his post again after having such a long illness.

Bro. Shelhorse wishes to thank those brothers who so kindly remembered him by sending him a card for the current term.

We are glad to see that Bro. J. B. Norvell, of Arrowhead, Va., has been reinstated and resumed his duties at his old stand.

Bro. J. W. Burgess, our representative to the Grand Division, returned home May 19th, and reports this convention as being the largest and most successful convention in the history of the Order. The proceedings were entirely harmonious throughout.

All of the former officers were re-elected, the president, grand secretary and treasurer, and third and fourth vice-presidents were elected by unanimous acclamation. The first and second vice-presidents were re-elected by a large majority over their opponents. The two members of the board of directors were also re-elected by a majority over their opponents.

The people of Atlanta and the entire South did themselves proud in making our visit among them a pleasant one, and their kindness and hospitality will never be forgotten by any of those fortunate enough to be in that beautiful Southland during this session of the Grand Division.

The Grand Division will hold its next convention in Toronto, Canada, in May, 1911, and we feel sure our Canadian brothers will make our stay among them a very pleasant one.

We are happy to be able to report on this date (May 21st) that Bro. D. H. McLearen has been taken home from the hospital and is getting along nicely, and judging from present indications, it will not be long before he will again be at his post of duty.

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Bro. McLearen and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the brothers and friends who were so kind to them in their recent trouble, and for their assistance in many ways, and wish to assure them that they will never be forgotten.

There was a new department of our Order formulated in Atlanta, known as the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Lady members of the O. R. T., sisters, wives and daughters and mothers of members of the Order being eligible for membership. We hope that this branch of the Order may prove a success.

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Columbia Division—

Here's to the boys on the Columbia Division,
Of Division fifty-nine;
May you all live long and prosper,
Is the sincere wish of mine.

Wake up, boys, we have been asleep long enough. Some of you must take an interest in this division. I haven't seen a single write-up in several months, and I search THE TELEGRAPHER every month in hopes of finding a word from the boys on the Columbia Division, and I am sure there are others who do the same thing. Of course, we are all down in the swamp where we get so much malaria in our system that we haven't enough energy left to hit a key on a mill. Now, you brothers who are in a more favorable locality as to healthfulness, can not begin to appreciate what it is to get up these warm mornings and have that tired feeling after fighting mosquitoes all night. It seems that it has caused some of our brothers to lose all interest in everything except THE TELEGRAPHER.

Changes are not very frequent, but some of them are as follows:

Bro. Hooper is working days at Allendale.

Mr. J. F. Fullmer, former clerk, has been given the agency at Trenton, S. C.

Mr. Myrick is now working as clerk at Allendale.

In conclusion, I request all who attended the agents meeting at Cola, May 16th, to perform their duty to the best of their ability and comply with instructions issued by the officials pertaining to our work, as to daily and weekly reports to A. F. A. Also commercial business. "BN."

Knoxville Division, between Morristown, Bristol and Asheville—

We were sorry to note that there was no write-up from this end of the division in last month's journal. We feel that there is entirely too much interest being manifested in the Order on this end of the pike not to be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month.

Our second regular meeting was called to order in Morristown, Tenn., Saturday night, April 24, by our worthy chief, Bro. L. C. Burlin, of New Line. All officers were present except our marshal, Bro. J. C. Cobble, of Whitesburg, Tenn., and Bro. Dyer was appointed to act in his stead. We are pleased to report that there was a goodly number present, and the officers, though new at the work, performed their respective duties as though they were old heads at the business. The committee on arrangements reported having secured the beautiful K. of P. hall, and we feel that they should be complimented on their work.

A number of important matters were taken up and disposed of. A letter from our worthy local chairman, giving a partial report of the work of our general committee, which has just returned from a conference with the manager, was read and discussed, pro and con, and all seemed to think that the committee had performed its duty faithfully, and as a consequence the members were well satisfied.

After the business had been transacted we were favored with several short but interesting addresses by brothers present, and we would say to those who were not present that they missed the meeting of their lives. They also missed an opportunity of giving their views on matters of importance in which they should be interested. It would pay each and every one to come out and see how business is being carried on. Now, let me insist on the members attending our next meeting, which will be held in June. Look for the notice and don't fail to come and bring the next door brother with you.

We are glad to say that conditions on the East end are much improved and are still on the mend. If each member would secure just one application, we can say the long-wished-for words "solid O. R. T."

All great things are accomplished little by little. No matter how large or how small are the buildings of a great city, they were built little by little, or a small piece at a time, and the great thing we wish to accomplish, that of thorough organization, can only be accomplished by gathering in a non at a time.

Bro. Foushee, third at Yalu, Tenn., was recently off duty two days on account of being sick. We are glad to learn that he is able to be at his post again.

Dispatcher McColough, first trick East end, took a fishing trip up in the Smokies on the T. & N. C R. R. last week.

Bro. O. E. Dyer, an extra man, in getting off a train, in the dark, at Citico, Tenn., where he was to report for duty, had the misfortune to fall through a trestle a distance of some thirty feet, resulting in a broken arm and the loss of his watch. We are thankful it was not worse, and glad to see that the brother is again able to be out.

Bro. L. C. Burlin, our worthy chief, of New Line, Tenn., was off duty one day last month. Relieved by Telegrapher Lewis, from the West End.

Bro. Stafford, of Rankin Depot, Tenn., was off two days, looking after business interests in Knoxville.

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Queen & Crescent (North).

Chattanooga Division—

We have to thank "The Silent Committee" for the write-up last month, as we forgot Bro. Quick's instructions to get the write-up in earlier than usual, on account of the convention number. If "The Silent Committee" had not gotten busy, the Chattanooga Division would have been silent sure enough.

"FR" tower seems to be the most changeable place on the line for the past few weeks.

Bro. I. C. Stephens, second trick at "FR" tower, off for a few days, visiting relatives in Southern Ohio. Relieved by Bro. E. P. Allen, extra man.

Bro. J. C. Vallandingham, first trick at "FR" tower, off a few days visiting relatives and friends at Science Hill and Ludlow, Ky., being relieved by Bro. Allen. Bro. W. C. Doty is working second trick.

After Bros. Stephens and Vallandingham returned to work, Bro. Allen was called to Winfield to relieve Agent H. O. Crain for a few days, and Bro. Doty to Eubank to work second trick for a few days.

Bro. T. F. Dunaway, agent at Kings Mountain, off a few days, being relieved by Bro. V. Bastin, regular second trick at that place. Bro. Bastin being relieved by Bro. Rose, extra man.

Bro. "Hub" Dumas has finally got settled down, and is now doing business at McKinney, second trick.

Third trick at Eubanks filled at last, with Bro. E. Mathias in the chair.

Bro. Ed. Rigney is holding down second trick at "US" Junction for some time.

Bro. G. F. Dungan, third trick at Moreland, off a few days, on account of the death of his sister at Science Hill. Relieved by Bro. O. L. Minks, extra man.

Bro. G. W. Riffie, third trick at Annadel, off a few days. Relieved by Bro. Minks.

Before this reaches you, every member should have a receipt for his dues and assessments, and either have a new card or one on the way. Pay your own dues first and look out for your neighbor afterwards.

Keep everlastingly after the nons, and let's see if we can not clean them all up and get into the fold by the first of January, 1910.

If some of the brothers on the Third District don't give me a line on the doings down there, they will not be very well represented in the journal. If they will drop me a note about the 20th of each month, I will be only too glad to send it in for publication.

You will have to excuse this short write-up this month, as I have not been able to hear of anything much of interest, and have been unable to get any help from any of the brothers.

Your humble servant's address is Box 15, McKinney, Ky., and his name is C. C. Singleton, so you will have no excuse for not sending your notes to me.

Don't forget your dues.

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Queen & Crescent (South).

A. G. S. Line—

How can the members expect a bright, newsy article in the journal if they fail to take enough interest to contribute? Do you suppose a newspaper can be run without correspondents? It's no easy job for one to "Hush up" a good article for the division by one's self; and even to consolidate notes and make a good write-up out of them is a big job. There are a number of the brothers on second and third tricks who could help me out in this if they would. A number of the boys out on the line who work but eight or nine hours, could very easily give me a few notes each month, which would help out a great deal. Don't be backward about sending me anything that you think would be of interest to the members. I shall be only too glad to get it.

Bro. G. G. Thomas is now working first trick at Eutaw, Ala. He worked extra a few days in the chief dispatcher's office at Birmingham, and was relieved by Telegrapher Steele.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Mr J. D. Payne. He was sick for some time at his home at Keener, Ala., and went to Colorado Springs, where he hoped to regain his health. So far I am unable to find out the date of his death, however, I understand he died while at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Everything is very quiet on this division just at present, everybody seems to be very well satisfied. Glad to say that we have very few nons.

If there is any person on earth who should be ashamed of himself it is a non-union telegrapher. Not only the telegrapher, but every one who is eligible to membership in the Order. Would they go into a man's house and eat day after day and never say thank you? No. Why? Because if they were not manly enough to pay part of the expense they would be turned out. Simply because the union man is a big, generous-hearted fellow the non will skulk along behind with his purse closed tight as a clam and take what the other fellow secures for him. It looks to me like the fellow who pays the fiddler should have something to say as to who should dance. Why should we have to associate with those who have no regard for us, or the betterment of our condition? We should not tolerate them any more than we would an able-bodied man coming to our house and eating up our provisions without even the courtesy to say "thank you." I don't think the day is very far distant when the non will be a thing of the past on our division.

Let us pull together, and each and every one do all he can to advance the interests of our collective body. Our union has already borne fruit in the good feeling that exists among our members. We should try to help each other in our daily tasks. This is no time for holding back, no time for letting up in our efforts for thorough organization, and let us say to the lapsed member that now is the time to take steps to be reinstated. It is worth something to have the

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hearty good-will of all you fellows, so do your duty and come back where you belong. Let us hope that every member on our division will do his duty, and when we do that, we will soon have our division solid. DIV. COR.

Great Northern Ry.

W. & S. F. Line—

This communication is the result of our local chairman having called on me to send in a write-up from this end of G. N. Ry., which is known as the W. & S. F. Ry.

We have never had a write-up in the journal to my knowledge, and most anything is better than nothing. We need a warming up on this pike, as we don't seem to think of much except paying dues, which is very good as far as it goes, and keeps a fellow in good standing, but we need more than that. We want social benefits from membership in the grand old Order. The best way to get these benefits, with the exception of holding regular monthly meetings, where we can converse and inform ourselves on important subjects, is to have a write-up in the journal each month. While the views expressed in a write-up may be largely those of a single member, they bring out points, and give others a chance to discuss the subject under consideration, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Each of us can help in these write-ups if we will. If any member hears of news along the pike, or if he has anything he wishes to say, he can communicate with the local chairman who will see that his items are forwarded to the editor.

Our election is over and we have selected good men to represent us at the convention, and local chairmen have been duly elected. This is a very important step and we hope that it will be the means of getting our lines solid again. Nons, as individuals, are usually good men, but they lack one thing, and that is a good up-to-date card. "In union there is strength."

Business during the past season has been better than for some time past, and the boys at the heavy joints have been "going some." It is not quite so heavy at present, as it was, as the bulk of the grain and live stock is off our hands, which is the big item in this neck of the woods. Emigrants at this time of the year also require considerable of the agent's attention, and remind him that the railway is not giving him a pension on his past good record.

As I am only wound up for a short write-up, and as I feel myself about all "unwound" I will close, hoping I may get "some of those promised items" for the next issue of the journal, as I expect to make another try at this business next month. A DIVISION CORRESPONDENT.

Sioux City Division, Yankton Line—

Our friend Mr. Funk is again holding down his old stand at Tea. He left the service of the G. N. but wandered back.

Bro. Knudsen, at Lennox, has been on the sick list for a week or so, but is now better. He is figuring on going to St Croix Falls, Wis., on a two weeks' fishing trip.

Let us make every effort to bring about thorough organization. The C. & G. W. committee has just returned from St. Paul, after securing a good schedule, which gives them a slight increase in salaries and a set of rules of which they can well be proud. We can obtain a schedule if we make an effort, but the company expects us to ask for it. It would not be good business policy for the officials to say, "Well, boys, we are going to raise your pay, you are not making more than a living and we want you to save up a little, so you can quit after a while and go into business for yourselves or retire," they, no doubt, will be willing to pay us more if we show them that we deserve it, and send a committee to St. Paul to represent us with 85-90 per cent of the boys behind it.

COR.

Cascade Division—

No card, no favors.

Telegrapher Lorin Anderson is again on third trick at Edmonds, after working two months at Cloverdale and Olivers, B. C.

Chief Dispatcher J. C. Devery has been promoted to the position of assistant superintendent, vice Mr. N. C. Chapman, resigned. Mr. Devery was relieved by Dud Moore, the former night chief.

Bro. H. I. Mann, of Merritt, has been elected local chairman in place of Bro. B. F. Bush, of G. N. docks, Seattle.

Bro. A. L. Smith, of Edmonds, took a vacation early in May; relieved by a Mr. Lester, who later quit the service.

Bro. Wilson is again working third trick at Mukilteo.

Grand Division Organizer S. J. Mayhood is touring the Cascade Division. We are satisfied that we will be able to report a most pleasing account of our progress on this end of the system in the next issue.

Wish to thank Bro. Mann for the items that he kindly contributed to this write-up.

Will some of the members on the Coast Line north of Everett please contribute a few items? Any articles will be thankfully received. Address correspondence to H. F. Reagan, Box 77, Richmond Beach. COR.

Butte Division, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—

Telegrapher E. H. Golden has been relieved at Teton by Telegrapher Dunham, a new man on this division.

Bro. R. C. Yahnke resigned at Conrad; relieved by Telegrapher W. B. Westfall, another new man on this line.

Telegrapher Zakowski has been transferred from Conrad to second trick at Fowler; relieved at Conrad by Mr. E. H. Golden.

Messrs. J. W. Boles and Pat Hannan are doing block dispatcher stunts at Brady Gravel Pit. A new office has been opened at Dutton with Messrs. F. C. Paul and J. M. Lacy in charge.

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Understand Bro. H. C. Howe, at Vaughn, contemplates leaving the service in a short time, owing to the fact that a foner's job doesn't appeal very strongly to him.

Bro. J. F. Percy has been relieved at Hobson by Agent W. K. Foote.

The agency at Windham has been transferred from Mr. B. H. Nixon to Mr. E. C. Martin.

Bro. H. Wilkins did the temporary relief stunt at Cushman while Local Chairman E. C. Skinner was in the hospital suffering from injuries sustained in a runaway while out driving.

Later Bro. Wilkins was relieved by Mr. Morgan, from the Dakota Division.

W. L. Epperson, recently from the D. & R. G., gets the agency at Stockett.

Spion Kop has recently been reduced to a one-man office, leaving our old reliable Bro. J. W. Smith to fight his troubles alone.

H. A. Lusch goes from Spion Kop to Conrad. Later reports have it that he has resigned and filed on a homestead near Valier.

Bro. C. J. Norman, formerly third trick at Spion Kop, has been transferred to Mitchell.

J. P. Cruser, first trick at Judith Gap, has resigned and left the service.

In conclusion, would like to again ask some brother on the line between Great Falls and Butte to volunteer to act as correspondent for the First, Second and Third Districts. Owing to my late misfortune, I have been unable to keep in touch with a great number of the boys, but now that I have resumed duty, will try and get things moving properly once more and must have the help of each member on the division. Now that the telephones are being installed on this division and the salaries reduced accordingly, it is going to work many hardships on a great many and some bumping is likely to follow. It stands each of us in hand to get busy and try hard to complete thorough organization in order to be able to meet these moves on the part of the railroad company. It is time for some of the agents to get their eyes open and get an up-to-date card; let us all pull together. It is true that the agents at present are suffering no reduction, but they have no assurance that their time will not come next. There is but one successful way to meet those conditions, and that is to all get together and work together. Each of you know your duty in this matter and we shall expect you to get in line and get busy. If you wait for someone else to do his share and yours, too, and at last find yourself bumped out of a job or with your salary reduced, you can't blame the good old Order that for years has warned you against your indifference. I hope each of you will give this matter careful consideration and I feel sure that you can only come to one conclusion, and that will be that only through thorough organization can we ever expect to protect ourselves and better our working conditions.

DIV. COR.

Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

Many times upon receipt of the journal have I leafed through the "Fraternal" pages with the hope of seeing a write-up from B. & O. S.-W. System Division No. 74, but with the exception of just a few times I have been disappointed. It is my opinion that fully nine-tenths of the brothers have experienced the same disappointment, so a movement has been started by our worthy general chairman and local chairmen to keep in touch with the various divisions for the purpose of having each one represented in the journal, monthly. The undersigned has been appointed correspondent for Division No. 74, and to successfully handle this in an interesting manner I must have the support of all brothers along the system, and especially those who have been appointed as assistants. However, all items and suggestions will be cheerfully received and entered in the list with credit to the donor. Let us all unite in making Division No. 74 one of the strongest in the field. While our items this month are a little short of what we hoped for, we expect to have a larger bunch for next month's journal.

Fraternally yours,
O. G. HARPER, CERT. 261.
Correspondent.

Ohio Division—

Bro. P. Costello, agent at Belpre, has resumed work after a long and severe attack of lumbago rheumatism, from which he was confined to his bed for about six weeks. We are glad to hear his familiar sign "C," once more.

Bro. Watson, regular third trick man at Belpre, relieved Bro. Costello at Belpre during his sickness, and he, in turn, was relieved by Mr. Figelstahler on second trick.

Our local chairman, Bro. Fitch, visited Bro. Costello at Belpre during his sickness.

Bro. S. S. Winters, of Coolville, is now agent at Grosvenor, the new transfer freight station between the B. & O. S.-W. and K. & M., and we all wish "Sam" every success.

Bro. W. R. Baker bid in the agency at Coolville, which position was made vacant by Bro. Winters having been transferred.

Bro. T. L. Maloney, nights at Highland, bid in Little Hocking, nights, made vacant by the transfer of Bro. Baker.

Bro. F. A. Ohnewher, the telegrapher at Luhrig, has been appointed agent at that point.

Mr. Hall, from Zaleski, bid in Luhrig, days.

We understand that Bro. P. G. Dowler has forsaken the craft and embarked in the undertaking business at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Bro. Walter Wilson has been transferred from the position of day telegrapher at Leesburg to the agency at Thrifton, on bid.

Bro. O. E. Cook has been transferred from the second trick at Greenfield to the position of telegrapher at Leesburg.

We understand that Bro. Exline and wife contemplate a trip to the mountains in Colorado in the near future. Bro. Exline is agent at Bloomingburg.

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Indiana Division—

Bro. E. L. Carrico, agent at Huron, has bid in second trick at Shoals, which was bulletined recently.

C. F. Gibson, from Pennsylvania, is holding down second trick at Shoals, temporarily.

A. B. Chapman from second trick at Shoals to "AC" office, Cold Springs, relieving Bro. J. F. Davis, the latter taking Osgood days, on bulletin.

Bro. Doran took agency at Blocher, which was recently bulletined account of the death of H. H. Blocher. DIV. COR.

Springfield Division—

Bro. B. F. Holmes has returned to his old love, Sandoval, and will resume his position as ticket agent at that point.

Bro. A. F. Burns, who has been acting agent at Virginia, has been appointed assistant to Mr. N. J. Neer, division passenger agent at Springfield, relieving Bro. B. F. Holmes.

Bro. P. R. Marshall has been appointed acting agent at Virginia.

Bro. R. M. Allen, formerly second trick at Pana, has been checked in as agent at Omaha, Ill.

Mr. J. M. Gault has been appointed agent at Shawneetown, Ill. This position was made vacant by the death of Bro. J. W. Tate.

Mr. A. C. McDonald, formerly at Taylorville, days, has been transferred to second trick at Pana, relieving Bro. R. M. Allen.

The train men say Bro. A. F. Tate, of Beecher City, is wearing the smile that won't wear off now-a-days. After being cut out for a year Bro. Tate is again answering the old familiar call of "D."

Our "Grand Old Man," Bro. J. M. Peck, of Farmingdale, is at Atlanta, Ga., as delegate from System Division No. 74.

Bro. V. A. Tate relieved Mr. A. C. McDonald, of Taylorville, and will remain at Taylorville for the present. The grind at Norris City was too heavy for Bro. Tate, he having but recently been quite ill.

We are glad to note that the boys are coming across with their dues and some, who have dropped out, getting back into line once more. We hope to regain our former strength before very long. We have fought too long and too hard for our several schedules to lay down and take chances of losing what we have gained. It is just as important to maintain our strength to protect these contracts as it is to be well organized in order to secure them. Pay your dues first and let something else wait if you must. RU SU.

Illinois Division—

Bro. C. M. Piper, who has been telegrapher at Bridgeport, Ill., for twenty-eight years, has been appointed postmaster of that city. The salary is $1800 per year.

Bro. A. W. Friend, has been transferred to Norris, Ill., as agent and telegrapher.

Bro. F. H. Piper, lately first trick telegrapher at Drummond, Mont., N. P. Ry., is working extra at Bridgeport.

Bro. Will Odell, of Lawrenceville, accompanied by his wife, visited the oil field near Bridgeport, recently.

Bros. C. C. Hooks and C. M. Piper, of Bridgeport, attended the reception given by the Knights Templars at Washington, Ind., May 20th.

Bro. Warren and wife visited the oil fields recently. Bro. Warren is second trick telegrapher at Sumner. DIV. COR.

Block District—

Dispatcher B. W. Brown has just returned from a five weeks' visit to Texas. Bro. Stanhope doing the extra dispatching during his absence.

Bro. Droege is enjoying a thirty-day leave of absence, and F. C. Fischer is relieving him.

Death stole into the home of Bro. C. H. Christopher, recently, and robbed him of his mother. Bro. Christopher and sister have the sympathy of Division No. 74.

Bro. Murphy worked in Bro. Christopher's place while he was off. The Oakley day office has been opened again; Bro. O. E. Marsh is working it until the bids get in. Oakley and Bond Hill second trick have just been been advertised.

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Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Lake Shore Division—

Bro. Isaac Serier, who left this division some two years ago to accept a more lucrative position with the Government, is again with us and is at present doing relief work. We certainly are glad to see Ike back and hope he may be able to land something permanent soon.

Bro. J. S. Ball, of Denmark, had the misfortune of having his leg injured while assisting in unloading some heavy freight out of a car, which brought on blood poison, necessitating his removal to a hospital at Green Bay for treatment. It was feared at first that amputation would be necessary, but at this writing it is reported the outlook for his recovery is much brighter. We sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Jno. Pettey has resigned his position as agent and telegrapher at Cleveland station, to accept a position as dispatcher with the Sheboygan & Plymouth Elec. Ry., with offices located at Sheboygan. Since his hours of work are shorter, being only eight hours with one hour off for meals, and one day off each week, and considering the difference in the location, we can not blame him for making the change. The fact that it was mostly through Bro. Pettey being a good member that he secured this position, tends to show that union men are considered more reliable and competent to handle positions of trust, than those who are not, and why? Just simply that a man who is not loyal to his fellow workers in general, and to himself and his kind in particular, is much less apt to be loyal to his employers.

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Bro. F. W. Tietka, formerly of the N. W. at Lawrence, secured the position of agent at Clarendale, on the 1st inst. Bro. Tietka held the position as agent at Appleton Junction for a number of years previous to coming to this division.

Bro. Kluge was seriously laid up for a number of days with the grippe, and was relieved by Telegrapher Nelson.

Mr. C. H. Mackey, our genial lineman, was laid up for two weeks with a bad cold, but is now at work again.

The local chairman has furnished each known man on the division with a set of application blanks and has received several promises. It remains to be seen how many of these will be made good. While we do not doubt the sincerity of most of these, there are still some with whom promises seem to be an old habit.

It is possible that many of our friends who should be with us are afraid that they would be discriminated against if they were to assert their manhood, and show the world that they were the owners of themselves, had their labor to sell, and connected themselves with others of their craft, to aid in procuring the highest cash price for same. This fear is natural, I admit, yet it is wholly unfounded in this day of organization.

The old cry of "No money to spare, takes all I can earn to keep my family now without adding additional expense," can not apply at this time. What has become of the increase the O. R. T. secured since the organization of this division? Why not take this additional pay out of one month each year to assist in upholding the cause which was directly responsible for the increase.

It should be understood by every agent and telegrapher that he is either with us or against us in this movement for better wages, shorter hours and improved conditions of service. If a member, of course, you are with us, if a non-member you are against us, and no one should delude himself into thinking that sympathy will answer in matters of this kind. Wake up and get in line. You are getting the benefits of what your fellow craftsmen are paying for. Unless we make effort to better the conditions of the telegraphers, there is no one who will do it for us. If any telegrapher employed upon this division doubts the efficiency of thorough organization, let him review the work of the past two years among the brotherhoods of the various employes. Was it unorganized labor that maintained the scale of wages during the recent financial panic? I hope not, and still we have men amongst us who have drawn the same salary that we have, knowing full well that they were indebted to the O. R. T. for the fact that their salaries were not cut.

The telegraphers who refuse to join the O. R. T. do not deserve our friendship. Let the motto be "No card, no favors." We have two or three telegraphers on the south end who have been promising to come in for the last two years, but owing to the fact that their applejack bill is so heavy every month they can not possibly afford it.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Bro. Harry A. Sechrist, at the home of his parents, in Glen Rock, Penna., on March 22d. While the end was not entirely unexpected, it came as a sad surprise to his many friends here. In the death of Bro. Sechrist, we lose a good and true friend, and the Order loses a true and a faithful member. CERT 368.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His divine wisdom and honor has seen fit to take from us Bro. Harry A. Sechrist, and

WHEREAS, We deeply deplore, and are likewise grieved at his death; be it

Resolved, That we give expression to our heartfelt grief at our loss of one who has been a true friend and a faithful member to the last, and extend our sympathy and consolation to his bereaved parents, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to his family, a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the division.

F. C. SHIMECK,
E. P. SMITH,
T. H. WELLAND,
Committee.

Wisconsin Division—

Don't forget to remit your local assessments to your local secretary and treasurer.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of the wife of Bro. Johnson, former agent at Argyle, who went West recently on account of his wife's health. Bro. Johnson has the sympathy of all. A beautiful floral wreath was sent by the brothers of Wisconsin Division.

The warm weather is starting the ice trains, from the ice fields, along the K. D., and soon third trick telegrapher will be put on at Twin Lakes and Salem to handle this business.

The telephone is now being installed on the K. D. from Harvard to Kenosha, and will soon be in operation.

The second trick at Highland Park has been abolished for the present. The first trick man is now working twelve hours, and the second trick man is working a ten-hour shift as clerk.

Bro. Flannery, of Rockford, has been taking a week's vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Schonhoff.

Bro. W. C. Bradley, first trick man at Clinton Junction, is taking a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Frieschknicht.

Bro. Wightman, at Evanston, is now compelled to work twelve hours instead of nine hours on account of taking off the second trick.

There are now three telegraphers at Carey Gravel Pit, on account of heavy gravel business. The first trick has been assigned to B. E. Quinn, second to G. G. Johnston, and third to T. N. Collins, all new men here.

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Bro. W. C. Argonbright, third trick at Harvard, has resigned and accepted a position with the Rio Grande Ry. in Colorado.

Telegrapher W. C. Black, a new man, is working third trick at Harvard, until same is assigned on bulletin. We understand that he is from the Michigan Central.

Telegrapher VanAuker is working first at South Janesville, until same is regularly assigned.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has deemed it best to take to himself the beloved wife of Bro. Johnson; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Wisconsin Division, No. 76, extend to Bro. Johnson their heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of our Wisconsin Division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy sent to the editor for publication in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

ROY L. HERRICK,
F. M. FLANNERY,
CHARLES REGAN,
Committee.

Nebraska & Wyoming Division, Eastern District—

Bro. E. B. Hill, the agent at Spencer, is off on a trip for thirty days; relieved by Bro. Bartlett.

A third trick telegrapher has been added to the force at Inman, to assist in handling the increased number of trains.

The vacancy in the agency at Neligh, caused by the resignation of Bro. A. L. Hewett, has not yet been filled, but it is rumored that Bro. J. H. Recroft is coming back to the ranks after a few months in the banking business. It is rumored that Bro. Hewitt is going into business at Lincoln.

Bro. Vestal, of Burke, was off a few days last month; relieved by Bro. Bartlett.

Bro. C. M. Wurzbacher, our local chairman, is attending the convention of the Grand Division, at Atlanta, Ga.; relieved by Bro. J. W. Forney.

Bro. J. F. Kenney, telegrapher at Battle Creek, has been very low with pneumonia for the past few days, but he is improving and the chances are good for his recovery. Relieved by Mr. Ralph Hales.

Bro. H. G. Whitney, the agent at Battle Creek, was off a couple of weeks, on account of the serious illness of his wife's mother at Oelrichs, S. D.; relieved by Bro. J. W. Forney.

Bro. J. W. Forney was at West Point several days in April, assisting Bro. W. A. McDonald. Mrs. McDonald was dangerously ill, and it was impossible for Bro. McDonald to do the work and give his wife the attention she needed, so he gave his entire time to her, and all was done that could be done by two trained nurses and several doctors, and we are glad to note that her condition is much improved and that her recovery is but a matter of time.

We are sorry we have so few notes, but it was impossible to stir up any of the brothers on the Albion and South Platte branches to get any news from them. Each should appoint himself a committee of one to see that all the news is sent in. Send them to the local chairman and he will see that they are forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER.

Ed. Kunzleman drew Verdel station on bid. He formerly worked at Stafford.

Pierce and Plainview get two telegraphers, and Verdigre one, during the gravel work.

Mr. J. Brown is on a vacation, and Bro. C. A. Bartlett is doing the relief stunt.

The line between Norfolk and Bonesteel is being ballasted. Work is being done with two crews, one working from Norfolk north, and one from Bonesteel south.

It is about time for the new cards now, and it is hoped the boys will be prompt in remitting dues.

There will be a meeting at Norfolk some time in June, and it is hoped every one who can possibly get away will do so. With the additional new trains it will be easy for most of the boys to attend. Ask to come, and where there is more than one man it can be arranged for one to be present.

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Eastern Division—

Bro. Cornwell, day telegrapher at Rawhide tower, was suddenly taken ill and went to his home at Pilger. The tower was closed during his absence. We are glad to learn that he is rapidly improving.

Bro. Cushman, agent at Hooper, has been granted a six months lay-off. Bro. Sauers, the day telegrapher, is relieving him. Bro. Hale, late of the Mo. Pac., is relieving Bro. Sauers.

Bro. Koepe drew Stafford by bid.

Bro. Popelar, agent at Cornlea, has been in an Omaha hospital, having an operation performed. He has returned to work.

Bro. Todd, night owl at Scribner, took several days lay-off, being relieved by Mr. Geo. Leiser, late of the Burlington.

Bro. Kuntzelman drew Verdel by bid.

Glad to hear that Bro. Freind has resumed duty at Charleston.

Bro. Jeffries and Geo. Lieser have resigned as telegraphers in the Norfolk dispatchers office. Bro. Hall, of east end, is now working nights at Norfolk.

Bro. Don Brown, day telegrapher at Plainview, has resigned and taken a position as telegrapher in a bucket shop at Norfolk.

Bro. McDonald, agent at West Point, laid off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife. Bro. Foney relieved him.

Will Hicks, the foner agent at Colon, recently disappeared. The cause is unknown.

Let us endeavor to have a big write-up next month.

CERT. 2667.

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I wish to thank the brothers of the Eastern Division for their generous contribution in my behalf during my sickness and loss of part of my foot. Fraternally yours,

N. KENNEDY.
Cert. 1887, Div. 76.

I. & M. Division—

Bro. Coppersmith, who has been relieving Bro. Delong days at Parkersburg, has gone to the gravel pit at Dotson. A new pit has been opened at Kiester.

Buxton and Lakonta days are on bulletin, also Lake Mills tower and Parkersburg nights.

Bro. Burns, from Wright, relieves Bro. Coppersmith, days at Parkersburg.

Bro. Deheart has returned to work at Houlon tower. We are unable to learn who relieved him.

I think we could manage to have a write-up in the journal every month if some of the older members would take an interest. CERT. 2671.

Minnesota Division—

D. M. Walrath, the agent at Minneola, is taking a few weeks' vacation this month, being relieved by M. F. Goodmanson.

Ed Spornitz has resumed duty at the key at Canby.

W. H. Wilder, who has been working at Tracy for the past few months, enjoyed a week's vacation at his old home in Wisconsin.

M. A. Sofka is doing the extra work in Winona dispatcher's office while the boys take their vacations. Dispatcher Jordan, at this writing, is being relieved by Extra Dispatcher Beynon, Tom Carroll taking the first trick on the side table and Jack Rice second.

Telegrapher Townsend, who has been at Judson for some time, has resigned and departed for parts unknown. Telegrapher Ziege is holding forth at this point at present.

C. D. Roach, who has been third at Owatonna for the past month, has been transferred to the Dakota Division and is working side wire days at Huron dispatcher's office.

A. F. McCarthy is off a few days taking in the sights in the cities. He was relieved by a new man named A. F. Schmelz, from Sleepy Eye.

T. C. Ferris drew Porter agency and took a short vacation to celebrate his success.

J. A. Richardson, night telegrapher at Janesville, has resigned and departed for greener fields; relieved at Janesville by Telegrapher H. J. Jaunke.

Telegrapher McDonald has resumed work at Waseca after a week's vacation. Upon McDonald's return H. J. Johnson went to Smiths Mill to relieve Agent Jones, who was absent a few days on account of sickness.

H. A. Sparling, agent at Wabasso, is taking an extended trip East this month, being relieved by A. J. Walz.

G. E. Black, third trick man at Mankato, has taken the position of manager in the mill at that place, with a very nice increase in salary over his former position. Black was relieved by Telegrapher Foard.

Many of the older heads on the Minnesota Division will no doubt remember Frank Saehler, as he has been in the B. & B. department for a good many years. I am very sorry to report that he was run over by a switch engine, May 7th, and killed instantly. The B. & B. department loses an old and trusted employe. No blame could be laid on anyone for the accident.

DIV. COR.

Sioux City Division—

Bro. W. W. Winegar, who formerly worked on this division, is visiting friends in this vicinity. He is now in the employ of the Rock Island Ry. as agent at Callahan, Colo., and is enjoying a three months' leave of absence.

Bro. E. B. Long, assistant ticket agent at Sioux City, is taking a few months' leave, and will visit points of interest in Oregon, Washington, and California, before returning.

He is being relieved by Mr. V. E. Wendell, who has been doing the relief act at Wall Lake.

Bro. Haymond is off to Atlanta to take in the convention, and expects to make a trip through the East before returning.

Bro. Floyd Smith, for several years agent at Danbury, has resigned and expects to work on the Dakota Division after taking his vacation. He was relieved by Telegrapher Blut from Salix.

Bro. E. L. Riddell, agent River Sioux, made a trip to Lewiston, Mont., recently, where he filed on a homestead. He expects to take up residence there next spring. On account of the shortage of help, he was relieved by his wife, who is almost as good as the "old man" himself.

Bro. L. M. Ryman, first trick at Onawa, Iowa, has left the service on account of the changing of the hours of first trick from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., with one hour for meals to eight hours straight. Bro. L. T. Fuller is now working first, R. C. Amos second and Bro. F. E. Haasch third. Bro. Haasch works as telegrapher from 2 a. m. until 7 a. m., and then as baggage smasher from 8 a. m. until No. 4 has gone, or until 11:40 a. m.

Bro. A. L. Vander Velden, formerly agent at Odebolt, is now agent at Whiting, Iowa, Bro. H. L. Sharp having resigned to go into the ice cream business.

Bro. M. M. Trummer, of Carnarvon, got California Junction and Bro. E. E. Baskin, recently third trick at California Junction, got Carnarvon on bulletin.

Bro. S. M. London, agent at Boyer, Iowa, has resigned to engage in farming; relieved by Mr. E. Yule.

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Peninsular Division—

Louis A Menard, of Escanaba, is now working third trick at Little Lake.

Bro. Lewis secured second trick at Little Lake on bulletin.

Bro. Bagley, who has been at Felch Junction for the winter, is now relieving Telegrapher Peterson.

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Bro. Crikelair relieved Bro. Moran at Powers. Bro. Moran spent his vacation in Chicago.

Bro. Wm. Gelzer was off duty a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Brukardt.

Bro. W. P. Lang is now working for the C. M. & St. P. Ry. near Milwaukee. H. G. S.

Galena Division—

There will be a big meeting in June, to hear the latest from the convention.

Bro. E. H. Webster will take charge as agent at Nelson on his return from the convention at Atlanta.

There is going to be a clean-up of all the nons after the meeting in June.

Don't be behind three or four months with your dues. Keep an up-to-date card and help do some thing.

Bro. H. E. Aye resigned as bill clerk at Dixon, and is now located at Cramers, Ill., on the Iowa Central.

Bro. Aye was our secretary and treasurer, and it will be necessary to elect a successor at the June meeting. Turn out and help us pick a good live one.

Bro. Hemenway, formerly agent at Carpentersville, is now located at McHenry as telegrapher.

The summer schedule to the Lakes went into effect May 2d.

Bro. Groves, who is located at Rockford, is laying off. Relieved by Bro. Wilson.

Bro. Jake Buss is holding down the second trick. We are glad to have him on the Freeport line.

Telegrapher W. Pitz, from Lake Geneva, gets Marengo days. We have not heard who went to Lake Geneva.

We understand that Frank Sawyer, the assistant at St. Charles, and a son of Bro. Sawyer, the agent, was married a short time since.

G. D. Thurber has been installed as agent at Carpentersville. This is a heavy billing point and was not easily filled.

"DG" tower and Crystal Lake have been opened up for the summer season, in charge of Telegrapher Harry Wagner, from Mattoon, Ill.

A new depot is being built at McHenry, which will be one of the finest on the F. R. line.

The brothers did not get out to the Elgin meeting as they should. The C. M. & St. P. brothers were well represented.

Bro. Rigley, at Dundee, was off a few days and was relieved by extra man, H. N. Harring.

Jim Hoye, first trick at F. R. Switch, has gone to Davis Junction, Bro. Charles Shaft taking his place at F. R. Switch. COR.

Northern Iowa Division—

Bro. Harry Keith, telegrapher and cashier at Algona, has bid in the Renwick agency.

Bro. J. G. Kahl, who was chosen as alternate to the late convention, is on a leave of absence.

Bro. Guy Perry, of the Gladbrook "roast," is on a six months' furlough, to recuperate.

It is said the new Jewell Junction depot is to be a hummer, and that Bro. Cheever will enjoy the luxuries of steam heat and gas light.

Mr. E. R. Ball, the agent at Hawarden, has been attending court in the Eastern part of the State. H. F. Strachan and Bros. Yerbrick and Northrup handled the business without additional help during Mr. Ball's absence.

Bro. A. E. Le Blanc, of Renwick, has resigned and gone to the Northwest in search of a drier climate and good health. The brothers unite in wishing him success.

Bro. E. E. Carder has again been checked in at Gifford station.

Bro. Woodward drew Dakota City on bulletin.

Bro. Gilmore, of Soo Rapids, blocked trains at Hubbard during the recent rush of Iowa division trains. Nineteen Iowa Division passenger trains detoured via Jewell and Tama during the washout at Quarry. Much credit is due Dispatchers Campbell and Brown and the east end telegraphers for handling this unusual business without mishap or delay.

Bro. Bishop, from Garwin, drew the Gladbrook agency.

Improvements are being made at Paullina in the way of a new water tank.

Bro. Joe Cowan worked a trick in the dispatcher's office during the rush.

Bro. J. W. Lane, of Laurens, is sojourning on his claim at Phillips, S. D. He writes that he is enjoying the change.

Dispatcher Shanor had his vacation interfered with on several occasions by having to return to E. Grove to fill an emergency.

Bro. H. T. Rising is temporarily holding Laurens station.

Trainmaster McClure and Conductors Tompkins and Hammond have returned from various R. R. conventions in the East.

Business is better than usual for this season of the year.

Bro. Harrold, of Eldora, was a recent Kamrar visitor.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the several brothers who contributed to this write-up.

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Madison Division—

We miss Bro. Matzek, who has left for Dousman gravel pit, which has been opened for the track elevation in Milwaukee. This job will probably last all summer.

Telegrapher R. J. Starry is working the split trick at Caledonia and tower "EA," vice Bro. Matzek.

Understand Bro. T. A. Corcoran bid in second trick at tower "EA." Bro. W. F. Degnan is still working this trick.

Mr. R. H. Mourning is working third trick at Oregon, while Bro. Duprey is at Lake Mills. He also relieved Bro. Welch, third trick at Monona yard, for a few nights. He hails from Cochane, Wis.

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Bro. A. J. Warnock, the agent at South Madison, in company with Mrs. Warnock, has been taking a month's vacation, during which time he went as far as Alberta, Canada. Telegrapher A. L. Clark, of Lodi, was acting agent during his absence.

Bro. C. Hansen, first trick at Monona yard, was off duty a couple of days, attending a funeral and visiting relatives. A. L. Clark relieved him.

Bro. F. Tisher took a trip to Oconto, which is his home. He was relieved by Bro. Rittmeyer, second trick man at Wisconsin River bridge.

Bro. Rittmeyer hails from the Omaha Ry. and was sent to Jefferson Junction upon the return of Bro. Tisher.

Bro. J. A. Kucher is now located at Ridgeway as agent.

Bro. E. W. White, who for many years was agent at Deerfield, bid in Lake Mills, and has been transferred to that station.

Mr. F. J. Heimeil, who has been acting agent at Lake Mills, has been transferred to West Allis, vice Bro. J. E. Keane.

Bro. Edw. Welch is acting agent at Deerfield while the position is bulletined, and Telegrapher N. A. Browne is relieving Bro. Welch, third trick at Monona yard.

New 100-lb. steel is being distributed. It is planned to relay the north track between Madison and Baraboo with these rails, and gravel has been unloaded on several sections, and before long the north track will be in fine shape for the fast passenger trains.

A new block office, waiting room and covered sheds have been built near the highway at Devil's Lake. This was done so that visitors would not have to trespass on private property to get to the lake.

Mr. Wilson, who worked the third trick at Mendota, is now agent at Hazel Green, and Mr. Ryan is holding down the 'phone trick at Mendota at present.

Bro. Elsner, who was working the telegraph job at West Allis, injured his back and was relieved by Bro. A. L. White.

Bro. P. W. Avery relieved Bro. White on second trick at Waukesha, and Mr. Banan in turn relieved Percy, third trick at same place. Mr. Banan is a new man on this division.

The telegraph instruments have been cut in at Calhoun, and C. P. Kellogg does the stunt.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, has been attending the convention at Atlanta. He was relieved by Mr. B. W. Sampson, of Dodgeville.

Bro. Doering, telegrapher at Lake Mills, is enjoying a vacation. Relieved by Bro. Duprey.

A few good jobs are on the last bulletin. It looks as if Bro. J. E. Keane would get Deerfield and C. B. Adam the tracer job at Baraboo.

Did you forget about your local dues. Some of the brothers have, and this is the last month in this period. A brother may be hard up for a month or two, but it is a bad practice to put off paying dues until the last minute. Get into the habit of being up-to-date. It is easier than the old way.

Glen A. Cole, of the dispatcher's force, has been entertaining a severe attack of neuralgia for some time past, but is recovering at present writing.

Mrs. Frank Wartman, mother-in-law of Dispatcher E. P. Wright, passed away a few days ago. The sympathy of the fraternity is extended to the bereaved relatives.

Chief Dispatcher H. D. Schooff recently spent a few days in St. James, Minn., on a company case, and also took a run down to Soo City to see Chief C. M. St. Clair.

The daughter of our former night chief, Mr. Schooff, has been very sick with inflammatory rheumatism. She is now well on the road to recovery.

Bro. C. C. Hinners is relieving Bro. A. E. Patterson, agent at Platteville, for a few days.

Bro. Pat Keefe is on Bro. Hinners' job as tracer clerk.

C. B. Adams, who has been doing extra duty in the dispatcher's office for some time, is at present laying off and visiting the folks at home.

C. C. Hinners relieved F. E. Warner, on the quad job, a few days, while Warner was away.

V. R. Harding, the O. S. & D. clerk and telegrapher, was off duty several days on account of sickness. DIV. COR.

Dakota Division—

Bro. Ollie Harris is relieving Bro. McCarthy at Frankfort.

Bro. J. A. Dawson, of Salem, was called to Des Moines as a witness. Bro. Klingelhofer relieved him.

Bro. N. L. Cass went to Chicago to meet his wife and baby. Bros. Connely and Shreffler kept things moving during his absence.

Bro. Bangs, of Mission Hill, was bit by the vacation bug and took a few days off. Mr. Mullen relieved him.

Bro. Moriarity, of Doland, is looking after his claim. John Robinson, of Estelline, is relieving him.

Bro. O'Dell, of Wakonda, is back at the old stand, making a stake to handle that new farm.

Bro. Schlekau has left the service of the C. & N. W. and has gone to St. Paul. Bro. Klingelhofer is holding Aberdeen days.

Bro. Vern Postal has the right system. He has secured a plot of ground near Astoria and has planted it in potatoes. Potatoes will pay from one to two hundred dollars per acre when selling at 50 cents per bushel.

Bro. H. O. Swift, of Castlewood, broke away long enough to spend a few days in Watertown. Clarence Tenold, a telegrapher who is in the grain business in Castlewood, relieved him.

On April 19th Harrold was nearly destroyed by fire. A number of business buildings were destroyed, including one owned by Mr. W. E. Stewart, who was at one time agent at Highmore. The depot caught fire several times, but the fire was extinguished each time.

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Bro. R. J. Holmes has been changed from days to nights as telegrapher in Huron "A" office. The night job will give Bob a chance to do a little dispatching, and we may expect him to take a trick when business picks up.

Bro. N. Paulsen managed to break away from Centerville long enough to represent us at the convention at Atlanta. Bro. Finnerty relieved him as agent, and Bro. H. R. Nelson relieved Bro. Finnerty.

Bro. W. A. Neiklrk has returned to Centerville second, Mr. Clark going to Parker second.

Members who have trouble in securing their mail should have it sent to De Smet, S. D., in care of the undersigned. Extra copies of THE TELEGRAPHER are kept on hand and are yours for the asking.

Bro. Zollar, of Northville, managed to get relieved in time to go to the Black Hills with the Odd Fellows. From there he will go to the Pacific Coast. Mr. J. A. Cook, of Redfield freight office, is relieving him.

It is on me. A year without missing an issue and then went to sleep and let the convention number get by without having a line in it from the Dakota Division. I overlooked the notice that the convention number would appear ahead of time and sent the regular write-up in right on time.

Bro. J. T. Carl has returned from his claim near Cottonwood, but Mrs. Carl did not return with him as she intends to stay out there for some time. Mrs. Carl has a sister on an adjoining claim. Bro. T. K. Barber, of Manchester, is still on his claim, which is a short distance from Bro. Carl's.

The new military law, which was passed at the last session of the legislature, is especially designed to limit the movements of strikers. The proper use of the law would cause no harm to be done, but it is the improper use that we wish to guard against. It is almost identically the same as the law which caused the trouble in Victor and Independence, Colorado, where strikers were arrested and herded in jail like cattle and a number were shot at the will of capitalists. Business houses who catered to the union trade were destroyed and business men who sympathized with the strikers were forced to move. A referendum petition has been circulated and the law will be voted on at the next general election. It is to our interest that this law be annulled.

Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern Line—

The depot at Cottonwood was burglarized recently. The heaviest loss was felt by the agent, who is short a pair of pants.

The general officers' special passed over the P. R. C. on May 12th, on a tour of inspection and en route to Belle Fourche.

The dispatchers have considerable trouble in raising some offices at times. Boys, leave the bum work to the class which seems to figure on giving the least service for the most money. The O. R. T. does not encourage such work.

Bro. Dennis contemplates taking a vacation this spring, to visit friends and relatives in Audubon, Iowa, where he lived prior to taking a claim west of the river.

Bro. Whiting is now a "square man," having taken the third degree of Masonry at Ft. Pierre. Bro. Aldrich relieved him, and later relieved Bro. Dennis, at Nowlin, who attended the Stock Growers' Association at Rapid City.

The P. R. C. is very near 100 per cent strong, and without an effort. Only one or two non members and a couple of delinquents mar the list, but they are expected to be in line before long. Request has been made for representation on the committee, and undoubtedly the P. R. C. will have a schedule after the committee goes in.

H. A. STIMSON, S. & T.,
De Smet, S. D.

C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.

Nebraska Division—

Numerous changes have taken place during the last month and I will try to get them all in, but may not be able to give them all, not receiving any help from others this month.

Bro. G. W. Smith, the agent at Jackson, laid off a few days recently, attending to some important business; relieved by Bro. Barge.

Bro. Dygert, second trick at Emerson, has left the service, and the job was bid in by Bro. "Carrie" Wilson, late of the Burlington. The third trick at Emerson was bulletined this month and bid in by Bro. Otis Wood. Bro. Wood has decided to remain with us for a while.

Brother Hedges, the second trick man at Wakefield, decided that he wanted a change and bid in the telegrapher position at Pender. After trying it a few days he made up his mind that Wakefield was good enough for him, and came back to the old stand.

Bro. Phillips, who relieved Bro. Crouch a few days at Wayne, bid in the telegrapher's job at Lyons, and is handling the key there in usual style. Understand he is from the East, and has quite a record and collection of passes from the different roads.

Bro. Wm. Schrumpf, who was recently agent at Laurel, has been promoted to the agency at Lyons. Mr. S. E. Reed, who was agent at Lyons for a number of years, has resigned and gone to California, where his wife and boy have been compelled to reside, owing to his son's ill health.

Bro. Candor, formerly agent at Carroll, bid in the agency at Laurel, and Bro. Owens, from Magnet, goes to Carroll as agent. Bro. Barge, formerly agent at Hoskins, was relieving at Carroll for a couple of weeks, while changes were being made. Bro. Barge has left the telegraph service, and has gone into the train service as brakeman.

Bro. B. E. Crouch, formerly telegrapher at Wayne, bid in the agency at Hoskins.

Mr. Crinklaw, formerly telegrapher at Pender, bid in the telegrapher's job at Wayne, and now says if he can get a house to live in he will be well fixed. He is thinking of buying a tent and

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"camping out" until the present stringency in the house market is over. Bro. Moran, of Wayne, made a short visit in Sioux City, recently.

Bro. Foutts, who has the first trick at Wakefield, is again relieving, but we did not learn where. He seems to be on the move quite often of late.

Bro. Roy Jones bid in the vacancy at Pender. We understand that he has gotten through with the relief job at Tekamah.

Would like to have some of the members contribute next month. Do not be backward; when you hear of anyone laying off or going somewhere let me know, and we will have more of a communication next month. DIV. COR.

Colorado Midland Ry.

I have been wondering for some time why nothing appeared in our journal from the Colorado Midland. I know the members would like to see something each month and there is no reason why we can't send in items regularly from this division.

Agent Reubendale is now working the first trick at Colorado City. It is hoped that when "biz" picks up a bit the third telegrapher will be put back on.

Bro. Gillaspy, of Colorado City, took the third trick at Cascade Canon.

Bro. Tyler, of Woodland Park, is off for thirty days, relieved by Mr. Kay.

Agent Kirkpatrick, of Divide, was off for thirty days; relieved by Telegrapher Sharpe.

Bro. Cooke, of Florissant, took the agency at Arkansas Junction, which was made vacant on account of Bro. Crowe leaving the service.

Mr. Woods, recently third trick at Cascade Canon, went to Busk.

Bro. Atteberry is still holding down Ivanhoe.

Bro. Kimes, recently second trick man at Cascade Canon, bid in Hartsel.

A recent vacancy at Sellar was filled by Mr. Bratt, from Busk.

The night office at Nast has been reopened on account of the heavy business caused by D. & R. G. trains running over the C. M. from Snowden to Glenwood Springs. The "Grande" had a cave-in in a tunnel near Tennessee Pass. Their trains will be detoured via the Midland for about fifteen days. Understand it will be necessary to put on a second set of dispatchers at Colorado City to handle this extra business. Our chief, Mr. Johnson, has been working the first trick on first district for the past few days, Bro. Cooley taking the second trick, as the regular dispatchers were kept very busy on the second district.

Bro. Delsole, first trick at Leadville, is off for sixty days, visiting home folks in New York State. He was relieved by Bro. Kinney from Arkansas Junction.

We now have three eight-hour tricks at Cardiff. The third trick, which was recently opened, is being held down by Telegrapher Rice.

Bro. Jones, of Thomasville, gets the Carbondale agency on bid. This is one of our best agencies as far as salary is concerned, and we are glad it goes to a worthy brother. Sorry to lose Bro. Shannon, as he was well liked, and was always with us when the interests of the Order were at stake.

The cashier's job at Basalt is up for bid, also the agencies at Thomasville and Green Mountain Falls.

A few of the C. & S. and C. B. & Q. officials were on No. 3 to Leadville the other evening, and back to Denver on second No. 4 next day.

The W. O. W. will give a picnic and barbecue at Green Mountain Falls on Decoration Day; we understand that the office will be opened on that date. CERT. 48.

Western Maryland Ry.

The Western Maryland road hauled thousands of people into Gettysburg, May 31st, on account of the dedication of the National Monument. Twelve special trains from points on the line arrived in Gettysburg on that day.

Five new 150 series engines arrived last month and are being put in passenger service on both Maryland and W. Va. Divisions. These engines are of the Atlantic type and make a fine appearance.

Bro. Tuck relieved Bro. Hewitt, second trick at Hillen, four nights.

Telegrapher W. C. Rohrbaugh worked the agency at West York a few days, while Bro. Sterner was off duty.

Bro. Rose, second trick at Gettysburg, spent two weeks with friends and relatives in Chicago and Des Moines.

Telegrapher Ogle, at Union Bridge, attended the horse races at Pimlico a few days. He was relieved by Bro. Spillman.

Bro. Hoover, of Thomasville, who was off one day, was relieved by Telegrapher R. G. Sterner.

Telegrapher R. G. Sterner worked the first trick at Walbrook while Bro. Bradshaw was on a visit.

Bro. Tuck relieved the second trick telegrapher at Westminster a few nights recently.

Bro. Chas. Flickinger, first trick at York, recently enjoyed a pleasure trip to points in Iowa. He was relieved by Bro. Kemper.

I find I must again say something about the scarcity of news. I have not received anything this month. Why not each member contribute something regularly. We like to read items from this division, but we can't do this unless we have something to print, so get busy.

DIV. COR.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Northern Division—

I have waited another month for the items I have been begging for during the last six months, but, needless to say, with the same result. Now this is the last request I shall make. If you know any bit of news, no matter how small it may be, send it in, and if I have already made a note

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of it, it will be just as acceptable, for it will show that the donor takes an interest in the division. Sometimes, perhaps, your name should appear in the fraternal columns and you fail to see it. When this is the case, don't blame anyone but yourself, or run away with the idea that the correspondent can keep track of everything that is going on all over the division. Frequently I hear of some little item of news when it is too late to send it in, and if some of you boys would just wake up and send me a note of what you hear, it would greatly aid in having the division represented. Look through the columns of the journal and see the letters that go in from other divisions. Do you suppose the division correspondent writes those long letters without aid? I should say not. In my opinion the communications would be very much abbreviated if the correspondents got the same kind of help that one does on the B. & A. Now will some of you please try to do a little better, and see if you can not scare up something that will help fill up a letter. I will not make this request again on any account, and if there is no better result this time than there has been in the past, I will think it is about time someone else did the "begging" and "persuading act" for a while.

Bro. Dodge, who has been agent at Littleton for a number of years, secured New Sweden on bulletin.

Bro. E. F. McAlister, from the So. Division, got Littleton on bulletin.

Bro. R. W. Esty, who has been third trick dispatcher at Houlton since the office was established there, has bid in the station agent's position at Robinsons.

Bro. C. D. Kelly has been appointed third trick dispatcher at Houlton.

Bro. D. H. Jones has been appointed relief dispatcher at Houlton.

Monticello was advertised for six months, on account of Bro. Thompkins being unable to resume work. The position was bid in by Bro. McGowan from the So. Division.

Ft. Fairfield Junction has been left vacant by Bro. Jones' appointment as relief dispatcher. It is now up for bid.

Mr. Fanning is relieving at Ft. Fairfield Junction.

Bro. Johnson is relieving at Littleton.

Commencing Sunday, May 23d, the dispatcher's office at Houlton will be closed from 6 a. m. on Sunday until 6 a. m. on Monday, this arrangement to be continued until September 1st.

Have any of you noticed how many "Misters" there are on this division? Some of these would make good material with which to increase our membership, and what is the reason we can not get them in? I think the principal reason is that no one has taken the trouble to talk O R. T. to them. Cannot some of you boys who are working near these nons get after them, and show them where they are standing in the way of their own interests and ours? It will soon be time for our annual meeting at Houlton, and I think it would be well to have this meeting open for all telegraphers, and invite some of these non-members to attend, and perhaps we would have use for a few application blanks afterward. DIV. COR.

Southern Division—

Bro. Wilson has resumed work at West Seboeis, on second trick, after relieving at Rand Cave for a month.

Bro. Bartlett has left the service, and gone to B. & M. R. R. We wish him success.

Bro. Stewart, at Milo, recently relieved a few days at Bradford.

Bro. Thorpe, of South La Grange, secured the Bradford agency on bulletin.

Bro. Lunt, from second trick in tower "G" at South La Grange, secured the agency at South La Grange on bulletin.

Bro. Connelley, first trick in "G" tower, spent a day at his home in Bangor recently.

Bro. E. T. McAlister has been transferred from Medford agency to Littleton agency on the Northern Division, which he secured on bulletin.

Bro. Crozier, general secretary and treasurer, and delegate to the convention, has returned from Atlanta, Ga., and reports a fine trip.

Bro. Heal, from third trick to second trick in "G" tower on bulletin.

We understand that Telegrapher C. R. Bowley, formerly of the B. & A., who has recently been on the M. C. R. R., has returned to the B. & A. R. R.

Bro. Reynolds is relieving at Shirley at this writing. Agent F. A. Fairham is on the sick list.

Telegrapher Comer got Dyer Brook owl job on bulletin.

Telegrapher Scribner secured the third trick at "G" tower.

Bro. Austin secured Rand Cave agency on bulletin.

Telegrapher Fody got third trick at Millinocket.

Bro. A. M. McGown has gone from North Bangor agency to Monticello agency for six months.

Everybody talk up the meeting to be held at Houlton during camp meeting week.

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Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry.

Rochester Division—

I hope the members of this division do not think their correspondent for THE TELEGAPHER has given up so soon. The article for the May journal was omitted through an oversight, for which no one was at fault.

There have been several changes on Division No. 92 recently. Bro. Childs has resigned as general chairman, and Bro. O'Brien elected to succeed him, effective May 1st. Bro. O'Brien has served so long as local chairman of the Rochester Division, and is so well and favorably known to all of us, that every member will unite in wishing him success, and we hope he will long continue to be at the head of Division No. 92.

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I have been appointed to succeed him as local chairman of the Rochester Division, and will be glad to devote all my energies and the necessary time to the successful performance of the duties and responsibilities which are placed upon me. I will cheerfully do my best to adjust any matter which you may refer to me for settlement, and try and merit the confidence and good wishes which many of the brothers have expressed.

There have been no changes recently, except the position as message operator in "FD" general offices, which was advertised and which was bid in by the writer. This causes the agency at Maplewood to be advertised. As the bids do not close until the 29th, on the Maplewood position, I cannot say who will be the winner.

In regard to news items to help me out in getting up this article, I am very sorry to say I have not received a single one, but perhaps no one has been doing anything they considered worth mentioning. I think the members will be able to send me some items for the next write-up, however, as vacations will soon begin. A postal is all that is necessary.

Bro. Childs has returned from the convention at Atlanta, and is again doing his stunt at "W," Warsaw. He was relieved by Telegrapher Hilbert.

Is every member doing his share toward complete organization? I fear not. A little perseverance and the great majority will come over.

Again assuring all members of my willingness to serve the Rochester Division in all matters pertaining to my new office.

S. T. GILBOY, *Local Chairman.*

SILVER SPRINGS, N. Y., May 1, 1909.

All Members of Division No. 92:

Having been elected general chairman of Division No. 92 at a recent election held by the general committee, I wish to thank the members of that body for their unanimous support; feeling, as I do, that it is a great honor and that my services as local chairman have been appreciated both by them and the membership in what I have helped do in my humble way to serve them and to advance our cause, viz.: To step from the clutches of slavery to a higher plane and realizing that the goal is far from being reached, I must ask the support of the members as well as the committee to co-operate with me and lend every assistance possible for the carrying on of the good work, as there is a certain amount of responsibility resting on us all in this connection. I also wish to advise the members on the Rochester Division that I have appointed Bro. S. T. Gilboy, of No. 15 Ringle Place, Rochester, N. Y., to succeed me as local chairman, pro tem, or until a regular election is held, and if he meets with your approval I would recommend him to you as a candidate for the position permanently, and suggest that regular nominating petitions be gotten out and sent the secretary at DuBois, in compliance with the laws of the Order.

Permit me, on behalf of the general committee and the membership, to extend our sincere thanks to our esteemed Bro. H. R. Childs, our retiring general chairman, who has served us faithfully in various capacities since the early days of the Order on the B. R. & P. Ry., and who need not feel that his efforts have been in vain, on the contrary I believe he is leaving behind him for us to enjoy, one of the best schedules in the country, and has exercised his power to see that the same has been lived up to in all instances. We have work ahead of us if we improve on the concession already gained by his guiding hand. May his every effort be crowned with success in his future life.

Fraternally,

L. P. O'BRIEN,
General Chairman.

Illinois Central Ry.

Louisiana Division—

A very interesting meeting was held at Jackson, Miss., April 25, made up of members from the G. & S. I., A. & V., Y. & M. V., and I. C. Bro. Montgomery, local chairman of the Y. & M. V., presided, and Bro. Miller, local chairman of the I. C., acted as secretary. Former member of the general committee, Bro. W. E. Daugherty, of the Y. & M. V., was present and gave us a splendid talk. Resolutions were passed condemning the agitation of the Mississippi Railroad Commission relative to the two cents a mile law. At 11:00 o'clock p. m. the meeting adjourned and the boys retreated to the banquet room of the Lemon Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed.

The regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Miss., Sunday night, May 9, with a good attendance. Several applications for membership were acted upon, and it was decided upon that in future all applicants must be present at the meeting and be initiated in the regular manner, in order that our goat may get main line practice. We have a victim for our next meeting, June 13.

Since our last report the following have become members, and are now sporting the wreath and sounder: W. S. Grant, Canton, Miss.; J. B. Magee, Osyka, Miss.; W. A. Barney and J. C. Willis, New Orleans; W. H. Rehfeldt, Moss Point, Miss.; S. B. Elzey, Tickfaw, La.

There has been a complete change at Kenner Junction since our last write-up, Bros. Rheams, Brown and Arnold having severed their connection with the D. O. C., Bro. Jno. Youngblood assigned to first trick at "KU" on bulletin; Bro. J. S. Scott, a newcomer, assigned to third trick on bulletin; a Mr. Pearce, formerly dispatcher, from the T. & P., is working second trick at present. Bro. J. R. Harris was assigned to second trick, but was taken out of the service for being under twenty-one years of age. What do you know about that?

Bulletin is now out for the agency at Mannac, La., on account of the death of Bro. C. Galvani.

The position of night manager at "MO," McComb, has been filled, after having to take the

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matter to the general manager. Bro. W. J. Thompson secured the assignment.

Bro. J. R. Tucker, extra dispatcher, is now doing the car distributing act at McComb.

Bro. L. L. Chambers has returned from a flying trip to Chicago. Was relieved by Bro. G. W. Parr.

The many friends of Bro. A. Y. Steger are glad to learn of his promotion to the position of division freight claim agent. He was day telegrapher at Hazelhurst, Miss., for quite a while.

The Great Northern will commence to operate passenger trains into Jackson, Miss., on July 1. An interlocking plant will be installed at Elton, Miss. (the junction point with the I. C.), which will give employment to three telegraphers.

Sister E. Summer has resigned as second trick telegrapher at Yazoo City, and has accepted a position with the W. U. at El Paso.

Bro. F. E. Rehorst has been badly treated by somebody. He asked for transportation and relief in order to attend the convention at Atlanta, as delegate from this division, but was unable to get "RJ," besides his transportation did not come. Understand all the other delegates on the I. C. got prompt relief and transportation.

Bro. W. P. Ely has been assigned to the position of day telegrapher at Hazelhurst, on bulletin. His former position, the night job at Morey, Miss., has been closed.

Bro. C. Gill, agent at Bogue Chitto, Miss., is on the sick list and is being relieved by Bro. M. F. Freeman.

Sister Jessie Tatom, second trick at Crystal Springs, has resumed work after a severe illness of several weeks at her home in Summit, Miss. Relieved by Bro. Rehfeldt.

Bro. Sam Turner, first trick at Hammond, La., has been granted a sixty days' leave of absence, and will take an extended trip through the West.

Charley Kleppinger, "KR," at "BD," New Orleans, continues to feed out of the O. R. T. trough. Says he wishes the boys would hurry up and get another $5.00 raise, as he needs the money. Charley has a wonderful nerve, indeed.

Bro. G. C. Davis, late of the Mo. Pac., is working extra at Hammond, La., relieving Bro. Turner.

Ed Dunning, first trick at Harahan Junction, and Henry Fitzgerald, second trick at Asylum, Miss., are highly enthusiastic over the telephone. They say the 'phone has killed the O. R. T. goose. (Great applause.)

Bro. J. L. Phillips has been assigned to second trick at Harahan yards, "ND" office, on bulletin. No doubt he is glad to get away from the bunch of razor-backs at "HN" office.

The good old Louisiana Division is now leading the procession with a 95 per cent membership. Take it from us, that's going some. Everybody get busy and keep busy and let's make it 100 per cent.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved brother, Chas. Galvani; be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, By Louisiana Division, No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER.

F. E. REHORST,
JAKE BOGUE,
S. C. TURNER,
J. W. MILLER,
Committee.

Memphis Division—

There were quite a few turned out to the meeting which was held at Clarksdale Sunday, April 18th.

The following brothers sent in applications for membership in "The Dixie Telegraphers' Club:" J. G. Howell, G. S. McHenry, L. S. Bradley, W. M. Carter, J. C. Henry, G. R. Stokeley, I. E. Stokeley, R. L. Anderson, T. J. Trull, T. C. Rowland, W. P. Farleigh, J. B. Gladney, R. R. Green and E. T. Backstrom.

Bro. R. R. Green was nominated and elected assistant local chairman on Sunflower District, and Bro. T. J. Trull was nominated and elected assistant local chairman on Talla District. The boys on these districts will confer with these brothers relative to anything which will require adjustment; also if they have notes for publication in the journal.

Bro. R. L. Anderson is on thirty days' leave of absence. He took in the convention at Atlanta for a few days and reports having had a good time. Relieved by a Mr. Cahall.

Bro. E. E. Clark bid in the Phillipp agency.

Bro. W. W. Stumph, late of Greenwood, bid in Tunica agency.

Bro. Harris, the agent at Lake View, is laying off for a while. Relieved by Bro. Alexander, he being relieved by Mr. Holly, an extra agent and telegrapher. Understand Mr. Holly will later go to Glendora as agent temporarily until the position is filled on bulletin.

Telegrapher Humphreys got second trick at Greenwood on bulletin.

Bro. Sullins is holding third trick at Lake Cormorant while Bro. Hardin is on a short vacation.

Telegrapher Mitchell is doing the third trick stunt at West Junction. He is from the L. & N. Ry.

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Bro. Parrish is holding down the second chair at West Junction.

Bro. Smith, third trick telegrapher at West Junction, died May 9th. We did not get the particulars from the terminal boys, but we understand that he died of consumption.

At the present writing Bro. Moore is absent attending the convention and also conferring with the Joint Rate Committee at Jackson, of which he is chairman.

Our genial traveling auditor, Mr. J. M. Peay, has a very solemn countenance these days, and when asked what is the matter he replies by saying: "Too many transfers." Brothers, this is a fact. The changes that have taken place on this division in the last month is something enormous. Your correspondent can learn of but few, and it is up to you boys to give us some dope as well as to locate the nons and get after them.

DIV. COR.

Tennessee Division—

While I have never been appointed correspondent, I am always glad to lend a helping hand in anything that well help the cause along. Being centrally located on the Tennessee Division, I should be able to gather some of what is going on. If there is any one on the division who is willing to help me, I would thank him to have all notes to me on or before the 20th of each month, in order that I may get them to press on schedule time.

Business is improving and it is time we were getting together and making suggestions as to what can be done to better our conditions, bearing in mind that all should give the best service possible.

Bro. Starkweather, the second trick man at Cairo ticket office, who recently married, has returned to work. Bro. Pearl, regular first trick man, held down second trick, and Bro. F. T. Nesmith, first trick at Cairo while Bro. Starkweather was off.

Bro. Hood, from Illinois Junction, has been off several weeks. Relieved by Bro. Bollinger, a newcomer from East St. Louis.

Bro. Woolridge, the second trick man at the ticket office, Fulton, Ky., is off a few days on account of sickness. Relieved by Extra Dispatcher Brown.

Our worthy brother, E. L. Mathis, agent at Greenfield, Tenn., who was elected delegate to the convention at Atlanta, has just returned, reporting everything carried out in fine shape. He was gone about ten days. First trick telegrapher. Bro. R. D. Hunt did the agency stunt while Bro. Mathis was off, and Bro. Scott relieved Bro. Hunt.

Bro. J. E. House is still on the extra board. He is now working as telegrapher at Medina, through the fruit season.

Bro. Stockdale, of Frogmoor, is laying off a few days, visiting home folks and relatives, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Piggott.

Bro. Hamilton, direct from Ripley, but formerly of Bolivar, has again bid the latter place permanently.

Bro. J. M. Graves is doing the agency stunt at Taylor while Bro. Turner is on vacation. Bro. Graves was relieved by Bro. Matthews, from Oxford.

It is rumored that the chief clerk from Jackson landed Dyersburg agency. We are unable to learn his name.

Bro. Byrns, from Mayfield, is relieving the ticket agent, Mr. Merwin, at Jackson, Tenn., for a few days.

The president, Mr. J. T. Harahan, has been passing over this division quite often lately. Do not know his exact mission, but suppose he is looking over the situation in general.

A correction and I will close: I wish to say that where I have previously used "Mr. Morris," it should have read Bro. Morris, and where I have used Bro. W. Maxwell, it should have been Mr. W. Maxwell.

I will try to keep this going the best I possibly can until some one else sees fit to relieve me, and anything you may send will be appreciated.

O. T. BUFFALOW,
Martin, Tenn.

Louisville Division—

As this division has had no correspondent for some time, I have been appointed division correspondent, and will endeavor to give a few items each month.

On March 18th the union depot at 7th and River burned. This caused the offices of the dispatcher and trainmaster to be moved to Kentucky Street. The telegraphers at Kentucky Street "RN" are now doing the telegraphing for the trainmaster and chief dispatcher. This makes the job a very hard one.

The dispatcher's office has been moved from Paducah to Princeton, which causes three telegraphers to be cut off. Understand Bro. Couch went to Central City, third trick. Am unable to say where other two men went.

We now have a complete telephone system from Louisville to Paducah. Trains are to be run by telephone in the near future. However, the telegraph instruments are still in service.

Bro. G. R. Jacobs is off on a thirty days' vacation, having gone to North Dakota to take up government land.

Bro. D. E. Young, who has been out of the service for the last four years, has been re-employed, and is relieving Bro. Jacobs as second telegrapher at Kentucky Street. We are glad to have Bro. Young with us again, and hope he will not have the misfortune to lose out any more.

Bro. Bill Stewart, has left "UD" dispatcher's office, nights, to do extra agent's work. He is now working at Whitesville, having been relieved at "UD" by Bro. Beard.

Bro. Ed Rowe, at West Point, has a new launch, and invites all the boys to take a trip on the Ohio.

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Bro. J. O. Doyle, second trick at Horse Branch, is off, sick. Bro. J. L. Newman is relieving him.

Second trick at "JA," Louisville, is vacant. Bro. Gray is working there until the vacancy is filled.

Bro. Long has been re-employed, and is working third trick at Tip Top.

Bro. C. B. Williamson, agent at Vine Grove, took a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Penner. Bro. Penner recently resigned to go into business at Vine Grove. We wish him success.

Bro. H. B. Romans, who has been agent at Caneyville for past four years, has resigned to go with the M. & O. Bro. C. G. Rodman, from Graham, is now agent at Caneyville.

The position of division agent is vacant. It is rumored that Bro. Sloan, agent at Leitchfield, will get the job.

I am not familiar with the changes on Paducah district, and if the boys will send me all the news they can secure same will be published each month. As business is very heavy in this office at present time, am unable to secure any more happenings in time to be published in this month's journal. Will try to do better next month.

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Chicago Division—

A meeting of the Chicago Division of System Division No. 93, was held at Gilman, Ill., May 8th, ten members being present, and Chief Telegrapher Searl presiding.

While ten members is seemingly a small attendance, yet when we consider the inconvenience most of us are put to in order to attend these meetings, we must admit that even an attendance of ten or twelve members is a pretty good showing. Let us hope that the attendance will not fall below that number, and let each and every one do his best to be present at the meetings. It has occurred to the writer that a few brothers have in times past been somewhat disappointed or grieved at some particular action taken by the members as a body, or at some ruling of the chairman, on certain questions appertaining in some degree to said member's personal welfare, and on account of their being unable to get rulings directly in accordance with their ideas, have taken serious objections either to the chairman or the Order as a body and have, in consequence, either refused to attend meetings or pay dues, thereby weakening the strength of the brotherhood and causing dissensions that should be avoided, and would not occur if each and every one would carefully consider the welfare of the membership as a whole instead of his own petty self. Let us endeavor to avoid the smaller things and look forward to the greatest good to the greatest number.

Bro. Pendergast secured Weedman agency and Bro. Zumwalt the first trick at Farmer City on bulletin.

Bro. Bough has resigned Galton agency to accept extra work as relief agent.

Young Mr. Woods secured third trick at Farmer City on bulletin.

Bro. C. O. Stone, of Paxton first trick, is on ninety-day vacation; relieved by Bro. R. C. Spangle, a new man.

Bro. Thomas Powers, of Irwin, is enjoying a vacation of thirty days, taking in the sights around New Orleans. We do not know who relieved him.

The third trick at Champaign was bid in by Bro. L. L. Bosley, of Tolono, and the first trick at Tolono, made vacant by Bro. Bosley's advancement was bid in by Bro. Newman, of Monee.

Bro. B. E. Hull, of Otto, is taking fifteen days leave of absence; relieved by Mr. E. A. Axton, regular second trick man, who was relieved by Bro. J. E. Wolf.

Bro. F. Dougan, of Chebanse has resumed his duty as agent after being absent thirty days.

Bro. E. J. Wolf, of Clifton is off for a thirty days leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Madison.

Bro. Madox, formerly of Paxton, bid in night position in the dispatcher's office at Kankakee. Paxton is being filled by Bro. J. E. Wolf while on bulletin.

It is understood that our old correspondent, now at Cooksville, has turned loose and is now running a ham factory at that place. We are sorry for this, as we are always sorry to see any old-timer turn traitor and show the white feather. Who would have thought it from one who has heretofore seemingly been so over-zealous in our cause. Come, Brother, be a man among men, and lend your good influence where it will bring about good for yourself and others of your profession. You have only a small station and your work can not justify your course in taking in a student.

Bro. Crannel, at Tolono, who has been holding down first trick temporarily, is now back on second trick, which is his regular position.

Farina station is open for bids. Agents should not overlook the superintendent's letter of March 30th, and adhere closely to the instructions set forth in this letter, as the above vacancy has occurred from the cause outlined therein. Whatever the outcome may be, Bro. Hebron and his estimable little wife have the sympathy of the entire brotherhood.

Bro. McKnight, of Melvin, who has been off a few days, made a short trip to Ft. Worth, Texas; relieved by Mr. R. J. McCann, of Chestnut, Ill.

We receiyed nice bunch of items from Brother Hull, of Otto and Bro. Stone, of Paxton, this month, for which we are truly thankful. Others should fall in line and keep the correspondent informed.

J. F. C.

Omaha and Cherokee Divisions—

A regular meeting of the Cherokee-Omaha Division was held at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, on the evening of April 26. About fifty-five members were present. The meeting was called to order by Chief Telegrapher Hill. He was assisted by Secretary-Treasurer S. P. Farley, First Vice Chief Telegrapher M. A. Penny, Second Vice Chief Telegrapher

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E. E. Empie, and Past Chief Telegrapher C. E. Brace.

On account of the Cherokee and Omaha Divisions now being under one superintendent, it was decided to consolidate the Omaha and Cherokee locals, and that Ft. Dodge be the meeting place. Meetings will be held at least once each month, the date to be set by the chief telegrapher, who will notify all members in good standing by U. S. mail, so there will be no chance for the old excuse, "Did not know there was going to be a meeting," or "I thought it was next week."

If the members continue to turn out as well as they did at the last meeting, there is no doubt but what we can awaken enough interest in the membership to land what few nons we have scattered along the line.

Find out if the man with whom you are working and the men on both sides of you are up to date. If not, get them lined up and that will fix us 100 per cent strong. The way not only this, but every other division should be.

Bro. E. A. Laipple, Ackley, off a few nights; relieved by Bro. C. W. Krell.

Bro. E. E. Richardson resumed work at Knierim. Bro. Fear returned to Alden, relieving Bro. Wightman, who went to Macy.

Bros. Empie and Smith, at Webster City, had to double over a few days, as Telegrapher French was called away on account of sickness.

Bro. C. E. Brace, of Rockwell City, has resigned; Bro. Harker, of Gypsum, is temporarily relief, until the position is bulletined. Bro. Harker was relieved by Bro. Linskey. This puts Telegrapher Wiggs, of "N" office, Arion, to work at Gypsum.

Bro. M. A. Penny, of Denison, is off duty a few days; relieved by a Mr. Loetz, from Wall Lake, nights.

M. O'Bannion, the helper from Woodbine, is relieving at Wall Lake nights.

Bro. C. G. Anderson, second trick dispatcher at Cherokee, is on a ten-day leave of absence.

Bro. L. J. Mooney is relieving Bro. C. G. Anderson at Cherokee.

Bro. H. B. Olsen, of Storm Lake, is relieving Bro. Mooney at "DS" office, Cherokee.

Bro. F. W. Hobbs is working second trick at yard office, Sioux City.

It is learned that Bro. Francois at Meriden is the leading man in a local theatrical company forming there, and is meeting with success.

It is rumored that Alta is to have a new cement block depot. This is certainly needed.

The Government has ordered fifty cars of rock from East Sioux Falls. This will keep Bro. Miller busy for a while.

Bro. C. H. Smith, of Oto, is at Sioux City, where he took his wife to the hospital for an operation.

Mr. F. J. Meyers is relief at Oto.

The wire has been cut back into Ben Clare station.

Bro. A. J. Hoskins, formerly at Alta, is now located at Valley, Washington, as agent, and would be glad to hear from any of the boys.

Mr. M. L. French was called to Calumus, Iowa, on account of the serious illness of his mother, who passed away May 2d, at 1:30 a. m. Bros. Smith and Empie had to double over during French's absence account of the scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. Fear has returned to Alden, his regular station, on account of Bro. Richardson returning to work at Knierim. Bro. Richardson was away on a four-months' leave of absence.

Bro. Wigg, agent at Williams, has returned from a short vacation spent in Dakota, where he has land interests. He reports everything lovely and he may some day start farming where he can make more than a living.

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Indianapolis Southern Ry.

Mr. E. C. Russell, our chief dispatcher, had the misfortune to lose his father on March 31st, who died at his home in Indianapolis. Burial took place at La Fayette, Ind. (the old homestead), on Friday, April 2d. Mr. Russell has the heartfelt sympathy of the Indianapolis Southern telegraphers in his bereavement. The telegraphers contributed liberally to the amount collected to obtain a floral offering.

Mr. J. G. Shepherd was relieved at Stoy, March 27th, by Bro. McCord. He went to Indianapolis.

Mr. J. G. Shepherd, extra, relieved F. E. Richie, agent at Bargersville, Ind., ending bulletin March 31st.

Telegrapher F. G. Creach is working extra, third trick at Linton, pending bulletin.

Bro. Glass, of Solsberry, was off duty March 30th, and with his family spent the day in Indianapolis.

Bargersville agency, and Linton third trick, were bulletined March 31st.

Bro. B. B. Small, the agent at Dugger, secured Bargersville on bulletin and withdrew, which gave it to Bro. Glass, of Solsberry.

Bro. Sherrill, nights, at Morgantown, was off duty April 11th and 12th. He was relieved by Bro. McCord.

The day telegrapher at Stoy has been pulled off on account of slack business, which leaves Bro. Fox to do the telegraphing.

F. M. Mathews is working second trick at Sullivan, temporarily, while J. Melton is laying off.

Bro. W. E. Wood, first trick at Palestine, was off duty a few days during the first part of April; relieved by Bro. McCord. We understand that Bro. Wood visited relatives.

Bro. J. S. Milan, agent at Helmsburg, is taking sixty days off, beginning April 10th; relieved by Bro. H. Shepherd, who has been off duty sick Bro. Milan went to Oklahoma to visit his parents.

Bro. A. H. Howard, regular second trick man at Linton, who was off for thirty days, has resigned. We have not been able to learn Bro. Howard's intentions.

One trick at Duggar was pulled off April 1st. on account of slack business, which now makes it

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a twelve-hour job for the night man It has been closed, days, as a telegraph office.

Bro. Glass, of Solsberry, and Bro. Warnick, of Victoria, spent Sunday, April 11th, at Dugger.

It is understood that our new local chairman, Bro. Calvert, of Sullivan, refused to act. Have not heard particulars.

Bro. Warnick, the agent at Victoria, was the successful applicant for the third trick at Linton. Has not been relieved at Victoria at this writing.

Solsberry agency bulletined April 11th, and Victoria agency bulletined April 12th.

Linton, second trick, bulletined April 17th.

Bro. Glass and family, of Solsberry went to Bargersville, Sunday, April 18th, to locate a house.

Bro. G. D. Clements, the agent at Bloomfield, was off about a week the latter part of March; relieved by Bro. G. D. Sherrill, night man at Morgantown. We have been unable to learn what called Bro. Clements away.

Mr. J. Meltonback is working second trick at Sullivan.

Mr. F. M. Mathews to Palestine, second trick, to relieve Mr. Chas. Christman on account of sickness.

Bro. I. F. Harris, agent at Francis, off two or three days the latter part of April. Relieved by Bro. McCord.

Bro. F. A. Bales, agent at Anita, gets Solsberry agency. Do not know who gets second trick at Linton.

Bro. H. Shepherd, acting agent at Helmsburg, was the successful applicant for Victoria.

Telegrapher Creach worked at Morgantown a few nights during the latter part of March, while Bro. Sherrill relieved Bro. Clements.

Bro. H. N. Wentz, the agent at Morgantown, was off three days during the latter part of March, visiting relatives in Bluffton, Ind. Bro. Sherrill, the night man, relieved him, and Mr. Creach, extra, relieved Bro. Sherrill.

The last meeting held on the I. S. was at Linton, Ind., June 21st, 1908. It seems that we could have a few meetings and stir up interest among the boys. There is getting to be an awful lot of nons on the line, and unless we get together and do something there will soon be nothing else. Linton is the best place on the road to hold meetings. The boys from the south end can arrive there at 7:55 p. m., and from the north at 8:15 p. m., and return on Nos. 51 and 52 that night or wait for Nos. 32 and 33 next morning.

I have now learned that Bro. Clements, local chairman, is arranging for a meeting at Linton, in the near future, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for a hall, etc.

About the first of April, I sent to each station on the I. S. a letter asking each one to make a note of the changes taking place at his station and send them to me. A glance over the above items will show that several changes have been made during the month of April, and had it not been for Bros. Young and Evans at "Q," Indianapolis and Sherrill, at Morgantown, the write-up for this month would have been slim, indeed. I do not think there is a man on the road that has any more work to do than Bro. Young, still he has found time to keep track of the changes that have come to his notice, and tell me about them, and to him we are indebted for about two-thirds of these items. If the rest of the fellows would take a little interest in this we would have a nice write-up in the journal each month. I hope to receive more items in the future from the boys along the line.

CORRESPONDENT.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Eastern Division—

We did not notice any write-up in last month's journal. This was caused by the writer being away on account of sickness, and not getting the news to the editor in time. We will see that this does not occur again, however.

Wouldn't it be a good plan for each member on this division to endeavor to send the local chairman at least one news item each month. Let's try this and note the results.

Bro. Obrine, of Fairgrounds, has been taking a few days' vacation, and visiting his mother in Marshalltown, Ia. He was relieved by Telegrapher Maynard.

Bro. J. A. Phillips has resumed duty as second trick man at Bolten.

Telegrapher R. C. Chinn was the successful applicant for the third trick at Kent.

Bro. J. P. Wownie bid in second trick at Pearl City, and resumed his duties there the 15th, after taking a few days' vacation visiting friends at Chicago.

Bro. E. Jackson, who was working relief at Pearl City while same was bulletined, has bid in the agency at Esmond.

Bro. N. H. Cornel, of Pearl City, was taking in the sights at Dubuque after pay day.

Telegrapher Robinson bid in third trick at Elizabeth.

Bro. R. D. Keys bid in the second trick at Rice.

Telegrapher Mayard bid in the second trick at Farley.

Bro. F. Peters is working third trick at Graf, and Mr. Harris has second trick there, which he received on bulletin.

We are glad to see many of the nons lining up. Keep after them and it will be but a short time until we are solid on this end. Send the names of all nons to your local chairman, who will try his hand in landing them.

Gretna has been closed between 2:30 a. m. and 7:30 a. m., cutting out the third trick man, making it a two-man station.

Clare has been closed, nights, making it twelve hours for Bro. Consgrove.

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. McLaughlin, mother of Bros. V. B. and Joe McLaughlin, and a sister of Bro. E. R. Clay, of Lily Lake. The brothers have the heartfelt sympathy of all.

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Our detective, Prindenville, succeeded in landing some of the car thieves who have been robbing the merchandise cars on Nos. 61 and 73 all winter, between Chicago and So. Elmhurst.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Southwest Division—

Mr. A. C. Crabtree drew the agency at Norwood on bulletin No. 48.

Mr. E. J. Stimm is relieving Bro. Judd, first trick at Marshalltown; Bro. L. M. Wilson, second trick, and Bro. S. H. Stephenson, third trick.

The second trick telegrapher at Baxter has been taken off. Bro. J. A. Small going to third trick at Valeria.

The night office at Fairbank has been closed, Bro. C. H. Everitt doing the relief act at Berlin. Bro. C. A. Scarborough has taken third trick at Peru.

Bro. H. H. Hilfinger has accepted a position in the city office at Kansas City, Kan.

Bro. H. F. King is relieving Mr. L. G. Nuzum at Gladbrook, and Bro. C. F. McCall is pulling the levers on third trick.

One telegrapher has been taken off at Reinbeck. This caught Bro. E. A. Bertholf, who is now enjoying a visit at his home in Winterset, Ia.

Bros. Judd and Reed, who went to Canada to buy land, are reported to be on the way home.

Mr. J. R. Wright drew the agency at Valeria.

Bro. J. V. Goin drew third trick at Diagonal.

Bro. H. W. Howe, one of the old-timers, is agent at Green Mountain.

Bro. C. F. McCall, of the Grand Division, and Bro. H. H. Hilfinger, of Division No. 128, transferred to our division last month.

It is rumored that Bro. N. C. Iles, of Afton Jct., has left the service of the company.

Bro. Phumphery, of Leavenworth, has entered the service of C. R. Berry, A. G. F. A., at St. Joseph. Bro. Sandemeir is relieving him until position is bulletined.

Bro. J. A. Langon, telegrapher in "FD" office, St. Joe, with his wife and daughter, attended the convention at Atlanta. He also visited several other points of interest in the sunny South.

Bro. A. L. Coleman, our local chairman, attended the convention at Atlanta as delegate. On his return he and his wife will visit a few days at his old home in Cairo, and Anna, Ill. This being his first visit in twenty-three years.

We are pleased to note the interest shown for the O. R. T. by our hustling Sister Mrs. C. A. VanSant, third trick at Leavenworth, also Bro. L. M. Wilson, assistant local chairman at Marshalltown. I think all brothers should make it a point to make organizers of themselves and try and make the division solid. Brothers, let's put our shoulders to the wheel, each one picking out a non and trying to land him, as we want to be solid when the committee goes in this fall.

The writer wishes to thank the brothers for the news sent him. Send me all the news so we can have a write-up every month. L. M. W.

Ft. Dodge Division—

Bro. W. H. Mooney has been transferred from the second trick at Hampton to the second trick at Carroll.

L. J. Pion secured second trick at Hampton.

Telegrapher P. D. Bugle, of Somers, was off duty a few days last month. He was relieved by Telegrapher L. J. Pelti.

Bro. McClintock, of Carroll, relieved Bro. Bice, of Lanesboro, last month. Bro. Bice was on the sick list for two weeks, but has now resumed duty.

Bro. Hodges has appointed me division correspondent, and I want to make it a go, but must have assistance, so please send news to me at Rinard. CERT. 200.

Northwest Division—

During May the C. G. W. time tables underwent a severe change. Several trains were discontinued and a few new ones put on.

Stanton has been opened as a night block office, and Telegrapher L. J. Green has charge.

Telegrapher Gunvalson, who held third trick at McIntire for some time, has left the service.

Bro. C. Judd, second trick at Hampton, was quite ill for a week, but was not compelled to lay off.

Bro. E. C. Hodges, general secretary and treasurer, was the successful bidder on the agency at Belmond, and was installed there regularly May 7th.

Telegrapher Adams, formerly of Coates, after working a few weeks at Vlasaty went to Hampton, third trick, relieving Telegrapher McCullum.

Mr. O. Peterson relieved Telegrapher Adams at Vlasaty.

The Northwest Division has increased 11 per cent in membership within the past ninety days. This is a better increase than this division has shown before in its history. That local chairman of ours is fast with the lasso, and if he keeps in the whirl and at the gait he has taken, we predict a complete roping-in of all eligible nons on the division.

Bro. A. Whitcraft, agent at Taopi, is back to work again. Telegraphers Maxfield and Jenkins are on their regular tricks, and Bro. J. C. McCall has been transferred to Sumner, third trick.

Telegrapher Congdon, third trick at Sumner, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Bro J. C. McCall.

Bro. Berresford, of Hayfield, was off a few weeks; relieved by Telegrapher W. A. Allen.

Bro. McElrath took a short lay-off on Bro. Berresford return to Hayfield.

Skyburg was closed as a night block office when the new time card took effect.

Telegrapher E. L. Johnson relieved Telegrapher McCulum on third trick at Dodge Center.

Bro. Foreman, first trick at Hayfield, went to Randolph on a fishing excursion with Telegrapher E F. Green, an old-timer here.

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Telegrapher Lewis, who has had the State street yard office for some time, has left the service, and Telegrapher Armstrong, formerly of Hayfield, has the yard office. DIV. COR.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Fifth Division—

A regular meeting was held in Savannah, April 25th, with an average attendance. Matters of considerable importance were discussed and disposed of. A spirit of aggressiveness was displayed by those present, and it is believed that a strong effort will be made to eliminate the non, or at least, reduce him to an unnoticeable minimum.

The meeting was addressed thirty minutes by Mr. C. S. Patten, our trainmaster, and many things relating to our duties were touched upon by him. He sought to elucidate the standard rules, especially those relating to the handling of train orders, train-order signals (red flag and light), semaphores, etc. No doubt Mr. Patten's talk will prove beneficial to those who were present.

As before stated, our local chairman will have other of our officials address the membership at our monthly meetings when convenient.

It is, of course, understood that the purpose of our Order is to promote and maintain a high grade of efficiency among the membership, as much so as to advance its interests in the way of salary increases and better working conditions, and it is with that end in view that our railway officials are asked to address our meetings on timely topics relating to the every-day routine duties of the members of the O. R. T.

So far as we have been able to learn, Bro. A. F. Fanning, of Abbeville, was the only member from the Fifth Division who attended the convention in Atlanta. We had hoped that quite a number would attend, as no doubt they would had they been able to obtain relief.

Mr. M. E. Graham has again entered the service, and has been installed as agent at Coney. Miss McRae, whom Mr. Graham relieved, has left the service.

J. L. Jones has been installed as agent at Union, vice W. G. Barnes.

Miss Georgia Anderson goes to Preston, relieving Alex. Cobb.

Bro. D. C. Smith, of Ocilla, has been elected a member of the board of education of Irwin County.

Uuderstand the "Dixie Telegraph Institute," located at Abbeville, has "kerflummoxed" and dried up. The erstwhile "Professor" Rudd has expressed a desire to renew his membership in the Order. We certainly have little to fear from schools of this character.

Bro. H. Griffin, of Hagan, has recently invested in a new Oliver and a swell typewriter table.

CERT. 147.

LEMON SPRINGS, N. C., May 23, '00.

To all members Second Division—

Please mail me at once a list of all nons working in your territory on this division of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Also the names and addresses of all newcomers to your territory, non or member, and if a member, state division he is from that I may have him transferred to this division. Our next regular meeting will be held in the Hamlet Hotel, Hamlet, room 62, over the lobby, third Saturday night in July. We trust all members with up-to-date cards will attend this meeting.

W. L. MOORE,
Local Chairman.

Bro. Glass has been on an excursion; relieved by Telegrapher Wrenn, of Ruffin, N. C.

Bro. Baucome, of Cary, enjoyed South Carolina atmosphere for a few days in May.

Bro. Wrenn, of Apex, was relieved by his brother, Carter, while he enjoyed a few days' rest during the latter part of May.

Bro. Thomas was present at the last meeting.

Bro. Muse Cameron seems to have organized a professional baseball team at Vass or Cameron for the season.

Sauls, Johnson Street, has relieved Bishop at Hamlet, Bishop going to Wingate.

Nearly all the members were gratified to see Bro. Marsh, of Marshville, out to the meeting in May.

Bro. Milliken, of Clarkton, says things on the C. C. east are getting in better shape.

The correspondent would like very much to hear from Bro. Rowe at Middendorf and Bro. Ledbetter at Camden.

Bro. Guess, of Method, went over to Monroe, a few days ago.

Bro. Baucome, of Cary, took a trip home, then to Blaney, then to Charlotte and back to Cary. Relieved by Telegrapher Carter Wrenn.

Bro. N. C. Hines, of Cary, has been elected cashier of the bank of Cary. This same brother was elected mayor of his town in May, by a large majority. This shows that our men can do something else besides hammer a telegraph key, and it also shows that the public realizes the fact.

Bro. N. E. Hughes, from the Atlantic Coast Line, has been placed at Sanford, third trick.

We hope all the members will make a special effort to tax the nons with questions and invitations between now and June 1st, or always thereafter until they see their way to join us.

The local chairman, Bro. Moore, at Lemon Springs is very anxious that all members let him have a complete list of nons in their territory at once. Bro. Moore is doing some very hard work, and it is our duty to assist him as far as possible.

Get lively and enjoy the protection of your order by getting all within and then go to the meetings in Hamlet.

Watch yourself and see that the merchant gets the cash for nothing but the union label goods. It pays.

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S. P. L. A. & S. L. Ry.

Bro. Frank Geiger, of Afton, Calif., was elected delegate to the convention at Atlanta from this division. We congratulate ourselves on having so good a man on the job.

Mr. M. C. Keefe, Washington, D. C., Inspector Interstate Commerce Commission of the Block and Train Control Board, is in this locality, investigating the hours of service and other matters pertaining to the laws which went into effect March, 1908. Expect to see him later and will, perhaps, be able to give you something of interest next month.

Bro. G. L. Stafford, the agent at Arden, Nev., is laying off on account of sickness. Relieved by J. N. Grandee, second trick at Kelso, and he was, in turn, relieved by Mr. Eden.

Bro. A. W. Hayes, from the general office at Salt Lake, to Las Vegas, and later to Garfield, Utah, on account of a reduction in force at first-named place.

Bro. C. H. Dailey, who was formerly editor of a Salt Lape paper is now proprietor of a newspaper at Milford, Utah. Though Bro. Dailey has not been in the telegraph service for a number of years, he keeps up to date and says he is going to continue doing so. Here's hoping for his success in the new venture.

There have been a number of changes among the brothers on the Salt Lake Division of late, but have not the exact "dope" at hand. Wish the brothers would advise me of what's doing in that neck of the woods, so that items of interest to them can appear in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Orange shipments have begun to the East, resulting in a number of extra trains over the system. Trust the boys are all "hitting the ball," as delays to these trains are costly.

Have received a number of letters from brothers in the East inquiring the conditions on this road and the demand for telegraphers. Have been obliged to tell them, that while conditions are good, there is a great surplus of telegraphers throughout the West.

L. R. TUTTLE,
G. S. & T.

D., S. S. & A. Ry.

Western Division—

Mr. H. G. Lytle, agent at Ewen, off on a vacation; relieved by regular relief agent, Mr. Ed Schulse.

Bro. M. J. Clossey has resumed duty as agent at Trout Creek, after spending fifteen days in Lower Michigan.

Wish all the brothers on the West End would take a lively interest in obtaining items for the journal, so that we may have a good write-up from this division every month. Send all items to Bro. L. R. Brown, division correspondent, Republic, Mich.

"CS."

Mackinaw Division—

Everything is apparently moving along nicely on the Mack Division and business seems to be about the same along the pike as it was last month.

Bro. Thos. Cathers, formerly of Trout Lake, is now on the Soo Line at Buffalo, Minn. Bro. Don Levy says he will be quitting about the 20th. Sorry to see these boys leaving us. We wish them good luck wherever they may go.

There are still a few nons on our division and some who are in arrears. Let us all take hold and see what we can do on the Mack Division. Every one of us should be interested in the matter of being solid.

Would like a few notes each month from some of the boys on Mack Division. Send them to the local chairman and he will see that they reach our correspondent.

A BROTHER.

Houghton Division—

I have not received an item this month. The members must work with me if they wish a write-up to appear monthly, as it is impossible for me to keep in touch with all that is going on along the line.

A bulletin has just been received covering the agency at Dollar Bay.

We understand that a station is to be opened at Herman in the near future, Mr. L. B. Preston, of Summit, taking the position. We are unable to say who goes to Summit.

Bro. L. R. Brown, agent at Republic, is expecting relief the latter part of May, and plans a trip through Lower Michigan and Ohio.

Ore shipping has commenced and business is brisk around the iron country. Several extra crews are working "around the horn" at present.

"RA."

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Bro. Niles, second trick man at Marysville, was off three days; relieved by Telegrapher D. H. Clement.

Bro. H. A. Scott at Findlay freight house, was off duty a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. P. L. Beightler.

Bro. R. F. Gordon, second trick at Bowling Green, off duty about two weeks; relieved by Bro. P. L. Beightler. Later Bro. Beightler was relieved at that point to relieve Bro. C. W. Sheldon at Dundridge, as Telegrapher Clement was not able to handle the agent's work at Dundridge.

Telegrapher H. E. Perry, former agent at Centerburg, relieved Bro. C. E. Johnson at Kenton, to allow Bro. Johnson to attend the grand convention at Atlanta.

Telegrapher P. E. Ebert, from the dispatchers' office at Columbus, off a few days; relieved by Bro. C. L. Bogart, from Corning. Unable to say who relieved Bro. Bogart.

Bro. J. S. Dilger, the second trick man at Thurston, is off a few days, relieved by Telegrapher D. H. Clement.

Bro. G. T. McMahon, one of our old members, struck by the panic of 1907, writes that he is now working for the Northern Pacific at Livingston, Montana.

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Bro. Shelhouse, second trick at Fostoria, has purchased a camera and embarked in the photograph business.

Telegrapher DeVore, first trick at Thurston, spent Sunday evening, May 2, at Columbus.

Extra Telegrapher Rinehart is relieving agent at New Riegel few days.

Bro. Wiseman, second trick Whitmore, spent one day at Spore, April 30th.

Professor Fisher (FH) office, Toledo, got confused while getting a 31 form order completed and gave Bro. Chandler's name as conductor. Bro. Chandler is the third trick telegrapher at Whitmore.

Bro. Chandler spent Sunday, May 16th, at Mermill, visiting friends. Extra Telegrapher Messmore is working second trick at Whitmore, while Bro. Wiseman is taking ten days vacation.

CERT. 64.

M. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

Winnipeg Division—

Our local chairman, Bro. T. E. Crandell, of Bisbee, was recently on a five days' trip, endeavoring to line up some of the desirable nons.

L. C. Pearson, who has been agent at Fairdale since that station was opened, is leaving the service to go with the Grand Trunk. We all notice he does not seek employment with a non-scheduled road, and we trust the Grand Trunk boys will teach him a lesson that the G. T. R. R. is not a line for nons.

Claude Chaffee, who has been agent at Conway for the past year, has left the service and is going into business at Kramer. Mr. Philstrom is working temporarily until an assignment is made.

Bro. A. B. Clausen has left Alvarado and gone to Wahkon, Minn., as agent. Bro. Cline is acting agent at Alvarado until the assignment is made.

Bro. L. W. Moon, the agent at Radium, has been enjoying a three weeks' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Philstrom.

Bro. J. B. Schaefer, who has been agent at Alsen for the past two year, has been transferred to Brooks, Minn., as agent. Bro. Schaefer deserves a change after sticking at Alsen as long as he did. Mr. H. Kiefer is the present agent.

Bro. Heineke, agent Tolley, will be in his new depot soon, and will have a new home to live in.

It looks as if the majority of agents and telegraphers on this line were leaving, some going into other business, some to other roads and some farming. It is the opinion of the writer that most of us would gladly leave the service if we had the wherewith to go on.

We expect to see our worthy general chairman, Bro. G. W. Lewis, return from the South and renew his efforts to make this road the best of 'em all.

Our road is a small one, but with the extensive building and the addition of the Wisconsin Central as a part of the Soo Line, why should it not be a good idea to put Bro. Lewis on a salary as other lines are doing. A general chairman can accomplish more by devoting all his time to the work.

I have a plan to suggest. Suppose the members be assessed a certain amount each month; say 50c or even $1.00, we could keep Bro. Lewis on the line all the time and the good that he would accomplish would more than repay us.

I have only stated this briefly and would like to hear what others have to say on the subject. Let us start this among the members and see what they think about it.

Bro. Chapman will act as division correspondent and we will all act as assistants, so hereafter please send him all the news you can before the 25th of the month.

CERT. 183.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.

East Iowa Division—

It is with sorrow that I am called upon to chronicle the death of Mr. O. J. Miller, chief dispatcher of the West Iowa Division. Mr. Miller had not been in good health for some time, but had continued working until he was taken seriously ill with pneumonia a few days before his death, which occurred at 3:10 a. m. Wednesday, April 21. The interment was at Des Moines on Friday, April 23, and was attended by a very large company of railroad men, with whom Mr. Miller had been associated during his many years' career on the railroad. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful. The office force in Des Moines gave a large floral piece with the following wording: "31, Complete, 3:10 a. m., O. J. M.," while the other employes and telegraphers along the line gave a large floral piece representing "Gates Ajar." Surely, God moves in a mysterious way.

Bro. L. L. Davenport is filling the vacancy in the agent's sanctum sanctorum at Valley Junction at present.

Bro. D. W. Yates, third man at Newton, is visiting his parents in Peoria, Ill., and taking a little rest.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson, the wife of our genial agent at Metz, has gone on an all-summer's visit to New York.

Telegrapher Teeters, of Kellogg, has been away on account of the sickness of his mother; understand she is improving, which is good news.

I hereby tender my thanks to all the boys for re-electing me chairman for another term, but I still insist that a good thing should be passed around, especially if it has honor attached to it. I also thank you for electing me representative.

Bro. Hall, second trick at Iowa City, is visiting in Seattle, Wash. We expect him back before long.

Bro. W. P. Masters, formerly at Iowa City, is now located at Underwood, Iowa. He has quit the railroad business and says he is making much more money running a general store, and getting some good out of life, too.

Bro. Plumley was in Topeka last month, serving on the auditing committee, appointed to go

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over Bro. Schooler's books. The committee found everything in first-class shape. The writer had a whack at this work last year and can vouch for the first-class part of it.

We sympathize with Bro. Geiger and wife, of Grinnell, in the loss of their baby, but realize that sympathy amounts to little in such a misfortune.

Turnout office, Atalissa nights, and third trick at Walcott have been closed.

Gangs of men are busy putting in the new automatic block and telephone system on the East Iowa, and understand the block and 'phone are both to be working by July 1st.

V. B. Davis, formerly at West Liberty, is now working nights at Elmira.

Bro. Stebbens, second at Victor, has been up in Dakota looking after his homestead.

Guy Richter, the quite fleshy and always good natured Guy, has invested in Colfax town lots. We look for Guy to become one of those bloated real estate owners in the near future.

GEO. H. MEIER.

Kansas Division—

Mr. R. F. Turnell relieved Bro. Barlar, at Caldwell. Did not learn what Bro. Barlar's plans were for the future.

Bro. Rudrow has returned to work at Alma after a short vacation.

Bro. J. H. Clayton, Alta Vista, third trick, is taking a short vacation, being relieved by Bro. E. B. Cowell, a new brother among us. He is just from the East.

Mr. W. E. Stewart is the new agent at Wabaunsee, which position he got on bulletin.

We are glad to see the smiling face of Bro. E. F. Pipkin with us again, after an absence of a few months. He is doing the relief stunt at present, having been at Alta Vista, Holton, etc.

Bro. C. L. Johnson has been transferred to Clyde nights, relieving Mr. Peebles.

Mr. H. M. Zirkle bid in the Riley agency. Did not learn where Bro. Harris is going.

Zeandale was closed a few days this month, owing to the death of Bro. Huggins' little three-year-old boy. Bro. Huggins has the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Business is reported good on the Clay Center line by Bro. M. L. Logan, assistant local chairman.

O. E. Bonecutter, agent, and Bro. W. R. Phares, second trick at Maple Hill, are taking a few weeks vacation and camping out along the roaring waters of Mill Creek, near Vera. Their object in so doing is to angle for the finny tribe. As they are both "expert" fishermen, it would not be hard to guess the results.

Bro. Barlar, first trick at Caldwell, was laid up for three weeks during March with small pox.

H. G. Henery, second trick at Caldwell, was up to Wichita April 7 to see the ball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Wichita Jobbers. Mr. Henery is from the "Q," St. Joe Division.

H. N. Anderson has been appointed agent at Pearl, vice E. H. Kahle, resigned.

N. F. Shipper has been appointed agent at Elmont, vice W. P. Grimes, transferred.

I am at a loss to understand why it should be necessary to keep hammering at the nons all the time. It seems to me that they would get their eyes open and see which side their bread is buttered on. Unionism is the only salvation we have, and the sooner the telegraphers realize this the better we will be off Other trades are solid, why can not the telegraphers line up likewise?

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Dakota Division—

Pay your dues for the term ending Dec. 31.

The notes from this division could be greatly increased if the members would send in what items they could get. If they want a write-up every month, it will be necessary that they assist the correspondent by sending in items. I am not in a position to find out all the changes and other items of interest.

I notice a few have not paid dues for the current term. Do not hold back. Dues should be paid at least one month in advance and thus always have an up-to-date card.

There are a number of nons on the division. Don't expect the local chairman to get them all in. He has station duties to perform, the same as any other member. Get busy. We must have a solid front.

Last month our items did not reach the printer in time to be published.

Bro. Finch, of Ellsworth, was called to his home at Clinton on account of the sickness of his parents.

Agent Wm. Mitchell recently visited his old home at Fayette, Iowa, a few days. Guy Tunlailo relieved him.

E. P. Hilton, formerly first trick at Sibley, bid in Granite station, on bulletin. Bro. A. R. Bixby, of Reading, relieved him. Understand Bro. Bixby has a bid in for this position.

Bro. L. A. Heintz, of Harris, has just returned from a three weeks' vacation, spent at his home, in Independence, and at Dubuque, visiting relatives.

Ex-Agent W. P. Wolfe is relieving E. D. Smith, who is spending a week in Wisconsin.

The new hotel at Orleans burned on May 15, being totally destroyed. Understand a new and better one will be built at once.

Another hotel has been opened at Okoboji, and is run by Mr. Edwards, agent. All facilities for fishing, boating, etc., are complete, and was opened May 15.

The depot at Estherville burned May 18. This building has caught fire a number of times before, but had always escaped with but little damage, until the date mentioned, when it was totally destroyed. At present a box car is being used for a freight and ticket office and a coach for a waiting room. A new depot will be erected at once and it will undoubtedly be a modern structure.

Let's have more news for our next write-up.

L. C.

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Colorado Division—

Bro. Cowan, from the D. & R. G. Ry. has been assigned the second trick at Norton, vice E. J. McCarty, resigned.

Mr. F. A. Brown relieved at Dellvale for a few days the fore part of the month.

Mr. Parson was called to Albany, Wis., the first of the month on account of the illness of his mother. He is being relieved as wire chief by Bro. Preston, who is keeping all lines in first class condition.

Extra Dispatcher A. C. Moore is holding down Wire Chief Johnson's trick for a short time, until dispatcher's job opens up. Bro. Johnson is working second trick.

Bro. McGee has resigned his position as agent at Rolston to engage in farming and stock raising, which he claims is more profitable than working on the railway.

Bro. R. B. Allen bid in Ruleton and the change has been made.

Messenger Miss Busch, at Goodland, was off for a week or ten days, taking in the sights in Denver and Colorado Springs. Miss Busch is being relieved by her sister.

Bro. Squires left Goodland for Salt Lake. Bro. Squires did the right thing by handing in his application before leaving. We are unable to say in what business he expects to enter, but wish him success in whatever he undertakes.

Bro. Winnegar, at Calhan, is off for a short time, visiting friends and relatives in Iowa. He is being relieved by a new man by the name of C. A. Ogively.

Andy Wessell, an old-time conductor on this division, has been appointed yardmaster at Limon in place of Mr. Sheehan, who was hurt in an accident recently.

Sister Swindall, who is working third trick at Flagler, is off for a short time, visiting friends in Denver, being relieved by a new man on the line.

Bro. Hansz, of Flagler, spent a few days at Colorado Springs during the fore part of the month, but is again on duty.

Bro. O'Brien is laying off a few days, fixing up his homestead and planting his summer's crop, near Arriba. Relieved by Extra Agent Divinney.

Bro. Sarvis, at Norton, has been laid up for a few days on account of sickness, but are glad to see him again able to be on hand, fully recovered.

Mr. Miller, regular man at Genoa, has returned to work after spending two months in the East with relatives.

Bro. Carter, of Mattison, has been off for some time. We understand that he has a crop to take care of this summer.

We still have a number of nons on this division. Although a special rate was made for their benefit and has had some bearing on a few, but sorry to say that it was still high for some. We certainly have some very cheap ones among us, but we can be thankful that they are few. CERT. 186.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. H. J. Schneck, of Belleville, who has been with the Nebraska Division for a long time, has resigned, and I understand that he is now with the Mo. Pac., at Beloit, as day telegrapher. Bro. Roy Snell, of the Iowa Division, is now holding down the third trick at Belleville No assignment has been made to the place made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Scheck.

There are so many changes going on at Scandia, in the position of night telegrapher, that it is hard to keep track of the men who have been employed during the past three or four weeks.

Bro. A. W. Koontz is relieving Bro. Merrill, at Scandia, while Bro. Merrill is attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga. I understand Bro. Merrill is to be gone three weeks, as he intends to visit relatives at Wilmington, N. C., before he resumes duty at his old post.

Bro. Sleeper, third trick at Mankato, is off a few days on account of being sick, and is being relieved by Mr. Brown.

Mr. B. O. Paisley, first trick telegrapher at Phillipsburg, who has been with the Rock Island at that point for several years is now on a vacation visiting down in New Mexico. Mr. Ira Manion, who used to work in the dispatcher's office at Fairbury, but lately of the Nor. Pac., is now working second trick at Phillipsburg.

No changes are being made on the east end, and no items have been received from the Horton line, which makes our write-up rather small this month. For what we have, we are indebted to Bro. Lee, of Formoso Will try and do better next time. E. M.

El Paso Division—

As the division correspondent has resigned, suppose it's up to me to furnish the "dope" until I can find a brother to fill the position. If any member will volunteer to take the title and make an effort to get a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, I will be glad to make the appointment.

Bro. C. V. Powers, at Wellsford, and Bro. Bert M. Mead, at Bucklin, have been appointed assistant local chairmen of this division.

Bro. J. W. Reeves was recently called to Lucerne, Mo., on account of the home of his parents having been destroyed by fire. Understand the loss was quite heavy. We are sorry to hear of this misfortune coming to Bro. Reeves' relatives, and hope he will soon be in position to return to work.

John Saurer, from the Mo. Pac., is now working third trick at Durham.

Bro. O. H. Thompson, agent at Groveland, made a trip to Hutchinson, Saturday evening, May 22d.

Bro. J. R. Gilby has resigned as agent at Inman. The station is now bulletined. Do not know just now what Bro. Gilby expects to do.

Bro. E. S. Davis has accepted a position with the E. P. S. W. at Tucumcari, N. M.

Several applications were received during May, and I wish to thank the members who assisted me

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in securing them. There are other nons who will come in during June and July if we all keep after them. We must get the El Paso division in better shape.

G. C. Mattics gets second trick at McPherson on bid. Mr. Mattics is a "Bad Egg." He can not understand where the Order is of any benefit to the telegrapher, but he often talks of "Bumping" the younger man who holds a better position.

Bro. B. M. Mead, of Bucklin, is on a vacation and expects to visit some of the non-members while he is away. A good idea. Hope he succeeds in lining up a few of them. Mr. I. L. Pratz is working in his place.

Bro. T. J. Farrell has been checked in as agent at Mineola, having been assigned that station on bid.

Bro. O. P. Jarrett, second trick at Liberal, is enjoying a few days' vacation.

Bro. A. Argo has returned to work at Optima.

Bro. D. H. Cargile has been assigned to Romero station. This station has been closed for some time.

Get busy with the non-members. "No card, no favors." LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

West Iowa Division—

I have asked two or three brothers to write notes for our journal, but their replies were, "I don't know what to write."

I do not pretend to be a writer by any means and the reason why I make an attempt is because I got tired of seeing the "west end" left out in the cold.

We must take more interest and let the rest of the boys know we are alive If anything happens that you think should be given space in our journal write and tell me about it.

It is with sadness that we mention the death of our chief dispatcher, Ora J. Miller, who passed away at his home in Des Moines, April 21st, after an illness extending over several months. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. West Iowa employes contributed a beautiful floral design. The afflicted wife and relatives have the sympathy of his fellow workers. Several members of West Iowa attended the funeral, which was held at Des Moines, April 23d, at 2:30 p. m.

We were all pleased to know that Bro. G. H. Meiers was re-elected local chairman and representative to the Grand convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. J. H. Jones, formerly general manager of A. N. & S. Ry., has severed his connection with that road, and accepted a position in Superintendent Greenough's office as over and short clerk.

Bro. Nancarrow, of Council Bluffs spent part of a day in Atlantic on business. COR.

St. Louis Division—

S. L. Reynolds resigned Freeburg agency. We did not learn where he intended to go, but he was headed for the West.

S. Lawrence is now working at Freeburg, temporarily.

Dispatcher K. F. Jaynes was off a couple of days in April. Day Telegrapher C. H. White doing the dispatching. Mr. W. Morton, traveling freight agent, handled the wire in place of Mr. White.

Bro. J. J. Flint, from Etterville, recently passed through on local, and gave us the glad hand.

S. Lawrence has been released at Freeburg, on acount of defective eye-sight; Elmer Paul relieving.

Lineman B. L. Crummet was up our way May 11thr.

Pleasant Hill, nights, will be open for bids until May 12th.

Vale office will be opened May 15th as night telegraph office.

J. H. Jackson, of Argyle, is off a couple of days; relieved by J. J. Flint, of Etterville.

As I am unable to give the attention to the office of local chairman that I should, I have tendered my resignation to Bro. M. E. Schooler and Bro. W. T. Brown. I hope some brother will take hold and keep things moving on the St. Louis Division.

I wish to thank the brothers who have lent me assistance while local chairman on this division. I also extend my heartiest congratulations to Bros. Schooler and Brown, upon being re-elected general secretary and treasurer and general chairman, respectively, for another term.

J. H. JACKSON, *Local Chairman.*

Des Moines Valley Division —

O. B. McNamee has been appointed division agent. This position has but lately been created on this division, and Mr. McNamee is the first person to fill it. Mac presents a good personal appearance, good habits, is thoroughly familiar with his new duties, and is popular among the agents and telegraphers His success is assured.

A. L. Snodgrass has been appointed agent at Keokuk, vice O. B. McNamee appointed division agent.

Bro. Boling is now agent at Oskaloosa, having been promoted to that position from agent at Evans. The promotion is a well deserved one, and it goes without saying that he will "make good" in his new berth.

Bro. Cross has forsaken his old love—first trick at Ottumwa—and taken up the duties of agent at Evans.

First trick at Oskaloosa passenger station was filled temporarily the latter part of May, by Sister Hanley, while the regular telegrapher, Bro. Gibson, enjoyed a short vacation. Sister Hanley knows the work at that point, from A to Z, having formerly been employed there for a long time.

On account of the United States express office having been moved into the station at Hartley, Bro. Ramsey, agent at that point, has been appointed express agent. He has handled express business for years, at various stations, and is thoroughly familiar with the work.

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A recent bulletin announced the vacancy existing in the position of agent and telegrapher at Monroe. Bro. Warner has accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Monroe National Bank. Shorter hours and more pay. It is rumored that Bro. Moore, agent at Sigourney, will secure Monroe.

Our membership on this division is satisfactory, yet, there is room for improvement. The greatest kickers we have to contend with are the nons. They will tell you, if O. R. T. is mentioned, that the Order never did anything for them. They will continue to sign for the $10.00 or more increase secured for them by the Order, then complain that it is not more; that the Order should do this, that and the other.

Can they point to one thing that has been secured without organization? The only way to secure concessions, is to organize and go after them.

The burning question of the hour: "Are your freight tariffs filed, and are they in order?" Stations of a thousand population and less are receiving tariffs they never have had use for, nor is it probable they will be needed in future. Berries and vegetables, tropical fruits, packing house products, car lots from Texas points, import commodities, and articles exported, car lots, etc., etc., are a few of the tariffs required to be kept on file, and for which we have no use. Tariffs and amendments are arriving on an average of eighteen copies per day.

It keeps the printing shops running full force in order to turn them out, so some one is benefited by this seeming waste of paper. DIV. COR.

Cedar Rapids Division—

Bro. B. I. McDonald, formerly of West Branch, has resigned as telegrapher at that point, and started for the West.

We are sorry to report the death of our former Bro. C. S. Stebbins, which occurred near Independence last week. Bro. Stebbins resigned as agent at Gibson to take position as agent U. S. Express at Independence, but owing to poor health was compelled to take a trip to Arizona, which failed to benefit him, and he was taken back to his home where he passed quietly away. We extend our sympathy to his family and other loved ones.

W. H. Yakish, agent at Lone Tree, is taking a thirty days' vacation, being relieved by Ex-Agent Mr. Smith, formerly agent at Clinton.

Mr. C. A. Clark, telegrapher at Morning Sun, has resigned to engage in other business; Bro. Owens, of West Branch, gets Morning Sun.

Bro. W. A. Willem, third trick at Mediapolis, is off on a leave of absence; relieved by Mr. C. D. Gray. Bro. A. J. Wetmiller, agent at Wapello, has returned to work after an extended visit East; Clark, of Wapello, did relief work. Bro. J. C. Johnson, of Randalia, has resigned, and is on the road selling autos; Mr. G. W. Tripp receives Randalia on bulletin.

Mr. A. Hillman, agent at Oelwein, has been appointed division agent for Cedar Rapids Division. Mr. H. A. Neff, of Decorah, gets Oelwein, and Bro. L. R. Shrempf, of Maynard, gets Decorah; Maynard is bulletined.

L. Kuhn gets Putledge, the old Summit station just south of Cedar Rapids, which has been reopened.

Bro. F. A. Lenner, of Webster, has been taking an indefinite lay-off on account of injuries received some time ago, which has caused him considerable sickness; relieved by Extra Agent Fox.

Bro. R. O. Dewey, of Plate, has received Nichols on bulletin. COR.

Louisiana Division—

A number of changes have taken place on this division recently. Several offices have been closed.

The day telegrapher at Dubach has been pulled off, Leola is closed nights, and Bunn has been opened as a night office. The third man has been put on at Tinsman; "13" they have taken the weighing from the telegraphers at that point, which makes it much nicer for the boys.

Fordyce has been closed nights, J. G. Wyatt taking third trick at Ruston.

Bro. M. I. Adams, an old-time telegrapher, bumped Bro. J. H. White at Jonesboro nights, Bro. White taking third trick at Tinsman.

Bro. J. H. White, formerly telegrapher at Colion, was transferred to Jonesboro, nights. He remained there but a short time and then transferred to Tinsman.

Bro. Adams is now doing the night stunt at Jonesboro. Don't know who relieved Bro. White at Colion at this time..

Bro. C. E. Henry, at Fordyce, off for a few days' rest, relieved by Bro. J. G. Wyatt.

Bro. J. G. Wyatt is now working third trick at Rusten and Bro. Henry is back at his old post.

A night telegraph office has been opened at Bunn station, closing Leola nights. Bro. H. C. Lucking transferred from Leola to Bunn. Bunn is an "out of the way" place, and will be lonesome for Bro. Lucking for a while.

Bro. N. C. Cagle, who entered the services of the company at Leola and later transferred to Banks, is now located at Warren, Ark., as agent for the W. & O. A. We are sorry to lose him, as he was one of our most active supporters.

Mr. Downs, manager of the telegraph office at Eldorado, laid off for a few days visiting friends and relatives in Illinois. He is now back at his old post.

We failed to get our news in last month. The only reason I can assign for the boys not coming across with the news is that they are scarce of material. I know it is not laziness, as there is not a lazy brother on the whole division. New members are filing petitions right along, we are getting stronger, more solid every day. Let's strive to make our division solid. If you know of any nons get busy and see why they are not up to the standard.

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Give their name and address to Bro. J. G. Wyatt, our local chairman at Ruston. He certainly can convince them in a few words.

Bro. C. N. Moffett, agent at Leola, has been appointed assistant local chairman, and is helping make the nons (what few there are) change about some. Hit 'em hard. COR.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Detroit Division—

Bro. Herring, third trick at Vienna, spent May 18th with Bro. Sweeny, at Ida.

Bro. Morgan, of Rockwood, relieved Bro. Lowe at Monroe, one day.

Bro. Arnold, of Norvell, accompanied by Miss Alice Aten, spent Sunday, May 16th, visiting friends at Owosso.

Agent Coder, of Napoleon, spent a few days visiting relatives in Auburn and Ft. Wayne, Indiana; relieved by Bro. Arnold, of Norvell.

Among those who attended the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, were Bro. Maginn, Bro. Wolf and Bro. Lowe; also Telegrapher Zeihr, of Tecumseh, who was relieved by Telegrapher Kohler.

Bro. Lowe, of Monroe, spent May 26th in Cleveland, being called there to attend O. R. T. meeting. CERT. 575.

Michigan Division—

Telegrapher Fritz, of Kendallville, spent a few days in Elkhart on business.

Telegrapher Pancake, who has been located at "WS' tower for several years, has left the service and accepted a position with the Mishawaka Telephone Company. He was relieved by Telegrapher Foltz.

Telegrapher Ritter has returned to his duties after a vacation of thirty days spent in Florida.

The shop at Elkhart has been placed on a 36 hours per week schedule.

Six work trains have been put into service on the Michigan Division. They are building a fourth track at several places.

CERT. 334.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

Lincoln Division—

As I have recently had the honor to be elected to the position of local chairman of the new Lincoln Division, I desire to acknowledge my appreciation by thanking the brothers for the confidence thereby displayed and hope that I shall be able to prove equal to the occasion, but whether I do or not, I shall do my best in any event.

The distribution of the new schedules will be made ere this is in print, and I hope that the membership will not only take notice of the fact that a general reduction of wages on account of the telephones has been overcome, but will also carefully note the text of the agreement.

This agreement, I will remind you, governs our working conditions until the next revision of the schedule, and if we insist that it be strictly observed at all times, it will, I believe, in a great measure increase our welfare in a social respect as much as our welfare is increased by the wage scale in a financial respect, and an observance of the contract should be insisted upon to the same extent as the observance of the wage scale.

I will say that the greatest manifestation of interest has been displayed at the times the general committee has been in session for the purpose of revising the wage scale, while during the intervals the interest appears to fall to a very low ebb at times.

The purpose of having local chairmen is that there may be some one to look after the interests of the brothers during these intervals occurring between the sessions of the general committee and therefore we should all take an active interest in the affairs of the organization at all times, in order that we may reap the benefits provided for us by the labors of the committee.

As conditions inimical to our interests are constantly arising, it is my desire that you call my attention to these things when they come up, in order that we may take steps to have them adjusted as nearly to the satisfaction of all concerned as possible.

The advent of the telephone no doubt will prove to be a fruitful source of grievances and as there is a lower minimum provided for telephone positions than for telegraph positions under certain conditions, all cases of an application of this provision should be referred to your local chairman for an investigation, in order that it may be determined whether or not the circumstances warrant any reduction.

The effort of improving conditions demands as much attention from the members as it does from the local chairman, and if these things are not brought up the chances are he will never know of them, and if they are brought up and he is unable to settle them, he always has our worthy general chairman to fall back on; so I hope to see an active interest displayed regarding all subjects under the jurisdiction of the organization that we may maintain a lively division and get all that we have coming. C. V. LYSINGER, L. C.,
Ravenna, Neb.

Hannibal Division—

From the small beginning of a century ago the trades union movement, keeping pace with industrial development, has become a tremendous power in the land. All men who labor should be students of history. We could find a good many points, for our cause, although commonly accepted as history, is a record of the achievements of the world's rulers. Historians have been men who were patrons of princes and potentates. This being true, it follows that the diplomatic historians have said but little about the vice of the rulers, and have much to praise. Historians have been court flatterers, settling down those things which have been pleasant and acceptable to the ruling class, omitting criticism. Even to this day the practice of blue-penciling is practiced not only by

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the corporation papers, but a great many of our labor leaders blue-pencil articles they think may not please our rulers.

I tell you, brothers, nothing but the whole truth will satisfy the laboring class—the practice of flattering the powerful and ignoring the humble can not always stand. It has been said that the government of Mexico, as well as the Czar of Russia, pays four hundred dollars per month to a government official to blue-pencil all dispatches that are submitted to the Associated Press.

There is only one way, as far as I have been able to find, for the laboring world to gather the whole truth of periods of trouble, where labor has had her rights trampled and crushed, and that is to obtain this information from Congressional records. Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright was directed in 1905 by President Roosevelt to institute an investigation of the labor troubles in the State of Colorado for a period of twenty years, from 1884 to 1904. It required seven months and made a volume of 364 pages, which was submitted to the 58th Congress, and is known as Senate Document No. 122. Every workingman in the United States is entitled and should demand a copy of this document. We find on page 193 of this report that a certain corporation hired a certain detective to wreck a train so the blame could be placed on a certain labor leader. He was offered $1,000 and transportation for himself and wife to any part of the world.

The history of the last thirty years of unionism is filled with stirring incidents, and supplies abundant material for a good-sized volume. Organizations have risen and fallen, battles have been fought with varying results; every device known to the ingenuity of the ruling class has been employed to check the movement, but through it all the trend has been toward a more perfect organization and a more comprehensive grasp of its mighty mission; the strikes, the boycotts and the lockouts which occurred with startling frequency during this period. No strike has ever been lost that did not strengthen us ten-fold, and there can be no defeat for the labor movement. However disastrous the day of battle has been, it has been worth its price, and only the scars remain to bear testimony that the movement is invincible and that no mortal wound can be inflicted upon it.

Mr. E. W. Cooper, telegrapher at Old Monroe, is on a vacation. Relieved by Mr. A. W. Ogilvie, extra man.

Messrs. J. P. Steel and C. C. Madison each took a trial at Peruque, but on account of not being able to pass the medical examination, they had to leave. A Mr. L. S. Blincoe is working there at present.

We see bulletins are again out for the agencies at Hamill and Houghton. We are unable to learn why the present agent is leaving.

Mr. A. W. Bender, erstwhile agent at West Alton, has been given the relief agency. No one answered for the agency at West Alton on the bulletin, so there is a new man there posting up.

Mr. W. R. Votaw, agent at Ft. Madison, is contemplating a vacation in the near future.

Bro. O. C. Holmes, agent at Annada, was off one week during the first of May on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. R. E. Ainge, the second trick telegrapher at Saverton. Mr. Ainge was relieved by Mr. T. R. Lindsey, an extra man.

Bro. B. A. Truitt, third trick man at Saverton, is laying off on account of sickness, and is being relieved by extra man, J. L. Ryan.

Mr. Harry Kider, former third trick telegrapher at Ashburn, secured the second trick on bulletin. Bro. Cullen, the former second trick telegrapher, resigned. CERT. 436.

Sheridan Division—

We wish some of the brothers and sisters would try to help us out a little in our write-ups, as a fellow is handicapped in handling this alone.

Bro. H. V. Carpenter, third trick at Gillette, was off a few days attending the Odd Fellows' dance at Sheridan. Relieved by Bro. Edsall, from the Brookfield Division.

Sister Moore, second trick at Upton, has resigned and departed for Kansas. Relieved by Mr. J. Fagan.

Bro. Edsall gets the agency at Ballantine, relieving Bro. O. O. Merritt.

Bro. E. C. Mangrum, the agent at Lovell, has resigned. Relieved by Bro. R. H. Seaton.

Bro. O. O. Merritt relieved Bro. Seaton at Toluca.

Bro. Butler, third trick at Toluca, has been transferred to Cody days. Relieved by Bro. Edsall.

Mr. W. J. Kissick relieved Bro. Vacek at Cambria as agent. Bro. Vacek goes to Ballantine to relieve Bro. Edsall.

Mr. Askew, of Cody days, was relieved by Bro. Butler. Have not heard where Askew went.

Bro. G. A. Hinman, the third trick man at Newcastle, laid off a couple of days to look for a homestead in the vicinity of Thornton. It seems that a number of the boys are taking up land and pretty soon they will be giving up the pounding of brass and get down to an independent life, and live a little comfortable. Every brother should endeavor to secure a piece of land before it is all taken up. It costs but about $18.00 for filing, and one can do the necessary improvements without interfering with one's present occupation.

Bro. Jack Vacek is doing the relief stunt at Gillette, relieving Mr. C. W. Stansbury, first trick telegrapher and cashier, who is on a thirty days' lay-off.

Bro. Meehan was off a few days on account of having the misfortune to get poisoned by eating canned raspberries. He was in a very serious condition, but is almost well at the present writing. Bro. Bolla did the relief stunt.

Bro. H. V. Carpenter and Mr. C. W. Stansbury, two very popular telegraphers at Gillette, have been conducting a moving picture show at Gillette, and it is understood that they are making a success.

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Mr. J. Rush, who left Sheridan some time since on account of business being a little slack, has returned after working at Alliance and other points East.

Bro. Keys, the agent at Worland, is enjoying a few days' leave of absence. Relieved by Sister Zada Norton, cashier, from Basin.

Those wishing a list of nons can secure same by request from your local chairman.

Mr. Pollard returned from a thirty days' vacation, after spending the increase the O. R. T. obtained for him. Another sample of "what's the use when you don't have to." He might live to regret it. Bro. Jarman, who was relieving him, resigned, accepting a better position in the East.

Bro. O. C. Lewis is working nights at Deitz. The checking of cars at Sheridan did not suit his taste, so he took his old job at Deitz again.

Mr. Brummell did the relief stunt at Deitz for a couple of days. Later he was sent to Rozet to relieve Bro. Kesinger for a couple of days, and from there to Moorcroft to relieve Bro. Burnhard, who is laying off to look after his ranch.

We understand that Bro. Powers, nights at Clifton, has taken up a homestead in the vicinity of Dakoming.

I have just completed a revised list of all non-members and a copy will be sent to those making request for same. You should have this list, as it will help you in securing applications, and is a great benefit in other respects.

It is evident the company is receiving better telegraph service than ever before. The dispatchers do not have to call over once or twice before the telegrapher responds and gives the desired information. Let us keep it up. It will pay in the long run.

A change in general superintendents has been made, Mr. L. B. Allen being superseded by Mr. E. P. Bracken, formerly division superintendent at Galesburg. Mr. Bracken was superintendent of this division a little over a year ago, and has a host of friends who are elated over his promotion.

Passenger business is quite heavy and two sections of No. 41 are run daily on account of the Yukon-Seattle Exposition.

Thanks to Sister Norton and Bro. Butler for notes this month. Come again. JOE.

Brookfield Division—

Bro. Harris, of Palmyra Jct., is on a wedding trip; relieved by L. T. Cramer, from Brookfield office. We extend our best wishes and congratulations.

First trick at South Park is open and on bulletin.

Bro. H. M. Edsall has resigned third trick at Easton, and gone to Billings.

Third trick at South Park is open for applications.

The third trick at Easton is awaiting bids.

Agency at Utica is on bulletin.

Bro. Shackelford relieved Telegrapher Wilhoit and H. S. Fulmer will look after the station until same is assigned.

Bro. C. R. Hunt has resigned, and intends to locate in California. May success follow him.

E. C. Peters is working third trick and W. L. Parrish first trick at South Park until the positions are awarded.

The agency at Lathrop is bulletined.

The general committee leaves for Atlanta, Ga., on the 7th.

Bulletin No. 26, issued from the chief dispatcher's office, should be lived up to and we would not subject the company to such delays.

H. Y. Lambert is off a few days on account of the sickness of his sister; relieved by Bro. Shackleford.

Bro. Dickerson and J. C. Ferris, of Birmingham, were visiting Liberty recently.

Bro. Sprague, second trick man at Lathrop, has traded positions temporarily with W. H. Wilhoit, the third trick man.

C. W. Middleton off a few days fishing; relieved by W. M. McCue, the second trick man, who was relieved by J. E. Dunn.

W. L. Parrish has been awarded first trick at South Park.

Bros. Thomason and Saunders at Liberty changed tricks for a few days.

Bro. Swartell back from his vacation and reports a fine time.

Bro. Teich off on vacation, relieved by Bro. Walser.

Bro. T. D. Freeman, acting as agent at Hunnewell during the absence of Bro. Ritter, who was the delegate to the convention at Atlanta.

P. E. Beagley secured the agency at Utica.

We are informed from the Brookfield office that if some of this playing on the wire is not cut out there is going to be some wholesale weeding done. We are indeed sorry that it was necessary to print this, but nevertheless hope it will be stopped before the officials take action.

H. F. Shepherd is working extra at Kidder, during Bro. O. Smith's absence.

Rains this month have caused washouts and delayed the service very much.

On account of a washout, Wabash No. 9, while on the double track between Randolph and Harlem, went into the ditch and several persons were injured, but none seriously.

A temporary office was opened at the washout and J. E. Dunn was pressed into service as night telegrapher.

Seems as though it takes a long time to decide who gets the jobs placed on the bulletin list. Write the representative of your district and he will look it up if you are at all interested.

On account of washout at Waldron the C. B. & K. C. trains were detoured via Cameron Junction for St. Joe and K. C.

Bro. Skiner off a few days, relieved by Bro. Sturges.

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Bro. Shackelford is working the split trick at Birmingham until the wreck is cleared away from the Twin Bridges.

The Wabash trainmaster had charge of the telegraph office at "WK" a few nights, so as to direct the clearing up of wreckage.

Our schedule now permits the relay men to join our ranks. But only since our last visit to Chicago.

Bro. Shackleford is laying up at home since they took him off the split trick at Birmingham.

J. D. Shepherd has quit the side table at Brookfield and is out on the line relieving Bro. Wood at Kearney, who is off a few days.

J. E. Dunn is doing some extra work at Clarence.

Second trick at South Park and Kidder are again open.

Bro. O. Smith was given back his old job at Utica.

Some telegraphers are violating the nine-hour law by working after their time is up. Better watch this closely, as inspectors are often out from Kansas City.

We hear some brother working with Keystone, an absolute telephone station, but wires not yet cut out. This should be stopped at once.

Bro. Stevens is off duty a few days on account of sickness. DIV. COR.

La Crosse Division—

Bro. Marcks, of Pepin, has resumed work after a three weeks vacation. Bro. Mears, also of Pepin, is on a two weeks' vacation, Bro. Garber, of Diamond Bluff, relieving him. Telegrapher Johnson is relieving Bro. Garber at Diamond Bluff.

On account of a washout the C. M. & St. P. had to detour a few of their trains via the "Q" last Monday.

Bro. Howard, of Malden Rock, made a short visit to LaCrosse last week.

Bro. Clark, the agent at Cassville, was up to Grand Crossing to see Bro. Rodgers last week, before starting on his trip to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the convention as delegate. Bro. Rogers was unable to go on account of being unable to get relief.

Bro. E. W. Dyer, agent at Lynxville, went to De Soto to attend the wedding of his niece last Tuesday, Bro. Bright relieving him.

Bro. Fleming laid off a few days the latter part of last month to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Telegrapher Nicholson, an extra man, relieving him.

Bro. Bertsch, of Blanding, made a trip to Dubuque, last week. Telegrapher Kruger recently took a trip to Lacrosse and had to lay over at Cassville five or six hours, on account of No. 50 being behind the washout.

Bros. Fitz and Dodge did twelve-hour stunts.

Bro. Ails, of Wyalusing, is off on a few days' vacation. Have not heard who relieved him. Bro. Raber, also of Wyalusing, took a trip to Stockton on the C. G. W., which is his home.

Bro. Desmond, who has been on a two months' vacation, has resumed work. Bro. Dill, who has been relieving him, has departed for parts unknown.

Bro. Walker, of Marcus, is on a vacation, Bro. Sands doing the relief stunt. We understand that they are putting in a new tower at North Yards, Dayton Bluff, where the South St. Paul terminal trains leave the C. B. & Q. and C. M. & St. P. tracks.

The boys will find it easier to pull levers than to run races with the terminal trains for about a block to throw switches.

We were sorry not to see more of the boys from Division 130 at the Key City Telegrapher's Club last month. Hope more will be present at the next meeting. Bro. Hartman recently returned from Oakland, where he had been relieving Telegrapher Sperry. Mr. Sperry, in turn, was relieving his father at St. Paul Park. Mr. W. E. Powell worked in Bro. Hartman's place while he was away.

Telegrapher Byrne, of Hanover, was up to La-Crosse visiting his folks for a week. Telegrapher Hastings, of Clarme, was called to Genoa for a couple of days, account of the illness of his father. The office was closed in his absence.

Bro. Clark, agent of Cassville, was at La Crosse one day recently, visiting friends. He is now on his vacation.

Bro. Rogers, of Grand Crossing depot, has moved his household goods from Victory to Grand Crossing, where he intends to reside. Bro. Rogers is going to take a trip to the Coast about the first of the month.

Bro. Lindner, of Hanover, second trick, worked at "CD," Prairie du Chien for about a month while Telegrapher Miller was gone. The new time cards are out. Please see that you are provided with one.

Don't forget to drop us a line when you have any news. If any of the boys are figuring on a vacation, please let us know so we can write up a few items for the journal. On account of the Wisconsin River being claimed a navigable stream by the Government, the Burlington trestle bridge, which crosses it near Prairie du Chien, had to be raised by two hydraulic cranes of immense power, which lifted one section of the trestle bodily, 51 feet clear above its foundation to let two steamers through, which were built at Little Rock. This was considered one of the greatest water feats of modern times in the Northwest. It looks as if Mr. Hill will have to install a draw at this point.

We are indebted to Bro. Tulle and Bro. Stracke for notes this month. Was sorry not to hear from more of the brothers. CERT. 1371.

St. Joseph Division—

Don McBride, of Hamburg, is now working on the Crescent Division, second trick at Corning, Ia.

Telegrapher J. P. Renfrow, nights, at Watson, is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Telegrapher J. D. Hayes.

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Agent Scott, at Napier, is off on account of sickness; relieved by C E. Milligan.

Our general chairman, Bro Lamb, made Bro. Arnold, of Hamburg, a short visit before going to Atlanta to attend the grand convention. He reports everything in first-class shape, and says he is having success in adjusting grievances.

Bro. Arnold also received a visit from Interstate Commerce Commissioner, Mr. C. F. Merrill, who is checking up the nine-hour law. Look out boys, you know what the law is, and Uncle Samuel is a hard man to get away from. Understand there will be several cases of violation of the law come up in next term of court.

Mr. J. J. Jefferies, Jr., from third trick at Corning to second trick at South St. Joe, as relief.

Mr. Millen, from Northboro, now doing Corning stunt.

Mr. Bell, our third trick dispatcher, is laying off three weeks, to get married. Mr. Evans is doing the north end stunt in Bell's absence.

Mr. Stewart has been transferred from the third trick at Armour to the second trick at Forest City, and Bro. E. A. Allen from third trick at Corning to third trick at Armour. Both positions on bulletin.

Bro. Allen was relieved at Corning by Telegrapher Millen. Millen soon took sick and was relieved by J. Jeffries, Jr.

Who wants it? Parkeville, second trick.

We are informed that the agent at Maitland has a student. "And Judas coveted the thirty pieces of silver."

It looks like the company is getting ready for another battle with the high water this year, judging from the number of sand trains moving over the Bigelow and Corning branches.

Bro A. E. Finch relieved agent D. C. Snider at Mound City, a few days the middle of April, on account of Mr. Snider's father's death.

While we did not all get a raise in salary, I know every one is glad to see the new schedule. It will benefit each individual in one way or another.

Now, it won't be the company's fault if you hang out in the woods forever, for you all have a chance at these relay positions. And the real good thing about it is, being a member of the Order does not bar us from these positions.

Here is hoping all the boys now holding these jobs will take time by the forelock and join us in our honest, up-right cause.

Some of you nons around over the country will, of course, still proclaim "the Order never done anything for me." This has become such an old saying that we can not help but expect it, but if you have an ounce of sense and reasoning power "wake up," and do your duty.

After spending two weeks in company with his family, J. C. Cowles, days, at Island Park, has returned to duty. M. M. Foley, his relief is at present laying up at Forest City.

"Not only does report have it, but it is obvious from the preliminaries now under way that Napier, Mo., will, in the near future, be made a division point. The company has only recently completed laying several miles of side tracks, erected immense coal bunkers and a large water tank there. The tank now at Bigelow is to be moved to Amazonia, and the coal bunkers to Hamburg, Ia

With Napier a division point, the "runs" for trainmen will be more equal, and fewer heavy freight trains will become "hung up" on the road on account of the time limit expiring before a terminal station can be reached. The Southern Division, Kansas City to Napier, would be ninety-six miles long, and the Northern Division, Napier to Council Bluffs, ninety-four miles long.

In case this plan is carried out the present stub freight runs, Nos. 74 and 79, between Pacific Junction and Council Bluffs, will be done away with and freight run through to Council Bluffs. Part of the repair and machine shops will be located at Napier, and also a round house. This will take part of the work out of the present shops at St. Joseph. Those high in authority in railroad circles say Napier will also be made the end of a division for the B & M., which has a line crossing the river a few miles west of Napier. Then, instead of being deflected at Oxford, Neb., and sent via Omaha and Council Bluffs, the through traffic, both passenger and freight, from Denver and the West will be routed east through Napier, and thence over the Villisca Branch, and the "Q" East, to Chicago and beyond.

The agent at Delphos has resigned. Unable to say who he is. Delphos is open for bid.

The report of general superintendent of Missouri lines and Superintendent Rice, of St. Joseph Division, who made an inspection tour of the division on April 28th and 29th, was that the general condition of stations was very good. We are all glad to hear a report like that.

Although he passes as sort of helper, the fact of the matter is there is a student at Mound City. "Riches are more to be desired than honor and a good name."

CORRESPONDENT.

Aurora Division—

Bro. H. W. Wyberg, until recently third trick at Princeton, is now handling local tickets at La Salle St. Station.

Mr. Ashley, an extra telegrapher, is holding down Princeton from 5 p. m. until 2 a. m.

Mr. H. W. Kibler, recently of Earlville tower, is now with the C. & N. W., at Carpentersville, Ill.

Bro. J. H. McVay, extra agent, relieved Sister L. D. Eck, at Malden, a few days in April. On her return to work Bro. McVey was sent to Meriden, where he was checked in as agent.

Bro. G. E. Esperson was called home at Waterman, on account of the serious illness of a member of his family.

Nos. 4,000 and 4,001, two of the largest and most powerful engines in the world, passed over the Aurora Division, May 5th, for delivery to the Union Pacific Ry., for use on their mountain divisions. The engines were oil burners, 300 tons each, 90 feet in length and had 16 driving wheels.

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The locomotives belong to what is known as the Mallet articulated type. The body of the engine is so long that it is articulated, that is, jointed midlength, and the forward wheels constitute a truck which swings when rounding curves.

We trust that the new schedule will be satisfactory to all the telegraphers and telephoners on the Aurora Division. Under the new schedule it is hoped that the third trick man at Princeton (which is now a telephone job) will be given telegrapher's pay, and that the boys at Zearing will be looked after, as they certainly deserve it.

DIV. COR.

Alliance Division—

Bro. Darrow returned to work after a thirty-day vacation, Extra Agent Bro. Thompson going to Broken Bow as day telegrapher, to relieve Bro. Powell, while Bro. Powell and wife attend the grand convention at Atlanta.

Bro. F. D. Sanderson, agent at Halsey, is back to work. Bro. L. L. Adams who was relieving him has returned to second trick.

C. W. Wilson, from Anselmo, nights, to agency at Orella, while Bro. J. W. Bollinger is laying off.

Warren Marcy, the second trick man at Whitman, is back to work after a two weeks' vacation, planting corn on his Kinkaid homestead, at Mullen.

Telegrapher Hanson to Anselmo, relieving Bro. Allstat for awhile.

Harry Brown, of Lakeside, laying off, and has taken a trip to the coast; relieved by J. L. McKinnie.

About 6 p. m. the depot at Litchfield caught fire and burned to the ground. Agent Jones managed to save everything, except what household goods he had in the kitchen upstairs, his personal loss being about two hundred dollars. While that is bad, he considers himself lucky in saving as much as he did. All freight, tickets, in fact everything down stairs was saved.

Bro. Bagley was aroused from his slumbers about 4 a. m. by the smell of smoke, and awoke to find the depot at Berwyn on fire. Nothing, whatever was saved, and Bro. Bagley was lucky to get out with his life.

Bro. Adams, of Halsey, is laying off.

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Galesburg Division—

Bro. Harris, of Bardolph, attended the Sunday School Convention at Colmar, April 18th, and on account of the train being late he had plenty of time to enjoy himself before returning.

Bro. C. E. Brown and wife, of Abingdon, spent Sunday, April 18th, with the latter's parents in Quincy.

Bro. E. G. Armstrong and wife, of Macomb, spent Sunday, April 18th, with his wife's parents in Fowler.

Mr. Ed Vancil and wife, of LaPrairie, was also visiting down the line. Mr. Vancil is now working at St. Augustine.

We understand that Bro. C. E. Brown, of Abingdon has drawn third trick at Bushnell on bulletin and that the change will be made in the near future. At present the place is being held by Mr. Erickson, who is working extra on this branch.

Mr. R. H. Gray is back to "GY" office, Prospect Street, Galesburg yards, from Camp Point. Mr. Erickson, who relieved Bro. R. F. Brothers there, has been transferred to Bushnell third trick for a while. Bro. Fleisher goes to Farmington.

Mr. Jones is relieving Bro. Ed Novak at Yates City. Bro. Novak left for Chicago on a visit and we understand got a position in Western Union office there. We are sorry to lose him, but hope he will prosper.

G. C. McCleary, of Yates City, off for a short time. Himself and wife will spend their vacation in New Mexico and other points.

Mr. W. B. Meara is relieving Mr. A. S. Gustus and Mr. Gustus is relieving McCleary.

Bro. L. P. Gougler, from Ipava to Linden; relieved by Bro. E. L. Hendricks. Did not learn where Mr. E. E. Johnson went from Linden.

Bro. G. W. Malone and wife, of Galesburg, left on No. 48, Monday, May 3d, for Atlanta, Ga., to attend the convention as representative of the Galesburg Division. They will go via St. Louis, Memphis and Birmingham to Atlanta and return the same route as far as St. Louis, then will go out on the Vandalia Line on a short visit with Mrs. Malone's people. From there, back to St. Louis and west on the Frisco to Sikeston and Matthews, Mo., where he used to be station agent. This will be a nice trip and will give our local chairman an insight of what is taking place on other roads besides our own. They expect to return about June 1st, and Bro. Malone will then take a trip over this division and line up the nons.

Bro. Ramp, of Knoxville, Ill., off two nights with a bad sore throat. Relieved by Mr. W. B. Meara.

Why not pay your dues and assessments this payday and have it over with and also have your new card in your pocket on time. Just try to see how small the number is and take pride in keeping it down to at least three or four members. Better late than never, but I like to ride in the first wagon.

Bro. D. C. Root, of Knoxville, is keeping his end of the line from dying, for you can find his name on the roll of honor for getting new members, and he is still after the rest of them. Have you seen anything of your name on the list? Take a look, please.

Mr. H. A. Stevens has been transferred from Farmington days to third trick at Yates City, relieving Mr. Jones. Bro. Fleisher, of Bushnell, has taken Stevens' place permanently.

I have secured two or three promises that "I will go in next payday." More than one payday has passed already, and the ones who promised are still hanging off. The new schedule will soon be in effect and then everyone will be able to see what we have been doing for the telegraphers and phoners on the C. B. & Q. R. R. If those who are

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eligible had been with us and helped strive for our rights, we would be in still better shape than we are. Now is the time for every member of the O. R. T. to get after the nons and do his best to land them. Bro. L. W. Quick advises that he has mailed a letter and blanks to all nons in the United States, Canada and Mexico and wishes the co-operation of all brothers in securing applications for membership.

Mr. E. V. Kinsey, of Colchester, is off duty a few days on account of his mother being very sick. Bro. Charley Martin is acting as agent, Bro. J. E. Flack taking Charley's place and Mr. W. B. Meara (extra) taking Mr. Flack's.

Mr. W. A. Work, of Macomb, off for two or three weeks on business in North Dakota and Texas; relieved by Bro. W. A. Harris.

Bro. A. J. Peterson and Mr. J. A. Atherton, of Macomb, expect to leave for an extended trip in the West, about May 12th, also to be relieved by Bro. Harris. They will visit Chicago, St. Paul, Seattle Exposition, Vancouver, B. C., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake, and Denver, and by this time they will feel more like working. They have arranged the trip to last a month and expect to return about June 1st.

Bro. Harris has been transferred from Macomb to Abingdon, taking Bro. Browne's place when he went to Bushnell.

Bro. Malone advises that he is being entertained in fine shape in Atlanta, Ga., and that the city is out in its best for the benefit of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. The Southern Railroad furnished an excursion train for a day and showed them all a good time at Lithia Springs, which is located about fifty miles from Atlanta. The Governor of Georgia and the Mayor of Atlanta both gave a welcome speech and extended to them the hospitality of the city and the State.

Mr. T. K. Bailey, the ticket agent at Canton, Ill., visited in Macomb between trains, May 16th.

Bro. Clyde Clayton, "QD," Quincy, Ill., visited in Colmar between trains May 16th. His father is still very weak with heart trouble and cannot tell what the outcome may be, but there is no immediate danger.

News from the North End is very scarce, for "central" is too busy to ring the gong for anything but railroad business, and there is no other way to get it.

Mr. German, from Terminal Junction to Clinton, Iowa, Mr. Watkins to third trick, at Terminal Junction, and Mr. Hazard to first trick.

Seems as though some of you fellows who are getting better positions by using the O. R. T. bulletins would be ashamed to do so, when you don't even help us keep such a good thing up.

If you get a good place by bulletin it looks like you could afford to get a card.

DIV. COR.

With a view to bettering the service on our division I would like to ask the brothers if they can not arrange their station work in such a manner that they can afford to be at their telegraph tables, so that when they are called on the wire they can be on hand at once to answer. I notice that frequently some stations are very hard to raise, which I believe is due to the fact that the telegrapher is busy in the other end of the office. I would like to call the attention of Bro. Brown, at Abingdon, for example, who very seldom requires over one or two calls. He has his work arranged so he is at the table all the time, only when he is waiting on passenger or freight trains. His work has made quite an impression on both the trick and chief dispatchers, and it would please me very much if we would all do our best along this line and see if we cannot improve the service. Let us see if we can not make a showing between the union and non-union men in this matter and I am sure it will only be a matter of a short time until our trick dispatchers, relay telegraphers and our chief will be able, without any difficulty, to distinguish the nons from the brothers.

It will soon be time to pay dues. Let us all be prompt and do away with the delinquent list entirely on January 1st. The delinquent list was much smaller the last time than ever before and I know if we will try we can do away with it entirely this time.

With best wishes for you all, I am

Fraternally yours,

G. W. MALONE,
Local Chairman.

Creston Division—

Mr. L. J. White is working third trick at Emerson. Bro. F. Rose bid in second trick at Emerson.

Bro. G. M. Clark bid in the agency at McPherson.

Bro. C. L. Lamb, local chairman and first trick at Red Oak, has been elected general chairman.

Bro. R. L. Gleason secured first trick at Red Oak, Bro. J. V. Connett second trick and Bro. E. I. Peterson third trick, on bulletin.

Bro. F. B. Thompson, formerly third trick at Red Oak, resigned and went to work for the U. P. Ry. in Nebraska.

Mr. Gough, first trick and agent at Balfour, has resigned and is going to work in the general offices in Denver. Mr. Cox took first trick and Mr. Shiffer third trick at Balfour.

Bro. C. Z. Pilger is one of the new men on this division, and comes from the Otta Division.

New schedules are overdue at this writing. We are anxious to see them, although there are not many changes on the Creston Division.

Bro. Gurwell, of Coburg, took a short pleasure jaunt to Chicago last week.

Bro. D. B. Hopkins, of Brooks, is taking a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Donegan, formerly 'phone man at Cromwell, is taking his place.

Bro. H. L. Huntsman, of Brooks, has resigned and gone to the U. P.

The helper at Farragut has been put on again.

Bro. J. W. Nelson has been transferred from the helper's position at Essex to the agency at Henderson.

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Bro. J. W. Phelan got Lenox on bulletin.

Bro. O. M. Moon got Pickering on bulletin.

Bro. Logan, of Spaulding bin in Conway on bulletin.

Bro. J. J. Esklin has been transferred from Massena to Bridgewater.

Bro. W. H. Talcott has been transferred from Fontanelle to agency at Villisca, R. W. Fitzgerald resigning at Villisca.

Bro. Earle Wolfe, of Shenandoah got Sidney on bulletin.

J. R. Rogers got Maryville on bulletin.

Glenn Bell relieved Telegrapher Wilkinson at Bedford, Bro. Wilkinson going to Fontanelle as agent.

Bro. F. A. Gordon is the new telegrapher at Griswold. He came from Lincoln Division.

Bro. Johnson, of Randolph, is laying off a few days. Don't know who relieved him.

Bros. Yarger and Clark took a short trip to Red Oak a few weeks ago. They, with the writer, took in all the moving picture shows there were. CERT. 2116.

Omaha Division—

Bro. Hubbell, at Yutan, has been relieved by Bro. Kellogg. Bro. Hubbell is leaving the service to engage in other work.

Bro. E. A. McKee has been relieved at Winnebago by Bro. Wilson, of Osmond. Bro. McKee drew Yutan on bulletin.

Bro. Wilson, of Winnebago, has been relieved by Mr. Cartland, from Omaha.

Bro. Karn, of Oakland, is off duty a few weeks, visiting the "old folks" in Missouri.

There are several good stations on the O'Neill Line on bulletin this month, among them being Waterbury, Laurel, Belden, Randolph and Osmond.

Mr. French got Laurel on bulletin, Mr. Lacy going to Osmond.

Bro. Sheely is relieving Mr. French at Laurel for a few days.

Mr. Paulsen, second trick man at Gibson, goes to Ashland; relieved by Mitchell, formerly of "DA" office, Omaha.

A new man by the name of P. H. Mack, is working third trick at Platts, while Bro. Likewise works days. We understand that Mr. Pickett, the regular agent, will resume work on the first of the month. This will put Mr. Clement, who has been acting agent, back to first trick.

Mr. H. F. Outlaw, second trick at Oreapolis, was forced to resign on account of the relief department turning him down.

Not much doing on the Omaha Division this month, and news is scarce, but with the help of three good brothers we secured the above. Let all of the brothers try to send in a few items, which should be forwarded to Bro. E. A. McKee at Yutan. Mc.

Sterling Division—

Several changes have occurred on the division this month, even your scribe caught the feevr and made a move. Our address for the present is Wellfleet, Neb., where we will be glad to receive applications for membership, items for the TELEGRAPHER, etc.

Let us endeavor to make our division solid. Just bear in mind that we have been given a greater increase than any other division on the system; see how much we can show our appreciation by giving the company good service, not forgetting to remit dues promptly to the Order representing our craft.

Bro. C. L. Friddell is now working at Dalton.

Bro. Feary, at Mitchell, is now assistant local chairman and I hope he will succeed in lining up the boys on the branch from Bridgeport to Guernsey, where the minimum was raised from $55.00 up to $60.00, and the boys at Bridgeport, whose salaries were raised from $59.50 to $62.00.

Bro. Broughton, at Venango, was trying several days this month to get relief, but has given it up for the present.

Bro. Grant, who was formerly in "ST" office, Sterling, has joined the ranks of the benedicts and has accepted the joint agency at Merino.

Bro. H. P. Armitage has been transferred to Terrington, relieving Bro. B. C. Clarke, who has resigned. Can't say where Bro. Clarke is going.

Jernigan, at Guernsey days, has also resigned, being relieved by Bro. Griggs, from somewhere East.

Mr. Booth was promoted to the agency at Bridgeport from Curtis, relieving Bro. Armitage. Bro. Carstenson accepts the Curtis agency.

COR.

Wymore Division—

On account of no items being received this month the write-up is going to be a mighty slim affair for this issue, and unless the brothers take more interest in furnishing items of news it is but a question of time when the Wymore Division write-ups will be conspicuous by their absence. I think you all enjoy hearing the news from over our division, so why not get busy each month and send every item you can scrape up to your correspondent?

How many are making an effort to round up the nons? There is plenty of material to work on and we should all get busy and see if we can not reduce the number of nons during the next sixty days. If you do not know for certain that your neighbor is a member, write the local chairman for information.

Bro. Bert Borland has been holding down the 'phone job at Iowa Point on account of the sickness of the regular man.

Extra Agent Hartzell has been doing the heavy stunt at Sterling, while Bro. Denton attended the convention at Atlanta.

Bro. Black, agent at Belvidere, had the misfortune to lose his infant child by death.

Bro. F. C. Bamer, agent at Daykin, recently returned from a trip to California. He says the O. R. T. card certainly draws favors you could not get otherwise.

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Bro. L. L. Fuller transferred from agent at Nelson to Agent at Tecumseh; Mr. Singleton from Cuba to Nelson.

"13" Bro. A. L. Lindsay, agent at Bladen, has resigned on account of his wife's health making it necessary for him to remove to Colorado. We regret to lose him and wish him best of luck in his new location.

There are a number of prospective changes which we are in hopes of being able to chronicle next month. Unable to this month on account of lack of information.

Have you paid dues yet? Is your neighbor up-to-date? "No card, no favors."

DIV. COR.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Richmond District North—

Did not the A. C. L. show up fine in the convention number of THE TELEGRAPHER? And we had one of our brothers photo in there, too. We would like very much to be as well represented in every issue as we were in May. Then, perhaps, some of the nons will wake up to the fact that there is something doing over here after all.

That reminds me that there is something doing among the nons at least. The well-known Beazley, at Petersburg tower, is in the ham business. That does not mean he is selling pork, but manufacturing hams. They call themselves students. And this is the man that was such a red hot Order man when he came to the A. C. L. I wonder if any one believes that he was sincere. Can a man be sincere if he teaches a student, or rather makes a practice of student teaching after once having signed the obligation of the O. R. T.? I doubt it.

There are students at Emporia, also, but each of the men there disclaim them as their own, so it is hard to say to whom they belong. One thing is certain, they are there, and the next we must do is to locate the responsible person, for students don't come in and take charge of the wires unless allowed to do so by some one. Is it not strange that a man who has been in the business long enough to see two inches beyond his nose, will take a student and teach him, when he knows that that student has to get a job, and if necessary will take one held by an experienced man for less pay to commence with, and the experienced man must take the reduction or look for something in another line, and yet the student teacher calls himself a man. He says he is "independent." When a fellow is kicked out of all political parties he becomes "an independent." What I want to say on this subject will not bear printing, so will leave it to some one who can do it justice, if such a thing is possible.

Bro. Binford, of Dunlop, has been on sick list; relieved by Mr. A. K. Terry, from Collier. Mr. Terry was relieved by Bro. Nelms (not the Telegrapher Home's brother), from Petersburg, and Bro. Nelms was relieved by a new man, but up-to-date.

New man at Enfield, Mr. R. E. Purdom, understand he holds the right kind of credentials, if so, will the brothers on that end see that he is shown the way to Bro. William's office and get his pasteboard changed to Division No. 132.

Understand Bro. C. M. Sanford, has been assigned the agency at Drewrys Bluff, although there were several applications for the place.

Bro. J. W. Gardner has come back to us from the Southern, and is now at Jarratt. Glad to welcome Bro. Gardner back to the A. C. L.

Will cut out for this time and give some other more gifted brother a chance. "SORREBACK."

Richmond District South—

Bro. Geo. Lamm, member of local board at Elrod, reports Bro. J. E. Butler, of Rome, Ga., passing through there a few days ago on his way to his old home at Boardman, N. C. Understand Bro. Butler is en route to Washington, D. C., and made the side trip to his old home.

Am glad to report that Rowland is now solid O. R. T. Bro. G. E. Bell, who has just come there, did the proper act by transferring at once to Division No. 132. Brother Northam, also at that point, came right across as soon as he was shown. How do we know that there are not other nons on the road who would do the same if approached in the proper way. We must give them a show, that is give them an invitation, which is what I mean by a show.

Bro. M. H. Cox is relieving Bro. Dickson who has been off for some time on account of illness of his wife.

Bro. Morris has returned to his home in Greenwood, Del. Bro. W. M. Pate is working the third trick at Elrod at present.

Bro. J. L. Bridgers, our local chairman, is taking a vacation of a few days, seeing the sights around Washington, D. C. It is rumored that he is going to the mountains for a rest upon his return from Washington. We wish him a very pleasant trip.

We have just learned that Bro. G. P. Jones, formerly at Elrod, and later at Smithfield, is now on the Charleston District at Meggetts, S. C.

Bro. F. A. Truitt is now located permanently at Elm City, first trick.

Very sorry to say we have another scab with us. Smithers, the first trick man at Wilson, scabbed during the Commercial strike. Watch out for this fellow. Don't lose sight of Ancel at Rocky Mount either.

"Judge" Brashear has left Rocky Mount, and goes to Charleatown, W. Va., to accept a "repeater" job. We are all sorry to see "Ew" leave, for while he did not carry a card, we all knew his heart was in the right place, and he was one of the exceptions that could be made in the "No cards, no favors" class. If he had remained with us until the present moment he would have been one of us. The change at Rocky Mount, on account of resignation of Mr. Brashear, has not been bulletined so far as I have been able to learn, although Mr. Wilson who came from Wil-

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mington to fill the vacancy says he is on permanently. Will Bro. Bridgers kindly ascertain why this position was not bulletined.

Bro. Jeffreys, third trick at Contentnea, has been away for sometime on account of sickness. Hope to see him back at an early date.

D. C.

Charleston and Western Carolina Line—

What is the matter with the telegraphers on this road? Are you all afraid of your little $35.00 and $40.00 jobs? See what every line with which we have had any connection has been able to do through organization. We can be getting pay for overtime, and other concessions if we all pull together. There are very few members on this road now on account of our committee laying down on us, just when they should have gone to Augusta for a schedule, but that is no reason why we should not get together again and organize this road.

If you will get up a list of the members on the north end, a similar list will be made from the south end, and sent to Bro Williams, general secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line, and I know he will do everything in his power to get this road organized once more.

Bro. I. W. Browder, from the A. C. L. is now agent at Martins, S. C., on the Port Royal end.

If a handful of firemen on the Georgia road can completely tie up that road, can not we go up and get recognition? I believe we can. We don't want to tie up the road, and would not if we could, provided there was any other way out of it, and in our case we would not have the race problem to confront us. Are we going to sit down and just take what comes our way, and never make an effort to get in the way of something that is coming? KICKER.

NOTICE.

To All Members Division No 132:

I mailed to every member of this division on June 1st, notice of due for the term ending December 31st. As some members have changed address, and not notified me of the change, I publish this notice so every one will know that they should now pay due for the last half of 1909. $4.50 is the amount that should be remitted to me.

I also call your attention to the change in the Mutual Benefit laws, which requires a member to pay assessments semi-annually, commencing July 1st. You should remit to Bro. Quick for your M. B. D. assessments at the same time you remit for your card. This is a very important matter, and one that should not be overlooked. This was brought out in the convention where the widow of a member, deceased, who was only one month behind in the M. B. D., and that by an oversight, made a most piteous appeal for some assistance from the Order. Do you know whether your wife, mother or sister will not be placed in the same position if you should be suddenly called from them?

Make this remittance now, don't wait.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS,
G S. and T.

Jacksonville District—

We certainly can boast of the best local chairman in Florida, and he is doing his duty in a manner satisfactory to all. We have such a clever set of local officials, however, that we don't have the grievances that we hear of on other district.

Bro. Tedder has issued bulletins for the following places, since our last article for the journal: Agency at Astor, and the second trick at Tampa. The assignments have not yet been made, but we feel satisfied the right men will get these places.

Bro. Tedder advises he has appointed on the local board Bros. W. S. Evans, of Orange Park, and C. J. Woodward, of Tavares. With the assistance of these brothers and the membership at large, we are satisfied the Jacksonville District will forge to the front as they are all "live" ones, and that is what is needed to make any undertaking a success.

Every member should make it his personal affair to see that the non next door, or two or three doors away, is fully advised as to the O. R. T. and what it stands for. Show him the necessity for all telegraphers standing shoulder to shoulder and supporting each other at all times. The companies do this for their mutual protection. The telegraphers must do the same. Not in a spirit of fight, but of self protection and self preservation. What can one man do? What can a larger number do? A school boy can give the answers. Can you?

As usual, at this season of the year there is considerable changing around among the telegraphers of Florida.

Some of them are looking for places in the North, which necessitates a new line-up for the summer on our lines.

The new union station at Plant City is completed, and it is expected the two ticket offices, the S. A. L. and A. C. L., will be transferred soon.

There is much speculation as to who will be the lucky men to handle the work in the new station. It is expected that only two men will be detailed to this work. The hours are to be, on first trick, 4:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., two hours off for meals. The second trick to be 12:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m., with two hours off for meals. That the work for either man will be "hot" is beyond question. The men who draw the lucky numbers will have the sympathy of us all. Rumor has it that one of the men will be taken from the A. C. L. and one from the S. A. L. No one is anxious for the places.

Bro. Bowen, formerly third trick telegrapher at Tampa, has been transferred to Sanford, third trick.

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Mr. Wilkerson, extra telegrapher, has been transferred from second trick at Winston to third trick at Tampa, relieving Bro. Bowen.

Bro. Fowler, second trick at Tampa, who has been placed on extra list, was relieved by Bro. King.

Mr. Nickels, the first trick man at Plant City, is enjoying a vacation at Passa Grille. Upon his return, Bro. McCamy will go to Orlando to resume duty as night man, and Telegrapher King will work night trick, relieving Telegrapher McCamy.

I am sorry to say that a few of our members have not paid dues for the present term. This is too bad, as it shows a lack of interest in our Order. Let us see to it, that on July 1st we hold up-to-date cards with dues paid to December 31st, 1909. GATER.

Savannah District (Double Track)—

Bro. L. R. Funderburk, of "US." Jacksonville, is attending the convention in Atlanta this month. Mr. Pearlstein is acting chief while he is away. Bro. Tuttle is holding first trick; Bro. Smith, from the F. E. C., comes in extra on second trick.

Mr. Oscar Hutson relieved Dr. E. M. Segin at "Z," Jax Terminal. "Dr." Segin was formerly at Burnetts Lake, on Gainesville District, he is now practicing in Jax. Bro. L. F. Howard succeeds in getting back on third trick, after being rolled by Dr. Segin.

Mr. J. L. Culp, now third trick at "CN" new yard, succeeds Bro. W. C. Clark at that point; Bro. Clark being transferred to Moncrief, second trick, upon the resignation of Bro. Featherstone.

Since the closing of the block on the north end, we have had many changes down here. Bro. J. L. Strong comes to Dinsmore, first trick; Bro. B. Torrey, second trick, and Bro. C. L. Jones, third trick.

Mr. Embrey working split trick at Carey, succeeded Bro. Coyle, who went to Virginia, where it is supposed to be cooler than it is in the land of flowers.

Bro. A. F. Crosby, formerly on the Waycross District, is now holding down first trick at Ratcliff, while he has with him on second trick Mrs. J. S. Pittman, a new one, and Mr. D. F. Stanter, third trick, who dropped in on us during the block season.

Remember, "No card, no favors" is the rule on this end of the line.

We hope to report next month that an enthusiastic meeting has been held in the metropolis of Florida, and that much good has been accomplished. "SCOOTER."

Savannah District—

Not many changes being made just now, and but little news, as the boys forget to send in notes, and I am out on the line very little.

We are glad to have Bro. J. D. Harvey back on this district. He is holding Racepond at present, suppose he is relieving Bro. Howard.

Bro Barnett, of McCullough, has been away on a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Henry. Note Bro. Henry now at Ludowici.

Understand L. W. Herrington, the agent at Screven, is contemplating starting a night ham factory. Where does this hit you?

Bro. E. F. Hull, agent at Ludowici, was seen at Blackshear last week, also Bro. Ila Smith, first trick at Offerman.

Bro. G. G. Nichols, the third trick man at Offerman, made a flying trip to Savannah last week.

Bro. Sohner, from St. Louis, representing the Grand Division, was seen touring the A. B. & A. R. R. last week. He reports a strong set of boys over there.

Mr. J. B. Simpson, agent at Offerman, is to have another clerk soon. Work there is too heavy for the help he now has, as the A. B. & A. has made that place a junction transfer instead of Tifton. SCOOTER.

Lakeland District—

Only one bulletin has reached me this month, which leads me to believe the Lakeland District telegraphers are very well satisfied, or that I am not hearing of all the changes. Will some brother kindly advise which is correct.

Bartow freight agency was bulletined the latter part of April, but can not advise the successful bidder, as his name has not yet been given out at this end of the line. This is a very desirable position, and hope we have succeeded in landing a good man there.

We have with us Bro. J. D. Doty, formerly of Division No. 2, and who saw service in the Phillipines with our worthy local chairman, Bro. Brantley. We are glad to welcome Bro. Doty to this territory. Bro. Brantley says he is "alright." and that is sufficient for us.

It is rumored down this way that Bro. Quick said, in the convention, that there was more matter going in for the Fraternal Department of THE TELEGRAPHER than could be published. So this correspondent is cutting short this month. We will try and make our notes short and to the point in the future. D. C.

Columbia District—

Am sorry to say this district was one of the few from this system that was not represented in the large and handsome convention number of THE TELEGRAPHER. Our notes were late in arriving, that accounts for the absence of anything in that number. Will give them here now:

It is with regret we learn that Bro. S. A. Dantzler, of Orangeburg is going to leave the service, as he has always been one of our strong members. He leaves the service to accept a position with one of the banks of Orangeburg.

Holly Hill was on bulletin when these notes were written, have not heard who is the lucky, or unlucky, man.

Bro F. B. Van Sant, from Wadesboro agency, has accepted the position of chief clerk at Ben-

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netsville, relieving Bro Vance Tatum, who has left the service.

Bro. Thos. Clifton goes to Wadesboro as agent, being relieved at Gibson by Mr. G. Y. Jones, from Newbern, on Wilmington District. No application for Gibson was received from this district.

Mr. E. Taylor, formerly at Faison, N. C., and later at Wadesboro, is now holding position as clerk-telegrapher at Bennettsville.

These are all the moves that have been reported to me. If I can get them completed by the 24th of each month will try and make each month's article a little better than the last. The membership will have to help or we will have nothing worth reading. D. C.

Waycross District—

Our Local Chairman, Bro. Sasser, has just returned from the convention, in Atlanta, and has been so busy since his return that he has forgotten to let us hear what has been taking place on the line; therefore, we will go ahead with what has shown up from other sources.

Bro. George Perry was in attendance at the convention with his new sending machine, "The Wiggler," and the way it "wiggles" is a caution. Any of our members who are in need of a sending machine will do well to confer with Bro. Perry, as several of the men who tried his machine at the convention were loud in its praise, and said it was the best they had ever tried.

At last we are able and glad to extend the right hand of fellowship to J. W. Murray, at Millwood. We also welcome back to this line Bro. A. H. Overton, now at Sylvester, he has been with the G. S. & F. for several years. Bro. Overton is remembered as having worked at Tifton, and other places on this district.

Mr. Chauncey who was at Homerville, extra, went to Baconton for a few days last month.

Bro. J. L. Murray is again at Manor, going there from Hildreth. He was succeeded at Hildreth by Bro O. A. Thomas. D. C.

Montgomery District—

As I have been appointed correspondent I will try to represent this district in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, with the help of the members. I will ask each and every one to send items to our local chairman by the 15th of the month so that he can get them to me before the 20th. It is impossible for me to keep track of all the changes, so when you are off a few days or hear of some one else being away, kindly drop him a note. Some of the boys promised to send me a few notes, but for some reason they have been delayed, and it is time for me to mail what few I have, so I can give but little news of interest.

Two gravel trains were put on some time ago, which makes a little extra work for the telegraphers and the dispatchers.

Bro. Bailey, of Pinckard, is being relieved for a few days by Extra Telegrapher Johnson.

Bro. Dykes, day telegrapher at Dothan, is taking a vacation; relieved by the night man, Mr. Lawson. Bro. Brantley, relief agent and telegrapher, is holding the position down, nights. Bro. Garlington, of Ansley agency, is being relieved by extra man, Mr. Evans, for a few days. Bro. Dykes has returned and is now relieving first trick dispatcher Black, while he (Mr. Black) attends the ball game at Montgomery for a few days. On Mr. Black's return our chief, Mr. M. D. Black, takes a short vacation, and will be relieved by Mr. W. M. Black, first trick dispatcher. Bro. Dykes remaining on first trick. Bro. Dykes goes to second trick, relieving Mr. F. Hodges while he takes a trip to Jacksonville and other points, unknown to the writer.

Bro. Dean, night telegrapher at Tennille, is taking a well earned vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Johnson.

The extra men seem to be busy at the present time, as many of the boys are taking short vacations.

Bro. B. H. Evans is relieving Bro. Wynne, while he attends the convention in Atlanta.

Brothers, has your relief an up-to-date card? If not, let's find out the reason why he is not carrying one. Now is the time to get busy, let's not wait until tomorrow. "Do it now."

THE WORLD'S WONDER.

C., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

P. & E., East—

We are gratified to find our new local chairman taking so much interest. Bro. Houck seems to be the man we have so long needed, and no doubt, with proper assistance from the brothers, he will render us valuable services. Bro. Houck alone can do but little for us; what he needs most is help from every member on the P. & E., and the help we can give him is only the interest each one of us should take in our own welfare. So let us do that much for our own good and help a good thing along. I am sure we will never regret what we do, and it will only take a few minutes of our spare time to do a great deal toward making the P. & E. what it should be, and what it will never be unless some of us get busy—not only to think you are doing something, but make a showing. Say a word to the nons. Ascertain if they are not willing to fill out the necessary papers, and if not, why. It will be very easy for you to explain to them that it is as much for their welfare as for ours. I don't think each of us could get a member if we would try. Why? Because there are not enough nons to do it. But one thing we can do, is to get every one we can; not sit around waiting for some one else, or the local chairman to do it all.

Bro. O'Dell, of the first trick at Lynn, was off from March 1 to April 9, moving to his farm, south of Lynn.

Bro. Vance, extra man, relieved Bro. Van Arsdall on third at Lynn, and Bro. Van Arsdall relieved Bro. O'Dell on first.

Telegrapher Hennessy, after relieving at Shirley, bid in second trick at Troy.

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Telegrapher Julian relieved extra man Hennessy at Shirley a few days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Cleary.

W. R. Slauter got third trick at Troy on bulletin.

Bro. E. S. Hill, of third trick at Troy, we regret to say, left the service on account of ill health.

Closing hour at New Carlisle has been changed from 1 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Interlocking plant at "KD," Indianapolis, has been overhauled and train order board installed.

We are glad to hear former Bro. Ringer on the line after an extended absence.

Bro. Byers, of second trick at Troy, has been transferred to the agency at Laura.

Agent Leys transferred from New Castle to freight agency at Bloomington, being relieved by Agent Sherry from Shirley.

Mr. C. E. Spence has been transferred from Champaign to agency at Shirley.

The agency at Mahomet is bulletined.

Bro. R. S. Vance relieved Telegrapher Martin at Urbana Yard first trick on April 9. Martin was attending to business.

Telegrapher Halsted got first trick at Bloomington on bulletin.

Third at Shirley, second at Troy and second at Bloomington bulletined April 9.

Bro. Vance relieved Telegrapher Dixon at Durbin a few days recently. Dixon is home on a short vacation.

Bro. W. S. Christie has been assigned to the second trick at Bloomington. CERT. 255.

Chicago Division, West End—

Bros. G. T. McMahon and L. J. Young, first and third trick men at St. Anne, have left the service. Bro. McMahon accepted a position with the Mo. Pac. and Bro. Young is now working for the M. C.

Bro. O. E. Browning, second trick at Sheldon, was off duty a few days last month. Relieved by Bro. R. P. Holmes, a new man.

Bro. Brown worked a few nights on third at St. Anne.

Bro. Andrews having left the service, Telegrapher A. L. Brashiers is third trick man at Donovan. COR.

Cleveland Division—

Telegrapher Winbigler, of Linndale, is off a few days. Relieved by Bro. Kimball, a B. R. T. man, who will join us as soon as he gets settled.

Mr. Anderson, of Shelby, has resigned and gone to work for the Pennsylvania Co. Bro. Case is filling in.

Bro. Barnum is still on the sick list.

Ham factories are in operation at Shiloh and Vernon. We wonder if these men are working for the Big Four or for themselves.

Mr. Squires, the former professor at Harper, has left this division.

We succeeded in landing a few nons this month. Also transferred two from other divisions to No. 138.

Keep a lookout for members of other divisions who are working over here and see that they are transferred to No. 138. Send their names and addresses to the local chairman. If each member will kindly invest two cents in a postage stamp and send in notes relative to what is going on in his territory, I will endeavor to get a write-up in the journal each month. I am sure that all the boys would enjoy knowing what is going on over the division.

I heard some one talking about one member "knocking" another and trying to injure him. You know there is no fraternal feeling in men who are "knockers," and if we can't do a brother a good turn, we can at least let him alone, so that his troubles may be as few as possible. While we are all liable to make mistakes, some more so than others, and these brothers should be helped over the rough places as much as possible. Talk to them in a friendly way and show them where they make their mistakes and how to avoid them in the future. The same applies to the nons. When a new man comes on the line who is a non-member, treat him kindly and help him along and then, when he has been at work a few months, give him a good O. R. T. talk, and your chances of landing him will be 100 per cent better than if you started "bawling him out." But after he has been working long enough to get on his feet and then refuses to join us, remember the motto "no card, no favors."

Be sure to write your local chairman each month and give him the news. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—

Business seems to be holding its own.

General Chairman Whalen is attending the meeting of the Grand Division at Atlanta, and at this writing has not returned to work.

Bro. J. F. Gross, at Reno, has been off a few days recently and was relieved by Bro. C. S. Byrd, who in turn was relieved by Mr. McHenry, from Dudley.

Bro. G. C. Stokes has bid in second trick at Loxa and has moved to that place.

Telegrapher C. L. Lucket is relieving Bro. J. L. Fisher at Ashmore for a few days. Bro. Fisher is taking a few days' rest.

Telegrapher Taflinger is working third trick at Embarrass until some older man bids in the job.

I feel that we have a just cause to complain regarding the two students that have been sent to Dudley to finish up. The brothers at Dudley do not approve of this and something should be done to stop it. COR.

Maine Central Ry.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Divisions No. 95 and No. 140 who so kindly expressed their sympathy and contributed flowers to the death of our little girl. While our

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home is filled with sadness and the sorrow is more than words can tell, the sympathetic kindness of many friends can but tend to soothe the aching hearts. MR. AND MRS. H. G. ADAMS.

S. A. & A. P. Ry.

Telegrapher G. O. Hunt, a new man on the road, relieves Telegrapher Densmore at Cuero for a few days.

Bro. Edwards, of "FN," Flatonia tower, has left the service. We wish for Bro. Edwards success wherever he may go.

Bro. Murphy is being checked out as agent at Burlington, he having bid in Kerrville telegraph job.

Bro. B. T. Harris, of Rosebud, has been relieved by Telegrapher Sattlemeyer, who, we understand, was in the service of this company several years ago and has just re-entered the railway service.

Bro. B. T. Harris relieves Bro. R. Preston as agent at Moulton while the latter visits his old home in England. We wish for Bro. Preston a happy voyage and a safe return.

Telegrapher J. R. Preston was relieved at Cameron a few days by Telegrapher Hunt, Telegrapher Preston going home prior to his father's voyage.

Bro. G. H. Roddy, our esteemed secretary, is attending the convention at Atlanta.

We have word from a reliable source that our former chairman, Bro. Richardson, formerly of Rock Island, has fallen into a fat job at Singer, La. Unable to say what road. Bro. Richardson, with his knowledge and ability, can always secure a good position; and with his high principles and ardent love of the Order, the locals around Singer, La., should be congratulated on having him among them. DIV. COR.

G. R. & I. Ry.

Northern Division—

The G. R. & I. Ry. is beginning to look like a home for the O. R. T. There is still room for improvement, at least on this division. Have patience and it will be but a short time until we will be in proper shape to present our management with a schedule. Keep persistently after the non, so that we will be able to obtain the same working conditions and salaries as are paid on other scheduled roads. Get the non-members interested, for the larger the membership the more benefit will be derived by all. Some will say "I haven't the money." If they were as poor as that they need a raise in pay. That's a settled fact. What do you do when sickness come upon you? Get credit or borrow the money to buy medicine? Now, I suggest that you borrow the small sum of $5.83 and join the O. R. T. this month.

Another says "Show me." He is not from Missouri, either. If you want to be shown why not join and help "show" yourself? It takes men, and good men to make a showing. Read the items of your journal and you will see that your are heading into a siding where, when you are clear, you will remain unnoticed the rest of your days. Don't say or think that you can join next month and receive just as much credit; we all know you and when you go in.

Remember, actions speak louder than words. Act now, send in your name. Get a blank and pony up some hard-earned money. Do it cheerfully and then be loyal to yourself and the rest of us, and the company officials will know that you will be loyal to them. CERT. 37.

Southern Division--

No brother except myself has given the journal a write-up since we organized the system division on the G. R. & I. until the May issue, when some brother on the north end gave us a short write-up. I think it is about time for someone on the north end to wake up and get in the game.

Several of the G. R. & I. telegraph stations are arranged so that the telegrapher is kept on duty twelve hours just the same as before the nine-hour law was passed, because they arrange things so that the office is closed as a telegraph station either at night or during the day. I think something should be done throughout the United States to help the men who are working these twelve-hour tricks. It can be done if we pull together.

How many members on Division 143 paid any attention to the letter from Bro. Quick, which notifies us that he has sent a letter to 90 per cent of the nons throughout the United States and Canada, asking them to come into the field and work with us to gain better conditions? I cannot do very much because I am not out on the road with you fellows, but there is no excuse for the man who has a non located in the same office with himself.

I am unable to give the recent changes on the road on account of being absent from the service lately. I met Bro. Hofer in Ft. Wayne a few days ago and I am sure he was having a good time.

Telegrapher W. G. Cartwright and wife took a trip to Kalamazoo lately.

Bro. C. R. Roth was unfortunate enough to lose a new typewriter in the fire when the tower at Avilla B. & O. crossing burned down lately. Bro. Stoneburner lost a coat and hat. Bro. Stoneburner was on duty at the time of the fire.

Bill Monteith is making good in "NS" office in Ft. Wayne. I am sorry Bill thought it was necessary to drop out of the O. R. T. in order to hold a job in the same building with the division operator. We had one brother who worked the job and was up to date all the while and he did not get canned either, but he resigned to accept a much better position as traveling salesman for a signal company in Michigan.

Our boy we call "Smoke' has looped the gap and accepted a position on the M. C. Ry. We are sorry to lose Bro. Robinson, but he no doubt has a much better position on the M. C. Ry. and

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gets more money without working twelve hours as he did on the G. R. & I.

Bro. A. C. Donart, who recently worked third trick at "Z," Kalamazoo, is now located in Ft. Wayne, holding a position with the S. F. Bowser & Co., oil tank manufacturers. He goes to work at eight o'clock in the morning, has an hour and a half at noon, and is off from Saturday noon until Monday morning, which are much better conditions than he was accustomed to while working for a railroad company. Bro. Donart says he is going to try to forget the railroad, but he thinks it will take time, because he loves to be among the railroad men. The Bowser Company expect to install a private telegraph line soon, then he will not be lonesome any longer. Clyde Hinkle is now working the third trick at "Z," Kalamazoo.

Rome City, summer resort, will soon open up, which will create a job for some one who likes to work thirteen hours per day for fifty dollars per month.

We must make arrangements for a meeting in the near future. I think Kalamazoo would be a good point for the meeting. I would like to hear from a few of the brothers in the near future in regard to this matter and work on this line until we get it started, which I am sure will liven up the interest of the membership on this division and do much good.

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N. Y. N. H. & H. Ry.

Shore Line Division—

Her are a few of the many changes on the west end:

Bro. A. N. Wood, second at tower 62, bid in second at Cabin 56, Bridgeport.

Bro. Gibbons, regular extra, has gone to Tower 62, second trick.

Bro. Oliver, from South Norwalk Dock, nights, bid in third trick at Tower 62, and is making good.

Telegrapher Day, from extra list, goes to South Norwalk Dock, twelve hours nights.

J. E. McCloskey, regular extra, bid in third trick at Tower 75.

Bro. Frank McGinnis, from first trick at Tower 40, Darien, bid in regular extra vacated by McCloskey.

Bro. T. F. Coyle, first trick man at Tower 54, Fairfield, transferred to first trick at Tower 40, Darien.

Bro. Lakin, third trick at Simsbury, has taken regular extra in Bro. Gibbons' place.

Telegrapher Bock, second at Tower 54, Fairfield, to first trick, same tower.

Bro. Melick, first trick at Cabin 59, off duty a few days, visiting in old Jersey. Bro. D. J. Kennedy, who has been in the broker biz for some time, relieved him.

Bro. Vandusen is back on the job at Cabin 60, first trick, after being off five weeks with a sick eye. Bro. Wager covered Van's trick during his absence.

Bro. McGinnis is holding down first trick at Tower 74 and Bro. Kennedy doing the day stunt in "BS," New Haven, while Bros. McCormack and Kelly are at the Convention at Atlanta.

Bro. Callis, chief of Division No. 35, and Bro. Ross, chief of Division No. 89, were with us at our May meeting and gave us good talks, especially on the union label. See that you get the label when making your purchases.

Sister Caywood expected to see Bro. Leet come with several of the sisters, but she, as well as the rest of us was disappointed.

As HX2 was pulling into the yard at Tower 62 about 3:30 a. m., May 12th, one of the cars in the train was derailed (caused by a broken journal) and ran into the tower, taking the front side and half of both ends out, and causing Bro. Oliver to "sit up and take notice," that something was doing, Dave started for the window, but went back to get his life preserver (a package of Red Band), and by the time he found it the doings was over and he decided to stay by the ship.

"DAGO."

Wabash Ry.

Chicago-Detroit Division—

Bro. and Mrs. V. A. Wood, of Milan, report having had a very pleasant time at Atlanta, Ga. Bro. Wood was a delegate to the O. R. T. convention held there. He was relieved by Bro. F. J. Osborn.

Telegraphers Floyd and Wilkins have left the service of the Wabash. The former goes to work for the Postal and the latter for the Western Union.

Mrs. C. L. Iliff, wife of Bro. Iliff, of Romulus, visited relatives at Walcottville a few days recently.

Sister Towns, of Sand Creek, was off duty a few days last month. Relieved by Miss French.

Bro. W. H. Sellers and family spent a few days in Northern Michigan recently, visiting relatives and looking over some farm land that Bro. Sellers has acquired up there.

Sister F. Jones was at the hospital at Peru last month, having her eyes treated.

Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Seibert, of Romulus, took an extensive trip through the South the first of the month, stopping at Cincinnati, Ohio; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Meridian, Miss., and New Orleans, La. Bro. Seibert was relieved by Mr. Floyd.

Bro. Spurling, of Adrian, was called to Kentucky last month by the illness of his brother. Bro. N. E. Long relieved him.

Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, visited Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Seibert, of Romulus May 21.

Bro. Quackenbush, of Woodward, was at the Peru Hospital for a while last month on account of a broken arm.

Items are a bit scarce this month. This may be due to the dragging along of the tariff revision. If this be the case, we hope Congress hurries up a bit and gets this matter fixed up. However, if

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some of the brothers on the west end of this division would send me a few items each month it would help a whole lot, and I would be very thankful to have them do so. DIV. COR.

Springfield Division—

Bro. G. K. Taylor bumped Bro. F. V. Stehman, second trick at Quincy, and Bro. Stehman now holds second trick at Riverton, the position formerly held by Bro. Taylor.

Mr. L. Bean, agent at Clayton, was off duty May 2 and 3, owing to the death of his wife's sister. Relieved by Bro. F. V. Stehman.

Bro. J. M. Suter, delegate to the convention at Atlanta, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, spent a couple of weeks in the convention city, representing this division of the Wabash. Relieved by Bro. R. F. Lipcamon.

Mr. L. W. Abbott bid in first trick at Riverton. Mr. Abbott worked at Berlin on third trick extra two or three months.

Bro. Geo. East, the agent at Naples, was off duty a day or two in May on account of the illness of his wife. Relieved by Mr. Boone Stead, from Griggsville.

Mr. M. T. Driscoll, the agent at Griggsville, was relieved by C. S. Klinefelter a few days, owing to the necessity of his having an operation performed for the removal of an abscess from his eye. The operation was performed by an oculist in Springfield.

Mr. F. Penington, the agent at Maysville, was on the sick list several days in May. Relieved by Mr. Boone Stead, of Griggsville.

President Delano, of Chicago, was at division headquarters in Springfield May 5th on official business.

Bro. H. C. Cannon bid in Camp Point agency recently, relieving Bro. C. A. Hughlett, who was transferred to Meredosia when Mr. J. M. Anderson resigned.

C. S. Klinefelter was at Quincy recently, relieving Bro. G. K. Taylor a few nights.

Bros. F. F. and G. K. Taylor, first and second tricks, respectively, at Quincy, recently received the sad news of the death of their brother at St. Joseph, Mo. They have the sympathy of the brothers on this division.

Shortly after we receive our June TELEGRAPHERS, the new seniority list, corrected to July 1, will be revised and we will see where we stand. A half dozen of the men on the present list have dropped from record and as many more younger men have come upon the stage of action ready to take their places.

A series of bumping took place recently, which started several of the boys on the hunt for another position.

W. P. Potter, of the dispatching force, when relieved of his duties on account of the decline in business, bumped Bro. J. W. Anderson, at "JN" office, Springfield. Bro. Anderson in turn bumped N. H. McRoberts, first trick at Shops. Mr. McRoberts bumped Bro. J. A. Conrey, third trick at Shops, and Bro. Conrey bumped Mr. L. W. Abbott, third trick at Berlin, and Mr. Abbott bids in first trick at Riverton on bulletin. As Mr. Potter accepted the position of time-keeper in Superintendent Brown's office, the changes were mostly temporary and the men obliged to move returned to their former positions, except Mr. L. W. Abbott, and his position as third trick telegrapher at Berlin was filled by a Mr. Sumner, from Mattoon.

We have the assurance that in the future bulletins will be issued and telegraphers notified within ten days of vacancies or new positions, in accordance with the agreement between the committee and the management last winter. If any irregularities occur, let's take the matter up in the proper way. Don't discuss your grievances with trainmen and others not interested, but write your chairman a letter and discuss the situation with a view of securing an adjustment.

The question of meetings has been mentioned to your chairman, and any one having ideas that they desire to express should feel at liberty to express them. The train service is not as good as it might be, and it is 160 miles from Decatur to Quincy, with some of us working nearly thirteen hours each day. These are facts that confront us when the subject is considered. There are a great many things that would help us and we should get together occasionally and discuss the various questions that are of interest to the membership. We could get new ideas from each other, not only in a general way, but regarding our office work, and it would bring us closer together and a more fraternal feeling would exist between the brothers. We could also keep better informed on matters that pertain to our future welfare. We are convinced that our progress is seriously retarded by lack of association and discussion on subjects that deeply concern us.

Robert D. Brown, formerly W. U. messenger at Barry, has passed the required examination and is now bucking the extra board.

Mr. N. W. McRoberts, the first trick man at the Shops, is doing the message stunt at "JN" office, Springfield, for a few days, relieving Bro. Anderson.

Mr. Sanders, the third trick dispatcher, was off duty a few days recently, on account of sickness in the family. Relieved by Extra Dispatcher Potter.

C. R. Tomlinson, formerly of "JN" office, Springfield, but later a switchman in Springfield yards, fell from a car the morning of May 13 and was severely bruised. The services of a physician were required. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. R. F. Lipcamon, who has been assigned to Berlin, third trick, as regular man, is at present relieving Bro. J. M. Suter at Dawson. Bro. Suter is attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga.

There is talk of the Wabash using the large type 2300 engines west of Valley City. If these plans are carried into execution, there will be two more telegraphers needed at Valley City.

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Our Grand Secretary and Treasurer has addressed a letter to each and every non-union railroad telegrapher in the United States, Canada and Mexico, whose names have been furnished him from time to time. The object of this letter is to reach all railroad telegraphers not within our organization, and explain briefly to them the object and accomplishments of our Order in such a way that they will readily see the advantages and benefits and affiliate with us with a view of bettering our condition generally and placing our craft upon a higher plane. The letters were accompanied by a set of application blanks, with a request that the recipient return the blanks properly filled out, with the initiation fee. It becomes our duty as members to use our influence and best endeavors to assist in the work and try to complete thorough organization by co-operating with our officials in the work they are striving to complete. It is expected of each and every member that he will put forth his best effort at this particular time to complete the work of organization. There are very few of us who have not been benefited either directly or indirectly by the Order in the past few years. A retrospective glance by some of us older heads will serve to compare conditions as they were a few years ago with conditions as they exist today.

Eleven years ago last January, the writer passed the examination then required and was appointed telegrapher and assistant to the agent at Chapin, at a salary of $25.00 per month. The first two months we boarded at the hotel, $14.00 per month board. Later we found a private boarding place at $13.00 per month, and sent our washing home to save laundry bills. The agent, Mr. Geo. W. Sargent, later freight agent at Springfield, a good, genial fellow, liberally offered us half of his express commission to take charge and do a good portion of the work connected with that part of the agency, and this brought our monthly income up to the princely salary of $29.00 or $30.00 per. After paying board and buying clothes, it is evident the surplus would not soon enable a man to buy railroad stock, or even a home. At this time the Wabash force consisted of an agent, telegrapher, a boy to tend switch lamps, at $5.00 per month, and the C. B. & Q. force, an agent and night telegrapher, as Chapin was not made a joint office until the past few years. A heavy movement of grain from the "Q." for Toledo was routed via Chapin, and every car had to be rebilled, as through billing via that junction was then something unusual.

To sum the matter up, the work heaped upon us was a fright, and sets of papers or inquiries from the general car accountant were pigeon-holed for months at a time, and we can conscientiously say that we did more work for $30.00 per month during the fourteen months we were there than the majority of the telegraphers now do for the minimum of $50.00, and we worked thirteen hours per day. In March, 1899, we were assigned the agency at Arnold, which paid about $35.00 per month, including the stamp cancellation allowed by the government for our duties as postmaster.

Today Arnold pays $50.00 or more, dependent upon ticket sales, but never less than the minimum, and Chapin, now a joint office, has an exclusive agent and three trick telegraphers. Who can say the Order played no part in effecting some of these changes, at least?

A few years ago we thought nothing of remaining on duty until ten or eleven o'clock to meet belated trains, especially in the winter, when trains could not make schedule time, and never expected extra pay in the way of overtime. We could either work or quit when we got enough, and that was all we expected.

When circus trains passed over the division, we were generally instructed to come on duty at eleven, twelve or one o'clock and block circus trains. They went sometimes about breakfast time, and while occasionally some one would whisper to us that if we would send in overtime for these extra nights we would be compensated for the work, we never knew of any one getting it. We have stayed up all night rather than take any chances on not being on duty at the time instructed.

Those days have gone, and through the influence of various agencies at work, our hours and pay are more in keeping with better standards of life, and we are now assured at least of the required amount of rest tired nature demands.

How any man, in the face of the facts presented in comparing the past and present, can withhold his support from an organization that was founded for the sole purpose of and whose only object in existence is the amelioration of conditions that should not exist, seems a mystery.

The older men can all remember when conditions were such as those above mentioned, and the younger boys, who know only by hearsay, of what was at one time customary, can not fully enjoy the changes, owing to the lack of experience in the days when conditions were different. Notwithstanding these facts, the younger men are the first to take up their share of the work of organization, and the list of nons is all the more striking owing to the number of old heads that compose nearly half of the list. One would naturally think the older men would be the first to see the benefits and notice the improved conditions by comparison and lend their support to the cause.

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Decatur Division—

Miss Adams, sister of Bro. Adams, at Reddick, is working third trick at Emington.

Telegrapher Duncan, of Pontiac, enjoyed a 20-day vacation in May.

Mr. Robnett is handling the Cardiff agency temporarily, in place of Bro. A. B. Walker, who has been transferred to Forrest agency.

Bro. A. S. Yates, of Saunemin, took in the Chicago excursion May 1st.

The station building at Monticello has been treated to a new coat of paint and electric lights,

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which adds much to the general appearance of the place.

Bro. Hefner, of Monticello, is attending the Atlanta convention. We received a card from him stating that there was a large crowd and that all were having a good time.

We are glad to report that Bro. Richards, the agent at Osman, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Decatur Hospital, is again at his post of duty. We understand that he was relieved by Bro. Wheeler, from Lotus.

Bro. H. G. Folrath, the agent at Monticello, was elected alderman of that city, and, although on the losing side of the ticket, was elected by a large majority. This speaks well for his popularity.

B. F. Johnston has been checked in as regular agent at Symerton.

Bro. H. F. Rowland, Staunton, was relieved by Bro. J. L. Slade, April 19. Unable to say where Bro. Rowland went.

There was a sad accident at Taylorville not long ago. Brakeman C. F. Bowmaster, while trying to stop a man from getting on the track ahead of a cut of cars, got in the way of them and had both legs badly crushed. They were both amputated.

Bro. Aikman, of Litchfield, recently made a trip to New Mexico and reports a pleasant trip.

Bro. Stone, of Litchfield, who was recently operated on for appendicitis, is again at work. He says the Decatur Hospital is the place to go if one is sick.

We are indebted to several of the brothers for news this month, but some of them did not respond.

There is quite a number of men coming on the line, we understand, and we should watch them and get them into the fold if they are not already members. It is organization that keeps the old mill grinding, and if we are "idlers" we should not consider ourselves a part of the machinery. Be awake and watch our interests. It is not necessary to be a crank or an "agitator," but go about it in a business-like way, as the O. R. T. is a business proposition. We know of some new applications for membership and will be greatly pleased to call them brother and know they will feel more like they are alive when they are affiliated with us.

While they are scouring the woods for new members, don't forget to drop a line to the correspondent; he cannot keep abreast of the times and gather all the news without assistance.

It is expected that there will be a meeting called soon, and we hope to see a good crowd there.

Telegrapher Heflin, of Forrest, has gone South for an indefinite time. Telegrapher Rogers from Taylorville, recently from the C. & A., relieved at Forrest.

Bro. Higdon, of Wing, landed third trick at Reddick.

Agent Moore, of Forrest, has, we understand, taken leave of absence and gone West on a trip. Bro. Walker, of Cardiff, is relieving.

Telegrapher Nett, formerly a clerk, is holding the agency at Cardiff temporarily.

Telegrapher Stevens, of Manhatten, has asked for immediate relief on account of going into business.

Bro. Slade, third trick at Strawn, went to Forrest on a short trip, recently.

Bro. Toohey, second trick at Strawn, went to Chicago, recently, on a pleasure trip.

Telegrapher Somers, second trick at Forrest, and Bro. Rodgers, third at same joint, were at Strawn recently, shaking hands all around.

Telegrapher Draper relieved Telegrapher Tomlinson at Gibson, a few days, and later returned to his regular position, third trick at Sibley.

Bro. Higdon, of Reddick, went to Chicago, recently.

Bro. Johnson, of Emington, bid in Symerton agency.

Bro. Slade has gone to Staunton as third trick man.

Sister Foster, recently from the "Q," is now working third trick at Strawn. Mrs. Foster worked at Osman some three years ago. Her husband was agent at one time at Blue Ridge. He recently met with a fatal accident on the "Q."

Bro. Rodgers, third trick at Forrest, has gone to Brooklyn; relieved by Bro. Koehler.

Bro. Geisson is now working second trick at Staunton.

Quite a number of the telegraph offices along the line are receiving a new coat of paint.

Business is very dull. Not more so than usual at this time of year.

Agent Logan, of Bement, took quite an extended time off duty recently.

Telegrapher Stephens, of Bement, was off duty the latter part of April, visiting home folks.

HARTE.

Peru Division—

Bro. Benjiman, agent at St. Joe, is enjoying a few days' vacation, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Underwood.

The first trick at Toledo yard is bulletined.

Bro. Stadler, agent at Woodburn, is enjoying a few days' vacation. Bro. Dunderman is relieving him.

Some of the brothers have been trying to get relief for a few days, but say that they can not do so as as there are no telegraphers to relieve them. A number have had in applications for relief for two months, and even then are unable to get away, but when a telegrapher applies for a position he is informed that he can not be used on account of a surplus of extra men. The brothers can not understand this, but from what I have learned by watching there seems to be several extra men here now. There is also an unusual number of brothers wanting off at this time of the year, and if our chief would hire men enough to let all the brothers off at the present time, it would be necessary for him within a short time to let some of the telegraphers go again, making it rather inconvenient for them, and at the

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some time making it very hard for the extra men to get enough work to meet all expenses. I believe if we will be patient with our chief, he will provide relief for us by and by, and it will be never all around.

Bro. Rosenwal, the agent at Spencerville, has been granted a few days' leave of absence, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Underwood.

W. C. Thork, the agent at West Unity, has returned to his duties after several days' leave of absence.

On account of death in the family of M. Hullihan, the agent at Riverside, he was off a few days recently. F. H. Hollenbee, clerk from the freight office at Lafayette, was sent to his relief.

Effective at 12:01 a. m., Monday, May 17th, the telegraph office at the interlocking tower at Napoleon was discontinued, and from now on the telegraphing will be done at Napoleon station, except between the hours of 12:00 o'clock midnight and 5:00 o'clock a. m., when the office will be closed. This cuts out two men.

Bro. W. E. Spencer was in Lafayette, attending to some business a few days ago.

Bro. Shutt has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he has been attending the convention. Mrs. Weckerly worked at Delphi in place of Bro. Shutt while he was away.

Bro. Keller, of Richvalley, has bid in the third trick at West Peru. Richvalley is being filled, temporarily, by Telegrapher Edwards.

The vacation period for the dispatchers at Peru will begin June 1st, and all of them have signed up according to their preference with respect to seniority for periods in which they wish to have their vacations. Each will receive ten days with full pay. Herbert Test will take his vacation first.

Bro. A. M. Brown has been working third trick at Danville for a few days, in place of Telegrapher Garrett.

Bro. Dunwoody, the third trick man at Newell, has been laying off a few days, and is visiting friends at Watseka, Ill. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Murray.

Bro. Jno. Keiff, first trick at Newell, is enjoying a few days' vacation, visiting friends in Lafayette. Telegrapher Murray is doing his stunt while he is away.

A. A. Hein, Telegrapher at Attica, is off for a few weeks.

Bro. N. J. Bechtal, of Lafayette, is back to work, after being off duty for several weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. E. W. Patrick, of West Point, is off duty for a few days, and is enjoying a pleasant outing. Telegrapher Murray is working his trick while he is absent.

Second trick at Wauseon is open for bid.

Bro. B. Dickman, of Defiance, is visiting friends in St. Louis. He will be away about two weeks. Telegrapher Underwood is relieving him while away.

Bro. Sanders, of Logansport, was relieved two days, recently, by Telegrapher Todd.

Bro. Clark, of Rockfield, was relieved a few days by Mrs. Weckerly, on account of the sudden sickness of Bro. Clark. He is reported much better, and has returned to duty.

Telegrapher Lennon has resumed work at West Peru.

Bro. G. W. Patrick, of West Point, secured leave of absence for five days, and was relieved by Bro. E. W. Patrick, of West Point, while away.

Bro. Etnire, of Williamsport, was visiting friends in Ft. Wayne a few days recently; relieved by Telegrapher Edwards.

Bros. Deltemarter and Kieff contributed items this month.

Bro. J. J. Dorren, agent at Whitehouse, was off one day to attend to some business. He was relieved by Mr C. E. Romeick. Mr. Romeick was formerly agent at Maumee, O.

Brothers, there are a few nons yet to be lined up. The question is, how to do the job. Are you sure you have done all you can to get them in the fold? Figure out some way to make an impression on your non friends. If you can not strike them in any way, set down and write Bro. La Fever, at St. Louis; Bro. Shutt, at Delphi, Ind., or the correspondent, and I assure you that we will do all we can to land them. There has been several nons landed on the Peru Division during the last few months, and there are more who have promised to come in next pay day, and I have every reason to believe that they mean business. Do all in your power to make the Peru Division solid by July 1st, so we can have a celebration July 4th, and wave our banner and give defiance to any other division anywhere.

COR.

C. I. & L. Ry.

Second Division—

Dispatcher Nixon has resigned and gone to farming. Extra Dispatcher Bennett relieved him.

John Douglas, who for some time has been night chief for the St. Louis Air Line, has taken the place of Dispatcher Nixon.

Telegrapher Fox, night man at "BN," Bloomington yard office, is enjoying his annual vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Sappenfield.

Telegrapher Sappenfield was sent to Bedford to relieve Telegrapher Stanza; Telegrapher Miller was sent to "BN," Bloomington yard office, to relieve Telegrapher Sappenfield.

Telegrapher Miller, of "BN," Bloomington yard office, has resigned; relieved by Telegrapher Schultz, a new man.

Stone, agent at Cassell, and Trainmaster McHugh handled the key at the wreck of Nos. 3 and 74, at Ketchums.

Bro. Hannigan, night man at "SK," Shops, has resigned, but has been working a few nights longer on account of scarcity of telegraphers.

This pike has been short of telegraphers all through the month of May. Understand Chief Dispatcher Stemm wired Indianapolis for men, but was unable to get any.

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Bro. Prow, day man at "SA," Salem, is preparing to take a fishing trip about July 1st.

The gravel pit at Ballast has been opened, and the stripping is about finished. Gravel trains should commence running about June 1st.

The telegraph office at "XN," Ballast, was burned down a few nights ago, caused by crew on the pit engine starting a fire in the stove and failing to extinguish it before leaving. Can not say what effect this will have on the summer job at that place, but understand they are going to rebuild it.

A deal has been closed by the Monon for all the land it was after, upon which the new $123,000 round-house and yards are to be located south of Bloomington. The amount paid for six acres was $3,012.

A demand has sprung up in the East for Bedford stone, which is helping the Monon to a large freight traffic for the Eastern States. Parties in New York, Boston and Philadelphia are purchasing this stone on an extensive scale, and the shipments by the Monon are becoming much larger than at any former period in some years past

Officials of the Monon line have been on a tour of inspection for several days past. B. E. Taylor, general manager, headed the party, which visited the stone quarries and other industries located on the line, and had a talk with the shippers of the road, learning their wishes as to train service. While in Louisville they examined an apparatus for dispatching trains by telephone. "THE OWL."

St. L. S. W. Ry.

Illmo Division—

Sister L. M. Rainge, agent of Thebes, is enjoying a vacation, and is being relieved by Bro. F. R. Calvert, formerly of first trick at Rockview.

Bro. T. R. Nicks is again on first trick at Rockview.

Bro. Hervey, agent at Kelso, had to attend a trial for the company at Kennett, Mo., being relieved by Bro. Arnold, the second trick telegrapher. Bro. Arnold was relieved by a man from Ardeola. Unable to give his name.

A young man tried to catch C. & E. I. No. 41, while passing the Thebes station, on May 10th, and was thrown between the platform and train and very badly injured.

Bro. A. C. Seaman, agent Ardeola, is off duty for thirty days visiting his mother at Jonesboro, Ark. He is relieved by Bro. F. C. Long.

We understand that our local chairman, G. C. (Fatty) Miller, agent at Idalia, is going on a two weeks' fishing trip on St. Francis River some time in June.

Bro. H. McConnell, the second trick man at Rockview, has gone over to Thebes to see "our chum" Calvert on important business.

Bro. C. J. Carlton and Mr. Ira Holmes have established a large tonsorial parlor on Main and "Nan" Tuckett. Let's give 'em a lift.

PAT.

C. I. & S. Ry.

We are part of the New York Central system of railroads, and the only part of this system that is not organized. We are about two hundred and forty miles long and do more business to the square inch than any road of its size in the world. We have the finest set of trainmen and engineers in the world. They certainly understand their business, and if you want to see, or work with up-to-date railroad men, come here. We have fifty-eight telegraphers and agents on the KKK Division, and they are good men.

Three years ago last March we organized here to a man. Our committee went up in August of the same year, and for four months they slaved and worked to better the conditions of the telegraphers and agents, and finally, when their labor was called to a halt by the non-support of the men, our chairman had to find a new position. There were two chairmen and both have positions that pay more money than any of us are getting here. Why? During the four months these chairmen were up they were discharged from the service of this company. Did the committee get any sympathy from the members? Ask the birds that were here at the time.

What I mean by non-support is, some members paid one assessment, some paid all of them, and two did not pay at all, and those two were the hardest kickers we had. They declared they paid, but we know better.

A short time since an organizer started out along the line of the KKK Division, and got as far as H, and then quit; got discouraged. Can't blame him. This was the excuse of the nons: "If the O. R. T. will do something, I will join again." Good Heavens! Can we do anything without support? Can a few men accomplish anything while the balance sit back, look on, and take the plums as they fall into their open mouths? You nons are placing yourselves in the place of a suckling baby. Your mouths are always open for something to eat, your pocketbooks are always open waiting for the O. R. T. to drop the raise into it.

The recent decision of the Santa Fe case will give an additional 5000 telegraphers work. Think of that, you nons, and then say the O. R. T. is idle. Where is your manhood? Now, brothers, here on this division it is the earnest wish of your chairman that you all turn in and earnestly help him. He has spent his time and money to get this division reorganized, and has kept continually at it for a year, but with no apparent results. One brother has stuck by him nobly, and too much praise cannot be given him.

Organize, get in line. Let us be like the rest of the N. Y. C. System, all and every one carry up-to-date cards and be proud of it. We are part of a 12,000-mile system and should be given some consideration. Some say "The O. R. T. has done nothing for me." Can they say that truthfully? How about it, when one works on a scheduled road? It doesn't take long to get a card. There is not a man in our profession but who welcomes

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an increase in salary. What did the O. R. T. do for us here? Do you remember when we were organizing that all at once a good many of you got an increase in salary? What did it? Was it your individual efforts? No, it came a surprise to us all.

In conclusion let me say, that if the brothers on the KKK and Danville Divisions and the I. H. Belt will work zealously hand-in-hand, it will not take us long to be up and doing.

Come brothers, get busy. JULY.

Prince Edward Island Ry.

At the regular meeting on the 22d of April, our worthy delegate, Bro. McEwen, talked to the members as to proposed legislation at the Grand Division.

After the business section of our next regular meeting, the lecture committee has a treat in store for the boys in the shape of a lecture from our worthy brother, Campbell, who will take for his subject "Two hundred years of blood, or the Campbells of Skye in their relation to medieval warfare." Bro. Campbell's well-known ability as a lecturer and his thorough knowledge of his subject will be a sufficient assurance of an interesting evening being in store for those who attend. He will come with ancient, modern and medieval manuscript, and he has a sword that weighs forty pounds and is crimsoned with the blood of many an enemy who has dared to question a ruling when a Campbell was in the chair. After the lecture, Bro. Peter Power will be on hand with his gramaphone, a machine which has delighted the East, from the Baltic to Groshault, and with character songs by the telegrapher himself and the genial outside sentinel, Bro. McCormack, there is no reason why an exceptional evening should not be spent. A report in a future issue will be given.

With the breaking up of the roads, Bro. James Trainor has closed a very successful season, presiding at the socials and selling pies. James' fame as an auctioneer has passed through the Province, and his services are constantly in demand. With a bland smile, he mounts the empty flour barrel and presents his proposition, in the shape of a tempting piece of pastry, and that smile widens as the price goes upward, until the unsuspecting citizen who buys is buncoed out of from 17 cents to $5.00. There are those who are unkind enough to remark that James might with profit to himself devote his energies in other directions, but who knows that better than James himself?

Bro. Arsenault has been transferred to Tignish, and Bro. E. J. McTague will go to Morrell.

As we write this we learn that Bro. Campbell has decided to pull up the stake at Bradalbane and transfer himself and his worldly possessions to Alberton, where he swears he will vegetate until the final call comes.

Bro. Horace McEwen, delegate, is preparing to start for the South to take part in the proceedings of the Grand Division. He will uphold the honor and dignity of the banner division.

The genial relieving agent, Bro. Holland, has returned to his summer quarters at the "King Edward Hotel," fully recovered from his recent illness. The balmy air of his native village soon brought back the color to his cheeks and reduced the mumps to a minimum. Some said it was the mumps Peter had and some said it was the "lump jaw," but it is no difference now, as it is all over. A few weeks in East Baltic, gnawing the bark from the maple trees and digging the beach nuts from under the snow did the work which would puzzle Dr. Osler.

We are delighted to note the activity of our new officers and trust their efforts for the betterment of conditions will be warmly seconded by the rank and file of the members. The circular of the grievance committee was quite in order, and we know it will be followed up by stringent measures for the extermination of that greatest of pests, the illegal plug teacher. We know them and will be glad to note their retiring from the business, even if we must force them to it.

We are not exactly in favor of the closed shop in union matters, but we can not look with respect and affection on a brother worker who so far forgets the benefits he has received from the organization as not only to cease being associated with us, but to actually teach students, contrary to the laws of both the railway and the Order. Then there is generally a grievance which he nurses, and on every occasion slings it up to the member who tries to reason with him. Be a man —and come in and we will give you a night to get it out of your system. Come, boys, before it is too late and the beans get black.

The hand of death has stricken another name from our roll, and it loves a shining mark. This time we mourn one of our oldest members, and No. 1, both on our charter and on the seniority list of the station and telegraph department of the railway. We refer to Bro. James McTague, for a number of years station master at Tignish, and father of our esteemed brother, Ernest J. McTague. Bro. McTague had been ill for some time, but his friends did not look for such a sudden ending as that which occurred on the 22d of February. Bro. McTague was all that goes to make a man, honest and fearless in the discharge of his duties, a good father to those who were only a short time ago deprived of a loving mother, and a cheerful fellow worker. We miss the familiar "NI," and his genial companionship, but it is the way we must all go.

"One by one we must all file on through the narrow aisles of pain."

The funeral, which took place on the 24th, was very largely attended, the O. R. T. hiring a special train which conveyed sixteen members (all who could be relieved) to the late home of the deceased. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Among them specially to be mentioned were those from Superintendent Sharp, Charlottetown Division, No. 47, O. R. T.; Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen and employes of Georgetown station.

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To the bereaved family we tender the sincere sympathy of all the members.

We must thank the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on behalf of this division for the courtesy shown at the funerals of our late brothers, Lawson and McTague. COR.

Boston & Maine Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our loyal and beloved brother, Howard H. Hughes; and while we humbly submit to the will of our Heavenly Father, yet we deeply feel the loss of one who was our dear friend and co-worker; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, Division No. 45, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to his bereaved family, in this their hour of sorrow, its sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Division No. 45, a copy sent to the stricken family, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. E. SPRAGUE,
J. M. GUARE,
R. R. BARNARD,
Committee.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Everything is moving in the same old way.

Bro. J. C. Armstrong, the second trick man at Corinth and Mr. F. C. Caseboro, the day telegrapher at Booneville, have exchanged positions.

Bro. Newsome, the second trick man at Shannon, is off duty a few days to get married; relieved by Bro. Sanders.

Bro. S. L. Davis, agent at Guntown, recently spent a few days in Corinth with old friends and relatives.

Bro. Clyde Dancer has been assigned second trick at Ruslor.

Mr. E. O. Parish, formerly employed by this company, has again entered the service and is now working extra at Booneville.

Bro. Dancer, of Ruslor, has been off duty a few days on account of the illness of his mother.

Bro. J. E. Reynolds, the telegrapher at Perry, is taking his vacation and visiting relatives at Ramer.

Bro. G. E. Roberson, agent at Ramer, has been laying off for some time; relieved by Mr. Robinson.

Bro. S. K. Sommers, day telegrapher at Perry, is doing the extra stunt at Jackson; relieved at Perry by Mr. Farnaklin, of Moscow.

Bro. W. H. Polsgrove attended the convention at Atlanta. He was relieved by Bro. B. E. Sanders, of Jackson.

Bro. McDermot, telegrapher at Waterloo, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Overby.

Bro. Snookes, third trick man at Red Bud, is off a few days; relieved by Mr. Haynes.

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Toledo Division—

Bro. John G. Gerthoffer, bill and rate clerk at "PO," Delphos, Ohio, was off duty two weeks, taking in the sights around Lima, Ohio.

Relief Agent O. D. Cartwright spent April 26th in Ohio City.

Mr. John G. Adams, third at Marion, spent April 26th in Ohio City.

Telegrapher Blum, of Holgate, is working third trick at "DE," Decatur. Mr. Blum is a new man on the road.

Understand there is to be a change in first trick at Marion, Ind., "RI" office. Have not heard who the lucky man will be, but hope that he will have the necessary card in his possession.

Another month has rolled around, and I trust all have their current cards. By the time this appears in print we will be having warm weather. Don't let these warm days cause us to be neglectful of our duties in the office. Let each one be particular to ask permission before leaving the office. Of course, it is a task to remain inside when the bright, sunshiny days come, but remember we are working short hours and our duty to the company is to attend strictly to business.

Let all remember the importance of answering calls promptly, especially the p. m. car report, and the "37" report at 5 p. m. If we do this it speaks well in our behalf.

Bro. E. F. Harris has resigned and gone West.

Mr. H. F. Major, formerly first trick at "DE," Decatur, Ind., is now working the afternoon trick in relay office at Frankfort, Ind.

Bro. P. H. Wagner, after being out of the service and in the coal business, is now working first trick at "DE," Decatur, Ind.

Agents G. C. Marston, Ohio City; T. L. McCullough, Decatur; T. L. Miller, Bluffton; J. F. Walters, Van Buren; W. J. Carroll, Kokomo, and Relief Agent O. D. Cartwright were in Frankfort, Ind., April 24th, attending a meeting held at Superintendent J. F. Clement's office.

As vacancies are scarce and all men are working steady, there is not much news. Would like to state that the writer will appreciate any assistance rendered him in gathering the news each month, so let each one send in items and thereby make our column look as newsy as possible.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. W. Muzzy, general chairman, will attend the convention at Atlanta, Ga. He also intends making a tour of the East, including Washington, D. C., before he returns.

Vacations and transfers are very few, all seem to be hitting the ball.

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Bro. Guy A Morrison is back with us as second trick at Madison yards, filling the vacancy left by Bro. L. C. Wright, who, it is said, mysteriously disappeared a short time ago.

Bro. C. S. Whitford, who for some time has held second trick at Cayuga, has accepted the position as day telegrapher in the dispatchers' office at Frankfort, relieving C. H. Gills, who is dispatching a trick on the east end.

With such a good set of dispatchers and telegraphers in the dispatchers' office we should not allow them to call us as they frequently do, but give them the best of service; they deserve it.

Mr. J. F. Dickman, agent at Peters, is taking a vacation; relieved by Mr. O. T. Ayers.

Mr. R. N. Nichols has been relieved by Mr. V. L. Wright as agent at Chapman, the former being transferred to agency at Kirkpatrick.

Mr. H. B. Smith, telegrapher from the dispatchers' office at Frankfort, is now second trick man at Brocton.

We understand that Mr. F. C. Clifton, agent at Brocton, is to take second trick at Cayuga.

Bro. Muzzy was elected mayor of the village of Ramsey, on April 20th, without opposition, having received the nomination on March 9th.

Bro. Ray Dornblaiser, second trick at Neoga, is taking a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. C. W. Donaldson.

Relief Agent O. D. Cartwright has gone to Coffeen for a few days, relieving Mr. Barns.

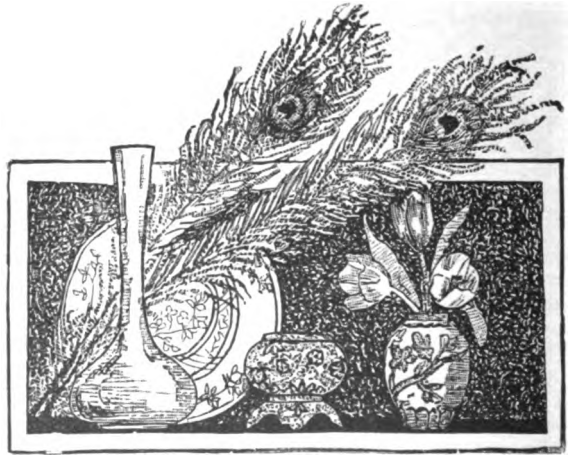
Bro. H. S. Stafford, the agent at Herrick, has been on the sick list for the last few days; do not know who relieved him.

Let's all bear the following in mind and act accordingly: "Get after the nons; there are a few left."

Now, brothers, you all no doubt enjoy reading this little write-up of the Clover Leaf each month, so please see that we get the news.

The writer wishes to thank Bro. Denton for the items he has so kindly furnished this month.

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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 123 is due June 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires July 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A).....20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....60 cents each

BENEFITS PAID DURING MAY, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
656	Tautum M. Howitt	Crushed to Death by Falling Building	39	13548	A	$ 300 00
874	George E. Marden	Organic Heart Disease	23	5361	C	1,000 00
877	A. E. Daswell	Apoplexy	53	20725	A	300 00
881	Isaac Irvine	Heart Failure	99	18053	B	500 00
882	William Booker	Catarrh	27	21383	C	1,000 00
883	Francis Love	Cirrhosis of Liver	8	15738	A	300 00
887	John G. Lutz	Cancer of Stomach	8	11966	C	1,000 00
888	Edgar R. Deen	Purpura Hemorrhagica	Grand	24371	C	1,000 00
890	Irving C. Sickels	Acute Nephritis	44	21804	C	1,000 00
891	Wm. L. Williams	Heart Failure	138	11236	C	1,000 00
892	Jabez Weatherbee	Unknown (found dead in bed)	Grand	1783	A	300 00
899	John B. McHan	Typhoid Fever	59	26946	A	300 00
900	George W. Lewis	Apoplexy	16	14219	B	500 00
901	Otes B. Taylor	Bronchitis	130	23429	C	1,000 00
902	O. C. Jones	Acute Tuberculosis	53	4741	A	300 00
907	John T. Waugh	Bronchitis	31	21619	C	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to April 30, 1909	**$766,669 18**
Received on Assessment Account May, 1909	**5,020 51**
	$771,689 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to April 30, 1909	**$519,981 47**
Death Claims paid in May	**10,800 00**
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	**1,167 15**
Assessments transferred to dues	**201 53**
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, May 31, 1909	**239,539 54**
	$771,689 69

L. W. QUICK,
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DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts. (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen't Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave, Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday, at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Ass't Local Chairman, in charge of Station Department, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div.—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in Jan., Mar.,

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May., July, Sept. and Nov. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Elizabethtown, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel.. 845 N 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14.—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16.—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18.—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio, A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20.—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y.; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooks Falls, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Genl S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S, & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberger, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. E. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James Place, Brooklyn N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

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No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George st., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield Mass.

No. 39.—Divlsion covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40.—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks. W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Actlng Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

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No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 365 Shelton ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. B. Homan, Gen'l Chairman, Pando, Colo.; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2419 Routt ave., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 234 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

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No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T.. Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy A. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman. Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2. next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden, N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.

No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

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No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel.; 1620 West Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala.; R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. J. L. Seibert, Chief Tel., 318 W. Washington st., Hagerstown, Md.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

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No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.

No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.

No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.

No. 115, QUEBEC. QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.

No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov. and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept., and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha, & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.

No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Colfax, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.

No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.

No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. K. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabbee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.

No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.

No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.

No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division.; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bilodeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

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No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonvile Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Houck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlemoir, Local Chairman, Carrier Mills, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyan House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Centre Point, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. A. Donart, Gen'l Chairman, 2616 Force st., Ft. Wayne, Ind.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.

No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.

TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB.—Meets second Saturday night each month at Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves., St. Paul, Minn. R. R. Foulkes, Pres., 232 Cayuga st., St. Paul, Minn.; T. H. Line, S. & T., 2365 Doswell ave., St. Paul, Minn.

TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President at "The Plasa," 141st st. and Edgecombe ave., New York City; M. G. Woolley, President, 155th st. and 8th ave., New York City; E. Neumuller, S. & T., 126 Union st., High Bridge, New York City.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.

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ORANGES IN SOUTH TEXAS

In Citrus Growers' Convention Is Evidence of Industry's Scope

The Future of the Industry

Mr. Bushway responded for the convention, praising Houston's hospitality and public spirit. But, he said, Houston does not yet begin to realize the importance of the orange and fig industry. He said that in California, on an acreage less than one-fourth of that available in South Texas for orange growing, the citrus fruit groves last year produced 25,000 carloads of fruit for export to other states. This industry in California, he added, has built half a dozen cities, each larger and richer than Houston is today, and when it reaches its maximum development here it will have added to the wealth of the Houston territory more value than the present total value of all our industries. The resources of the soil in the region immediately tributary to Houston, he stated, will alone build and support a city of a quarter million inhabitants.

One Thousand Dollars an Acre in 1908

The chair called on Mr. P. I. Gill, the owner of the largest bearing orange orchard in Texas, to tell something of his experiences. Mr Gill said he had little trouble with insect pests thus far. He has one acre of 8-year-old trees that produced $800 worth of fruit in 1906, $800 worth in 1907, and $1000 worth in 1908. From his 3-year-old trees, eight acres, he had taken an average of five dozens of oranges, or about one box, to the tree, the oranges selling for something over $2 the box.

$1000 from One Acre of Oranges in Texas

You Can Buy an Orchard Like This for 22 Cents a Day

Here is convincing evidence—proof in dollars and cents of just how much you can make from one acre of Algoa Orchards. Think of one acre that yields $1,000 in one crop. And we will sell you this land for only 22 cents per day for each acre.

Read Mr. Gill's statement before the Citrus Growers' Convention as shown in the newspaper clipping on this page. It is another triumph for the wonderful gulf coast district of Texas. Then consider what it means to you—how one acre of this land will bring you an income of $1,000 a year for life.

But this is not all. About two weeks later a party drove out to his orchard, among whom were Mr. Robert S. Weaver, Mr. Chas. F. Pansing, both of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Miss D. E. Bonner of 4339 Oakenwald Ave., Chicago, Ill. He pointed out to these three people several of his best orange trees, which were propped up to support the tremendous weight of the crop.

He said: "These trees produced an average of 1440 oranges each last year. This amounted to twelve boxes, so that I sold an average of $27 worth of oranges from each tree." This statement can be verified by writing to any of the three persons whose addresses are given above or by writing direct to Mr. Gill himself.

Your Investment is Safeguarded

This famous fruit land, all located within a few miles of Algoa, is divided into one-acre orchards, which you can buy on the following plan:

Select the orchard you want. Make your first payment direct to us and all payments thereafter direct to the First National Bank of Galveston. We refer by permission to this, the oldest National Bank in the state.

Meanwhile we plant and cultivate your orchard, and at the end of three years' cultivation we deliver it to you in a thrifty, bearing condition.

Thus you are protected during the entire transaction. We simply *must* make your orchard a success; otherwise we would lose all of our work on the land for three years.

How We GUARANTEE Your Orchard

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Map showing location of Algoa Orchards

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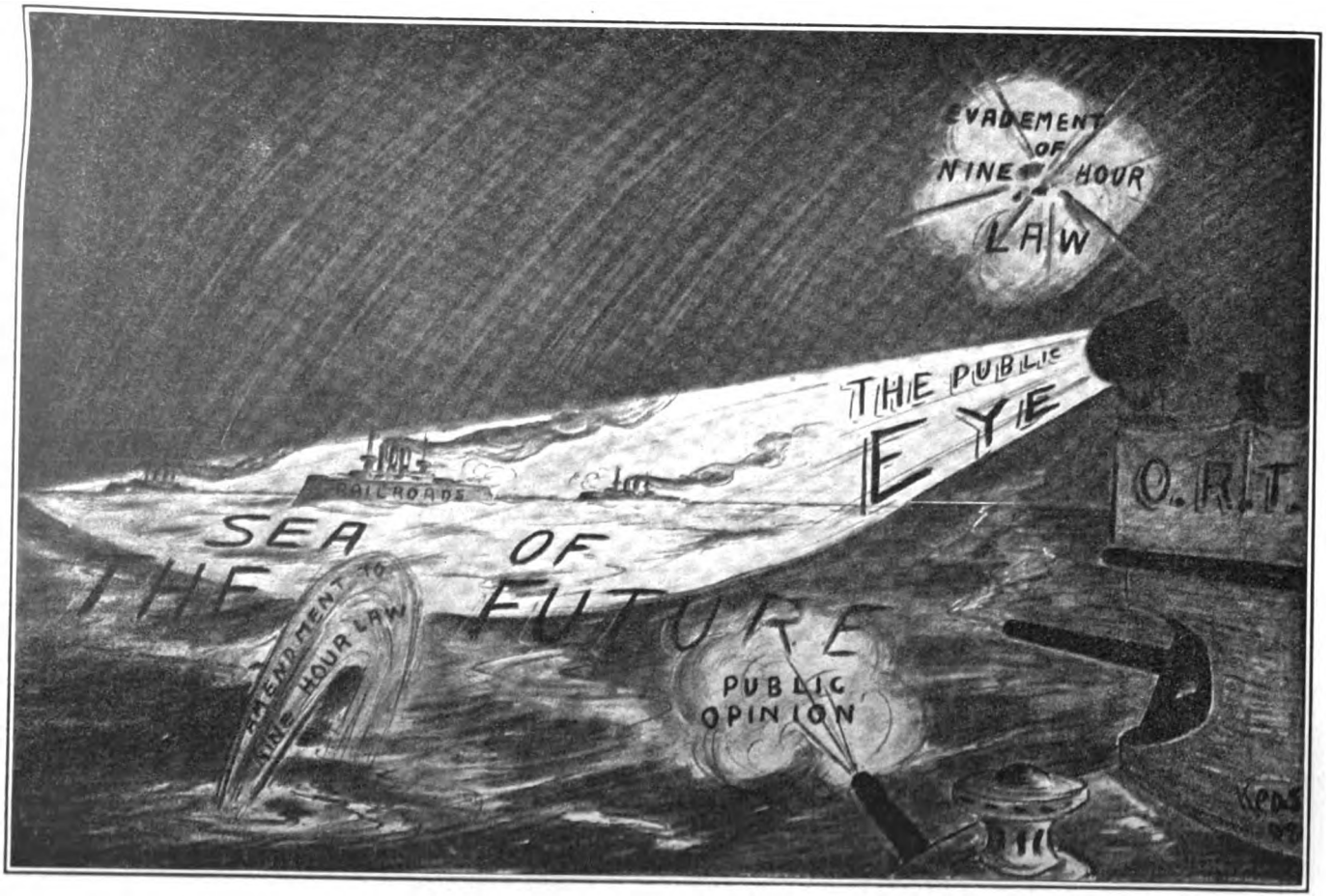
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EDITORIAL

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

IN the May number of THE TELEGRAPHER was published Judge Landis' decision in the case of the United States vs. the A., T. & S. F. Ry. for violation of the hours-of-service law, which is known to the railroad telegraphers as the "National Nine-hour Law," by which that company was found guilty and a fine assessed.

It will be remembered that that decision covered one of the most important points of the law, namely, as to whether or not the "nine-hour period," provided in the law, could be divided up into two or more tricks, the aggregate of which might not exceed nine hours.

The decision in effect was that the "nine hour period" meant nine consecutive hours. Of course an appeal was taken by the railroad, but as that decision was rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction, it naturally stands as the legal interpretation of that law until it is reversed by a higher court, and there seems to be no reason to anticipate other than that the decision will be affirmed by the higher courts, as it seems to be founded on sound logic and it is hard to conceive how any other decision could have been rendered.

But in the face of the decision and the facts supporting it, it seems that there is a disposition, in some quarters, at least, to refrain from carrying out the plain intent of the law as long as possible.

The following interesting correspondence recently passed between the General Attorney of the Cotton Belt Railway and the Attorney-General of the United States, bearing on this subject, which is self-explanatory:

St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co.
Office of General-Attorney.
ST. LOUIS, June 19, 1909.

Hours-of-Service Act.

Hon. E. A. Moseley,
Secretary, I. C. C.,
Wahington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of May 20, to this company with copy of opinion of the

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U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in the case of U. S. *v.* A., T. & S. F. Ry., under the Hours-of-Service Act, has been referred to me.

It does not seem to me that you should ask us to obey the decision of a district court in a matter of this kind, and that the only decision which would be binding upon us would be a decision of a court of last resort.

The decision in this case has been appealed from, and doubtless will be passed upon by a final court before long. Your request is the first instance of the kind, which has come to my knowledge, where we have been called upon to obey the decision of a trial court, especially construing a statute which is susceptible of more than one construction. I feel sure that the opinion which you quote gives a wrong construction and will not be sustained by the Supreme Court.

In view of the foregoing, I believe, upon reflection, that the Commission will not insist upon our complying with the law, as construed by the trial court, and will realize that we, in good faith, have taken a contrary view, and that we should all abide the decision of the court of final resort, especially where a case is now on its way to that court.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

S. H. WEST,
General Attorney.

Department of Justice,
WASHINGTON, June 23, 1909.

Mr. S. H. West, General Attorney,
St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co.,
St. Louis, Mo.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of June 19, addressed to the Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been submitted to this Department. In reply thereto I beg to advise you that your suggestion that the enforcement of the so-called "Hours-of-Service Law" be postponed until there is a final decision of the Supreme Court determining all possible controversies as to its construction, can not be entertained.

This statute has been construed by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in the case of the United States *v.* the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., and, in the judgment of this Department, the court's view is the correct one. Until that decision is modified or reversed the statute as thus construed must be accepted as the law, binding upon every interstate railroad company and upon their managing officers.

It is the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce this statute, as thus construed, and the Commission has been so advised by this Department.

Very truly yours,
GEO. W. WICKERSHAM,
Attorney-General.

ACCIDENTS.

THE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of January, February and March, 1909, as shown in reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission under the "accident law" of March 3, 1901, was 177, and of injured 2,618. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on or off the cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 15,785 (663 killed and 15,122 injured). Accidents to employes resulting in slight injuries which do not prevent the injured employe from performing his accustomed service for more than three days in the aggregate during the ten days immediately following the accident are not reported. These reports deal only with employes on duty and passengers.

Of the 663 persons killed, 101 were killed as a result of collisions; 62 by derailments, 44 in coupling and uncoupling cars, 24 in other work about trains, 17 in coming in contact with overhead bridges and other structures, 131 in getting on and off cars and falling from them, 14 in miscellaneous train accidents, including boiler explosions, etc., and 270 from other causes.

In enumerating the more serious accidents, the report shows a collision between two freight trains, whereby considerable

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property was destroyed, was due to "Order delivered by dispatcher at his own office to conductor gave wrong name of station in clause extending the right of the train and thus allowed train to encroach on right of opposing train."

One person was injured in a collision between two freight trains caused by "Dispatcher, in service of this road eight months, gave order to inferior train before he had restricted the superior one. Dispatcher had two years' experience elsewhere."

Two persons were killed and one injured in a collision between two freight trains, which, the report shows to have occurred at 1 a. m., and regarding which it says: "Operator gave clear signal when he should have stopped train for an order which he held. It is believed that the operator had been asleep and on awakening gave the clear signal without due reflection."

Forty-six persons were injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train. Of this accident the report says: "Freight train at meeting point, encroached on time of opposing freight, also of passenger train; passenger train also disregarded orders by approaching station not under control, passing station at 9:28, though it had been ordered to wait at that point for freight until 9:30."

Two persons were killed and six injured in a collision between two freight trains, the cause for which the report shows to have been: "Operator, twenty-three years old, in service at this point two weeks, though having had three years' experience elsewhere, made mistake in name of station in copying dispatcher's telegraphic order. Believed that operator repeated the order to dispatcher as copied that that dispatcher failed to notice error."

Eight persons were injured in a collision between two passenger trains, due to the engineer of a westbound train forgetting that part of a train order requiring him to take siding at the meeting point, the east bound train meeting him on the main line, head-on.

Twenty-seven persons were injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, the cause for which the report shows to have been: "Engineman of passenger train, in reading schedule of opposing train, took the time against wrong station; conductor had trusted to his memory as to time, but a change of ten minutes had been made in the schedule in question, and the conductor's memory proved defective."

Seven persons were killed and four injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train. The report shows the cause of this accident to have been: "Occurred at 2:50 a. m. Engine standing on main track near station struck by approaching passenger train. Switch tender at entrance of yard had given clear signal to approaching passenger train wrongfully. Engineman and fireman of standing engine also held blameworthy for not having seen that they were properly protected. There was a fog at the time."

Four persons were injured in a collision between two freight trains, caused by "Operator received an order giving a train right over train 64, but the order which he delivered named train 84. It appears that the operator did not deliver the order which he had originally written, but made a new copy, and it was in making the new copy that the error occurred."

Twenty persons were killed and twenty-eight injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, the cause of which is given as "Westbound passenger train ordered to wait at 'D' until 9:55, passed about 9:45 and collided with opposing train a short distance beyond station. Engineman's explanation is that he thought that the order gave him until 9:55 to reach the next station ahead; the conductor did not take sufficiently prompt measures to stop the train."

Four persons were killed and two injured in a wreck between two freight trains, caused by failure of conductor and engineer to check train register. In giving the causes of this wreck the report says:

"This collision was between two extra freight trains, a northbound and a southbound. The order making the meeting point for these trains gave the number of the engine and the name of the conductor of each train, Conductor D for the northbound, and Conductor S for the southbound;

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and the collision was due to the wrongful assumption by Conductor D of the northbound train that a southbound train which he met at the appointed meeting station was that of Conductor S, whereas, in fact, it was another train. This assumption by Conductor D was based on his knowledge that the engine which he saw was one which had been used by Conductor S earlier in the same day; but in thus assuming the conductor neglected his plain duty to learn the actual number of the engine in order to see that it corresponded with the number written in the meeting order. Conductor D then gave his engineman instructions to proceed. This was contrary to the rule, under which the conductor and engineman should have checked the register at the station, in which were recorded the arrivals of all trains. Both trains were running from twenty-five to thirty-five miles an hour at the moment of the collision. The conductor and engineman at fault both had been in the service of the company for many years."

"One person was killed and fourteen injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, due to a disregard of orders and an improper display of signals."

Regarding this wreck the report says:

"Collision No. 14, a butting collision between a passenger train and a freight, causing the death of one trainman and the injury of eight passengers and six trainmen, appears to have been due to gross negligence on the part both of a station telegraph operator and of the men in charge of one of the trains. The manual block system was in effect, and the operator was at fault in giving the signals, while at the same time meeting orders had been issued by the train dispatcher, which orders were disregarded by the conductor and engineman. The collision was between train 24 southbound, running from M to S and H, and a freight train northbound, running from H. to S and M. The operator at S, after having authorized southbound train 24 to leave M, gave a clear signal for the northbound train to leave S for M, and the trains met about four miles north of S. The error of the conductor and engineman consisted in reading 'No. 33' when the order actually read 'No. 32.'"

"Three persons were killed and thirty injured in a collision between two passenger trains, due to an engineer 'running' several boards as well as passing torpedoes."

In referring to this wreck the report says:

"A collision causing the death of three persons, was due to disregard of automatic block signals and of torpedoes, which had been placed on the rails near the block signal and which gave audible warning. The collision occurred on a foggy night. The second section of a westbound passenger train, following the first section of the same train, ran into the rear of the first section while it was at rest (having been stopped at a signal station) and two Pullman cars were destroyed. Measuring back from the point of collision, the home block signal was 2,768 feet distant, 550 feet farther east were the torpedoes, and 2,661 feet farther was the distant signal. The report says that the engineman heard the torpedoes. The fireman, as well as the engineman, is held blameworthy, the rule requiring enginemen and firemen to call one to the other on approaching fixed signals. The sped of the train appears not to have been slackened by the engineman at all. The experience of the engineman was twenty-seven years and of the fireman six years. The automatic signals had been properly observed by the engineman of the first section of the train; also by the enginemen of other trains not long before."

HATTERS MAKE BIG GAIN.

THE following communication is self-explanatory:

11 Waverly Place, New York City,

June 15, 1909.

To the Members of Organized Labor, Greeting—

It affords us great pleasure to inform you that after a five months' struggle with the National Association of Manufacturers, we have at last made a substantial break in their organization—twenty-one manufacturers in the Connecticut Districts having resigned from their National Association and are now operating union factories and

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using the union label of our organization. While the twenty-one factories is quite a relief, and is of great value both morally and financially in the fight we are now waging, there are still outside some fifty factories, and we are determined to wage the fight against them stronger than ever until the last one agrees to operate a union shop and use our union label. The manufacturers and their agents have tried to make it appear that the fight is declared off. This is done for the purpose of stopping any donations which we may receive from the members of organized labor. The twenty-one factories which are about to open will not be under way for several weeks, and will not be able to render any financial assistance to those who are still out, and in the meantime our members who are still continuing the fight are badly in need of help.

We would urgently request that you make the most liberal contributions possible, and we now feel that we can promise, with almost a certainty, that every manufacturer in the hat industry who declared for the open shop on January 14th last will be compelled in the very near future to again recognize the union and use the union label of our organization.

Thanking you for your generous donations, which have made it possible for us to secure this partial victory, and assuring you that if you will do your part, the United Hatters of North America will be able to report a complete victory in the very near future, I am,

Respectfully yours,

MARTIN LAWLOR,
General Secretary.

JOHN A. MOFFITT,
General President.

"DOC" HARPER DEAD.

THE delegates to the last session of the Grand Division will learn with much regret and surprise of the sudden death of Bro. R. E. Harper, who was one of the prominent visitors at that gathering. Bro. Harper had for years been an active worker in the Order, and always proved himself to be faithful to every trust. That he was always ready and willing to make any sacrifice for his fellowmen, was demonstrated to a remarkable degree in the trouble on the Southern Railway ten years ago. When that road was first organized, the General Committee convened in Atlanta, which meeting was greatly prolonged on account of the hostility of the officials of the road at that time, several members of the committee being dismissed, which required a continuous substitution to fill vacancies, until as a final climax, the general chairman resigned, leaving the committee without a head. It was at this time that the manhood and loyalty of Bro. Harper asserted itself. Everyone on the committee recognized that to accept the position of general chairman meant immediate dismissal, but regardless of this, Bro. Harper stepped forward and volunteered to serve in that capacity, and he was immediately elected to that position. At the time of this incident (1899) he was holding a first-class position in the general offices at Atlanta and was shortly afterwards dismissed, but continued to serve the Order in connection with Southern Railway matters until after the strike of 1900 on that line.

He never re-entered the railroad service, but took employment with the Western Union Telegraph Company after the close of the strike, where he continued to work until the Commercial Telegraphers' strike of 1907. Although a man of family and engaged in the building and payment of a home, he walked out with his brother commercial telegraphers, and remained out until that strike was at an end, when he was taken back by the Western Union.

The *Atlanta Journal of Labor* contains the following tribute to his memory, written by Sister E. B. Smith:

"Both of the telegraph organizations this past week lost from among them a brother and a friend, who can never be replaced in the hearts of those with whom he was so closely associated, both in the office and on the wire, when R. E. Harper, better known as 'Doc' Harper, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home at 387 East North Avenue. He was perhaps the most widely known telegraph operator in the city of Atlanta, and many operators all over the

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United States knew 'Doc' to love him, although they had never seen him. Always patient, amiable and courteous both on the wire to his far-away associates and those closer to him associated in the same offices. It has often been remarked among the fraternity that 'Doc' Harper never knew what it was to have an enemy, for every one was his friend.

"Though confined to bed a few days, with the sickness which took him so suddenly, he was stricken blind about six months ago, and since then he has been constantly in the hearts and minds of his telegraph fraternities. He had been a constant member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers since its organization years ago, was a devoted member of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, and during the memorable strike in 1907 he was one of its most loyal supporters, being one of the local executive board through whose conservative judgment a great part of the success of the local management of the strike was accredited. After his blindness his fellow-associates in the office made up his salary every month. He was a daily visitor to the office, led by his devoted little daughter, where he was cheered and kept by an unfaltering friendship, which made his life happier even in its darkness. On the street and on the cars he was ever approached by friends who admired him and loved him, for the good that was within him and the good that he had been.

"He was one of the best base ball wire men ever in the country, and for years called the detailed games for the *Atlanta Journal*, and even after total blindness had overcame him, he still went daily to the Journal office, led by little Elizabeth, and copied the returns; while his eyes were sightless his hearing was yet keen and his fingers still had that same sensitiveness which goes to make up the expert operator.

"When the biennial convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers met in Atlanta, in May, 'Doc' Harper was a constant attendant upon the sessions, and the last action by this great body of telegraphers, before their adjournment was—each man deducted a dollar from his day's per diem, sending it to Bro. Harper, making up a sum of something over $350, which went toward paying the balance on his home.

"The Commercial Telegraphers, Local No. 60, of Atlanta, has lost in 'Doc' Harper one of its most earnest and untiring workers, while since the close of the strike his activities were lessened on account of the temper of the corporations, yet he was ever ready to come to the call or assistance of the Atlanta local. Both the railroad and the commercial fraternities have lost in R. E. Harper a friend and a co-worker which can never be replaced, and the corporation has lost a devoted and loyal employe.

"At the funeral were employers and employes, friends and admirers, all alike sharing in the sorrow of the loss of one from their midst so noble, so true, so upright and so deserving. Corporative lines, the lines of employer and employe were dimmed, and all bowed to do homage to their dead. It was an impresive ceremony, and one which will be remembered as long as life shall last."

His last message on earth has been sent, his key and sounder is quiet, and no longer there quivers over the wires of the country that well known sign "Dr.," but still there seems to come to the mind's-ear of those who loved him so well, a clear and audible sound from other shores, the dots and dashes making up the words "O. K. Dr. 73."

We loved him, for he was always a brother, in the truest sense of the term. He was a true artisan of life, met misfortune as it came, cheerfully and without a murmur, and when the hour came to depart this life he answered his "call" promptly, and met that fatal goad of death without a tremor. He died as he lived, quietly, ready as he ever was, approaching the end with that same lovable nature, which characterized him throughout his lifetime. Why then, should not those who were so closely associated with him even hear his "sign" from over the border in the "dot and dash" language—that he is "O. K."

His last message has been sent. His last "31" has been copied. He has answered

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the last call, but his life lives on in the hearts of those who knew him. He lived as if beneath the blue arch of a perfect day, to whose mind's vision the clouds of life were streaked with a freshness of a morning gild, which quickly melted into the azure of his past. Through all his years of light and shade, his chain of friendship was unceasing, and now since his link has broken, his sorrowing friends are soothed by the sweet memories of his noble life, which come flitting before them daily, while at their keys, as little things come up to remind them of the one so lately among them. Sweet memories, as o'er his life we reflect; think of but one and lo what myriads rise, each cherished and fostered by the last, forming one golden chain, which seemed but the life of Doc Harper, wound round the very feet of God!

To know him was to love him. To be associated with him was to adore him. A sweet simple life, quiet and unassuming. He counted time with the heart throbs in his noble breast. Every minute was to him golden. Every click of his instrument seemed to him a thing alive.

He was, indeed, a ruler of himself; a master of his fate. Constancy, devotion to the right no matter what the consequence. His life was promptness and exactness in itself. Loved by not only his fellow-workers, and his brothers and sisters in the two telegraph Orders of which he was so devoted a member; but, he was loved alike by both his associates and his employers. for his sterling worth, his candid and upright life.

He, it seemed, always looked upon life as a stern reality, and met changes of circumstances and of fortune, with an unfaltering fortitude, and even after the light of day had dimmed forever from those large honest eyes of his, he even yet seemed to face the future with a fortitude which could have been likened to a Napoleon on a field of a Marathon! Always hopeful, at times a little blue, but the honest pressure of the hand by a sympathetic friend, would soon drive his clouds away, for he prized friends far above rubies, and in his friends and family he lived and died, even in his darkness.

His comrades in the Order of Railroad Telegraphpers, and in the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America, even those of his craft who had never joined themselves to either of the fraternities, his associates and his employers have all lost a friend, whose place can never be refilled, for Doc Harper still lives in the minds of those who knew him and loved him.

SYSTEM FEDERATIONS.

By H. B. PERHAM.

THE Railroad Employes' Department of the American Federation of Labor met in Chicago, Ill., on July 12 and 13, for the purpose of transacting routine business connected with the formation of System Federations and attending to other important matters. At the same time meetings of representative railroad employes were held at the various hotels in the city and preliminary steps taken for the formation of System Federations under the new plan.

A federation was perfected on the lines of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the coveted prize, Charter No. One, was granted that body. Federations were formed on the Chicago & North Western, Illinois Central, Iowa Central, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads and the charters left open for a short time to give all organizations that may wish to join in the movement an opportunity to have their names recorded on the original charter. Future meetings were arranged by each System Federation for the purpose of taking final action and to make formal application for charters.

Representatives were present at the various meetings from a number of other railroads than those mentioned for the purpose of more thoroughly understanding the aims and objects of the new plan of federation and obtaining information as to the correct method of procedure. This will result in meetings of the same character being called in different parts of the country and the extension of the federation idea.

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The meetings were addressed by the varoius Grand Officers who were attending the department meeting and great enthusiasm was manifested.

Although only recently organized, this department is attracting more attention among all classes of employes than any other organization in the labor movement ever did among railroad men.

The great amount of inquiry as to the aims, objects and methods to be followed by this department, proves the interest taken, and it is for the purpose of setting forth such information that the following explanations are made.

The moderate success of some combinations among railroad organizations and the failure of others were taken into consideration by the men who devised the plan of the Railroad Employes' Department.

For that reason, the first step taken was to secure the co-operation of International organizations having membership in the employ of railroad companies throughout North America, which was done at the Denver Convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in 1908.

Starting out with ten such International organizations, a time and place were arranged for, and a meeting was held and consideration given every angle for a perfect and effective working combination in the most simple form and minimum cost.

Profiting by the experiences of the past, great care was exercised in the Railroad Employes' Department to guarantee to each organization its own autonomy rights, at the same time guaranteeing protection if needed by each and all the other organizations, parties to the Railroad Employes' Department.

In the first place, this department is supported directly by the international bodies composing it, by which means there is practically no expense to maintain it by subordinate bodies, which will be referred to further on, and by it power invested by the American Federation of Labor may and does issue charters to railroad system federations.

The members of any two or more National or International bodies in the American Federation of Labor, and affiliated with this department, employed on any railroad system or by any railroad terminal company may apply to this department for a charter of affiliation, the same to be issued according to the law of the department.

Be it understood that although two or more of the Organizations on any railroad system may apply for charter, the rights of any other Organization on the same system of railroad, and internationally members of this department, will be recognized and protected under the same charter. In other words, the members of two, three or more organizations may apply for the charter to start with, but the members of the other organizations affiliated with this department will be recognized in their rights to come into the same System Federation, as it is intended to issue but one charter from this department to the men of each railroad system. The plan is that each System Federation be composed of one delegate from each trade or calling on the system, affiliated with this department.

Further, each System Federation may in turn organize and maintain local boards at each division point on the system. These local boards at each division point, or any point where several members of the different organizations may be employed, may also be composed of one member from each organization at that point, the system being that the local boards are responsible to the System Federation, reporting directly to them, and the System Federation responsible to the Railroad Employes' Department, and reporting directly to them.

Applications for a charter to this department for a System Federation does not mean that the application embraces the men at one point only on the railroad system, but if the members of any one of the organizations apply for a system charter, it must be understood that all the members of that particular organization on the system are included in the application for the charter.

Any one branch of labor on any railroad system wishing the assistance or co-operation of the other branches of labor on the same system, and under the same charter,

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must make known their wishes in accordance with the law of the department and the System Federation. Be it understood, however, that this in no way denies the rights of the members of any of the affiliated organizations from acting as a body unto themselves, should they see fit.

When a System Federation charter is applied for, and by-laws enacted, said laws should be submitted to this department for approval, and the by-laws of the local board submitted to the System Federation for its approval.

When a System Federation has been formed on any railroad, and a charter received, the first work should be to thoroughly organize every branch of trade on that system, and each member be put in touch with the objects and aims of the department.

When work of this nature is to be done, a special organizer may be used, bearing credentials from the Railroad Employes' Department and must furnish bond for collections, handling funds, etc.; and further, he shall be instructed in the methods and laws of each organization he is to seek members for.

Co-operation: Let it be distinctly understood that the Railroad Employes' Department is not at variance with any other organization or brotherhood of railroad men, but on the contrary it will always extend friendly and brotherly assistance wherever possible that may tend to improve the conditions under which any man is employed on a railroad; nor must it be understood that the Railroad Employes' Department is antagonistic to the rights of any railroad company, because only under rules of fair play can employer and employe secure lasting benefits.

The influence of the Railroad Employes' Department for good is already recognized in many directions—both by employer and employes, even at this early stage, and some very flattering and encouraging comment is at hand from organizations and brotherhoods not yet affiliated.

The power of the Railroad Employes' Department is materially augmented by the fact that it embraces all the departments of railroad labor affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, each, however, within its own rights, but each ready to assist should extreme necessity arise.

Deep thinkers have long since concluded that any class of labor, skilled or unskilled, that is necessary to maintain a railroad in operation, is also necessary under proper practices to protect the rights of all concerned, should occasion require.

The failure to recognize this most important truth has been the means through which many organizations in the past, composed of only one or a few branches, have missed their aim.

The Railroad Employes' Department does not court any mushroom growth, nor affiliations that are not based on a desire for improvement and mutual assistance, but it is ready at all times to receive and consider any suggestions, thoughts or assistance from any source that will tend to perfect and accomplish results. It recognizes no aristocrats in labor from the president of a railroad to its most humble laborer. It recognizes no difference in the clay from which any individual is made, and only a difference in the opportunity that happens to come to some in life.

The Constitution of the Railroad Employes' Department of the American Federation of Labor reads as follows:

ARTICLE 1. (Name.)

This organization shall be known as the Railroad Employes' Department of the American Federation of Labor, and shall be composed of National and International Organizations of railroad employes, recognized as such, duly and regularly chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

ARTICLE 2. (Membership.)

Membership shall be confined to National and International Organizations of railroad employes who are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

ARTICLE 3. (Admission.)

Sec. 1. Application for membership can be made at any time by National or International Organizations of railroad employes affiliated with the A. F. of L.

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Sec. 2. Applications for membership in this department shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of this department.

ARTICLE 4. (Objects.)

Sec. 1. The object of this department shall be to enhance the welfare of all railroad employes, to aid in more closely organizing all such employes, to encourage such organizations to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, to further the interests of employes by means of legislation and to take such action as may be mutually agreed upon to protect the interests of all concerned.

Sec. 2. Recognizing the justice and necessity of well-defined jurisdiction for affiliated organizations, it shall be the aim of this department to use its good offices in assisting affiliated National or International Organizations in adjusting any dispute arising over a question of jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 5. (Conventions.)

The annual convention of this department shall be held immediately after the close of the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, in the same city. Special conventions may be called by the president, should a majority of the organizations in the department so request.

ARTICLE 6. (Representation.)

The basis of representation at all conventions of the department shall be by organizations and the unit rule. All duly accredited delegates representing National and International Organizations of railroad employes, members of this department, shall be eligible and entitled to seats, but no organization shall have more than one vote.

ARTICLE 7. (Officers.)

Sec. 1. The officers of this department shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The terms of the officers of this department shall be one year from the date of their election, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 8. (Quorum.)

A quorum in this department shall consist of a majority of all organizations affiliated therewith.

ARTICLE 9. (System Dept. Charters.)

Two or more organizations of railroad employes affiliated with the American Federation of Labor on any railroad or system of railroads may apply for a charter from this department to cover such railroad or system.

In case a dispute arises as to the issuing of a charter, such dispute will be settled by the Railroad Employes' Department by majority vote.

The sum of ten dollars shall accompany an application for charter.

Dues for such charter shall be five dollars per year.

ARTICLE 10. (Amendments.)

Sec. 1. Amendments to this Constitution can only be offered or submitted by organizations affiliated with the department, and shall be offered or submitted in writing or in print.

Sec. 2. A two-thirds vote of the organizations present shall be required to adopt any amendement to this Constitution, provided that a quorum is present.

The organizations at present affiliated with the Railroad Employes' Department are as follows:

International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers.

Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Switchmen's Union of North America.

International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

International Association of Steam Fitters of America.

Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Freight Handlers' International Union.

Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America.

International Association of Machinists.

International Association of Car Workers.

Applications have been received from other organizations and are now under consideration.

Further information will be furnished upon request by H. B. Perham, Chairman, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo., or P. F. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer, 1205 Morton Building, 356 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Four hundred and forty-nine new members were initiated into the Order during the month of June.

In publishing the photograph of Bro. W. A. Fuller in the May number of this journal, he was shown to be an alternate from Division No. 71. This should have been shown as an alternate from Division No. 44.

Assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department are now payable semi-annually instead of monthly. Every member of that department should pay his dues and assessments promptly at the beginning of each semi-annual period, thereby protecting his beneficiary for the ensuing six months.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The Editor believes that the publication of a list of the members of the Order who have been chosen to fill important public office would be of considerable interest to the membership, and to that end would request that every member of the Order who is holding public office, national, State, county or city, by election or appointment, furnish the Editor with this information, or that some friend furnish it for him, in order that a complete list may be published.

Bro. L. A. Tanquary, for many years Chairman of the Board of Directors, and a prominent figure at the various sessions of the Grand Division, has been appointed Superintendent of the Colorado Free Employment Agency with headquarters at Pueblo, Colo. The State of Colorado is to be congratulated on securing the services of one so eminently fitted to fill that important office, which is so near to the working people of that State.

The "Bowling Green Business University," which purports to "teach" telegraphy, has been circularizing the station agents in some of the Southern States, holding out inducements for them to take its "graduates." Their circular reads:

"Are you allowed a helper at your station? If so, please read and consider this proposition:

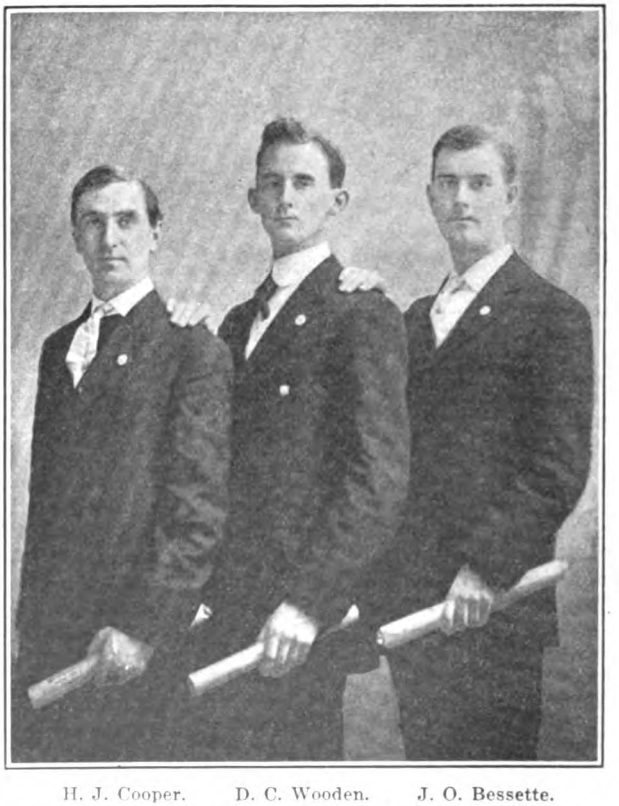
"We can furnish you a young man that has had thorough training, can copy from main-line wires, has a fair, common-school education, free from bad habits, perfectly honest, and not afraid of work, and will pay you $5.00 for your trouble. We will pay this amount for positions that pay salary enough to meet the young man's expense, such as board, room, etc. We have a number that have had practical experience and can render good service, and a still larger number who have taken our case in railroad station work, L. & N. system. We recommend no one who could not give surety bond if required.

"We trust you will give this matter favorable consideration. When in need of extra help, give one of our young men a chance."

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This journal has never paid any particular attention to so-called telegraph schools, as the Editor was aware of the fact that none of them could turn out practical railroad telegraphers, and the strenuous efforts being made by these telegraph schools to induce station agents to take in these alleged "graduates" and "finish them up" fully corroborates that belief.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of April, 1909, shows that there were 116,754 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 1,283 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded, 30; insane and epileptic, 15; dangerous and contagious diseases, 265; professional beggars, 2; likely to become public charges, 497; mentally or physically defective, 45; contract laborers, 240; accompanying aliens, 25; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parents, 24; criminals, 58; polygamists, 4; prostitutes and procurers, 30; without passport, 6; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 42. The report also shows that there were 149 aliens returned after landing.



H. J. Cooper. D. C. Wooden. J. O. Bessette.

O. R. T. GROUP—MEMBERS NEW HAVEN DIVISION No. 29.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Graves, of Montcalm, W. Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Leahy, of St. Paul, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Polsgrove, Jr., of Jordan, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. L. Scott, of Roanoke, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Northrop, of Niles, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Christopherson, of DeSmet, S. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. R. Morehouse, of Jessee, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Dodge, of East Dubuque, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. A. Fleming, of Bay City, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Ranger, of Somonauk, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. E. Jacobs, of Franklin, Mass., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. E. Delaney, of Walpole, Mass., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry D. Hazlett, of Reynolds, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Headrick, of Arden, N. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Atherton, of Hamburg, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. C. Allen, of Keister, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, of Ocean Springs, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. A. Lane, of St. Louis, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Albaugh, of Mingo Jct., O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. B. Campbell, of Perry, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Young, of Wysox, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Walters, of Ashland, Ore., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. T. Williams, of McDermott, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Myers, of Montague, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. W. Frank, of Galion, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Rex, of Mapleton Depot, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Elger, of North Freedom, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Warner, of Baraboo, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. V. Lassiter, of Tennille, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Burch, of Leakesville, Miss., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. E. J. Burkett, of Div. 33, to Miss May Mowery.

At LaGrange, Ky., Bro. E. P. Smith, of Div. 54, to Miss Mary E. Singer.

Bro. J. N. Cobb, of Div. 126, to Miss Druzzila May Jones.

At Chicago, Ill., Bro. M. O. Nelson, of Div. 2, to Miss Mayme Oakes.

At Bardane, W. Va., Bro. R. W. Cross, of Div. 33, to Miss Mabel Bell.

At Winslow, Ark., Bro. C. F. Stauffer, of Div. 32, to Miss Jessie Sample.

Bro. C. R. Ocker, of Div. 129, to Miss Swift.

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At Cordele, Ga., Bro. J. W. Watkins, of Div. 97, to Mrs. W. N. Thompson.

At Dakota, Ga., Bro. R. Hilderbrand, of Div. 56, to Miss Mabel Smith.

At Downieville, Pa., Bro. A. A. Hostetler, of Div. 33, to Miss Vetta Downey.

At Dousman, Wis., Bro. P. M. Keefe, of Div. 76, to Miss Fanny Koehler.

At Cambridge, Ill., Bro. Chas. S. Eastman, of Div. 126, to Miss Elta M. Hadley.

Bro. Lewis E. Borrell, of Div. 51, to Miss Mary Snyder.

Bro. R. C. Dobson, of Div. 54, to Miss Laura Beals.

Bro. C. F. Sahm, of Div. 51, to Mrs. F. D. Lyman.

At Earling, Ia., Bro. W. B. Loetz, of Div. 23, to Miss Anna Levor.

Bro. P. V. Cox, of Div. 126, to Miss Pearl Brown.

At Kenton, O., Bro. J. A. Oglesbee, of Div. 42, to Miss Beartha Tallman.

At Richmond, Va., Bro. J. L. Harrison, of Div. 125, to Miss Cassie I. Tucker.

At Centerville, Ia., Bro. Harry O. Hoover, of Div. 23, to Miss Luna Sanders.

Bro. E. E. Lunquist, of Div. 110, to Miss Freda Carlson.

At Coal Bluff, Ind., Bro. Z. E. Manly, of Div. 120, to Miss Bonie Kink.

Bro. A. H. Fisher, of Div. 33, to Miss Bessie Shippley.

Bro. C. C. Otto, of Div. 33, to Miss Edna Schwab.

Bro. Frank L. Kruger, of Div. 54, to Miss May Garrett.

At Brilliant, O., Bro. W. W. Weiss, of Div. 55, to Miss Jessie E. Gooch.

At Pendleton, Ore., Bro. J. L. Whiting, of Div. 53, to Miss Jessie Pearson.

Bro. M. A. McFadden, of Div. 132, to Miss Alma Powell.

At Mann's Choice, Pa., Bro. Austin W. May, of Div. 33, to Miss Ada E. Mowery.

At Santa Ana, Cal., Bro. E. L. Burroughs, of Div. 111, to Miss Mabel Berger.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Bro. Chas. P. Crawford, of Div. 77, to Miss Viola K. Rager.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. C. W. Owens, of Div. 40.

At Memphis, Tenn., Bro. W. S. Smith, of Div. 93.

At Sandusky, O., Bro. E. K. Snyder, of Div. 129.

At Argyle, Ill., wife of Bro. Frank Johnson, of Div. 76.

At Centredale, R. I., wife of Bro. C. L. Gaffney, of Div. 35.

Maude Schermerhorn Burtiss, wife of Bro. W. S. Burtiss, of Div. 49.

At Southbury, Conn., wife of Bro. Earl W. Derby, of Div. 8.

At LaGrange, O., Bro. Frank Barnum, of Div. 138.

At Wilmington, Del., Bro. Chas. W. Hill, of Div. 33.

At Syracuse, N. Y., Gertrude May, infant daughter of Bro. R. R. Cole, of Div. 8.

At Roaring Creek, Pa., Mrs. Clarence Cleaver, mother of Bro. L. P. Cleaver, of Div. 12.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of Q. V. Best, last heard of working for M. K. & T. at Hot Springs Ark., in 1899. "Uncle," if you see this write me at Dover, Ga. R. W. BEST.

Present address of O. F. Higginson, last heard of in San Bernardino, Calif., several years ago. MRS. M. R. MERO,
Granite, Colo.

Present address of John Dempsey. Last seen in St. Louis about a year ago.
W. E. DEMPSEY,
East Brookfield, Mass.

Present address of John F. Showerman, last heard of at Buffalo, N. Y., about three months ago. A. R. LINN,
205 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Present address of E. J. Parsons, last heard of working as night operator for Kansas City Southern at Vandevoort, Ark. "E. J.," if you see this write me at Jacksonville, Ark. F. E. SAMUEL.

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Present address of Edward C. Bell, last heard of working as locomotive fireman on the C. & N.-W. R. R. out of Chicago.

MRS. EDW. C. BELL, Kingston, Ill.

Present address of F. W. Hazen, last heard of working at Trinidad, Colo., for Santa Fe. If you see this, "Fred," write me at Winslow, Ark., care Frisco.

FRED STAUFFER.

Present address of Wm. H. Walsh, of Welsh. Last heard of was working at Rio Percia, N. M., as operator and pumper for Santa Fe. Left there time of Santa Fe strike. Any information as to his whereabouts would be gratefully appreciated by his brother, H. P. Welsh, Train Dispatcher's office, Erie R. R., Buffalo, N. Y.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

W. S. Tyler, Bath, S. C.

F. E. Samuel, Jacksonville, Ark.

Alvah M. Hammond, Olney, Texas.

L. B. Lambert, Box 184, Kewanee, Ill.

F. Hackenbracht, Union Station, Ohio.

LOST OR STOLN.

Card 31,647, Cert. 2,189, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 31,784, Cert. 35, Div. 35. for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 29,982, Cert. 480, Div. 39, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 32,095, Cert. 2,598, Div. 130, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 17,970, Cert. 938, Div. 14, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 2,415, Cert. 126, Div. 37, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 22,754, Cert. 5,968, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 30,924, Cert. 56, Div. 1, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 11,965, Cert. 5,410, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

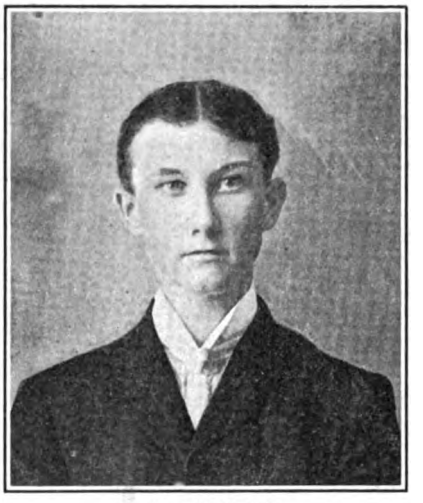
Card 31,599, Cert. 2,363, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 30,733, Cert. 2,250, Div. 130, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 31,335, Cert. 2,946, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 10,359, Cert. 3,200, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 8,825, Cert. 496, Div. 8, for term ending June 30, 1909.



J. S. JENKINS,
Deceased Member Div. 93.

NOTICE.

Lost or Stolen—O. R. T. cards issued to G. E. Beaty, Cert. 863, Div. 32. If presented take up and forward to L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo.

Lost or Stolen—On C. B. & Q. train No. 47, between Chicago and St. Paul, June 11th, tan leather card case containing O. R. T. cards, dated June 30, 1903, to June 30, 1909.

P. H. KENNEDY,
Moscow, Tex.

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W. M. Jaynes. H. B. Perham. C. E. Layman. T. H. Lankford. A. B. Cord.
T. O. Magann. G. C. Cabiniss. M. G. Harper. H. C. Calloway.

DELEGATES OF DIVISION No. 14 TO ATLANTA CONVENTION, O. R. T., INCLUDING PRESIDENT PERHAM AND

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LADIES AUXILIARY

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Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Campbell, North Bay, Ontario Canada.

Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Hurr, Engle, Texas.

Grand Chaperone, Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.

Assistant to President, Miss Dita May West, 319 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

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Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.

All correspondence for THE TEEGRAPHER must be addressed to the president, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

THE AUXILIARY.

BY MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

THE printing, stationery, cards, etc., are now in hand, and by the time the July issue of THE TELEGRAPHER is out, the cards for the last quarter will be in the hands of the charter members, and new cards for the semi-annual period ending December 31st will have been mailed. It is to be trusted that every member of the Auxiliary will not become delinquent, but will send in their 60 cents semi-annual dues immediately to the Grand Secretary-Treasurer. Remember every member is an individual organizer, and during the month of July every member should at least bring in one new member—remember the initiation fee is 50 cents, and 10 cents per month dues, or 60 cents per semi-annual, payable semi-annually.

Every one push for the 500 mark by the first of October. Work, push, agitate! If your husband, brother or father, hasn't his card up-to-date make him come up-to-date, in order that you may take up membership in the Auxiliary. Keep the ball rolling, and let's hit the 500 mark by October 1st, with a bound! We now have 150 members, and if each one will bring in two apiece, we will make the mark, for applications are pouring into Secretary Malone on every mail. Send to her for application blanks.

Division No. 132, Atlantic Coast Line, comes in for Charter No. 3, and Bro. J. H. Williams says that he trusts that the Auxiliary will soon have as many members in the division as the O. R. T. Things look bright for this by October 1st.

"Daddy" Thurston was one of the first to send in for application blanks, after the

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stationery was received, he stating that he and Mrs. Thurston was always interested in anything pertaining to the O. R. T.

Send in the items of news, ideas and suggestions, and let's keep the splendid progress of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. continually before the membership.

Wear your button. Agitate. Talk for members. Boost the O. R. T., and win members for the Ladies' Auxiliary. Send for application blanks and get busy.

The President, Mrs. E. B. Smith, has recently been appointed Chairman of the Georgia State Label Committee, of the Georgia Federation of Labor. She is now boosting the Union Label, as well as the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Sister G. F. McCormack writes that they arrived home safely from the convention about June 2d.

Sister J. F. Brady writes they are home, and everything looks bright for the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Sister Chas. M. Sanford says she believes they will be able to come in for a charter from her division before very long, that interest is growing.

Sister Henry Hurr says they will be in line for a charter with a low number before many weeks.

Communications from everywhere, point to the 500 mark by October 1st.

WOMAN.

By Mrs. E. B. Smith, President.

IT has been most truthfully stated that the "hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world." From the mother's knee the boy springs with the seeds of his future imbedded within his inner-most soul and nature, from whence he derives all his thoughts and ideas, from whence he learns all his principles and the foundation for truth which seems to be bound about his very soul, was builded while he was at his mother's knee, under her sweet influence and guidance. His mother first planted there the seeds from which sprang all that is found within him that is good! The father, it is true, sets by example, word and deed the lines which are followed to a great measure by that boy in after life, but it is the mother who implants in that boy those refining and ennobling graces which makes him what he is, and no man living, who ever had a mother, will say anything but that his mother made the better side of him.

If this all be true, and this statement is seldom denied, is it not the duty of every union man and every union woman to implant with that child seeds of unionism? Our union men now spring full-grown from the lap of oppression! Our union women now spring full grown from off the knees of misery! Unionists are not reared in unionism, but are forced there by environment and by dire necessity. Is there any reason why this union education and the principles of unionism should not be implanted within the soul of that boy by his mother, while he is at her knee! Would he not grow up to be a better union man, a more devout man to the cause and a better workman? True, then, if this is to be done, the mothers of our land, the sisters of our country, the wives of our union men, must all be educated along union lines, and must be given a working interest in the movement for the uplift of the masses and their betterment. How shall this better be accomplished than by the organization of these noble women into Auxiliaries, where the subjects of vital interest to the workers will be discussed, and where the subject of the "raising of our future union men" shall be thoroughly studied by these mothers of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Where the wives of union men will bind themselves together and prepare ways and means toward assisting in solidifying the membership of their several unions in their special localities. Where the sisters will discuss plans to strengthen their brothers in the prinicples of unionism. The binding of these women together and the educating of these women along trade-union lines will make the union a household word, where not only the bread-winners of the family will be the unionists of that family, but the entire fam-

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ily will be devoted to the movement; where the little children will be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the labor movement; where the men and women unionists of tomorrow will be moulded in the home circle at the mother's knee, so that they will be prepared for the coming questions of the future, and be not wavering, or dilatory about taking up their cross and bearing it.

We, the laboring classes, have no avenue of news or education along trade-union lines, but the few struggling labor papers. Our education must necessarily come from the mingling, one with another, and discussing problems so vital to us all. The union man or the union woman, the breadwinners of the nation, must spring full grown into the questions and problems which confront the average worker, because his mother, his wife, or his sister was not educated along trade-union lines, and, therefore, if the man or woman becomes a unionist they must become one in after life. While, if the mother of that boy or girl had been a worker in the Auxiliary of the union, she would have naturally brought that boy or girl up under the influence of a union mother, a union home, and, therefore, the very foundation of that life would be unionism!

These Auxiliaries will also deal out sympathy, help in the time of need, kindness, gentle judgment, refining influences, encouraging smiles, friendly pressures of weary hands, advice to the young mothers for our wayward boys away from home, sisterly affections, making homes for the outcast, assisting with ways and means toward getting up finance for benevolent work which will dispense with many a crying need. All the many virtues of womanhood will be brought out and manifested in material work for the betterment and the uplift of the workers. Unionism will be taught religiously by our women, and the air of unionism will not only pervade the office or the workshops of our land, but the homes of our nation will be altars devoted to the movement, and it will be found that the Golden Rule will be more universally kept than in the past.

We can not expect unionists to spring full-grown into the ranks, as did Athena in mythological history, who sprang full-grown from the forehead of Zeus, the goddess of wisdom and domestic arts. It is true, these children are reared by the mother in the home, who is in truth the modern Athena, the goddess of wisdom and domestic arts. These children can be reared unionists, but it is dangerous to leave these children to spring into the ranks of labor, full-grown, for fear that their lack of early training in unionism will show itself early in their life, and they be numbered with those who forget manhood, brotherhood or fraternalism! The binding of our women together will accom-



MRS. HENRY HURR.

plish this end, and will mould for the next generation men and women who are union born and reared!

Just so long as you men sit around like dumb fools at home and never say one thing to that wife of yours that daughter of yours, that sister of yours, or that maiden aunt of your cousin's cousin about the union or the union label, just so long will your union stay on the same ground as it now stands. Listen to me a minute—you go home and give that wife, or your housekeeper, or your boarding-house lady enough

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of your wages to keep the "nourishment" of yourself and your dependents going for the time being. They spend that hard-earned money of yours, while you are off in a union shop working or in the union hall slobbering over the question of "Demand the Label." It's all right and good for you to demand the label on your wearing apparel, but there is a very small portion of your wages going to that account, therefore a very small percentage of your money goes for union-labeled stuff, and a very weak demand goes up from your own wages for the union label. What's the matter with your upper story, no how? It's bad to be blind, but a blind fool is worse and more of



MRS. W. T. DENTON.

it! You say your wife has no business dabbling in union affairs, or to know anything about the union, and what's more you will not talk about it at home, 'cause you get the dickens enough now about being out one night in every week to your union! Poor woman, she don't realize what the union is for or what the good is anyway, you won't enlighten her! Sometimes I think it's a pity that some women don't turn in and give you cabbage heads a good sound horse-whipping, and then maybe you'd come to your common senses and try and educate that poor woman up to what is not only your own duty by the union, but also hers! The woman of the household is as much vitally interested in the wage rate, conditions and hours of labor as the man, for when the wage of the man of the household is cut, the woman of the household is as much or more affected than the man himself. The prime cause of all this is just that one fact, the men do not explain these things in the home.

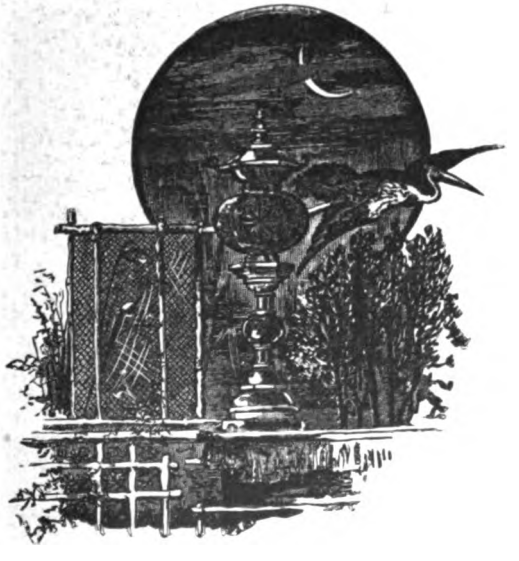
The women spend the money, or a great proportion of it. Then, if this be the case, why should she not be educated along trade-union lines, and demand the label? It is not going to do one bit of good for you to agitate the label with wild flings of the arms and rolling of the eyes in your union hall, while your wife is at home spending your money for non-labeled goods. You fool, you, don't you see the point?

You say the women, a part of them, are being educated along these lines, that they have their auxiliaries, and that they are doing a great deal of work along these lines. May I ask you if we have as many auxiliary women as we have union men? If not, why not? Is it not because the men do not talk of the importance of the auxiliary to their wives, sisters and mothers, or is it because the men do not believe in auxiliaries? If it is either reason, and I believe it is one or the other, I say those men are not living up to the principles of the union to which they belong, or they would see that their wives got in the auxiliary and show them the importance of this membership and then help them along by giving them something to do. I heard several men not long ago say, "Women's auxiliaries are no good; the women go there and talk about each other and it finally ends up in a scrap." Let me ask you why this is. I admit in a great many auxiliaries this is true, and only too true, but where there is an effect there is a cause! Now what is the cause of all this talking and scrapping that these brothers are talking about, you don't find it this way in the Garment Workers' Union, where over half the membership

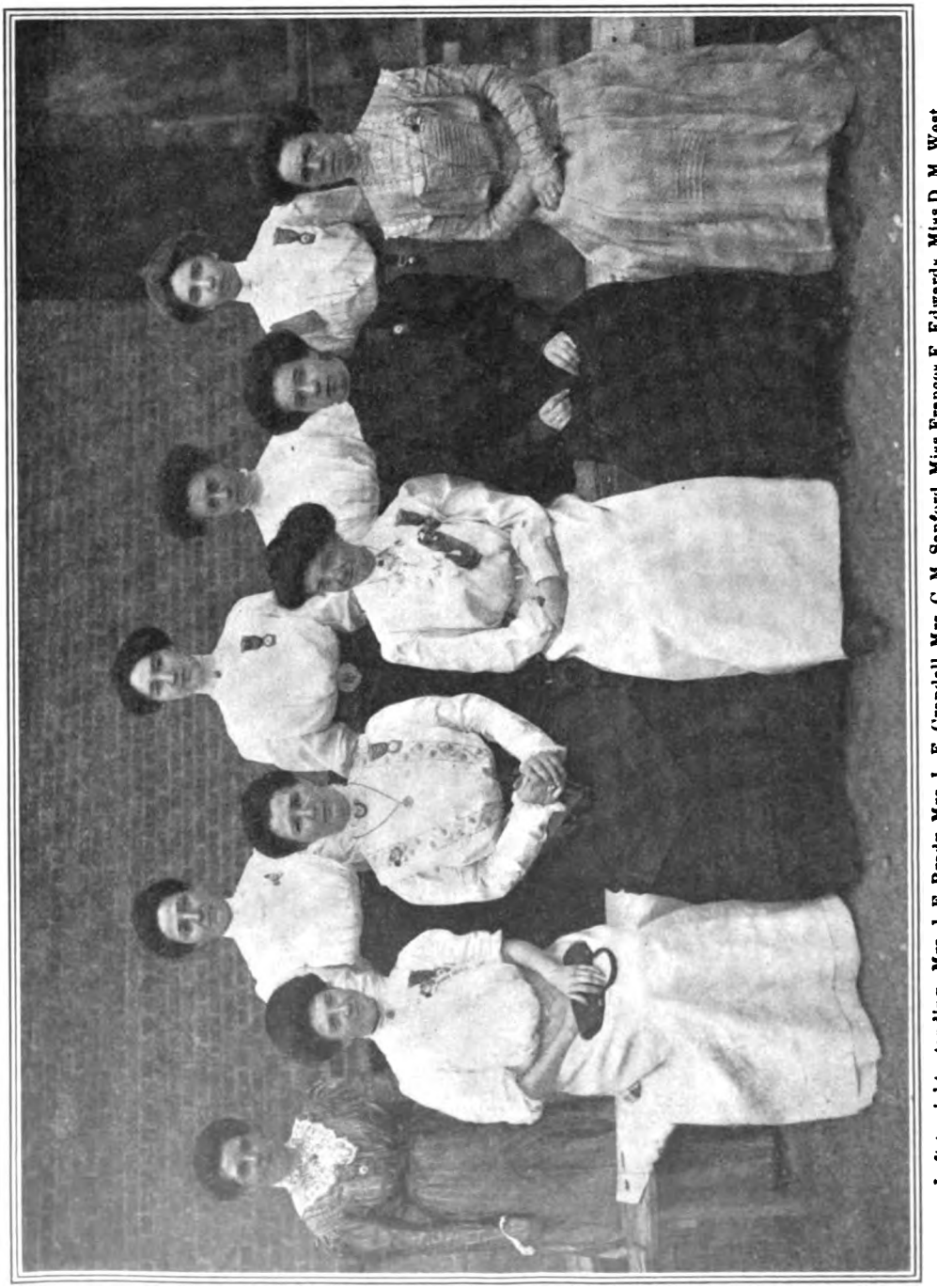
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are ladies. In the waiters' union you do not find it thus. Among the tailoresses, you do not find it thus, or among the hatters, or the boot and shoe workers, or any other union where women are members. I will say the reason for all this is, the women's ignorance of the trade union movement and the knowledge of their duties. Give these women something to do; make them see that the progress of the union is as much or more to their interest than it is to the husband. God knows that about all half the women's auxiliaries have to do or try to do, is to scrap! Just because their men-folks refuse to instill into the minds of these women the important part they can and should play in the union movement!

You men! Listen to me! Educate these women of ours along trade-union lines, make them see where their interest lies, give them something of importance to do, and see how quick they get busy! Show a woman a duty, convince her it is a duty, and see how quick it is done! Let her will that the union shall succeed and see how she will work. Educate these wills, and organize them and see how quick things will move! Woman is now a factor in the labor movement. She is now an economical feature in the commercial world. She is growing more and more, year by year, more independent, she clamors for an insight into those things which have been forbidden her so long. Woman must be educated the same as the men were educated forty years ago in the trade-union movement! Do not expect them to grasp this enormous question with one gulp, like a famished dog would a hambone! You men have the education, some of you, it's a mighty poor quality, it's true, but give these women the best you have, impart that knowledge to them! Stop your slobbering about union labels while your wife is at home spending your wages, and wouldn't know a union label if she saw it coming up the big road toward her!



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Left to right, standing—Mrs. J. F. Brady, Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Mrs. C. M. Sanford, Miss Frances E. Edwards, Miss D. M. West.
Sitting—Mrs. J. J. Campbell, Mrs. E. L. Mathis, Mrs. E. B. Smith, Mrs. G. W. Malone, Mrs. W. J. Liddane.

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GLEANINGS

The union label speaks for itself.

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Man's first duty is to organize.

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Stand faithfully by your friends.

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When you purchase a suit of clothes demand the label.

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The label is the life of unionism. Demand it.

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Even charity is organized. Then why not labor? Get busy!

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Labor will never realize its rights until it recognizes its wrongs.

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The silent friends of organized labor—the union label and the ballot.

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The difference between child labor and convict labor is mainly a matter of age.

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Trade unionism that is not purely practical and simply sensible is not trade unionism at all.

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One of the most powerful forces to change human nature for the better is the changing of economic conditions.

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Regular attendance at the meetings of the union is as good a criterion as any of the spirit that really dominates the members.

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When purchasing a hat or any other article, ask for the label article and see that the label is properly affixed. Do not blindly accept the dealer's word for it that it is union made.

The union shop improves the environment of those who labor, thereby enhancing the quality of citizenship.

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If union men would stop boycotting one another's union label products, labor unions would be in a stronger position than they are today.

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The German government is preparing to enact laws to reduce the hours of labor of women workers, and abolish night work completely.

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We should preach to the world the sublime faith and aspiration of labor. We should practice its precepts and make them the daily rule of life.

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The strike of the native employes of the Great Western Railway of Brazil Company has spread until more than 4,000 men are out, and the entire line is tied up.

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The time will come when men will enter the labor movement in the same spirit and with the same devotion that others today enter the work of the Christian ministry. —*Rev. Charles Stelzle.*

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When the wives and daughters of all union men demand the label on all their purchases, then will unionism have received an impetus that can not be stopped by all the injunctions or other obstructions ever devised by greedy men.

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The objects of the new union label department of the American Federation of Labor is to promote a greater demand among union men and the friends of the movement for the products bearing the union label.

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French telegraphers held a formal meeting recently and joined the postal employes and the teachers in demanding the privilege of forming unions under the laws of 1884, which includes the right to strike.

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The most powerful labor organization is that which in addition to the ability to "put up a fight" has the brains to put up a good argument in justification or prevention of the last resort.—*Eastern Labor News.*

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Of 22,185 women employed in the various industries in Pittsburg, less than one-fifth earn $8 a week or more, one-fifth earn about $7 and three-fifths of them receive less than $7.

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Seven hundred men at work in the Northern Pacific shops at Tacoma, Wash., were notified recently that on May 1 the men will begin working full time of ten hours a day and six days in the week.

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High wages and satisfactory conditions of employment are the direct result of organization. Unorganized wage-earners nurse grievances; organized wage-earners remove them.

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Organized labor is now passing through a crisis which will tend to strengthen it forever. The true union man will exert himself more than ever before to build up his union. Only in time of war is the true soldier proven.

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The Union Labor Hospital of Eureka, Calif., recently celebrated its third anniversary. The building is the largest hospital building in Eureka, and in equipment is unsurpassed by any local hospital. It is situated on a half block of land.

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A little while since, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts made permanent an injunction forbidding the Bricklayers' union to fine two of its members who scabbed. It has since refused to reopen the case. Will the courts which forbade the Bricklayers' union to fine its members for scabbing permit the Hat Manufacturers' union to fine its members for the same offense? That association seeks to recover $25,000 from one of its members that restored the label in its shop. Will this court reverse itself? We shall see.

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A kindly word and a pleasant smile often goes a long way in bringing sunlight into the lives of others. Life at best for the average wage-earner is none too good, and a kindly word costs nothing and often does great good. Be a ray of sunshine in the life of your fellow-worker. It will do both good.

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In itself the writ of injunction is of a highly important and beneficent character. Its aims and purposes are for the protection of property rights. It never was intended, and should never be invoked, for the purpose of depriving free men of their personal rights, the right of man's ownership of himself; the right of free locomotion, free assemblage, free association, free speech, free press; the freedom to do those things promotive of life, liberty and happiness, and which are not in contravention of the law of our land.

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A man who has never belonged to a labor organization has some excuse for purchasing nonunion goods and patronizing nonunion stores, restaurants, barber shops, laundries, etc., and can not be blamed for taking the place of a striker in the same measure as a member of a union taking a union man's place. But when a union man purchases nonunion goods, spends his money with nonunion establishments, etc., he is a traitor to unionism, and is the real scab.—*Label Bulletin,* Denver, Colo.

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How happy the working people ought to be! They have made so many machines that three million little children are now at work. Yes, convicts and little children do so much work that a million men have nothing to do, and can spend their whole time begging and stealing, and can go to jail and get hardened to sin and crime.

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How lovely it is! Society will soon be entirely relieved from the merry frolics of innocent childhood, the stern nobility of manhood and the calm repose of old age. —*National Labor Standard.*

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If a union man wears a Stetson hat, smokes nonunion cigars, subscribes for the *Ladies' Home Journal* for his wife and the *Saturday Evening Post* for himself, has his meals cooked on a Buck range, eats Egg-O-See or Grape Nuts at his meals and drinks Postum, uses Larkin's soap to cleanse himself, allows his wife to have her clothes made by Butterick patterns, gets shaved for five cents—if a union man does all of these things or any part of them, just how much benefit is that man to organized labor. The trades union is a vast benefit to him, but what benefit is he to the trades union?

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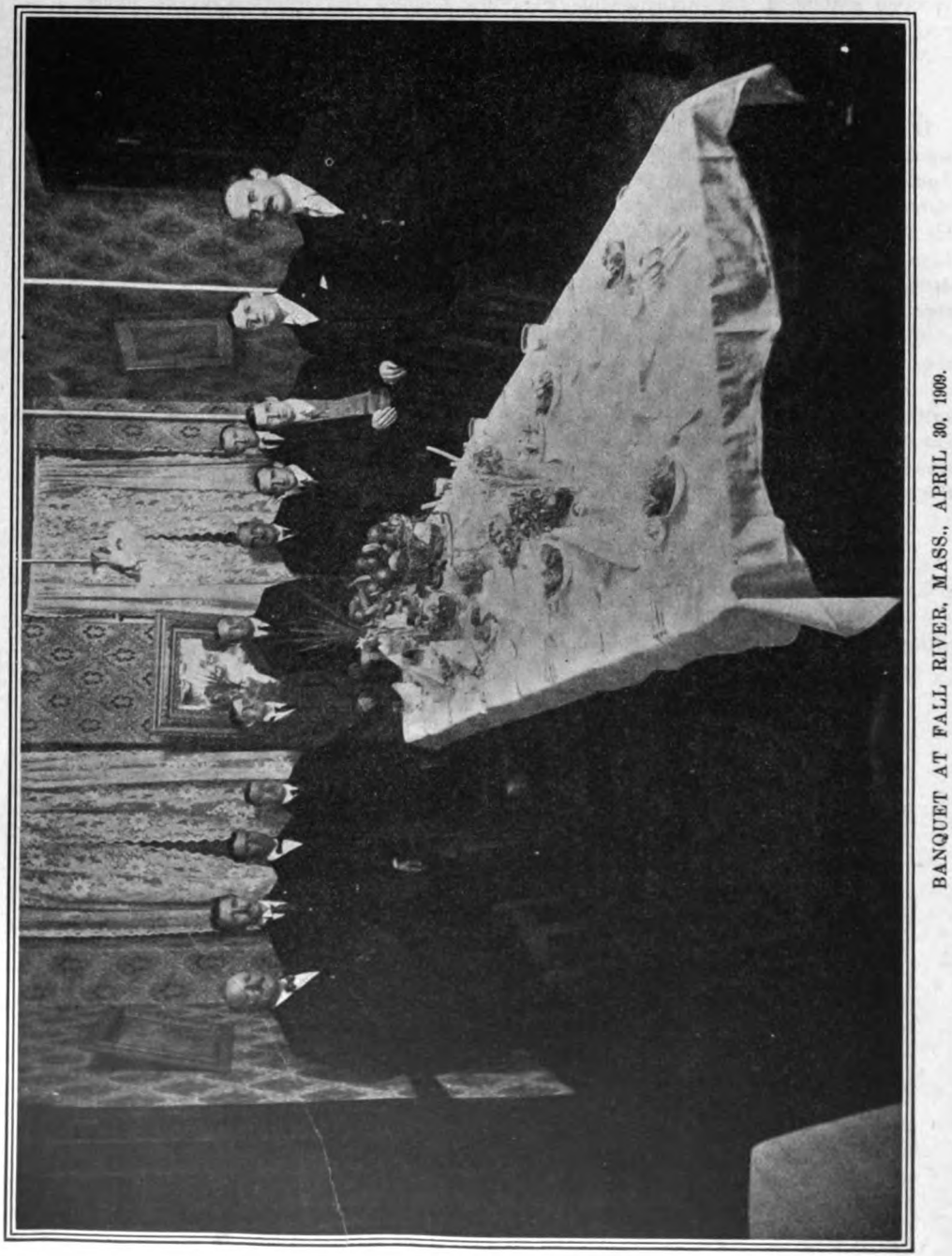
Above all others, it has been the trades unions which have stood for the abolition of abuses and the improvement of conditions. Next to the public schools, they have been the greatest influences in educating the mass of foreigners coming into this country the better ways of living, teaching them self-government and self-control, holding up before them an ideal of a better condition of life and then making it evident to them that this better condition can not be obtained by them individually, but only as they help others, the labor unions of the country have really borne the brunt of the fight.

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Don't delude yourself with the thought that if you pull out of the union it will go to smash. Far from it, as our union is here to stay, and no individual, nor a thousand of them, can make any material difference. Of course, we don't want even one man to leave us, as we are building up, not tearing down, but if you are determined to play the sorehead because your particular ideas are not adopted and quit your organization, remember that you are slapping your own nose to spite your face. You can not get along without a union today any more than you can raise wings. Unionism is the very life of labor today.



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BANQUET AT FALL RIVER, MASS., APRIL 30, 1909.
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MISCELLANY

HOW I CAME TO BE A HAM.

Div. 106.

AT the time my story begins, I was working with a gang of carpenters, and having disagreed with my employer, had decided to quit; thus leaving me without employment and winter approaching.

While wondering what to do, my eyes happened on a glaring advertisement from a ham factory, which depicted the work of a telegrapher as a happy dream in which all is easy sailing. No breakers, no storms and money in abundance at all times. Furthermore it stated that employment was an absolute certainty, and as a beginner I should receive from $50 to $60 per month, with excellent chances for promotion, and of course no place like a ham factory for learning.

The advertisement stated that many had started to learn telegraphy in a railroad office, and becoming discouraged had come to them to finish the work.

After reading their Ad., I felt positive that I could become rich in a few years by taking a course in their school. And since they stated that their course could be learned in five months, I figured that I would have my expenses all paid in three months after graduation.

This course was to consist of commercial and railroad telegraphy, message work, train orders, train reports, government messages, cablegrams, railroad rules, Western Union rules, block signal rules, switchboard instructions, construction of instruments and setting up of the same, abbreviations as used, agency work, typewriting and many other things too numerous to mention.

Well, for five years I had economized, and succeeded in laying by two hundred dollars which, apparently, could be put to no better use than to enroll as a ham.

I wrote the professor that I would be at his school the following Monday, and in the meantime made all necessary preparations for going.

For a few days I strutted about as proud as a peacock, till at last the day for my departure arrived. I was only too eager to bid my friends good-bye and be off.

About 11 a. m. I arrived at the factory, and after ascending three flights of stairs rang the office bell and waited.

I had not long, however, to wait until the door opened from the inside, and I was greeted by the professor himself.

After a little chat I signed the necessary papers, plunked over $50 and was ready for work.

I was informed that the school was dismissed until 12:30; accordingly, I went in search of a boarding place, and in the course of an hour was back at the factory.

Instead of a large building of various study rooms and shelves of books and papers and a dozen professors as I expected to see, there was but one room and one professor, and about twenty of those objects we term "Hams," who were pounding away like so many woodpeckers. To say that I was disheartened would be putting it mildly. I was on the verge of despair, and was wishing I had my fifty safe in my pocketbook, when I would have departed on the next train for home.

I was not in the room long until I heard a "Ham" whisper "There is another poor devil sucked in."

I felt that this was only too true. I had been sucked in sure enough.

Well, I did not know much about telegraphy then, but I knew sufficient to convince me that their hammering sounded

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more like a lot of cow-bells than like the Morse code, for it must be remembered that I could receive about twelve words per minute, which I learned at our home office before I joined the "Hams."

Three of us were placed at one instrument, and we took turns at pounding, and in a few weeks time my pounding and theirs was identical.

I soon concluded that this was simply a place to practice for it mattered not to the professor if we made six dots for an "H," or only made four. We never received any instructions from him. After four weary months, which reduced my money to ninety dollars, I asked the professor for a position; as that was the contract.

He replied that he had nothing looked up for me then, but would have a position for me in a few weeks.

Week after week passed and still no job. At last, growing desperate, I demanded my money stating that I would go home.

Finally he sent me to Harrisburg for examination. Result: Flunked on the medical and got no further. He then said he could do nothing more for me, and that settled it.

Not to be baffled I went to Altoona and applied for work. The division operator told me to be seated until he could find time to examine me. Presently the wire began to hum like all possessed.

"Why don't you answer the wire?" he growled.

I responded "I I," G. A., and the instrument started like a buzz-saw, so that I could not distinguish a dash from a dot.

I broke him, and after several attempts to tell him to slow down, I blurted out something like this: Plow doaln a tittle.

"That will do," growled the division operator. "You don't know the alphabet." I then proceeded to give him a brief history of my discouragements, and taking pity on me he decided to give me a chance to learn.

Accordingly he gave me a pass to Cove Station, and sent a message to the operator at that place requesting him to give me any information I might ask, and told me to report at his office in a few months for examination. About this time I was utterly discouraged; I was on a study whether to hold on to my remaining money or push ahead and spend all trying to regain lost ground.

Finally I decided to begin again and learn over. I boarded a train and was soon flying down the track towards Cove Station. About dusk, I alighted from the train with a severe headache and feeling lonely, forsaken and disheartened. A few unkind words, just then, would have induced me to go home for good and always.

Leaving my valises in the tower, I began to canvass the town for lodging and boarding, which resulted in disastrous failure. Everybody regarded me with suspicion. I showed them the money and offered to pay in advance, but to no avail. No one would keep me over night for love or money.

Next I turned my attention to some farm houses up along the lake, but with no better result. They replied that they were only roughing it themselves, and had to get all their provisions from Harrisburg, and as they had no spare bed, I would have to look elsewhere.

Finally, after being refused even a bed in the stables, I returned to the tower, weary, sleepy and hungry, also destitute of friends.

The operator, being a good hearted chap, took compassion on me and took me along to his home, fixed me up a nice bed in the kitchen, gave me a good supper and chatted with me until bedtime.

Next morning a steaming breakfast was set before me, to which I did ample justice. The toothsome viands vanished like snow before an April sun. Feeling rejuvenated I started out bright and early on the Altoona accommodation train, for other quarters.

Finally I secured lodging at Duncannon, where I again took up the study of telegraphy. The operator heard my story to a finish, and seeing that I denounced all allegiance to the ham factory, he treated me kindly. For three more months I worked hard at it, but there I was halted—my money was all; therefore, I was forced to abandon telegraphy temporarily. When I again took it up it was on a little branch

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road, where for many weary months I studied until at last I was rewarded with a forty-dollar job. Now, gentlemen, did I not earn my hamship?

Am glad to say I now belong to the O. R. T., and if you want a full account of a ham-shop come around and I will spin you a long yarn, for the half has never been told.

JUST LIKE A CAT.

THEY were doing good work out back of the Westcote express office. The Westcote Land and Improvement Company was ripping the whole top off Seiler's Hill and dumping it into the swampy meadow, and Mike Flannery liked to sit at the back door of the express office, when there was nothing to do, and watch the endless string of wagons dump the soft clay and sand there. Already the swamp was a vast landscape of small hills and valleys of new, soft soil, and soon it would burst into streets and dwellings. That would mean more work, but Flannery did not care; the company had allowed him a helper already, and Flannery had hopes that by the time the swamp was populated Timmy would be of some use. He doubted it, but he had hopes.

The four-thirty-two train had just pulled in, and Timmy had gone across to meet it with his hand-truck, and now he returned. He came lazily, pulling the cart behind him with one hand. He didn't seem to care whether he ever got back to the office. Flannery's quick blood rebelled.

"Is that all th' faster ye can go?" he shouted. "Make haste! Make haste! 'Tis an ixpriss company ye are workin' fer, an' not a cimitery. T' look at ye wan w'u'd think ye was nawthin' but a funeral!"

"Sure I am," said Timmy. "'Tis as ye have said it, Flannery; I'm th' funeral."

Flannery stuck out his under jaw, and his eyes blazed. For nothing at all he would have let Timmy have a fist in the side of the head, but what was the use? There are some folks you can't pound sense into, and Timmy was one of them.

"What have ye got, then?" asked Flannery.

"Nawthin' but th' corpse," said Timmy, impudently, and Flannery did do it. He swurg his big right hand at the lad, and would have taught him something, but Timmy wasn't there. He had dodged. Flannery ground his teeth, and bent over the hand-truck. The next moment he straightened up and motioned to Timmy, who had stepped back from him, nearly half a block back.

"Come back," he said peacefully. "Come on back. This wan time I'll do nawthin' to ye. Come on back an' lift th' box into th' office. But th' next time—"

Timmy came back, grinning. He took the box off the truck, carried it into the office, and set it on the floor. It was not a large box, nor heavy, just a small box with strips nailed across the top and there was an Angora cat in it. It was a fine, large Angora cat, but it was dead.

Flannery looked at the tag that was nailed on the side of the box. "Ye'd bether git th' wagon, Timmy," he said slowly, "an' proceed with th' funeral up t' Missus Warman's. This be no weather fer perishable goods t' be lyin' 'round th' office. Quick speed is th' motto av th' Interurban Ixpriss Company whin th' weather is eighty-four in th' shade. An', Timmy," he called as the boy moved toward the door, "make no difficulty sh'u'd she insist on receiptin' fer th' goods as bein' damaged. If nicissary take th' receipt fer 'Wan long-haired cat, damaged.' But make haste. 'Tis in me mind that sh'u'd ye wait too long Missus Warman will not be receivin' th' consignment at all. She's wan av th' particular kind, Timmy."

In half an hour Timmy was back. He came into the office lugging the box, and let it drop on the floor with a thud. Flannery looked up from his desk, where he was writing.

"She won't take no damaged cats," said Timmy shortly.

Mike Flannery laid his pen on his desk with almost painful slowness and precision. Slowly he slid off his chair, and slowly he picked up his cap and put it on his head. He did not say a word. His brow was drawn into deep wrinkles, and his eyes

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glittered as he walked up to the box with almost supernaturally stately tread and picked it up. His lips were firmly set as he walked out of the office into the hot sun. Timmy watched him silently.

In less than half an hour Mike Flannery came into the office again, quietly, and set the box silently on the floor. Noiselessly he hung up his cap on the nail above the big calendar back of the counter. He sank into his chair and looked for a long while at the blank wall opposite him.

"An' t' think," he said at last, like one still wrapped in a great blanket of surprise. "t' think she didn't swear wan cuss th' whole time! Thim ladies is wonderful folks! I wonder did she say th' same t' ye as she said t' me, Timmy?"

"Sure she did," said Timmy, grinning as usual.

"Will ye think of that, now!" said Flannery with admiration. "'Tis a grand constitution she must be havin,' that lady. Twice in wan afternoon! I wonder could she say th' same three times? 'Tis not possible."

He ran his hand across his forehead and sighed, and his eyes fell on the box. It was still where he had put it, but he seemed surprised to see it there. He had no recollection of anything after Mrs. Warman had begun to talk. He picked up his pen again.

"Interurban Express Co., New York," he wrote. "Consiny Mrs. Warman wont reciev cat way bill 23645 Hibbert and Jones consinor cat is—"

He grinned and ran the end of the pen through his stubble of red hair.

"What is th' swell worrd fer dead, Timmy?" he asked. "I'm writin' a letter t' th' swell clerks in New Yorrk that be always guyin' me about me letters, an' I'll hand thim a swell worrd fer wance."

"Deceased," said Timmy, grinning.

"'Tis not that wan I was thinkin' of," said Flannery, "but that wan will do. 'Tis a high-soundin' worrd, deceased."

He dipped his pen in the ink again.

"—cat is diseased," he wrote. "Pleas give disposal. Mike Flannery."

When the New York office of the Interurban Express Company received Flannery's letter they called up Hibbert & Jones on the telephone. Hibbert & Jones was the big department store, and it was among the Interurban's best customers. When the Interurban could do it a favor it was policy to do so, and the clerk knew that sending a cat back and forth by rail was not the best thing for the cat, especially if the cat was diseased.

"That cat," said the manager of the live-animal department of Hibbert & Jones, "was in good health when it left here, absolutely, so far as we know. If it was not it is none of our business. Mrs. Warman came in and picked the cat out from a dozen or more, and paid for it. It is her cat. It doesn't interest us any more. And another thing: You gave us a receipt for that cat in good order; if it was damaged in transit it is none of our affair, is it?"

"Owner's risk," said the Interurban clerk. "You know we only accept live animals for transportation at owner's risk."

"That lets us out, then," said the Hibbert & Jones clerk. "Mrs. Warman is the owner. Ring off, please."

Westcote is merely a suburb of New York, and mails are frequent and Mike Flannery found a letter waiting for him when he opened the office the next morning. It was brief. It said:

"Regarding cat, W. B. 23645, this was sent at owner's risk, and Mrs. Warman seems to be the owner. Cat should be delivered to her. We are writing her from this office, but in case she does not call for it immediately, you will keep it carefully in your office. You had better have a veterinary look at the cat. Feed it regularly."

Mike Flannery folded the letter slowly, and looked down at the cat. "Feed it!" he exclaimed. "I wonder, now, was that a misprint fer fumigate it, fer that is what it will be wantin' mighty soon, if I know annything about deceased cats. I wonder do thim dudes in New Yorrk be thinkin' th' long-haired cat is only fainted, mebby? Do they think they see Mike Flannery sittin' be th' bedside av th' cat, fannin' it t' bring it back t' consciousness? Feed it! Niver in me life have I made a specialty av cats,

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long-haired or short-haired, an' I do not be pretindin' t' be a profissor av cats, but 'tis me sittled belief that whin a cat is as dead as that wan is it stops eatin.'"

He looked resentfully at the cat in the box.

"I wonder sh'u'd I put th' late laminted out on th' back porrch till th' veterinary comes t' take its pulse? I wonder what th' ixpriss company wants a veterinary t' butt into th' thing fer annyhow? Is it th' custom nowadays t' require a certificate av health fer every cat that's as dead as that wan is before th' funeral comes off? Sure, I do believe th' ixpriss company has doubts av Mike Flannery's ability t' tell is a cat dead or no. Mebby 'tis thrue. Mebby so. But wan thing I'm dang sure av, that is that sh'u'd the weather not turn off t' a cold wave by tomorry mornin' 'twill take no coroner t' know th' cat is dead."

He opened the letter again and reread it. As he did so the scowl on his face increased. He held up the letter and slapped it with the back of his hand.

"'Kape it carefully in your office,'" he read with scorn. "Sure! An' what about Flannery? Does th' man think I'm t' sit side be side with th' dead pussy cat an' thry t' worrk up me imagination t' thinkin' I'm sittin' in a garden av tuberoses? 'Tis well enough t' say kape it, but cats like thim does not kape very well. Th' less said about th' way they kapes th' betther."

Timmy entered the office, and as he passed the box he sniffed the air in a manner that at once roused Flannery's temper.

"Sthop that!" he shouted. "I'll have none av yer foolin' t'-day. What fer are ye puckerin' up yer nose at th' cat fer? There's nawthin' th' matther with th' cat. 'Tis as sound as a shillin,' an' there's no call fer ye t' be sniffin' 'round, Timmy, me lad! Go about yer worrk, an' lave th' cat alone. 'Twill kape—'twill kape a long time yet. Don't be so previous, me lad. If ye want t' sniff, there'll be plenty av time by an' by. Plinty av it."

"Ye ain't goin' t' keep th' cat, are ye?" asked Timmy, with surprise.

"Let be," said Flannery softly, with a gentle downward motion of his hands. "Let be. If 'tis me opinion 'tw'u'd be best t' kape th' cat fer some time, I will kape it. Mike Flannery is th' ixpriss agint av this office, Tim, me bye, an' sh'u'd he be thinking', 'tw'u'd be best fer th' intherists av th' company t' kape a cat that is no longer livin, he will. There be many things fer ye t' learn, Timmy, before ye know th' whole av th' ixpriss business, an' dead cats is wan av thim."

"G'wan!" said Timmy with a long-drawn vowel. "I know a dead cat when I see one, now."

"Mebby," said Flannery, shortly. "Mebby. An' mebby not. But do ye know where Doc. Pomeroy hangs out? Go an' fetch him."

As Timmy passed the box on the way out he looked at the cat with renewed interest. He began to have a slight doubt that he might not know a dead cat when he saw one, after all, if Flannery was going to have a veterinary come to look at it. But the cat certainly *looked* dead—extremely dead.

Doc. Pomeroy was a tall, lank man with a slouch in his shoulders and a sad, hollow-cheeked face. His voice was the deepest and mournfullest bass. "The boy says you want me to look at a cat," he said in his hopeless tone. "Where's the cat?"

Flannery walked to the box and stood over it, and Doc. Pomeroy stood at the other side. He did not even bend down to look at the cat.

"That cat's dead," he said without emotion.

"Av course it is," said Flannery. "'Twas dead th' firrst time I seen it."

"The boy said you wanted me to look at a cat," said Doc. Pomeroy.

"Sure!" said Flannery. "Sure I did! That's th' cat. I wanted ye t' see th' cat. What might be your opinion av it?"

"What do you want me to do with the cat?" asked Doc. Pomeroy.

"Look at it," said Flannery pleasantly. "Nawthin' but look at it. Thim is me orders. 'Have a veterinary look at th' cat,' is what they says. An' I can see be th' look on ye that 'tis yer opinion 'tis a mighty dead cat."

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"That cat," said the veterinary slowly, "is as dead as it can be. A cat can't be any deader than that one is."

"It can not," said Flannery positively. "But it can be longer dead."

"If I had a cat that had been dead longer than that cat has been dead," said Doc. Pomeroy as he moved away, "I wouldn't have to see it to know it was dead. A cat that has been dead longer than that cat has been dead lets you know it. That cat will let you know it pretty quick, now."

"Thank ye," said Flannery. "An' ye have had a good look at it? Ye w'u'dn't like t' look at it again, mebby? Thim is me orders, t' allow ixamination be th' veterinary, an' if 'tw'u'd be anny comfort t' ye I will draw up a chair so ye can look all ye want to."

The veterinary raised his sad eyes to Flannery's face and let them rest there a moment. "Much obliged," he said, but he did not look at the cat again. He went back to his headquarters.

That afternoon Flannery and Timmy began walking quickly when they passed the box, and toward evening, when Flannery had to make out his reports, he went out on the back porch and wrote them, using a chair-seat for a desk. One of his tasks was to write a letter to the New York office.

"W.B.23645," he wrote, "the yetinnary has seen the cat, and its diseased all right. he says so. no sine of Mrs Warman yet but ile keep the cat in the offis if you say so as long as i cann stand it. but how cann i feed a diseased cat. i nevver fed a diseased cat yet. what do you feed cats l'k that."

The next morning when Flannery reached the office he opened the front door, and immediately closed it with a bang and locked it. Timmy was late, as usual. Flannery stood a minute looking at the door, and then he sat down on the edge of the curb to wait for Timmy. The boy came along after a while, indolently as usual, but when he saw Flannery he quickened his pace a little.

"What's th' matter?" he asked. Locked out?"

Flannery stood up. He did not even say good morning. He ran his hand into his pocket and pulled out the key. "Timmy," he said gently, almost lovingly, "I have business that takes me t' the other side av town. I have th' confidence in ye, Timmy, t' let ye open up th' office. 'Twill be good ixperience fer ye." He cast his eye down the street, where the car line made a turn around the corner. The trolley wire was shaking. "Th' way ye open up," he said slowly, "is t' push th' key into th' keyhole. Push th' key in, Timmy, an' thin turrn it t' th' lift. Wait!" he called as Timmy turned. "'Tis important t' turrn t' th' lift, not th' right. An' whin ye have th' door open"—the car was rounding the corner, and Flannery stepped into the street—"whin ye have th' door open—th' door open"—the car was where he could touch it—"take th' cat out behint th' office an' bury it, an' if you don't I'll fire ye out av yer job. Mind that!"

The car sped by, and Flannery swung aboard. Timmy watched it until it went out of sight around the next corner, and then he turned to the office door. He pushed the key in, and turned it to the left.

When Flannery returned the cat was gone, and so was Timmy. The grocer next door handed Flannery the key, and Flannery's face grew red with rage. He opened the door of the office, and for a moment he was sure the cat was not gone, but it was. Flannery could not see the box; it was gone. He threw open the back door and let the wind sweep through the office, and it blew a paper off the desk. Flannery picked it up and read it. It was from Timmy.

"Mike Flannery, esquire," it said. Take youre old job. Im tired of the express bisiness. Too much cats and missus Warmans in it. im going to New York to look for a decent job. I berried the cat for you but no more for me. youres truly."

Flannery smiled. The loss of Timmy did not bother him so long as the cat had gone also. He turned to the tasks of the day with a light heart.

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The afternoon mail brought him a letter from the New York office. "Regarding W.B. 23645," it said, "and in answer to yours of yesterday's date. In our previous communication we clearly requested you to have a veterinary look at the cat. We judge from your letter that you neglected to do this, as the veterinary would certainly have told you what to feed the cat. See the veterinary at once and ask him what to feed the cat. Then feed the cat what he tells you to feed it. We presume it is not necessary for us to tell you to water the cat."

Flannery grinned. "An' ain't them th' jokers, now!" he exclaimed. "'Tis some smart bye must have his fun with ould Flannery! Go an' see th' veterinary! An' ask him what t' feed th' cat! 'Good mornin', Misther Pomeroy. Do ye remimber th' dead cat ye looked at yisterday? 'Tis in a bad way th' mornin', sor. 'Tis far an' away deader than it was yisterday. We had th' funeral this mornin'. What w'u'd ye be advisin' me t' feed it fer a regular diet now?' Oh, yis! I'll go t' th' veterinary —not!"

He stared at the letter frowningly.

"An' 'tis not nicessary t' tell me t' water th' cat?" he said. "Oh, no, they'll be trustin' Flannery t' water th' cat. Flannery has loads av time. 'Tis no need fer him t' spind his time doin' th' ixpriss business. 'Git th' sprinklin'-can, Flannery, an' water th' cat. Belike if ye water it well ye'll be havin' a fine flower-bed av long-haired cats out behint th' office. Water th' cat well, an' plant it awn th' sunny side av th' house, an' whin it sprouts transplant it t' th' shady side where it can run up th' trillis. 'Twill bloom hearty until cold weather, if watered plinty!' Bechune thim an' me 'tis me opinion th' cat was kept too long t' grow well anny more."

Mrs. Warman was very much surprised that afternoon to receive a letter from the express company. As soon as she saw the name of the company in the corner of the envelope her face hardened. She had an intuition that this was to be another case where the suffering public was imposed upon by an overbearing corporation, and she did not mean to be the victim. She had refused the cat. Fond as she was of cats she had never liked them dead. She was through with that cat. She tore open the envelope. A woman never leaves an envelope unopened. The next moment she was more surprised than before.

"Dear Madam," said the letter. "Regarding a certain cat sent to your address through our company by Hibbert & Jones of this city, while advising you of our entire freedom from responsibility in the matter, all animals being accepted by us at owner's risk only, we beg to make the following communication: The cat is now in storage at our express office in Westcote, and is sick. A letter from our agent there leads us to believe that the cat may not receive the best of attention at his hands. In order that it may be properly fed and cared for we would suggest that you accept the cat from our hands, under protest if you wish, until you can arrange with Messrs. Hibbert & Jones as to the ownership. In asking you to take the cat in this way we have no other object in view than to stop the charges for storage and care, which are accumulating, and to make sure that the cat is receiving good attention. We might say, however, that Hibbert & Jones assure us that the cat is your property, and, therefore, until we have assurance to the contrary, we must look to you for all charges for transportation, storage and care accruing while the cat is left with us. Yours very truly."

When she had read the letter Mrs. Warman's emotions were extremely mixed. She felt an undying anger toward the express company; she felt an entirely different and more personal anger toward the firm of Hibbert & Jones; but above all she felt a great surprise regarding the cat. If ever she had seen a cat that she thought was a thoroughly dead cat this was the cat. She had had many cats in her day, and she had always thought she knew a dead cat when she saw one, and now this dead cat was alive—ailing, perhaps, but alive. The more she considered it the less likely it seemed to her that she could have been mistaken about the deadness of that cat.

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It had been offered to her twice. The first time she saw it she knew it was dead, and the second time she saw it she knew it was, if anything, more dead than it had been the first time. The conclusion was obvious. A cat had been sent to her in a box. She had refused to receive a dead cat, and the expressmen had taken the box away again. Now there was a live, but sick, cat in the box. She had her opinion of expressmen, express companies, and especially of the firm of Hibbert & Jones. This full opinion she sent to Hibbert & Jones by the next mail.

The next morning Flannery was feeling fine. He whistled as he went to the nine-twenty train, and whistled as he came back to the office with his hand-truck full of packages and the large express envelope with the red seals on the back snugly tucked in his inside pocket, but when he opened the envelope and read the first paper that fell out he stopped whistling.

"Agent, Westcote," said the letter. "Regarding W.B. 23645, Hibbert & Jones, consignor of the cat you are holding in storage, advises us that the consignee claims cat you have is not the cat shipped by consignor. Return cat by first train to this office. If the cat is not strong enough to travel alone have veterinary accompany it. Yrs. truly, Interurban Express Company, Per J."

At first a grin spread over the face of Flannery. "'Not sthrong enough t' travel alone!'" he said with a chuckle. "If iver there was a sthrong cat 'tis that wan be this time, an' 'tw'u'd be a waste av ixpinse t' hire a—" Suddenly his face sobered. He glanced out of the back door at the square mile of hummocky sand and clay.

"'Return cat be firrst trrain t' this office,'" he repeated blankly. He left his seat and went to the door and looked out. "Return th' cat," he said, and stepped out upon the edge of the soft, new soil. It was all alike in its recently dug appearance. "Th' cat, return it," he repeated, taking steps this way and that way, with his eyes on the clay at his feet. He walked here and there, but one place looked like the others. There was room for ten thousand cats, and one cat might have been buried in any one of ten thousand places. Flannery sighed. Orders were orders, and he went back to the office and locked the doors. He borrowed a coal-scoop from the grocer next door and went out and began to dig up the clay and sand. He dug steadily and grimly. Never, perhaps, in the history of the world had a man worked so hard to dig up a dead cat. Even in ancient Egypt, where the cat was a sacred animal, they did not dig them up when they had them planted. Quite the contrary: it was a crime to dig them up; and Flannery, as he dug, had a feeling that it would be almost a crime to dig up this one. Never, perhaps, did a man dig so hard to find a thing he really did not care to have.

Flannery dug all that morning. At lunch-time he stopped digging—and went without his lunch—long enough to deliver the packages that had come on the early train. As he passed the station he saw a crowd of boys playing hockey with an old tomato-can, and he stopped. When he reached the office he was followed by sixteen boys. Some of them had spades, some of them had small fire-shovels, some had only pointed sticks, but all were ready to dig. He showed them where he had already dug.

"Twinty-five cints apiece, annyhow," he said, "an' five dollars fer th' lucky wan that finds it."

"All right," said one. "Now what is it we are to dig for?"

"'Tis a cat," said Flannery, "a dead wan."

"Go on!" cried the boy sarcastically. "What *is* it we are to dig for?"

"I can get you a dead cat, mister," said another. "Our cat died."

"'Twill not do," said Flannery. "'Tis a special cat I'm wantin'. 'Tis a long-haired cat, an' 'twas dead a long time. Ye can't mistake it whin ye come awn to it. If ye dig up a cat ye know no wan w'u'd want t' have, that's it."

The sixteen boys dug, and Flannery, in desperation, dug, but a square mile is a large plot of ground to dig over. No one, having observed that cat on the morning

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when Timmy planted it, would have believed it could be put in any place where it could not be instantly found again. It had seemed like a cat that would advertise itself. But that is just like a cat; it is always around when it isn't needed, and when it is needed it can't be found. Before the afternoon was half over the boys had tired of digging for a dead cat and had gone away, but Flannery kept at it until the sun went down. Then he looked to see how much of the plot was left to dig up. It was nearly all left. As he washed his hands before going to his boarding house a messenger boy handed him a telegram. Flannery tore it open with misgivings.

"Cat has not arrived. Must come on night train. Can accept no excuse," it read.

"Flannery folded the telegram carefully and put it in his hip pocket. He washed his hands with more deliberate care than he had ever spent on them. He adjusted his coat most carefully on his back, and then walked with dignity to his boarding house. He knew what would happen. There would be an inspector out from the head office in the morning. Flannery would probably have to look for a new job.

In the morning he was up early, but he was still dignified. He did not put on his uniform, but wore his holiday clothes, with the black tie with the red dots. An inspector is a hard man to face, but a man in his best clothes has more of a show against him. Flannery came to the office the back way; there was a possibility of the inspector's being already at the front door. As he crossed the filled-in meadows he poked unhopefully at the soil here and there, but nothing came of it. But suddenly his eyes lighted on a figure that he knew, just turning out of the alley three buildings from the office. It was Timmy!

Flannery had no chance at all. He ran, but how can a man run in his best clothes across soft, new soil when he is getting a bit too stout? And Timmy had seen him first. When Flannery reached the corner of the alley Timmy was gone, and with a sigh that was partly regret and partly breathlessness from his run Flannery turned into the main street. There was the inspector, sure enough, standing on the curb. Flannery had lost some of his dignity, but made up for it in anger. He more than made up for it in the heat he had run himself into. He was red in the face. He met the inspector with a glare of anger.

"There be th' key, if 'tis that ye're wantin', an' ye may take it an' welcome, fer no more will I be ixpriss agint fer a company that sinds long-haired cats dead in a box an' orders me 't kape thim throo th' hot weather fer a fireside companion an' ready riferince av perfumery. How t' feed an' water dead cats av th' long-haired kind I may not know, an' how t' live with dead cats I may not know, but whin t' bury dead cats I *do* know, an' there be plinty av other jobs where a man is not ordered t' dig up forty-siven acres t' find a cat that was buried none too soon at that!"

"What's that?" said the inspector. "Is that cat dead?"

"An' what have I been tellin' th' dudes in th' head office all th' while?" asked Flannery with asperity. "What but that th' late deceased dead cat was defunct an' no more? An' thim insultin' an honest man with their 'Have ye stholen th' cat out av the box, Flannery, an' put in an inferior short-haired cat?' I want no more av thim! Here's th' key. Good day t' ye!"

"Hold on," said the inspector, putting his hand on Flannery's arm. "You don't go yet. I'll have a look at your cash and your accounts first. What you say about that cat may be true enough, but we have got to have proof of it. That was a valuable cat, that was. It was an Angora cat, a real Angora cat. You've got to produce that cat before we are through with you."

"Produce th' cat!" said Flannery angrily. "Th' cat is safe an' sound in th' back lot. I presint ye with th' lot. If 'tis not enough fer ye, go awn an' do the dirthy worrk ye have t' do awn me. I'll dig no more fer th' cat."

The inspector unlocked the door and entered the office. It was hot with the close heat of a room that has been locked up over night. Just inside the door the inspector stopped and sniffed suspiciously. No

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express office should have smelled as that one smelled.

"Wan minute!" cried Flannery, pulling away from the inspector's grasp. "Wan minute! I have a hint there be a long-haired cat near by. Wance ye have been near wan av thim ye can niver misthake thim Angora cats. I w'u'd know th' symbol av thim with me eyes shut. 'Tis a signal ye c'u'd tell in th darrk."

He hurried to the back door. The cat was there, all right. A little deader than it had been, perhaps, but it was there on the step, long hair and all.

"Hurroo!" shouted Flannery. "An' me thinkin' I w'u'd niver see it again! Can ye smell th' proof, Misther Inspictor? 'Tis good sthrong proof fer ye! An' I sh'u'd have knowed it all th' while. Angora cats I know not be th' spicial species, an' th' long-haired breed av cats is not wan I have associated with much, an' cats so dang dead as this wan I do not kape close in touch with, ginerally, but all cats have a grrand resimblance t' cats. Look at this wan, now. 'Tis just like a cat. It kem back."—By ELLIS PARKER, in the *Cosmopolitan.*

AN ALPINE GUIDE.

Translated from the French of Ludovic Halevy.

HAVE no fear, sir. You will not lose the train. It is now fifteen years since I began taking passengers to the station, and never have I missed a train. Take notice, sir, never.

"Oh, do not look at your watch. There is one thing you ought to know which your watch will never show you. That is, that the train is always fifteen minutes late. There has never been a time when the train was not fifteen minutes late."

But that day the train was exactly on time and I lost it. My driver was furious. "You ought to give warning," he said to the station guard. "You ought to give warning if all at once your trains take it upon themselves to leave at the appointed time. Never has anybody seen such a thing." And he called as witnesses all the assistants. "Is it not true that no one has ever known such a thing? I do not wish to appear at fault to this gentleman. A train leave on time? Leave on time! Tell him that this is the first instance when such a thing has happened!"

"Oh, yes," they all cried in concert, "ordinarily it is late. Certainly, sir, as the driver says, it is usually late."

Well, there was nothing for me but to pass three long hours in this melancholy village of the canton of Vaud, flanked by two melancholy mountains with two little caps of snow on their heads. What was I to do with those three hours? In my turn I asked for assistance. There was a unanimous response.

"Go to see the Chaudron (meaning kettle or caldron). There is nothing like it anywhere."

"And where is the Chaudron?"

"Upon the mountain at the right, about half-way up the hill. The way, however, is somewhat crooked, and the gentleman would do well to take a guide. Down there in the valley there lives the best guide in the country, a fine man, Father Simon."

I soon knocked at the door of the cottage. An old woman opened it to me. "Father Simon? Yes; he is here. But perhaps he is wanted to go to the Chaudron? If so I regret to tell the gentleman he can not go up this morning. He is not strong enough to walk. If it makes no difference to you I can furnish a substitute. There is Noiraud."

"All right, I will take Noiraud."

"But it is necessary I should tell you, Noiraud is not a person."

"Not a person?"

"No; it is our dog."

"Your dog?"

"Yes, Noiraud. He will conduct you as well as my husband could do it. He is accustomed to it."

"Accustomed to it?"

"Certainly, for years and years my husband has taken Noiraud with him on every trip. Thus he has learned every path, and now he makes the journey alone. He has frequently conducted travelers, and we have always had compliments for him. So far as intelligence is concerned, have no fear, he knows as much as you or I. All he

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lacks is language. But for this trip language is unnecessary. If it were to show monuments where the guide must recite names and dates, that would be different. Here it is only the beauties of nature. Take Noiraud. And it will cost you less. It is three francs for my husband, for Noiraud it is only thirty sous. You will see as much for thirty sous as Father Simon could show you for three francs."

"Very well, where is Noiraud?"

"He is sleeping in the sun in the garden. He has already conducted an English party to the Chaudron this morning. Shall I call him?"

"Yes, call him."

"Noiraud, Noiraud!"

He came with a bound through the window. He was a small ugly black dog with long, shaggy hair, not prepossessing, certainly in appearance, but he had at the same time a certain air of gravity, of decision, of importance. His first look was for me. It was complete, precise, assured, and enveloped me rapidly from head to foot, a look which said clearly, "This is a traveler. He wants to see the Chaudron."

To have lost one train was enough for me for one day. I had not intended to expose myself a second time to a similar misadventure, so I explained to Madam Simon that I had only three hours in which to go to the Chaudron.

"Oh, I understand that very well," she replied, "you wish to take the four o'clock train. Have no fear; Noiraud will bring you back in time. Go on, Noiraud; go on, my boy, go on!"

But Noiraud did not appear at all disposed to "go on." He sat immovable, regarding his mistress with a kind of dismay.

"Oh, how stupid I am!" said the old lady. "I forgot the sugar." She took four pieces of sugar from a drawer and gave them to me.

"You see why he did not wish to start. You did not have the sugar. You see, Noiraud, the gentleman has the sugar. Now go, my boy. To the Chaudron, to the Chaudron, to the Chaudron!"

She repeated these words three times, speaking them very slowly and distinctly, and during that time I, in my turn, examined Noiraud with attention. He replied to the words of his mistress by a little movement of the head, which became more and more decided, and at the end he showed a little impatience and bad humor. He seemed to be thinking. "Yes, yes, to the Chaudron. I have known that. The gentleman has the sugar. I understand; do you think I have no sense?"

Without waiting for the third "To the Chaudron," of Madam Simon to be finished, Noiraud, evidently offended, turned him around, placed himself opposite me, showing me the door, saying as plainly as it is permitted a dog to say, "I am ready, come along."

I followed him obediently. Thus we went through the village, he before, I behind. The children who were playing in the streets recognized my guide.

"Hello, Noiraud, how do you do? Noiraud!"

They wished to play with the dog. He turned his head with an air of disdain, the air of a dog who has no time to amuse himself, the air of a dog who has a duty to perform and who intends to earn thirty sous. And the children cried out, "Let him alone. He is conducting the gentleman to the Chaudron. Pleasant journey, sir."

All smilingly repeated it, "Pleasant journey, sir."

I smiled but awkwardly, I am sure. I felt embarrassed and a little humiliated. I was, in a manner, dominated by this animal. He was, for the moment my master. He knew where he was going, I did not know. I hastened to get out of the village and to be alone with Noiraud amidst the beauties of nature that it was his mission to make me admire.

These beauties of nature were at the beginning a frightful road, dusty and hot under a sun at its zenith. The dog went with a quick step and it wearied me to follow him. I tried to moderate his pace.

"Noiraud, come; Noiraud, my boy, not so quickly."

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Noiraud turned a deaf ear to me, and held on to his steady gait without seeming to hear me. He was seized by an attack of anger, when I wished to seat myself at the corner of a field where a single tree gave a scanty shade. He barked in a fretful voice and threw irritated glances at me. Evidently I was acting contrary to rule. It was not the custom to stop there. His protestations were so sharp and excited that I got up and resumed my journey. Noiraud calmed himself immediately and began to trot gaily before me. I had comprehended. He was content.

Some moments after we entered upon a beautiful road, all flowers, all shade, all perfume, all full of the freshness and murmur of streams, Noiraud immediately slipped under the trees, took up a gallop, and disappeared in a little footpath. I followed him, hesitating a little. I had not taken a hundred steps when I found Noiraud awaiting me, his head high and his eyes shining, in a sort of hall of verdure enlivened by the sound of a pretty little waterfall. There was in this hall an old rustic seat, and the glance of Noiraud turned with impatience from my eyes to the seat, and from the seat to my eyes. I began to comprehend the language of Noiraud.

"Good," he seemed to say to me, "see, here is a place to rest. It is fine; it is cool. You were foolish, you wished to stop in the burning sun. Come on now, seat yourself, I permit it."

I stopped. I seated myself. I lighted a cigar. I even made a movement to offer one to Noiraud. Perhaps he smoked. But I thought he would prefer a morsel of sugar. He caught it very adroitly in its flight, ate it with evident relish, and then lay down and snoozed a little at my feet. He was evidently accustomed to make a brief halt and to take a little nap in this place.

He slept scarcely a dozen minutes. I was, for my part, perfectly tranquil. Noiraud had inspired in me an absolute confidence. I was resolved to obey him unreservedly. He roused himself, stretched, and cast at me a sidelong glance which signified "Come on, my friend, come on."

Behold us! like two old friends sauntering under the trees. Noiraud enjoyed the charm, the silence, the sweetness of the place. Upon the road, having hastened to escape the heat and dust, he had traveled at a rapid pace. He marched in order to arrive. But now, refreshed, Noiraud loitered for the pleasure of the walk upon one of the prettiest byroads of the canton of Vaud.

A path to the left presents itself. Noiraud hesitates briefly. He reflects. He passes it and continues his way straight before him, but not without some uncertainty in his demeanor. Then he stops. He has evidently been mistaken. Yes, for he returns over the road we had come and takes the way to the left which suddenly, about a hundred steps onward, brings us to a circle; Noiraud, with his nose in the air, invites me to contemplate the very respectable height of the unscalable wall of rock that surrounds the circle.

When he thinks I have admired this sufficiently, he turns about face and we again take our way through the wood. Noiraud had forgotten to show me the circle of rocks, a small omission which had been quickly repaired.

The road soon becomes very hilly, uneven and difficult. I advance slowly, with infinite precaution. Noiraud bounds lightly from rock to rock, but he never leaves me. He waits for me and casts looks of the most tender solicitude upon me. Finally I commence to hear something like a bubbling spring. Noiraud barks joyously.

"Courage," he says to me, "courage. We are nearly there. You will see the Chaudron."

It is really the Chaudron. A fountain modest enough, of a height equally modest, falls with gushing and rebounding in a great rock slightly hollowed out. I would never have consoled myself for my effort to see this mediocre marvel if I had not had as a companion the brave Noiraud, who was much more interesting and remarkable than the Chaudron.

On each side of the spring, in two little Swiss chalets, were installed two dairies, attended by two Swiss maidens, one blonde.

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one brunette, both wearing the national costume. Each expectantly awaits my arrival on the threshold of her box of a house. It seems to me that the blonde has the prettiest eyes, and I make three or four steps toward her side when Noiraud, barking furiously, bars the way. I change my direction. That is well. Noiraud is appeased as by enchantment when he sees me seated at a table before the quarters of his young protegee. I ask for a cup of milk. The friend of Noiraud enters her little handbox and Noiraud follows her. The wretch! He is served before myself. It is for him she pours a great cup of milk. He has been bribed.

After this, with the white drops suspended from his mustache, Noiraud comes to bear me company and to see me drink my milk. I give him a lump of sugar. Then we too, absolutely satisfied one with the other, filling our lungs with the pure air of the mountains, pass a perfectly delicious half-hour.

Noiraud commences to show signs of impatience and agitation. I read him now like an open book. It is necessary to leave. I rouse myself and advance toward the right-hand path by which we ascended the mountain. Noiraud goes toward another road at the left. He casts a glance serious and severe upon me. What progress I have made in the last two hours and how familiar the silent eloquence of Noiraud has become to me!

"What opinion have you of me?" says Noiraud. "Do you think I am going to allow you to pass twice over the same route? No, indeed; I am a good guide, I know my business. We will go down by another path."

We descend by another way, which is much prettier than the first. Noiraud, brimming over with joy, frequently turns to me with an air of triumph. We go through the village to the railway station. Noiraud is assailed by three or four dogs who appear in the humor to have a romp with their comrade. They try to stop him but Noiraud, growling, represses their advances.

"Do you not see what I have to do? I must take this gentleman to the station."

It is only when I am in the waiting room that he consents to separate himself from me, after having eaten the last two morsels of sugar. This is how I interpret his parting salute:

"We are here twenty minutes before train-time. It is never by me you would lose your train. Go on; good-bye, good-bye!"—By Eva Mills Anderson, in *Union Advocate*.

THE TICKET TO PARADISE.

MR. SOL. RUCKNER sat on the gallery of Lampton's grocery store, his chair tilted back against one of the posts. A little girl came up and said, "Mr. Rucker, won't you please buy a ticket to our missionary entertainment?"

"That I will, Pearlie," he replied, handing her a dollar, the price of four tickets.

"I am astonished at such extravagance, Mr. Rucker," said Sam Foxworth, a young attorney, who had reason to know of the difficulty of parting the old man from his silver, from many wrestlings he had had with the old man in regard to fees for certain eminent legal services.

"You see, lawyer," retorted the old man, "some things ain't law, and air worth the money they costs, either fer their ownselves or fer the ricollections what they fetches back with 'em."

He paused a minute and added, "You may think I am stretchin' the blanket, but a ticket to just such a shindig was onct to me the same as a through ticket to paradise."

He knocked the ashes from his pipe and settled himself comfortably in his chair. He was evidently in for a talk. The lawyer and the crowd all prepared themselves to listen and to laugh.

"You see," the old man went on, "it was this way, lawyer. Hester and me had had a rucus. It want about nothin', but we both was kinder high-spirited and touchous-like. We kinder skirmished around untel she said real sharp and hurtish, 'Mr. Rucker (Mr. Rucker—and her havin' called me Sol ever sense she knowed me) you

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can take back yore ring and yore love, too, for all I cares.'

"I answered most as snappish as she. 'As fer my love, Miss Hester Perkins, I ain't no Injun-giver, and with me what is give is give, and it can't be took back—and as fer the ring, this is what I cares about that;' and I throwed it in the fire right before her face, and before she had the chanct to say a word, I flung outen the door and was coverin' ground fer home.

"There want no stayin' fer me in Marion County after that. It just seemed somethin' all the time was a rubbin' into a sore in my breas'. So I goes down to New Erleans, I does, and gits work, stevedoring and fooling with lumber schooners and boats on Bayou St. John and the big river. At firs' it was all right. The new sights and the everlasting noise and kelter of the town kep' my mind busy. It seemed I never could tire of watching the schooners sailin' over the oily waters of the Lake Ponchertrain, and a hearin' the steamboats puffin' and pantin' on the sleepy yallow river, like a lazy nigger in a fodder fiel' in August time.

"And then the gals—big gals, little gals, blue-eyed gals, black-eyed gals, all sorts of gals—gals with hair like sunflowers, gals with faces like dogwood blooms, gals with voices what would have made a passel of mocking birds sick for envy.

"They kep' my mine all in a whirl fer awhile, and drowned the voice in my heart that all the time was a-whinin' and a-whimperin' for ole Marion, for the straight-growed pines, all beaded with sweet-smellin' rawsin, and the creek banks all set with wild flowers like diamond's in a ring, and fer Hester, fer Hester mos' of all in spite of her onjust treatment and her hautish ways.

"It seemed to me I would of swapped off the balance of my life fer just one sight of that gal. But I said to myself, 'Look here, Sol Rucker, you's a growd up man, free, white, and twenty-one, and ain't got no business a-wearin' a dog collar neither fer a man nor fer a woman.'

"So I worked all the harder all day long, and at nights I went to the saloons and dance halls, and I tole myself I had forgot all erbout them pines and the creek banks and Hester—but Lawd, if that want the firs' nor the las' lie I ever tole, it war the bigges'. For I was just sick in my heart fer home and Hester all the time. Bimeby, one day two young girls, real ladies, comed down where we was unloadin' lumber from the Bond Adventur, and asks us to buy tickets to an entertainment for the orphans.

"Feelin' like a lone orphan myself, I bought one of them tickets, and that night 'steader goin' to the dance hall I found myself at the church where the entertainment was to be give.

"Tired, at first? worrit? Well, I should reckon I was just cussin' myself fer a plum idjut, and thinkin' of applying fer a writ of lunacy for one Solomon Rucker, when the head orator of the show announces, 'We will now have Browning's "Love Among the Ruins," recited by Miss Artimise LeBlonck.'

"I looked up and there standin' on the platform was a scraggy, scrappy gal who seemed nothin' at all exceptin' a pair of big black pinetorchy eyes and a great scruff of hair. She began sayin' somethin' about a great big town, where onct upon a time a king had ruled and got drunk and made a proud big name for hisself, and fer his people, and then her voice got kinder whimpery and tender, and she tole how the king was dead, and the town done crumbled back to dirt, and where the palace had been and the soldiers strutted so proud was now jus' a place where a country boy and gal used to come and make love, and she 'lowed that after all better than the pomp and fuss and finery of that bloody king was the firs' love of two young hearts. She closed the piece by saying 'Love is best.'

"Of course, the piece want writ purty and straightforward like I tells it, but it was all frazzled up like poets has a way of puttin' things, 'rangin' words like feathers on a frizzly chicken, 'steader puttin' 'em smooth like them on a game rooster or a Wyandotte pullet. I knows the piece well, for afterwards I bought the fool book

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—two dollars and a half, the same as I could of got a Poland China pig for.

"Well, as the gal closed I fetched a long breath, and I says to myself, 'Love *is* best.' Then I added, 'but not love on jus' one side. That gal in the poum loved the boy, too.'

"Then a gal comed forward with a fiddle. She was more audacious than the tother, and I was wonderin' whar that kildee had flew in frum, when she squeaked her fiddle a-tunin' it, and then she drawed the bow plum acrost them strings, long and wide and sweepy. It seemed to me somebody had flung into that church a million roses and wild violets, but all made into fiddle notes. I thought to myself that when that gal got to heaven she'd make the angels and the harp players of the kingdom so ashamed of theirselves they would go outen the business.

"But presently, will you believe it, lawyer, I forgot all about that gal that was fiddlin'. I was back in ole Marion. I was down on the banks of Pinashook Creek, me and Hester. It was March onct more. The yallow jesermines was a streamin' with blossoms what had been wore outen the sunshine, and every blame bee in the settlement was fussin' and fightin' for the honey exceptin' when the wind, growed jealous of their gettin' all the sweets, shook 'em all outen the flowers. And the wild honeysuckles! O, Lawd, them wild honeysuckles, pink and powdery and tufted, and the ground all paved with vi'lets! And me and Hester was there together.

"Hester stood with cheeks pinker and purttier than them honeysuckles. I ain't a sputin' that them honeysuckles was beautiful, but they stays the same kind of pink all the time, while Hester's cheeks kep' changin' and changin', each time gettin' purttier and purttier, tell my heart was near bustin' fer love and my eyes near poppin' outen my head for lookin'.

"And as fer her eyes, the sweetes', sunshinies' days of all the Marches of a hundred years could never make no vi'lets as blue and shiny as them eyes of hern.

"As I sayed, I had clean forgot that gal was a-fiddlin' and my mouth was gettin' sweet with the honey of the firs' and onliest kiss I ever had from Hester, when all of a sudden 'squeak' went one of them blame fiddle strings what had done snapped.

"And then there ain't no creek bank, no Hester, no nothin,' only me a-settin' there in a strange hall; me, carin' fer nobody, and nobody carin' fer me.

"My heart was overflowin' with tears, and the electric lights got all dim and darksome, though I know I wa'n't a cryin'. The idee of a man what is a man a-blubberin' 'fore a bunch of strangers.

"Well, I got outen that church, though I knowed it wa'n't manners and behavior to be a-leavin' before the show was over. As I stood outside in the dark I said to myself, I did, the fellow that writ that poum knowed human natur, he did, even if he were short on language. 'Love is best, to be sure, love is best, even if it be love all on one side.'

"And then and there without disputin' or least-aways argifying with myself, I made up my mind I would go back to ole Marion; and go I did the very nex' mornin'. I got there the third Saddy in the month, when they has meetin's there, at the Mount Beulah Baptis' Church. I went by the meetin' house. Hester was always a good gal, and I 'lowed I would fine her ther a praisin' the Lawd. I comed to the door, and I looked in, noticin' down the woman's side. Then my heart jumped and turned to ice, fer I thought maybe she mought be a-settin' with that fool Buck Purvis, on the men's side, as lovin' couples sometimes does. I went over to that door and looked. No Hester. Buck was there a-settin' humped up and miserable lookin'. Then I think maybe Hester has got a touch of sickness, and I left the meetin' house door in a hurry.

"When I got to ole man Perkins' farm, the firs' thing I run up on was his chap. Si. Says I, 'Are Hester sick?'

"'Nope, says the chap. 'Not sick, just crazy, crazy about fishin' down in Pinashook, though she don't never ketch nothin'. She's down there now.' And then he turned and chucked a rock at the ole gob-

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bler that was struttin' biggity like among the hens.

"I never stopped to see whether he hit him or no, but made fer the creek, and was there before a swif' han' could have shucked enough corn for the feed of one mule. I kep' on untel I got to the place which I had seen while that gal was a-fiddlin', and where I had firs' got enough grit to out with my love fer Hester.

"Everything was jus' the same as it was while that girl was playin'. The bees and the wind was scufflin' with one another about them jesermines. The honeysuckles were a-nodding their heads and a puckering up their mouths and a beggin' the butterflies to come and kiss 'em. The sunfish were shinin' in the creek like jewels in old King Solomon's crown.

"But nowhere, lawyer, was Hester to be seen! I looked and I looked. I was erbout to bless out that youngster of Perkinses fer a-foolin' me, when my eyes lit on a fishin' pole kivered up by the arms of the vi'lets that helt it hugged up to them. Then I knowed that Hester was there, somewheres erbout. I went on a little further, soft and watchful. And then I seen, what you reckon I seen, lawyer? I seen Hester with both of her arms around—around an ole beech tree.

"I hearn a sweet little sob, and I just couldn't help it, but before she knowed it I was there and had both my arms aroun' her.

"And what you suppose that pore little gal was a-doin' when I found her hugged up to that tree? She was a-kissin' her name and mine which I had jabbed into both the bark with my knife that mornin' we both had foun' out somethin'.

"Since then she ain't never had no need to be huggin' trees and kissin' names nor nothin' else, exceptin' youngsters, and a certain ole rapscallion she loves mos' as well as she does a baby, and she is powerful fond of them, especially one what we all calls Sol—Sol Rucker, Jr."—By DALNEY MARSHALL, in *Express Gazette*.

A sure cure for sore feet—Wear Union Label shoes.

BEPPO.

BEPPO had made a bad start. In the first place he had been deceived by the letters of Tony. They were from America, these letters, and they were fine reading. Tony was in luck. He was climbing fast and high. Already he was a worker on the railway, a placer of rails. It was a fine position, and the pay was excellent. America was the country for a young man. What chance was there in dull old Italy?

It was Tony's mother who called Beppo to hear these letters read. There was great sorrowing when Tony went away. Tony's mother had refused to be comforted. But now that the letters were so hopeful, now that her boy had escaped those unknown terrors of the wild new world, Tony's mother was becoming reconciled to his absence.

And with every letter with the American postmark that old Tommaso brought up from the village, he would say: "Here's another dose of the good medicine."

Perhaps Tony knew something about the effect his letters produced. The priest, a wise and thoughtful man, had written to Tony. What he said no one, save Tony knew. But from that time the letters were more frequent and most satisfactory, and the dark little mother was quite herself again.

So Beppo listened to these glowing missives—which were not intended for his eye—and a wild longing filled his heart. He had a little money, earned in the vineyards, and one day, quite without warning, he posted across the western hills, and so to Naples, and there took ship for the land of Tony's promise.

It was far from being a pleasant voyage. The steerage was crowded. The people were his countrymen, but none was from his neighborhood. Even the dialect they used seemed different, and the voyage was a rough one. Beppo was ill, but not for long. Some of the others were very ill for days and days. But Beppo was young and strong and could make himself useful.

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There was a woman among the passengers who was like Tony's mother, only much older.

Beppo had no mother and Tony's mother had been good to him. For her sake he was good to this sick woman in the steerage. No son could have been kinder or more watchful, no nurse could have been more faithful or more gentle.

He was glad to have something to do. It kept him away from these people. And the woman was grateful, very grateful.

She was going to her son's. He had sent for her. He had sent before, but she was not ready to start. Her son had done very well in the new country. He had sent her the money for a cabin passage, but she was frugal and had come in the steerage and saved the rest.

Her son would be very glad to thank Beppo for his kindness to his old mother. He must write his name on a bit of paper and give it to her, and he must come and see her at her son's home. When they reached New York she would learn where her son lived.

"He may help you to find a good position," she said. "He will be glad to help the young man who was good to his old mother. You have learned it," she told him, "by being good to your own mother—that is the way."

"I have no mother," said Beppo.

"Ah," said the old woman, with a little sigh. "Then you may look upon me as a mother."

And she patted his shoulder affectionately.

But Beppo was shy and he hung back when New York was reached, and presently when a little group of strangers rushed forward and surrounded the old woman he drew aloof.

And a little later when she turned around and looked for him he was hidden in the crowd. And she and the passengers passed away, the old woman still looking back.

Then began a period of misfortune for unhappy Beppo. He had Tony's address, but when he went to his boarding house in the great city he found that Tony had gone west—wherever that might be. It was a railroad job that took him there. No, he had left no word for any expected friend—and he had left no address.

Beppo found his views of the immensity of the new land were undergoing a change. It made him feel very small. And it was discouraging, too. But he set to work to learn the language. But they told him at the boarding place that it would help him to get work. He did find work now and then. A padrone put him in a street railway repair gang. It was hard work, very hard on the back. And the padrone ran away and there was no money.

And Beppo's little hoard was fast disappearing. Things were turning out badly. He called himself a fool for leaving the sunny home and the soft air, for this noisy, rushing, hard-hearted town. But pretty soon he had not the money to return, and his affairs grew no better. Unhappily, as he became discouraged, he also became morose and revengeful.

Why should others have luck, and fortune, and fine food and wine when he had none? Something was wrong. He couldn't understand it. But he could understand that he was getting poorer and poorer, and more shabby, and sometimes even hungry.

It was then that he fell in with a quartet of his countrymen, whose society did him much harm. They were reckless young fellows, these four, and cared little for work and were in no wise particular as to how they obtained money.

It was Alessandro who voiced the creed of the little group.

"Da world owe us da lifing," he said over his cheap wine, "and when it ees slow with da pay we take eet where we find eet."

And the other young fellows nodded to this and laughed, and they looked at Beppo as much as to say, "Is it not a fine doctrine?"

Beppo liked these young fellows. They gave him companionship; they kept him from being altogether hopeless.

So the unhappy young fellow became the companion and intimate associate of these law defiers. He was not a bad youngster at heart, but their careless gayety charmed

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him, their lively chatter made him forget his troubles.

But money was scarce with them and grew scarcer.

"We must maka da raise," laughed Alessandro, his white teeth gleaming, and there was something under the laugh that caused Beppo to look at him curiously.

It was Sunday, and they were lounging on the grass in one of the parks.

"Pietro will write da letter," said Angelo.

"Who ees de man?" demanded Pietro.

"I have da man," Alessandro responded. "He ees of Naples, and reech—vary reech. He has da biga store—da grocery. It ees a fine trade—vary fine for heem."

Pietro's small eyes snapped.

"How much we strike heem for?"

"Two thousan'. Eet will be easy. He make so much a tree times da money lasta year. I know, Carlo Bonci told me. He sella da goods for da olda man.

Pietro arose and thrust his hands deep in the pockets of his short coat.

"We go maka da letter in Vincenzo's saloon. Maybe it better we not all go at sama time. Dere ees always da poleece."

Alessandro sniffed.

"Dere ees always da detective Roversi," he said.

"He taka da knife in da back some darka night," hissed Pietro in his fiery way.

"At Vincenzo's saloon," said Alessandro, turning away. "You will come with me, Beppo."

The young stranger had been staring from one dark face to another. The talk was mystifying. Would they take him into their confidence?

He followed Alessandro. The others turned in the opposite direction.

"We maka man of you, Beppo," said Alessandro when they had gone a little ways.

"What ees eet all about?" Beppo asked.

"You see and know—vary soon—in saloon."

He quickened his pace a little and Beppo trudged beside him. He knew the rendezvous. It was not a savory place. What of that? They were willing to let him into their secret affairs.

Alessandro looked about sharply as he neared the saloon. Then he touched Beppo's arm and they darted through the doorway.

The others were there. They were gathered about a small table on which was a bottle of cheap wine.

Alessandro closed the door behind him. Pietro drew a sheet of paper from an inner pocket.

"Da sooner da letter ees ready da sooner we get da money," said Alessandro.

They bent their heads over the table, and this is the communication they jointly evolved:

"Pasento: You are reech and we are poor. It ees right that you helpa those who have not da gooda luck. Da band asks eet. You will pay two thousan' dollars by Thursday night. Keep away from da poleece! It will not be gooda for you eef you do not pay. Put da money under da loose stone twenty feet along da roadway of St. George's Park—close to da biga flagpole. Do not forget you are watched. De band had da thousan' eyes. You do not wanta die. Eees your life worth two thousan' dollars? Dees from da Black Cross."

Alessandro stared at the letter.

"Da time ees too long," he said. "Make eet Tuesday. By Thursday he would be over da scare."

So Pietro changed the day and Alessandro picked up the letter.

"Beppo will take it," he quietly said, and went out with the young man at his heels.

"You leava da letter under da front door," Alessandro told him as they moved along. "You musta be careful. But you are nota known by da police. Keep da eyes open."

It was a brisk half hour walk to the street on which Pasento's store was located. A block away the cautious Alessandro paused and let Beppo go on alone.

It was a fine store, with great plate glass windows and heavy doors. The doors were closed because it was Sunday, and the broad window shades were down.

As Beppo neared this emporium a young woman opened a side door in the Pasento building and came down a narrow brick-

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paved walk to the street. She was close to Beppo as he passed. The young man drew a quick breath. This was a very pretty girl, a tastefully dressed girl, an olive complexioned girl with long lashes half veiling her sparkling black eyes.

The girl gave Beppo a glance as she passed him, and while her eyes rested but a moment on his face, he fancied the glance was a friendly one.

Beppo walked slowly a little ways. Then he turned and came back. The pretty girl had disappeared around the corner. There was nobody near. He drew the letter from an inner pocket, hastily slipped it under the door and passed along.

Then followed some anxious hours at Vincenzo's. The quartet took turns in watching the wall where the money was to be placed. Nobody came. If the police had been notified they did not give any indication of the fact. The zealous Italian detective came and went as usual, as far as the quartet could discover. Either Pasento regarded the threat with derision, or else he was playing a deep game.

Then the hearts of the four men were filled with anger. They would show Pasento that he was not dealing with boys. They would show him that every word in that letter was written in deadly earnest. If threatened men were always to escape, the business of threatening would fall flat. They would give Pasento a reasonably severe hint. If he failed to heed it—well, his folly be on his head.

It was Angelo who made the bomb, the sickly Angelo who sang the songs of the old home so sweetly, and who wept when he recalled those far away scenes.

The anxiously awaited Tuesday had passed and Pasento had given no sign. Thursday the bomb was ready.

It was a simple affair. A tin box enclosed the explosive, a box that was hidden in a pasteboard casing. There was a fuse, a slow burning fuse, that when lighted would give ample time for the bomb placer to get away.

"It ees a simple littla toy," Angelo explained. "You place eet so—you light da fuse—you walk away not too fast—you turna da corner—and then—bang!"

He struck the table with his bony fist and laughed hoarsely.

"After dees we send da second warning," said Pietro, the vicious. "Pasento ees no fool. He will pay da mon'."

Angelo laughed again and coughed dismally.

"We hava plenty more of da bomb," he said.

Then he stared at Beppo.

"I understand," said the latter.

He was angry, too, at Pasento's insulting disregard of the missive sent by his friends. Pasento belittled them, and belittled him. Had he not placed the letter with his own hands?

"Beppo will placa da bomb early tomorrow morning before Pasento has left hees bed. Maybe eet will wake heem up." He laughed harshly and struck Beppo a playful blow on the back.

"Beppo ees da righta one," said Pietro. "Nobody weel suspect heem."

Beppo looked around.

"Must I place eet on da step?" he asked.

"On da top step against da door."

Alessandro arose.

"I weel tell da Beppo what to do," he said. "Come, Beppo."

"Who ees to carry da bomb?" Angelo inquired.

"Beppo," Alessandro replied.

"If he drop eet," began Angelo.

"I weel carry eet," said Alessandro hastily.

Angelo laughed.

"Da fuse ees da only way to fire eet," he said.

Beppo picked up the bomb and followed Alessandro to the latter's boarding place.

The next morning Beppo awoke early, and found Alessandro calling him.

"It ees time," said the latter. "Hurry yourself and see da sun come up."

They left the room quietly and a moment later were passing through the foggy streets, Beppo bearing the box. The air was damp, the fog hung low.

But the walk was not a long one. When they reached the corner of the street of the Pasento emporium, Alessandro paused.

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"After you place da bomb," he said, "don't go back to da boarding house until da night ees come. Go where you please, but keep away from da boarding place and Vincenzo's. You understand?"

"Yes," Beppo answered, and clutching the box tightly, he passed down the street.

The fog was rising a little, the sky was growing lighter.

As he neared the Pasento store two figures, two women, emerged from the side door. His heart gave a sudden bound. One of these women was the pretty girl he had seen when he left the letter. The other woman he did not notice.

The pretty girl passed close to him, and again he caught that demurely friendly glance. Then the women passed along—on their way to early morning church, no doubt.

For a moment Beppo hesitated. He felt tempted to run away. Then he remembered that his friends trusted him. This girl must be Pasento's daughter. How beautiful she was! And he was going to injure her father.

Then a sudden rage possessed him. What was Pasento's daughter to him? What was there about such a poor, unlucky fellow to interest her?

He stooped and placed the box close against the door. Then he fumbled in his pocket for a match. As he drew it out he heard somebody call his name.

"Beppo, Beppo!"

He looked around quickly—then snatched up the box. One of the women was coming back. It was not the pretty one.

"Beppo, is it you?" the woman cried as she came near. "Yes, it is!" She took his hand in great delight, and lo! she was the woman of the steerage. "So you have come," she went on quickly. "I thought it might be you, so I came back. See, Rosina, this is the young man who was so kind to your grandmother. Beppo, this is my granddaughter Rosina. Ah, you have come just at the right time, Beppo. My son wants an assistant. It is a good place, and you will live with us. He will give it to you if I say so. Will you come?"

The confused Beppo looked from the woman to the girl. Something in the fair face decided him.

"I will come," he said.

"Ah, that is fine," said the woman. "I have looked for you so long. Just a little while ago we found a letter under the door and in it was your friend's address—the friends of whom you told me on the ship. We sent to the place, but your friend had gone, and they did not know you."

"A letter?" stammered Beppo. Had he used the wrong letter? Yes, yes, it must be so. In his haste and nervousness he had drawn out Tony's last letter and pushed it under the door. And Pietro's threatening scrawl was still in his pocket. He was very glad. Why should he injure those kind people who were opening the gates of good fortune to him? Then he thought of the bomb and clutched it tight.

"Let us go in," said the woman. "It will soon be breakfast time. You will meet my son, and matters will be arranged." She looked at the box curiously. "You have other baggage, no doubt."

"You will get it later," said the woman. "Bring him in, Rosina."

Beppo looked around at the smiling eyes and his heart leaped again.

That evening he went to the boarding place, and the landlady met him in the hall.

"Ah," she said, "you have had a narrow escape. That Alessandro is a bad man. The police were here. Alessandro and his friends have been driven away from the city. If they ever come back they will be sent to the prison. Alessandro was not a good friend for you."

Again was Beppo thankful.

Later in the evening he stood at the river's edge and scattered the fragments of Pietro's letter on the dark water. Then he cautiously dropped a heavier object in the sluggish current. He watched it sink.

Then he walked briskly away.—By W. R. Rose, in *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

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POETICAL

The Cost of Living.

"Man wants but little here below"—once that
perhaps was true;
I have no right to think I know, no more indeed
have you;
Man may have once been satisfied to skimp along
somehow,
But it is not to be denied that much is needed
now.

There was a time when eggs were not quite worth
their weight in gold,
When bacon did not cost a lot and steaks were
cheaply sold,
When beans and bread and milk and cheese had
not, in fact, obtained
A place among the luxuries from which the poor
abstained.

Man needs a fortune here below to live in com-
fort now;
No wonder that the wrinkles show so plainly
on his brow;
He has to have a lot to drive starvation from
his door,
And month by month they still contrive to keep
him needing more.

—S. S. KISER.

No Card—No Favors.

Tell me not in mournful numbers
Of the strikes that you were in,
Of the times you've been the victim,
Of the wiles of corporate sin,
Railroad strikes, nor strikes commercial,
Nor the cruel ways of Fate.
Speak your wants in simplest English,
If your card is up-to-date.

Life is real, life is earnest,
When our brother's load we share,
Every joy a common pleasure,
Each man's woes his brother's care;
Wait not, then, the distant future,
For the pay car does not wait.
Pay your dues and show your manhood
With the card that's up-to-date.

Lives of nons so oft remind us
Of the thief in blackest night,
Seeking steathily behind us,
All to gain by vicious might,
'Til, at last, he stands discovered
By the stern decree of Fate,
Standing face to face with Justice
And the man that's up-to-date.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
That which still remains undone;
Each benighted non pursuing,
'Til all, to our ranks, are won.
All non-air and link-and-pin cars
To the shop track relegate,
Move them not, nor couple to them
'Til they're carded up-to-date.

—J. R. YOUNGBLOOD.

The True Reform.

Oh, ye men who prate of college,
And of books as doors to hope,
Go and gain the living knowledge
Where the toiling people grope.
Like the plants in shadowy places,
They are needing sun to bloom—
They are hungering for life's graces,
They are wanting light and room.

Give them something more of pleasure
That ten million dollar tomes;
Give them work and give them leisure,
Give them clubs and give them homes.
Open wide the door of beauty
And invite the people in—
And you'll find the paths of duty
Better filled than paths of sin.

Oh, I can not sit debating
On the issues of a creed,
With the mighty work that's waiting
And the world's tremendous need,
And the cold and costly steeple
Brings no pennies from my purse,
While the people, people, people,
Groan beneath oppression's curse.

While the tenements are reeking
With the striving, toiling poor,
Do not send your churchmen seeking
Help for heathens to my door.
Let them go where sin carouses,
Or where seething sweatshops stand;
Let them see the slaughter houses
Of the children of our land.

True reform has one beginning—
The right hand of brotherhood.
Would you help men out of sinning?
Would you lead them into good?
Would you teach that Christ has risen?
Prove it by your deeds of worth.
If you want to close the prison,
Beautify the homes of earth.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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Get Together.

What yards of conversation,
What miles of print each day
Would be spared unto the nation
If our great minds worked one way.
We'd walk mid rosy bowers
Undismayed by thorn or weed,
Through a life of song and flowers,
If the experts all agreed.

The musket's sullen rattle
Would never more be heard:
By the shocks and roar of battle
Human hearts would ne'er be stirred;
With no trace of this resentment
In the mighty clash of creed
We would live in sweet contentment,
If the experts all agreed.

—*Washington Star.*

The Claim Agent.

You can talk about the ticket men who get it in the neck;
You can talk about the baggage men with troubles by the peck;
But the man who gets the worst of it and shoulders all the blame
Is the man behind the roller-top who straightens out the claim.

There are claims in every pigeonhole and claims on every hand;
There are claims from every quarter of this busy, crazy land;
There's the honest ones—the foolish ones—the ones that smack of "scheme,"
And there pouring in upon him in a never ending stream.

There's a claimant who is kicking 'cause his horses weren't fed;
There's a letter from a woman who has lost a feather bed;
There's a fellow says he got a car of fruit instead of beef,
And another calls the agent "a darned liar and a thief."

There's a kicker claims he drew a box of "tracts" instead of "booze,"
And a preacher writes he's got a case of "stuff" he doesn't use;
Oh, the world at large reviles him, and it calls him bitter names—
That poor guy behind the roller-top who straightens out the claims.

Oh, he has to bear the burden of a million men's mistakes;
Oh, he has to pit his brain against the "bluffers" and the "fakes;"
And his job don't end with packing his own never-ending loads,
For he has to help his fellow-men on all the "foreign" roads.

You can talk about the ticket men who get it in the neck;
You can talk about the baggage men with troubles by the peck;
But the man who get the worst of it and shoulders all the blame
Is the man behind the roller-top who straightens out the claim.

—BY J. E. HUNGERFORD, in *Railroad Man's Magazine.*

The Fate of All Heroes.

Since the time of wise old Moses,
We have worshipped heroes grand,
Told young manhood of their virtues;
Made some Fathers of our land.

There was Pythias and Damon,
With a friendship none could budge.
Brilliant Judas Maccabeus,
And Horatius at the bridge.

Ananias had his vouchers,
For the falsehoods he would tell;
Some denied that Bob Ingersoll
Would wind up where Satan fell.

Just remember the old proverb,
That each dog must have his day;
It's now the style to lambast heroes
E'er the're turned back to clay.

Brave "Nap," cashed in on an island;
Some howled "Lincoln's not the goods."
Crockett was applauded grandly,
Then consigned back to the woods.

Didn't mankind laud Columbus?
(What a grand and festive joke)
Straightway chucked him in a dungeon
To eat garlic and to croak.

Dewey's fame rose to the heavens
In the flowery month of May.
Then we shied our brickbats at him,
Cause we thought he got too gay.

But the latest craze of mankind
Comes from out the maddened foam,
"Jackie Binns," from off a steamboat,
Notice how he hustled home.

Papers tell of how his townsmen
For him made the welkin ring.
How he hiked to the reception
With his sweetheart on his wing.

Let this hero go the limit;
Let him flutter to the top.
For the higher up he journeys,
Just so far will be the drop.

It will surely come to "Jackie,"
Of the fame of "C. Q. D."
He will surely see his finish,
And will see it "P. D. Q."

—E. G. H.

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He Knew.

"Do you know the value of an oath?" asked the judge of an old darky who was to be the next witness.

"Yes, sah, I does. One ob dese yeah lawyers done gib me one dollah to swear to suffin. Dat's de value of an oath. One dollah sah."

There was consternation in the court room.—*Ex.*

What Troubled Him.

When about to leave town one day a certain elderly bishop, a bachelor, who was especially fond of his bath, gave strict orders to the housemaid about his "bawthtub," and told her not to allow any one to use it.

However, the temptation grew on the poor housemaid, and she took a plunge.

Upon returning unexpectedly, the bishop found traces of the recent stolen bath, and questioned the maid so closely that she had to confess she was the guilty one, and was very sorry.

"I hope you do not think it is a sin, Bishop?" asked Jane, in tears.

Eying her sternly, he said, "Jane, your using my tub is not a sin, but what distresses me most is that you would do anything behind my back that you would not do before my face."—*Harper's Weekly.*

A Regular Radiator.

"The young man is smitten with you, Jeannette. He says you radiate happiness."

"Gracious!"

"And he also said that you radiate beauty."

"My!"

"And wisdom."

"Dear me, how funny."

"What's funny, dear?"

"Why, he must think I am a radiator."—*Chicago News.*

Correct.

A teacher, after patiently defining words in a spelling lesson, gave the word "gruesome" from among them, to be put into a sentence with this result from the bright little girl in the class: I can not wear my last summer's dress, because I grewsome."—*Life.*

Safety of the Stupid.

"Bliggins says that he has no regrets for anything he ever said."

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "that is a satisfaction enjoyed only by people who never say anything of the least importance."—*Washington Star.*

Not a Prophet.

"What's your husband doing now?" asked the neighbor.

"Oh, he's sitting around telling what is going to happen next election," answered the busy woman.

"Then he's a prophet?"

"No. So far as his family is concerned he is a loss."—*Washington Star.*

Discouraging.

Little Mollie had hastily undressed and jumped into bed without saying her prayers.

"Why, dearest," said her nurse, "aren't you going to say your prayers tonight, especially when you have had a new baby brother brought to the house today?"

"No, I ain't," said Mollie. "And that baby brother's just the trouble."

"But why?" asked the nurse. "Don't you like your baby brother?"

"What's the use?" queried the little girl. "I've been prayin' for a little sister every night for six months, and Bobbie, he only began askin' for a little brother yesterday, and he got his right off."—*Harper's Weekly.*

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He Got It.

At the height of their nightly quarrel the other day Mrs. Blank choked back a sob and said reproachfully:

"I was reading one of your old letters today, James, and you said in it that you would rather live in endless torment with me than in bliss by yourself."

"Well, I got my wish and I'm taking my medicine.—*Ex.*

Sure.

Walter, aged seven, is a wise son who knows not only his own father, but his mother as well.

"Now, Walter," said the teacher, "if your father can do a piece of work in one hour, and your mother could also do it in one hour, how long would it take both of them to do it?"

"Three hours," answered Walter, "counting the time they would waste in arguing about how it should be done."—*Chicago News.*

The Penalty of Error.

Gentleman (seeing two schoolboys beating another one)—Why are you so cruel to this poor chap?

The Boys—The teacher said he has his sums wrong.

Gentleman (astonished at the answer)—What does that matter to you two?

The Boys—Well, sir, we copied them, they was wrong and we got licked.

Why Not?

A woman who both by bearing and looks could be distinguished as "new woman," entered a street car and with a very haughty air seated herself near an old Italian.

When the conductor came to take up the fares she said to him in a very loud voice:

"Let me off at my husband's bank." The conductor evidently knowing her assured her that he would, and passed on to the Italian.

"Let me off at my peanut stand," called out the old fellow as he paid his fare.—*Selected.*

Evened Up.

The Dominie—I'm glad to hear you say you weren't angry with your father for punishing you for something you hadn't done.

Freddie—Oh, I got square with him all right. I did it afterward.—*Puck.*

Slight Variation.

"De Ancient and Honorable Order of Hoboes is a sad order mum," said Gritty George, as he munched the mince pie.

"I suppose so," sneered the industrious housewife. "I suppose you have as your motto Dante's famous expression, 'He who enters here leaves hope behind.'"

"Oh, no, mum. Our motto is on dat order, but somewhat different."

"Indeed! And what is it?"

"Why, 'He who enters here leaves soap behind.'"

First.

They were at dinner, and the dainties were on the table.

"Will you take pie or pudding?" asked papa of Tommy.

"Pie," said Tommy promptly.

His father sighed as he recalled the many lessons on manners he had given the boy.

"Pie, what?" he queried kindly.

But Tommy's eyes were glued on the pastry. "Pie what?" was asked, sharply this time.

"Pie first!" answered Tommy triumphantly.—*Tit-Bits.*

Couldn't Blow Out the Light.

A farmer who had been to the city was describing to his friends the splendor of the hotel he had put up at.

"Everything was perfect," said he, "with the exception of one thing—they kept the light burning all night in my bedroom—a thing I ain't used to."

"Well," said one of them, "why didn't you blow it out?"

"Blow it out!" said the farmer, "how could I? The blessed thing was inside a bottle!"

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Our Correspondents

VAGARIES OF CONSERVATISM.

"WE need men in this country—oh, yes; but not so much great numbers of any kind of men as a fair chance for the sort of men."

These words came from the editor of the *New York Evening Mail*, on June 3d, in answer to a previous sally by the *New York Times*, stating that the country could support 400,000,000 population in comfort, hence let immigrants come.

There we have two facts, clumsily proclaimed by two of the most important public organs of New York City, proving the senselessness of our social conditions, face to face with the general inertia of public opinion everywhere, by which we keep prolonging and intensifying all our many social evils. The natural resources of the nation could easily keep 800,000,000 population in comfort, but why is it that comfort, the real article, has never been obtained, in this nation or any other, by the multitudes who have produced the wealth everywhere? Comfort has always been limited to a very small proportion of each social group, apart from density of population, that is, from five human individuals per square mile, to five hundred or more per square mile. Then, apart from isolated cases, and for short periods, comfort has always been the concomitant of conditions or occupations which would be impossible or unnecessary without rank injustice in all wealth production and through the whole machinery of industrial development.

"And so we, in this country, need principally a fair chance for the right sort of men," as stated by the *Evening Mail*. Can we have any kind of fair chance for the right sort of men unless we give a full and complete chance to all men in the struggle for existence? Have we any other process with which to determine what kind of men shall become worthy of a fair chance or not, unless we commence by giving a fair chance to all men? Civilization has always commenced by denying a fair chance to all men, for healthy development. Civilization has always commenced by giving to all men the wretched chance of crushing each other. Through no other process could we have evolved the crimes, and sins, and sufferings under which humanity has always managed to live on earth thus far.

And why to chatter about the quantity of men that could live in comfort, in our country or any other, when civilization has never given to anybody the power to live a comfortable life, for any length of time? The first requirement for comfort is: a peaceful mind, free from anxieties about any tomorrow. The second is: freedom from sickness or physical pain, with each one of us, and those forming the family group. And how few if any go through life without those two inevitable concomitants, sickness and anxieties, inevitable because of the sickly and pestiferous progress we all insist upon having! Wealth seldom if ever gives comfort of the real kind, under wrong social conditions.

As in the past so in the present, most of us have our comfort and manhood more or less impaired, undermined; with the wealthy by their wealth; with the middle classes by their pinched material conditions, in this or that direction; with the bottom classes by their relative or absolute poverty. As a matter of fact, all great wealth inequalities disturb the physical and mental machinery of all of us, because they are unnatural, because they repudiate the order of God, in human development. The latter would only produce the wealth inequalities indispensable to universal joy

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and manhood. Under the kingdom of men, that we prefer to have, we can only produce inequalities in wealth, and everything else, conducive to universal sorrow and sin.

Under a natural, healthy process, without the formidable blunder of selfish human laws, it would not pay to accumulate wealth beyond a certain point. Under a sensible social environment wealth would not purchase the services of anybody for the satisfaction of fancies or unhealthy needs. Do you want to know why? Well, simply because a sensible civilization would give to all men the power to have a full, healthy life, through all or any natural earnings in some useful, healthy occupation, as his own boss or in partnership with other similar honest working capitalists. Natural and divine law does not know anything about any other kind of workers or capitalists.

As for the wholesale or retail gambler in industrial products, he would never have capital or wealth enough for gambling devices, nor could he purchase the services of anybody as mere wage slaves to help him in his gambling schemes, because no such slaves would exist, nor could he ever find products enough to keep in store for a long while, because no producers would ever need to sell in a hurry. Then, all producers would have plenty of land and capital to keep their own products, and to be only gradually sold at normal prices to meet normal demand. Of course, we are so accustomed to the absurdities of idiotic industrial systems, that it is about impossible to grasp any of the natural, sensible results which would follow from a natural normal industrial status.

The solution of human problems is simple enough, when we see fit to look at the foundation of the life we have to live on earth, to begin with, as a test for the next beyond what we call death. All we have to do is to apply to our industrial activities the simple philosophy of Jesus, which can be formulated approximately as follows:

"Work in combination for the honest, scientific growth of all men, when we all shall have what the Father knows we all need for the complete life of all without the element of any anxieties about any tomorrow."

We still prefer to improve, advance and progress away from the Kingdom of God, and don't wish to even know anything about the first step out of the kingdom of men. We remain attached to the many vagaries and absurdities, in all industrial life, by which we produce a distorted existence for all classes of men, each class apparently pleased with its share of sin and sorrow.

We all mean well enough on the surface of things, but we all fail to look at the foundation of our development. We let that take care of itself; and what a heavy penalty we all pay for it! The very hardships we impose upon ourselves seem to obscure our reasoning faculties. We then fail to long for high ideals. It takes a somewhat normal, peaceful existence to grasp the simple processes by which all high ideals could be soon converted into facts in the life of all of us. Then, in proportion as we rise above others, we feel so satisfied with ourselves that all high ideals vanish like smoke. And thus the kingdom of men keeps repudiating the Kingdom of God. JOSE GROS.

THE KIND OF LABOR LEADERS WANTED.

BY THE REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

Men with red blood, men of iron, men with brains, men with a vision, men who will dare do right though the heavens fall. No "boozers" need apply. The business is too serious and there are too many interests involved, both on the part of capital and labor, to entrust the workingman's side of the controversy to any but clear-headed advisors. It's all right to be a good-fellow, and it's a good thing to be popular with the boys, but when a man is only that, he soon loses his grip on his job, and those whom he is supposed to represent soon lose theirs. When booze interferes with such a leader's business, he is very apt to sacrifice his business.

Preference will be given to peace-makers instead of strike-breakers. Not that a labor leader should never call a strike. God

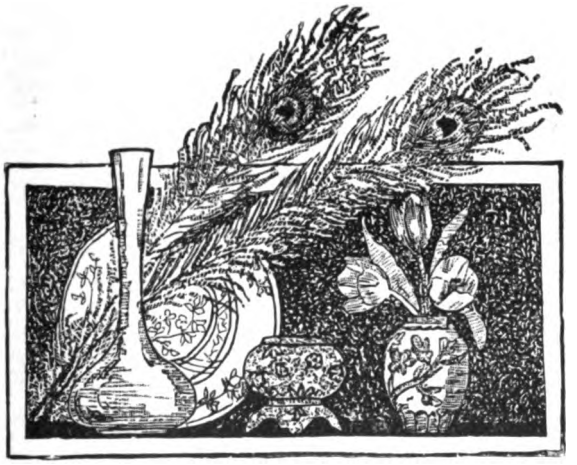
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pity him if he hasn't the nerve when the time comes for him to do so. The right to protest should belong to every man. But the best labor leader is the man who calls the fewest strikes, because he has the tact and the sense to settle the trouble without an industrial conflict. If war is hell, then strikes are "purgatory."

Four-flushers and bluffers will not be considered, and the chap who has only the gift of gab will not have a look-in. We need men who regard the labor leader's job as a proposition that requires the exercise of good gray-matter. Only the brainy fellow who can make fully as much money at his trade can make good on this job. It is no cinch. It is easier to work in the shop at day's wages.

If the labor leader is honest, he will, nevertheless, be slammed occasionally by both sides, but he will have the comfort of a clear conscience, and he will have the satisfaction of knowing that some day he will be given due credit for sincerity of purpose. If he is dishonest he will unquestionably be found out, and he will be held in contempt by all classes of men—including himself—to the end of day.

But while the job presents difficulties, there are in it great possibilities. There never was a greater chance for leadership. But the demands are more exacting, the qualifications more numerous, and the things to be obtained more varied than ever before. The labor leader must be a statesman—not merely a politician. He must be an educator—not simply an agitator. He must be a preacher of social righteousness and of justice for all men.



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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Have you seen them? They are pink. Send Bro. La Fever $4.00 and get one.

The last meeting of Division No. 2, held Monday night June 22d, was well attended. Bro. C. G. Kelso, member of Board of Directors, was present as was also Bro. J. E. McQuade, of No. 32.

Secretary La Fever has just returned from a two weeks' outing in the wilds of Colorado, with a good color and a better appetite.

Bro. G. M. Long, an old-timer from the Burlington, gave us a call recently. Bro. Long is on his way to California, and while he has not been telegraphing for some time and does not expect to gain a livelihood in that manner again, he has no notion of dropping the O. R. T.

Bro. Wm. S. Essex, of the Panama R. R., was a recent caller at headquarters. He states that the condition of the telegrapher in Panama is good, but that there are but few openings for Americans in that line at the present time, as the Panama R. R. has about all the telegraphers they need. The sanitary conditions are so much improved that the men are not changing much.

Bro. J. E. McQuade, late general secretary of Frisco Division No. 32, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the presidents office, caused by the death of Bro. Wm. Clancy.

DIV. COR.

Lancaster Div., No. 9.

The meeting held June 15th was opened promptly at 8 o'clock by Chief Telegrapher Bro. W. W. Thope, Jr. All officers were present. The petition for membership presented at the May meeting being favorably recommended by the committee was acted upon and accepted. Bills to the amount of $9.75, including $4.00 sick benefits, were presented and paid. At this meeting Bro. A. B. Hambright tendered his resignation as secretary and treasurer of Division No. 9, on account of working hours that would not permit him to attend meetings, and moreover he is expecting to soon engage in other pursuits. Bro. Hambright assures us he will continue as staunch a member in the future as in the past, and it is with regrets he is compelled to take this step. "We wish him well."

Bro. Hambright's successor has not yet been appointed. When a selection is made, due notice will be given in THE TELEGRAPHER.

This being the first meeting since the convention was held in Atlanta, Ga., Bro. Kacy, the delegate, made his report, which was well received by the division, and a vote of thanks tendered him for the able manner in which our interests were looked after.

DIV. COR.

Sunbury Div., No. 12.

Our regular meeting, held June 21st, was called to order at 10 a. m. by Bro. McCracken. While the attendance was not as good as it should have been, the meeting was very interesting, especially the excellent report of the convention made by our worthy Local Chairman Bro. C. W. Kase.

The division certainly owes many thanks to Bro. Kase for the good service he has done for us. I wish every member could know how hard some of our leaders have been working for the benefit of our division. No union can live and prosper without the support of its membership; the poor attendance we have at many of our meetings, considering our large membership, shows that there are quite a number of members who are not taking the proper interest in the progress of our division. Do you think it is right to impose upon a few brothers by letting them do all the work? However, if you will only stop making all kinds of excuses, and instead make it your business to attend meetings, it will give enthusiasm to our officers and they will, with pleasure, do everything possible for our benefit.

Bro. J. G. Nelson, first trick at Bluf, was away ten days, on account of the serious illness of his sister. At this writing she is reported to be getting along nicely. Bro. Nelson was relieved by Mr. J. L. McAndrew, a new man on the road, coming from the Lehigh Valley R. R. at Shenandoah, Pa.

Mr. McAndrew is now working extra at Nescopeck. Mr. S. J. Doherty worked this job but a few days. He has left the road and it has been reported that he went West.

Bro. W. A. Groff has left the service and accepted a position as clerk at Mocanaqua. We wish Bro. Groff good luck and success in his new business.

Mr. Ed. S. Breisch, formerly of "AG" tower, has resigned the position he had in Ohio with the Oil Pipe Line Co., and is now working extra on this division.

There has been some suspensions lately. This does not look well as it shows poor service. It is your duty to give perfect service to the company, if you do not intend to do this, then you should resign and give the position to some one who takes some interest in his work and the future welfare of all concerned.

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Other changes have been made, but as I have received no items from the assistant correspondents, I can not record them all.

Our next meeting will be held at Nescopeck, Pa., July 19th, at 3:30 p. m.—this, in order to give more a chance to attend the meeting.

On August 16th there will be a meeting held at Sunbury, at 9:30 a. m. This will be a very important meeting. There will be Grand Division Officers present, and refreshments will be served. Think of this, you can not afford to miss hearing the good news these great workers have to impart to you, this news will be for your own individual benefit. In addition to this, we expect a large attendance from Division No. 24, and other nearby divisions. There will be a photograph taken, to be published in THE TELEGRAPHER. In return for all this, we expect every member of our division, who is not on duty and can make train connections, to be present without fail. Remember this. We will not accept any excuse about it being on Monday, and that being wash day, or any of the other excuses that some of you have committed to memory—you have plenty of time to arrange for this, therefore, fail not to be present. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to bear to that eternal home the dearly beloved mother of Bro. L. P. Cleaver, also the mother-in-law of Bro. Bruce McCraken; be it hereby

Resolved, That Sunbury Division No. 12, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brothers and families our most heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved brothers, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. R. JOHNSON,
G. R. BLICKER,
T. C. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

A meeting was called for 7 p. m., Tuesday, June 8th, in Elliott Hall. The brothers found themselves standing around in the hallway, locked out. Our worthy secretary made several trips up and down the many flights of stairs, looking for the janitor, or a key, to open that door.

After the large crowd gained admittance, meeting was called to order about 7:40 p. m.

No. 63 comes in very nicely, for the boys west of Williamsport as far as "SC," come, turn out and keep in touch.

We should be represented each month in the journal, since the socialized system of securing notes has been put into effect.

If the brothers do not turn in their notes, their entire territory will miss mention, as no one else has the authority; let us have a whole page of notes.

Susquehannah Division—

Bro. A. Wetzel, third trick at "HU" tower; Telegrapher C. E. Orndorf second trick at "FY" tower; Telegrapher G. L. Kauffman, second trick at "UR" tower, and Bro. O. W. Deibler, third trick at "D" tower, enjoyed a leave of absence, Wednesday, June 9th; and Telegrapher F. W. Wetzel worked third trick at "HU" tower; Telegrapher W. H. Kebach, worked second trick at "FY" tower; Telegrapher G. C. Walborn worked second trick at "UR" tower, in their places.

Our worthy local chairman, Bro. Zerbe, made a flying trip to Beavertown last week on business.

Bro. G. H. Wetzel made a trip to Sunbury, recently, to take in the sights, and brought home a few boxes of nice strawberries.

Bro. Steffin, of "CF" tower, was seen on the streets of Herndon last week.

Sister H. I. Williams, of "D" Tower, and Telegrapher J. W. Orndorf, of "FY" tower, enjoyed a leave of absence June 12th.

Bro. Geo. W. Bierly, of Division No. 8, visited Pine recently. He is located at Monument.

Telegrapher G. U. Stanley, second trick at "SQ," Nisbet, has completed a concrete walk around his residence.

Bro. G. E. McCloskey visited his parents at Hyner, Sunday.

Bro. Ed. Aughenbaugh, second trick at "GF" tower, spent his relief day fishing on Hyner Run.

Bro. Joe. Schlotman, third trick at "J" tower, recently spent a few days at his home in Pottsville.

Bro. J. C. McCloskey, formerly first trick at "AQ" tower, is now working on the U. P. in Wyoming, and reports the West flooded with good telegraphers.

Bro. J. C. O'Donnell attended the ball game between McElhattan and Jersey Shore last Saturday.

Bro. Ed. Aughenbaugh made a successful catch of eels the other night, catching nine, the largest weighing two and one-half pounds.

Brothers, remember it is time for us to pay our dues for the remainder of the year.

Bro. A. C. Grieb, first trick at "SQ," Nisbet, attended the School Directors meeting at Williamsport recently.

Our worthy chief, Bro. J. I. Klingenberger, first trick at "NC" tower, Newberry, is now a full fledged resident of Newberry, Pa.

Bro. J. G. Young, spent his relief days in Williamsport. "OFF."

Providence Div., No. 35.

The June meeting of Division No. 35 found all division officers present. There were a good many brothers in the city that night whose interest in the nickel theaters, etc., were greater than in the meeting of their division. One frankly admitted that he had greater interest outside than in the meeting, and was admonished by a couple of brothers upon his lack of interest, and also told never to be heard kicking upon anything that

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was done in the division room, no matter what, as one who could and would not attend meetings, should not judge the actions of those who do attend.

Forty members were present; two applications favorably balloted upon, two applications referred to committees for investigation, one new member initiated and one applicant rejected, is the record for the month.

The delegate's report of the convention was very interesting, especially that of Bro. Brady, which was doubly so by his reference to the Ladies Auxiliary, which was started by the ladies at Atlanta during the convention, who hopes to see it flourish.

After an absence of over two months at St. Louis and convention, old reliable Bro. Joslin is again with us, and the familiar "EN" on the wire does sure sound like "Home, Sweet Home."

Bro. Brady, our senior delegate to the convention is again at his old position, second trick at Auburn town, looking a little fat and out of practice.

Worthy Chief Bro. Callis, junior delegate, says that Southern air is somewhat enervating, he hopes the colder climate two years hence may be of a more beneficial nature.

Bro. Callahan, second trick at East Greenwich tower, enjoyed a visit from his sister and her husband, who lately returned from Porto Rico, where they were in the Government employ.

Bro. McDonald, second trick at Norwich, with his family, made a flying trip to Niagara Falls, stopping off at Albany, N. Y., enroute. "Mac" reports a good time, but is wondering where all the water comes from that goes over the falls.

While the reports from Bro. R. O. Brown, our secretary and treasurer, are of a very encouraging nature, they do not show convalescence to be as rapid as we would like to see, and our most earnest prayer is for his complete and rapid recovery.

Former Shore Line Train Dispatcher Mr. J. B. Macheod, now of New York City, was in Providence recently, and called upon his many friends in the terminal, and while there performed one of his characteristic acts, which proves him the same large-hearted and generous John as in years gone by.

Bros. Seavey and Mignault, first and third tricks at Wixford Junction, have made their usual summer change of tricks. Now there will be something doing on the farm.

Bro. C. L. Gaffney, agent at Centerdale, R. I., has the sympathy of all in the death of his beloved wife.

Bro. Sooy, now of Division No. 8, is once more with us. He qualified at Olive St. tower at Attleboro.

The successful bidders for the new tower at Waterman Ave. (East Providence branch) are Mr. G. H. Knowlton and Mr. Flinn. It has been arranged that the positions in this tower, while on a twelve-hour basis, are "temporary positions."

Bro. Franklin Cayer, Northbridge, Mass., has resigned as agent and gone to Canada. He is succeeded by Bro. N. S. Clifford.

Bro. H. L. Harris is now agent at Saunderville. Bro. O. L. Roy transferred to Millville as telegrapher, succeeding. Bro. H. A. Benoit, who secured the second trick at Attleboro (Park St.) tower. Bro. J. P. Branagan will be found in the agency at River St. station, Woonsocket.

Bro. H. A. Savaria is again in the familiar surroundings at Northup Ave., as helper on the second trick. Bro. S. Lubosky is trying out the tower service on third trick at Westminster St., and Bro. MacArthur is filling the former's position at Auburn station.

Bro. "Phil" Farley, after many years, is seeing the light of day on the first trick at Dexter St. tower; being succeeded at Arms St. by Bro. C. R. Weeks.

Owing to the amount of work necessarily accomplished at the June meeting, the Local Board of Adjustment did not have an opportunity to render its report for the months of May and June.

The attention of the members holding insurance in the Order is called to the recent circulars of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, referring to the change in the payment of assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department. The payments are for six months periods, payable January 1st and July 1st, in accordance with the Atlanta Convention, and if the members will forward their insurance assessments to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, at St. Louis, at the same time they pay their dues to the local secretary in June and December, they will always have an up-to-date card protecting their working conditions and an insurance policy protecting those dependent upon them.

Bro. Stetson, agent at Central Village, received a very painful injury to the thumb of his left hand recently, by getting it jammed in a car door; last reports it is coming along nicely.

Bro. Darrow took a two weeks' vacation, visiting his many friends along the division, but Boston took the largest part of his time. Wonder what her name is.

Bro. Dykeman was the successful bidder for third trick at Niantic, R. I.

Bro. Coyle, second trick at Northup Ave. yard office, took a ten days' pleasure trip to New York City recently, but is now back at his "old grind."

Members of Providence, R. I., Division No. 35:

It is earnestly desired that all members securing applications instruct applicant not to present themselves at division rooms for initiation until notified by the secretary and treasurer.

To All Members:

At the June meeting of Providence, R. I., Division No. 35, O. R. T., Bro. John Trainor, 120 Waterman Ave., East Providence, R. I., was chosen as acting secretary and treasurer, with full

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power, during the illness of Bro. R. A. Brown. All dues, communications, etc., to be forwarded to Bro. Trainor at the above address.

We are very glad to report Bro. B. P. Greene as rapidly recovering from his late sickness. Not quite so rotund as formerly, but "BY" says give me time.

BASE BALL NOTES.

The Providence division operators, of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. league base ball series, are still the leading team, both in the games and the individual run contest, having won four games and lost none.

Bros. Robinson and Gore tie on runs, having caught up with Kilpatrick, of the Boston Yardmen, who led with eleven runs.

Bro. Robinson, as captain, is doing fine work, both in playing and drilling his men. He is one of the best players in the league, and many of our winnings are due to his good judgment in properly placing his men to the best advantage, and the team alone holds the 1.000 per cent.

Bro. Gore is doing some good work on first base, and nothing gets by him, without working, while Bro. Boardman likes to put the ball far beyond the fence.

Bro. Hill has got a powerful arm, and is striking 'em out in a business-like manner, while Wry has a coaxing arm, and they retire to the bench with a disgusting look, but Wry never loses his smile.

Bro. Cutler is a hard and sure worker on second base, and puts all out who gets in his way, and Bro Calahan is doing great work behind the bat, and Bro Clancy is doing "fine business" on short-stop.

The percentage of the teams at this writing is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Providence Operators.....	4	0	1.000
First District Operators....	3	1	.750
Yardmen	2	2	.500
Third District Operators...	2	2	.500
Trainmen	1	3	.250
Boston Terminal	0	4	.000

Bro. Calahan was the leading batter in the month of April, an average of .500 per cent. Much rivalry is going on between the teams of the league, and much sport is promised to the Providence Division fans.

Boston Div., No. 41.

The wonderful success of the open meeting at Fitchburg, June 13, following the one held at Nashua, in February, proves conclusively that the meetings should in the future be a regular feature of the Order in this vicinity. Over one hundred of the brothers were assembled, representing Divisions Nos. 41, 104, 65, 139, and also some of the brothers from New Haven. We were also much pleased to welcome the two sisters from Ayer, who graced the assembly by their presence. As a means of education, these meetings cannot be equaled; they bring out a good representation of the brothers who get the different views of the brothers from different sections of the system, and also give the boys a chance to become acquainted and meet personally those with whom they have worked on the wire for a long time. The speakers were all on to their jobs, and several representatives from other organizations contributed to the success of the day, and with a bountiful dinner served in fine style, the boys went home satisfied with themselves and the world in general. Incidentally, the wizard at the piano helped, in no small degree, to make matters interesting, and was quite the feature of the day. He is a star performer, and if the constitution could be amended, No. 41 would annex him for fair; they need such people in their business.

The Nashua meeting originated by the energy of Division No. 104, was in a sense an experiment which proved a success; next came the meeting at Fitchburg, also a success and another meeting of this kind should be arranged in the near future, and it looks to the writer as if Boston would be the place, and some kind of a pleasure trip should be arranged in connection with the business part. This matter will not be allowed to rest, but will be taken up in full at future meetings, and some plan decided upon. Some pleasure must be mixed with business to break the monotony; the idea "feed the mind as well as the body" was advanced by our popular general chairman at one of our meetings, and his point was well taken, but there must be a little social part to go with our regular work to make this interesting for all members. The old adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is as true today as when first spoken. We should not, however, overlook the fact of feeding the mind, and the question as to how we shall go about it: first, all the members should attend the meetings, and we should start the meetings sharp at 8:15 p. m. or a little earlier. The members have a habit of congregating in the outer hall and exchanging views. This is all right as far as it goes, the more ideas thus exchanged the better, but why not come into the division room and give us all the benefit of your ideas. Not only do we desire your presence at the meetings, but also your opinions on the topics for the benefit of the Order, and once in the division room, raise your voice on every matter brought up for discussion. Don't vote with the majority unless you agree with them, but have courage and your own ideas, and have your say whether it agrees with the majority or not. This is the only way by which we can derive the greatest benefits from our meetings. Again, bringing up the matter of "feed the mind," the question arises, how shall we go about it? There are many ways that it could be brought about, still every member has some ideas on the matter, if he would just turn them loose at the meetings. One of the best that

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presents itself is embodied in this letter, following somewhat the plan outlined in the June TELEGRAPHER, and which was presented by a brother who has been a great help to the writer in endeavoring to make the letter from Division No. 41 interesting and a success.

At our meetings we could for little or no expense obtain some well-informed speaker to give an hour's talk during the meeting, or before the meeting. What will he talk about? Well, first and foremost tell us about the ideals of unionism, and help to educate us along the lines for which we are organized, in order that each of us may be in a position to defend our cause against all who may question its wisdom and necessity. Some egotistical, narrow-minded, short-sighted individuals claim we have no right to exist. Can you, as a union man, defend your right and point out to them just what we stand for? What good has organization done, wherein has it benefited not only the employe, but also the employer and the public at large. All must agree that it has raised the standard of life and resulted in a marked improvement of the economic condition of the workers. It stands for improved conditions in health, safety and comfort, increased wages and mutual benefit, so well illustrated on our division, which has given nearly eight hundred dollars to the aid of our own needy members and other organizations in the past year. Thus, it merits the support of all wage earners. For the American public, it stands for stringent laws governing child labor, and the shortening of the day for women wage earners, thus protecting those upon whom posterity is so vitally dependent. It tends to safeguard public health and keep people from untimely wearing out. It is trying to cut out the sweat-shop, thereby benefiting the public.

For the employer what has it done? You will find it difficult to get him to admit that he is benefited by it, but let us see. By entering into contracts covering definite periods the union establishes a definite cost of labor, thus steadying industry, especially in times of depression. In establishing a definite minimum wage it standardizes the cost of labor, thus putting the fair employer, who is willing to pay a living wage, at no disadvantage with the unfair employer, who, unless obliged by his schedule to do so would endeavor to reduce the cost of his output at the expense of labor, and thus undersell the employer who endeavors to be fair by his men.

Statistics show that in the decrease of the number of hours worked an actual increase of efficiency has been effected in the output, and the employer thus benefited by the work of the union man. By increasing the wage of the workman, it has increased consumption by placing the workman in a position to purchase more. Do you believe in the injunction as at present employed? Oh, no. Why? Space will not permit a balancing of its good points against its bad points. This may be said: The spirit of the age is one which gives to each individual the right of trial by his peers. The injunction takes away this right and gives the judiciary the right to enjoin a workman from striking no matter how worthy his cause. This is not what our forefathers intended as a function of the judicial department, and stands dead against the original purposes of the injunction.

Hence we must fight for a change for the better. How? A look at conditions of the unions in Germany or England may help us. They are nearly a century ahead of us in this respect. Not until driven to do so by the tyranny of those in power did they take the path leading to the only solution now before us. Where does it lead? To that which we have tried to keep out of but have been forced into, *i. e.*, politics. When the rights of labor are recognized, it will be through, and only through, labor representatives, placed by labor organizations, in the halls of Congress who will work for unionism and its principles.

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New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of June was called to order with our Chief Telegrapher C. B. Van Nostrand in the chair. Forty-eight members were present, and one candidate was initiated.

A considerable amount of important business was transacted, including a report of the Board of Adjustment, and delegates to the convention, held in Atlanta in May.

We are informed that there are very few delinquent members still on the list, but we are of the opinion that it is merely an over sight on their part, for it seems impossible that any one could fail to see the benefits the Order has secured for them on the Lond Island. We are now entering on a new period, and in order to comply with the laws enacted at the last convention it will be necessary for every one to become familiar with them.

At the next meeting, no doubt, something of importance will come up relative to insurance department payments, and it will be to your advantage to be present.

On June 24th the summer time table goes into effect, and as it covers more trains than ever before, it is to be hoped that each and every member will pay strict attention to his or her duty, and show the officials it pays to have O. R. T. men and women handling the business.

The second ticket agency at East New York, transferred from W. H. Bennett to A. Stanley. Bennett bid in Jamaica, second trick, relieving Bro. Marsh, who has resigned.

Geo. Gray, second trick at Bridge St., is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. J. E. Jogger.

Bro. R. G. Rice has accepted the agency at Good Ground. Bro. Rice returned to the service after an absence of five years.

J. F. Melvin has left Springfield, and gone South for his health. E. R. Perron took his job.

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Bro. C. C. Carey, relief agent, who has been holding down Amaqansett for the past two months, has been relieved by Ira Baker, of Glenhead, who in turn was relieved by old-reliable Bro. J. D. Webster.

Bro. F. W. Conklin resigned the agency at Deer Park, and his place was filled by Bro. J. F. Gaffney.

Bro. J. A. Stack resigned the Jamaica telegraph job, and has gone back to commercial work; his place was filled by W. J. Sullivan.

Bro. Van Nostrand relieved John T. Sheldon, of Winfield, a few days this month.

The many friends of Bro. A. Mott, of Farmingdale, are extending congratulations, he having been married to one of Huntington's prettiest and most charming young ladies. The members of Division No. 44 extend congratulations and best wishes also.

Summer offices on Long Island now open for the season, with the following new agents in charge. Some of the newcomers might want to become members of Division No. 44. Let their nearest neighbor speak to them about it: Shinnecock Hills, Mrs. H. J. Ferwilliger; Edgemere, F. A. Carman; Parlor Car Office, L. I. City, Miss Kittie Donnelly; Manhattan Beach, Joseph Mocato; Broad Channel, J. B. Harriets; Aqueduct, Carrie Geitlinger; Ramblersville, Rosa B. Lund; Goose Creek, Clara Hesbach; Raunt, Edith I. Winkleseth; Steeple Chase, Jennie M. Powell; Sea Side, C. P. Lasher; Rockaway Park, Grace M. Munn.

Tower Department—

Bro. Scally, the first trick man at Ozone Park, who has been working there for quite a number of years, has resigned and gone into the grocery business at Carteret, N. J. His position is temporarily filled by Bro. Hopkins. We wish Bro. Scally success in his new venture.

Bro. Doxsey from second trick at Hollis to third trick at same place. Second trick filled by Bro. Peterson, of New Haven Division No. 29.

Bro. Connell, first trick at "EX" office, bid in third trick at Far Rockaway. Bro. Carbough, of third trick at Floral Park, getting "EX" on bulletin.

Bro. Lineham, third trick at Hammels Wye, bid in third trick at Floral Park; this bringing Bro. Lineham back on the main line.

The summer time table is to take effect the last week in June, with a great many additions in trains, which will make for us all a great deal more work, but give the company your best services and help to uphold our former record of good and efficient service. This is imperative.

Bro. Clawson, third trick at "EX" tower, has resigned, and gone to New Jersey to help his father on the farm.

Bro. Pierce, first trick at Blissville, just returned from a three weeks' trip through the State of Kansas; reports having had a pleasant time with his parents, and used royally by all O. R. T. men he met.

A few summer offices opened on account of the summer schedule. "WD" tower in service June 19th. Bro. Joe Knecht on second trick; first trick filled by Bro. Gilley; unable to say who is on third trick.

Bros. Lewis and Scally, also Bro Lewis at Hammels Junction, have joined the L. I. R. R. Y. M. C. A. base ball team, and are doing fine work. A trio of promising ball players.

Bro. Frank Horsch is now doing a second trick stunt, selling tickets at Flatbush Ave. station, 3 p. m. to 7 p. m. on account of subway rush hours.

The new fifty-two lever tower at Hicksville was put in service a short time ago. Bro. Hewlett on first trick, second and third tricks filled by new men.

DIV. COR.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

The following figures will show that we are marching steadily onward, hard times or no hard times. The clouds that have been hanging in the financial and commercial sky for the past eighteen months are rapidly clearing, in fact have almost entirely disappeared, business in all branches of trade is now about ninety per cent of normal, which also includes traffic on the various lines of railroad throughout the United States, and has resulted in a healthy demand for telegraph operators, both railroad and commercial, and today there are not more than five hundred idle telegraphers throughout the United States and Canada, which is also a normal condition as there are always telegraphers who will not work for any length of time at any one place, but keep continuously on the move. The point that I am aiming at is this: A great many roads will be short of operators in the very near future, and as the law prevents your division operator from "doubling you" twenty-four or thirty-six hours, think what the result will be. Remember it has been conclusively proven that there are operators available (outside of the telegraph department), to man all positions, who would come back for just a little more money than is now being paid by the majority of railroads—think it over—and don't forget that non who is working next to you. Remember our policy —No card, no favors.

Since my last report we have secured 43 new members from the various divisions of railroads, as follows: Pennsylvania Railroad, Pittsburg Division, 4; Pennsylvania Railroad, Allegheny Division, 19; Pennsylvania Railroad, Conemaugh Division, 11; Pennsylvania Railroad, Monongahela Division, 3; Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad, 6. Total, 43.

During the same period we secured ten members by transfer from other divisions; lost six by transfer to other divisions, and six on account of non-payment of assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department. We now have 550 members, about forty of whom have not as yet paid their dues

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for the current term (ending June 30th), at least two-thirds of these will, no doubt, pay up within the next sixty days.

Following is a financial statement of the division as on June 1, 1909:

Cash on hand December 1, 1908	$4,240.65
Received from all sources to June 1, 1909	2,360.96
Gold bond purchased in March, 1909	1,154.75
	$7,756.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Account Grand Division	$1,431.32
Sick and death benefits	165.00
Salary and expenses of Secretary and Treasurer	187.85
Rent	18.75
Printing and miscellaneous	1,442.76
	$3,245.68
Cash on hand, including three $1,000 00 gold bonds	$4.510.68

As per the usual custom of this division, we will hold but one meeting a month during the months of July and August, which will be on the following dates: July 10th and August 14th. The meetings scheduled for the fourth Saturday evenings during these months having been dispensed with. If you have not already paid your dues for the current term, do so at once. Statement of the dues was mailed each member, by the secretary, on June 10th. Don't forget that your M. B. D. assessments are now payable semi-annually. Why don't you come to the meetings and take an interest in your own division, and thereby find out what is "doing." KLING.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

On May 20th, "VO," "H," "CN" and "BD" blocks were placed in service, after being closed during the winter months, and the positions were filled as follows: "VO," first trick, W. T. Bennett; second trick, Mr. W. S. Cubbage; third trick, Mr. R. H. Todd. "H" block, first trick, Bro. W. R. Reed; second trick, Mr. R. W. Reese; third trick, Bro. G. A. Morrison. "CN," first trick, Bro. C. V. Lewes; second trick, Mr. B. C. Wainwright; third trick, Bro. J. D. Gootee. "BD," first trick, Bro. V. E. Elliott; second trick, Bro. R. F. Farlow; thirk trick, Bro. W. A. Easom.

Bro. Jenkins, after a stay of seven years, has left "RU" block, and accepted "DV," Dover, second trick.

Quite a number of our boys attended the Buffalo Bill Circus, at Wilmington, in June.

Bro. Bennett has had his locks sheared and retired from the poetical business, as he states there were a few who got "sore" over his last effort, and he also wishes to state that he meant no affronts.

Bro. Thos. W. Truitt reports having spent quite a good time at the convention in May.

Bro. Jenkins spent his relief day visiting friends in Laurel.

Bro. R. J. Taylor, wife and daughter, have been spending a few days with relatives in Franklin City, Va. Relieved by Bro. O. W. Allen.

We understand that Bro. A. E. Anderson is getting tired of his position as agent at Lambson.

Bro. J. P. Coursey, of Centreville, was in Barclay with relatives on his relief day.

Bro. O. W. Allen, of Millington, was in Laurel with his parents the first of the month.

The strawberry crop did not amount to as much as was thought the first of the season on account of the heavy rain storms which made the berries worthless. Thousands of quarts rotted in the fields, not being worth picking at the low price of three cents per quart.

Bro. Vansant spent relief day at Millington; Bro. Freeny in Baltimore; Bro. Taylor in Philadelphia, accompanied by his brother.

Bro. Truitt has been on the sick list a few days.

At the time of this writing a new local chairman has not been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Jenkins. DIV. COR.

Maryland Division—

Mr. Stuts, extra man at Seabrook, has just received notice of his appointment to second trick at Stony-Run.

As stated in last month's TELEGRAPHER, Mr. Whittle, at Calverton, will probably be counted no more among the sturdy brass pounders, as he passed very highly in a class of twenty-one law students. Success to him.

We are glad to note Mr. Redmile, at Landover, has resumed duty after a prolonged spell of illness. We hope he will have the best of health hereafter.

Several changes have been made along the pike recently, the old cabin at Pencader has been replaced by a new interlocking tower, and several towers have been repaired and painted.

Bro. Lipscomb has just returned from his vacation.

We understand Elkton, "KI," has been granted an increase on all three tricks. The boys will welcome this good news.

Mr. McMulin bid in "VX," Perryville, last trick.

Bro. Lewis is filling "KN," Lamokin, second extra.

Get busy and keep the good work up. We are receiving quite a number of applicants, but you will note several nons on the list as yet.

By the time this goes to print, we will have our June meeting. Hope to see a large gathering.

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Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Our June meeting was not as well attended as it should have been, only about a half dozen being present. 'S matter boys?

Abbott Crossing is on the bargain counter again. Here's a nice roast for some one. Understand Chapman went to Peoria to work in freight house.

Bro. E. Edwards, of Eldora, has just returned from a two weeks' vacation, which we understand was spent in the West, sight-seeing. He was relieved by E. A. Cross.

Bro. J. W. Rankin, of Liscomb, is off on a thirty-day vacation. Have not learned who his relief is.

Mr. Kelly, recently of Mason City Junction, is doing the day stunt at freight house, Grinnell.

Bro. D. J. Kyle is now day telegrapher at New Sharon. Keefover transferred to Marshalltown.

There are several nons along the line whose applications we want, but when you jump at them, it is the same old tune: "Next pay-day," "I'm in debt now," etc.

We understand that one of the wires has been put in at Lacey, after being out about two years.

A new time card went into effect Sunday, June 27th, with a few minor changes, and on this card appears the name of F. A. Thackery as dispatcher. Is this a son of Bro. J. W. at "WN?" If it is, he will make good, all right.

Chief Dispatcher F. E. Martin is enjoying a three weeks' fishing trip, and J. K. Cunningham, second trick at north end, is wielding the big stick, as chief. B. W. Landfear, who works third trick is on second trick in J. K. C's place. Ben has "fired" several agents and telegraphers so far.

After calling an agent-telegrapher one morning recently, about passenger train time, for five minutes, the following dialogue was dished out to us: "DS:" Where you been? Tel.: After United States mail. "DS:" Well, I want you to stay here and answer that call. Tel.: This mail has to be attended to. "DS:" Never mind the mail, I want you here." Fine way to do business. Suppose the mail has been missed, who would have paid the fine, the dispatcher? Why to be sure.

Bro. F. R. Arnote, formerly of Gilman agency, but now with the G. N. and N. P. Rys. at Adrian, Wash., was around recently visiting with the boys. Fred says Washington is an all-right place to work in, and likes it fine.

The nons are getting a start on us again, and worse yet, we have a couple of students on the line in what are supposed to be O. R. T. offices. This should not be tolerated, and it is up to us to make a raid on them.

Agency list shows E. A. Cross as agent at Wright. What's become of Bro. Landfear?

Secretary Davis advises (June 27th) that Mr. Cutter has at last consented to "make a date" with committee to work that schedule over. It seems too good to be true, and perhaps we will be able to announce a new schedule in the next month's writing. Cor.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

Another month has rolled around, and it is again time for a write-up, which I will endeavor to give below:

We understand that Bro. G. E. Goddard, third trick at "DK," Dickinson, is sick and off duty, Bro. A. W. Stoudt, an extra man, is filling his place.

Bro. T. J. Callahan goes from "MS," Coal Port, third trick, to the lower end relief job.

Mr. W. H. Wilmot, Jr., has been transferred from third trick at "X," Wilburtha, to third trick at "MS," Coal Port.

There is a new man by the name of Lowe working second trick at Moore tower.

We understand that the first and third tricks at "N," Niece, are open; no one seems to want these jobs.

Mr. Tucker goes from lower end relief job to second trick at "FD," Frenchtown.

Bro. Heaney, 1st trick at 'MD," Milford, is off duty on account of a sore foot.

News is very scarce this month, hope to do better next time. Div. Cor.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The regular night meeting for June was called to order at 8 p. m., June 5th, by worthy Chief Bro. Ross. All officers were present.

On account of the wet, disagreeable night there was only about twenty-five old-reliables present—the bunch that no kind of a storm can keep away—and I wish more of the brothers would show the same spirit.

Two applications were voted on, and three applications submitted to committees for investigation—also one brother was transferred from Division No. 35 to our division.

After the regular routine of business, Bro. Wood, one of our delegates to the recent convention at Atlanta, read a joint report prepared by himself and Bro. Ross, our other delegate, with which the members present were very well pleased.

Several times while Bro. Wood was reading his report, he was interrupted by some of the brothers present, asking for more information on matters that were brought before the convention in which they were particularly interested, but they found Bros. Wood and Ross were "right there" and could give them all the information they were looking for. The delegates report a very pleasant time while at Atlanta.

Bro. Ross reports that steps were taken at the convention to form a Ladies' Auxiliary to our organization, and to have each local division form an auxiliary. The writer hopes the brothers will take hold of this matter and push it for all it is worth. We could invite the ladies to our meetings now and then, and after regular business was over we could have a nice sociable time for a couple of hours. I think this might bring in

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some of the brothers who hang off Saturday nights.

Once again I am going to ask if some of the brothers on the Providence, Boston and Old Colony Divisions won't send in a few notes to "Ye Scribe" for THE TELEGRAPHER. Our division covers as much, if not more, territory than any other division on the system, but they all have a longer write-up than we do. Get busy and send notes to M. E. Jacobs, 131 East St., Franklin, Mass., before the 18th of each month.

Midland Division—

Bro. Pendleton is occupying his summer cottage at Lake Pearl.

Quite a number of the boys on the Midland attended the ball game at Woonsocket, a few days ago, between the Providence Telegraphers and Yard Men of Boston.

The day-light meeting for June was called to order at 10:30 a. m., worthy Chief Bro. Ross in the chair. Bro. Wood, first vice-chief; Bro. O'Toole, second vice-chief; Bro. F. Riley, past-chief; Bro. Bardel, marshal; Bro. Foley, secretary, and Bro. J. Riley, inside and outside sentinel.

Three applications from men on the Midland Division were favorably balloted upon; they are a valuable addition to be sure, having seen long service in the highest offices. It would be a pleasure to mention their name, but have not the authority to do so. Five applications were also submitted for investigation. Bro. Ross read a joint report of the delegates to the recent convention. Bro. Wood also had a few notes of personal observation, and both were highly interesting.

Among the visitors was Bro. Mullen, from Division No. 104, he favored us with a lengthy talk on the good of the order, receiving the plaudits of those present.

The attendance was by no means a record breaker; twenty-five is a small number considering the important matters that come up at the day-light meetings; several matters of vital importance were not acted upon on account of those present wishing a larger representation. No doubt the warm weather, and the fact that the summer resorts are in full swing, lured many away from their duty. I say duty because each and everyone of you who can is required to be present at our meetings. There are many who make a big sacrifice to come in and help maintain the good standing of the division. This is one class. Another class is composed of those who would sooner go to a ball game, and we are sorry to say that not a few of the regular ones, and officers at that, help constitute it. Such half-heartedness sets a bad example for others, and should be discouraged, still another class is composed of those who only come once a year, or when they think the schedule is about to be revised. Such interest is self-centered, they care not how the division is run if run at all; if they do there is no outward sign to that effect. Why not come in between times and give us your idea how things should be run; show us where this or that is lacking, no doubt there are some among you who could give us a good talk on union principles, nothing would be more pleasant to all concerned.

Come one, come all, you are all welcome.

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Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular June meeting was held at the St. Charles Hotel, Emporium, June 16th, with a good attendance—our worthy delegate, Bro. Edwards, and alternate, Bro. Perry, were present Bro. Edwards gave a very interesting talk on the Atlanta convention. Our division is indeed fortunate to have a delegate who is so well adapted to represent us at conventions. All of the important matters that were discussed at the convention were pictured at the meeting in an able and entertaining manner. The division made no mistake when Bro. Edwards was chosen delegate, and we hope he will continue to act as delegate at future conventions. Alternate Bro. Perry ably assisted Bro. Edwards, and comes in for our thanks also.

The next regular meeting will be held in Kane, in July, at the place decided upon. It has been arranged so that the second and third trick men can attend between Kane and Waterford. We hope to see all who can possibly attend, do so.

Sister Geary, of Kane, was absent for two days early in the month, attending the funeral of her father-in-law; relieved by Bro. Griskey, of "WY" tower, Kane.

The brothers and sisters at "WY" tower, Kane yard, are all smiles over the elegant new office they now occupy—it is a palace compared with the old office.

Sister McGraw, of "WY" tower, Kane, is off for two days visiting friends at Emlenton, Pa.; relieved by Telegrapher Barner, of the second trick, at the same place, who in turn is relieved by Telegrapher Johnson, of Wetmore. We will have the pleasure of addressing these gentlemen as brothers before a month has passed.

Telegrapher Miss Haggerty, of "FN" tower, Warren yard, has returned to duty after a long and serious illness. She was relieved by Sister Hanley, of the second trick. Telegrapher Hammel relieving her on the second trick.

Bro. Schroff is on the sick list, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Supp.

Bro. Griskey was recently called to "JN," Emporium, to relieve Bro. O'Leary for a few days.

Bro. Buck, of Union City, second trick, and Bro. Jack Carlson, of Clarendon, were on the sick list; relieved by Bro. Barner, of Preston.

We are gratified to learn that Bro. L. R. Newberry's wife, who, when the last issue of the journal went to press, was on the point of death, has passed the crisis, and is rapidly regaining her health. This will be very pleasant news to the members and the many friends of Bro. and Mrs. Newberry. Bro. Newberry has made good at "AK," Renovo, where he now works, and has made a host of friends along the line.

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Walter Perry, brother of Bro. I. B. Perry, of "CT," Keating, died suddenly of pneumonia on June 7th, after a short illness. Everything known to the medical science was done for him, but of no avail. The funeral took place at Westport, June 10th. The members extend sincere sympathy to Bro. Perry and family in their great bereavement. A number of telegraphers and others of Bro. Perry's friends attended the funeral.

Bro. Minter, of "OR" tower, Cooks Run, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Lock Haven Hospital recently, and we are glad to hear that he is out of danger and will soon be back at the old stand. He was relieved by Miss McCarthy, one of Professor Getchell's students, who seem to be a "non combatant" as far as telegraphy is concerned.

We learn that the telegraph school, located in the R. R. Y. M. C. A. rooms at Renova, has been closed permanently. The officials evidently have reached the conclusion that it is not a very profitable undertaking, and has been nothing but an unnecessary expense from its inception. The production of the school has been a complete disappointment to its friends, for we have walking evidence that not more than half a dozen of the "would-be telegraphers" have made good. The great enterprise has turned out to be a boomerang. And what happens to the "Professor" who was formerly such a strong O. R. T. member. After sacrificing the interests of our Order for personal gain the professor, it is understood, has been quietly informed that extra work will be provided in case any of the regular telegraphers at Renovo office are absent.

Bobby Burns says:

There are some things that dollars can not buy.
Our honored Order, money can't destroy,
And though for gain, some will their birthright sell,
Conscience writhes from retribution's knell.

Our membership is increasing rapidly. Our worthy chief and secretary and treasurer are holding the helm with great success—our officers were well chosen and are making good. Some discussion about having a system division is going on, but we are not as yet able to say how the membership feels about it.

Much as we regret it, we are forced to call attention to the sleeping on duty of some of the telegraphers, both members and nons. Now, boys, don't carry this matter too far. Mr. Coughlin is a fine gentleman, but the limit is about reached and dismissal will follow if these offenses are continued.

We have a good set of correspondents now, Bros. Mann, Barner and Sullivan, and when this trio of literary lights get turned loose we can expect to have things doing. Write to any of these three brothers and they will be glad to represent your views in the columns of the journal.

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Olean Div., No. 135.

Regular meeting was held at designated meeting place with a large attendance. All officers were present. We were exceptionally grateful for the information, from Bro. W. J. McCarthy, concerning the convention, it was a master speech, and was followed throughout with the closest attention by all. At the close of his oration Bro. W. J. McCarthy was given an ovation, such as is seldom heard in our hall. After all business was disposed of a smoker given by Bro. Delehant, met with big success. It is to be regretted that there were not a greater number of members present. Bros. Bronold and White, of the entertainment committee, had provided something to oppose the high temperature of the evening, iced lemonade, ice cream, assorted cakes and cigars; everything possible was done to make the brothers comfortable.

Piano selection given by Bro. John McCarthy. Opening remarks by Bro. Frank Carroll. Address by Bro. Brownell. Singing and whistling, "I'm the Only Kid from Lime Lake," by Bro. Ray White.

A couple of the brothers have not paid dues for the present term, you should attend to this at once, each brother should be able to show an up-to-date card at all times. Do a little traveling without a card, and see how many courtesies you are shown.

If you have a grievance, don't take it to your side partner, or what may be worse still, to outsiders, but take it to your local chairman and you may feel assured it will be adjusted in accordance with our agreement.

Can you not convince that hard-shell non that he is on the wrong side of the fence? Try.

The union label is a guarantee that the article is made by union men, if you favor union labor, buy their goods. Turn down "sweat shop truck."

Bro. F. Green, of Brook, "ED" tower, has secured two months' leave of absence. We understand he goes to Colorado, looking after his gold mines. Relieved by Bro. Gardner.

Bro. F. E. Minard, of Jamison, is visiting friends at Fillmore a few days.

Bro. Granger, second trick at Aurora, is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Frank Carroll, of Holland, was in Buffalo recently.

Bro. Plack, of Protection, is visiting his parents in Oil City.

Bro. Wilson, of Chaffel, was absent several days last month, attending the funeral of his mother-in-law at Harrisburg.

Bro. Brownell, of Delevan, is taking a sixty-day leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Burt.

Bro. White, of Lime Lake, attended the "Girls' Picnic," at Fish Pond recently; relieved by Bro. E. L. Chaffee.

Bro. Smith, "CH" office, Machias Junction, was in Buffalo last week.

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Bro. E. C. Stevens, of Ischua, attended the Frank and Ischua ball, given at Franklinville recently.

Bro. Cox, of Hinsdale, was off a few days last month, visiting friends at Salamanca.

Bro. R. L. Batsford, of Olean, bid in "AD" message job. CERT 23.

Reading Div., No. 136.

As the majority of the boys will be taking short vacations during the next two months, and since Old Sol will hardly be any too merciful on those that remain at work, it does not appear as though we would see much activity in our camp for the immediate future. However, let us try and keep things going and get a good start for early autumn.

Understand that Bro. Miller returned from the convention in fine shape, having had a most enjoyable time, and having extended his travels after the close of the session at Atlanta.

Should any of you brothers happen to visit Reading, and desire good things to eat, don't forget to call upon Bro. Paul A. Wenrich, 545 Penn St. Bro. Wenrich serves everything of the best, and will treat you right.

Bro. Baum is working wireless at Galilee, N. J., and he states that there is nothing like it. He has had quite a bit of experience in this line and is an expert.

The secretary reports that many of the boys have already remitted for the last half of the year, and hereby wishes to remind those who have not yet done so, to remit at their earliest opportunity.

If any of the members have news they wish inserted in the journal, they should send the items to our secretary and treasurer, who will see that same is attended to. FOXY.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

Having been selected by our worthy local chairman to act as local correspondent for the Southern District, I beg to offer a few news items, which I trust will be of interest to all. If there are any errors made in reporting the news, I sincerely hope that the members will be very lenient as I have to get the information as best I can.

Understand that Bro. and Sister Woods have left us and are now enjoying the perennial sunshine of the Texas plains. Bro. Woods is working first trick and Sister Woods second trick.

Bro. Weston, of Mooringsport, is taking his summer vacation. Can not say who relieved him.

Bro. A. M. Calkins, formerly second trick man at Hornbeck, has been appointed agent at Ludington. He was relieved at Hornbeck by Bro. Grisson, who has been working extra. Do not know what became of Mr. Case.

Mr. T. J. Howell, of the T. & P., has been appointed agent at Frierson. He relieved Bro. P. O. Curl, who has been appointed agent at Leesville. Mr. F. O. Morrison, formerly agent at Leesville, has been transferred to the agency at Lake Charles.

Mr. A. F. Judd is doing the owl stunt at DeRidder, while Mr. J. W. Martin is taking a ten-day vacation.

Mr. Philips is working nights at "UD" while Bro. Goostree is acting as dispatcher.

Bro. Newell is working days at "UD." Mr. Philips was relieved at Trigg St. by Bro. Baird.

Bro. Gledhill, agent at Orangeville, is taking a vacation. Understand that he is not going back to "GX," as he prefers to go to some other station. He was relieved by Bro. McCaskill.

I am informed that there are some nons on the line who claim that they are too old to identify themselves with the Order and thereby help to better conditions. I presume the same fellows are not too "grizzly" to take an increase in salary or to take advantage of overtime.

Bro. Tom Babcock has been spending a few days with his parents at Houston, Texas. We trust that he had a very pleasant trip. He was relieved by Mr. Holstein.

Bro. Woods was relieved at "UD" office by Bro. W. T. Merchant, formerly of that office, but who has been for the past few months in the real estate business at Texarkana.

Understand that Bro. Goostree, of "UD," is now relieving Dispatcher Adams, who is acting as chief while Mr. Day Mills, the regular chief, is taking a vacation.

We are reliably informed that Mr. Moss, the second trick dispatcher at Texarkana, has been laying off for a few days for the express purpose of alienating himself from a life of single blessedness.

Bro. N. C. Vickers is on third trick at Beaumont.

Mr. Holstein, who has been laying off for a month or so, is now back at De Quincy on first trick, which causes Bro. W. H. Smith to go back on second trick and Bro. Burrows back to third stunt.

Bro. Davis, agent at Carson, has been relieved by some new man. Bro. Davis resigned to seek a more suitable location.

Bro. Richardson, of the S. A. & A. P., relieved Mr. Sullivan as agent at Singer. We welcome Bro. R. to our line. Do not know what has become of Mr. Sullivan.

Bro. H. J. McBeath, of Juanita, is taking a rest. He is relieved by Bro. J. S. Gledhill.

Bro. D. M. Davis, agent at Myrtis, has been superseded by a Mr. Brooks.

Bro. Hardwick, of Oil City, has been relieved by Mr. W. S. Woods, a former S. P. clerk.

Mr. U. L. Hested has taken the place of Bro. Earl Dunham, at Zwolle, who, we understand, is now with the L. & P.

I "13" that Bro. P. O. Curl, agent at Leesville, has secured the services of his brother, who will act as cashier in the freight office at "SV." Bro. West, formerly cashier there, has been appointed agent at Nederland.

Bro. J. J. Denton, formerly agent at Nederland, has been transferred to the agency at DeRidder,

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We are truly glad that Bro. Denton has been promoted, because we deem him quite worthy of the favor.

It is very evident that in order to have a write-up monthly in the columns of the Journal, the local correspondent must have the assistance of the boys along the line, for it is utterly impossible for one man to gather up enough items in the course of a month to make a respectable showing. I am very grateful to the local chairman and his assistant, Bro. Smith, for the news sent me, but I desire, very much, to impress upon the minds of all the brethren that they should help me out each month. Just drop me a card or a letter and I will appreciate it greatly. If I am willing to devote my time and energy to sending the write-up to the journal, it is very plain that you should help me gather items. I appealed by letter recently to the brethren, but thus far have heard nothing except one letter, barring the two brothers already mentioned. Now, boys, do not fail to help me out and I believe that we can have such a write-up each month that will make the good brothers on the north end asnamed that they have not given us a write-up. We, of the south end, sincerely ask you brethren of the north end to let us know what is going on up there.

CERT. 271.

Grand Trunk Railway.

Brothers:

Notices of dues and remittance slips for the new term, July 1 to December 31, 1909, have been distributed, and it is hoped that every member who would like to see progress made during the new term will not lag with their dues, but forward same to the undersigned without delay. Therefore, let every member put his shoulder to the wheel during the month of July and all give a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together, and see if we can not have every member in possession of his new card by the end of the month. You have to pay them but once, and I am sure that there would be more pleasure and all round satisfaction if every member would do this.

Those holding insurance in the Mutual Benefit Department should bear in mind that at the convention, recently held in Atlanta, Ga., the laws in this department were changed, making it compulsory for all policy-holders to pay their insurance assessments in the same way as division dues; that is to say, pay six months or one term in advance. Mutual benefit assessments should be remitted to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., and division dues to me.

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

Union Pacific Ry.

Wyoming Division—

June the 30th has come and gone and, as you are all aware, the past six months has seen unusual activity in the affairs of our Order.

The old Wyoming Division has done her share of the hustling for new members, and I dare say when the final count is made, will stand well up toward the front.

I believe it is a safe estimate to place the percentage of this division at 90; and so far as I have been able to ascertain, there are no more than six telegraphers between North Platte and Rawlins whom we wish to annex. Were it possible to keep the men from moving so much it would be an easy matter to put us strictly up-to-date and keep that way.

Since the first of the year Bro. Horsky and myself have made every effort to put things in shape for a solid foundation and good backing for the committee when that honorable body goes to Omaha in the near future, and I feel it is not out of place to say that the present excellent condition of the Wyoming Division is due in no small degree to the splendid support given us by the loyal boosters out along the line, not the least conspicuous of which are Bros. Harry Osborne, G. H. Dodt and O. P. Mullin.

That it is individual effort that counts is amply attested to by results obtained from the liberal co-operation received from these brothers, as well as several others.

It would seem unnecessary to say that we, as telegraphers, must have proper representation at all times, and this can only be brought about through solid organization in the ranks, backed up by a genuine interest exhibited by each and every member.

The careful observer can not help but notice, however, that there is a prevailing tendency on the part of a great many telegraphers to shirk the duty they owe their craft; as a result of which affairs of the Order are given little or no attention by them. This is probably due to their knowledge that the vast majority of the better class telegraphers throughout the country are alive to their needs, and no doubt these drones rest secure in the belief that we will continue to fight the battles. Although this is only too true, we should, nevertheless, unite to eliminate this evil by adhering strictly to the "no card, no favors" policy. Now is the time for all of us to be getting our new cards. We should not only attend to getting our own, but see that the man working with us is making an effort to carry one also. Remember, all dues for cards go to Bro. J. H. Hughey, Jr., Junction City, Kan., while the M. B. D. payments go direct to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., care Star Building. Now, we are in excellent shape; let us continue that way by each and every one paying up immediately so we will still be solid when the committee goes in, which, I believe, is to be in July or August.

Bro. Geo. H. Dodt, who has worked second trick at Egbert for nearly a year, is now on his vacation, which he is spending in and about Louisville, Ky.

Bro. W. H. Thompson, who was agent at Egbert, bid in the agency at Hermosa, made vacant by the dismissal of Bro. Limpus, who lost out on a technicality concerning the wreck which occurred at that station on May 20th. Bro.

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Limpus' reinstatement is now being sought by your officers, and it is believed they will succeed.

With the inauguration of train service on the Borie Cut-off, "CJ" office, Corlett Junction, was closed and the tower at Borie opened. Only one man is being used at Borie, however, and he seems to be working a very peculiar split trick. You may expect to see three men there soon, I believe.

Bro. Osborne caught a trick at Rock River, which was only recently made a three-man job.

Keystone, Neb., was made an agency recently, with Bro. H. P. Wilg doing the work.

Bro. Johnson, formerly third at Sherman, secured third at Pine Bluffs.

Bro. E. C. Reynolds, second at Sherman, has resigned, effective about July 1st. He will proceed to Chicago for a sojourn, and thence to his "Old Kentucky Home" at Louisville.

DIV. COR.

Kansas Division—

Mr. Amos is relieving Mr. Cosley in "GN" office, Kansas City.

Bro. Webb is senior applicant for R. I. Junction. We understand that C. W. Meyers goes to Salina.

Student Helper Piper relieved Bro. Stoddard at Bonner Springs nights.

Student Helper Adams, from Perry, went to Edwardsville, relieving Bro. Brubaker, owing to the serious illness of Bro. Brubaker's father.

By the time this is in print Tonganoxie will again be on the map, with Bro. Bigelow "behind the gun."

Bro. Edgar has decided to continue at the old post, Williamstown, and has taken the necessary steps to help keep the division solid.

Bro. Mierotta is relieving Sister Doering at Topeka. We understand that Sister Doering will take in the Fair and other sights in the Far West.

Bro. Stine, from Marietta, is relieving Bro. Batcheior, at Rossville. Mr. Mann, mayor, chief of police and the balance of the government of Marietta, acting as relief.

Bro. Fisher is the whole works at Wamego nights, while waiting for some one to bid in the position.

Bro. Webb relieved Bro. Firebaugh at Cleburne.

Student Helper Piper, of Irving, relieved Mr. Wade, of Irving, a few days.

Bro. Armstrong, relief agent, took charge of the tangle at Blaine.

Bro. E. A. Eager, from the Missouri Pacific, is relieving Bro. Copeland, of Clyde.

Bro. Denison is the senior applicant for Detroit, Bro. Klasse having bid in the west end relief position. He is relieving at Minneapolis.

We have obtained several promises for this (June) pay-day, and we sincerely hope that the spirit moves them before the automobile agent arrives on the scene, else the L. C. will be burdened with more hard-luck stories.

Another one of our confirmed poor-house subjects left for a Western trip, which we presume means a trip to the Fair. Don't waste any sympathy over the tearful gems handed out by the "non-airs," we have about reached the conclusion that they are all "jokers."

Bros. Ackors and Mohler, of Ellsworth, are on leave of absence and when last heard of were headed West.

When a brother on the order of Bro. Lunger, a merchant of Emmett, calls attention to himself by paying dues, although out of the service and in an entirely different line of business, we can not but wonder more than ever at the stupidity and lack of reasoning power displayed by the few remaining "non-airs." In Bro. Lunger we have an example of a real union man, and we are not afraid to warrant you that the goods he has for sale bear the union label. What a contrast we have in Mr. Morrell, of Loring; Mr. Hughes, of Niles, and some few others.

Bro. Hughey recently sent out a letter asking for the addresses of several brothers who failed to notify him or Bro. Quick of their change in address. Always do this and avoid delay to your mail, as well as extra work for the officers of the Order.

Since having received a letter from Bro. Smith, the local chairman, at Grand Island, we have been wondering why Nebraska desires to send the Hon. W. J. Bryan to the Senate when they have such an eloquent and silvery tongued, or rather silvery penned, spellbinder. We have had the pleasure of hearing both, and if it should ever come to a show-down, we hereby signify our intention of voting both early and late for Bro. Smith. It is also reported that at the convention it was decided that Bro. Smith was the prize orator of the bunch, and that it was necessary on many occasions to remind Bro. Smith to sit down in front, owing to the excessive flow of his pent-up vocabulary.

The Union Pacific was represented at the convention by Bro. Stump and wife and sister, Miss Gushee, of Old Cheyenne; Bro. John Howard Hughey, Jr., and Mrs. John Howard Hughey, Jr., Bro. Horiskey and wife, Bro. Smith, minus the wife. Bro. Cheney, of Denver, made one of the party. After arriving at Atlanta, they picked up Bro. Casey, of the Frisco, from Oklahoma City; Bro. and Mrs. Dalrymple, from Pittsburg, Pa.; Bro. and Mrs. McQuade, from Springfield, Mo.; Bro. and Mrs. Granger, from Mackinaw City, Mich.

On the first morning out from Kansas City, the sleeper on the Frisco occupied by the U. P. party, being heavy on that side, was derailed and turned over down a hill. It took an hour and a half and three gallons of pink tea to dig Bro. Stump out and convince him that he was not hurt. All of the party spent many strenuous days and nights doing the city of Atlanta and suburbs, including many trips to the federal prison. This party, accompanied by Bro. Quick, of the Grand, walked seventeen and three-fourth country miles to a barbecue, where they were served with such delicacies as the famous Brunswick stew and Georgia beer. If there is any question as to the genuineness of the Brunswick stew, kindly refer to Bro.

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Kelso, of the Board of Directors, who is an undisputed authority on the fine points of barbecues.

Immediately after the close of the convention, the party of nine from the U. P., accompanied by Bro. Casey, of the Frisco, departed for Savannah, going from there to Tybee Island, where all spent a very pleasant two days at the Sea Breeze Hotel. Surf bathing was the order of the day, and while that coast is noted for the numerous sharks and sword fish that it is reported were waiting for bathers, Bro. Hughey, that old sea lion, close-reefed his glad rags, weighed anchor, and under close sail and with a full hold of Brunswick stew, made for the breakers, about three leagues to the port. While making about three knots an hour, four poles west of the life-line, Bro. John says that one of the biggest mackerel (others claim it was a sword fish) he ever saw heaved him a swat abaft the main belt that started his timbers fore and aft and had it not been for the O. R. T. flag, which he hoisted to the main top at this stage of the voyage, he would have shared the fate of Jonah. As it was, several sharks came up and took a peep at him from the offing, but when he waved the O. R. T. flag, they passed on, evidently not caring to go up against a "full (rigged) schooner," (Georgia brand) of the size of the gallant John Howard, Jr.

Just after the docking of the John Howard, Jr., a great commotion was heard on the beach, and upon investigation the cries were found to come from Mrs. Horiskey, who declared she was drowning. She was rescued with difficulty, and it was discovered that she was in water at least ankle deep.

Many other hairbreadth escapes were recorded: Bro. Smith was found stuck head first in the sand, holding conversation with a mermaid, and was hauled out feet first by Bro. Stump, just as Father Neptune appeared on the scene with his hay-fork. Bro. Stump swears that the under-tow put him on the ropes, while Bro. Smith is equally positive that it was his mermaid who had a strangle hold on Bro. Stump, in retaliation for the part played by Bro. Stump in the rescue of Bro. Smith. On the return trip, Bro. and Mrs. Hughey left the party, going first to Washington, thence to New York, the remainder of the party journeying westward.

Bro. J. S. Force, Wheaton, is sightseeing at the Fair.

Bro. S. McNeil, Miltonvale, has his request in for relief, and is geting his airship pointed westward. CORRESPONDENT.

Seventh District, Utah Division—

Bro. Leahy is off on sixty days' leave of absence and is taking in the Portland Fair.

The telegraphers at Creston are working in a box car, the Creston depot having been moved to Wamsutter.

Latham has been closed.

Mrs. Ford has been transferred to Wamsutter, second trick.

Bro. Tipton bid in third trick at Evanston. He was transferred on the 15th from Blairtown interlocking plant to the Evanston job.

Bro. Faust, of Blairtown tower, has been transferred to Green River.

Bros. Keys, Mallony, Dean and Haight are working in Green River. The lads all hail from Kansas City and Chicago.

Bro. Seaman, of Rock Springs, is off duty a few days.

Bro. L. E. Robinson, of Black Buttes, is on sixty days' leave of absence.

Eighth District, Utah Division—

Bro. E. F. Harris, the third trick man at Bryan, is now on leave of absence; relieved by Telegrapher Chas. Ewen.

Bryan and Marsten have been closed on account of the completion of double track between Green River and Granger.

Granger being the first office out of Green River, our worthy brothers, A. W. Cue, O. T. Bell and H. Gordon, will be kept very busy watching the blocks East.

Sister W. J. Beck (nee Gathercole) has resumed duty at Church Buttes after enjoying a short vacation.

Mr. E. J. Johnson, of Bridger, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. H. R. Starret.

Mrs. F. Decker (nee L. L. Knoble), of LeRoy, is off duty a few days. She was relieved by Bro. H. R. Starret.

Bro. G. A. Hopkins is now located at Aspen, relieving Telegrapher Chas. Ammons, who will in turn relieve a West End brother at Morgan, Utah. This leaves Mrs. G. A. Hopkins on the extra list.

Bro. E. E. Berkey, of Altamont, is awaiting relief. He is thinking of going on a vacation in the near future.

Quite a number of changes have taken place at Evanston. Bro. E. V. Merrigan has resigned, but we did not learn where he went; relieved by Telegrapher B. W. Stephens. G. A. Dancles is day telegrapher, G. W. Abbot first night telegrapher and A. S. Brown second night telegrapher. Telegrapher B. W. Stephens left the service and was relieved by Telegrapher A. S. Brown, who also left the service and was relieved by Telegrapher D. C. Meehan. L. W. Harris, report man, transferred to Ogden office; relieved by Bro. C. G. E. Weinert, who was in turn relieved by Telegrapher Dancles. CERT. 410.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

District Three, Central Division—

A meeting was held at Brandon on June 20th. There was a good attendance, but there was room for many more in our hall. The meetings are of great benefit to all who attend, and more of the members should make an effort to be present. We missed a few familiar faces from the main line, but the brothers had good reasons for not being in attendance.

Bro. G. S. Morris gave us a lengthy review of the proceedings of the convention which, as sev-

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eral of the brothers remarked, was worth the price of admission.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Hooper was detained owing to sickness in his family. We hope that by this time everything is O. K.

A number of the boys are away on holidays—there are no less than four relief agents out at the present time.

The brothers are paying but little attention to the local chairman's circular, as I have not received a single news item. Get busy, for we all look for notes from our division when we get the journal. If you don't do your share, do not complain about the scarcity of news.

CERT. 250.

New York Central Ry.

Hudson Division—

The Electric Division boys went Bryan one better, and it is now 17 to 1. We have no apologies to offer other than it is well for the Third Railers that it was our misfortune not to be able to put our regular team in the field. No doubt the sporting editor of the Electric Division will have a detailed report of the game in this issue of the journal, and I hope his modesty will prevail upon him not to draw too much upon his imagination. The team representing the Electric Division bore the earmarks of the famous "Kid Carsey Team." Bro. Dooley said positively they were all on the payroll, but in his haste he failed to state what payroll. We hope to have another opportunity to meet the same team before the season ends, and the Electric Division will have to show class to hold the laurels they think they won so easily.

The severe discipline being enforced is a gentle reminder of what is expected of each of us. It seems that in a few instances (the most cases of which are nons) telegraphers have contracted the habit or excuse of reporting sick when they wanted to be conveniently relieved. Two of these were permanently relieved without ceremony. This should be a warning to those who care anything about holding their positions. Of course the other class it does not appeal to.

Bro. G. H. Delamater, third trick at 24, has been enjoying the sights around Corning, N. Y., and also acting as delegate to the State Convention of the S. O. V's, being relieved by Mr. McCormack, from Manitou.

Bro. Clark, at 38 was also elected delegate to the same convention, but Bro. Clark says after he got a hair cut and shave, he did not have enough left to tip the porter.

I regret our knocks must center round Peeksbill at this time, but my attention is called to a ham factory in operation at "PI" office, it is rumored that Mr. Palmer is the professor. This may account for the fact that it is almost impossible to raise him on the wire.

Well, will cut out and get ready for Bro. Dooley's "Harlemites." CERT. 525.

Beech Creek Sub-Division—

Some time ago the third tricks at Mill Hall, Monument, Panther, Gorton, Philipsburg, Clearfield Junction and Kerrmoor, were closed, making two nine-hour tricks, the remaining six hours the offices were closed; which caused a lot of displacing (or, bumping as it is generally termed) and moving around; just take a glance down the list and see if you would know where you were at, if you were so unlucky as to be one of the men displaced: Mr. McClellan, a non, from Philipsburg, third trick, to Winburne, third trick; Bro. Aigler from Winburne, third trick, to Dimeling, third trick; Bro. Fisher from Dimeling, third trick, to Gorton, second trick; Bro. Meek from Clearfield Junction, third trick, to Gorton, first trick; Bro. Bickett from Gorton, first trick, to Viaduct, second trick; Bro. Wetzel from Viaduct, second trick, to "SX" tower, third trick; Bro. Gesswender from "SX" tower, third trick, still unsettled; Bro. Shuman from Mill Hall, third trick, to Mill Hall, second trick; Bro. Fredricks from Mill Hall, second trick to Beech Creek, third trick; Bro. I. C. Miller from Beech Creek, third trick, to Viaduct, first trick; Sister Kennedy from Viaduct, first trick to Viaduct, third trick; Bro. Remsnyder from Viaduct, third trick, still unsettled; Sister Bessie Seid, from Gorton, second trick, still unsettled; Bro. J. W. McCloskey, from Mowry, first trick, to Stark, third trick; Bro. R. B. Lyman from "WB" tower, second trick, to "DY" office, third trick; Bro. C. A. Latchet from "WB" tower, third trick, to "DY" office, second trick. Still there are a lot of the brothers who have not yet decided what they want. It is to be regretted that offices must be closed, especially so many at one time.

Bro. Long, at "CK," says the Keeler School of Telegraphy is still turning out students for the boys to finish up. Another one has just landed in "WE" office with Bro. Stably, bringing with her a letter from the chief, requesting that she be permitted to post up. Of all the nerve this is the limit. There are an abundance of telegraphers along this pike waiting for a few days' work (some twenty or twenty-five idle men); what does he want with more.

A special meeting was held in Clearfield, on the night of June 23d, and it was decided to hold regular stated meetings each month; a full set of officers were elected as follows:

Past chief telegrapher, Bro. J. A. Reid; chief telegrapher, Bro. G. S. Stover; secretary and treasurer, Bro. C. G. Marshall; first assistant chief telegrapher, C. A. Dehil; second assistant chief telegrapher, Bro. R. B. Lyman; marshal, Bro. P. Graham; inside sentinel, Bro. F. E. Murray.

The place and time of meetings will be at 8 o'clock, in Mechanics Hall, at Clearfield, on the second Tuesday of each month. All members please take notice, and make it a point to be present at the meetings; these meetings are instructive, and business that is of interest to us

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all is done in the meeting room, and not out on a street corner, or in a passenger coach.

By the time you read these items, you will, no doubt, have received a copy of our new working rules, which were revised in March, but which have been delayed by the different chairmen not being able to get the correct rates of salaries; it is understood that all the rates of the officers will be printed at this time.

I have been asked by a number of the brothers if it were not possible for one agent to displace another. I wish to answer this inquiry through the columns of the journal, where it will be seen. It is not only possible, but is permissible; our rule on that subject is very plain, and does not say that the only man that can be displaced is a telegrapher, but, says any one younger in the service than himself, providing he has not held his present position for a period of five years or longer. Now, there you are, how can it apply only to a telegrapher? CERT. 19.

Electric Division and Grand Central Terminal—

Bro. Jas. Stickles has purchased a twenty-foot power boat, and is looking forward to a race with Dispatcher Stegman.

Bro. Maher, of Division No. 37, was with us at the last meeting, and told us that they have a ball team over on the New Haven Road, and that he would like to see our team at the clam bake. We will be there, and there will be no New Haven team after the game, unless our team gets too many clams.

Bro. Dykeman is now located with the New Haven near Providence.

Agent Bingham has left the service to take a much needed rest; relieved by Bro Swanson.

The April discipline bulletin was a big improvement. Keep up the good work, we do not want to read about our failures, so make them send it out blank.

The new working rules including a complete wage scale will soon be out. Give the local chairman your new address, so your copy will not go astray.

Bro. S. S. Sooy has resigned, and is now employed on the Shore Line Division of the New Haven Road.

Bro. C. A. Dougherty was off duty several days on account of sickness, but he is able to be around again.

Bro. C. J. Engel was chosen manager, and Bro. J. H. Dooley, treasurer, of our base ball team at the last meeting. There will be some class to our new team when they get going.

"OLE BLACK AND BLUE."

Electric Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. J. G. Lutz, and while we humbly acquiesce in this decree of the All-Wise and know that our brother has received a promotion, we can but feel deeply the loss of his presence; and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our respect, love and appreciation for our departed brother, his high character and his useful and blameless life; be it

Resolved, That Electric Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved wife and family its sincere sympathy in their sorrow, which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next regular meeting, a copy sent to the relatives of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

M. J. GEOGHEGAN,
A. E. HOLBROOK,
H. D. MURTY,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to call to the great beyond our esteemed and worthy Bro. L. Thaler; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Electric Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives in their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his relatives, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

M. J. GEOGHEGAN,
A. E. HOLBROOK,
H. D. MURTY,
Committee.

Mohawk Division—

What is the matter with Justice Betts at Kingston? He's all right. We might add three cheers and a tiger for Senator Davenport. These are the gentlemen who are responsible for our being paid twice a month.

The meeting at Fonda, on the sixteenth, was poorly attended, only three of the boys from the west end being present.

Bro. Dan Bradley has been confined to his home in Utica for some time and unable to work. Bro. Bradley is a conductor on the M. & M. We hope for his speedy recovery.

His son, Bro. Joe, is attaining some fame as a musician, playing this summer at a park in Albany, when not at the key, at West Albany engine house.

Information blanks are being distributed, and it is urged that these blanks be filled out and returned to your local chairman at once. This is important.

The passenger business on this division is very heavy, and indications point to a good season. Freight is also picking up.

Summer time went into effect June 20th, and several new trains were put on. Among them

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is No. 12, Chicago to Boston, this train to lighten No. 10, which has been run in two sections for for some time.

Double tracking on the St. Lawrence Division, Utica to Stittville, is about completed.

Bro. C. F. Loring recently bid in second trick at "BS-21," going there from ticket agency at Amsterdam.

Bro. M. B. Lynch, local chairman at Schenectady, recently passed over the road calling on the boys. Mike always wears the smile that won't come off, and is very popular with the boys.

Dues for the semi-annual period are due. Don't fail to pay up at once. DIV. COR.

St. Lawrence Division—

We are in the midst of trains, passenger trains, freight trains, extra trains, special trains, work trains, gravel trains, excursion trains, etc.; the new time table furnishes plenty of all kinds of these, they are about as frequent as automobiles on Broadway.

It's up to us to make a big percentage of "trains on time" in the report furnished to the P. S. C.

The circular very recently received from our local chairman is, to say the least, a masterful presentation of facts which so many have overlooked.

Telegrapher Gillespie is the new agent at Rivergate.

Bro. J. H. Fogarty is to be the ticket agent at Clayton this summer.

Telegrapher A. S. Haigh, formerly of "MJ" tower, is doing the first extra trick at Remsen for the summer.

Telegrapher Smith is doing the second trick, and Botsford, third trick, while Shorey works the extra third.

Bro. H. A. Harger, second trick at Prospect, and Telegrapher Burdorf, third trick.

We are all very much grieved over the sudden and serious illness of the wife of Bro. E. P. Jones, whose marriage notice appeared so recently. We are all sincerely in hopes to hear of a speedy and permanent recovery.

Bro. A. J. Rohr has returned to his post at Smith.

Bro. C. H. Giltz, formerly agent at Rivergate, is doing third trick at "MJ" tower.

The construction work on the new double track between Utica and Stittville was not completed so as to put it in service for the summer trains, but the work is going on rapidly, the ballast, having to be drawn from Martinsburg pit.

Mr. Wm. Tapley, son of the well-known conductor, is summer ticket agent at Trenton Falls.

Telegrapher R. W. Backus from third trick at Barneveld to third trick at Holland Patent.

A telegraph office is opened at Denley, thus making a shorter block between Port Leydon and Boonville.

Telegrapher Baum, at Stittville, second, and Reardon third.

Telegrapher McLeod second at "MJ" tower.

Telegrapher McConnel third at Barneveld.

Telegrapher Montena has the job at Denley.

We have a supply of blank applications ready to be filled out, and while many of them are being used, we can stand it to fill in some more.

DIV. COR.

Western Division—

Mr. Harry Bateman, of "RU," who has recently been confined to his bed in Dr. Campbell's Sanatarium, undergoing an operation, wishes to express his thanks to those who so kindly aided him financially.

We hope to have a full attendance at our July meeting, as matters of much importance to the membership will be discussed. A dainty repast will be served, and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

Nothing in the line of items has been received this month. As we can not manufacture any, the Western Division will be poorly represented in this month's TELEGRAPHER. It is up to the brothers and sisters. We have the room, but unless we are furnished items it will have to remain vacant. The Western Division comprises a large territory, and we should have a page of interesting reading matter every month, if each one will do his part. DIV. COR.

River Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called from our midst, and to his everlasting reward, our worthy and esteemed Bro. N. E. Lacey; be it

Resolved, By the members of River Division, No. 8, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the wife and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the memorial be spread upon the records of the division, a copy sent to the wife, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. T. WALLACE,
M. C. BISHOP,
V. MARCINKEWSKI,
Committee.

Dated at West Point, N. Y., June 28th, 1909.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

I want to call attention to the necessity of promptly paying dues. Some of our boys are careless about this most important part of our organization work; we have broken all labor records by passing through a panic with our former wage scale unimpaired, notwithstanding concerted action on the part of combinations of capital to make reductions. You all know why your salaries were not reduced, but some people certainly have a very poor way of showing their appreciation.

We have just begun to get results from our organization. The future holds many things of great importance to the telegraphers, provided

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we give our Order the hearty support it deserves. You may rest assured that the success of the movement will depend on how well each of us supports our different organizations.

Now, brothers, let us get down to business. The sun is rising to brighten the new day of prosperity and those in a position to know predict the greatest prosperity the Southland has ever seen, and it is up to us to show our worth to the railroad company, convince them that the most imporant men in the operation of their line are found in the telegraph and station department, and make yourself one of the best men in the department not only by answering calls promptly, but by working for the interest of the company in every possible way.

Our line now has competition which will be hard to overcome, but it is up to us to hold every pound of business we now have and get more. We can in this way show our appreciation of good treatment, and show the competing line that the N. & W. men are wide awake, energetic and willing to make any sacrifice to secure business for our line. You may be subjected to some criticism or personal inconvenience, but pay no attention to such things, use every honorable means to get business and then let Mr. Ruffin know what you have done. He will always be glad to hear of successful efforts and never fails to show appreciation of good work done for his department.

To be brief and to the point, be a man, do your duty to your company, and don't take money you owe to your fellow workers. You know when you take benefits secured by the Order and do not support the movement, you are not being honest with your fellow workers.

Wake up, get in the procession and watch the labor movement grow as the business of the country increases, and above all attend your meetings and get next to what is doing.

M. G. HARPER,
Gen. Cor.

Scioto Div.—

An apology is about all we are able to offer this month, but your correspondent has been unable to collect many items of interest. We will give what we have.

Delegates to the seventh biennial convention, which convened at Atlanta, Ga., May 10, 1909, have returned and will render report of the work at an early date. All will be provided with copy of such report as soon as possible. It is safe to state it was the largest convention ever held by the telegraphers and more than usual interest manifested. Three hundred and forty-four officers and delegates representing the various divisions composed this supreme body. Many of the most able officials of our sister railroad organizations were before the convention with greetings from their different orders. The telegraphers' organization quoted "A few years ago, in Infancy, cherished and guided by Daddy Thurston, has grown to be recognized among the leaders in labor circles."

The Ladies' Auxiliary is now a reality and it is our duty to encourage and assist in its promotion in every way possible. Its aims and objects are absolutely correct, starting out with a nice number of charter members. We hope to see N. & W. System Division 14 with a working auxiliary in a short time.

Bro. J. S. Hall, agent at Chatteroy, W. Va., is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. E. L. Peake.

Bro. C. A. Smith, agent at Winchester, Ohio, is taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. W. M. Jaynes.

Toronto, Canada, was selected as the place of meeting of the next biennial session of the convention.

Vacancies—Idlewood, Ohio, days; Wheelersburg, Ohio, third; Newton, Ohio, Pit, temporary.

Mr. Hayden Bush, the late claim adjuster of the Pocahontas Division, has been promoted to office of night yard master at Columbus, Ohio. The promotion comes merited. We have not learned as yet who will succeed to position vacated by Mr. Bush.

On account of improved business conditions several engines and train crews have been taken out of work train service and placed in regular service on the Columbus District. CERT. 750.

Radford Division—

News is rather scarce for this issue, very few important changes taking place, but business seems to be on the increase all the while and in a few more months we hope to hear nothing more about a panic.

Telegraphers are again in demand, and a few positions which have been closed for some time are being reopened. A number of men are being employed.

Bro. Chas. Wilson, our regular correspondent for this division, is spending some time in Nevada, Mo., and other western points, and has requested "yours truly" to see that this division is not left blank.

The Radford Division has recently lost a good man in Bro. J. R. Wyatt, who accepted the position of cashier at Lynchburg.

Several fairly good positions are on the board just now.

The report of the recent inspection showed an improvement at almost every station, which is very gratifying. Let us strive harder to make a better showing during the coming year; we would like to see every up-to-date O. R. T. man have a station that would get "perfect."

Now that we have about passed over the critical panic times without any salary reduction let each of us strive to be better men, give our company better service, always do your duty and be on the lookout to advance the companies' interest in every possible way; also be a better Order man, be more prompt with your dues, take an active part in its business affairs and always send your division correspondent something of interest for the journal. Don't leave all of this work to a few. "X."

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Shenandoah Division—

Business on the old Shenandoah is about the same as it has been, but the prospects are brighter now than they have been for some time past, and no doubt we will be doing a good business in a very few months.

Our wire service is still improving and the dispatchers do very little calling, with a few exceptions. We hope to see it continue to improve, as it is a great benefit to the company for the telegraphers to answer the wire promptly; it is also to our credit to answer promptly, as it will show the company that we are doing what we can toward helping them to increase the efficiency of the service, thereby benefiting the general public.

The bulletin of discipline applied has not improved as we would like to see it, and hope that every brother will take an interest in this matter and see if we can not improve it, and in the meantime save ourselves from suspension.

Owing to a decrease in business on the Winston District the third trick at Winston, Salem, Martinsville and Walnut Cove were cut off. Bro. R. M. Helm of the third, Winston, pulled Bro. G. M. Hilton, agent at Walkertown, Bro. Hilton in turn pulling the second trick man at that point. Bro. E. R. Carmichael. The third, Martinsville, was vacant when cut off.

Bro. K. A. Painter took second trick at Buena Vista on bulletin. The third trick, Loch Laird, now on bulletin.

Mr. Shank, first "HN," Hagerstown, on sick list, with Bro. Ed Minnich, from second trick, "HJ," relieving, and Bro. Barton relieving at "HJ," Hagertown.

Bro. C. P. Harris, third trick at Glasgow, was relieved a few days by Bro. G. W. Skelton.

Bro. J. N. Shank relieved Bro. J. H. Bender on the second trick, Loch Laird, for one day.

Bro. J. W. Melton, of second trick at Glasgow, to "UD," Roanoke, for a few days; relieved by Miss Threlkeld.

Bro. G. Z. Abrihams, agent at Buena Vista, was taken suddenly ill on May 30th. At the present time he is reported to be slightly improved. Was relieved by Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista. Bro. R. E. Bear, from first trick, Loch Laird, relieved Bro. Taylor one day until our chief could get a man to Buena Vista. Bros. R. Y. Melton and Bender, Loch Laird, doubling that day. Bro. Edward Moffitt, from Midvale, to first Buena Vista.

Mr. J. H. Thompson, an extra man, relieved Bro. W. L. Cullen, third trick at Greenville, for a few days.

Bro. W. H. Shultz, first trick at Martinsville, off a few days; did not get a line on the man relieving.

Bro. E. R. Carmichael bid in the third trick at Loch Laird, which was on the board.

Bro. J. W. Melton, from Roanoke to Hollins, where he relieved Bro. Murray for a few days, thence to his regular trick, second at Glasgow.

Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird, is on sick list; relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton.

Bro. W. Q. Kearns, second trick at Bentonville, was relieved for a few days by Bro. McIntosh.

In "UD," Roanoke, we have Dispatcher C. B. Lackes back on second trick, north end, and Bro. Jim Apple on the third trick, relieving Bro. Harry Kyle, who is taking his vacation.

Bro. H. O. Ringle, first trick Shenandoah, was on the sick list for a while, Bro. H. A. Bickers, third trick, relieving. Bro. J. N. Shank worked third trick one day, and was then relieved by Relief Agent Bro. H. H. Burks.

Bro. H. H. Burks, from Shenandoah to Elkton, to relieve the agent, Mr. Snapp, for one month.

W. L. Burks, agent at Buffalo, on sick list a few days, Bro. J. W. Melton, from second trick, Glasgow, relieving; Bros. Harris and Alwin doubling at Glasgow.

Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. Perry, first trick at Luray, for a few days.

Dispatcher Bro. Rice, first trick at south end, taking his vacation.

Bro. J. W. Melton, second trick at Glasgow, to side wires, "UD," Roanoke, again, with Bro. Bush relieving at Glasgow.

Bro. J. R. Young, agent at Starkey, off for fifteen days, with Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Bledler relieving.

Bro. Young is taking a little wedding trip along with his vacation; was married to Miss Annie Sue Carter, of Starkey, on June 9th. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Bro. K. A. Painter, second trick at Buena Vista, off to attend the funeral of his niece. Bro. R. E. Bear, from first trick Loch Laird, relieving, with Bro. R. Y. Melton relieving at Loch Laird.

Bro. Walters, agent at Crimora, attended the meeting of the United Brethren at Harrisonburg, with Bro. J. N. Shank relieving.

I want to make another call on the brothers for news. If you only have one line send it to me, as it will help greatly and will be very much appreciated. Send any you have to me on or before the 14th of each month at Buena Vista.

J. H. BENDER.

Norfolk Division—

It was quite a surprise not to see any more brothers out at the Roanoke meeting Saturday night, June 19th. I fear that some of us are getting down on "Easy Street," since things seem to move along of their own accord. I want to tell you, brothers, you're getting on dangerous ground. What you and I have now did not come without a fight for our rights, and it has been a long pull. Do you think you will enjoy even this small demonstration of organized labor, and its worth to the working man, if we do not bestir ourselves to higher achievements? Is there not yet great things to accomplish? Have we not many things to be protected? We wish to appeal to the telegraphers, that it is important that you be manly and not forget the source from which all we have and are has come—the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. For the cause men have sacrificed positions, money, homes, and a great many pleasures,

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and it is through these sacrifices we are today living in a dispensation of more pay for labor performed, better working conditions, shorter hours, and an organization known throughout America, Canada and Mexico, as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, in existence.

The question comes: What have I done toward bringing about such conditions? Have I been active in the work of the organization, or have I stood back and let the other brothers do all the work? Have I been a member of the organization, or am I receiving the benefits and permitting my brother telegraphers to pay for what I am receiving? Have I been negligent in paying my dues, only paying up when I have been asked several times to remit my dues, or have I been remitting dues promptly and getting others to do the same. These questions, brother, should apply to each individual. We must not allow ourselves to get careless. You know what it means for a soldier to go to sleep on duty. Why, then, should you not be wide awake and ready at all times to protect your interests and that of your brother telegrapher?

I was amused a few days ago, in talking to a non-member, who was very clever. The first question he put to me was, "What becomes of all the money you fellows take in?" Well, after I had explained to him how the funds were divided up, some to our local treasury, some to convention fund, some to Grand Division, etc., and showed him that we now have five hundred and ninety-four thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars and ten cents deposited in eight banks in the City of St. Louis, Mo., he began to wake up to a realization of what it means to be organized. The next expression was very mild—"Well, I did not understand it that way." As I said before, the fellow is very clever, and will give me his application soon. I just cite this case to you boys for the reason our telegraphers do not get the benefits of a knowledge of what we are and what we can do if we are all pulling together. I wisn to urge again upon each telegrapher to keep himself or herself posted as to the workings of our organization. Above all, attend to your division meetings. You could well afford to lose one day to attend a meeting once or twice each year, and I dare say you'd say it was money well invested.

We have reached a period when much of our work must of necessity be transacted by correspondence. In this connection, I wish to show you my view as to letter-writing: I consider a letter which needs a reply, or any action on my part, just as personal as if the matter was laid before me by the person who writes the letter. When a brother is appealed to to pay up his dues, or a non-member to become a member of this organization, it is just as important that he should treat this appeal with the same courtesy he would if it came direct from the writer's lips.

Now, then, I hope these expressions will set the brothers to thinking. We drift into doing lots of things on account of not thinking, and we do lots of things because we are not among those who are actually "thinking." Get into the firing line, brothers, and put your best qualities to thinking and acting. You will see one of the grandest organizations in a few years that ever existed.

We can not unfold many things of vital importance to our membership through the columns of the journal, or even through the minutes of our meetings. You lose these essential features that go to make up an enthusiastic telegrapher when you do not attend the monthly meetings. I just touch briefly on this subject that you may understand that you are losing interest when you fail to come to the meetings, and it will finally result in a weakened organization. Now, brothers, let this little mention be enough.

I know we will hear from the Ladies' Auxiliary through our journal this month, so we will have to make our spiel short.

I wish to mention in this article that it was voted at the Roanoke meeting that each telegrapher is invited to bring his wife or sister, or lady to the next meeting (at any point), or if he can not come, the invitation is extended to the ladies just the same, the purpose of which is to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary on this system. I tell you, brothers, this is, in my opinion, a great move, and we should do all in our power to get the ladies interested, and help them in any way we can to get this organization to working, and I dare say you'll see a more active organization. There is nothing that works to such success like co-operation of interest, and when you get your wife, daughter or sweetheart to feel that they are a part of this organization, and that the success of the organization means a better home and more comforts of life, higher social standing, etc., you will have reached a stage of guaranteed success. Now, let's be active in this move, and I assure you that you'll never regret that this has been made a branch of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Now, do not understand by this article that I am attempting to convey the idea that we are not in good shape. However, we could be in better shape; we could easily be 100 per cent strong instead of 95 per cent, so let's get up to where we belong, and don't encourage some other brother to fall behind because he sees that you are. One's example in all things means a great deal.

Bro. Ford, of Montvale, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Buckley, the regular relief agent.

Bro. Rux, of Blue Ridge, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Buckley.

Bro. B. R. Carson bid in the third trick at Thaxton. The vacancy was caused by Bro. Wallace moving to second trick at Bonsack tower.

We have just learned that Halsey has been abolished, which throws Bro. Payne out in the cold. Suppose he will bid in some of the positions on bulletin at present.

Bro. Sidney E. Sutherland and Bro. T. C. Coleman, of Wilson, are off on vacation, taking in the Seattle Exposition. Bro Rice, from the west end, is relieving Bro. Sutherland.

Bro. Williams is working extra at Yadkin, relieving Bro. Trollinger, who bid in Pamplin third trick.

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Bro. Bates, of Suffolk, is off several days on account of the illness of his mother in Lynchburg. Bro. A. C. Johnson is relieving.

Bro. I. B. Carter, of Dwight, off a few days; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack. Bro. James, from this point, bid in Bonsack third trick.

Bro. C. D. Huddleston, of Wakefield, was off one day; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack.

Bro. Hancock, of Waverly, was off one day; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. J. T. Ellett, of Crewe, was off a few days on account of illness. Hope he has regained his usual good health. Bro. J. Y. Nicholson and Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald filled the bill as chief.

Mr. L. M. Bray, night chief, has been off several days on account of the death of his father-in-law. Bro. Lewis and Mr. Goodwin, Radford Division, working in "K" office.

Mrs. Carter, of Nottaway, second, was off three times on account of illness; relieved by Bros. A. C. Johnson, R. C. Williams and W. B. Spain.

C. E. Cardwell, third trick, was off two nights; relieved by J. E. Goodwin.

Bro. R. W. Jones, of Blackstone, second trick, was off a few days on account of illness; relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson.

Bro. Cook is assisting Bro. Coleman with tickets during the rush of business occasioned by the closing of B. F. I.

Mr. W. H. White was off a couple of days, attending court; relieved by J. E. Goodwin.

Understand that Bro. Frank McCraw, who was pulled from the agency at Houston by Mr. Zitzer, will claim the agency at Wellville by right of seniority and will report there soon. Unable to learn where Bro. Rogers will go.

Bro. T. C. Coleman, of Wilson, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. W. A. Nesbit. Bro. Nesbit, on third, relieved by J. E. Goodwin.

Bro. A. S. Vaiden, second trick at Ford, was off one day, visiting Petersburg, taking in the unveiling of Mahone's monument and assisting in the reception of President Taft; relieved by E. C. Mosley.

Bro. J. H. Hardy, second trick at Church Road, was off on the 14th; relieved by W. B. Spain. Bro. E. C. Talley, third trick, was off two days; relieved by W. B. Spain.

Bro. J. A. Heade, of Sutherland, was off four days, visiting Petersburg; relieved by R. C. Williams.

Come, brother, send your correspondence notes, and suggest anything that would be of interest to the members of this organization. CERT. 110.

Michigan Central Ry.

The members of Michigan Central Division, No. 16, adjacent to Detroit, met at their hall, in Detroit, on Tuesday evening, June 8th, in special meeting, having been called for the purpose of hearing reports from the Atlanta convention. A very good attendance of the membership was present and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. The word from the convention was optimistic. Our ship seems to be headed to the right harbor and destined to a successful cruise. All that is needed is for each member to do his share, keep up interest in the Order, watch out that its interests are looked after to the fullest extent in his vicinity, and that all persons suitable for membership are brought into and kept in the fold. Then, too, it is impossible to be a good and helpful member without being a good employe of your company. We should strive to the end that our members should be known as the very best of employes. We should keep faith with our officials by carrying out their instructions faithfully and looking after the business of the company as if it was our own. We should do our duty by the public by endeavoring to make pleasant their business with our company.

Full details of the convention will be given in THE TELEGRAPHER, and it is for us to set out upon another two years' work to the end that when our representatives gather at Toronto in 1911, still greater progress shall have been made.

All members of Michigan Central Division, No. 16, are reminded that we meet on the third Monday of each month at Prismatic Hall, 141 First Street, Detroit. Meetings are always interesting, but remember that every member present increases the interest. Come out and let us reason together.

CERT. 185.

Air Line and Main Line, Niles to Jackson—

Bro. Butler, the third trick man at Barron Lake, is off duty a few days, visiting relatives; relieved by Bro. Robinson, a new man on the pike, from Union City, Mich.

Bro. Virgo, first trick at Cassopolis tower, is off a couple of weeks, enjoying a vacation. Bro. Wherle, third trick man, relieved him. Telegrapher Decker, a new man on the road, relieved Bro. Wherle. Mr. Decker has been out of the telegraph service some years; was a member of the Order when he worked before and will be with us soon again.

Bro. Flewelling, first trick at Union City, was off ten days on a vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Sweeney, from Jackson.

Bro. Shea, third trick at Union City, was also off a couple of days, visiting in Jackson; Bro. Robinson was relief.

Bro. Brown, local chairman, is back at work at Haires tower, first trick, and Bro. Miller is back on third trick there, while Bro. Brewer is again on the extra list.

At Jackson we have two new fists, both from commercial offices.

Bro. Culkins, general chairman, is back at work at Albion, first hours. Bro. Hilt is again on the extra list.

Bro. Louks, the agent at Glenwood, was off a couple of weeks. We understand that he comes back a benedict. Congratulations from all of us. Relief Agent Bro. McIntyre relieved him.

The dispatchers are taking their vacations and Frank Allen and Cummins, extra dispatchers, are filling in the vacant tricks. Extra Dispatcher

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Carter is working Cummins' trick in "SF" office, Jackson.

Bro. Bennett, first trick at Niles, is off for a week, visiting relatives in Colon, Mich. Bro. Fitch, from Hill, second trick, relieved him, while Telegrapher Paul relieved Bro. Fitch. Paul is a new man on the pike; understand he is from the West.

There are not many vacancies this month. Quite a number of the boys are looking for vacations, but relief comes rather slow at this time of the year.

I suppose you all know Bro. J. H. Staley's address is Ridgemount, Ontario, instead of Falls View. It is time to send remittances for the new cards. CERT. 414.

West and Joliet Divisions—

The exceeding warm weather has decreased the division news this month, but will say that we had a very successful meeting at Hammond on the 10th inst., which was very well attended. Bro. Culkins, our general chairman, was present, and gave us an exceedingly good outline of the convention. Different subjects in which the members are directly interested were discussed. One subject was brought out very plainly and that was that every member should endeavor to be prompt in the payment of dues, which are to be remitted January 1st and July 1st of each year. Let us see if we can not live up to this to the letter. Send in your dues when due and do not wait to be left out in the cold.

We notice that a few extra telegraphers are being employed, and we are glad to say that, so far, the majority of members are in good standing.

We have just heard that our superintendent of telegraph, Mr. E. H. Millington, who has been in poor health of late, has gone East for a rest. We hope for his rapid recovery.

The dispatchers are about through taking their semi-annual inspection trips and will soon be back in their old places.

Of late three permanent positions on this division have been bulletined, and we are glad to say they are about filled.

Just before going to press, we understand that Mr. Millington is not expected to live.

Would like to state that your correspondent would be pleased to have any items of interest sent him, and assure you that they will be most gladly accepted. "UNCLE DUDLEY."

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Superintendent of Telegraph E. H. Millington. Mr. Millington suffered a stroke of paralysis several days ago, and from the first his life was despaired of. He had been in poor health for some time before this. Mr. Millington superseded former Superintendent of Telegraph E. E. Torrey, and has been superintendent for the past seven years, coming to Detroit, Mich., from St. Thomas, Ont., where he had been chief dispatcher for some time. He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter to mourn his loss. The telegraphers of the entire Michigan Central System join in expressing sympathy for the family in their bereavement.

CERT. 123.

Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—

Bro. E. L. Amley, of Linwood, Mich., for the past four years one of our best and most enthusiastic members, died at his home on Wednesday, June 9, at 10:00 a. m. The funeral was held Saturday. Bro. Amley had been in poor health for the past year, having been stricken with consumption. In the early spring a purse was raised by the members of Division No. 16 to send Bro. Amley to the West in the hope that he would regain his health, but he never recovered sufficiently to be able to make the trip, although in the last letter that the writer received from him he said he desired to thank all the boys who had contributed so handsomely for his benefit and hoped soon to be able to make the trip, and hoped to regain his health. In the death of Bro. Amley the Order loses a faithful worker, and the parents and family a dutiful son and brother. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

CERT. 87.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty, in His supreme wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, E. L. Amley; and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of our brother we have lost an honored member, and the parents a dutiful son; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the M. C. R. R. System Division, No. 16, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy in their hour of affliction, and most earnestly commend them to our Heavenly Father for consolation and comfort, ever remembering that He doeth all things well and wisely; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy spread upon our minutes.

J. E. BERRY,
C. J. RAFFERTY,
M. J. GRANGER,
Committee.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Third District—

Am informed that we came very near losing Bro. H. W. Bechtold, third trick telegrapher at Oakwood, who plays first base with the Oakwood ball team. He wanted to follow the Bloomer girls away after a good game there, but think he has decided to stay with us yet awhile.

Bro. C. H. Russell, agent at Oakwood, is enjoying a vacation traveling in New England States and Eastern Canada; relieved by Bro. E. J. Brennan, the second trick operator.

The third trick at Continental was bid in by Bro. W. S. Avey, but after staying there a few days he decided that he would be better satisfied at McComb, and so he returned to McComb. Bro. Avey was relieved at McComb by Bro. Schielo, a new man. Bro. C. A. Brown, who was filling third trick at Continental temporarily, went to Stony Island, and Telegrapher R. J. Green, a new

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man, filled the vacancy at Continental a few days until a regular man could arrive there.

Bro. L. E. Wagoner, formerly second trick at Colby, secured third trick at Continental on bulletin. Bro. Wagoner was relieved by Telegrapher C. F. Guzman, a "Mexican," and a new man on the road.

Bro. C. J. Erickson, third trick at Lupsic Junction, is laying off a couple of weeks and we understand that he is to be married; relieved by Telegrapher G. C. Bailey, a new man.

Telegrapher Green, at Fostoria, second trick, is relieving Bro. J. W. Redman, who went to Claypool, first trick.

Bro. Hixon, first trick at Continental, is off sick a few days; relieved by Bro. Avey.

Bro. D. W. Gilbert, of Bellvue passenger depot, is off duty a couple of days. A new man is working at Bellvue by the name of Shepard. Also Bro. W. A. Stover, of Bellvue yard office, off a few days; relieved by T. D. Noel.

The last meeting at Lupsic Junction was not very well attended we are sorry to say. If the boys would make some little effort to come we could have a good crowd every meeting night; it doesn't show the right spirit to neglect your labor union meetings and at the next meeting we would like to see one member from each office when possible, or more.

We have at last accomplished the task of getting agencies placed on bulletin. It is the duty of every brother who desires an agency to put in his bid promptly whenever one is bulletined and do everything in his power to make the work as light for the superintendent as possible. In this way we can keep our privileges and gain new ones.

I only received news from two or three offices and those two or three offices each month. Don't always look for the other fellow to send in items, but let us know what is going on around your office so we can have a good-sized write-up.

"ZIM."

Cleveland District—

Bro. W. B. San, the second trick man at Vermillion, is off a few days on account of the death of his wife; relieved by Telegrapher Walton, who was formerly with the L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Ten new engines on Cleveland Division, which made their first trip recently, was a pleasant surprise to all. Looks like up-to-date railroading.

Telegrapher Shepard is now doing the "owl stunt" at Willoughby.

Extra Telegrapher Walton is on the third trick at Kimball.

Bro. Pierce, the first trick man at East Lorain, is on leave of absence on account of poor health. We hope to see Bro. Pierce return to duty in the near future, enjoying better health.

Sister Steel, first trick at Madison, is on a month's vacation and is traveling through the West, visiting relatives in Denver and New Mexico. Telegrapher Noel is relieving at Madison.

Thanks are due Bro. Mulcahy for the handsome souvenir post cards from Atlanta.

One hundred and ten wire sounds like a saw mill these nights. Why? Oh, some stiff has the nerve to shove a student-in there. Shame? Huh! he has none.

What is the rule in regard to filling temporary vacancies? When there is a vacancy for two weeks, a month or longer, can a man who has a steady job jump in and fill that vacancy? If so, what is coming to the extra man? He should have the extra work, be it first, second or third trick and the man who has a regular job stay on it or declare it vacant. Our schedule seems lame here. Can't it be remedied?

Bro. Wilson, regular second trick man at Madison, is filling the vacancy made by Sister Steel, who is on vacation. Extra Telegrapher Noel is working second trick.

There are several nons on the Cleveland District at present. Two of these have promised to join us. The brothers working tricks with these nons should get busy and land them. Now is when we need them and they need an up-to-date. A solid O. R. T. gives the committee power.

COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst the beloved wife of Bro. B. W. Sarr; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of Nickel Plate System, Div. No. 18, Order of Railway Telegraphers, that we extend to Bro. Sarr and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to our brother, a copy spread on the records of this division and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. G. MANSON.
C. F. MAYER.
C. H. BASTAIN.

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry.

Our meeting which was held at Elks' Hall, Hamilton, Ohio, June 21st, was one worthy of special mention. To say that it was a fine meeting is not making it strong enough. One of the main features of the meeting was a talk made by Fourth Vice-President J. J. Dermody, and those who missed this event have surely been "stung." Bro. Dermody talked for a period of one hour and then to the regret of all present the Chair had to call time on him on account of the limited time left to finish up and catch trains for home. The attendance was cut down a little below expectations due to the hard rain in the early part of the evening. However, the crowd was one made up of the right kind of material, not willing to be headed off by rain or anything else. Lunch and mild refreshments were served and everybody went home happy, armed with a "big stick" for the non-members.

Local Chairman J. P. Fahey is away on thirty days' leave of absence, enjoying an extended honeymoon trip, having entered the "sacred

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bonds." We have not learned the former name of the fair one, but hope to receive her application for membership in the near future. The division desires to extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy pair.

Bro. Perrin, second trick at Wyoming, is away on leave of absence.

The C. H. & D. boys have taken advantage of the allotted time for play brought about through the introduction of the shorter working day and have organized baseball teams. The last game booked at Dayton between the North and South End boys resulted in a victory for the North End team, the score, 6 to 5; little close, but Manager Fisher says "fine biz."

Business is so heavy at present that it seems like old times; the only difference is that the eight and nine-hour day has taken the place of the twelve-hour day and we don't mind the work so much. We understand that the interchange report on business handled at Cincinnati shows 1,100 loads handled on June 23d, breaking all previous records, the next highest in any one day being 750 in 1907. Who said no business? Boys get loaded; looks like we should secure a revised schedule soon.

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C. M. & St. P. Ry.

Northern Division—

We understand that Bro. Dunlap is improving slowly, but that he is yet very weak.

Bro. Nichols, of Wampun, has been on the sick list for the past week, and Telegrapher Radke is helping out at Wampun during his absence.

Bro. Meigs, agent at Fox Lake, got married since our last write-up, and during his absence for the big event Bro Schwalbach, from third trick at Granville, acted as agent, looking after the summer resorters. Mr. Hoey is holding down third trick at Granville, during Bro. Schwalbach's absence.

Bro. O. W. Renshaw has resigned the office of general chairman, to take effect at once, and he resumes service with the company. His successor has not been named as yet. Bro. Soyster takes charge of the work until the new man is elected. We regret to see Bro. Renshaw leave us, as he has proven faithful to his office in all ways.

New steel is being laid from North Milwaukee to Rugby Junction, and some more is going to be put in between Cambria and Parduville.

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C. & C. B. (in Iowa) Division—

Bro. C. E. Miller, of Bouton, is laying off a few days. Telegrapher Allen is relieving him.

Dispatcher J. J. Kindig was over the division recently, shaking hands and renewing old acquaintances.

Bro. J. W. Belles, of Council Bluffs yard office, reports nothing doing He says "Its deader than dead."

Bro. H. Seeger, first trick at Morley, took a day off the latter part of May. Relieved by Telegrapher Ed. Warner.

Bro. Olson, of Madrid, second trick, is now in Des Moines, dispatching trains on the Des Moines Division. Telegrapher Miles is relieving him at Madrid.

Bro. Paul Kouba, of Vining, is off on a month's vacation in Idaho and Washington. Bro. C. J. Oleson is relieving him.

If you don't notice that item in the journal this time, you know that you did not say anything to "John Tile" about it.

We must again take off our hats to Bros. Zadnichek and Bliss. They are the ones who contributed most of the news items in this issue.

Bro. G. L. Arrasmith, of Bayard, has been off a few days, on account of the death of his mother at Griswold, Ia. Relieved by Relief Agent Allen.

Bro. A. A. Hottle, of Slater tower, second trick, is laying off a week visiting friends and relatives at Garavin and Jewell Junction. Telegrapher F. T. Gustafson is relieving him at Slater.

Bro. J. N. Elsner, of Morley, nights, is certainly doing his share of the extra work. A few days ago we found him at East Marion yard, and at present he is working as agent at Edgewood.

Bro. W. E. Rose worked third trick at Green Island, during Bro. Buswell's absence the latter part of May. He also worked at Clinton the night of May 31st to see that the "elephant" trains got out of town O. K.

Bro. A. Gamelin, the former agent at Huxley, writes us that he is now installed in his new position on the coast extension at Lemmon, S. D, and likes it very much. He says they have hard winds and rains up there. Success to Bro. Gamelin.

Several of the brothers took in the Hackenback-Wallace shows, at Perry, June 5th, among which were noticed: Bro. F. M. Bentley, of Rhodes; Bros. Rupp and Rood, of Slater tower; Bros. Embree and Hoesly, of Madrid, and Bro. W. J. Swenning, of Herndon.

Telegrapher C. L. Jeffries got the second trick and Bro. M. L. Blakeslee the third trick at Herndon; Bro. C. L. Kinner, of Keystone, got Manila, second trick; Bro. W. E. Rose got Lost Nation, third trick, and Bro. N. P. Black has been appointed extra day telegrapher in the dispatcher's office at Perry.

Bro George Madsen, of Persia, nights, relieved Bro. W. M. Arrasmith, at Manning, for a short time. Bro. Arrasmith attended the Firemen's Tournament, at Scranton, and we understand his team won the trophy. Bro. Madsen was relieved at Persia, by Mr. D. A. Arrasmith, an old timer, who leaves his farm just often enough to keep in good practice.

Telegrapher L. V. Curran, who has been working extra, nights, at Vining and Van Horne about two weeks, is now relieving Bro. Loeltz at Earling. We understand that Bro. Loeltz is on his honeymoon trip, visiting at Twin Falls, Idaho, where he has a ranch. He also intends to take in the fair at Seattle before returning to work.

Bro. Bethurum, formerly night telegrapher at Paralta, has just returned from Kansas, and is

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now working extra on the east division. He relieved Bro. L. A. Kell, second trick at Oxford Junction, a few days, the first part of June, who laid off on account of his mother's sickness. He also worked at Clinton the night of June 10th, and helped get the Elk special out of town, and is at present relieving Bro. W. D. Fox, of Delmare Junction, first trick, who is off a few days.

"JOHN TILE."

So. Minnesota Division—

Business is improving on the east end, and we hear that there will be a number of night men employed which will make room for several telegraphers on the division. The new trainmaster, Mr. Atkins, from the Wisconsin Valley Division, has taken up his duties, and seems to be determined to have things as they should be.

Understand Bro. Steves, at Houston, is off for thirty days; do not know who is taking his place.

Bro. Wood worked at Houston, nights, for a while, but took charge of Airlie station when it was opened.

Bro. Mathison appointed to Houston night office, has not gone there but is still doing the relief stunt at Colman.

Bro. Burnett worked third trick at Ramsey; Bro. Parker, second, and Stephenson, days, until vacancy is filled for the four months. Bro. Horton is working as extra dispatcher.

Bro. Schendel, of Fairmont, days, has been appointed to second trick at Ramsey, and Whalen, from Hatfield, has been appointed to Fairmont for four months.

C. W. Stephenson has been appointed as agent at Ramsey, until Bro. Horton returns.

Bro. Fogarty, from Sherburn, and Bro. Kenevan, from Lakefield, are taking in the big fair at Seattle.

Sherburn is being run by Gene Fogarty.

Percy Taggart, formerly at Minnesota Lake, is back on the S. M. He worked with the circus several nights as telegrapher, and at present is relieving at Lakefield, during Bro. Kenevan's absence.

Bro. E. H. Laugen off for a few days at Jackson; relieved by an old-timer named Smith. Smith is now working extra at Fairmont.

Dispatchers Wethe and Seward are taking their regular vacations at Madison; relieved by Bro. T. P. Horton, extra dispatcher on S. M.

Bro. V. E. West, at Artesian, is taking in the exposition at Seattle, and visiting relatives in Idaho; relieved by Flynn, from Chandler.

Agent Felker is on the sick list, and Bro. Felber, from Pipestone, has taken charge of Ramona station temporarily.

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River Division—

Bro. F. E. Galliven has gone to Butte, Mont., to accept a position as telegrapher in the office of General Superintendent H. B. Earling.

Telegrapher P. C. Heuer, who was appointed fifth operator in "C" office, Minneapolis, did not seem to be equipped with the necessary qualifications, and the position is again bulletined. Bro. W. F. Hawkins filling in there temporarily, and Heuer reverting to the extra list.

Bro. O. W. Renshaw, our genial and worthy general chairman, has been appointed chief dispatcher on the H. & D. Division, and while we are all pleased to see his ability recognized by the company, we are also extremely sorry to lose him as general chairman.

Telegrapher Donohue, of Lower yard (St. Paul), who was absent from duty for several weeks on account of sickness, is back at the old stand.

The depot at Ridgewood Park has been moved some 200 feet east and across the tracks, which is an improvement that is greatly appreciated by Mrs. Sones the agent.

Bro. W. G. Hanson, our local chairman, is back on his old job at Lake City, and reports a very pleasant time at the Atlanta convention.

Second Trick Dispatcher M. T. Skewis is enjoying his two weeks' annual vacation, and is relieved by Bro. F. E. Bruner, from Newport.

Bro. Wilcox, of South Minneapolis, has moved to his farm near Hopkins, and expects to raise shamrocks until next fall.

O. C. Peed, of Chestnut St. (St. Paul), captured third trick at Red Wing on bulletin.

Several of the new "Mikado" type locomotives (of which there are but four larger in the United States, and those on the Susquehanna Division of the Erie Ry.) passed over this division recently, to be used in the mountain service of the Coast Extension.

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Third District—

Bro. W. J. Kreh, of Tower A 23, Deerfield, is recovering nicely from the operation for appendicitis; he was at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, for nearly three weeks, but returned to Deerfield the 22d, and will visit at the home of his parents in Michigan for about two months before resuming duty this fall.

Bro. C. A. Selig, agent at Deerfield, has been sick with tonsilitis, but we understand he is now convalescent; his father died about two weeks ago. The sympathy of all the boys is expressed in the resolutions adopted by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The mumps seem to be getting victims among the agents north of Rondout. Bro. McNamara, of Russell, was sick for a week or so with them.

Bro. J. J. Wynhoff, of Tower A 68, is relieving at Tower A 23 during Bro. Kreh's absence.

Bro. W. A. Beaver is relieving at Deerfield, during Bro. Selig's illness.

Understand Bro. D. A. Beaver, former agent at Shermerville, is going to visit out West for a month or so this summer.

Bro. J. E. Meredith has been checked in as the new agent at Shermerville. It is understood that he wanted a busy place, and we think he will find Shermerville just that style.

Only two desirable nons left on the C. & M., in scheduled positions, and one of them has the

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papers filled out now, but waiting for the beginning of the new term. The other fellow has promised not less than a dozen times, but so far has not made good.

Bro. Smith has returned from Harlem, Mont., and is again holding down one of the fone jobs at Glenview.

We are very sorry to lose the brother from Tower A 23, on account of his small error causing No. 25 to trail through a switch point. Understand this was his first trouble with an interlocking plant, and it seems a very small thing to discharge a man for, if he felt he was unjustly treated he should have said something.

Those assigned to regular positions who have not been placed at them, should take the matter up with the chief dispatcher or superintendent before referring it to the local chairman.

The meeting at Libertyville was fairly well attended, though some first trick men and agents from north of Warrenton should have come; the Saturday excursion business and the gravel trains detained most of the brothers on the Janesville line, which, of course, could not be helped. We were favored by the presence of First Vice-President Newman, Chief Telegrapher G. Dal. Jones and Secretary and Treasurer McDonald, of Division No. 91, all of whom gave us very interesting talks; two other brothers from No. 91 were in attendance also, but on account of limited time we did not have the pleasure of hearing from all.

Bro. Soyster, our secretary and treasurer, told us of the loss of Bro. Renshaw as general chairman; he having resigned to accept the position of chief dispatcher on the H. & D. Division. We feel this is a severe loss, as Bro. Renshaw's ability and acquaintance with how things should be done made him a very valuable man to us; still we feel that Bro. Renshaw had just the same right to accept promotion as any of the rest of us would, and we wish him every success in his present position and hope he may attain higher honors for there is no question of his ability. We trust that he will always remember to play fair, now that he is on the other side of the table; fair play is all we ask.

Bro. W. A. McKay, lever man at Pac. Jct., is going to his home near Fargo, N. D., to spend a few weeks.

Bro. James, of "C" office, is working for one of Superintendent Rupp's clerks, while he is on a vacation, and Bro. Tabbert, of Galewood, third trick, is working in James' place, and a Bro. Z. D. Reed, from the C. & C. B. Division, is working at Galewood.

Bro. P. G. Miller is working first trick at Tower A 68, and a new man named M. J. Kane is working the second trick temporarily.

The next meeting is to be held in Chicago, some time in August, if nothing prevents, and we hope to see every Terminal man who is off duty attend, and also all the C. & M. boys who can, should be present; they can return on the Deerfield train and then catch some time freight from there to their destination. We will try to secure a hall about a block distant from West Ave. depot, and this will make it handy for all concerned. Let every one keep this in mind, and when the time comes attend and take an active part in the organization. This is the only way to keep up interest.

Grievances should be aired at meetings, and not to trainmen or others. They may be your friends, but they never helped you to get more pay, shorter hours or a grievance settled.

There is a certain member here in the Terminals who feels aggrieved at a brother on account of the brother will not allow the use of a wire at certain times; it has gone so far that one says he will drop out; this is a wrong position to take. There would be just as much logic in moving out of the city or State, yet on the other hand no one should monopolize a wire to the exclusion of the other; you may be busy, but if you will remember the other fellow once in a while, you will have more friends, and, in the end will do just as much business, besides, avoiding friction, should be the policy of every member. CERT. 1129.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to remove from our midst the beloved father of our worthy Bro. C. A. Selig; therefore be it

Resolved, That we the members of the Third District, Division No. 23, do extend to Bro. Selig our heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. R. ALLEMAN,
B. J. SIMEN,
M. R. CORCORAN,
Committee.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Sedalia District—

As I have not received any items from the brothers during the past month, I take it for granted it is the unanimous opinion of the members on this district that a write-up is unnecessary, and a waste of time and space. But just to the contrary I shall give them what few items I have been able to get.

I have not had much time during the past month to keep tab on the changes, as I was unfortunately robbed of my suit case in Atlanta, it being taken from my room during the day, and as all my records were in my case I have been busy night and day trying to find out who, what, and where I am.

Bro. Tegeler secured New Haven nights on bid.

Bro. J. E. West gets second trick Valley Park on bid.

Bro. J. S. Ford, Jr., gets the agency at Lake City on bid, and Bro. R. S. Davis gets the night position.

O. F. Miller secures Tipton nights.

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J. C. Wilson secures Centretown nights, permanently.

Bro. A. W. Williams secured night job at Warrensburg permanently.

I understand Laughrey, who relieved Bro. Pelsring at Lee's Summit a few days, has left the service.

A. M. Page is relievlng Mrs. Best on third trick at Independence.

Bro. H. McClain, nights at Holden, enjoyed two weeks' vacation in June, visiting in Iowa and Michigan, being relieved by P. C. Aylesworth.

J. E. Huerner, agent at Barretts, was relieved a few days in June on account of sickness.

Bro. Bryan, who has been working in Chief Dispatcher Knapp's office for several months relieving Mr. Croft, has resumed his regular position in yard office at Sedalia. Mr. Croft was in Chicago taking treatment.

Bro. C. C. Bair, formerly in yard office, Sedalia, is back on the Mo. Pac. after having taken in the West and Southwest. He is at present working third trick at Pleasant Hill.

I want you boys to ginger up now, and not get the idea into your heads that you are all dead ones, just because business is dead.

I shall expect every member between now and July 31st to write me, giving me the names and initials of every telegrapher working in his office, stating whether members or nons, and if members to what division they belong, giving certificate numbers, if possible.

I want every member to do this, and if there are three employed at one station I want three reports from that station. Don't think because the other fellow at your station sends in his report that yours is not necessary, but every one of you mail me this report immediately after reading this article.

Let's wake up and attend to business and not get lazy just because the weather is warm.

W. L. W.

Hoistington to Horace District—

On account of our correspondent, Bro. Hartman, leaving the service, we have let the write-up from this division lag, but we are now "up and doing" with Bro. G. W. Curtis handling the pencil.

Bro. E. H. Strait, night telegrapher at La Crosse, has given up "pounding an old Morse key" for "keeps," and gone into the draying business in La Crosse. He was relieved by a Mr. G. A. Fitzgerald from Pennsylvania.

Utica, "CA," was opened a few nights ago with "Bill" Lawrance doing the stunt; am unable to ascertain whether it is permanent.

On account of the shortage of telegraphers Shields was closed for a few nights the first of this month, but was reopened the 18th with Mr. Lewis working the night trick. We understand that he is from the C. & S.

G. A. Fitzgerald, night telegrapher at La Crosse, has taken a lay-off. He was relieved by Bro. A. J. Richards, from the D. & R. G.

Sugar City, Colo., agency is up for bid.

Mr. L. O. McMeekin, third trick dispatcher at Pueblo, was over the line last week getting a line-up on the track.

We take notice that some of the brothers who are working nights have that old ballad, "Sleep is such a treat to me" ringing in their ears, and some of them are taking that "Treat." This is a practice that will get them into trouble and should be discontinued at once.

Out of about "twenty-five" circular notices asking for items, which were forwarded together with a form for furnishing the writer "Names, Cert. and Division Nos." of all the telegraphers along the line, only three have been returned. Come on with the news. We would like a pretty good showing in every issue of the journal, but it will be impossible to be well represented unless the correspondent is given assistance. Endeavor to "scrape" up some news, and forward to me in time for publication.

Bro S. A. Miller, who has been away from this pike, for quite a while resting up, returned a few days ago, and has landed the night job at Arlington, Colo.

We understand that Bro. E. H. Strait is undergoing a "seige of the mumps." We hope to soon hear of his recovery.

Have you paid your dues? If not—well—get busy. Do not let them run behind. Do it now!

Bro. J. E. Swain, second trick at Hoisington, has taken a lay-off, and is "taking in the sights" in Michigan, so we understand, and Bro. O. J. Smelser, first trick at Hoisington, is working in his place. We trust that Bro. Swain is enjoying a much needed rest.

Bro. G. W. Curtis was off duty a few days the first of the month, on account of the death of his cousin. He returned to his home at Salina, Kan., to attend the funeral, and was relieved by Mr. G. A. Fitzgerald.

Some time ago it was reported that Bro. E. E. Windsor, agent at McCracken, had resigned, but we take notice that Bro. Windsor is still on the job; it seems there is no one to relieve him.

Business sems to be improving. Eads, Colo., which has been a day job for nearly eight months, was reopened as a night office May 28th, with Mr. G. A. Fitzgerald doing the "Owl" stunt. He having been off duty for two weeks since leaving La Crosse.

La Crosse, until a few days ago a "two-man" job, has been given "three" men.

We understand that Sheridan Lake, Colo., has a new agent, therefore, that job will be bulletined soon. This will give some of the boys a chance to get a good "agency."

Let us try to make a good showing from now on in the way of write-ups. I assure you that I shall do my best if you fellows will come across with something to write about. Div. Cor.

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Hoxie District—

News is very scarce on this division this month—if the brothers will send items to Bro. S. Nelson, at Hope, Ark., we will have a nice write-up every month.

Telegrapher P. H. Stuart relieved Telegrapher Dever, nights, at Minturn. Can not say where Mr. Stuart is from.

Bro. W. J. Dearing, formerly third trick at Bald Knob, has bid in Swifton, nights.

Telegrapher Green is relieving Sister F. Davis, third trick telegrapher at McAlmont, for a few days.

Bro. A. Poston is again at his post, as second trick man at Austin, after three weeks' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. H. H. Green, formerly of the N. C. & St. L.

Bro. U. S. Goodwin, first trick at Argenta, has returned after serving thirty days; he was relieved by Bro. W. B. Cunningham, regular second trick man. Bro. Cunningham was relieved by Bro. S. B. Werner, whose regular position is third trick.

Mr. M. A. Callaghan has been installed as agent at Olyphant, a non-telegraph station.

Bro. J. T. Brewer, agent at Kensett, was off a few days to take his wife to Memphis.

Bro. W. H. Thomason is working third trick at Bald Knob, until that position is filled by bulletin.

Bro. W. B. Cunningham, the second trick man at Argenta, spent a couple of days fishing this month.

Bro. J. J. Stevens, of the Grand Division, is working the third trick at Argenta.

Bro. N. B. Huling, of the Penn. worked a few nights at Argenta, filling in while Bro. Cunningham was off on his fishing trip.

W. T. Gattis, who formerly worked first and second tricks at Newport, is now located as second trick telegrapher at "BG," Little Rock.

Pine Bluff District—

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Cline, wife of Bro. W. A. Cline, at Varner. Mrs. Cline died at Tillar, on the 18th of June.

Bro. C. S. Brown, of Walnut Lake, is relieving Bro. Cline.

Mr. W. D. Capp, formerly of the N. C. & St. L., is now working nights at Wrightsville; relieved by Bro. E. B. Wall, who is working days at Higgins.

Bro. Goodbar, of Pine Bluff, days, is taking a few days' vacation; can not say who is relieving him.

We are very sorry that we did not get any news from the Texarkana District, as that district ought to be able to furnish us as much news as the Hoxie District. Guess our local chairman is too busy to get up anything. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Creator to remove from our midst the beloved wife of our Bro. W. A. Cline, and

WHEREAS, In token of our universal respect and sympathy for Bro. Cline; be it

Resolved, By the membership of O. R. T. System Division, No. 31, of the Arkansas Division, St. L. I. M. & S. Ry., that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to him in his bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent our bereaved brother, a copy placed upon the records of this division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

S. NELSON,
F. E. SAMUEL,
J. A. WALL,
Committee.

June 21, 1909.

Arkansas Division, Pine Bluff District—

Bro. W. M. Holman, general chairman of Division No. 31, was the guest of Telegrapher F. V. Dickey, at Noble Lake, for one day. The day was spent in fishing on the lake, and Mr. Holman, being an expert angler, soon had a fine string of speckled beauties. But the kind of fish he likes to catch the best is a non, and he was successful in landing Miss M. E. Bidwell, night telegrapher at Jefferson Springs. Welcome to the fold Sister Bidwell. COR.

Central Division—

Bro. Barger has been assigned to the agency at Lenapah.

Bro. Robinson, of Lenapah, nights, has accepted a position with the Postal at Ft. Smith.

Bro. Miller, the day telegrapher at Nowata, has resigned. Bro. Maddox is working there until an assignment is made.

Bro. Pugh, of Wagoner, has resigned. Can not say who will get this, as it is on bid now. In losing Bro. Pugh, No. 31 loses one of its best and most loyal members, as he was certainly a friend to a man with a card.

Mr. Montgomery, a new-comer, has been placed as day telegrapher at Illinois, during the potato season.

Bro. Rozzell, of Illinois, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Hayes Merc. Co., of Webber Falls.

Bro. McKee relieved your scribe, while he attended the convention. McKee has bid in Conway, nights.

Bro. Harned, of Ozark, is off on a vacation; being relieved by Telegrapher H. W. Rice.

Bro. Hattendorf, of Denning yard, has gone to Ft. Worth, Tex., taking his better-half along. Relieved by Bro. Mitchell.

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Bro. Benedict, of Conway, is laying off; relieved by Mr. Weeks, a C. T. U. A. man.

Bro. Wills has been assigned to Palarm, nights.

Am very sorry that nothing was sent in from this division last month, but I was at the convention and failed to get back in time to get the news to our editor.

In conclusion, I wish to say I hear some complaints relating to a position on the east end not being bulletined. This is no fault of mine, as you all know I am no mind reader and can not tell what is going on there. Some of you "kickers" should sit down and write me when a vacancy shows up, for I am in the dark on this district. I am willing to do all in my power to maintain the rights of the members, and have made enemies by demanding same from the officials. L. C.

White River Division—

There is but little news on the White River this month.

Bro. Holman, general chairman, made a trip over the line a few days since. He reports the division in very good shape. We still have a few nons, but think when we get after them vigorously we will reduce the number.

Bro. Ausmus, agent at Clover, is taking a leave of absence, and is being relieved by extra man, W. W. Hoyt.

Bro. Butler, the agent at Sylamore, is taking a sixty days' leave of absence; haven't heard who is relieving him.

Battlefield station has been opened as a freight and ticket station, but it is a non-telegraph station. Business on the White River Division is improving. The company is doing considerable ballast work at the present time.

Our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. H. D. Masters, made a trip to St. Louis recently.

Second Trick Dispatcher Mr. W. A. Nye, from Cotter; Bro. G. W. McVey, agent Mt. Olive; Ed. Plant, agent at Norfolk, and Bro. Brewer, agent at Newport, are attending United States Court at Batesville.

Supt. J. W. Daniels visited Batesville this week. CERT. 2226.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Baltimore Division—

The regular monthly meeting of the division was held at the usual meeting place, Lafayette Hall, 609 North Fremont Ave., on Wednesday evening, June 9th, with the usual large attendance. The meeting was called to order about 8:15, Bro. McGrath presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary and Treasurer Bro. Hurdle, who, by the way, has just taken unto himself a bride. We desire to congratulate Bro. Hurdle and wish him future happiness.

Bro. Day announced that he would be unable to attend the meeting on account of being absent from the city.

Bro. Richardson, our delegate to the convention, made quite a lengthy address, telling of his experience in Atlanta and the happenings at the convention, all of which were very interesting.

Oliver H. Day, better known to the fraternity as "Shorty" Day, was accidentally drowned at Havre de Grace, Md., on May 14th. The body was recovered and taken to the home of his mother, 1730 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, Md., where the funeral services were held, and thence taken to London Park and interred in their family lot. Mr. Day was well known among the commercial and railroad telegraphers, who will be surprised to hear of his sudden death. Mr. Frank S. Day, who is employed in the general office of the B. & O. R. R., is a brother. Mr. Day was not doing telegraph duty at the time of his death, but had substituted in "GO" office during the inaugural period, and had many friends in that office, as well as in the offices of the W. U. and Postal. We regret very much his untimely end.

CERT. 299.

IN MEMORIAM.

At the last regular meeting of the Eastern District, Baltimore Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, on Wednesday, June 9, 1909, the following resolution was ordered adopted through this committee, a copy sent to our bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the meeting, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life the beloved brother of our brother, Frank S. Day; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Eastern District, Baltimore Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, whilst bowing in humble submission to the will of God, extend their sympathy and condolence to our bereaved brother and his family.

Very fraternally yours,

C. B. PIERCE, *Chairman.*
H. R. WATKINS,
J. F. RICHARDSON,
Committee,

Chicago Division, West End—

Bro. M. R. McMillion, from the Missouri Pacific, is holding down the summer agency at Lake Wawasee.

A large number of the members from the Chicago Division attended the meeting at Defiance June 16th.

Bro. W. D. Walters, of Chicago Junction, bid in the evening trick at "G," Garrett, on June bulletin.

Bros. Rothenberger and Clark, of Suman, both joined the band in that little city. Both are noted musicians.

It seems that some of the younger members can not get along without "scrapping." Such conditions should not exist among the brothers; it causes hard feelings where only good will should be in evidence. Remember we are united for one purpose—that is to better our working conditions.

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Mr. A. L. Newell, second trick at Millers, resigned, by the company's request. We trust his place will be filled by an up-to-date brother.

We have heard that several of the brothers intend to drop out of the Order. We are indeed sorry to hear such news. Brothers, consider the matter. You are injuring yourselves more than any person you may dislike. Think what the Order has done for you in the past—through the hard times we have just passed our wages were not cut one cent; then look at the eight-hour day we are now enjoying; and when everything is taken into consideration, we are just getting in shape to accomplish greater tasks. I urge you to consider this matter carefully; don't let personal feeling cause you to turn your back on the Order. If you feel you are being wronged in any way, take it up with the officers of the Order as a man should do; there is no one who will assist you in times of trouble as the O. R. T. Therefore, brothers, let's push, not hang back, and see what we can accomplish within the next year.

Bro. Ritter is working at Ripley at present. Can not say who is off.

Send us news, brothers. You surely can not expect a write-up unless you do. Come on with what you know each month, about five days after pay-day. You may think, "Well, he knows I was sick, on a visit," etc., but this is not always the case. It may not interest you, but there's many a brother from the B. & O. working for some other road who will be pleased to hear from the Chicago Division. Come on with your news. Write me—a note will do—otherwise do not expect to see any items.

A block wire is being strung from Hicksville to R. I. Junction, to comply with the new law, which is effective July 1st. It will necessitate more offices and men.

Bro. W. W. Gruesbeck, of Ripley, is spending his vacation in the East, near Philadelphia. Bro. Ritter is relieving him. Bro. F. W. Reed, formerly of Ripley, has been reinstated.

Bro. C. C. Otto and bride, of Tiffin, are spending a few days at Suman with his parents.

Bro. T. J. Karr resumed duty at Alida June 9th, after being off a month with a very sore hand. Telegraphers Whitsel and G. Hallen relieved him.

Bro. M. L. Gragg, first trick at Alida, was off a few days, being a witness in a trial at Valpo. Relieved by Mr. Whitsel.

Mr. Bailey, second trick at Walkerton, was off a few days with a sore arm; relieved by Mr. Spurgeon, of McCools. Bro. Ray Lansing, at McCools, was also relieved by Mr. Spurgeon.

Mr. Ansboro, dispatcher at Garrett, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Comparett, of second trick, who in turn is relieved by Mr. Odum. Mr. Brookmeyer now has the third trick on east end regular.

It is said that Mr. G. Hallen, who has been at Lapaz for the past four years, has left the service.

Mr. Peterson is working second trick at Teegarden.

Mr. Rhinehold secured second trick at Millers on advertisement. Mr. Ervin is working third trick at Millers extra.

Bro. M. W. Bishop, who left the service a few months ago, is working in the yard office for the Pennsylvania at Logansport.

Mr. R. B. Thornton, who works for the Grand Trunk at Battle Creek, Mich., visited his brother, F. M. Thornton, second trick at Alida, recently.

Brothers, note the "Misters" in above news and get after them.

No card, no favors. No exceptions whatever to this rule.

Send me your news pay-day each month.

W. S. Y.

Monongah Division—

CORNWALLIS, W. VA., May 22, 1909.

Members Order Railroad Telegraphers, Monongah Division, B. & O. Ry.:

DEAR FRIENDS: Please accept our sincere thanks for beautiful floral offering and the kindness and sympathy extended to us in our sad bereavement.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN B. CONIFF AND
LAVELLE FAMILY.

New Castle Division—

Bro. Purdy, the first trick man at Akron Junction, was off over Sunday; relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Ault, first trick at "XN" tower, Cuyahoga Falls, is "baching" a few days on account of his family visiting in New York City. Bro. Ault accompanied them as far as New Castle, taking his vacation on the fly.

Bro. McLaughlin, second trick at Akron Junction, was called home on account of the sickness of his father. He was relieved by Bro. French, who has been doing the exra work at Ravenna.

Bro. Pennell, first trick at Kent tower, bid in the third trick at Ravenna; relieved by Telegrapher Krueger, who completed the course under Professor Russell. We hope Mr. Krueger will prove himself more of a man than the "Professor," and we have reasons to believe he will do so.

Bro. Post, of "FS" tower, third trick, was relieved by Bro. Carleton during commencement week.

Bro. McBride, third trick at "MR" tower, is on ten days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Artz, a new man in the business.

Bro. Marshall, third trick at Newton Falls, is off duty one week, fishing, in the wilds of Michigan. Bro. Marshall proved himself a fisherman by sending the Newton Falls boys a sample of what he got. However, the expense bill was not attached, and we have no way of knowing what the fish cost the brother. He was relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Clewell, of Niles Junction, first trick, was relieved by Bro. Carleton, in order that he might take the color examination.

We are sorry to hear of the serious trouble of Bro. Faust, first trick at Haselton, but we hope

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he will return from the Springs in first-class condition and ready for the fray.

Bro. Smith, of "SK" office, Easton, bid in second trick at Lowellville, and after a few days' vacation, will go there. Bro. Siering is doing the extra work at Easton.

Bro. Prinn, second trick at Ohio Junction, was called to Baltimore on account of the serious illness of his sister. Bro. Carleton is relieving him.

Bro. Sarff, third trick at N. C. Junction, is off for thirty days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Bedell, from second trick at same place. Bro. Bedell was relieved by Telegrapher Wildman.

Bro. A. F. Alexander has been transferred from clerk and telegrapher at Cuyahoga Falls to same position at Warren, Main Line. Bro. Kestler, who held the job at Warren, went to Cuyahoga Falls in Alexander's place.

Business seems to be gradually improving, and with it comes inquiries from the boys as to when negotiations will be resumed, which shows that they are not entirely satisfied. Eight hours is a big improvement over twelve, but it does not pay the grocery bill, and with living expenses as they are now, it is no wonder the men are getting uneasy.

Some new faces have appeared on the division since last writing. We must again urge every member to do all he can to get these men in line, and especial attention should be given to the boys who are just starting. While we oppose the teaching of telegraphy under existing conditions, yet now that they are here, we should treat them right and show them the value of thorough organization. "UNCLE BIFF."

Connellsville Division—

Bro. Mull, formerly of Connellsville Division, is at present working on the Western Maryland R. R.

Bro. Elder is now located at "FO" tower, second trick.

Bro. Cronin, a new-comer, has landed the second trick at Philson.

Bro. John Habel, who has been on the sick list for several days, has resumed duty.

Bro. J. B. Margroff recently visited his old home at Accident, Md.

Bro. Noble was the successful bidder on second trick at S. & M. Junction.

Bro. W. J. Emerick was a visitor in Pittsburg last month. During his sojourn in the city, Bros. Emerick and De Huff took in one of the Pittsburg-New York baseball games.

Bro. C. A. Boyer spent a short vacation in Newton Falls recently.

Bro. S. M. De Huff spent two weeks with his mother at Huntingdon, Pa. Mrs. De Huff and daughter, Rose, accompanied him.

Living expenses at Uniontown have increased materially since the advent of a new first trick telegrapher at that point. DIV. COR.

P. & W. District—

As per bulletin No. 17, the following appointments were made: Mr. C. H. Rubell, Callery, split trick; Bro. C. J. Fisher, Elfinwild, third trick; Mr. F. W. Johnson, Ribolds, second trick; Bro. L. L. Williams, Ribolds, third trick. Vacancies exist at Allegheny days and second trick at Ellwood City.

Bro. Phipps, of third trick at Schenley, has returned to duty after an extended trip to Baltimore; relieved by Mr. Rubell.

Bro. Fisher now has a regular position, Elfinwild, third trick.

Bro. A. A. Hostetler, third trick at Downieville, has taken unto himself a life help-mate, and is now visiting relatives at Goshen, Ind., on a honeymoon; relieved by Bro. C. H. McElhenney, of Division No. 52.

Bro. Yeager was compelled to lay off on account of an abscess at the root of a tooth. This caused him to be absent from our last regular meeting.

Bro. J. R. Davis, second trick man at Callery, is off on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Morehead.

Bro. G. T. Smith has also left the B. & O. for parts unknown.

Bro. Williams, of Ribolds, third trick, is off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. "Jack" Lanning was very much disappointed in the small attendance at the last regular meeting. He laid off for this occasion, and there was only a handful to greet him. Jack was on hand to read the doings of the convention, and was loaded up with a number of sheets of "dope." Why can't you be on hand at each and every meeting? You can't tell what is on the program until you are there.

Those who were not in on the remittance for the new card on June pay will be sure and remit to Bro. Frasher at once and get the necessary, and make it a point to ask the other man to show his. "SHORTSTOP."

Eastern District—

The Eastern and Western Districts held their regular monthly meeting at Hotel Wilson, in Pittsburg, on Thursday evening, June 17th, with Local Chairman Safford in the chair. The attendance was not very large, but those who were absent missed a treat. Bro. Lanning, our delegate to the convention, was present, and gave us a detailed account of the business that was transacted, and called the brothers' attention to the important changes. He also described the country through which he traveled, and was very warm in his praise of the hospitality shown the telegraphers in the Southern city. There is no doubt but the brothers made a wise choice in electing Bro. Lanning a delegate, for the business-like manner in which he produced his report shows that he is a capable man. We appreciated very much the cigars he furnished. There are about fifty cigars left over, and those who want to help enjoy them will have to put in an appearance next meeting night—third Thursday each month.

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I have been able to obtain very little news this month, as the weather has been so fine, and every one is looking for pleasure and don't seem to be much interested in the O. R. T. affairs just at present.

Bro. Phipps, third trick at Schenley tower, has resumed duty after about five weeks' vacation.

Bro. J. H. Smith, who was the victim of an unfortunate accident some months ago, is working first trick at Lavenia, and hopes to be able to secure this trick on bid, and three members that have bid on this trick, and are older men, have withdrawn their bid in favor of Bro. Smith. Boys, that is the proper spirit to show towards each other.

There are quite a number of the boys who desire vacations, but I understand that on account of the scarcity of men, the division operator is unable to furnish relief, so there should be a chance for good telegraphers to secure employment on this division at the present time.

The address of W. C. Safford, local chairman of the Eastern District, is Room 6, Normandie Bldg., McKeesport, Pa., and if you have any news that you wish to see in the journal next month, don't fail to send it to him. CERT. 272.

C. & E. I. Ry.

Illinois Division—

The meeting called at Mt. Vernon proved a success, and it is a credit to the boys on this division. The attendance was large, considering the difficulty experienced by the brothers in being absent from duty. General Chairman Bro. Phillips, and Local Chairman Bro. Fogler were both present and gave interesting talks. Bro. Phillips gave a good account of the convention held at Atlanta and on conditions in general, and Bro. Fogler on conditions on this division. All grievances brought up were gone over satisfactorily, the afternoon being spent very pleasantly, all agreeing that a meeting be called in the near future at some convenient point, probably at Salem.

We wish to call attention to the work of our local chairman, Bro. Fogler. He certainly is a live one, and with the support of all the members we should accomplish much. Brothers, take hold and push. You will be surprised at the effect your enthusiasm will have on the members, and nons around you. More interest is being taken now than for some time. If all work together we will make the other divisions sit up and take notice.

Bro. La Brier has transferred to our division, and to show he is there with the goods has secured six applications.

Bro. Hooks, agent at Olive Branch, has been absent a few days to attend court at Springfield, being relieved by Regular Relief Agent Otey.

Bro. F. R. Calvert, of Division No. 2, third trick at Tamms, has resigned and is with the Cotton Belt at Thebes at present.

Bro. Stout, first trick at Thebes, again compelled to be absent on account of sickness. However, he advises he is still in the ring and am glad to report he has resumed duty sometime previous to this date.

Bro. C. H. Preston, second trick at West Frankport Yards, has resigned and, I understand, is working at Oklahoma City.

Bro. B. E. Johnson, second trick Villa Grove Yard, off on short vacation; relieved by Mr. H. R. Ragan.

Bro. C. E. Huser, formerly of Mt. Vernon, has bid in second trick at "SX" tower.

Bro. T. Supan, third trick "VE" tower, has resigned and was relieved by Mr. R. S. Hardy.

Bro. W. W. Hawker has resumed duty at Cadwell after a few weeks' vacation seeing the wild West. He is relleving Telegrapher Price, who goes to Mode.

The hours at "AH" tower have again been placed on the eight-hour basis on account of placing a night man at depot. This makes the hours more satisfactory to all concerned.

Bro. Christman, second trick, Mode, has bid in second trick at Thebes.

Mr. W. N. Clink, second trick, Tamms, has bid in third trick "SX" tower.

Bro. B. E. Tetlerton, second trick, St. James, has bid in third trick at that place, relieving Mr. F. G. Sowdy, who has bid in second trick at Bourbon.

Bro. H. J. Purtell, of Grand Division, is working second at Thebes at present. He is extra on this division.

We wish to thank the brothers sending in items at Bro. Fogler's request and ask them to come again. It certainly is a big help to the correspondent, and shows there is interest being taken in the work, which is very encouraging.

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Chicago Division, Danville District—

Bro. Johnson, first trick at "BX" tower, is arranging for about ten days' fishing on the Wabash with his father, who is agent at Perrysville, Ind.

Bro. Lanquist, third trick at "BX" tower, is contemplating a layoff soon. Get rice and old shoes ready.

The night flagman at Starr is laying off for a few days, visiting his brother, who is sick in Chicago.

Bro. Kaneen, from Bronson, bid in second trick at "BX" tower, relieving Telegrapher Shotts, who took third at Woodland Junction, relieving Bro. Paddock at that point.

M. D. Patterson, night ticket agent at Hoopeston, was in Danville on business a few days since.

Telegrapher Burt, former second trick man at Rossville Junction, is now on third trick. Bro. Smith from third trick to second trick. This change was made for a few months in hopes of improving Bro. Smith's health.

Relief Telegrapher Bro. Bahls is relieving Bro. Johnson at "BX" tower for a week.

There is a new telegrapher at Fairmount Junction. Telegrapher Metzger left for parts unknown.

Who is the lady at Sollitt? We hope that she soon may be called sister.

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Bro. W. F. McDonald, of Chicago and Div. 91, gave Hoopeston, Rossville and Danville a short visit while en route to Paris, Ill. We are glad to meeting the brother from Div. 91.

Bro. Darnell, of Pence, Ind., is waiting for relief. Tom is getting anxious to get to the shady trees this hot weather.

Telegrapher Parrett, who worked at "IIJ" tower several months, has landed a Chennyville, on the Chicago Southern.

Bro. Aikman is at Bismark as agent.

Bro. Mickel, agent at Alvin, asked for relief recently to attend the funeral of his grandmother. Business must be getting better, they could not let him go.

Brazil District—

Bro. I. J. Lucus, "CB," Coal Bluff, has returned to work after spending a month visiting out West. Bro. Lucus was relieved by Bro. F. L. Andrews, who is doing relief work.

Bro. Manly was unable to get relief to get married on account of there being no relief telegrapher idle.

It seems that there should be no excuse for the roads not having telegraphers to do relief work, as there are plenty of men out of work all over the country.

The wires are working very poorly between Danville and Brazil at present and there seems to be a good chance for them to work still worse if they keep laying the linemen off as they have been doing in the past few days.

To the brothers that contributed items this month, I wish to say that if you knew how they were appreciated you would keep sending them, and I hope that there will be more come in line right away that we may have a good showing in our journal each month. DIV. COR.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Bro. Wright, of Chicago, bid in Waverly, first trick, but afterwards backed out, and Bro. Miller, who has been working agency at New Richmond for the last three or four years, took it. Bro. Wright has been taking a vacation and visiting his father, Bro. Wright, of Muskogon, for the last three weeks.

Bro. Hendricks, who has been relleving agent Perrine, at Zeeland, was off a few days on account of sickness.

Telegrapher Berry, who has been working in tower at Alfred for the last few years, died suddenly at noon, May 29th.

Bro. Thrall, of St. Joe, bid in the day telegrapher's position at Shelby, and Telegrapher Holmes, from third trick, Benton Harbor, is working St. Joe ticket job.

Bro. Hansen, agent at Porter, has accepted the agency at East Chicago, under Supt. Halsted.

Telegrapher Briggs, second trick man at Porter, bid in the agency at New Richmond.

Bro. Maxim bid in Bravo agency, but backed out after working it a few days, and O. F. Vollmer is working there at present.

Telegrapher Green, who has been working third trick at Grand Junction, is working second trick at Michigan City.

Telegrapher Fowler is working at Waverly, second trick.

Bro. Bessey is back at Grand Junction, third trick.

Dispatcher Porter was visiting the dispatchers at Grand Rapids this month, telling them how to enjoy a vacation, which they don't get on that district.

Bulletins are being issued under trainmaster's name and only put out on each trainmaster's territory on this district, instead of being sent on Chicago and Petoskey Divisions.

There is a new agent and new second trick man at Porter, but don't know their names.

There have been several changes at Benton Harbor and no bulletins issued. Guess this office don't come under the schedule, and it is one of the few offices paying sixty per. COR.

C. & O. Ry.

New River District—

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Hinton June 17th. New River was well represented, but I am sorry to say that the Mountain was found wanting. It is with a feeling of shame that I record the fact, but for the last three meetings not a single member from the Mountain has put in his appearance at the lodge room, the chairman, Bro. Holt, excepted.

Now, brothers, this looks bad, and what is still worse, it is bad. Whenever we begin to let down and get slack we necessarily lose ground. We have accomplished wonders through our organization in the last few years. Our growth and progress has been phenomenal, and we have made a record of which we can be justly proud. But we must maintain this organization; we can not afford to relax our vigilance even for the most infinitesimal length of time. We are living in an age of the fiercest competition the world has ever witnessed, and tremendous forces oppose tremendous forces. The industrial giants of the day are drawing the lines tighter and tighter; and the laboring man finds himself pressed just a little bit closer to the wall as each day passes. These things can be seen by the most unobservant, and the knowledge should spur us on to greater effort. And yet, strange to say, we have men in the telegraph service, some of them brothers, who apparently fail signally to comprehend the situation. Not long ago a young man who had but lately become a member of the Order remarked to another brother that he did not see what good his money did him that he paid in as dues and insurance, and that he thought he would drop out. Had this young brother taken the trouble to acquaint himself with just ten years of history he would have been in a position to realize how great was his error. He was surrounded by benefits that the organization alone had made possible. On every side was evidence that he was receiving the worth of his money many times over.

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In fact, his insurance alone was worth all that it cost him to belong to the Order. His dues amounted to $12.00 per year, and his insurance premium on a $1,000 policy was $7.20 for the same length of time—$19.20 in all. How much would this $1,000 policy alone cost him in any old line company? Probably not less than $25.00, possibly $30.00.

And yet this young man was complaining about not receiving any benefits from his money. Suppose that about fifteen years ago all of us had adopted his mental processes, and been governed by his brand of judgment, where do you think he and the rest of us would be today? We would undoubtedly be past masters in the art of living the simple life—going barefooted probably and browsing on greens—and he would be taking first lessons on how to make ends meet on the magnificent salary of $37.50 or $40.00 per month. If all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, we would now be the dull boys, all right. We would have been checking our little twelve hours off every day, with Sunday thrown in for good measure. We would have been so concerned over that little ten cents per hour, with our mind on flour at $8.50 per barrel, that we would never, even in our wildest flights of imagination, have considered a vacation. And even if we had, it would have been a tie ticket for ours, or a side-door palace at best. Our social position would probably be best described by a placard that found its way into a telegraph office about fifteen years ago to the effect that in the absence of a spittoon, brakemen would be privileged to spit on the operator.

Fifteen years ago we had no rights that anyone was bound to respect; and had it not been for the O. R. T., our position today would have been still worse. Now the question is, what is a fair return on the money we invest in the O. R. T.? Let us figure out what rate of interest this young member is receiving on his $12.00 a year dues. It must be borne in mind that he has not in the past contributed to the building up of our present benefits, and that therefore his return on the $12.00 dues represents all that has been acquired in the years gone by. His income for the year at $37.50 per month amounts to $450.00. At our present rate of pay it amounts to $720.00. At the end of the year, then, he is, in cold cash, exactly $270.00 better off. But this does not take into consideration the reduction in hours of labor that he is now enjoying. Through the efforts of the organization, he is enabled to draw his salary for a day shortened by four hours. At the end of the year he is the gainer in time over the old working year of exactly 1,440 hours, or each hour he works he receives twenty-five cents. It follows, then, that his time is worth twenty-five cents per hour. Estimated in actual cash, these 1,440 hours at twenty-five cents per hour, represent a sum of $360.00. He is the gainer, then, at the end of the year of $360.00 in time. This $360.00 added to the $270.00, gives us $630.00. At the end of the year he is just $630.00 better off as a result of the work accomplished by the O. R. T. In other words, on the $12.00 dues invested he is receiving a return of $630.00 per year. His rate of interest on the investment is exactly 5,150 per cent, 5,150 per cent! What do you think of that? And this young brother says he don't think he is receiving a proper return on his money. What do you suppose he would call a proper return?

But wait, we have over-looked other equally material benefits. That little piece of magic cardboard that passes you without question from one end of the C. & O. to the other (the system pass), and carries in itself the very highest kind of a recommendation. What do you suppose the poor overworked, brow-beaten telegrapher of fifteen years ago would have thought had he been suddenly presented with a privilege of this character? An eight-hour day, $60.00 per month, a system pass and recommendation, and the respect of the community. Why had we even dreamed of these things fifteen years ago and it had been found out, we would have been looked upon as fit subjects for a lunatic asylum.

We rest our case. If we haven't proved that the young member in question is getting his money's worth, we'll give it up.

These things haven't been given to us gratis by the railroad company. Every inch of the ground over which we have advanced has been disputed inch by inch, and we have fought our way up at the expense of much hard work and sacrifice. And this is no indictment against the railroad company. They are strictly within their rights when they secure our services at the lowest possible compensation. It remains for us to establish an equitable standard of pay. When we are unorganized and stand alone, the standard of pay is set by the most inferior members of our craft—those who are willing to live in a shack, and let their children grow up in ignorance. Organization means government and the orderly handling of our affairs. It means the rule of the most self-respecting and intelligent element of our craft; and when the standard of pay is set it is not with the intention of robbing a fellow craftsman of his job, but with the purpose of making it possible for all to live in comfort and respectability. We have received a priceless heritage from the past. We are today enjoying the work and sacrifice of untold thousands. The very least we can do is to guard and preserve this work, and contribute our individual mite to its present and future advancement. And, aside from active membership in the Order, we can forward this end in no better way than by "making good" at all times in our work for the company as telegraphers. We have only lately gained a great concession, the eight-hour day. Let us prove worthy of this great advance, for in no other way can we hope to hold it.

Reverting to the meeting, one of the most interesting features of that night was Bro. Hancock's convention report, which he delivered in person. He spoke in an easy, informal way, and gave us a delightful word picture of both the business and pleasure ends of the convention. It appears that the people of the Southland gave our representatives a welcome before which that of the prodigal son would have paled into insignificance. They

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were highly honored by the various dignitaries of the State of Georgia from the Governor down, and by the people at large. The Georgia Railroad placed a train of ten coaches at the disposal of the delegates, free of all charge, for an excursion to several points of historical and natural interest.

Addresses by the Governor of Georgia and other prominent men was also an interesting feature of the convention. Altogether, we were treated royally by the Southern people; and nothing points more unerringly to the increased esteem and respect in which we are held by the people at large than this cordial and hearty reception given our representatives at Atlanta. It is a thing that we can all take pride in, and should prove an incentive to greater individual effort in the future.

In closing I wish to call your attention to one of a dozen "dont's" appearing in a late newspaper. It is as follows: "Don't be a snitch," and the explanation is given that a "snitch" is a man who will accept benefits and refuse to help secure them.

Is there anything more contemptible than to be what is defined or described by the word "snitch?"

M. L. DEMING, *Chairman.*

Clifton Forge Division—

Bro. C. W. Owens, for many years agent and telegrapher at Crozet, Va., died May 27, 1909. Bro. Owens served the company on this division for thirty-eight years, being the oldest employe in the telegraph department in point of service on the Clifton Forge Division. He was a man of stainless character, a faithful employe, a devout christian, a good citizen and a loyal member of the Order.

We regret that it was impossible for many of the brethren to attend his funeral, owing to the inability to reach Crozet in time, there being no early train from the west.

A beautiful floral design, representing a broken telegraph line, was sent by the division.

To the bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Under the new administration of System Division No 40 everything is moving along nicely; seventeen new members were received last month, enthusiastic meetings are being held over the system, and perfect harmony prevails among the membership.

Our offices are manned with men of ability, men who take a pride in building up the Order, and who are conscientious as to the responsibility and duties resting upon them.

Let us then, brethren, give them our individual support in enlisting the desirable non, paying our dues promptly, and being faithful both to the Railroad Co. and our Order.

While we are in good shape, there are still two or three on our district who have failed to pay dues, or who have not joined our ranks. Now, brother, if you should happen to see this and are one of this class, place yourself in good standing, where you will strengthen the division and give prestige.

In looking over THE TELEGRAPHER for many months past, I have failed to find much in the fraternal columns from Division No. 40. It seems to me the example set by the N. & W., our sister road, is one worthy of following. Scarcely an issue of THE TELEGRAPHER falls in my hands but what I find several lengthy articles from the N. & W. Brethren, this is of great value to the Order, it stimulates interest and gives the membership an insight into what is being accomplished. Will each of our local chairmen appoint some brother, on each district, who can and will give us the news of interest each month?

W. S. J.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our esteemed brother and co-laborer, Mr. C. W. Owens, who for many years has labored in our ranks, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Owens we have sustained the loss of a brother whose fellowship it was an honor and a pleasure to enjoy; that Division No. 40 of the Order of Railway Telegraphers has lost a loyal member; that we offer to his bereaved family and mourning friends our heartfelt sympathy, and that we commend them to the Heavenly Father who is merciful to all who call upon him and who alone can console in the time of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W S. JOHNSON,
C. E. SPITZER,
L. E. HICKS,

CARD OF THANKS.

CROZET, VA., July 9, 1909.

The family of Mr. C. W. Owens wishes to express to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers their sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the flowers sent. It was, indeed, a handsome tribute of respect.

Ashland Division—

We have expected for several months that some one would give our division a write-up. It can hardly be expected that our worthy Local Chairman, Bro. H. O. Irwin, can do it all. "He has troubles of his own." We have several good writers on this division, and let us have a write-up each month. There is no news of a very startling nature on the Ashland Division, but understand the electric block signals are completed on the Huntington Division, and that Ashland Junction will be closed, throwing Bros. Baker, Irwin and Sister McPhillips out. This is very hard on the boys to be moving around so much, as this change will affect a great many and causes a lot of kicking.

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Everything is still closed and no sign of any offices being opened up soon.

At Pikeville Bro. Irwin, cashier, had been sick, and he has his hands full at present, but will be around to see the boys soon.

Bro. F. A. Burns off on vacation; relieved by Bro. L. S. Moles, a new man on this division, but is up-to-date.

Understand Bro. O. L. Kearns, at Harold, is getting lonesome up in the Big Sandy Valley, and expects soon to get on assistant to keep him company.

Mt. Savage opened up some time ago with Bro. Gray at the key."

Bro. Lester, at Pine Grove, has been off several weeks on the sick list; relieved by a non.

Now a word to the nons. We have three nons on the Lexington District, and four on the Big Sandy. Part of them are ex-members who dropped out, and some mention that they have a grievance against some special party who is a member. Now this won't do, boys. Get in line. Bury the hatchet, and let's do business. The Order is doing business for the benefit of telegraph operators, and you should join the army that is fighting for you. Who secured the eight hours, overtime, mileage, annual passes, etc.?—through the influence of the O. R. T. These are facts that you should think over, and not try to run down the Order when it is for your own good, you should give it all the assistance and help, build it up. No use to remain a non simply because you are sore at some member (no one man runs the Order). Send in your application blanks. Do your duty. Don't wait for your neighbor to do his, do yours. Join the Order of your craft. Mc.

Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, June 19th, was fairly well attended by men from both divisions.

Bro. W. S. Lowrie, local chairman, of Mahoning Division, in the chair, assisted by Bro. H. E. Harrington, local chairman of Meadville Division.

After the meeting adjourned your scribe was able to gather the following items:

Mr. McGhee, third trick telegrapher and yard dispatcher, who works from midnight to 6 a. m. at "HD," Cleveland, has so much time to spare he acts as instructor in a telegraph school in Cleveland, part of each day; also has two students attending him while on duty at "HD."

R. B. Barret, at Geauga Lake, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Ralph McDonald.

H. R. Myers, second trick at "HD," Cleveland, was off duty a week; relieved by J. B. Pulaski.

K. W. Bell, of Hubbard, was a Cleveland visitor recently.

W. J. Holbrook, third trick at Leavittsburg, was off for a week; relieved by third trick man at Warren, Mr. A. L. Tayler.

A. R. Thomas, of "VY" office, Youngstown, has been sick and off duty; relieved by W. C. McHale.

Mazie McAllen has resigned to accept a position of telephone and telegraph operator at the W. B. Pollock Foundry & Machine Works, Youngstown.

H. N. Andrews, third trick at "BR" tower, who is off duty sixty days, has gone to the Pacific Coast for a trip, and C. A. Conant goes from third trick at De Forest tower to third trick at "BR" tower.

Our Chief Train Dispatcher, Mr. F. H. Andrews, is enjoying his annual vacation, having gone to Omaha, Neb.

Frank Sanders, first trick at "VO" tower, is on a jury at Youngstown.

F. E. Brooks is again working third trick at De Forest tower, after having attended the Case School of Applied Science, at Cleveland, since last September.

Do not forget the meeting night, and do not fail to be present. We meet the third Saturday night of each and every month, at Warren, O. The hall is on the third floor of Union National Bank Building, southeast corner of Market St. and Park Ave. DIV. COR.

Cincinnati Division, East—

We had good meeting at Wadsworth May 1, but on account of bad weather attendance was limited.

Bro. Husted, our local chairman, gave the brothers present a very interesting talk, which was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Holycross, who has been acting agent at Burbank, has resumed duty as second trick telegrapher at "BN."

We understand that Bro. Shaffter has bid in the third trick at "AK" tower. Telegrapher Battles is working the second trick at Rittman, which was formerly held by Bro. Shaffter.

R. F. Rasor is filling the third trick at Wadsworth, temporarily. We have not yet heard who has bid it in.

Bro. Bringolf, from Silver Creek, has been sick with mumps for the last week.

"IN" tower has again been opened, with two switchmen working twelve hours each. COR.

Buffalo Division—

It is noticed from THE TELEGRAPHER that no items from the Buffalo Division has appeared therein for several months, although every brother is looking for the same upon receipt of each issue; now if some good and faithful brother will forward the news to our local chairman, he will see that something appears in the columns provided therein, each and every month.

Each do a little, and all can do a lot.

There have been several changes during the past few months, and certainly there must be some one interested, at least it appears that way; as soon as a position is not advertised, every one gets "8" and the thing is righted at once. Let us try this in the interest of the telegrapher.

Let us hope for a full page for the next issue.

CERT. 201.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Geo. B. Lynch, and while we humbly submit to Him "whose will be done," and realize that our brother has received an inestimable promotion, we can but feel a deep sense of personal loss; and

WHEREAS, We desire to show our respect for and appreciation of the high character and thoroughly honorable principles attained by the departed; be it

Resolved, Erie System Division, No. 42, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved family our sincere sympathy in this their sorrow which is truly our own; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, a copy sent to the family of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication. COMMITTEE.

Susquehanna Division—

Bro. G. H. Wilson, of "KZ," Union, is off duty a few days on account of the illness of his mother at Cameron.

Bro. H. M. King gave up "Hickory Grove" agency, and took second trick at "RX," Corning.

Barton Gravel Pit has been opened up days, with 'phone men in charge.

T. W. Donnellan took second trick at "DI," Addison.

Telegrapher Coleman, of Smithboro, is off a few days. Relieved by Mr. Wilson. We understand that Mr. Coleman's mother is sick. We hope she has recovered.

Telegrapher Hanahan, formerly of the "Old-Reliable," is now working on the N. C. near Williamsport.

Bro. Ira Brooks is off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Spencer.

Telegrapher J. P. Hogan is off a few days on a vacation.

Bro. C. W. Vincent, of Waverly, is off a few days; relieved by Mr. Pitt.

The Seventh Biennial Convention held in Atlanta, Ga., May 10th, was the largest ever held, and we will soon have a report of it, then all will know what was done there.

Brothers, get after the nons in your locality, make it your special business to see them, and give them a good talking to and show them why they should be with us.

Our local chairman will call a meeting in the near future. DIV. COR.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Fifth District—

Changes seem to be the order of the day on this division just now. Since last write-up Bro. Piersdorff was taken from the owl trick at Zealandia and checked in as agent at Delisle, replacing H. G. Wilkes, resigned, and who has, I understand, gone into the implement business. Hard luck seems to have been the share of Bro. Piersdorff, for scarcely had he been checked in before he was laid up with rheumatism and had to lay off again. Much sympathy is felt for him and it is our sincere wish that he may soon be able to resume his duties. Bro. Ronstadt, from Aylesbury, has succeeded Bro. Piersdorff at Delisle, being an older man. E. Lund, a new man, has got the agency at Aylesbury, temporarily.

Bro. Meraw has been appointed permanent relieving agent for this division, which should give those so inclined a chance to get a little vacation. He is at Nutana at present, having relieved Bro. Black, who goes to Disley. Bro. Stephens, of Disley, expects to take Nutana agency in the course of a few days.

Bro. Johnstone, late of Zealandia, is among us again, and has accepted a position in Saskatoon freight office for a short time. Hope to soon see him pounding brass again.

Bro. C. A. Adams, an ex-agent of Disley, has been working in the Saskatoon freight office for some time, but has accepted an agency with the Grand Trunk Pacific at Chauvin.

Bro. Flaxman is at Bethune at present, relieving Mr. Thomas, resigned, to take up farming with his son.

Bro. J. Strong was relieving at Bethune for a few days, but is back at Rosthern as day telegrapher, much to the relief of Bro. Raymond, who can ill afford to be without a day telegrapher at that point.

We understand that Bro. Blair, of Chamberland, is next on the list for holidays, and when notified that he was to be relieved in a few days let out a war whoop which was good to hear.

Bro. Scott is relieving Bro. Strong, who is away on holidays, but who will be back soon. Mr. Kendric, a new man, has the agency at Osler for the present.

The following stations are on bulletin at present time, and will likely be filled in the near future: Osler, Nutana, Girvin, Aylesbury, Bethune and Disley.

One word in your ears, boys. Try to get your yard list into the dispatcher by 8k sharp. He has reports to make from it for Winnipeg, which if not made out by 8:15 do not get through till after dinner, and when "C. S" is asked for, be Johnnie on the spot, and by so doing you will make matters a whole lot smoother for the dispatcher's office.

COR.

Battleford, Vermilion & Edmonton Sec.—

Relief agents are very much in demand these fine June days. Everybody seems anxious for a layoff.

Bro. Litster, of South Battleford, has returned from his sojourn among the niggers and 'gators "in dear old Georgia," and we can expect Bro. Matthews, our local chairman, to call a meeting of the Order almost any time. No doubt Pete will be chuck full of fun and information from the Sunny South and will gladly impart it to us stay-at-homes.

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Work trains have commenced work in ballast pit at Watson, with Bro. Harrington in charge of the 19's and 31's.

Bro. Charlie McGill, of Quill Lake, is visiting in Winnipeg; relieved by Telegrapher MacCully.

Bro. Harrop, of Fielding, is visiting in Jerico, Moose Jaw and other points East; relieved by Bro. Harry McGill.

Bro. Schwalm, of Invermay, is taking holidays; relieved by his night telegrapher, Bro. Jack McCulloch.

Bro. Squibb, agent at Watson, has just returned from the old country, where, we understand, he took unto himself a wife.

Bro. Provost is doing the relief stunt at Watson.

It is rumored that two or three flag stations are to be opened this summer, which indicates that the C. N. R. is continuing to prosper.

Telegrapher MacCormack, from Invermay nights, has exchanged places with Bro. Harwood, of Warman nights, temporarily.

We are pleased to see Bro. Waterfield, of Islay, back at the old stand.

Bro. Smith, at N. Battleford, "FV" office, last fall, has returned to town from his "farm" and is holding down the night shift at Humbolt.

Bro. Foss, of Humbolt, has resigned to take a position in Winnipeg.

Bro. H. Stephenson, from B. C., is now day telegrapher at Humbolt. CERT. 231.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

Mr. A. L. Armstrong has gone from "GO" office, Savannah, to the ticket agency at Tybee Island, for the summer, he being relieved at "GO" office by Mr. F. S. Shumpit.

Bro. C. G. Rogers goes to Midville agency, vice Mr. J. N. Cail, who has returned to Dover agency.

Bro. H. E. Holland, third trick at Gordon, has been on sick list; relieved by Relief Agent Mills.

Mr. R. B. Cassels has been transferred to Tybee Depot, Savannah, vice Bro. G. W. Clanton, who returned to his old love, Meldrim, second trick.

On account of Tybee Depot having been given to Mr. Cassels, who is a new man with the company, it was taken up for bulletining, giving our older men a chance at this position. The following men have made application for the position: Bro. N. A. Williams, Bro. B. J. Moore and Bro. T. M. Franklin. We have not yet heard who is the winner. The new appointment will take effect September 1st, after the summer season is over. We understand that quite a number of nons were kicking for the place after it was "too late," handling their grievances direct with general superintendent. This shows how thankful some men are. After the positions are bulletined through the strenuous efforts of the Order, they try their luck single-handed. We would suggest that they get in line, and let the Order handle their grievances. Some nons reminds us of an old cow waiting for the bars to be let down. They will stand around and watch an opportunity for an opening, and as soon as they see a little space, they jump through and feast on the best, without doing anything themselves.

Bros. J. H. Burke, C. G. Rogers, and E. M. Strickland were among those who attended the grand convention in Atlanta, and report a fine trip.

T. P. A. Hackett has been over the road during this month adjusting the passenger tariffs.

We have just been visited by the general officials, who made an inspection trip, and we are glad to notice that our men had their stations neat and tidy in appearance, and no room for censure.

Bro. D. M. Rogers, local chairman, was called to Savannah in company with Bros. Travis and Livsey to adjust several minor grievances, the main grievance being in regard to the bulletining of positions, which has caused much trouble in the past. We note that this rule is now being carried out on this division, and we hope that each local chairman will be careful to have all positions bulletined on his respective division.

At present there seems to be more individual effort displayed by the members in general, and the effects are noticeable; if those who have started this will continue, it will be but a short time until this division will be "right there" with the 100 per cent. Those who have not tried it should commence, and see how much good they can do for the Order.

It has come to our notice that Mr. J. A. Ballentine, manager of the National Inst. of Tel. of Columbia, S. C., has been corresponding with our superintendent with a view to placing some of his "graduates" in offices along the line of road, as "helpers." After several months, only one has been placed, and this at a large junction agency. Efforts are now on foot to have telegraph wires cut in freight office, for his special benefit. The boys can look out for wire trouble now.

Our attention has been called to the fact that one of our members is using a clerk in his office, teaching him telegraphy during his leisure time. How can a member willfully violate his obligation in such a manner? If he needs a clerk, he should work him as such. If there is time to teach telegraphy, the member has time to do the work himself. Such a policy as this causes hardships to be placed on many good, loyal members, as it is supposed that they have ample time for teaching telegraphy. Better cut it out, you are cutting your own throat, besides laying yourself liable to expulsion. CERT. 3.

Chattanooga Division—

The semi-annual dues for the last half of 1909 are now due. It is hoped that all members on this division will remit promptly and make our record for the ensuing period as good as it was for the period just closed. Assessments in the Mutual Benefit are also due and payable and are to be remitted semi-annually instead of monthly as in the past, as per Bro. Quick's letter of May 25th.

Bro. C. E. Bledsoe, of Durham, has accepted Lindale agency, vice Bro. Sammons, resigned. Mr. Comer, from Clem, went to Durham and Mr. Moon furnished a student for the $25 job at Clem.

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Bro. Bolton, of yard office, Chattanooga, is filling in as copy man at Cedartown, while the dispatchers are each taking a short rest.

Mr. Bernider, an extra man, is working Bro. Bolton's trick.

Bro. King, of Trion, is off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. B. A. Powell, an extra man.

We are very sorry to note the illness of Sister Knight, of Turin, and wish for her a speedy recovery. She is being relieved by Mr. Smith, an extra man, with whom we are unacquainted.

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Ann Arbor Ry.

With the help of Bro. Taylor, I have secured a few items. I made requests of several members on the line to assist in gathering items for the journal, but as yet have not heard from them.

Bro. Kerwin, third trick at Durand, has gone to Shepherd to relleve the agent for a couple of months. A new man on the road who, we understand, is from the M. C., is doing the third trick at Durand.

Business on the road seems to be about normal, but the shops at Owosso have closed down.

Third trick dispatcher, T. E. Lahy, is taking a few days' vacation visiting his home in Southern Ohio; relieved by Extra Dispatcher Johnson.

The extra gangs that have been laying steel on the south end of the middle division have been laid off to cut down expenses.

The telegraphers at Mt. Pleasant had a lemon handed them June 10th. They are to relieve the agent at that point of the duty of selling tickets, and they are also required to work nine hours instead of eight, as has been the custom since the nine-hour law went into effect.

One of the new passenger engines has been received and more are expected. It is equipped throughout with electric lights.

Bro. F. F. Slagle, formerly of Dundee, has accepted a position with the D. T. & I. at Adrian. We regret to see him leave the Ann Arbor, but hope he has bettered himself in making the move.

Bro. Lanham, formerly third trick at Hallett, has secured Vernon agency on bid, and says he is satisfied with the change.

The Ann Arbor is to see all kinds of improvements this summer. General Manager Lowell intends to expend a large amount of money in improvements and new passenger equipment. When this is done the Ann Arbor will rank among the best roads in the country, and the first in Michigan to put on steel passenger trains.

For some time past there have been meetings of employes and management held at Owosso in the engineer's hall, to promote a more genial feeling between employe and employer. Rules are to be revised and the Standard book of rules will be adopted. A school of instruction for teaching the proper handling of train orders will soon be established, and all who can do so should attend.

Sister B. I. Sullivan, of Marion, is away on thirty days' leave of absence. We can not say whether she is going to leave the service or not. She was relieved by Mr. Weed, who comes from the M. C.

Bro. Cudaback, formerly of Cadillac, has accepted a position at "A" office, Toledo, where he is helping Mr. White out. I understand that Bro. Cudaback is in poor health, and was placed in this position to enable him to be near a specialist.

While loading Ann Arbor Car Ferry No. 4 in the slip at Manistique, through some mismanagement the ferry was overturned and with about 1200 tons of iron ore lays at the bottom of the slip. Work is being rushed on the lightering of the ferry, as the harbor is tied up and the service badly crippled. A temporary slip has been built and business is being handled with as much dispatch as possible under the circumstances. M.

B. & L. E. Ry.

Among the many changes that have taken place recently on the north end are the following:

Bro. C. R. Miller, first trick at Meadville Jct., to first trick at "AK" tower.

Mr. W. S. Filson, third trick at Mercer Jct., to second trick at "AK" tower.

Bro. C. F. Sahm, first trick at "RX" tower, to first trick at "CD," Exposition Park.

Bro. V. P. Lyman, third trick at "RX" tower, to first trick at "RX" tower.

Mr. R. S. Keep, who holds a card in the Train Dispatchers' Association, is working third trick at "RX" tower.

Mr. F. A. Wheeler, one of Bessemer's popular agents, took charge of the agency at Exposition Park on May 25th. This is Mr. Wheeler's second summer at this beautiful resort.

Bro. R. A. Buzza, first trick at French Creek, was a visitor at Exposition Park one fine day last week.

Bro. C. A. Callahan is working third trick at Watson Run.

Mr. T. L. McKarney, who was working third trick at "NS" tower was taken ill while on duty, and was removed to the hospital. His condition is reported as being very serious.

Mrs. J. C. McKay, wife of Bro. J. C. McKay, agent at Conneaut Lake, is reported as being quite ill in the hospital.

Bro. W. T. Benedict is reported as being on the sick list.

Bro. L. D. Calvin, third trick at "RN" tower, was off duty nine days recently on account of sickness in family.

Bro. L. V. Thayer was called to Pittsburg a few days as witness in law suit.

Bro. H. D. Hall was off on a vacation for one week.

Considerable rejoicing is going on all along the line on account of the re-establishment of the rule requiring all vacant positions to be bulletined by a "23" message. This has proved to be the most satisfactory manner in which to fill vacancies, and is one of the best rules we have.

A young man who is working as extra telegrapher on the Bessemer desired to secure some information about the O. R. T., and asked one

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of the dispatchers at Greenville if he thought it advisable for him to join the Order. The dispatcher replied that he thought the young man would have a better standing with the officials of the company if he would not join the Order. By what process of reasoning any intelligent person could arrive at such a conclusion is beyond our comprehension. Organized labor is approved of by press and pulpit everywhere, and members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers have just as good standing with the officials of the Bessemer Railroad as telegraphers who are not members.

It is rumored that the Bessemer is contemplating the installation of the telephone system to take the place of the telegraph, in the near future. A few facts in regard to the use of the telephone for running trains on other lines will not be out of place at the present time. On January 1, 1909, there were in actual operation in the United States 4,900 miles of railroad using the telephone system, and over 7,000 additional miles were being installed.

The advantage which is claimed for the telephone over the telegraph is that train orders can be handled quicker. It was the custom on most lines changing from telegraph to telephone to retain their telegraphers without change of salary, as they hold their telegraph lines in reserve to be used in case the telephone system is temporarily out of order. It is the opinion of many persons who are acquainted with the use of the telephone and the telegraph that the telegraph is by far the safest method of running trains. Whether or not this will prove to be the case will be seen after the telephone has had a fair trial.

Telegrapher Scott, of Frazier, worked first trick at Hallston a few days last week, relieving Bro. Allen.

Bro. C. L. Milner, formerly of this division, is visiting friends at Harrisville, Pa. CERT. 75.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento Division—

The fruit business on the Sacramento Division is beginning to make things lively. Agents and telegraphers are figuring on the usual vacations, and the extra man finds plenty to do.

The following assignments were made on bulletin No. 49:

Bro. B. S. Dimmick, agent at Towle; Bro. W. M. Martin, second trick at Summit; Bro. C. E. Schoonover, agent at Floriston; Bro. R. E. Fry, third trick at Reno; Bro. H. E. Hyde, agent at Lincoln; Bro. L. T. Shamp, first trick at Chico; Sister May Southern, second trick at Chico, and Bro. L. L. Locey, agent at Colusa Junction.

The following positions are made vacant by above assignments:

Third trick at Towle, first trick at Yuba Pass, second trick at Caporn, agent at Arbuckle and second trick at Cisco.

It is rumored that agencies at Placerville, Folsom and Dutch Flat will be open soon.

Mr. H. Van Fleet, who has filled the night position as telegrapher at Auburn for some forty years, is now working extra at Gold Run. We suppose for the benefit of his health, as Gold Run is a summer resort.

Mr. D. C. Pelton, agent at Fruto, has been on a vacation for a few weeks, and Bro. M. H. Church has been relieving.

Bro. C. A. Nelson, acting agent at Towle for a month, is now working third trick at same station. Former Agent, Bro. C. A. Bailey, is now working second trick at Midas. Bro. F. L. Harmon held this position for some weeks, but is now holding down the third trick, his regular position.

Bro. Edw. Duffey checked in at Duluth Flat as acting agent. We understand Mr. R. Munro, regular agent, has resigned.

Sisters Hood and Tuttle are still holding block positions at Magra and Dutch Flat.

Bro. C. E. Duden, agent at El Dorado, was called to San Francisco on account of serious illness of his sister, who died shortly after his arrival. Division No. 53 extends heartfelt sympathy. Bro. Duden returned to work June 14th.

Bro. A. T. Johnson, a young extra man, has been working extra at Caporn, Chico and other places.

Bro. Paul Storey is now working second trick at Woodland.

Bro. Didlake, of the Northern Pacific, has been working second trick at Reno; relieved by Bro. M. E. Jepson, and will now hold third trick at 12th St., Sacramento, during absence of Bro. W. W. McClintock, who is working a dispatcher's trick temporarily.

Bro. S. J. Simen, first trick at Marysville, is working a duplex wire in Sacramento office; relieved by Bro. R. H. Loban, acting agent at Floriston.

Bro. E. F. Stewart, regular second trick at Midas, is now working second trick at Loomis.

Bro. F. M. Smith, second trick at Verdi, has, we understand, resigned; relieved By Bro. P. B. Bigelow.

Bro. Geo. Yaeger, agent at Boca, has just returned from an extended visit throughout the Eastern States. George was glad to get away for a vacation, after having spent the winter in Boca, the coldest place in the Sierras, also glad to return to dear old California. Bro. H. L. Bruce relieved Yaeger.

Bro. J. J. Woodbury is working third trick at Boca.

Bro. C. C. Davison is taking his summer vacation, and Bro. B. D. Mullen is working third trick at "OW" wire.

Bro. G. M. Clarke leaves for Seattle Fair in a few days, and we understand he will remain in Oregon for some time visiting relatives.

Bro. H. H. Houston, delegate to Atlanta convention has returned to his position first trick at 12th St., Sacramento. Harry took an active part in the affairs of the convention, and reports a splendid time on the trip, which was extended to

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New York and through the Northwest, returning June 1st.

Bro. J. E. Blackford has also returned to his post at Towle; he attended General Committee meeting at New Orleans, also convention at Atlanta, although not a delegate, and we understand he made about the same trip as Bro. Houston, taking in the Seattle Exposition.

Bro. Randal is relieving Bro. W. P. Roth, third trick at Tehama, who is on a vacation.

Bro. O. P. Bates has been on a short vacation in East Oakland. Bro. D. W. Koppikus has transferred all general secretary and treasurer's matters to Bro. Bates.

Bro. A. J. Plank has been doing the agency work during the absence of Bro. Bates.

Bro. Blackford informs us that the following named brothers were unintentionally omitted from the January 1st seniority list, and correction will be made: Bro. C. S. Greene, Bro. A. T. Johnston, Bro. H. C. Troth and Bro. R. M. Stinson.

Bro. J. F. Casey, regular first trick man at Colfax, has just returned from an extended trip throughout the Eastern States. Jim has not enjoyed the best of health lately, but we understand he is much improved and will resume duty July 1st.

Bro. J. E. Watt is relieving Bro. S. J. Billheimer at Elvas; Billheimer on vacation in Los Angeles.

Bro. P. B. Bell, extra on Sacramento Division, has taken a trick in "BD" office, San Francisco.

Bro. C. S. Greene, first trick at Reno, has been sick for some time, understand he is about to enter into some business venture in Penryn, and will give up railroad work. We wish him success.

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Shasta Division—

Bro. D. W. Koppikus, assistant general chairman, honored us with a visit, and was over the division and made a cleaning up. He made the nons hard to catch, or to be more exact, made them more fraternal in every respect. You may depend upon this being a "solid" division hereafter—of course, there are a few hopeless cases, but they don't count.

Two passenger trains have been added to our time card, owing to the heavy traffic caused by the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition. These trains are strictly first-class, electric lighted, making very few stops and run on a schedule of twenty-seven hours between San Francisco and Portland. No. 14 is running ten hours later than old card time, making it rather inconvenient for local traffic.

Owing to the many changes during the past two months it is nearly impossible to make a complete line-up.

Bro. Wood has been assigned to a day position in Coram. Bro. Townes is acting agent at Coram.

Relief Telegrapher Wilson, a new man on the division, is working as second trick telegrapher at Redding.

Sister Bundy is still third trick telegrapher at Red Bluff, and will hold same until it is bid in.

Bro. Lloyd is relieving at Kennet, nights.

Lamoine is now open for bid. Agent Anderson, from Coram, is at Lamoine at present.

Bro. A. D. Henning and family are back from a trip around the world. He advises that he enjoyed himself.

Relief Telegrapher P. M. Golden is at Weed, third trick. The third trick is a new position created on last bulletin. Bro. V. J. Bevier working his regularly assigned position, second trick.

Telegrapher G. F. Winans, a new man on the division, is relieving Bro. West for a short time. Bro. West is on a vacation.

Bro. Rose, from the Missouri Pacific, is relieving at Hornbrook, nights.

Bro. H. Wilson, an old-time press operator, is working in Portland.

Bro. Pearson and family are on a two months' vacation. We understand he will visit the fair and many other places of interest. Bro. Pearson was relieved by Telegrapher C. E. Adams, from Dunsmuir, and Mrs. Pearson by Telegrapher Drake.

The following positions are now open for bids: Third trick telegrapher and clerk, Red Bluff; third trick telegrapher and clerk, Kennet; agent, Coram; agent, Lamoine; third trick telegrapher, Weed (new position). DIV. COR.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Relay Division—

There have been few changes in the relay force since last month; not changes in their mental attitude—that remains practically the same—just a few moves on the checkerboard.

F. B. Chalupsky, of St. Paul, resigned to accept a position with the Great Northern at St. Paul. Got tired of paying rent on a typewriter and went where the rent is free and the salary higher. We would suggest here that thorough organization is the method used to increase salaries and get concessions.

Bro. A. R. Lee relieved Mr. Chalupsky at St. Paul.

M. H. Hancock, of Spokane, resigned to accept the agency at Reardon, Wash. Wanted to get on a well-organized division. A better way would be to help organize the Relay Division.

V. B. Walker, of St. Paul, relieved Mr. Hancock at Spokane.

Mr. Walker was relieved at St. Paul by Bro Carrigan, of Livingston.

Our chairman, Bro. C. A. Tompkins, goes to Tacoma to help move the business and incidentally do a little missionary work. He thinks we have been working both ends against the middle long enough.

C. V. Rhodes relieves Bro. Tompkins at Dickinson.

We understand that another increase of force is anticipated at Tacoma. DIV. COR.

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Montana Division—

Hampton, at Belgrade, is off a few days on sick list; relieved by T. J. Hoban.

Bro. Carrigan, of Livingston relay office, has been transferred to "NP" office at St. Paul.

Mr. Cox, at one time a dispatcher in Livingston, is now working in the relay office there. We understand that Mr. Cox will do the extra dispatching.

Bro. Williams is working the second trick at Lombard. We understand that Mrs. Tyrrell has resigned and that Mrs. Williams will be placed on the third trick at that place.

Messrs. C. A. Reichardt and G. Jacobs exchanged positions, Jacobs going on third trick at Chestnut and Reichardt on third at Hoppers; later, Jacobs was relieved at Chestnut by a Mr. Hoover from the Burlington.

Bro. J. E. Miksch, the telegrapher at Bridger, is on a six weeks' leave of absence, visiting friends in Iowa. He was relieved by Mr. R. P. Webster, a new man on the road.

Bro. F. T. Hungate, a new man on the road, is working third trick at Winston, relieving Telegrapher Christ, who was taken out of the service.

Cardwell, on the Butte line, has been opened as a day telegraph office, with Bro. C. U. Brown at the key.

Bro. F. R. Hubbell relieved Mr. P. C. Bryan at Great Northern Junction; Bryan went to yard office at Billings to relieve Bro. C. H. Preston.

Yegen has been made a three-man job, Bro. Preston getting first trick, Mr. W. G. Walgren, from Reed Point, second, and R. C. Cooper, from G. N. Ry., third.

L. S. Winters is the new second trick man at Great Northern Junction.

It is rumored that the telegraph office at Foster will be closed in a short time.

Bro. E. P. Smith, having returned from a trip to Kentucky, goes to Foster, relieving Bro. C. D. Geyer, who goes to Yegen to relieve Mr. Walgren.

Bro. Jones, of Merrill, has been called east on account of sickness in his family. Bros. Dahl and Burnside doubled for three days until another man could be sent there. We understand that Bro. Jones will try the simple life on his claim near Mercer, N. D., in July.

Bro. Parks worked third at Merrill a few days and was bumped by Bro. Geyer from Reed Point. Bro. Parks went to Reed Point on second trick.

We understand that another man will be put on at Reed Point to help out during the wool-shipping season.

Bro. Mould has been transferred from Laurel to Big Timber, relieving Bro. Brown, who received the agency at Jefferson Island.

A Mr. McKenzie is the new man on third trick at Greycliff.

Bro. I. D. Hadzor, agent at Norris, has resigned; applications are going in.

R. B. Boyd, of Sappington, likes the country so well that he has gone back east after his family.

Bro. C. D. Barton, third trick at Whitehall, accepted the agency at Sappington during Boyd's absence.

There is a new third trick man named Cronk at Whitehall, who hails from the Illinois Central.

M. Conrad, who drew the agency at Three Forks, has been relieved by Telegrapher Brenneman.

There is a new third trick man at Welch. We are unable to say who he is or how he stands.

The latest reports of Bro. Earhart, who worked second at Lombard last winter, indicate that he is in the automobile business in Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. C. E. Carpenter, local chairman, is off duty two weeks, enjoying a pleasure trip to Salt Lake. He was relieved by Miss Smith, from Park City.

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Dakota Division—

Mr. Ringham, of Jamestown yard, is laying off. He is relieved by Bro. Andre. Bro. Andre comes from the Wisconsin Central.

Bro. Christensen, of "J" office, Jamestown, is laying off; relieved by Mr. Malone, from Steele. Mr. Malone was relieved at Steele by Bro. Marsh.

Mr. Johnson, of Burleigh, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Hopkins, from Steele. Bro. Hopkins was relieved at Steele by Bro. Marsh.

Bro. Miller is again at work at Dawson, third trick, after being held up by an attack of smallpox. Bro. Maxwell is now at McKenzie.

Bro. O. A. Johnson, from the Lake Superior Division, is filling in second trick at Crystal Springs, with Bro. Rechard first.

Bro. Baker, who relieved Mr. Olmore at Berner, has resigned and has been relieved by Mr. Blue.

Guptie Gravel Pit has been made a new office, with Bro. Trandall, from the C. B. & Q., filling the chair.

Bro. Baker, at McCloskey, is laying off. We can not say who is relieving him.

Bro. Yostie, from Windsor, and Bro. Andre, "JY," Jamestown, have exchanged positions. Bro. Yostie is now third at Jamestown and Bro. Andre third at Windsor.

Bro. Christensen has returned from his vacation and reports a good time. Mr. Malone goes to Jamestown, taking second trick. Bro. Straud takes first, and Bro. Ebert is laying off.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Pacific Division, First District—

Ellensburg—Bro. R. C. Dobson, accompanied by his bride, is still on vacation. Bro. Baker is working his trick in "EB." Telegrapher Fichtel is working Bro. Baker's trick, and one of the old warhorses, Bro. H. M. Luttrell, is working third. Bro. L. is back temporarily. He has rented his fruit ranch and will begin a law course at the U. of M., Ann Arbor, Mich., about Sept. 1st.

Thorp—Telegrapher W. J. Owens has resigned; relieved by ex-Dispatcher Slutter, followed by

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Telegrapher A. L. Parks. Vacancy assigned on bulletin to Bro. G. E. Carvell, from Martin.

Bristol—Telegrapher J. A. Schirmler, first, bid in agency at Covington. Vacancy assigned on bulletin to J. A. Butchcoe, from Martin. E. F. Feldman, third, left the service. Bro. C. F. Long is now holding down third trick.

Cle Elum—Bro. Sales is on vacation; relieved by Mr. W. W. Whitickare.

Nelsons—Bro. A. Locke has left the service and is now working for the Idaho Northern at Rathdrum, Idaho. Telegrapher Wood, from third at Nelsons to agency at Elma. First and third bid in by Bro. and Sister Fischer from Upham. Bro. J. Garriepy still holding second, but on vacation just now for sixty days; relieved by Telegrapher L. C. Wyse, who has promised Bro. Fischer to fill out the documents July 1st.

Easton—Bro. A. M. Calvert has returned from Arizona. Bro. U. G. Calvert is back on first trick. Bro. J. L. Brimberry is doing second trick and Bro. S. M. Moore is holding down third.

Upham—Vacancies on first and third tricks left by Bro. and Sister Fischer filled temporarily by Telegraphers Morrissey and Grummit. Permanent staff, Mr. Howe, from second to first; Bro. F. V. Tapley (from somewhere in Maine) on second; Bro. E. Best from third trick at Easton to third at Upham.

Martin—Bro. C. A. Defore, one of the old guards who has been drilling steadily in "WR," Tacoma, office, felt the need of a rest, so he bid in first trick at this point. Bro. M. B. Parker, from Stampede, bid in third. Telegrapher H. F. Hudson is working the second trick temporarily.

Stampede—Telegrapher H. V. LaDow, from Covington, bid in the third trick vacated by Bro. Parker.

Borup—Bro. M. C. Bayer was assigned to second trick when Bro. Arnold left for the North. Bro. V. O. Brunner was on third, later relieved by Bro. G. F. Priest.

Weston—Third trick at this point has been assigned to Mr. C. A. Barrie.

Lester—Bro. M. B. Lytle has been transferred from second at "DM" to third in "WR" office. He was relieved by Telegrapher Parks from Thorp.

Humphrey—Bro. E. S. Curtis took about three weeks vacation. He was relieved by Telegrapher E. R. Ridgway, who was later relieved by Bro. O. H. Littlepage.

Eagle Gorge—Last month, on account of misinformation, I reported Bro. McDaniel as being on vacation and relieved by Telegrapher Bennett. Mack secured a final relief but a few days before this was written. He was relieved by Relief Agent Hopper. "13" he is off for about a month.

Palmer Junction—Bro. C. W. Coburn is on third trick, vice Bro. Maddox, resigned.

Ravensdale—Bro. R. A. Hamilton took a couple of weeks layoff, and reports a good time. He was relieved by Bro. G. F. Priest.

Sumner—Second trick was bulletined and was bid in by Bro. Patterson, of Winlock, who later gave it up for the second trick at Woodland. It was assigned on next bulletin to Telegrapher Welch.

Dieringer and Meeker offices have been abolished.

Buckley Line—Only news we can learn of is that there is a new man named Brown at Enumclaw. Don't know whether an Order man or not. Says he was sent there to post up on station work, and that it is an excellent place for that purpose, as there is not a thing to do at that point but work.

Examiner J. M. Flynn has been over the First District, putting the boys through their paces on the transportation and A. B. C. and straight block rules. He will next tackle the Second District. This is the quadriennial examination, and it caught many of us for the first time on this road. The writer thinks the practice of other roads is much better. They examine their men singly before they are hired, so that none escape. It would take a good guesser to say how many "boomers" have been and gone in the last four years, having undergone no examination at all. K. C.

Pacific Division, First District—

Mr. Fichtl, of Ellenburg is still "broke" and not in the Order, although he has opened an account and carries a checkbook on one of the Ellensburg banks. We wonder if he has ever figured how much the Order has to do with keeping wages at a point where it is possible for him to carry that checkbook?

Bro. J. Floberg, of Cle Elum, took a layoff during the last month. He was relieved by Bro. J. L. Miller, from Olympia.

Bro. A. M. Calvert, agent at Easton, on layoff and taking a trip to Arizona. Bro. U. G. Calvert is the relieving agent. Bro. E. Best is now on third trick. Others move up accordingly.

Bro. V. O. Brunner, of Martin, is back to his old "hangout," working third trick.

Bro. P. C. Arnold, of Borup, is taking three months layoff. Going to seek his fortune in Alaska.

A very sad accident happened at Weston, recently. Telegrapher C. A. Caldwell, while crossing the track to throw a switch for a stock train, slipped and fell in front of the engine and was instantly killed. The remains were shipped to an uncle in Seattle and thence to his home in Chillicothe, Ill. Bro. Baker wrote to Bro. Quick to take up with some brother in his home town the matter of getting a floral offering for the funeral from this district. Have not heard at time of writing this whether the matter was arranged or not. Telegrapher F. H. Rowan temporarily working third trick at Weston.

Telegrapher E. A. Johnston, of Lester, has resigned. Bro. E. G. Mathews is working third trick and Bro. M. B. Lytle is holding second.

Bro. McDaniel, of Eagle Gorge, is on thirty days layoff. Relieved by Mr. Bennet, from Colorado.

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Miss R. A. McClellan, of Sumner, is laying off. Relieved by Mr. W. A. Dingledine.

Meeker has been closed permanently.

The first trick at Puyallup is held by Mr. F. A. Ross, from Meeker; second by Bro. Huffman, and third by Mr. Gress, from Meeker.

Mr. Stanton, from Meeker, is working first trick at Prescott.

Mr. Heiser, of "WR," Tacoma, took a layoff for a month. Relieved by Bro. Lytle, who was later sent to Lester.

Bro. F. A. Bradbury, who was "bumped" from Prescott by Mr. Stanton, took second trick at South Prairie.

Local Chairman Baker reports that Bro. E. G. Mathews, of Lester, gladdened his heart by asking for two sets of application blanks. Bro B. says to tell the boys that he has lots more application blanks and will be tickled to death to have the brothers put them to good use.

K. C.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Toledo District, West End—

Bro. B. H. Better, third trick at Kingsway, transferred his membership from Division 33 to Division 55 this month.

Bro. L. D. Schultz, of the Grand Division, relieved Telegrapher O. B. Handy, at Huron, for a few days on account of the latter's sickness.

Relief Agent Bro. J. B. Zingg was at Milan a few days, while the regular agent, J. Mygel, moved from Mt. Pleasant to Milan.

Bro. Piper, second trick man at Hartland, transferred his membership from Division 33 to Division 55.

Bro. A. E. Drenner, agent at Hartland, has left the service.

We understand that Bro. E. A. Weirick got third trick at Huron Junction, on bulletin.

Bro. J. D. Dennis has been laying off a few weeks, being relieved by Relief Agent Bro. C. D. Endriss. He returned to work June 22d. Bro. Endriss goes to Homestead to relieve Telegrapher Richland for a few days, commencing June 25th.

Have you paid your dues? DUTCH.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

Regular monthly meeting held at Valdosta Sunday June 13th, with a good attendance. Much business of importance was transacted. Bro. Watson was unable to be with us on account of having no one to work for him. We were glad to see the A. C. L. boys out, and hope to have more of them at our next meeting, which will be held at Valdosta, July 11th.

Bro. Carr, of the freight office at Valdosta, goes with A. C. L. at that point. Mr. Jaxon, Findlay nights, relieved Bro. Carr. Mr. Perry has gone to Findlay nights. Bro. J. L. Roberts, from Hahira, Ga., goes second trick at Adel. Bro. C. M. McGahee, from Lenox agency to Hahira. Mr. Gay, from second trick. Adel, to Lenox agency.

Bro. M. Middlebrooks, formerly nights at Findlay, is working second trick at Hillsboro, Ga., on C. of Ga., that being his home.

Bro. J. W. Watkins, first trick man at Union ticket office, Cordele, is off a few days.

Several changes have taken place at Union ticket office, Tifton, since our last write-up. Old faces are gone to parts unknown and new ones are in their places. Bro. D. A. Hickey, first, Bro. J. E. Piper, from C. of Ga., No. 46, second, and Bro. E. H. Baker, from 132, third trick.

The writer notices that Mr. Willis A. Hair, one of those famous C. T. U. of A. scabs, has disappeared from the agency at Baxter, Fla. Boys, which way did he go; keep a watch out for him and remember the name, please.

We hope to see more of the boys out to our next meeting July 11th. CERT. 5.

Southern Ry.

Atlanta Division, South End—

Another month has rolled around and some of the boys still remain nons. When you undertake to line them up the same old excuse is given: "I am sorry, but just simply can't spare the money this month." I fell in company with a non some time since who had had trouble with the railroad company and was on his way to see the chief dispatcher. He had the audacity to say to me that if he was discharged he would join the O. R. T. and get the Order to put up a fight for his job. What do you think of such nerve?

Bro. J. F. Mosely, of Stockbridge, has made arrangements to take a trip through the West and visit Waco, Texas, and Rosebud. The latter place is his home. We know his stay will be a pleasant one, as he will be surrounded by relatives and old friends. He will leave July 1st for a sixty days' vacation and will be relieved by Telegrapher Grant.

Telegrapher DeLong is now taking a three weeks' vacation visiting relatives in Jacksonville, Fla.

We held a nice meeting at Flovilla, Saturday night, June 19th, with the following brothers present: I. H. McVicker, Moseley, Allen, W. O. Needham, G. C. Merritt, W. D. Mayes, Bros. Chambliss and Edwards, second and third trick at Flovilla; Bro. Goodwin and a few others that I failed to meet. We hold regular meetings on the fourth Sunday in each month at Flovilla. Don't forget to swell the crowd. Come and discuss matters and exchange ideas with each other. The dispatchers will favor you with wire passes if you can come between tricks or get relief. Come once and we are sure you will come again. Our chief dispatcher and superintendent have been very nice about furnishing passes by wire. Of course, we must write for transportation when practicable.

Bro. G. C. Merritt, third trick at "Cork," is on a vacation, covering ten or fifteen days. We do not know who is relieving him.

The brothers south of Macon will please send items for publication to Bro. W. O. Needham, Ellenwood, Ga.

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I saw Bro. E. C. Needham, from Waring, Ga., north of Atlanta a few days since. With his family he is taking a trip to his old home.

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Norfolk Division—

Mr. E. T. Lamb, superintendent and general agent at Norfolk and Pinners Point, leaves us on the 15th, and Trainmaster Mr. J. S. Bergman has been appointed to succeed him as division superintendent. Mr. Bergman was trainmaster four years. He comes from the Durham, N. C., agency.

Mr. P. A. Hart has given up the agency at Lawrenceville and is succeeded by Mr. E. W. Ligon, formerly from Mr. Hooper's office, and the Pinners Point billing office. Mr. Hart has accepted a position as accountant in the Danville, Va., agency office.

Bro. C. B. Austin, agent at Milton, N. C., declined the assistant agency at Danville, Va.

Bro. Baptist, of Boydton, has been staying close nursing a case of mumps. Glad to see him well again.

Bro. Capelle, the agent at Edgerton, recently made a flying trip to Norfolk on business; relieved by Mr. Keeton, from Lawrenceville office.

Bro. Kelly, agent at Brodnax, spent a few days in Petersburg and Norfolk on business; relieved by Mr. Keeton.

Arringdale, Va., agency has been open two months, and has been temporarily filled by a student. What is the reason that this job is not bulletined and given to some old man?

Buffalo Lithia Springs agency is to be opened on the 15th for the summer. The agent at this point is also conductor on the branch train.

On May 28, Bro. J. P. Dalton, of Holland, received a telegram announcing the death of his father, Geo. A. Dalton, of No. 141 Grove avenue, Petersburg, Va. He had long been a sufferer from kidney trouble, and his death was not a surprise. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. W. Moore, pastor of the church of which he was a member. Mr. Dalton is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. C. F. Fraser, Mrs. J. W. Harris, Mrs. G. G. Lewis and Miss Nora Dalton, all of Petersburg, Va.; W. A. Dalton, of Jetersville, Va., and J. P. Dalton, of Holland, Va. The remains was laid to rest in the Blandford Cemetery. We extend to Bro. Dalton and the family our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Thornton, the local chairman, has called a meeting at Port Norfolk on Sunday, June 20th, for the transaction of important business.

CERT. 2096.

Asheville Division—

We haven't had anything in the journal from the Asheville Division for a long time, of which fact I think most of us are ashamed. We could contribute something every month just as well as not, but I think most of the members are busy working on the nons, and now as they have about worked themselves out of a job in this special work there should be no excuse offered for not having items in the journal regularly.

I think the convention put new zeal into the Southern boys and they will get closer together than ever before. While we did not have a large attendance of visitors at the convention we have been asked innumerable questions regarding the work accomplished, and we know that even the nons are as a usual thing interested.

The new superintendent, Mr. Pelter, who has just taken charge of the division, seems to be an excellent gentleman and it is up to the boys to show him what excellent service can be rendered by a thoroughly organized set of telegraphers. Other superintendents have been proud of the telegraph service on this division and we can and must please this one, and I assure you that if you will deliver the goods the superintendent will reciprocate.

I am glad to note that the service is at this time as good and probably better than it ever has been.

Bro. B. B. Abernathy, of Connelly Springs, has just returned from New York, where he has been for several days on business. We are sorry to learn that he was ill most of the time and did not enjoy the trip.

Bro. Little, at Barber, keeps pounding away on the nons of the Winston Salem Division, and reports that he is growing very short of material. We are glad to say we have none to spare him on this occasion, as we are also short. The boys of the Winston Salem Division should be proud of him as local chairman, for he is indeed a good one.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of the wife and child of Bro. Alexander, of Drexel, and we sincerely hope they will soon recover.

How about the ham factory at Graphiteville? Ain't it a Jonah? One student, one teacher (who needs a course himself) and two main wires in the office. Guess there will be some large telegraphing done up in those mountains some of these days.

Bro. Brookshire, of Azalea, reports having had a nice time while on vacation. Bro. Frazier relieved him.

CERT. 9.

St. Louis Division, West End—

Agent Byers, of Bartelso, was on "23" last Sunday. He visited friends in Hoosier.

Bro. Chapman, second trick telegrapher at Mt. Carmel, is holding first trick, Telegrapher Berniger having resigned. Bro. Chapman is being relieved by Bro. Geddis, from New Baden.

Bro. Heuring, of Browns, succeeded in landing a non a few days ago.

Bro. Gahagan, first trick man at Denverside, has resigned; relieved by Bro. Carnahan, regular second trick man. Bro. Cleary is now working second trick.

We understand that the lady telegrapher at Lake has resigned, but we are unable to say who gets the position.

A few changes have been made on this division lately. The dispatchers are working the branches east as far as Huntingburg. Dispatchers Devney. Eckerty and Larcey are still with us.

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Dispatchers Gilley and Dearing have been transferred to Louisville.

There are not very many items this write-up. Let's get together and have a big write-up next month. "H."

North End, Charlotte Div.—

Quite a large meeting was held last month, I understand. I regret that I could not be present, but I was on vacation, visiting my sister at Clinton, S. C. I was relieved by Bro. C. L. Albright.

Bro. Ed Wood, formerly third trick at Paris, has left the service of the company. He was relieved by Bro. Russell.

Mr. J. J. Burns, of Wellford, has left the services of the company; relieved by Telegrapher Scott.

Mr. E. R. Rector and Mr. C. R. Tinsley, of Spartanburg, off a few days attending court; relieved by Bro. A. H. Faulkner and Bro. Russell.

Mr. James J. Phillips, of Mt. Zion, at this writing is sick and at the point of death in Spartanburg. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Dewberry.

Bro. R. Ward, of Blacksbush, off a few days; can't learn who relieved him.

Mr. Frank Garrison, formerly second trick at Gastonia, was discharged for holding red board on No. 43, our fast mail train, to put a drunken man on. Brothers, we should look after this man, as he is knocking us every chance he gets; does not seem to be made of our kind of material.

The following assignments were made on bulletin of June 18th: First trick Air Line Junction W. E. Patterson. Third trick Paris, W. D. Miller. Second trick North Charlotte, B. F. Darst. Third trick Greer, C. L. Cox.

Now, you extra men, have no kick coming, as eight or ten jobs are on bulletin; bid them in.

We have heard serious complaints from our chief dispatcher, Mr. King, about the boys sleeping on duty, especially the third trick men. This looks bad. Quit running around and sleep more and stay awake at night; be men, don't be like a lot of children. Let us show Mr. King that we mean to do the right thing. I am sure he would appreciate it.

We want to see all of you at the next meeting with new cards and each with an application. Don't let that non slip by this time; don't let him say "wait until next 20th;" get him now.

R. M. ALLEN.

Queen & Crescent (North).

Chattanooga Division—

There is at Greenwod, Ky. (Q. & C.), an ex-agent and telegrapher by the name of Sandifer, who has gone into the telegraph school business. He has about three or four miles of wire strung about through the country from house to house.

Sandifer may never expect to railroad again, and may think that he does not care, as it can not hurt him, and is a means of putting a few dimes into his pocket. It seems incredible that a man could feel this way toward the craft of which he was once a member, knowing how the O. R. T. feels about this kind of business. It is a hundred chances to one that none of his students will ever see the inside of a railroad telegraph office as an employe, as they can not get the practical experience until they serve an apprenticeship in a railroad telegraph office, and the student is a thing of the past on the Q. & C. No doubt this pseudo professor has worked upon the imagination of his gullible neighbor boys until they can see visions of themselves sitting back in a telegraph office with a pair of low cut patent leathers cocked up on the table, biled shirt and collar on, brilliant necktie, the table and floor strewn with cigarette butts and himself looking into a vest pocket mirror toying with an embryo mustache.

These would-be telegraphers have begun to infest the bay window of the telegraph office calling out an occasional letter or syllable that they may happen to catch. Mr. Student you will wake up some day with a start to find that you have been "considerably" duped. You had better sell your instruments for what the brass is worth, and take your pro rata of the wire and patch up the fence with it, you will never derive any other material benefit from it.

Perchance His Excellency (the Prof.) has communicated to the student a lurking idea that some day there will be a strike, and then "we can all walk right into the jobs of these Order 'fellers' that has been raised from $10.00 to $22.50 per month since I used to shake my writ on the road."

Don't be deluded boy, you will never see a strike on this old pike, the employer and employe have become too intelligent for any such foolishness as that, arbitration has taken place of war, in the financial world as well as in the martial world, and both have learned that one is as essential to the other as the negative and positive in the cells of your little batteries that you are wasting your time and money over.

As a certain humorist said, "advise is like castor oil, easy to give but durned hard to take," and it does very little good to give the former; therefore, Mr. Student, I will tell you something you will realize some day—that you have wasted a whole lot of valuable time, $4.00 or $5.00 for an outlay, besides what you have thrown away in tuition to the professor. CERT. 451.

Great Northern Ry.

Spokane Division—

Grand Organizer Mayhood has been working for the past two weeks on this division, with good results.

A third man has been put on at several of the stations, making them continuously operated.

Split tricks are disappearing rapidly. If any member is now working such a trick, he should comply with Mr. Abbott's request in his circular of May 20th.

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The additional passenger trains and a liberal use of the intermediate orders keep the boys "sticking around" nowadays.

A local board of adjustment will be formed in the near future, which we hope will be able to do some good work. A circular-letter will be issued, showing how it is composed. This letter will, also, contain a list of all members and eligible non-members. Every member will be expected to exert himself, making the division as strong as is possible. There is a reason for this.

We are pleased to hear Bro. Saunders back, gathering in the "X29's" again.

Nature ofttimes reveals to us a useful plant which at one time was strong and prosperous, but which is slowly dying, due to the attack of some parasite penetrating its living cells, and subsisting at its expense.

This same condition obtains in labor circles. We find the workers and the parasites. Among the telegraphers we have the workers struggling to secure an honest living, to ameliorate working conditions for themselves and their successors, to secure something that has the resemblance of a fair reward for their efforts, and to support and strengthen their organization, which is their only effective means of accomplishing these ends: on the other hand, we find those who are content with being parasites, who are subsisting on the efforts of the workers, sapping their strength, weakening their defenses of the ground already gained and blasting their hopes of further progress.

None but he whose eyes are blinded with prejudice, can fail to see that the advancement made by the telegraphers during recent years is due to the efforts of the O. R. T. How can any one partake of the fruits thereof without doing something to support it, and still class himself with the workers?

Today, a new menace to our future livelihood looms up in the East. We need ranks well filled with men to meet it.

Let our watch-word for the next few weeks be "Get Busy." CARL JOHNSON, L. C.

Marcus Division—

Bro. E. A. Melander is the new agent at Clayton, taking the place of J. T. Snyder.

J. T. Snyder has third trick at Deer Park, vice Mr. Peters, who has left the service.

Mr. J. O. Cline, of Springdale, is taking in the A. Y. P. fair this month. Do not know who is relieving him.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, of Marcus, is relieving Mr. Mills at Northport for a few weeks.

C. M. Bennett is the relief telegrapher at Marcus.

Have been unable to obtain any news from either the north or west ends. We can not understand why some brother don't get busy and send us a list.

Bro. Hoskin, at Valley, is a bachelor these days, while his wife is visiting in Iowa. Understand he and Trummel have some big feeds, but that they balk on washing the dishes.

Have you all paid up? If not, why? It takes money to keep things going, and we can not expect to have an effective organization unless we pay promptly. A strenuous effort is being made all over the system to get lined up. Can not we do something to help along out here? It seems like we ought to be able to secure a member apiece.

COR.

Butte Division—

Relief Agent Warner gets the new agency at the freight office in Billings.

Bro. B. C. McGowan transferred from Broad view to Gerber.

Mr. J. P. Cruser relieved Mr. S. J. Morgan, at Hedges. Understand Mr. Morgan took a few hundred of the company's money with him.

Telegrapher Morrison was transferred from Rimrock to Woodville, and later to Great Falls freight office.

A new office is being opened at Buffalo. We are unable to learn who the lucky man is.

Bro. A. F. Bassett, of Division No. 34, has located on a homestead near Cushman, and will, no doubt, go to work on this division in a short time.

Since the fones have been put in on the Shelby line the telegraphers have had their salaries cut to $55.00 per month. None of the telegraph men remained, and their places were filled with foners.

We understand that there is a telegrapher at Fowler, but can not learn his name. Telephones have been installed Great Falls to Billings, and will soon be put in operation on these districts.

It seems to me that it is about time that all telegraphers and agents on this division were waking up to the fact that now they are more in need of thorough organization than ever. Nuff sed, it's up to you. We will help you if you will give us a chance. Get busy and do it quick.

E. C. S.

Cascade Division—

A new depot is being built at Scenic.

Bro. B. F. Bush, of "GN" dock, Seattle, is on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Eden.

Double track between Metum and Mosher was put in operation May 23d, and Mosher and Everett Junction were opened the same date.

Bro. L. D. Phelps is now working first trick at Mosher.

Telegrapher Earl James, formerly of Mukilteo, is now working second trick at Meadowdale, while Bro. E. L. Frye has his old third trick back again.

Strawberries are moving at Richmond Beach, this means lots of work for Bro. R. E. Moore.

Mr. E. W. Bromley, a recent arrival from the S. P. & S., is now located on third trick at Merritt.

Bro. A. W. Barton, for the past year and a half second trick at Merritt, who recently went on a ten-day vacation, has apparently found more suitable employment elsewhere, as we understand from reliable sources that he will not return. We wish Bro. Barton well wherever he may go.

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Mr. J. W. Burke, second trick at Wellington, has been taking a lay-off of several days; relieved by a Mr. Morgan. Upon the return of Bro. Burke, Mr. Morgan relieved Mr. Harris, third trick at Wellington, whom we understand has left the service.

A new office has been established at Tonga. Can not say who, and what the force is there at the present writing.

We would like to see considerable less backbiting and knocking among the membership, and an increase in fraternity.

I hope every member has sent his dues in promptly this time, as it makes a lot of trouble for those handling accounts. Keep up-to-date and do not drop out by getting behind with dues, it is much better to not join at all than to join and then drop out, as a man who once drops out can not be depended upon, at a critical period, as much as a man who has "stuck" all the time; so if you have neglected to send in dues, send them in at once. COR.

B. & O. S.-W. Ry.

Ohio Division—

The joint meeting of Ohio and Indiana Divisions held at Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati, on June 17th, proved to be quite a success, both as to attendance and enthusiasm. The morning session was called to order at ten o'clock a. m., the general chairman presiding. The report from Bro. J. M. Peck, our representative to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., was received by mail during the meeting, and while regretting that Bro. Peck was not present it certainly was with pleasure his able report was received by the members present, and his loyal support to our grand officers for their great efforts in our behalf was certainly gratifying. Vice-President Dermody was present at the meeting, and after the affairs of the division had been discussed the morning session closed with a very instructive address made us by Bro. Dermody, and judging from the strict attention with which his easy flow of words and splendid advice were listened to by all present we certainly appreciated his presence with us, and hope to have the pleasure of having Bro. Dermody with us at all future meetings possible.

I wish to call your attention to the efforts we should make to render the company good and efficient service, let there be a friendly rivalry among us to answer calls promptly, and give the dispatcher all the information necessary to assist him in moving trains whenever required, and those who are enjoying the benefits of working an eight-hour trick should not be guilty of being reprimanded for sleeping on duty. We should all remember the "nine-hour law" was passed in order that we could secure sufficient rest to enable us to be attentive to business while on duty. All who are in a position to solicit business for the company should make every effort to secure any business arising in their territory. Do not allow a prospective interline passenger go to some junction point to purchase his ticket, but try to secure him for the B. & O. S.-W. If you are not supplied with coupon tickets, same can be procured from the general passenger agent on short notice, and you can ticket such passengers direct from your station, and thereby prevent them from patronizing some competing line at a junction point. Let us make every effort to show the officials we are endeavoring to work for the best interests of the company, and when our general committee goes to them to better our working conditions I feel assured our improved services will be recognized

The night session was called to order by the general chairman at 10 p. m., with a large number of brothers present, including all members of the general committee. Bro. Maddigan came in on No. 6. After reading the report of Bro. J. M. Peck of the proceedings of the Grand Division meeting at Atlanta, Ga., our worthy Fourth Vice-President, Bro. Dermody, gave us a very interesting and instructive talk along the many different lines pertaining to the benefit of the organization. Everyone felt that he had been more than repaid for the time and sleep lost to attend the meetings.

We should make an effort to attend the meetings. It brings us together to acquaint ourselves with the benefits of the organizations and also encourage our general committee to know they have the support of the members of the division.

Bro. F. A. Grape, the third trick man at Pleasant Plain, visited his parents at Zelaski, for several days about the middle of June.

The third trick at Greenfield was bid in by Bro. C. D. Morrison. This leaves the third trick at Mt. Sterling open and on bulletin.

Bro. T. E. Fitch, Ohio Division local chairman, is taking a vacation of ten days or two weeks, spending the time with his family on his farm at Coolville, Ohio. After the wheat and hay is harvested we hope to see our worthy farmer return to the key.

Bro. T. P. Costello, a former B. & O. S.-W. boy (but for the past three years with the Mo. Pac. at Ottawa, Kan.) with his wife has been taking an extensive eastern trip and visiting his parents and friends here for a couple of weeks.

Bro. S. S. Winters, who was agent at Coolville for a number of years, has moved his family to Athens and has charge of the agency at Grosvenor, the new transfer freight office.

Bro. W. R. Baker, formerly night man at Little Hocking, bid in the agency at Coolville.

Mr. C. M. Conley, of W. V. & P. Jct., Clarksburg, was the guest of Bro. P. Costello, Saturday evening.

Bro. J. A. Malone, second trick telegrapher at Athens, attended a lecture at Nelsonville, Sunday evening, May 30th; relieved by Telegrapher J. E. Curry, of Chillicothe.

Bro. T. K. Maloney, who has been working nights at Highland, bid in and secured the night office at Little Hocking.

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Bro. C. V. Hester, agent at Mineral, attended the Knights Templars convention at Parkersburg; relieved by R. K. Hall, of Zaleski.

W. H. Joyce attended the Knights of Columbus initiation and banquet at Marietta, Saturday night and Sunday, June 5th and 6th. We are unable to learn who relieved him.

Mr. John R. Ray, who recently died at Cincinnati, was for many years employed as telegrapher on this line and may be remembered by some of the old-timers. He began with the old M. & C. about 1870 or '71 and worked for some time at Vincent, Ohio, which was then on the main line. He also worked at Blanchester and other important offices, and after several years with the railroad he went to the W. U. at Cincinnati, where he was recognized for many years as one of the best men in the office. He worked "press" wires for years, and before the days of typewriters was noted for making about the finest "pen copy" that was handled in the country.

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Indiana Division—

Bro. C. E. Blackmore, third trick telegrapher at Storrs, who was absent four days the first part of the month to attend a house party and visited friends at Hamilton. H. A. Wedding manipulated the keys in his absence.

Bro. E. A. Watkins, second trick man at the end of double track at Milan, recently spent a few days with relatives at Bedford and Mitchell. He was accompanied by his estimable young wife. P. R. Bishop, of Sellersburg, relieved him.

Bro. Bert Seimental, who holds down "XN" tower at Lawrenceburg (Cooks), "nocturnally," has just returned from a two weeks' vacation spent visiting friends at Asheville, N. C. A. A. Donovan, of Dabney, relieved him.

Mr. A. B. Chapman is the "lich no bitic" manipulator of the keys at "AC," a block office one mile west of Cold Springs.

A. A. Donovan, an extra telegrapher from Dabney, relieved Bro. C. B. Rawlins at Cold Springs, one day recently. Bro. Rawlins is the busiest man on the line. He is manager of the Elm Spring farm. He is one of the most successful fruit growers in Dearborn County. He has a large orchard of all kinds of choice fruit. He is the efficient secretary of the Tri-State Milkmen's Association.

Bro. Harry W. Brant, of Carthage, Ohio, is working third trick at North Vernon while the regular man is at Seymour.

Bro. A. E. Richardson, who is holding the third trick at Cochran at east end double track, is off for a two weeks' vacation beginning June 16th.

Bro. W. H. Flanagan, third trick telegrapher at Culloms, relieves Bro. Richardson, of Cochran, during his absence.

All the employes in the transportation department of the Indiana Division were examined on the book of rules during June.

J. H. DeMann, one of the efficient train dispatchers at headquarters made his parents of Cold Springs a short visit recently.

Ray Busic, of Washington, Ind., is relieving A. B. Chapman, who is off for a few weeks' vacation. Mr. Chapman will spend his vacation at his home in Jeffersonville.

C. E. Miller, of Osgood, is working nights at Oakdale. Bro. William Nixon is enjoying a ten days' sojourn at North Vernon.

Bro. Roy K. Sheets, of Culloms, visited his parents at Dabney, one day recently.

Several of the boys of the Cincinnati District attended the O. R. T. meeting at the Dennison Hotel on the 17th of June and report an interesting session.

While R. J. McNeely, a former conductor for the B. & O. S.-W., was hunting in company with a doctor near Pueblo, Colo., on January 5th, both men broke through the ice on a small lake and were drowned. McNeely's body was recovered just five months after, on May 5th. That of the doctor has never been found. The remains of R. J. McNeely were brought to Blotcher for burial. He had been a prominent freight conductor on this line and his many friends mourn his tragic death. S. F. BEATTY.

Mr. G. C. Hadley, night telegrapher at Fairmon, is off a few days, visiting relatives in Collinsville, Ill. Relieved by Mr. J. C. Fincher.

Boys, when you see how hard our chairman is working to get the nons lined up why not lend a helping hand by doing a little missionary work ourselves.

Mr. J. F. Fincher, one of our extra telegraphers, has left the B. & O., and is now work for the Wabash Ry. at Granite City, Ill., third trick.

Bro. W. S. Pritchett has returned from New Mexico and resumed duty at his old position—first trick at Flora.

Bro. M. R. Taylor, agent at Xenia, has been off duty several days, taking care of his wife's father, who was injured while working in the yards at East St. Louis. He was relieved by Bro. W. F. Deabler.

Bro. R. A. Chickadantz, the agent at Iuka, was called to Washington, Ind., by the sudden death of a relative. Relieved by Bro. Deabler.

Bro. B. F. Holmes, who for the past few months has been employed in the B. & O. ticket office at Springfield, Ill., has returned to his old position as agent at Sandoval. Bro. E. G. Kile goes to Cone, first trick.

Bro. C. A. Wright, night leverman at Sandoval, has just returned from Mason, Ill., where he was visiting his mother. He was relieved by Mr. G. G. Moore.

Bro. F. E. C. Trent, of Shattuc second trick, is just back from a thirty days' vacation, spent at Hot Springs, Ark. Relieved by Bro. C. O. Spitler Spitler was relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell

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Mr. A. F. Summers has been holding down Carlyle third trick since Bro. Kelley's departure. He was relieved by Bro. C. A. Wright, who had the position in on bulletin.

Understand that Bro. Kelley is now working for the C. & E. I. Ry.

Bro. F. W. Reinhardt, the telegrapher at Lebanon, is off duty a few days visiting his wife's parents at Odin, Ill. He was relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. C. W. Drummond, first trick man at O'Fallon, is off on thirty days vacation with his mother and friends at Dayton, Ohio. He is being relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

DIV. COR.

Illinois Division—

One of the most enjoyable and profitable meetings ever held at Flora occurred Friday evening, June 18th, when about twenty loyal members from off the main line and Springfield Division collected at that point. Owing to the absence of Bro. J. M. Peck, who was unable to be present, the report of his trip to Atlanta was read by our general chairman, Bro. V. B. Turner. This report was given close attention by all present and was quite interesting and instructive Bro. Turner, then gave the floor to our Fourth Vice-President, Bro. J. J. Dermody. To say that those present enjoyed the excellent address of Bro. Dermody is putting it mildly. The address of Bro. Dermody was one of those stirring talks full of interest and good, sound advice. To the brothers who made no effort to attend the meeting I want to say that they are the losers. While the trip was no doubt rather trying to some of those present who had to lose a full night's rest and be hard at it next day, I am sure there was not a brother there who did not feel that he was repaid many times over for the effort. I am sure every brother present left the meeting with a determination to be more faithful and to work harder than ever toward the success of our grand order. Bro. Dermody's address contained much food for thought, and it is to be hoped that this meeting is only the forerunner of others, and that Bro. Dermody can be with us again and talk to forty instead of twenty brothers.

Why can not we have more out at these meetings, when we only ask of you that you come out two or three times a year? Will you not make the effort next time? It is so beneficial for us to get together occasionally and get better acquainted with one another. Some of you seem to think that if you carry a card and pay your dues nothing more is necessary or expected of you. That is only the first step and if you can't do something for the Order that has done so much for you then you don't count for much as an Order man.

Let us all get together and let each and every member of Division No. 74 assist in regaining our normal strength. If your neighbor is a non-member don't let him have any rest until he gets that up-to-date card in his pocket. Don't let him forget that we have one of the best schedules in the country, and that he is certainly lacking in something that constitutes a man if he will not do his duty toward himself and his fellow workers and get in line.

Illinois Div., Springfield District—

J. M. Galt, who has been agent at Omaha, Ill., for seventeen years, has been appointed agent at Shawneetown, Ill.

Bro. R. M. Allen, formerly second trick at Pana, Ill., relieved J. M. Galt as agent at Omaha,

Mr. F. E. Greenwood has returned to the transportation department after serving several months in "DF" office, Springfield, and is relieving Bro. R. A. Sidwell, at Beardstown. Bro. Sidwell is off on sick leave. Mr. Greenwood promises to remit for a new card very shortly.

A. G. Friend, of Bridgeport, Ill., is appointed agent at Norris City, Ill., relieving Bro. V. A. Tate, who has taken the position as assistant at Taylorville.

The telegraph service at Springer, Ill., has been discontinued. Mr. B. Cunningham, the former telegrapher, remains as agent.

We understand the ticket business between Flora and Shawneetown shows a nice increase since the addition of a new passenger train each way daily between these points.

A. C. McDonald, formerly Taylorville days, relieved Bro. R. M. Allen, second trick at Pana.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Bro. F. "Effie" Mann, at Springfield, recently. Effie is holding down one of the hot tricks for the R. G. W. at Salt Lake City, Utah. Bro. Mann did the owl act at Pana, Ill., while with the B. & O. S.-W.

It is a deplorable fact that we have so many non-members on our division at the present time. Boys, don't you appreciate what has been done for you? Can't you arouse yourself and take a little more interest in the Order instead of leaving everything for a few faithful members who are deriving no more benefits than yourselves?

DIV. COR.

CARD OF THANKS.

On behalf of my family and myself I most sincerely thank you for the beautiful floral tribute and your sympathy to us in our sad bereavement.

MRS. J. W. TATE.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the beloved father of our worthy Brothers T. P. Cavanaugh and D. F. Cavanaugh; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the B. & O. S.-W. Division No. 74, extend to Brothers T. P. and D. F. Cavanaugh and family their heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

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Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to T. P. Cavanaugh and family, and one to the TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. F. HOLMES.
JOHN M. TURRELL.
E. M. FITZGIBBON.
Committee.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Madison Division—

We had a very pleasant meeting in "Labor Hall," at Madison, Wis., Saturday evening, June 12th. There was a good turn-out and many more would have been with us, but could not get off as there were to be a number of gravel trains between Dousman and the sink hole located between Lake Mills and London.

It is said that a stretch of track near this place is to be raised this year.

At our meeting, Bro. L. F. Schneider gave us an interesting talk on the doings at the convention at Atlanta, Ga. He attended this as our delegate. He also informed us that he had been notified to join the other members of our general committee in Chicago, July 12th, for the purpose of meeting the general management for a revision of our schedule.

The local secretary and treasurer reported that there were two members who, although they have been notified many times, have never paid one cent of their local dues. This certainly is not fair to the rest of the members who pay. We want a square deal for all.

Local dues are supposed to be paid the same as the general dues, that is within two calendar months from the beginning of the semi-annual period.

North of Madison Mr. L. C. Ryan, the road master, has a large force of men laying the new 100-pound steel. On the north track it is laid from the cross-over at tower "MY" to a couple of miles north of Mendota. New 100-pound steel is also being put in around the curves, on both tracks near Ablemans.

On the east the gravel trains are hauling gravel from Dousman pit for track elevation in Milwaukee.

An office has been opened at Dousman Pit, tower "DU." Bro. A. C. Matzek, who was in charge of it for awhile, has gone back to Caledonia, and W. S. Barnhart, third trick at Afton, is now in charge.

Bro. J. M. Miller is relieving White, second trick at Waukesha, and N. A. Browne is relieving Miller, second trick at Jefferson Jct.

Bro. Edw. Welch is acting agent at Deerfield, until Bro. J. E. Keane returns from his trip to Idaho.

Telegrapher Bannon worked the second trick at Waukesha a few days.

Bro. M. H. Keefe, second trick at Evansville, is off on his vacation; he also attended the wedding of his brother, P. M. Keefe, at Oconomowoc, Wis., June 9th. He is visiting relatives at Trempealeau. Bro. C. W. Wahlquist is relieving him.

Bro. F. S. Cain is working third trick at Afton, while Barnhart is at tower "DU," and C. S. Hanger is working second trick at Oregon.

R. H. Mourning was at Afton for a while, returning to his home at Cochrane, Wis., on account of sickness. We "13" that Mourning has left the service and gone to work for C. B. & Q. Ry.

Bro. R. W. Wood, the agent at Merrimac has not been feeling well, and was off for awhile. He visited friends at Mazomanie while absent. He was relieved by Bro. Clark, of Lodi.

N. A. Browne put in a few nights on the third trick at Monona yard, "M." He was relieved by E. D. Wilson, who after a couple of weeks went to Klevenville to relieve Bro. C. Josi the agent. R. E. Wildt, a new man from Dane, relieved Wilson. Wildt also worked a short time on one of the 'phone tricks at North Freedom.

It has been necessary to take men from their regular positions and send them around to do extra work on account of not having extra men to do the work. Why are there no capable men on the extra list to do the extra work? For the simple reason that the company is not paying wages that will attract men and cause them to spend the time and money to fit themselves for this kind of work. A chief dispatcher is certainly up against a hard proposition.

Just figure out what a telegrapher has left to put in the bank after paying $1.75 for a sack of flour, 25 cents per dozen for eggs, 25 to 30 cents a pound for butter, 15 to 20 cents a pound for meat, $10.00 and upward for house rent, potatoes at $1.00 a bushel, etc., out of his little $52.50 check.

Yes, there is a reason why good men are scarce, and it is all in the matter of dollars and cents.

Bro. Degan is holding down the third or split trick at Caledonia. Telegrapher Starry held it for awhile and was then sent to do the wire work made necessary by work-train between West Salem and Winona Junction. Bro. Degnan also worked a few days at Waukesha, third trick.

Bro. S. C. Potter relieved H. L. Hammell, third trick at Beloit, a few days. He was off on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. A. Anderson, second trick at Monona yard, "M," is working third trick at Jefferson Junction, relieving N. A. Browne. Bro. A. L. Clark is relieving Anderson, at Monona yard.

The last bulletin was as follows: Caledonia, first trick, Bro. F. S. Cain; Caledonia, third trick, Bro. T. Corcoran.

Mr. C. G. Porter bid in first trick at Chase, and has taken charge.

Mr. M. Riney, superintendent of B. & B., has a crew of men out, in charge of Mr. Mike Quigley, and they are painting some of the town red—that is C. & N. W. standard red. Caledonia is the last place they struck and the town certainly has improved in looks.

We are beginning to look for a new time table, regular every Sunday at least, that is about

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what we have been getting lately. Business is fine for this time of the year. That is what we like to see. The more the merrier.

Mr. E. D. Wilson relieved Mr. F. A. Hewitt, telephone operator at North Freedom, who went to La Crosse to see the sights and visit friends.

H. L. Sparling has been relieving agents and telegraphers at Trempealeau, Ridgeway and Tower "BS" for some days.

Mr. M. Biwersi, the telephone man at Dane, got himself, Engineer Metcher, Conductor Pollowick and a brakeman discharged by getting bulled up with an order. It was very fortunate that no bad accident occurred. Yet it does not sem fair that men have given this company the best part of their lives should lose their jobs through the company hiring these inexperienced telephone men to fill the responsible position of taking train orders and blocking trains.

The C. & N. W. advertises the "best of everything," and that should include the men who do the blocking either by key or 'phone.

Mr. J. H. Hull, dispatcher on the third trick, south end, is on his annual vacation, and Mr. R. W. Risley, who is back from his medical studies at Los Angeles, Cal., is doing the extra work in the dispatcher's office during the absence of Hull and Glen A. Cole, who is also off duty.

Mr. M. E. Patterson, first trick dispatcher on the south end, was off on his annual vacation the first part of June, in time to take in the grand convention of the I. O. O. F., at Janesville, Wis.

Mr. J. I. DeSautelle, the second trick dispatcher worked the first, and Mr. P. E. Wright the second trick on the south end, while Mr. Patterson was away.

Bro. G. H. Doering is now working the third trick at Mendota.

Mr. Harry Hammill, third trick at Beloit, is now depot master at Madison, vice Mr. W. A. Blood, who has been promoted to a like position at Chicago. DIV. COR.

NOTICE.

All O. R. T. Members, Madison Division:

Local dues of $1.00 for period of June 30, 1909, to December 31, 1909, is now due and payable. Also those who are in arrears up to June 30, 1909, should remit as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

C. E. L. HANSEN,

Local Secretary and Treasurer, Madison, Wis., R. F. D. No. 1.

Northern Iowa Division—

Business is much better this season than during former years.

Bro. E. H. Clarke gets Garwin on bulletin.

Bro. Thatcher is relieving Bro. Davis, at Rolfe.

Bro. Joe Kohl has returned to Goldfish after several months sight-seeing in the West and North.

Bro. Bishop gets Gladbrook agency.

The Texas cattle are moving westward very rapidly.

Conductor Bonner has been appointed trainmaster of this division.

Bro. E. E. Carder is again agent at Gifford, after several months' spent handling private affairs.

C. B. Hadenfield, formerly of the dispatcher's office, is working third trick at Jewell Junction.

Bro. Doherty, of the relay office, has gone to Deer Lodge, Mont., as wire chief for the C. M. & St. P.

Mr. E. B. McClure transferred to the Sioux City Division as trainmaster.

Mr. Stranhan, first trick at Howardin, is in the West on a pleasure trip.

Mr. C. Bertness is the new agent at Alden.

The claim has been made that telephones will naturally lower salaries. Fifteen years ago the railroads were installing automatic couplers, and now have practically all cars equipped with air. Are the trainmen working any cheaper as a result? DIV. COR.

Nebraska and Wyoming Division, Eastern District—

Bro. Ralph Hales is relieving at Tilden, nights.

Mr. Belling drew east end on bid.

Bro. Sharp drew Plainview, days, but withdrew his bid and will remain at Oakdale.

Bro. J. J. Krska is relieving at Ewing, while Bro. Smith is away on a much needed rest.

Bro. T. L. Ryan drew O'Neill, nights, and seems to like the place.

Bro. J. H. Recroft is back at his old stand at Neligh, after having enjoyed four months' off.

Bro. J. F. Kenney is able to resume his duties as night telegrapher at Battle Creek, after a month's illness from pneumonia.

Bro. B. B. DeFrance, of Leigh, has been off about three weeks on account of sickness.

Members on this division should notify the local chairman when they hear of a brother being sick. We might be of some assistance to brothers in time of sickness.

Bro. Popelar had quite a time with sickness this spring, but is coming along all right now.

Get after the nons and keep after them. You can easily find out who still insists on keeping out or behind and reaping the benefits at our expense.

In bidding for positions kindly send copy of bid to local chairman.

Mr. Cushman, of Hooper, is off on leave of absence; Mr. Sauers is relieving him.

Bro. Todd, of Scribner, nearly lost a couple of fingers on his right hand, by being bit by the marshall's bull-dog. Last reports getting along all right.

We have a few delinquents but not many. Do not put off paying dues so long. This is but a small part of keeping up this good work, and we should all be able to do this much promptly.

Bro. Forney is relieving at Tilden, while Bro. Wurzbacher is on committee work and attending convention.

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Mr. E. C. Haup, second trick at Bassett, drew the day telegraph position at Geneva on bid, but did not take it for unknown reasons. He was relieved by David Goldware.

Bro. Snyder, at Atkinson, relieved Bro. Cook, at Stanton, for a few days. Bro. Cook being called away by the death of his father. The sympathy of the brothers on this division is extended to Bro. Cook.

Bro. Goodell is doing the agents stunt as well as telegrapher, during Bro. Snyder's absence.

Bro. Forney relieved Bro. Vestal, at Burke, for ten days, on account of Bro. Vestal's wife being quite ill.

Bro. W. J. Thomas, the agent at Inman, has resigned. He now owns a stock of hardware at Atkinson.

Bro. Frank Fowler drew the agency at Inman on bulletin.

Our general committee convenes in Chicago, July 12th, and will be doing things before this reaches you. Here's wishing them success.

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Wisconsin Division—

Dispatcher R. H. Koepp, recently returned from a vacation, and took up his duties, second trick at Milwaukee Division.

Our night chief, L. M. Davis, starts on his vacation the middle of June, and will make an extended visit to Kansas City and also to the home of his parents in Wisconsin. He will be relieved by Dispatcher B. O. Wedge.

Dispatcher D. B. McIntyre was absent from duty a few days owing to an attack of rheumatism. Mr. Swartz worked during his absence.

I was much pleased to go over the division a short time ago, and notice how well the boys were getting along. We observe, however, that a few are still outside the fold, but hope to see them all wearing the button soon.

During the recent heavy rains part of the track bed near Rockford on the "KD" was washed out and traffic was routed via Galveston Division for a short period. Gravel trains have been very busy for the past few weeks hauling gravel on the Kd. Division from Cary pit.

The ice business at Twin Lakes and Salem is booming. They are turning out 75 and 100 cars daily at that point.

The second trick positions have been opened at Fox River and Bristol for the summer season.

Bro. C. C. King, extra agent at Woodworth, has quit railroading and gone farming.

Bro. Hartsook is working second trick at Fox River, and Bro. Rinehare is at Bristol, second trick.

Bro. Thomas Yates is now holding forth at Pleasant Prairie.

J. M. Dugan, third trick man at Harvard, is now working second trick in the dispatcher's office, while Dispatcher Kramer is taking a vacation. Telegrapher Graves is working third trick at Harvard at present.

Bro. C. H. Frey, a new man on this road, is working third trick at Clinton Junction.

Telegrapher Wagner secured Winnetka day job on bulletin.

Bro. C. H. Brown secured first trick at Lake Forest, and Bro. Brownlee day job at Highwood on bulletin.

Bro. Kasper, of Wood St., has left the service to accept a better position with another company.

Telegrapher Edwards at "SO," Janesville, took a three weeks' vacation to visit his parents at Deerfield, Ky. Bro. A. Jacobs relieved him.

Dispatcher McIntyre, of "FD" office, called on his parents at Capron recently.

Bro. E. H. Cameron, from the Canadian Pacific, is holding down third trick at Waukegan.

Glad to see Bro. E. C. Pennington, of the Dakota Division, with us.

Telegrapher J. M. Baker, of Clinton Junction, has resigned and gone into the feather business; we understand that the third trick there will soon be on bulletin.

Bro. J. Montgomery, second trick man at Sharon, is taking a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Shields.

Bro. Flannery of Rockford, "KD," was off duty recently, and was relieved by Bro. Frank Johnson.

Bro. Black, third trick at Harvard resigned, and that job has been assigned to Telegrapher Graves until same is bulletined.

The funeral of the wife of Bro. Johnson, of Argyle, was well attended by the brothers of Wisconsin Division, also the Madison Division. Bro. Johnson has the sympathy of the brothers.

Bro. C. A. Stevenson, third trick at Capron, is off on a thirty-day vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Dempsey.

Telegrapher T. J. McAvoy, from Nor. Wisconsin Division, and former agent at Plymouth, Wis., is now holding second trick at Racine.

Tower "WS" at Racine has been discontinued as a gauntlet signal since the completion of the double track bridge across Root River.

During the absence of Chairman, Bro. Bitz, delegate to Atlanta, Ga., he was relieved by Telegrapher McAvoy. Mr. McAvoy was relieved at Racine by Telegrapher Flora, a new man off the Illinois Central.

The telegraph office at Ives was recently opened after having been closed for the past three months. This job was assigned to Telegrapher Levi.

Geo. Nelson, ticket clerk at Racine Junction, has resigned and accepted a position with the Goodrich Steamboat Co., of that city.

Telegrapher Dunham, second trick at Chemung, was off a week recently on account of a death in his family; relieved by Telegrapher Dempsey.

Thos. Nolan, agent at Capron, has moved his family from Woodstock to Capron. COR.

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CARD OF THANKS.

In this silent way my heartfelt thanks go out to the brothers of Wisconsin Division, No. 76, for the beautiful floral offering given in memorial, and the very kind attendance of the brothers at the funeral of my beloved wife, on May 23d, at Argyle, Ill. Your brother,

F. JOHNSON.

Minnesota Division—

The meetings held at Mankato, June 12 and 13, were not as well attended as could be wished for, but, nevertheless, a few of the old standbys were there and what we lacked in numbers we made up in enthusiasm. Bro. Troy was present at both meetings, and if the boys could remember half what he told us and put his ideas into practice we would be better off in the end. What the company wants is service, and the sooner we make up our minds to give first-class service the sooner will we be bettering ourselves. It's true we have to ask for what we get and sometimes have to fight for our rights, but if we do our duty the rest comes easy.

It does seem strange that more can not attend the meetings. When you take in consideration that our worthy brother from Pine Island attends and in order to do so drives ten miles to make the connection, it seems that at least a few others could manage it some way.

The nine-hour law makes it very bad, as we can not violate the law and it is almost impossible at some stations to arrange it so that the men can get back in time; nevertheless, there should be a larger turnout.

T. Lowery, who has been doing extra work on this division for the past few months, has resigned and departed for the West.

W. F. Schlict spent a few days on a fishing trip this month.

W. W. Zeige drew Janesville on bulletin; relieved at Judson, second trick, by J. A. Jaunke until bulletin expired.

J. C. Rice, third trick at Winona, had a few days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Sofka.

F. W. Miller, St. Charles days, laying off at this writing; relieved by M. M. Zeches.

Graveling track near Kasson makes the east end a pretty hot place to work on just now, having five extra work trains. A new office has been opened at Fifields Pit, where the gravel is obtained, office being held down by our old friend L. V. Strieff, who couldn't stay away from it any longer.

The following assignments have been handed to me since last report: W. W. Ziege, Janesville, Minn., third; J. J. Schlekau, agent and telegrapher Wabasso; H. J. Johnson, third trick at Lamberton; W. J. A. Maxfield, third trick at Mankato; A. J. Walz, second trick at Judson; A. C. Boomer, agent and telegrapher at Meriden.

A. F. Schmeltz holding Springfield, second, while Bro. Goodmanson is doing extra work at Minneota.

F. C. Evans is working at Redwood Falls during the absence of J. L. Keegan. DIV. COR.

Dakota Division—

Bro. A. E. Shreffler is relieving Agent Moes at Elrod for a few weeks, while Mr. Moes is spending his surplus.

Bro. W. J. Whaley relieved Bro. Garrabrandt at Highmore a few days, while the latter attended a trial in Huron. Whaley was sent to Manchester days, as agent after finishing at Highmore.

Bro. O. Harris is acting as agent at Groton during the absence of Mr. Vick.

Three new members and three transfers to this division for this month boosts our membership a little. On account of the committee going to Chicago a number of the members are working hard to get new members, and we should have five or six more before July 1st.

Levi Sedgwick, of Brookings freight office, has resigned and is to be married, says the Brookings *Press*. Levi intends to go on a big farm near Alcester. After three years over the ink well he has decided there is nothing to it.

Bro. Nelson, of Crandon, received Balaton, on bulletin, and has taken that position, relieving Bro. Miller. Bro. Miller worked the side wire in Huron a few nights, then relieved Bro. Screiter at Cavour, who took the Huron night job, and Miller later went to Tyler, third trick, which he secured on bulletin. Bro. House, of Tyler third trick, has taken up the work at Verdi as agent, as he secured that position on the last bulletin.

Bro. H. Griffith, of Gettysburg, is taking a short vacation, being relieved by Mr. J. W. Morris, of that place.

Zell is now a telegraph office, the wires having been cut in recently.

Mr. O. P. Walters, of Aurora, has left the service, Mr. L. K. Warren relieving until the station is bulletined.

This is a very poor excuse for a division write-up for a whole month, but it is due to the fact that there is very little going on and also because no notes were sent in, which is partly my fault. When you notice any changes or other items of interest drop me a card; one note will do if you can't send more.

We are to have a meeting this week and everything points to a good crowd and an interesting and beneficial time. The committee meets the railroad officials July 12th, and they have plenty of work to do. By the time this reaches the membership the committee will be in the midst of its work, and it will also be time for semi-annual dues, which we should pay promptly in order to show our leaders that we are right behind them all the time. A few of the members are a little tardy sending in dues, but the fact that they do send them shows that it is simply procrastination which is easily remedied. The prospects are good for a satisfactory schedule, but we must watch ourselves closely.

A little work on the part of each member will soon make us as strong as we can wish for. We have an excellent list of members now, but there

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are a few left that we need. I would like the names of a few members who will attempt to get one new member this month. Send me your name and I will give you the name of the nearest non and will assist you to get his application. Try it.

Bro. H. L. Engle, of Bruce, is taking a vacation and visiting relatives in Plainview, Minn. Mr. F. Smith, a new man from the Sioux City Division, is relieving him.

Bro. R. J. Holmes is working the horn wire as dispatcher. At his present rate of advancement Bob will soon have a regular trick.

Huron office is changed around quite a little. Ed Wilson is acting as chief during Mr. Laab's absence, and Mr. Braden is working third trick East, relieving Dick Stapleton, who has resigned to accept work in the East.

Mr. J. L. Rock, of Dempster, is taking two or three weeks off, being relieved by a Mr. Hazen, who is buying grain at that place. Mr. Hazen is an ex-Great Northern agent, with ten years' experience. I understand that Mr. Rock intends to come home with a housekeeper. COR.

Sioux City Division—

Bro. E. L. Riddell, the agent at River Sioux, made a trip to Lewiston, Mont., located a claim and expects to prove up on it next spring.

Bro. E. B. Long, the ticket clerk at depot, the ticket office at Sioux City, is taking a few weeks off, and enjoying an extensive trip through the West. He will stop at Denver and then go on to Portland, Seattle and Spokane; relieved by Mr. Wimple.

Bro. L. M. Ryman, the first trick man at Onawa, Iowa, has resigned and has been relieved by Bro. L. T. Fuller, who has been working second trick. Bro. L. T. Fuller was relieved by Bro. F. E. Haasch, who was relleved on third trick by a Mr. Barefoot.

Mr. J. L. Dick, agent at Galva, Iowa, laid off a few days to get married. We have not heard particulars. Bro. A. G. Christopherson relieved Mr. Dick while away.

Bro. M. M. Trumer, agent at Carnarvon, Iowa, secured California Junction on bulletin, Bro. E. E. Baskin receiving agency at Carnarvon on bulletin.

Mr. G. F. Taylor, formerly "foner" at Farnhamville, Iowa, has been checked in as agent at Whiting, Bro. H. L. Sharp, the former agent, leaving the service to engage in the ice cream business at Whiting.

Mr. W. W. Webb, agent at Salix, has left the service. He was relieved by Bro. M. Christopherson, who holds second trick at Sloan regularly.

We understand that Mr. E. Yule is going to Danbury, Iowa, as agent; have not heard where Bro. F. Smith is going.

Boyer telegrapher office was closed a few days on account of inability to secure telegraphers.

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C., St. P. M. & O. Ry.

Eastern Disrict, Wisconsin Division—

For the first time in several moons the Eastern District was missing from the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER last month. The overworked correspondent, in his mad search for news, did not notice the time flying, and when he got the write-up prepared found that it was too late. The correspondent's job on this division is one requiring some detective work each month to ferret out the news. No one seems to be willing to donate anything in the way of items and it is rather hard for the correspondent to pry them loose sometimes. We have alluded to the backwardness of the boys in furnishing news before and we expect that after this reminder we will be deluged with items next month. We hope so, anyway.

Dispatchers Livesey and Prentice are enjoying a vacation, being relieved by Messrs. Knott and Clarke, who are in turn relieved on the side wires by Bro. Hoffman and Mr. Rosencranz.

General Chairman Liddane has returned from the convention at Atlanta and reports a very pleasant, profitable and harmonious session, in which the delegates from Division 76 took an active part.

The C. & N. W. general committee meets in Chicago July 12th for the purpose of preparing a revision of the schedule, which will cover telephoners and also to arrange the hours of service for agents, telegraphers and telephoners and to rearrange salaries at points where there seems to be an inequality; also to straighten out some other matters which have developed since the committee last met the management. The Omaha committee will as usual convene shortly after the C. & N. W.

It is the intention to call a meeting at Eau Claire before the committee goes in, for the purpose of discussing the proposed revision. A meeting will be held in the afternoon and another in the evening of the same day in order to give both day and night men a chance to attend. The man who has some suggestions to offer the committee and does not attend those meetings had better hold his peace afterward. Those meetings are arranged for the convenience of everyone and a large crowd should turn out.

The gravel pit at Wedges Creek was opened in May for a couple of weeks with Bro. Roy Biggar first trick and Bro. H. H. Adams second trick. When the pit was closed Bro. Adams went to Millston to relieve Bro. Hoffman, who is relieving in Eau Claire.

Bro. Adams' regular trick at Sheppard, is being held down by Bro. Brookshire.

The depot at Black River Falls has been painted and equipped with electric lights and everything at that point is now up to date, except the agent.

The following are the assignments on the April bulletin: Marshfield, third trick, H. J. Halverson. Humbird, agent telegrapher, W. J. Mills. Hudson, first trick, T. F. Hurst.

The following are the assignments on the May bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, no applications. Merrillan, third trick, G. E. Anderson.

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Clear Lake, agent telegrapher, C. M. Olson. Barronett, agent telegrapher, L. R. Strasburg. Bayfield, agent telegrapher, R. D. Morton. Ashland, first trick, H. Gaarden. DIV. COR.

Nebraska Division—

Owing to my not getting notes to the editor in time last month, my write-up did not appear in last month's journal. It was a pretty full number just the same, however. Some of the old familiar faces appeared between its covers, as delegates and alternates to the convention.

Our genial general chairman, Bro. Liddane, advises that they had a rousing old time at the convention, but that he prefers the icebergs and snowdrifts of the old Northwest to the balmy breezes of Georgia. Understand he was under the weather part of the time while at the convention, but of course it would not be from over-indulgence at the table for we all know that Bill is a very light eater (?) at times.

So many changes have taken place that I have not been able to keep track of them all. Bro. Jones, of Wayne, has been kind enough to supply quite a grist of news, for which we are very thankful.

Bro. Jones graduated from telegrapher job at Tekamah, some time since, much to his satisfaction, and is now stationed regularly at Wayne, having bid in that position. He was relieved at "MH" by Bro. Dean, who has since resigned and gone with the N. P. at St. Paul. Hear the old familiar fist of "Kip" Hamblin at Tekamah these days. He seems to drift back to the key occasionally when on vacation.

Bro. Dover has resigned the day position at Lyons and returned to his family in Missouri. Relieved by Bro. Julian, who has been working the night trick at Oakland. A new man, Bro. Dangaard, from Division No. 130, relieves at Oakland nights.

Our old friend Agent McDonald at Randolph has just returned from a much-needed vacation in Colorado. Was gone about sixty days and reports a fine time. Relieved by Bro. Foutts, who then went to Crofton to relieve Mr. Gibson, who we understand has left the service.

Mr. Bubb, who was a brother on this division, but who left the service to accept work with the W. U. in Denver, about a year and a half ago, has returned and is now working the morning trick at Wakefield.

A new man, Mr. L. E. Foster, is now telegrapher at Bloomfield, relieving Bro. Kragscow while the latter is visiting friends at Lyons, Neb.

Bro. Marr, agent at Florence, was off a few days visiting friends at Calhoun, and in Iowa. Relieved by Bro. Foster.

Agent Crinklaw at Magnet will celebrate the glorious Fourth at Craig with his family. He will also transact business at Omaha and Tekamah. Will be relieved by Mr. Foster.

Bro. Sands, third trick man, at Blair, has resigned; did not learn where he went or who relieved him.

Bro. R. R. Larson, agent at Nacora, is off on a six weeks' leave of absence. It is understood that he with his bride has taken a trip to the exposition at Seattle.

Bro. Larson bid in the agency at New Castle and will take charge upon his return.

Bro. C. A. Whitaker bid in the agency at Winside when Ex-Bro. Anderson left, and is now nicely installed there. Mr. Anderson went to Sweden for a visit, I understand, and when he returns will take up his duties as agent at Crofton.

Bro. G. W. Smith, agent at Jackson, is doing the relief act at Newcastle until Bro. Larson gets there, and Mr. Carl Lindstrom, formerly cashier at Norfolk, is relieving at Jackson.

Understand that a telegrapher has been put on at Crofton in addition to the agent. That is good news; glad to see business pick up to that extent.

Bro. Mathews, regular day man at Tekamah, has been doing the farmer act up on his claim at Underwood, S. D., for some time. He reports things in fine shape up there. Don't know when he expects to return.

Bro. Thompson, second trick at Blair, has resigned and entered the photograph business we hear.

Bro. Barge, formerly agent at Hoskins, has been working as second telegrapher at Emerson for some time, but has now taken a steady run as brakeman on the Crofton line. Glad to see him work into a good place. He will move his family to Crofton in a short time.

Bro. Wood, who has the third trick at Emerson regular, is working temporarily in the dispatcher's office, while the dispatchers are taking their annual vacations. Bro. Wilson is working the third trick at Emerson now.

I will try and come again next month. Please send me anything you know of in the line of news and it will appear in due form.

DIV. COR.

Minnesota and Iowa Divisions—

On account of the numerous gravel trains on the division the boys are being changed around to such an extent that it is out of the question for me to keep proper tab on them. Those who do not receive mention should not feel offended, for it is up to the members to inform me when making changes.

The very few of the brothers who have allowed themselves to become delinquent have either paid up or intend doing so this coming payday. Our membership continues to loom up grandly, which is proper, for the general committee is making plans to shortly take up the work where they left off. Before you read this, unless something unforeseen happens, the C. & N.-W. general committee will be holding daily conferences with the management.

Our old friend Stucke is holding down the fort at Pipestone, but as yet has not seen fit to come across with that long-promised application.

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Mr. R. L. Hart, who has been relieving for a month or so at Lake Crystal, has been temporarily placed in the side wire position at St. James, and we are pleased to note that he is making good.

Our attention has been called to the fact that some of the younger members of our Order have a tendency to be impudent, talking back to the dispatchers on the wires. To those we wish to say that the Order will not countenance any such work, and if you are called to task or dismissed from the service for such conduct, you need not turn to us, for we will not intercede in your behalf. Our desire and aim is to uplift the profession, and it goes without saying that such conduct is neither uplifting nor gentlemanly.

We are pained to report the death of Mrs. C. E. Leonard, wife of Mr. Slaker's chief clerk at St. James. The telegraphers extend to the bereaved families their sympathy.

Bro. Jamieson, of Lake Crystal, is working the third trick on the side wire at St. James.

Bro. Richmond, of Vernon Center, has taken up his new duties at Lake Crystal. This puts Bro. Brooks on as second and Bro. Haggerty as third.

Our old friend N. S. Costello has been doing a little relief work the past month. He was first pressed into service as relief agent at Bingham Lake on account of Agent Smith's sickness; later he relieved Bro. "Dad" Beyer at Lime Creek, who was called to Rochester, where Mrs. Beyer had to undergo an operation. Bro. and Mrs. Beyer, with their daughter, returned home the 21st inst., and Mr. Costello returned to his former position as freight clerk at Lake Crystal, greatly relieving the strain on Bro. Bowen, who tried to perform the work of two men during Mr. Costello's absence.

Bro. Brady, of Blakeley, is acting relief agent at Vernon Center until Bro. Robt. Jamieson takes up his assigned position.

The assignments for the June bulletin are as follows: Vernon Center, Robt. Jamieson; Lake Wilson, C. T. Shier; St. Peter nights, R. J. Stelter; LeSueur third, C. A. Hendricks; Brewster nights, O. J. Smith; Woodstock Pit, no assignments.

We are indeed greatly pleased to learn of the improved condition of Telegrapher Fairfield. He tells us that he will be able to take up his duties at St. James about July 15th. He certainly has had a hard pull.

We learn that Bro. A. M. Kehrer is now working the side wire position in the Milwaukee dispatcher's office at Minneapolis.

It should not be overlooked that the constitu of the Order has been revised, so that now it is necessary for you to remit your assessments to the M. B. D. semi-annually, the same time as you remit your dues to the Order.

The meeting at Mankato, Sunday, June 13th, was not as well attended as on some occasions, but those who were present thoroughly enjoyed themselves and returned home building great anticipations on the next meeting, which is to be held some time in the near future, and to which the ladies will receive a special invitation. It will be our aim to make this coming meeting an event long to be remembered, and will afford the brothers an opportunity to enjoy the day with the wives, sisters and sweethearts of the telegraphers. The meeting will probably be at Mankato, and there is a talk of chartering the steamboat and taking a trip up or down the river, and also an auto trip out to the most beautiful lakes in the State. You can not afford to miss this, so watch for the dates.

There were fifteen members present at the Omaha meeting, and about the same number present at the C. & N.-W. meetings on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

It is to be regretted that Bro. Mann, of Mankato, could not be present at the meeting.

Bro. Lundberg, a telephoner from the Wisconsin Division, is visiting friends at Mankato.

Although we are very sorry to lose him from our division, we are more than pleased to know that Bro. W. C. Feyder has set himself up in business. He has purchased a store at Hartford, S. D., his old home, and has severed his connection with the old Omaha for all time. He certainly has the good wishes of the brothers.

Bro. Haggerty, of Lake Crystal, spent a few hours in Mankato one evening last week.

A little bird tells us that the wedding bells will be ringing around where Bro. E. E. Stolt hangs out in the near future. We understand at present Bro. Stolte is sojourning in the State of Nevada, but we are unable to find out whether he is traveling alone. CERT. 251.

Northern District—

TO ALL MEMBERS.

Having assumed the responsibility of division correspondent at a salary of $5,000 per annum, with the promise of a raise if I make good (the making good part depends entirely on the cooperation of the members), I trust that each one can spare a moment's time sometime during the month to send me any news of interest to the members.

No doubt every member reading our journal turns at first to his home division to see what the correspondent has been doing to earn his salary for the past month, and is very much disappointed if it is not interesting.

Hoping you will all give me your heartiest cooperation, I am Yours fraternally,

W. A. BLAKE,
Div. Cor.

Local Chairman L. D. Marquette reports a fine convention; the largest in the history of the Grand Division, with 327 delegates present, which shows a steady increase in our membership. It was educating to see the manner in which the business was conducted and the spirit of unionism displayed by the delegates. We certainly are blessed with a fine set of officers, and the

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Order should feel proud that we will have them for the next two years to conduct our affairs. By the time this appears in print we should have our new cards for the last half of 1909, and this period should be another stepping stone to advance working conditions of telegraphers and telephoners. It is essential that the telephoners be lined up as it is a business proposition, and if they are not scheduled it will be because they are not solid, and if telegraphers do not have better working conditions by the last of this year or before, it will be because they are not paying their dues and organizing.

If any of you know of a non advise the local chairman and assist him in every way possible to line him up.

As far as your correspondent knows there are but two nons between here and Spooner, and yours truly has one man's promise to join.

A few months ago the east end called our attention in the journal to the fact that Mr. Fletcher, of Stanton, was "saying things" and refused to make good. For a time we were inclined to discredit the statement and have attempted to prove it by trying to obtain the necessary papers from him and furnish him with a card, but in vain.

Bro. Marquette was relieved by Bro. Christie while at convention. Bro. Goodwin, of Spooner, is home on an extended vacation; relieved by Mr. P. M. Olson.

Bro. Brodt was appointed agent at Rice Lake; relieved by Bro. Brandt. We are glad to hear of Bro. Brodt's promotion and wish him success in his new position.

Bro. C. M. Olson, of Couderay, is visiting the paystreak at Seattle Fair. Did not learn who relieved him. Also understand Bro. Olson drew the Clear Lake agency.

Roxby gravel pit has opened and gravel trains are running the usual sixty-mile schedule.

Bro. W. E. Neitzel has charge of the pit.

Clayton has opened up second trick with Bro. Odegarde in charge, account of gravel train, which is a blessing for Bro. Hansche, who was continually buried with work.

Bro. Means, of Shell Lake, is visiting relatives in Seattle. We understand Harry visited Superior first, in company with Mrs. Means.

The result of May bulletin, is as follows:

Merrillan third trick, D. E. Anderson.

Clear Lake Agency, C. M. Olson.

Barronnett agency, L. R. Strausberg.

Bayfield agency, R. D. Morton.

Ashland first trick, H. Gaarden.

Bro. Anderson, of Duluth, received word of the serious illness of his father and left immediately for his home at Mankato. His father passed away shortly after his arrival. Bro. Anderson has the sympathy of his many friends.

DIV. COR.

Western Maryland Ry.

In running over my last month's TELEGRAPHER I noticed that the Western Maryland was not on the list, and, working for that road as I am, it is only natural that the Western Maryland write-up should first claim my attention.

I expect, by this time, that all the boys are aware of the change that has taken place at Gettysburg. The personnel of that change will appear further down in this column, so read on, boys, read on. But, "lest we forget," I will just mention that we have a new division correspondent. Bro. Gardner had to give this up when he accepted his new position as relief telegrapher. General Chairman Smith, of Smithsburg, has appointed Bro. Berger, of Gettysburg, as correspondent. Any brother who has a news item or two should kindly send same to him. We all like to see a good write-up; it helps to keep in touch with the things that are going on around us.

Now, fellows, there has been quite a lot of talk about a new schedule. Being practically a newcomer, I am unable to hark back to the time the telegraphers had a schedule here, if they ever had one. This talk has been afloat quite a while, and the long wait seems insufferable. But I know this: there is a copy of a mighty good schedule in waiting, which is to be forwarded immediately upon the receipt of a definite date, which will materialize, I have every assurance, in the very near future.

Our general secretary and treasurer has received several letters from brothers which show their general temperament. Lack of patience is, sometimes, a blessing, but in this case the brothers ought to write more conservatively. The G. S. and T. is always glad, very glad to hear from the boys, to get their opinions and to keep in touch with them, so reflect, when you write, that he is only human like the rest of us. 'Tis like a baseball game in my opinion. Work *together* and you win.

Mr. Claggett, the efficient chief clerk to Train Master Brendel, has accepted the agency at Williamsport, Md., and Mr. Landwaithe has jumped into the breach made by Mr. Claggett's move, and is now filling that position. Mr. Landwaithe was formerly chief clerk to Chief Dispatcher Berry, he being ousted by Mr. Alberts.

Bro. P. C. Gardner, first trick at Gettysburg, was appointed relief telegrapher and agent with headquarters at Hagerstown.

Bro. C. T. Rose, second trick at Gettysburg, changed to first trick, filling the position vacated by Bro. Gardner.

Bro. W. R. Berger, third trick at Gettysburg, changed to second trick.

Bro. H. F. Breighner, who was working third trick at Bayles, fills the gap at third trick at Gettysburg.

Bro. I. B. Clark, recently from Division No. 33, B. & O., has been assigned third trick at Beard, W. Va. The vacancy was caused by Bro. Vandyke leaving the service.

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Telegrapher Spillman relieved Bro. Smith, second trick at Edgemont for two nights. Bro. Smith is visiting Bro. Richards of Hancock.

Bro. Clark relieved Bro. Law, second trick at Clear Spring, for one night.

Bro. Clark worked third trick at Edgemont, relieving Bro. C. E. Merker while he attended the convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Tuck has been assigned to second trick at Emory Grove.

Telegrapher Beard relieved Bro. Breighner at Beard, second trick, Bro. Breighner being sent to Bayles to work second trick, where he was afterward relieved in order to take the third trick at Gettysburg.

Bro. Neuman relieved Bro. Krichton at Bayles for a few nights.

Telegrapher Ruth, third trick at Highfield, has taken the agency at Buena Vista for the summer. Mr. Ruth was relieved at Highfield by Bro. Arnsberger, who was formerly working second trick at Walbrook.

Telegrapher Sterner relieved Bro. Arnsberger at Walbrook.

The summer offices at Pen Mar, Blue Mountain and Buena Vista are now open, and all reports show that the season will be a good heavy one. We are all looking for good traffic, that spells "prosperity" for the road. Agency at Pen Mar is filled by Bro. Barnes.

Next month I hope the brothers will make a note every time they hear of a good piece of news, and send it to SHORTY.

Illinois Central Ry.

Louisiana Division—

One of the most enthusiastic and the best attended meetings of the season was held at McComb Sunday night, June 13th. Bro. Youngblood occupied the chair in true parliamentary style, Bro. Miller acted as secretary and read some real live communications and waded through a lot of other business in lively fashion. Bro. Hiram Allen filled the station of Past Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Moon First Vice-Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Serret Second Vice-Chief, Bro. Sam Turner, Marshal, Bro. R. W. Wilson (not C. C.), Inner Guard and Bro. Cram Outer Guard. Several applications were balloted upon and the victims will be present at next meeting and will ride the goat if they don't fall off en route. Under the head of "the good of the Order" several of the boys displayed their oratorical powers, especially Bros. Allen and Chambers, who are studying law as a side line. A joint meeting will be held at Jackson, Miss., July 4th.

Taking vacations is the order of the day; everybody and his brother wants to get off for a month or more, and take an extended trip, consequently extra men are in good demand; in fact, good extra men are a scarce commodity; very few competent men are out of employment; only lids and students available.

Effective June 17th the Texas & Pacific passenger trains are using the Illinois Central Union Station, crossing the Mississippi River at Avondale via the Southern Pacific incline. This arrangement gives general satisfaction to the traveling public, also to the telegraphers, who disliked to walk so far to the old T. & P. depot. On this account the telegraph office at Incline has been reopened with two men nine hours each. Bros. M. Carroll and Bill Gowland are the lucky men.

Mr. Chas. Dudenhefer, better known as "Klep," is kicking because the General Committee don't get busy and get more money. "KR" says the O. R. T. trough is getting as dry as a prohibition State.

Bro. W. S. Gant, telegrapher at Canton, Miss., is on sick leave, recuperating at Allison's Wells.

Bros. Pete Cummings and Geo. Verges, at "FD," New Orleans, are carrying the hod for sure these strenuous times; the banana business is coming in bunches and "FD's" banana signal 13 takes the circuit over everything except 33.

The telegraph office at "JD," Jackson, Miss., has been moved upstairs in order to make more room for the ticket office, on account of the N. O. & G. N. passenger trains using the I. C. Union Depot. Bros. Chas Head, chief; Eddie Moon, assistant chief, and Cig. Serrett, night chief, are all busy men.

Edward Dunning, chief operator (?) at Harahan Junction, La., says no O. R. T. men wanted at "HN" office. George Adish is Mr. Dunning's able (?) assistant. Oh, you kids! I think it's real mean in them.

Bro. W. P. Jordan has given up the agency at Bentonia, Miss., and has been assigned to second trick at Yazoo City. The vacancy at Bentonia has been assigned to Bro. Chambers, of Kentwood.

Bro. Floyd Williams, agent at Gulletts, La., has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been spending his vacation.

Bros. S. G. Hungate, agent at Tickfaw, La., and H. P. Hungate, agent at Summit, Miss., have been summoned to the bedside of their father, who is very low at his home in Tennessee.

Sister M. R. Addison, day telegrapher at Magnolia, has returned from her vacation much improved in health. She was relieved by Joe Fitzgerald, a non.

Henry Fitzgerald, third trick at Asylum, Miss., is a financier of no mean ability. He recently organized a dairy, cornered the ox market and is now trying to promote a telegraph college at Jackson, Miss., provided he can find enough suckers. Hy says there are too many crooks in the O. R. T. for him.

The latest to sign up is W. B. West, third trick at Madison, Miss. Billy will attend our meeting at Jackson, Miss., on July 4th to get in touch with the O. R. T. goat.

One of the late comers is Bro. Yost, who is extra at Crystal Springs second trick, relieving Sister Jessie Tatom, who is still sick.

DIV. COR.

Omaha and Cherokee Divisions—

Bro. Mulhall attended our last meeting at Fort Dodge and gave us some good pointers. Come again, always glad to have you with us.

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Bro. G. W. Hannon, of the C. M. & St. P. at Fonda, attended the telegraphers' meeting at Fort Dodge, May 17th.

Bro. N. C. Libby, of Rowena, is taking a six weeks' leave of absence and is relieved by the helper from Pomeroy.

Bro. Frank Hobbs, of Su City yard office, is taking a vacation.

Bro. Wm. Dodds passed away at Cherokee June 14th after an illness of six months with dropsy.

Bro. C. E. Brace, at Rockwell City, has been removed from the service and his case will be investigated.

Business has been very good on this division and with the good crop outlook we will do all kinds of business this fall.

Bro. Zeigler is visiting at Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. J. B. Shinners, agent at Parkersburg, has been granted a two months' leave of absence, Bro. E. W. Cooper, first trick at Parkersburg, relieving. Unable to learn who will relieve Bro. Cooper.

Bro. E. A. Laipple, nights at Ackley, has resigned. Bro. C. W. Krell, formerly agent at Aplington, is at Ackley until regular appointment is made.

Mr. E. J. Wiggs, third trick at Gypsum, is relieving Bro. Fear, who has been given a few weeks' leave of absence.

W. R. Foster, the agent at Webster City, is taking in the sights in the West; relieved by Bro. Empie, who was relieved by Bro. F. J. Smith.

Bro. W. I. Locke, the second trick man at Gypsum, is working the second trick at Webster City, relieving Bro. Smith, who is working first, while Bro. Emple is acting as agent.

A man from the Iowa Central and a helper from the Omaha District are working second and third tricks at Gypsum, while Bro. Litchkey is acting as agent during Bro. Harker's absence.

I think the way things stand in the dispatcher's office at Fort Dodge are something like this: Bro. Siep waiting for Bro. Conway and Bro. Conway waiting for Bro. Siep to say something to Mr. Morton. Morton should be a member.

Bro. Roy Cronk, third trick at Tara, has gone to the Portland Exposition; relieved by Bro. Richter, who came here from the Rock Island.

Bro. L. James, third trick at Council Bluffs, was taken suddenly ill a few days ago, making it necessary for Bro. O'Donnell and Mr. Harty to double a night. Understand a man from Wabash is now working third at "CS," Council Bluffs. Might be if he is a good one; he can show Harty the error of his way. CERT. 144.

Freeport Division—

It has been some time since I have given you any news from the Freeport Division, and as no one has taken the job from my hands as of yet, I will try to give you a little dope this month.

As usual changes are numerous, but as I have not received notice of very many of them, I will more than likely miss quite a number. If you brothers would call me up on the wire and let me know when there is a change at your station, I might be able to give you a much better write-up

The changes in the vicinity of Freeport have been very numerous.

Bro. B. C. Barber relieved Bro. R. C. Eiser while he attended the convention at Atlanta. Upon Bro. Eiser's return Bro. Barber went to Freeport yard office to work second trick a few days in place of Bro. Jno. Hayes.

Bro. Jim Davis, regular at Hart nights, was called to Freeport to relieve Bro. Hayes for a few days on second trick Freeport yard office, on account of shortage of men capable of holding down this job. A telegrapher by the name of Beaby filled Davis' place at Hart nights. "13" he got in a mix-up and got his walking papers.

Bro. Jno. Funk is at present doing the extra stunt at La Salle on second trick, in place of Bro. Sam Davis.

Bro. Sam Davis has certainly had his share of trouble, his wife for the past three months has been very sick and has had to have several operations performed upon her. From last reports I understand that she is somewhat better.

Bro. Boldts worked a few weeks at Parkway on third trick in place of Roy Evans.

A telegrapher by the name of Morton relieved Bro. Boldts at Alworth nights.

Bro. M. J. Madden relieved C. S. Pack, second trick dispatcher south end, for a few weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. Harry Granger relieved Bro. Madden as day telegrapher in "DR" office, Freeport.

Telegrapher Beebe relieved Bro. Granger at Freeport yard office for a few days, but was unable to handle the business, Bro. Davis, from Hart, relieving him.

Our General Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. R. L. Shannon, and W. Kelly, our Local Chairman, passed over the division getting after the few nons we now have on the division. They succeeded in making the Freeport Division 97 per cent strong.

Bro. Wm. Powers is at present filling a thirty-day position at La Salle on first trick.

Bro. M. J. Madden, day telegrapher in dispatcher's office, Freeport, is at present working as extra dispatcher on the south end, filling second trick dispatcher Pack's place, Pack filling Schillinger's place as third trick dispatcher, south end. Schillinger enjoying a thirty-day vacation.

Bro. Sam Davis is filling Bro. Madden's place as day telegrapher, "DR" office, Freeport.

Bro. R. R. Toombs worked several weeks at West Junction, on first trick, in place of Bro. Hunsicker.

Bro. Geo. Cox is filling Bro. Toombs' place as night telegrapher is "DR" office, Freeport.

L. J. Hill worked as chief dispatcher for a few days, in place of C. O. Richards, Bro. Madden filling Hill's place as first trick dispatcher, south end.

Telegrapher Lapin is at present working the third trick at Freeport yard office, in place of Bro. Geo. Cox.

R. S. Devaney relieved Bro. Kelly while he was out on the road.

Devaney relieved Bro. Jim Davis at Hart nights, while Bro. Davis was getting married.

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One of the finest meetings that we have had for some time was held at Freeport June 18th. First Vice-President J. A. Newman, Bro. G. E. Soyster, General S. & T. C. M. & St. P. System, and C. A. Mulhall, our General Chairman, being in attendance. The crowd from off the district was not what it should have been, and they certainly missed some very good addresses given by the above brothers. There were quite a number of brothers from the C. & N. W. and C. M. & St. P. there, too, who we were very glad to see and hope they will continue to attend our meetings. Bro. R. C. Eiser read his convention report and afterwards several very important questions came before the meeting for settlement, one being the question as to whether the changing of the Freeport yard office from its present place to a new location in the freight house would be a new position created or just a transfer. It was thoroughly discussed and then turned over to Bro. W. Kelly for him to handle as he sees fit.

At the next meeting to be held in Freeport, the business of organizing and electing officers for the Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club will be taken up, and a large crowd will be expected from all the roads entering the city of Freeport.

The company is making quite a number of changes at Freeport. They are at present moving the freight office from upstairs in the freight house and putting it down where the engineer's office used to be. The old freight office is to be used as a dispatcher's office and yard office. Two new telegraphers are to be put on in this office in addition to the telegraphers that are at present working in "DR" office. This is going to give the dispatchers room to take a breath when this work is completed.

Bro. H. J. Jones has left the service since the death of his wife. Telegrapher Morton relieved him. We are all sorry to see Bro. Jones leave the ranks and hope that everything he undertakes will be a success.

Alworth agency and Monroe days are on the recent bulletins.

Bro. McClosky is doing the extra stunt at Rockford, third trick.

Telegrapher R. B. Devaney is at present working second trick at Amboy, in place of Bro. Sherbert.

Bro. Kuhlmeier was the successful applicant for Wapella agency. Bro. Knapp relieved Bro. Kuhlmeier at Monroe days.

Bro. Henion, of Wapella, reecived Kappa on bulletin.

Bro. Shepherd and family, of Rutland, have just returned from a two weeks' visit in Southern Indiana. Bro. Knapp filled Bro. Shepherd's place during his absence.

Bro. Schlaf, of Minonk, spent a week in the dells of Wisconsin being relieved by a Mr. Bradley, a new man on this line.

Mr. Bradley relieved Kelly while he was attending the meeting held in Freeport the 18th.

Bro. Wm. Powers certainly showed his loyalty to the Order, coming all the way from La Salle to attend our last meeting. It seems as though others could have attended who were but a short distance from Freeport.

Bro. McGowan got La Salle, third trick, on bulletin.

Bro. B. C. Barber relieved Bro. McGowan at Coleman on third trick.

KNOCKERS AND NONS.

Should any one ask you
  What had been done in "08"
Would you be among the knockers,
  And say "nothing great."

If this is the length of your memory,
  You had better close your joint,
And go to selling hammers,
  To knockers at another point.

For in this year of panic,
  Which we successfully passed
We received no salary reductions
  And a nine-hour day at last.

Have you ever stopped to figure
  What this has meant to you,
Or have you simply grumbled
  Around like a lonely Jew.

We work three hours less,
  Each and every day,
The same as five days' vacation
  Every month with the same pay.

Even though the railroads,
  With their flimsy excuse
That they couldn't get the operators
  To shoot the Morse juice.

But yet the simple agent,
  At the one-horse joint alone
Says the operators have the chicken
  While we take the bone.

Don't say this, for remember
  The schedule it doth quote.
Seniority it shall govern
  To all that cast a vote.

"SHORTY."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the beloved wife of our worthy Bro. H. J. Jones; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the membership of the Freeport Division of the I. C. System Division, No. 93, extend to Bro. Jones and son our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Jones and son and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. C. EISER,
H. E. KEISTER,
W. KELLY,
Committee

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To Members of the Freeport Division—

I wish to kindly thank you all for the very beautiful floral offering sent us in memory of my deceased wife. H. JONES.

Chicago Division—

Mr. J. R. Billingsby is working third trick at Monee, Ill., and Mr. R. Newman has accepted second trick at Tolono, Ill.

Bro. C. O. Stone, of Paxton, has taken a ninety days' vacation. Unable to state where he is going.

Bro. J. A. Gerbel is acting as relief dispatcher at Kankakee during the absence of Mr. Carl Davis.

Bro. F. C. Boucher has accepted the agency at Merna.

Mr. E. Axin is working as second owl at Otto.

Bro. Wells has returned to work at Manteno.

Mr. Gardner is relieving Bro. Powers at Irwin for a few days.

On account of the tower at Matteson being moved to allow electric line to cross at junction, three men are working in ticket office; Bro. C. E. Baugh is working second trick.

Bro. Wolf is working second trick at Paxton.

Don't forget that we meet in Gilman and Kankakee alternately—Gilman second Saturday night of one month and Kankakee second Friday night of next month.

Excuse me, but have you paid your dues? Get busy, thaw out and hand the "Masuma" to the secretary and get a nice up-to-date card. Very nice thing to have with you when you get on your glad rags. Good thing if you should get lost, for you will always find friends when you have the card with you.

We understand Roy Fitzpatrick has bid in the second trick at Paxton.

Gilman line was not very strong at the meeting at Kankakee the 11th. You know, boys, we hold the belt for the best attendance and we should try to keep it.

Bro. Finnigan was recently called to Chicago to attend staff meeting of the Chicago Division.

Telegrapher Ikerd relieved Bro. McGauley a few nights at Paxton on account of sickness. Bro. Spangler is working third trick, which is on bulletin. Bro. Wolf working second trick, as Bro. Stone is off for ninety days. Bro. McGauley has first trick regularly.

Bro. Caily, of Thawville, is off for a week or ten days, being relieved by R. J. McCann.

Mr. Roy Fitzpatrick having gotten second trick at Paxton on bulletin, gave it up, preferring to work as extra agent. ACTING COR.

Tennessee Division—

We are glad to say that at this writing business on this division seems to be about normal for this season of the year.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at Fulton, Ky., June 19th, which was called to order at 8 p. m. There were nineteen members present, including our secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. L. Shannon, from Anna, who gave us a very interesting talk. We were also entertained a few minutes by Bro. E. L. Mathis, from Greenfield, Tenn., who spoke relative to the convention, which he attended in Atlanta, Ga., in May. Our next convention will be held in Toronto, Canada, in 1911.

Bro. C. A. Mulhall, our General Chairman, was detained in Chicago on business; did not arrive in Fulton until the following morning.

These meetings are a great help to us. I favor a meeting at least every other month, and if placed on a position where I can attend I assure you I will be present, and bring every one I can with me.

I suppose quite a number have watched reports and in different ways tried to ascertain just what progress the telephone has made where it has been installed. It is just about completed on this system (in fact, several districts have been entirely completed), and is reported that it will be in operation in the course of the next few days. Up to the present time the telegraphers have not been done away with, and we do not anticipate that they will be.

The following are some of the changes that have taken place since the last write-up:

Bro. Pearl, of Cairo, Ill., first trick, is off on ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Snyder.

Bro. Sowrey, of Illinois Junction, third trick, is doing the agency act at Winkle; relieved by Bro. Reagin, who has been attending college at Nashville, Tenn., for several months.

Bro. Dye, second trick at Ballard Junction, has just returned to work after a few days' illness; relieved by Bro. Reagin.

Bro. Cameron and wife, of Cairo Junction, attended the Hustlers' meeting at Centralia, and reported a fine time.

Bro. S. R. Michael, first trick at Winford, has been off over a month with a broken collar bone, caused by his speeder jumping the track; relieved by Mr. J. F. Brewer, extra man from Sharon, who has since taken sick, which called for Bro. A. E. Pace, another extra man from "U" City.

Bro. M. Mitchell, of Arlington, Ky., is off a few days; relieved by Mrs. Neal, extra. Bro. Mitchell is attending court.

Bro. D. T. McAdoo, of Lawrence nights, off on leave of absence; relieved by Morgan Williams, extra man from Krebs.

Bro. R. M. Ethrige, of Diversion, off a few days; relieved by Bro. W. D. Midgett, from Rives freight house.

Bro. M. M. Penticost, third trick at Rives, is off a few days on account of sickness. The company was obliged to double the first and second trick men, on account of no extra man for relief.

Bro. J. L. Godfrey, Martin, Tenn., is off on a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. W. D. Scott, an extra man from Fulton, Ky.

Bro. H. L. Turner has reported for duty after thirty days' absence.

Bro. J. W. Stockdale, of Frogmoor, has reported for duty after fifteen days' absence.

Bro. Baird, Hickory Valley, wants off for thirty days, and Bro. Graves, of Oxford, wants off thirty days, and there is no one to relieve them.

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Bro. L. M. Matthews, extra man from Jackson District, has resigned and gone to parts unknown, being relieved by regular man, Bro. Graves.

There are a few nons left on this division. Let each of us put forth every effort to land every one of these men, who are desirable, so that we may be called the "banner."

CERT. 1099.

Mississippi Division—

I have received no notes from the brothers advising me as to what is occurring on the Pike, but I suppose the boys think it is up to the local chairman or correspondent to keep informed and tell them everything that happens.

The regular meeting was held at Grenada Sunday night, the 13th inst., and while there was room for more of the members there was a good crowd, although not so many as we would have liked to have seen.

Bro. Bull, with a few others, is lining things up for good meetings and full houses. We are intending to initiate two or three of the brothers at the next meeting. No doubt a great many will avail themselves of the opportunity to be on hand. Bro. Bull advises that Chief Taylor will not grant permits to attend these meetings hereafter unless they are asked for at least two or three days before the meeting in order that he can send regular passes.

Bro. Mulhall was at Grenada Sunday night and favored us with some good advice and information.

Bro. McMahon, formerly of Batesville, was also present.

Bro. A. W. Mitchell is visiting his father at Sharon, Tenn., for a few days, being relieved by Bro. Calhoun.

There are several new men on the division, among them Bro. Huffmaster, who is working at Davis at present.

Bro. J. H. Coleman bid in third trick at Davis regular. Ex-Bro. Polson is working extra at Sardis on third trick.

Mr. Tom Cooper is acting agent at Enid this month on account of Bro. Durley's resting up.

The extra men are all busy. A Mr. Passialague is working at Ackerman.

Will see the brothers at Grenada the next meeting, as we want to be on hand to enjoy the initiations.

CERT. 1658.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Memphis Division—

Several changes have occurred on the division since the last write up.

Bro. J. C. Henry has been transferred from Moorhead agency to Ruleville. Mr. R. Z. Sullins, an extra telegrapher and agent, is doing the relief act at Moorhead until the position can be filled on bulletin.

Bro. F. F. Carter has been transferred from the agency at Vance to Lambert. Mr. W. B. Simpson, formerly at the L. & N. Ry., is filling the vacancy at Vance.

It is rumored that Bro. E. Schmullen, the second trick telegrapher at Coahoma, has bid in the agency at Banks.

We understand that the first trick at West Junction will soon be open for bids. Telegraphers Mitchell, Charles and Bro. Holliday are now at West Junction.

Telegrapher Powell is holding down the third trick at Clayton. We understand that Mr. Powell is a disabled baseball player, and only intends being with us until he is able for the game again.

Bro. Furlong is off duty enjoying a thirty days' vacation visiting relatives and friends in and around Chicago.

Bro. W. H. Graves, of the New Orleans Division, is relieving Bro. Shellman, on third trick at Clarksdale. Bro. Shellman is relieving Bro. Furlong.

We had quite a rush of passenger business during the Confederate Reunion at Memphis, and a number of special passenger trains and second sections of regular trains were run. At the close of the reunion at Memphis, quite a number of persons went to Vicksburg to attend the unveiling of the Steven D. Lee monument in the Military Park.

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Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division—

Telegrapher Allen secured third trick at Hayfield on bulletin.

Bro. Segur got second trick at Dodge Center on May bulletin.

After working a short time at Hampton, Telegrapher Adams is back on third trick at Coates. Mr. L. J. Green, from Stanton, relieved Mr. Adams, at Hampton.

Bro. J. B. Duvall, second trick at Rich Valley, is enjoying a thirty-day vacation, being relieved by a new man from the C. M. & St. Paul, Bro. E. H. Krugmire.

Telegrapher Johnson is working the second trick at Dodge Center, and Telegrapher T. H. Connolley, a new man in the service, is holding third trick until bulletined.

Chief dispatcher, Mr. G. H. Page, is taking his annual vacation, and third trick dispatcher, Mr. Ayes, is filling the chief's chair.

Bro. Plath, first trick at Dodge Center, is off for ninety days to look after his claim, and Bro. Segur, second trick at that place is holding first trick until Bro. Plath's return.

Bro. Holmes, who has been working second trick at Renova for some time, has left the service, and a new man, a Mr. Woods, is relieving him.

We understand that Agent Werner, of Dodge Center is trying to make a "Ham Factory" of that station, by entertaining and instructing a student. We are glad to know, however, that none of the brothers there will allow "his royal highness" to use the wires.

Agent Hammerstrom, of West Concord, has left that place, and Agent Hines, formerly of Elkton, secured the station on bid.

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Bro. Pete Stenstrom, first trick at Randolph, held the agency at West Concord for a few days pending the decision and the outcome of the bids. He returned to Randolph to work first trick there.

"Yours Truly," the "Chief Scribe," has just returned from a two weeks' vacation, and got back barely in time to arrange this write-up, so if it should fail to reach the press in time, please make "allowances."

A new man, Mr. Hugh Johnson, did the third trick stunt while the "scribe" was away.

DIV. COR.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Third Division—

As I have failed to see a write-up from this division since I have been with the road (eight months), I will endeavor to show the boys that we are not entirely dead, but have been in winter quarters.

Now as we are to shine for a few months, let each and every one work hard and do everything possible to secure applications from what few nons we have left. We will certainly have to work at these, for they are hard "Nuts," one visit will never do, nor being stood off a few times will not do, do not get discouraged because you run up against a proposition like this. Get after them constantly and show them where they are walking in the dark. Let us get together and start the wheel turning.

Bro. McDaniel and the writer made a flying trip to Winder, "WR," a few days since, with the intention of securing the applications of four nons, but we were unfortunate, in that we secured but one.

I was unable to attend the convention recently held in Atlanta; have heard but very little from those who were lucky enough to attend. Understand it was grand, and enjoyed very much by every one.

While the firemen of the Georgia road were on strike, we had about all the business we could possibly handle.

Mr. Sheely, second trick at Athens, "XN," has been relieved by Mr. Freeman. Mr. Conway, third trick at "XN," has been relieved by Mr. Moore. We understand that Messrs. Sheely and Conway returned to their homes.

Bro. O. V. Connelly, third trick at Abbeville, "FD," relieved by Mr. C. R. Groover, who has been working second trick, but desired third trick on account of having more time for enjoyment.

I will do my best to have this division represented every month, if some of the members will assist me. "F. K."

Atlanta and Birmingham Line—

A meeting was held at Rockmart, June 5th, with a good attendance, including visiting brothers from the Southern Railway. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Bro. Hodges, chief telegrapher; Bro. M. M. Dowling, secretary and treasurer; Bro. H. H. Brown, division correspondent; Bro. Haeder, sergeant-at-arms; Bro. Beasley, Bro. Berry and Bro. Barlow on sick and out of employment committee.

The next meeting was called for Sunday afternoon, July 27th, at Piedmont, Ala.

Mrs. E. B. Smith, of the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club, was with us and gave us a good talk which was interesting to every one.

Bro. Courson, the telegrapher at Rockwood, was initiated.

Very much interest and enthusiasm was shown at our meeting at Rockmart, therefore, let us continue to attend meetings, and get better acquainted.

Mr. Cross, at Rockmart, has returned to work, but is still on crutches. He has been suffering from rheumatism.

Mr. S. H. Lewis, agent at Fish, Ga., has returned to work after spending a few days' vacation at his father's home; relieved by Mr. C. W Tay, relief agent.

Bro. A. P. Shackleford, from Wellington, has been installed as agent at Alton Ave., vice Mr. M. Parsons.

Mr. Will Bennett, an old-timer from the Southern Railway, relieved Bro. Shackleford, at Wellington.

DIV. COR.

D. S. S. & A. Ry.

Houghton Division—

Up to the present writing have not received a single item of news from anyone along the line. Let us all work together and see if we can not make a better showing in the future.

Business is very brisk on this division, especially around the iron cities.

Bro. L. R. Brown, of Republic, has resumed work after a twenty days' vacation.

Notice is now being mailed to all brothers, notifying them that dues for the last half of the year are payable. Hope everyone will make prompt payment, thus keeping the membership up to the present standard.

We still have too many nons along the line, on all the divisions, and now that we are entering on the last half of the year, let every member do his utmost to bring one or more nons into the Order, and see if we can not get a percentage large enough to insure a new schedule soon.

Mr. L. B. Dygart, relief agent, relieved Bro. L. R. Brown, at Republic, while the latter was away on a vacation. Mr. Dygart goes to Wellsberg to relieve Bro. Guck for a week.

DIV. COR.

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Bro. White, Yard E, Toledo, made a flying trip to Prairie Depot, Sunday, June 13th.

Bro. Cox, first trick at Whitmore, has purchased a small farm at Fairfax, O.

Bro. Forrest, third trick at Thurston, is off a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Hurd, who is a C. T. U. of A. man.

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Bro. Beightler transferred from agency at Dunbridge to Columbus dispatcher's office; relieved at Dunbridge by Extra Telegrapher at Lomm.

Agent Holstein, at Arnold, off a few days; relieved by Relief Agent Westall.

Agent Hanks, at Ridgeway, resumed duty after two months' sickness.

Bro. Simon, at Findlay, nights, off ten days enjoying the fishing around New Straightsville, O. Relieved by Extra Telegrapher Clemont.

Agent Gruss, at New Riegel, laying off for a few months on account of poor health; relieved by Mr. C. J. Tom, formerly agent at Climax.

Agent W. A. Parrish, at Thurston, off on a sixty-day vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Westall.

Telegrapher Rinehart resigned to accept a position with C. A. & C. Ry., at Condit, O.

Bro. McDowell, third trick at Hickox, took sick while on duty, and was under the doctor's care for two days. Bro. Holder, second trick man, doubling while Mack was off.

Bro. Chandler, third trick at Whitmore, visiting friends at Mermill, one day.

Bro. Wiseman, second trick at Whitmore, spent one day fishing at Point Place, O. No fish caught.

Bro. Wheeler, agent at Pleasantville, off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Hurd.

Extra Telegrapher Clemont was transferred to H. V. Ry., on account dull business on T. & O. C.

Bro. Sheldon is convalescing and expects to resume duty at Dunbridge in a few days.

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Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry.

As this division has not been in the fraternal items for some time, I feel it my duty to the members to offer an explanation. I have been suffering from rheumatism for the past two months, which caused me to lose considerable time, and this, in connection with the fact that I attended the grand convention in Atlanta, Ga., made it impossible for me to find time to perform the duties of correspondent.

Am very glad to be able to report that the division is more alive today than for several years. If you have any misgivings as to the correctness of this statement, attend the next meeting, Friday July 9th at 8 p. m., Eastern time, Fredericksburg, Va. If you are a stranger wear an O. R. T. emblem on your person in a conspicuous place and you will be taken care of.

N. B. It is also very essential that you have an up-to-date card on your person, or other proof of membership, as there is a law in the State of Virginia that will take care of you for flying false colors in this particular line.

To further demonstrate to you that our division is on the firing line I will say that at our May meeting the secretary was able to report nine applications for membership. Quite a nice little bunch for the little 114-mile road.

That Western brother who, at the convention was so anxious to learn what and where the R. F. & P. W. S. was might be able to also enlighten himself in both organization and up-to-date railroading, as we know how to do both, from the executive officers down to the messenger boys.

Our June meeting was quite a success, the attendance being very good. President Perham, with his cheery smile, gave us the benefit of his experience and knowledge of the works. Those who were not present missed something of material importance to them. His visit was unexpected, which was responsible for the entire membership not being informed. Bro. W. J. Southworth, of Division No. 60, was with us also, but owing to the fact that our time was limited his remarks were brief.

Bro. T. A. Bowles, of "BN" block, has been ill for some time, but is reported as improving. This, we hope, is true and that the good brother will be back with us soon.

We understand that Bro. W. G. Cox, who is now in Colorado for his health, is being benefited by his stay there and we hear that he is very much impressed with that section of the country. We are unable to say just what line of work he is engaged in, but his many friends wish him a speedy return of good health and success in his new-found home.

The line-up is about the same. Business is now at its best. The perishable season this year bids fair to exceed the record of last year; this is encouraging and every member should do his utmost to prove that he has no peer, although the employes of this road at this time need no exhortations in that line. They are all that could be expected of flesh and blood and we are satisfied that the management will agree with us on that.

Don't forget the next meeting on July 9th at Fredericksburg, Va., and last but not least use your persuasive powers on that non.

CERT. 56.

C. R. I. & P. Ry.

Chicago Terminal and Illinois Divisions—

A joint meeting of the Iowa and Illinois Divisions was held in Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, June 19th. The attendance was not as large as was expected. Bros. Brown and Schooler were with us.

A special meeting of the Illinois Division was held in Chicago, Monday evening, June 21st. Bros. Newman, Brown, Schooler, Jones, McDonald and Thomas were with us. The meeting was turned into a social affair and was much enjoyed by those present.

Bro. Smith, who has been agent at Toulon for some time, has resigned, and the job put up for bid. Bro. Nolle, who has been day telegrapher at Galva since his position at Alta was changed to a non-telegraphic station, was the successful bidder, took up his new duties at once. We wish him success. Bro. Vernon is holding down the position at Galva until the position is bulletined.

It's Bro. N. A. Jackson at DePue and Bro. A. Stage at Bureau. Both sent in their applications

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since the 15th. We hope the good work keeps up and that before another month there will be few nons along the line. Of course there are exceptions, for some have been on the non list so long they seem to think it would be a shame to take their name off and join something that has been a benefit to them and will be better in the future. Come on boys, and get in the boat. Wear the button and help the good cause along. It costs you only $11.00, which pays you up to Dec. 31st, 1909.

Bro. L. C. Harrison, night telegrapher at Rock Island, has been off duty for the past week or so, but has returned to work. We understand that the brother was in the hospital and we are glad to know that he is able to be with us again.

Bro. A. E. McGrann, who has been working second trick at West Davenport, has accepted the position of relief agent for the Northern District.

John Lorenzen has accepted the position as second trick telegrapher at West Davenport.

Bro. Alford and Bro. Girl attended the meeting held at Rock Island June 19th.

Business seems to be improving, judging by the trains that have been running lately.

Mrs. Amelia Sayles, from Elroy, Wis., is visiting at the home of Bro. Alford. Mr. Sayles is a brother on the C. & N.-W. Ry.

Bro. Will Bangs has accepted the position of relief telegrapher on the Missouri Division. Bro. Bangs lives in Davenport, and was formerly with the Milwaukee Ry.

Frank Kososki, who has been holding down second trick here, has gone to Silvis as second trick in place of Bro. Kay.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Minnesota Division—

The Minnesota Division has been thriving during the past month. Quite a number of delinquents have paid up, five or six new members filed applications, and several nons left the division, their places being filled by men with up-to-dates. Let the good work go on.

Mr. E. J. Campbell, from the Union Pacific, is holding down the third trick at Northwood Mr. J. E. Waite held this trick for thirty days.

Bro. A. Tjaden landed second trick at Grundy Center.

Mr. E. L. Phelps bid in the second trick at Curtis and is waiting for relief.

Bro. R. M. Aldrich, of Bode, has bid in the Northwood agency. Bode is on bulletin.

Bro. G. R. Hendrickson is holding down the second trick at Gordonsville. Mr. P. R. Frost is now with the Iowa Central at Albia.

Mr. Gerhart, the second trick man at Palo, was off duty a couple of weeks in May. He was relieved by Mr. Glen Elson, a new man. Gerhart has asked for a relay job.

Bro. J. L. Berschens, formerly third trick man at Cedar Falls, has accepted a position in the city ticket office of the G. T. in Chicago. Mr. Glen Elson is filling in at Cedar Falls until the company can secure an "older head."

Mr. B. E. Ives, the agent at Cedar Falls leaves for Idaho, June 1st, to prove up on his claim. Upon his return he will accept the agency at Iowa Falls.

Bro. Erbine, from the Iowa Central, is relieving on second trick at Waterloo.

If this should be seen by Bro. M. T. Auxer, former agent at Palo, he will take notice that there is mail for him at St. Louis.

DIV. COR.

Kansas Division—

There are still a few nons on this division. Some of their excuses are getting pretty stale. Get in line and help the cause along.

Bros. Bonecutter and Phares, the agent and the telegrapher at Maple Hill, spent two weeks fishing this month. They were camped on Mill Creek near Maple Hill, and report plenty of fish and a royal good time.

Mr. W. E. Stewart, agent at Wabaunsee, is taking a short vacation. 'Can not say who is relieving him.

Mr. C. E. Dougherty relieved Bro. Bonecutter at Maple Hill for two weeks this month. Mr. Dougherty has been out of the service for the past year.

Mr. W. J. Berger relieved Bro. Phares at Maple Hill for two weeks this month.

Bro. Dunahugh, agent at Clyde, made a couple of trips to Mayetta this month to see his wife, who was taken sick while visiting there.

Bro. C. E. McClelland is now working nights at Clyde. This is his first work for about two years, having been engaged in the restaurant and barber business at Maple Hill during that time.

Bro. G. L. Johnson is holding down Keats Quarry at present. This place has been bulletined, but have not learned who the lucky man is.

W. P. Grimes has been appointed agent at Woodbine, vice H. M. Zirkle transferred.

P. K. Skaggs has been appointed agent at Solomon, vice C. D. Dovol transferred.

J. M. Hollis, third trick telegrapher at Volland, was shot and killed Tuesday morning, June 22d, at Volland by William Feshe at the house of John Cromer, where they were boarding. It seems that Feshe had been drinking quite heavily and had asked Bro. Paxton, second trick telegrapher, to drink with him. This he refused to do, which angered Feshe and he procured a shotgun and entered the dining room, where Hollis and Paxton were seated and threatened to shoot Paxton. Paxton ran out at the back door and Hollis tried to take the gun away from Feshe and he shot him in the neck, killing him instantly. Mr. Hollis leaves a wife to mourn his loss. We extend to her the heartfelt sympathy of the telegraphers on this division. The murderer was soon captured and will suffer the full penalty of the law for his crime.

The local chairman is organizing a team of ten men on this division for the purpose of working on some of these nons. They had better beware as we are going after them. We expect to single

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them out one at a time and pour the truth into them from all sides. You non had better line up and thereby escape some of this hot shot.

The meeting of the telegraphers held at the Chesterfield Hotel in Topeka, June 12th was not very well attended. This can be accounted for from the fact that the hours the boys are now working makes it hard for them to get away. The few that were there enjoyed a pleasant visit with Bros. Brown and Schooler. Bro. Brown reports Division No. 126 in fine shape and cited us several cases where he had been of great service to the telegraphers in the way of reinstatement and better working hours.

It is hard for the local chairman to secure much news without the assistance of the assistant local chairmen. They can be of great service to him if they will. Send him what news items you have. even if it is only two or three. By putting them together we will be able to give something like a write-up in the journal. The local chairman is a pretty busy man where he is located and will appreciate any assistance you can render him.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Oklahoma Division—

The following personal items come to our notice:

Bro. Dusch, of Renfrow went to Ft. Worth on a Western Union case during the first of the month. He is now taking a sixty-day layoff. He has made short visits to Oklahoma City and El Reno in his newly-purchased automobile, and puts in most of his time now shaving fence posts along the country roads. Bro. Meador, formerly first trick at Anadarko, is relieving Bro. Dusch.

Bro. Hamilton is doing relief work at "FT," El Reno yard. He was bumped from the day job at Anadarko, account of the night job at that point being abolished, allowing Mr. Williams to take the day position by virtue of his seniority.

The telegraph position at Temple has been discontinued. Junction City station has been closed.

Bro. Hill, formerly agent at Jefferson, has quit the road and gone traveling for a cigar firm.

Bro. Lowry, who hails from Louisiana, has accepted the position of traveling agent for the Oklahoma Division, Mr. Chas. Simonds, who formerly held the position, having accepted a position in Manager Tinsman's office. We are glad to have Bro. Lowry among us.

Mr. M. R. Gibson is relieving Bro. Hadley at Union City. We say "Mr." because we are not sure. We think it is "Brother," but unable to get a line on him yet.

Mr. W. C. Lievsay, of "NO" relay office, has accepted a position with Swift & Company at Ft. Worth. This is a nice promotion for him.

Mr. G. G. Porter is working first trick at Chickasha.

The new wheat is beginning to move from this section, and should make business a little more brisk for a time, after which there will be a good corn crop, and altogether the prospects are good for a busy summer for the Oklahoma Division.

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Des Moines Valley Division—

Owing to the scarcity of competent relief on this division, Bro. Moore, Sigourney, has not yet assumed his new position, that of agent at Monroe. J. A. Mock is doing the stunt at Monroe until the transfer of that station can be arranged for.

Rumor has it that Bro. Manning will be the new agent at Sigourney.

Bro. Gibson secured a brief vacation recently, which he spent with relatives and friends at Sherrard, Ill. Sister Hanley ran first trick at Oskaloosa passenger station in a most satisfactory manner, during his absence.

Ogden G. Mars, traveling inspector for the Illinois and Iowa Car Service Association, paid official visits to numerous agents recently, on this division. At nearly all points he found the car service and storage rules being strictly enforced.

Superintendent Given, who has practically grown up on the Des Moines Valley Division, has been appointed superintendent of the Minnesota Division, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids. The general feeling among all employes on this division is that he goes to his new position with the best wishes of all. A. W. Kelso, assistant superintendent of the Iowa Division, comes to us as superintendent.

O. B. McNamee, the popular and efficient division agent, made calls at various stations recently. His particular attention at present is being directed to the filing of tariffs at all stations, in a uniform manner as directed by the general offices. As might be supposed, Mac goes after the proposition in a manner indicating thorough familiarity with the work.

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L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Western Division—

A rousing meeting was held in the B. of R. T. hall, Elkhart, Ind., Thursday evening, May 27th. The meeting was opened promptly at 8:30 p. m., with Local Chairman, Bro. E. D. Graham, in the chair. A goodly number of the old-reliables were present, and various matters of importance were discussed. Bros. Walker, of the Michigan Division, and General Chairman G. E. Kipp, were present. The latter, on being called to the chair. gave us a brief outline of the situation in general on the system, also of some of the more important deliberations of the Grand Convention. They having just returned from Atlanta.

Among the visiting brothers present were: Bro. Barnes and Bro. Wright, of the C. I. & S. Ry., members of Division No. 91. They gave us a short history of the Order, and conditions on their line, and the matter of having the members on this line go into Division No. 129, with the probable possibilities for legislation in their behalf as one of the N. Y. C. System lines, was gone into at some length; no decision being reached the matter was let stand as it is for the present, until we are more fully acquainted with the action taken by the Grand Division, at Atlanta, on the question of general system legislation.

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Several old members of the Order were present, but we will have to take our bonnets off to Bro. Barnes, of No. 91, who showed up as a member since 1886; that's "going some" for the old "stand-bys."

Bro. Reid bid in Mishawaka gravel pit for the summer.

Bro. E. D. Graham has been promoted from "HF," South Bend, days, to the ticket agency at Mishawaka, vice Bro. Dick Huff, who was promoted to the dispatcher's office at "SC," Chicago, to learn the mysteries of train dispatching.

Bro. Steele, from third trick to second trick at Mishawaka. Bro. Ocker taking third trick.

Bro. Lowe from "CD," Pinola, first trick, to South Bend, "HF," days. Bro. Farmer assigned to third trick, permanently, at "NX," South Bend tower.

Michigan Central crossing at "CK," Lydick, is to be eliminated, work now progressing to put them over-head. We are unable to say, as yet, where this will land Bro. F. Plumbeck and the other two brothers there.

Terre Coupee agency is abolished, and the office closed, days, putting Bro. Tyler on the long trick, nights, and Bro. Bolster appointed agent at Pinola, a new reporting station. Bro. Tyler, we think, is at present relieving Agent Miles, at New Carlisle, for several weeks.

Mr. J. W. Darby has been transferred to third trick at Rolling Prairie, vice one M. W. Brock. Understand Brock has a job back on the farm, cultivating cabbages.

Bro. E. A. Pillman, from third trick at Otis to second trick at Laporte, L. E. & W. tower.

Bro. Scroggins has gone from "BR" to Pinola, third trick. Durham station has been closed, and Bro. Anderson to third trick at Otis, after relieving Bro. Bolster, the agent at Pinola, who took a couple of weeks' rest.

Bro. Beck transferred from third trick at Dune Park to second trick; Telegrapher Ensign on third trick. Telegrapher McKinley is doing relief work, third trick, at So. Chicago, while Telegrapher Manders is doing the relief stunt in "SC," Chicago.

Bro. Wood, agent at Dune Park, took one whole day off June 4th; relieved by Telegrapher Preston.

Bro. Outlaw is working third trick at 101st street for a few weeks.

Bro. J. C. Frazier, of Division No. 138, has been assigned to third trick at Ind. Harbor. We would like to have a few more like him come to the old Lake Shore.

Bro. Sabin has been appointed ticket agent at Indiana Harbor, vice Bro. Myers. Bro. Martin Moo, from "GB," Laporte, to "SC," Chicago.

First Trick Dispatcher G. H. Bonesteel is off on his annual vacation for fifteen days; relieved by Second Trick Dispatcher Smiley. Dispatcher Frederick working second, and Extra Dispatcher C. J. Cole doing his first stunt on third trick.

Our Chief Dispatcher, J. A. Muldowney, and Night Chief, E. S. Brink, will no doubt have to wait until the trick men have theirs before they can take to the woods.

Dispatcher "Bob" Frederick is now on his annual tour, taking in the sights in New York City.

Dispatcher Smiley will go on a moose hunt up Hudson Bay, via The Thousand Islands, St. Lawrence River and New Foundland, returning via. G. R. & I. Ry. and Rome City, Ind.

This road is about to realize one of the greatest events of its career, viz.: changing the current of traffic from left to right hand track, stretches of third track are being built from Lydick to Rolling Prairie, and at several other points. Great lengthening of side tracks all over the division until we are practically a three and in some places a four-track system. Our officials have had a strenuous time getting in shape for the change, which they expect to make about July 1st.

Everything in general is in good shape on the Western Division. The boys are practically up-to-date, and new men locating with us, are coming into the Order at the first financial opportunity. We have one man at Laporte, and one at Chesterton, old-timers, both working short tricks, secured by the O. R. T., who are not members. While I am loth to believe that their fraternal gratitude to the good brothers who are paying in their hard-earned dollars to keep such conditions possible, is entirely broken, it is certainly badly bent and has been for an inexcusable length of time.

While I am not mentioning names, for the present, I shall have something to say later on, and there will be no splitting of straws. All members are entitled to know who's paying the freight, and who's the dead-head. We are quite positive there is no reasonable financial excuse applicable to either of the above mentioned cases. JACK.

Eastern Division—

The general chairman reports having received three applications for membership since returning from the convention. This makes a gain of (8) eight applicants on the Eastern Division in ninety days, which is very encouraging.

We desire to hear more from our Western Division.

Bro. Greene, formerly of State Line, is now bending "Armstrongs" at Dock Junction.

Bro. Johnson is now working second trick at State Line, leaving Bro. Eddie Kane on third trick.

Bro. Chadwick and wife, of Lake View, recently made a short visit to his former home.

I am in receipt of a letter from our former correspondent, Bro. C. P. Kane, who is now dispatching for the "Balston" Traction Co., at Schenectady, N. Y. We're all glad to hear of Bro. Kane's success, and wish him further advancement.

How absurd it appears that competent men should be obliged to leave the Lake Shore in order that their ability be recognized.

Don't forget that the Ladies' Auxiliary was launched at Atlanta, with over one hundred charter members. Boys, encourage your mothers, wives, sisters and daughters to affiliate and become

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thoroughly acquainted through this channel. The June TELEGRAPHER should mention the particulars.

Don't neglect paying dues, and remember insurance assessments must be paid semi-annually. We have but sixty days to pay both, and are liable to suspension if not paid within the time limit. CERT. 472.

C. B. & Q. Ry.

Evidently all the boys are now in possession of the new schedule, effective April 1st, and, no doubt, each one has found time before this to familiarize himself with the information therein contained.

The more I study this little book the more proud I become of our grand old Order, for it shows in very few words that our organization is made up of more than average bright material.

Few of the boys have ever had the opportunity of attending a meeting of a local; to say nothing of work on a committee to revise a schedule, and do not fully comprehend the difficulties under which these agreements are brought up. The next time you get to picking flaws in their work, just try and consider what means you would have taken to have brought around a more satisfactory article which would have met the approval of the railroad officials.

Perhaps many of the boys, like myself, were surprised at the fact that no mention was made in the schedule with regards to the telephone positions. However, it will be remembered that this is only an experiment, and the officials were not entirely willing for it to go in the schedule. They were exceptionally kind to us, according to my views, making a side agreement which was distributed by Bro. Lamb, in his circular of April 2d. Just read it carefully and you will have no difficulty in figuring out the fact that it is their desire to allow a telephoner every right and advantage now enjoyed by the telegraphers. Should they install 'phones over the entire system without reduction of salary or extension of hours, haven't we gained when we take into consideration that talking over a telephone is not a profession.

Taking the entire proposition into consideration, I am utterly unable to find words expressive of praise and satisfaction that do justice to the committee that faced the powers that be, and so ably performed the work, and it is my one regret that I am not empowered to thank them in behalf of System Division No. 130 as a whole, yet I feel as though every one who has studied the schedule can not help but be more than satisfied with the entire work. CERT. 1074.

Sheridan Division—

Quite a number of changes have taken place in the past month, and I have failed to get a line on all of them. Below is a few of the most important:

Sister Shaughnessy is on a thirty-day vacation visiting in the East, and on the division; relieved at Wyola by Bro. Schroeder.

Bro. Essex, agent at Dewey, is on a thirty-day leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Henderson, from third trick, at Wyola.

Bro. Kesinger is on a few days' lay-off; relieved by Sister Shaughnessy.

Bro. Henderson is being relieved at Wyola, third trick, by Bro. McLean.

Bro. Harry Kling, second trick at Clearmont, has taken the wool house job; relieved by Bro. Jacobs, second trick at Clearmont. Bro. Cates relieved Jacobs.

Telegrapher Rhienert relieved Bro. Cates, third trick at Clearmont. Bro. Cates has accepted a position on the N. P.

Bro. Bolla, third trick at Toluca, has gone to Arvada, third trick, relieving Telegrapher Wilson, who takes third trick at Toluca.

Telegrapher Pollard, the second trick man at Gillette, resigned to accept a position with the Remington Co.; relieved by Bro. Butler, from Cody.

Bro. Richardson, the cashier at Newcastle, is on a thirty-day vacation; relieved by Bro. C. A. Hinman, third trick at Newcastle, who was relieved by Mr. Furguson, second trick at Upton.

Bro. Powers, second trick at Clifton, relieved Furguson at Upton, and Bro. Powers was relieved at Clinton by Cliff Thomas, temporarily.

Bro. Kesinger bid for second trick at Gillette, and expects to go there in a few days.

There were eight good positions on the last bulletin.

Mr. Burnhard, the second trick man at Moorcroft, is laying off a few days; relieved by Sister Shaughnessy, who seems to be moving around considerable since her return from a thirty-day vacation trip.

Quite a number of new telegraphers in the Sheridan relay office lately, and all the old heads are quitting. Telegraphers Bartling, Brown and Rider have their resignations in, and we understand that several others going to "bunch it." This is a chance for some of the brothers desiring a relay job. Make applications for them and let us fill the office with good O. R. T. men.

Bro. Schroeder, from second trick at Wyola to Osage, relieving Mrs. G. B. Federick, who goes to Wyola. Bro. McLean has gone from third trick at Wyola to Moorcroft, third trick, relieving Bro. Frederick, who goes to Wyola.

Bro. Bert Hazlett, second trick at Newcastle, has his resignation in for July 25th. Sorry to lose brothers like him, as he is a staunch member and good worker. He expects to go into business in his home town in Nebraska, and we wish him success.

We hope there won't be a single delinquent this term. We had two last term, and they haven't yet straightened out. They are Mr. Burnhard, the second trick man at Moorcroft, and L. Snyder, the agent at Powell. L. C.

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Ottumwa Division—

Mr. V. M. Smith, from Mr. Shield's office in Chicago, is now permanent cashier at the Burlington freight office.

Bro. L. S. Grabow, second trick at Biggsville, has been off a few days; relieved by a Mr. H. R. Doodey.

Mr. W. C. Jeffrey, the former agent at Monmouth, has been promoted to freight agent at Burlington; relieved by Mr. E. E. Lyman, from the Chariton agency. He in turn was relieved by Bro. Shields, our local chairman, from Indianola. Bro. Shields relieved by Bro. E. F. Jones, of Murray, and Murray bid in by Bro. S. P. Mott, of Batavia. Bro. H. T. Robb is at Batavia.

Mr. M. J. Graham, day towerman at Monmouth, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. D. Barry. We understand that Mr. Graham was recently married, and is now enjoying a honeymoon trip in the East.

Mr. J. Barry, night towerman at Monmouth, has accepted a position as telegrapher on the Lincoln Division, at Havelock, Neb.; relieved by Telegrapher Parker.

H. W. Barnes, agent at Kirkwood, is taking a few weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Brazelton, second trick telegrapher, and Charley Saling is holding down second trick. Understand Barnes is contemplating a trip North before resuming work.

Considerable construction work is going on around Biggsville, Fairfield and Batavia, and it keeps the boys in those localities busy to keep things moving smoothly.

Mr. C. M. Pumphprys is working third trick at Batavia. A new man here from the L. E. & W. Think he intends filling out application blanks July pay-day.

Sorry to say that A. T. Swanson and F. L. Stover have dropped their membership.

Bro. R. W. Lee, the second trick man at West Burlington, is on a vacation; relieved by Bro. R. A. Sanberg, of Lockridge, third trick, he in turn was relieved by Mr. E. R. Kaywood, a new man here.

Beckwith, nights, 10 p. m. to 7 a. m., opened again with Bro. Mat Hayes, of Lockridge, second trick. Bro. Hayes relieved by E. R. Ketchum.

Bro. C. E. Johnson, now working "UK" yard office, Ottumwa, third trick, relieved by C. S. Beidler.

Bro. I. G. Miller goes to Mr. Cherrier's office (city ticket office), Chicago, about the 1st of July.

Bro. W. C. Critchfield, who has been on a vacation for three or four months is back at the old stand, second trick at Albia.

Bro. Mowry, of Division No. 31, is holding down Cleveland, nights.

Bro. L. E. Downey, of Division No. 23, is doing the third trick stunt at Dudley.

Bro. H. E. Conine relieved Bro. E. A. Gustaveson, of Thayer, while the latter was taking a short vacation. Bro. Conine was later relieved by a non, and went to Dudley to take second trick.

Bro. L. A. White, extra agent, is now at Truro. Understand he has it permanently.

Bro. W. C. Lowrey, of Jamison, bid in the agency at Prole, relieving Bro. H. E. Conine, extra agent. Understand helper from St. Charles relieved Bro. Lowrey.

Bro. G. A. Shields attended the convention at Atlanta as our delegate, and Bro. C. A. Walter attended as a visitor. You should have seen the delegation from the Burlington Route, it would have done your soul good. Every delegate elected was there. The Burlington had one of the largest delegations present.

Men are coming and going, and it is very hard to keep track of the many changes.

The Ottumwa Division is the banner division on the system. It has taken work to put it there, and it is going to take more work to keep it there. If we all lay down for sixty days, and make no effort toward keeping organized, the division will soon be filled up with nons. There are already quite a number who recently commenced work, but the most of them have good intentions.

In January we wrote up an application, and we were promised the cash March pay-day. March, April, May and June pay-days are gone, and it has failed to materialize yet. I wonder just how much more patience we are expected to have? Come, get in the wagon and join the crowd.

In order to have a good write-up it is necessary to receive a little help, and each one will please take it upon himself to render assistance, sending items either to Bro. G. A. Shields, at Chariton, or Bro. C. A. Walter, at Fairfield.

Bro. C. L. Lamb, general chairman, was in Fairfield, during the latter part of the month, calling upon Bro. W. A. Henry. CERT. 283.

Brookfield Division—

J. D. Shepherd is working the split trick at Birmingham, while business is heavy there.

The general manager's special passed over the division recently, on a tour of inspection.

J. E. Dun spent Decoration Day in Liberty.

H. R. Starrett and E. Leaton have resigned and gone to the U. P., at Omaha.

Bro. W. I. Ritter secured the agency at Lathrop.

C. Sprague is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. T. D. Freeman.

Bro. Teich resumed duty about the 10th, and reports having spent pleasant vacation in K. S.

E. C. Peters has resigned and gone to the Santa Fe.

Bro. L. E. Skinner, of Stewartsville, purchased an interest in a store at Clarence, and intended quitting, but sold out a few days after buying, and will resume duty about the 21st.

Bro. J. H. Peck secured the second trick at So. Park.

J. D. Shepherd has gone to Cameron Junction, first trick.

Mr. L. Wiegle and family are visiting in Canada.

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Bro. Walser is on split trick at Birmingham tower.

Telegrapher McClaugham did not like the third trick at Easton, so he will remain on second trick.

It looks as though the company was reducing the force at Brookfield.

Bro. T. R. Crandall is spending his vacation on a ranch in South Dakota; relieved by Bro. Welch, regular second trick man, who in turn was relieved by Bro. J. W. Yaunt.

C. Cramer has been working extra at Meadville.

The third tricks at Breckenridge and Easton are open for application.

Bro. Sturges was awarded second trick at Kidder. CERT. 1503.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. E. K. Watson. In memory of our brother, who has been taken away from us, and in sympathy with his bereaved family, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Watson, C. B. & Q. System, Division No. 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, loses a true and faithful member; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family of the deceased brother, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. F. RITTER,
O. L. ALSPACH,
H. B. NEWLAND,
H. SMITH,
Committee.

Sterling Division—

Before this is in print the members will have copies of the new schedule taking effect April 1st. The delay was unavoidable. No one in particular being to blame for the delay.

Can not some one near Minatare drop a line to Mr. Elliott, and tell how it looks to accept that raise and not even thank the committee. Surely Mr. Elliott will come out and at least share the expense, and line-up with the union that does things.

Bro. O. E. Hunter, from the Union Pacific, has checked in as cashier at Scotts Bluff. We are glad to welcome him to our division.

Harry Schroeder resigned the position of cashier, at Scotts Bluff, on June 3d, being succeeded by Bro. O. E. Hunter, from the Union Pacific.

Agent Delahoyde, at Scotts Bluff, spent a few days in Denver, and three weeks on his "Kinkaider," near Morrill; being relieved by Bro. A. M. Smith, extra agent.

Bro. G. B. Hire, at Madrid, has been "baching" a few weeks, while Mrs. Hire was visiting relatives in Denver.

Bro. H. L. Colver, at Holyoke, has been allowed a much needed "helper." Ex-Bro. Patman takes the job for the present, and will soon be up-to-date again.

Bro. J. L. Reynolds, after a few weeks rest, is on duty again at Moorefield. O. Enlow going from Moorefield to Carpenter as agent.

Mrs. J. T. Maddox, the wife of your correspondent, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. D. Garber, at Dellvale, Kan. Bro. R. D. Garber is local chairman of the Colorado Division, C. R. I. & P. Ry.

Bro. A. B. Delahoyde has resigned at Sterling and gone to a better position on the C. & N. W. Sorry to lose him from among us.

Every workman has the right to join the Order of his craft and thus improve conditions for himself and family. This is an age of progress, and any petty official who would deprive you of this right is behind the times and doing more harm than good in his ignorance. There is no room or time for argument, join your order. Do the best you can for your employer and for the welfare of yourself and family.

Every time I see a telegrapher trying to deliver a load of United States mail I find myself wondering how much longer, Oh Lord, are we going to scab on the drayman's job.

These heavy loads are fit only to be carried by beasts of burden, and is really no more in our line of work than delivering freight or express. I believe in doing the work we are paid for and doing it right. Perhaps some day Uncle Sam will see our predicament and come to our relief. J. T. MADDOX.

St. Joe Division—

Bro. Rosling, third trick at Napier, is enjoying a ten days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher H. E. Millen.

Bro. Lamb, General Chairman, recently passed over the line, going to Wymore on grievance work.

Telegrapher Renfrow, the night man at Watson, bid in Parkville, second trick. We understand that he stayed at Parkville long enough to catch a train for Kansas City, and hasn't been heard from since.

Bro. W. Warnstaff, who works third trick at Hamburg, has returned from the West.

Telegrapher J. D. Hayes is working nights at Watson. We don't know who will get it on bulletin.

Copies of the new schedule are now distributed. I think we got almost everything the men asked for. This is the best schedule we have ever had and no doubt the men are satisfied, as I have heard no complaints.

Bro. G. F. Rumerfield, at Block 31, was off a week visiting home folks at Rockport, Mo.; relieved by L. E. Snyder.

R. T. Pilger, at Block 31, was off a few days on account of sickness in his family. Rumerfield and Solider were working twelve-hour tricks.

R. A. Sollder is off duty a few days visiting at Bigelow; relieved by L. E. Snyder. COR.

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Hannibal Division—

Ormond Crews, a new man on this division, has the agency at West Alton. This job was on bulletin, but it seemed as though no one wanted it.

Mr. A. B. Pace is in Colorado with his mother, in the interest of the latter's health.

Mr. E. W. Cooper has resumed work at Old Monroe after taking his vacation. He was relieved by Mr. A. W. Ogilvie, regular man at Seeburger. Mr. Ogilvie was relieved by a Mr. W. L. Miller.

Mr. T. R. Lindsey has accepted a position with the Western Union at Chicago

Mr. W. R. Votaw, agent at Fort Madison, is taking a two months' vacation. Relief Agent Bender is working there temporarily.

Phone Operator Stephens, at Hannibal block office, was off a few days last month on account of sickness. He was relieved by "Big Bill" Dent.

Mr. A. W. Ogilvie has the third trick at Ashburn, made vacant by Hr. Harry Kider, who took second trick when Telegrapher Cullen resigned.

Mr. C. W. Simpson, the night telegrapher at Hawk Point, was off a few days, commencing June 1st; relieved by extra man, C. A. Allen.

Mr. C. A. Shippey, the agent at Mooar, Ia., was off three days on account of the death of his father; relieved by his assistant, John Leu.

Mr. O. J. Klusmier, the agent at Gregory, laid off on June 10th, on account of a death in the family. Mr. Cornell Allen, extra man, relieved him.

Mr. Wm. Blackshaw, a phoner at Hannibal block office, was off a week during the early part of this month, being relieved by a student from West Quincy.

Bro. W. T. Meyers, third trick at La Grange, is taking his vacation, being relieved by Mr. M. R. Dupont, extra man.

Harry Kider, second trick man at Ashburn, is taking his vacation, being relieved by extra man, R. C. Reynolds.

Bro. S. G. Brother, second trick telegrapher at Moody, has resumed work after taking a trip to Denver. Mr. Dupont worked there during his absence.

Wm. Looker, second trick telegrapher at Elsberry, is off for thirty days, during which time he will visit New York and other points in the East. Mr. Cornell Allen relieved him.

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Wymore Division—

Have you succeeded in securing the application of that non? If not, keep after him; remember it is sticking to a project that brings success and it is the same with the nons; they will surprise you some day by filling out the blanks.

Mr. Cole, agent at Vesta, is off for a three months' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Bert Borland.

Bro. R. M. Seibert, of Div. No. 77, is holding down Liberty nights; Bro. Cunningham transferred to days Syracuse.

Mr. Korner has been transferred from nights at Firth to second trick at Rulo. Mr. Sheeley, a new man, is holding down Firth nights.

Bro. R. E. Jones has been transferred as agent from Smyrna to Verdon; relieved temporarily by a new man from the L. & N. R. R.

Bro. L. Hockett, of the Falls City trio, is enjoying a vacation with relatives in Salt Lake City; relieved by G. D. Bales.

R. C. Reid, a new man, is holding down Fortescue nights. He promises to make good when his ship comes in.

General Chairman C. L. Lamb made a trip over part of this division recently.

Dispatcher Jno. Lang has been taking his annual vacation; Dispatcher Fisher holding down east end during his absence.

The boys between Wymore and Red Cloud are now wearing corns on their ears with telephone receivers, the telephone having been substituted for the telegraph for all except W. U. business.

Ballast trains on the high line are keeping the boys at DeWeese and east busy. Rumor has it that some main line traffic is to be turned over this branch.

Bro. W. B. Davis, from the D. & R. G., has transferred to our division, and has been holding down a trick at Rulo temporarily.

Mr. Pope, the agent at Rulo, was called away recently by the death of his mother; Bro. Ford did the heavy stunt during his absence.

Mr. Singleton, from Cuba, attempted to take a fall out of the agency at Nelson, but got cold feet and returned to Cuba. Mr. R. Paddock, from Shickley, is now "it" at Nelson.

Bro. Cox, the agent at Bennet, recently suffered a severe attack of tonsilitis and was relieved by ex-Agent Poe, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Zettle.

Bro. L. B. Murdock is holding down third trick at Superior.

Bro. Ockerman, the agent at Ong, recently enjoyed a vacation; relieved by Bro. Butler.

Bro. Walt Martin has resigned as agent at Angus to take a position with a bank. We are sorry to lose him.

Bro. L. M. Craig transferred from a trick at Superior to agent at Angus.

Bro. A. C. Graves has been transferred to a position in Wymore relay office. This is the result of the agreement between the committee and officials at Chicago, and we are glad to see the boys from off the road breaking in these relay positions, as they have been shut out from them for the past two years.

Bro. J. E. Hart, the agent at Hardy, has been away on account of sickness in his family; relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Bro. Mitchell, agent at Elk Creek, was recently on vacation; relieved by Bro. Zettle.

Mr. R. G. Knowles has been installed as wire chief at "SN," Wymore, in place of Mr. Williams.

Bro. Harvey Grimes, of the Pawnee force, recently enjoyed a three months' vacation in Colorado and Utah.

Bro. Will Saunders transferred from agent at Verdon to agency at Nemaha, his home town, while Bro. Samsall landed Bladen on bulletin.

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Agent Boyd, Hollis, Kan., lost all his household effects in the cyclone which wiped out that station in May.

Mr. Messmore was recently transferred from a position in the Wymore relay office to the agency at Shickley.

We wish to thank the boys who handed us this fine bunch of items and ask them to come every month with the same sized bunch. This is the only way we can secure a good write-up for our division.

Do not forget that it is now time to remit for dues and also remember to send the amount of six months M. B. D. dues to L. W. Quick at the same time.

No card, no favors. DIV. COR.

La Crosse Division—

The boys have been slow in sending notes this month, so they will have to put up with a small write-up.

Bro. J. P. Howard, agent at Maiden Rock, is off on a few days' vacation. Bro. G. R. Howard is relieving him.

Bro. Tuttle, of Merino, took a three-day vacation the first of the month; Telegrapher Guthrie relieved him.

Most of the boys on the north end are looking for a vacation on the Fourth, but I think, from the scarcity of extra men, some of them will be disappointed. We have a new man at Fountain City.

Bro. Brown, of Potosi, was a visitor at Dubuque last week.

Bro. Cummings and Bro. Booth, of Glen Haven, were at Dubuque, the last of the month.

Bro. Stroche, of Bay City, is taking a few days' vacation, which he is spending in Chicago.

Bro. Bertsch is working nights at Galena, relieving Bro. Closy, who is spending a few days at St. Paul.

Bro. C. J. Burns, of the C. R. I. & P. at Victory, Iowa, is spending a few days with his father, M. J. Burns, agent at Galena.

Telegrapher Rogers, third trick at Savanna, was a visitor at Dubuque this week.

Telegrapher Sullivan, third trick at Rutledge, was off a few days last week. He was relieved by a Mr. Fuller.

Bro. J. C. Wittenberger, agent at East Dubuque, took a trip to Chicago, last week.

Now, brothers, try to help me out a little next month and see if we can't get all the news. There is certainly "lots doing" along the line, and it will take but a few minutes of your time to let us know about it. CERT. 1371.

Burlington Division—

We now have a new schedule and we should press forward and get all of the stray sheep rounded up as soon as possible, and then we can expect more the next time.

Bro. Wade, at Swan, Iowa, was laid up with the mumps some time ago, and Mr. L. Leeper relieved him. Mr. Leeper worked a few days at Flagler before going to Swan. Mr. R. McNeely relieved him at Flagler.

Bro. Lowman is at Hot Springs, Ark., taking baths. He has been having the rheumatism. Bro. Dale Ellis is relieving him at Tracey, Iowa.

Bro. Dale Ellis relieved Bro. Datin at Bussey, Iowa, while he was laid up with the la grippe, and then Bro. Datin went to visit his wife's folks and had the pinkeye.

Bro. Frain was recently called home on account of his father's illness. Mr. L. Leeper relieved him. Mr. Leeper had to come home on account of sickness at home and Bro. E. G. Oller relieved him at Wyman.

Bro. Frain's father died May 21st. Bro. Frain returned to work June 2d and Bro. Oller went to Hillsboro, Iowa, to relieve Bro. Ellis.

Bros. Edw. and R. H. Stout were called home to Thayer, Mo., on account of the death of their father. Mr. R. McNeeley did the relief work at Martinsburg and Bro. M. E. Stout had to do a double-header stunt at Birmingham in order to allow Bro. R. H. to get away. M. E. Stout worked at the bank at night and at the depot in the daytime.

Bro. Oliver, at Hamilton, is laid up with the mumps, Bro. Oller is doing the stunt there.

We are glad to see our traveling auditor, Mr. H. D. Hammond, with us again, after three weeks of sickness.

Bro. Theitten is again at Winfield. He was doing relief work at Carthage, Ill., a station that takes a man with some experience at larger places.

We are to have telephones pretty soon. They are installing them on the east end.

I do not see what the railroad companies are to do for good station men in a year or so if they keep dropping into other lines of work like they have been doing. I believe that after a while if one of us should die that they would not be able to relieve us.

Bro. C. E. Buttler is now working at Woolson.

There are a few who are back with dues and will be dropped soon if they don't pay up. Don't backslide that way after having made such a good start. For the sake of mankind stand up and be men, but if impossible on account of pure unionism being absent, then get off the earth and give a good man a chance.

DIV. COR.

Aurora Division—

There have been many changes on the Aurora and Chicago Division during the last month.

Mr. E. Cope, formerly of Earlville Depot, bid in first trick at Earlville tower.

Bro. Stoneburg, of Somonauk Cabin, was sent to Galva tower to work for thirty days while the regular telegrapher is taking his vacation. Bro. Stoneburg was relieved by Mr. C. F. Stein, of Sandwich, who will work his trick until his return.

Mr. A. R. Swanson, of Altona, Ill., is working first trick at Sandwich.

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Chief Dispatcher Winser has been very prompt and fair in bulletining jobs, for which we thank him very much.

Mr. Husk, formerly phoner at Big Cut, is working one of the phone tricks at Shabbona.

When going over the C. & I. the other day I saw ladies working the third tricks at the following stations: Big Rock, Sugar Grove, Hinckley and Waterman. I am sorry I didn't get time to talk O. R. T. with any of them. It wasn't because I was bashful or anything like that, but it was because the train didn't stop long enough. Will visit them later on.

Bro. E. F. O'Brien, of Polo, has been taking a thirty-day vacation. He has just returned to work at that station. Bro. O'Brien has been appointed assistant local chairman in his territory. The brother is a telephone operator.

Bro. Hadlock, who has been working the first trick phone job at Plano, has bid in the third trick phone job at that station. Mr. Bollie is working the first trick at present.

Bro. Russell, of Downers Grove tower, visited Leland, June 17th, and stopped off a few minutes at Sandwich.

Mr. Roy Swab, cashier at Sandwich, visited his brother at Rock Falls over Sunday, June 20th.

Mr. A. W. Ladd, agent at Sandwich, was calling in Aurora, June 19th.

Bro. Ranger, of Somonauk Cabin has been a Sandwich caller the last few days.

Miss Martha Bolte, of Hinsdale, Ill., is working first trick at Chadwick.

Stradford station was opened nights recently, with Geo. Lamberson in charge.

Wm. Eyster is working third trick at Polo.

Willis Barden is working first trick at Big Cut

Mr. Sherrick, of Princeton, is working third trick at Milledgeville, relieving F. G. Spalding, who was recently married. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Spalding.

Bro. J. F. Duck, of Oregon, has been transferred from third trick to first trick. Bro. Vaage, an extra telegrapher, is taking care of the third trick at present.

Mr. W. E. Grant is the new phoner at Milledgeville. There have been many changes in the past month on this part of the division in the phoners.

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Galesburg Division—

Bro. Novak, formerly of Yates City, is with the Western Union in Chicago, and working our local wire 105, where he can be with his brother O. R. T.'s on the Quincy Branch.

Mr. G. C. Maxwell, who has been acting as tariff inspector on this division and doing duty in Chicago general freight office, has been transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he goes to accept a permanent position as chief clerk to our general agent there.

Effective with the late change in train schedules, Bro. Smith, agent at Bardolph, commences work at 6 a. m. instead of 4 a. m., and is relieved by Bro. Miner at 3 p. m., who pounds the brass until 12 midnight. The change was necessitated on account of No. 4 and No. 55 meeting at this point, making more desirable shifts for both telegraphers.

Mr. O. J. Erickson, of Galesburg, did the day stunt at Barstow for two weeks, during the early part of the month, going from there to Abingdon, where he relieved Bro. Harris, third trick, who is stamping the pasteboards at Macomb while Bro. Peterson sees Seattle.

Mr. E. V. Kinsey, the agent at Colchester, is off duty a few days on account of the death of his mother; relieved by Bro. Martin, day telegrapher, who was in turn relieved by Bro. Flack, of same office. Bro. Flack's shift was filled by Mr. C. H. Mullen, of Lewistown.

Bro. B. F. Bittle and wife, of Fowler (Opr. Ewbanks), visited with Bro. E. G. Armstrong and wife between trains Sunday, May 30th.

Mr. V. H. Austin, now working at Elmwood, visited between trains at Camp Point with his folks Sunday, June 13th.

Mr. G. S. Herron and wife, of Augusta, visited friends at La Prairie between trains Sunday, June 13th.

Agent Bredette, of Augusta, is as proud as a newly-enlisted benedict since there has been added to his office force a day telegrapher and a helper. Bro. Bowers, first trick at Camp Point, bid in the new position.

"Boyles," a non-union telegrapher at "S" office, Quincy, has been standing us off from one six month period to another with his many excuses, but has finally come out frankly and confessed that he does not wish to join our ranks.

Bro. Colville, formerly of Rio, bid in the extra agent's position a non-union operator from Lewistown, is relieving him at Rio.

We understand that Bro. F. A. Mase is to be the permanent man at Rio, going there from Le Long.

Telegrapher Herron, of Augusta, is off duty a few weeks enjoying a siege of "rheumatics"; relieved by Telegrapher Nelson, who has been doing extra work at Colmar during the past month. Nelson is a new man from Camp Point.

We have the promise of a great many new members on June pay day, and I am in hopes by the time this appears in the journal our division will be almost solid.

Some of the older men try to give the excuse, "I expect to quit telegraphing and go into the train service," but this is all talk In most cases and they had better look for another one. Even if they quit the key tomorrow they surely must feel somewhat indebted to the Order for what it has done for them in the past.

Since the committee has arranged with the officials so that there is no objection to the relay man belonging to our organization, we hope to be able to have a good many of them with us in the near future.

Mr. Ed. Vancil, of St. Augustine, is off for a few days on account of the death of a near relative. Mr. C. H. Mullen is working his trick for the time, he having been released at Colchester by return of Mr. E. V. Kinsey.

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Mr. A. J. Peterson returned from his vacation June 20th, and reports the trip worth any man's time and money, besides being a great help in ticketing others and giving information as to the routes to take to the Seattle Exposition.

Bro. Botkins, of Abingdon, visited between trains at Macomb with Bro. Harris, and took in the sights out near the Western Sate Normal School, and other parts of the city.

Bro. H. G. Slade, formerly of Plum River tower, has been working extra at St. David for awhile, but was released a few days ago, on account of a hot cinder flying in his eye. While his eye is getting well he is taking a trip through Nebraska and other Western States. Can not say as to whether he will return to the Burlington Route or not.

Mr. T. K. Bailey and wife, of Canton, Ill., visited in Macomb Sunday, June 20th, with his wife's folks.

We don't hear much from the north end any more, but a letter gets this far once in a while. The following items were received from a brother, who says: "They may be few, but they are the truth."

Everything slow on "Stormy Route." Not very many changes. Everyone wants a vacation, but it seems no one can get away.

Bro. T. P. Ogle, of Paloma, is doing second trick at Terminal Junction, for a week or so. Bro. Murrel Ogle is holding his father's position at Paloma while he is away.

Mr. Hazard, at Terminal Junction, claims he is "broke." I sometimes wonder if he was broke when he was working for $45.00 per.

Mr. Kirkland, "X" office, Rock Island, does not seem to think the Order is much good, but I wonder where he would be if there wasn't such a thing as the O. R. T.? He would be cleaning switch lights, etc., when not busy selling tickets. Some people can't see very far ahead, you know. H. W. Kost, first trick at Barstow, is of the same opinion.

In fact, about three-fourths of the fellows on the "Stormy Route" have a motto, and this is how it reads, "Get something for nothing" (and the O. R. T. will keep us up).

The phones have put a few telegraphers out of business, but not over one or two agents have had their salaries cut on account of them.

DIV. COR.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Richmond District, South—

The meeting at Rocky Mount on the night of the 12th was not very well attended, but was marked by enthusiasm, and if the plans laid at this meeting mature, we may expect to see some large gatherings in the future.

Two committees were appointed, one to make arrangements for a hall for monthly meetings at a lower rate than what we have been paying, and another committee appointed to provide refreshments for the next meeting, which will be held on July 10th. Bros. R. H. Merchant, Chas. T. Bolick and A. D. Douglas were on the latter committee, and we may expect something worth going after.

We also desire as many of the ladies to come out as possible and get interested in the Auxiliary. Application for a charter for the Auxiliary for this system has been filed and we want to make Division No. 3 one of the largest in the Order. We propose making Rocky Mount meeting headquarters, elect permanent officers to conduct the meetings just as is done in any local division, and keep a live organization on this end of the road.

Bro. Williams was at Rocky Mount early in the month and went back with three applications. He expects two or three more on the 8th of July. He says he did not call on the scab, as he already knows more of that stripe than he cares to. We think that a number of others who have been standing up for this scab are beginning to find him out also. What could they expect from a man of this character? We are well rid of the one at Wilson, Smithers. Got too warm for him there.

The first trick at Wilson was made vacant when the scab left, and is being filled temporarily by Mr. Barfield, who was formerly on the Second Division, but who is a new man on this end of the system. If the place has been bulletined it has been bid in by no one so far as I can learn. It is a desirable place, and we would think that any of the members would like to go there.

Bro. W. B. Rector has been sent to Richmond, "K," for a few days as relief.

Mr. H. E. Grasty, of "X," Rocky Mount, has resigned and left the road on account of some misunderstanding between he and the manager, Mr. Mason. The place made vacant being filled by Mr. L. A. Wilson, formerly in "D," Wilmington, but latter for the Charleston Medical College, where he is studying to be a saw-bones.

Am sure there have been many changes that have escaped me, but must ask the indulgence of the membership this month, as the theremometer in my office is about 98 degrees at present. The ball game starts in thirty minutes, and you know it's too hot to write, anyway. D. C.

Norfolk District—

Just three changes have reached my note book this month, and some of them were made in other months, so will have to cut this short and make a promise that if I know any more next month will tell it, and if I know any less I won't know anything.

The second trick at South Tunis was bulletined upon the dismissal of Bro. C. S. Smith for refusing to act as relief agent without being paid the relief agent's salary. Bro. B. G. Cowan, formerly third trick at South Tunis, was assigned second trick, and upon third trick being bulletined it was assigned to Mr. F. T. Haynes, who was working there extra while the place was on bulletin.

Why can't we have a meeting in Norfolk or on one of the beaches there some Sunday this summer? We would all enjoy a trip down there, and by holding it in daytime, we could get a number of our lady friends who are eligible to the Auxiliary and hold two meetings at once. It seems to

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me this would be an excellent idea. Would like for any who thinks well of the idea to write to Bro. Parker, local chairman, and make some suggestions, so it can be arranged. There is nothing that will promote fraternal feeling among the membership like a meeting where all can talk over their differences, compare notes and get acquainted with each other, and then last but not least, all gather around the festal board and enjoy a spread with only our own people present. Let's have the meeting. G. S. & T.

Richmond District, North—

I am glad to be able to report that we have added several new members since last month's journal was published.

Agency at Manchester was vacant during the month, and Bro. T. G. Smoak, who has been clerk-telegrapher for some time, has been appointed agent. We are very glad to see Bro. Smoak receive this promotion.

Bro. S. B. Binford, of Dunlop, has transferred from the Grand, and is now an up-to-date member of Div. No. 132.

Quite a number of changes were made in May, which were not reported on account of the notes reaching me too late. Among them are the following:

Drewrys Bluff assigned to Bro. C. A. Sanford, who held membership in Div. No. 59, but who is now a member of 132. Bro. J. W. Gardner assigned to third trick at Halifax on bulletin.

All three tricks at Weldon have been on bulletin during the month, E. G. Cheatham, the first trick man, accepting position with S. A. L. at Portsmouth, while the other two men lost out.

I find the three new men at Weldon are J. M. Young, R. E. Purdom and C. W. Guthrie; unable to say if any of them carry the right kind of credentials. Will the brothers on that end kindly "look" after them.

Since writing the above I find there has been two more changes at Weldon. H. N. Hansell now second and T. C. Nettles third. Six changes at one station in a month is changing some.

I note a new man at Enfield, E. Shelton; don't know when he dropped in, or where from, but will find out.

Bro. Williams expects to come over this district next month, and we hope to hear that he has received a number of applications before he reaches Richmond. D. C.

NOTICE.

To all Members Division No. 132:

Notice of dues for term ending December 31st was mailed you at your last known address, but some of them have come back to me, undelivered. If you have not received notice of dues it was not my fault, but either yours or the Postoffice department for not notifying me of the change in your address.

The semi-annual dues in this division are $4.50, and whether you have received notice or not, you should remit this amount to me at once. Consider this sufficient notice in the absence of any other and let me have your dues at once so you can have your new card sent.

Yours fraternally,
J. H. WILLIAMS,
G. S. & T.

WANTED—One application from every non on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

WANTED—500 members of this division to pledge themselves to secure an application during the month of August, 1909, the rate being $7.50 for initiation and dues to December 31st.

J. H. WILLIAMS,
G. S. & T.

Jacksonville District—

Bulletins are issued regularly covering every vacancy on this district, and we note the following have been issued since last report:

The night ticket agency at Sanford, second trick at Port Tampa, agency at Astor and Mascotte agency. The bulletining of the last-named agency has been cancelled, which leaves the first three to be heard from.

I notice that the agency at Winter Garden has been bulletined, the time being out today, but it is too late to get report of the assignment in this month. This is quite a desirable place, and will be a nice job for the right man.

Bro. J. C. Vick, formerly at Altamont Springs, is now working as bill clerk at Port Tampa.

We are very glad to welcome into the Order Mr. R. D. Stephens, agent at Port Tampa. It is the good men that makes any organization strong. They have something at stake and can be counted upon to do the right thing all the time.

Bro. T. J. Tedder, local chairman, is holding down the agency at Haines City, this month, in the absence of Bro. Young, who is away on his honeymoon trip.

Have you noticed the large number of marriages during the month of June? There has not been such a large number for years. Some fellows certainly have nerve to ask a sweet young girl to live on the measly salaries paid to telegraphers in the South. And the girl certainly needs a guardian who is willing to take such responsibility upon herself and to make both ends meet on the average wage paid down here. There is one thing in her favor, however, she won't need many clothes during the summer, nor have to buy any coal during the winter. We old fellows should not try to discourage the younger ones, however, as we were once young, and only saw the bright side of things. That reminds us that youth can't be expected to have the judgment of old age, nor the pessimism, either, and it is much better so. Go right ahead, boys, enjoy life when you are young; live right and you will have no regrets when you have turned the shady side of life.

FLORIDA GATER.

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Waycross District—

Here we come again, all of us, and as usual we have some new members to report. If it was not for the nons that keep on coming to our line we would be solid in a short time, at least there would only be three or four of those with long noses who are first at the trough, and who stay until it is licked clean. I won't call the kind of animal they are, but you often see them under the trees eating what falls, but never looking up to see where it is coming from, or caring, so long as they get the biggest share.

Bro. R. F. Ashmore has been transferred from Haylow to Poulan and Bro. L. T. Wasdin sent to Haylow, neither position having been bulletined in accordance with the rules.

There is a new man at Waynesville. We don't know his name.

Have just learned that Bro. H. L. Davis, formerly with this district at Live Oak, is now with the F. E. C. in Jacksonville. Bro. F. M. Smith, a new member with us is holding down one of the tricks at Live Oak.

Bro. F. L. Austin, second at Thomasville, has resigned, and was relieved by Bro. F. B. Powell, of Pelham, the clerk-telegrapher position at Pelham being filled by our former brother, C. A. Bowen, who has been out of the service for a year or two. Understand neither of these positions was bulletined. Bro. Sasser will have to hustle around and find out what the trouble is, or there will be something doing. It is said that so few positions bulletined are bid in that it is hardly worth while. This is worse than no excuse, as the very position that is not bulletined is the one that is wanted by some member for a special reason known only to himself. Even if it is not wanted by anyone it is the rule to bulletin it and if an official disobeys a rule how can he expect anything else from an employe.

Brother Sasser is not content with working on the nons on his own district, but when he sees a "prospect" on another district he goes after him, and often gets his man. This was the case with his latest, who lives in Savannah. For certain reasons I will not give his name.

Look out for us every month; we will be right on the spot. CRACKER.

Montgomery District—

It is now time to pay dues, and, I am sorry to say, there are two members on this division who have not yet paid dues for the present term. We must not permit them to drop out of the Order. If we keep an eye on the delinquents I believe we can keep them in the fold. If anyone is interested drop the local chairman a card and ask for a list of delinquent members and endeavor to induce them to pay up.

Bro. S. E. Jones, second trick at Montgomery, is on a few days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Johnson.

Bro. M. A. McFadden, telegrapher at Alaga, who has been on the sick list and off duty, has returned to work well and hearty.

Bro. Whitehurst, night telegrapher at Newton, enjoyed a well-earned vacation, Telegrapher Johnson relieving him.

Second trick Telegrapher J. D. McFadden, of Troy, is trying his luck fishing for a few days, Bro. Evans relieving.

On Bro. Whitehurst's return, Telegrapher Johnson relieved Bro. Evans at Troy, Bro. Evans relieving third Telegrapher Black at Montgomery yard.

Telegrapher Evans is relieving Bro. Garlington at Ansley. Mr. Evans is a brother to our Bro. B. H. Evans. He will be carrying the necessary piece of pasteboard as soon as he gets the required experience to become a member.

Bro. J. H. Black, third trick dispatcher at Dothan, is taking a few days off; relieved by Telegrapher Dykes.

Telegrapher Knowles, of Ashford agency, has been taking a few days off, relieved by Telegrapher Mullins. CERT. 491.

Wilmington District—

Wilmington District items are rather scarce this month. There have been practically no changes, and what few have been made have escaped me.

Bro. H. C. Treadwell has been transferred from Dixon on the Newbern branch to Parkersburg, on the A. & Y., succeeding Bro. J. L. Reeves, who has resigned and left the service.

Brother A. S. Vinson, from the extra list, is working as agent at Dixon.

Bro. W. A. Benton, from Mount Tabor, is now with S. A. L. at Monroe, N. C.

It was reported that Fremont would be on bulletin, but so far have heard nothing from the bulletin. I think Bro. Morris is still there.

With the arrival of summer weather everything seems to be standing still on the district.

It has come to us indirectly that the committee will soon hold a meeting, and we sincerely hope this is true, as this district needs looking after.

TAR HEEL.

Savannah District—

I fear that should Cracker Joe see this article he will write down here and insist that the name of the writer be changed, as he will not care to own any such successor.

Bro. E. R. Fuller has been transferred from Callahan to Ludowici, succeeding Mr. W. L. Showalter. Did not learn where Mr. Showalter goes, but think he quits the service.

Mr. A. C. Burnett returns to work, second trick at Ludowici, after a few days vacation.

Am advised that when you go in the Ludowici office you are not there long before you find out that they are O. R. T., and strictly union, and that if you search around among the "clothes" you will find all kinds of labels. Is it this way at your office? Can you say to the man who asks, that there is a label on every article you wear? I can do that practically all the time. They wear just as well, cost no more and you feel much

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more comfortable, especially when a strictly union man comes 'nosing around. Try it for yourself.

We admire the persistency of one of our brothers in preaching O. R. T. doctrine, but his style of "delivery" could be improved upon when he tries to make it too "forceful." The writer has often felt like making his arguments just as "forceful," and perhaps it would have had more "effect" if he had. This brother is on the right side as shown by the improvement on the district.

Bro. Perry has been reinstated at Jesup, we are glad to say, and hope he will have no more trouble.

Nothing more of importance on my list, so will cut this and try to "cool" off.

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Lakeland District —

I will not attempt to write a long article this month, but will give a few of the changes of interest to the members on the system. The summer has reached us in earnest now, and with the thermometer hovering dangerously near the 100 mark all during the day, it takes all the enthusiasm, and about everything else out of we fellows down here. There is something doing all the time, however, as you can see by the list of changes that have been made.

Kathleen agency now in charge of Mr. O. P. Tucker; Bro. W. E. Tucker off on a vacation.

Bro. C. D. Goodwin appointed acting agent at Dunnellon, vice Mr. F. A. Black, appointed acting agent at High Springs, Mr. J. B. Neil there taking a vacation. The Dunnellon agency was on bulletin, but only one applicant for same. If the place is all it's reputed to me, I am not surprised that there were no applicants.

Bro. A. D. McKinney appointed clerk-telegrapher at Fort Meade. Bro. McKinney left the service sometime ago, but like all old railroad employes, he found the attraction too strong. He is filling the position made vacant by the resignment of Mr. Brooks, who leaves the service.

Bro. J. D. Doty appointed second trick at Dunnellon, succeeding Bro. A. E. Bristow who has resigned.

Mr. W. E. Houdlett assigned clerk-telegrapher position of Floral City, Bro. Stewart going from there to Dunnellon, third trick.

Bro. R. R. Jones, of Division No. 56, goes to Inverness as clerk-telegrapher, succeeding Mr. J. H. Lundy, who goes to Dunnellon as check clerk.

Clerk-telegrapher position at Croom bulletined, but so far no assignment has been made.

We are very sorry to note that Martel has been abandoned as a telegraph station. The only motive for the abandonment of same must have been to discontinue paying overtime, as the new schedule putting on two more passenger trains, it would seem, would require more service. Have not heard whether the salary will be cut, but can not see how that can be done, as it is almost at the bottom limit now.

In looking over my notes I find I did not get in an article for June TELEGRAPHER, so will give a few of them here.

I do not find where any report has been made on the Bartow freight agency, which is a very desirable position.

Inverness agency was also bulletined, possibly upon the request of the agent there, as he seems to have bitten off a larger chunk than he could properly masticate (guess I did also.) There were no applicants for the "job," so others must know what it is.

Bro. G. H. Bailey assigned the first trick at "CD," Lakeland on bulletin.

It has been reported that Mr. C. V. McIntire, at Lakeland, has turned "professor." Surely this can not be true, would like for some of the brothers down there to investigate.

The local chairman told me, a few days ago, that he knew he had one of the best chief dispatchers on the system, and that he was endeavoring to live right up to the schedule in every particular. This was very gratifying and ám sure the members on the Lakeland District should show their appreciation by giving Mr. Mulquin the best they have in the shop. It would not be right to finish this without referring to the present acting chief, Bro. O'Donald, as he is carrying out the same rules that Mr. Mulquin so rigidly adheres to, but how could anything else be expected of Bro. O'Donald, he knows what is right and how to do it.

Now for a solid district, and a large number of members added to the Auxiliary. D. C.

Charleston District—

Strange as it may seem to some of the other districts, there has been only one vacancy on the Charleston District for nearly a month. When I look over the pages of THE TELEGRAPHER and see the various changes each month, it makes me wonder what is the trouble on those districts. Is it the service or is it the officials. Both perhaps. Any way we feel that we are blessed with the very best district officials on the system, and no man goes to them that does not get a respectful hearing and in most cases what he knows is just even if it is not satisfactory to him.

Johns Island was bulletined in May, but there were no applicants for the place, as it is not a very desirable one.

Some of the new men noted on the district are the following:

L. O. Browning and C. A. Young, second and third tricks at Monteith. This was one of the offices closed in March, 1908, keeping only one man there until the rush season this spring.

Mr. W. C. Hart, another new man at Ashepoo, and H. D. Smith, at Ravenel. Messrs A. P. Pate and L. G. Scavitz are doing the stunts at Johns Island between skeeter bites.

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Bennett, a new office, is being filled by Bro. L. E. Carn, formerly at Mount Molly.

This is about all there is of interest to report this month. Some brother on the C. & S. will kindly look up all these new men and learn the color of their credentials. SANDY.

Northwestern Railway of S. C.—

It is with much regret that I write of the death of little Margaret, the daughter of Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Bannister, of Summerton, S. C., after an illness of over two weeks. Her sufferings were most painful, and all that could be was done for her, but nothing brought the desired relief. The entire membership on this line deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents in their loss.

Bro. Bannister has been quite sick himself, as well as his entire family, but glad to say they are now improving.

This little pike is almost solid O. R. T. now, and with a little effort on the part of the present membership it can be made solid from Camden to Wilsons Mills. Who will be the first member to send Bro. Williams an application?

"SANTEE."

A. C. L. Division, No. 3, Ladies' Auxiliary—

Application for a charter for the Auxiliary on the A. C. L. has been filed, and notice received that Charter No. 3 would be granted to this line. We wanted Charter No. 1, but found it had gone to New England, and that number two had also been taken. Any way we claim the first member of the Auxiliary, and will make this a strong division as soon as the proper printed matter can be gotten so we can commence a campaign of organizing. It is rather hard to get the ladies interested until we can get the right kind of printed matter for them to see what they are joining.

So far we have only tried the wives, etc., of the local chairmen and the ex-local chairmen, as they would be in a position to appreciate our efforts. There was only one of the ladies from the A. C. L. in Atlanta, who did not join the Auxiliary, and we hope to have her with us ere long.

As soon as we can get everything in working order we will show the men how to organize. If it was the men we had to work with, we know we could soon get the line solid from Richmond on the north to Fort Myers on the south. It is harder to get the ladies' interest thoroughly aroused, but once we get them interested, we will make things lively for awhile. Look out for Division No. 3. A. C. L.

C. C. C. & St. L. Ry.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

The regular meeting was held in Springfield, May 18th. Bro. Bright being absent at the convention, Bro. Lytle occupied the chair. Business for the good of the Order was transacted and some profitable discussion opened. The attendance was fair, but not what it should have been. There are members of the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division who never attend, others seldom. Boys, take an interest, wake up and come to these meetings and help the hard-working chairman. The meetings are the very life of our organization.

Get after the non working with you or near you and show him the error of his way, the littleness of allowing some one else to pay the freight while he enjoys the benefits of the organization.

Telegrapher Small, formerly with the C. H. & D., at Franklin, relieved Bro. Freeman, at Simms, for a couple of weeks.

Bro. Hildebrand, of Franklin Junction, was relieved by Telegrapher Snapp, of Columbus.

The ball game at Dayton, June 4th, between the Dayton Fire Department and the Big Four telegraphers, resulted in a score of 12 to 0 in favor of the latter. The brass pounders were all to the good, Craig, of Franklin Junction, being in the box (I am sorry it can not be written Bro., but circumstances are holding him out). The "feature" of the game was the batting of Welsh, of "H," Sharonville. "UG," got in fifteen strikes in five times at bat. Guess the answer.

Dispatcher Burch, of Springfield, attended the game and did valiant service chasing fouls for his fat friend, the catcher for the key men.

"BU," Springfield, closed now from 7:20 p. m. until 7:20 a. m. We understand that no one lost out by the change. Orders will be issued direct from "J" during the closed period.

There is a twelve-hour man, a former brother, on this division, who will not pay up, complaining that he is not benefited by the nine-hour law as others are. Remember, friend, we tower men and some others stood a cut of $7.50 a month to get these three trick jobs. You are getting the same pay as bfore the change, overtime and your meal hour money. Cut out the talk and come on with the coin like a man.

Bro. Bright, of west end, is off duty attending the convention; relieved by Bro. Barrett.

Bro. Barrett off a few days; relieved by Mr. Squires.

R. W. Lippincott, agent at Plattsburg, was off a few days visiting relatives at Catawba; relieved by R. E. Harrison.

Telegrapher Dalton, the second trick man at Myers, bid in third trick at Monroe.

Bro. W. F. Scully, the second trick man at London, has been off several weeks on account of the death of his father. He is being relieved by Bro. Lyons, the third trick telegrapher. Bro. Barrett worked third trick during the absence of Bro. Scully.

Mr. Schwartz bid in second trick and Mr. Barnhart third trick at Meyers.

Telegrapher Harrison, formerly at Avenue, has been transferred to third trick at Urbana.

Mr. Vern Stewart, second trick, Miami Crossing, off for a few days on account of the death of his mother.

By the looks of the items from the Columbus end the brothers must be rather scarce and the facts are they are not any too plenty. These nons need a severe shaking; also the brothers in

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their neighborhood, for allowing such conditions to exist. As it is only by a special united effort that we may expect to succeed in attaining our hopes we should all put our shoulders to the wheel and push together and not sit down and wait for the other fellow to do all the work.

Mr. Sautter, of Ivorydale, is absent for a few days on account of sickness. Mr. Neff is working second trick while Mr. Lodge worked third trick.

Bro. Lange, of Lockland, reports attending the April meeting and was well pleased with the workings and banquet.

Stevens, of Sandusky, is off on a vacation. Wyles is working first and a student second trick.

The hours at Belle Center are now from 6 a. m. until 12 midnight. "C. R."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Almighty God to remove from earth the father of our brother and fellow worker, Bro. E. E. Weber; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, O. R. T. System Division, No. 128, extend to the bereaved brother and family its heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy sent to the brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. A. STEWART,
C. F. ALLEN,
C. R. BILLINGSLEA,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to call to the great beyond the beloved wife of our Bro. E. E. Weber, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in her death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted wife; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing husband, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved brother.

L. F. ARMSTRONG,
J. H. LYTLE,
A. A. BRIGHT,
Committee.

Chicago Division—

Have you that new card? If not, it is time to be getting it.

Did you ever stop to think that it costs no more to pay your dues in May or June than it does in July or August, and do not forget that you are placing your protection in jeopardy when you let your dues lag and we know not the day nor the hour, so it is best to be always prepared.

Some of the brothers got cold feet the first of the year when the phone system was mere talk, but I trust that those who did are the full quota and there will be no more of you following in their footsteps since the phones have gotten to be a reality.

Is there any excuse for your dropping your card since the phones have been installed? If there is I wish you would kindly write me, giving your reasons for so doing.

Why should we as phone operators not be organized as well as when we were telegraphers?

I have heard some of the brothers state that it is easy to get men to operate the phones.

Let me ask you something, brothers, which would have to be the most intelligent class of men, section men or phone operators, teamsters or phone operators? I quote these simply because they came in mind, but the point I want to make is this: These men are organized and if you will kindly take the trouble to set that brain of yours to thinking you will find that all classes of labor, section men, carpenters, painters, masons, trainmen, engineers, printers, city phone operators, hat makers, shoemakers, in fact, name me one class of labor that is not organized if you please, and then tell me there is no use for the phone men to try to organize.

Why the statement is ridiculous. Any man that puts up that kind of an argument is simply playing mouse and simply trying to trump up another excuse to shoulder the support of his family on to the rest of us, as they have been doing in the past, but thank the Lord, there is a brighter day dawning for the operators when we shall cease to bear another's burden, when we will only help to bear each other's burdens and not shoulder the whole load for some of the grafters, as we have in the past.

When it comes to hiring a lot of green men to operate the phones I think there would be some strenuous kicking done by the management, as there is enough trouble and aggravation now with some men that have been working for some time let alone getting men that are entirely unfamiliar with the work, as some of the boys certainly display a great deal of ignorance at certain times in the handling of trains especially.

I have heard the remark that a man could be taught to handle the phones in a week. Let me ask you what a man would do with a week's experience. When a man in learning telegraphy is around an office at least a year and then when he gets to work displays ignorance of railroad work, that is simply ridiculous.

Brothers, please ponder over these matters before making a hasty decision. Every man is innocent until proven guilty, and the phone is all right until proven otherwise, so do not condemn before the trial.

Give the service and I think the management will make returns, but do not get the idea in your noodle that you are to be the Savior of the telegrapher, and think that you have the right idea when you go to bucking the phone system and trying to do all the dirt you can.

We understand that complaint is being made that the telegraphers claim they can not hear the

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dispatcher when, in fact, they can, but do not want to. Cut it out, and again I say give the best that's in you.

A great many of the boys are inclined to be antagonistic to the phones, but I think if they would stop and think a minute they would soon see the error of their ways.

May be you will get a reduction, but let me ask, do you expect a bountiful increase by giving rotten service?

Again you should have more respect for the dispatcher than to try and do bum work when you spite no one but yourself and him when he can not help it that phones were put in, as it's not his fault.

I think you will find that we will profit every time by giving the best service we can; so do what is right and then though the worst may happen, we can conscientiously say we did our part.

Am unable to give any items this month, as I know of none and the boys have given me none, and I will tell you again as I have done previously, if you desire items in the journal it is up to you to furnish them to me.

I trust that you will all give this matter due consideration and that you may be able to see where you are doing the wise act by retaining that up-to-date card.

W. O. BRINKMAN,
Local Chairman.

Peoria & Eastern Division, West—

Bro. O. L. Ocker has resigned the third trick at "CF" tower, to accept a position as night timekeeper at the wire Mill at Crawfordsville.

Bro. C. R. Keeran relieved him and, it is understood, that he will hold the position until it has been regularly bid in.

Bro. C. R. Rynearson, agent at Waynetown, Bro. O. L. Ocker and agent at Hillsborough are some of the boys who were required to go to Cincinnati to have their eyes tested.

Mr. W. T. Bowling, second trick at Urbana Yard, is taking a thirty days' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Ed Purnell.

Bro. C. R. Keeran relieved Bro. Vaughn, first trick at Mansfield, two days while Bro. Vaughn was visiting at Indianapolis.

Mr. Bebee, of Veedersburg, relieved Bro. W. M. Long, night telegrapher at "MS," Mackinaw tower. Bro. Long received third trick at Bloomington on bulletin.

Telegrapher J. D. O'Conner, an extra man, is working the night trick at LeRoy while Telegrapher Haines is taking a vacation.

Mr. C. H. Redenbaugh, cashier at Veedersburg, worked a week or ten days at Champaign, for Sam Hodges.

W. R. Cooper, of New Castle, relieved Mr. Redenbaugh.

The following positions were bulletined June 4th:

Day telegrapher and ticket clerk at Champaign and the agencies at Ludlow Falls, on east end, and Hillsborough. Mr. Howard Shearer, agent at Lilly, is working at Ludlow Falls at present, being relieved at Lilly by Mr. W. E. Peck, of Mahomet.

Mr. C. K. Haverfield, formerly chief dispatcher P. & E., but now Visual Examiner, passed over the division May 27th and 28th, trying our eyes and ears. A few of the boys found the examination "real hard."

Harry Rynearson, who has been out of the service since he left the hermit job at Palmerton, is with us again, being called upon by Chief Dispatcher Sears to work at New Castle for a while.

We understand that Dispatcher Brown has left the service for good. Dispatcher Whitlock is working the third trick, which was handled by Brown.

I am inclined to believe that we are not well enough acquainted with each other along the P. & E. We hardly know who is working at the next station. I wonder why? Let's all get brotherly and increase our faith this June.

I wish to thank several brothers who have assisted me in this write-up and hope to see one in the journal each month. Let's all help a little and we can have a nice write-up every month, and it will look good to our friends and brothers who may be far away and are depending on the write-up from P. & E. to keep them informed. We can all help a great deal by each one helping a little, so let's pull together and keep our Order where it should be. We all need a new card this month and let's get it as soon as possible.

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Indianapolis Division—

Bro. Atkinson has been assigned second trick at Taft.

This pike is trying to cut expenses again, running several trains a day with from 70 to 85 cars, using a middle man.

Bro. Melvin, second trick at Muncie depot, is off for fifteen days, visiting relatives at Maplewood, Ohio. Telegrapher Harper is relieving him.

Bro. Slagle worked second trick at Quincy while Bro. Cook attended the convention.

One feature of the convention was the changing the payments of assessments from monthly to semi-annually.

Telegrapher Humrichouse, of Versailles, is laying off a few days. Telegrapher Kendall is relieving him.

C. T. D. Miller was over the road June 1st, giving out a few instructions as to when trains can pass a red block.

Telegrapher D. B. Olvey worked a few days at Fortville. Telegrapher Hanks, of that place, resigned to take a position as brakeman.

Bro. Slagle worked Sunday, June 6th at Quincy for Telegrapher Binegar.

Bro. Young made a business trip to Cincinnati of two or three days' duration. Telegrapher Schultz relieved him.

Third trick Dispatcher McElroy, Bro. H. J. Miller, third trick telegrapher at Bellefontaine, Bro. King, third trick telegrapher at Gretna, and Bro. Kelly, third at "SC," enjoyed seeing the start of the balloon race at Indianapolis, June 5th.

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Telegrapher Schultz is relieving Telegrapher Stephenson at Wainwright, who in turn is relieving Telegrapher Starbuck at Anderson depot.

Bro. B. A. Olvey is off duty on account of sickness. Telegrapher Connelly is relieving him and Bro. Slagle is relieving Connelly.

Bro. Melvin is again at work.

Bro. R. Miller, first trick telegrapher at Ansonia, is off for three or four days enjoying himself. Telegrapher Walters is relieving him.

Bro. Faidley at Gretna first trick, is off duty for two or three days. Telegrapher A. M. Smith is relieving him.

I wish some of the brothers would send in news. Kindly help out. You should not expect one man to do it all. Brace up and let the boys know that we have a little energy.

There was a meeting held on the third floor of the Anthony block at Muncie, Indiana, June 23d, but the write-up has to be sent in too early to give particulars this time.

It has been reported that Trainmaster Buchanan, of the Indianapolis Division, has been promoted to the Cleveland Division, and Trainmaster Allison, of the Cairo Division to trainmaster of the Indianapolis Division, to take effect June 15th.

DIV. COR.

St. Louis Division, Mattoon West—

Bro. Whalen, our general chairman, recently made a trip over the west end of the St. Louis Division getting acquainted.

Bro. Cook, at Irving, is off duty a few days on account of rheumatism; relieved by Telegrapher Church.

Bro. Cook is again at work, Telegrapher Church having gone to Pana to relieve Bro. Roberts, first trick there, for a few days.

Lenox first trick, "HM" second and third tricks, and "MX," Mattoon, second trick, on bulletin. Haven't learned who were the successful bidders as yet.

Bro. Morgan, of "WO" tower, was off a few days. He was relieved by a Mr. Lyons. After Bro. Morgan returned to work Mr. Lyons went to Shelbyville to relieve Telegrapher Davis, whose father died.

It is too bad some of the boys think the Order is dead, and have to be fed on gum drops. They seem to think we should turn the world over in a minute. Rome wasn't built in a day, neither can we accomplish everything in a day. It is up to us to keep moving and working and we will triumph in the end.

Mr. John Stadler, interlocking maintainer at Lenox and Mr. Dillman, section foreman at that place are laid up with rheumatism.

Bro. J. M. Lawson bid in third trick at Granite City some time ago.

Bro. J. M. Callahan, the second trick man at Lakeview, is having considerable trouble with malaria, although so far he has not been compelled to lay off.

Bro. McRobbins, third trick at Lenox, was the recipient of the bad news from his home city of Veedersburg, Ind., that there were ten cases of small-pox there and his mother and brother had been exposed.

Rheumatism and malaria are very prevalent over the extreme west end among the people generally, and a glance at the next few items will convince one that telegraphers are no exception. Even sorrow has entered the homes of some of our brothers and fellow-telegraphers.

Bro. C. E. Parmallee is at time of this writing absent from the first shift at Venice Jct. on account of the death of his wife. Mr. J. A. King, from the C. & A. Ry. is relieving Bro. Parmallee, who has the heartfelt sympathy of all in this sad hour.

Bro. O. A. Thurston, of second trick at Venice, Jct., has been in the Granite City Hospital for some twenty days, suffering from inflammatory rheumatism. He is very little better at this writing. Every change of weather affects him. Bro. Thurston is being relieved by Bro. B. M. Gentry, who comes from the C. M. & St. P. Ry.

We understand that J. A. King will soon seek admittance to the order. We feel sure Mr. King's heart is right.

Mr. H. W. West, who has been working at "QN" freight office, East St. Louis, is laying off on account of the sickness of his father. We understand Mr. E. E. Tonkinson, who has been holding first trick at Lenox for quite a while, has been transferred to the "QN" office.

Mr. J. I. Staley, of second trick at Granite City, has been working first trick at Lenox while same is on bulletin. Bro. Wm. Huebner from the C. & E. I. Ry. is relieving Mr. Staley at Granite City.

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Cleveland Division—

Bro. Reams, of Ridgeway, has returned to work after a month's illness. Bro. Carey, of Longwelle, is again working the owl trick.

Bro. Condon, of Wellington, is off duty a few days on vacation.

Bro. Buckles, of Berea, is off duty. He is relieved by extra Telegrapher Fronfield.

Bro. Bogan, of Linndale, fell and broke his right arm a few days since; relieved by Mr. Cobb.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. Hayes, is back to work after a month's illness.

There has been some complaint made about using profane language and interfering with those who are trying to use the wires to help our cause along.

This is a very contemptible habit, and I hope it is not any of our brother members doing it. We have to use the wires occasionally to let the nons know we are alive and should all do what we can to give the members with good intentions a chance to talk to them.

Bro. W. B. Elliott, of Rushsylvania, has been appointed assistant local chairman and the nons, especially those down on the west end, will find him awake and on the job at all times. If we had

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a few more members like Bro. Elliott on this division, there would not be a non left inside of a couple of months.

We wish to thank the boys for their generous contribution to the relief fund for our late Bro. F. Barnum, also for the floral offering, but am sorry to note that some of them did not produce the amount subscribed.

Now brothers, this case has taught us that we need a fund on hand in such emergencies and it has been suggested that the members at different stations talk this matter over and get the opinion of the rest and advise the local chairman, and we will then devise some means of appointing a committee to take charge of same. The small amount of ten or twenty-five cents a month would soon give us a nice tidy sum with which to help out our sick and needy brothers and it would never be missed. Now let's have your opinion on this matter.

Remember that we are now in our semi-annual dues period and we wish every member to pay up promptly. Interest yourself in the other members in your vicinity, and don't let them forget that it is time to pay up. Don't be afraid of rushing the people at St. Louis. They would prefer the rush to the drag. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the members of Division No. 138, O. R. T., for their financial assistance, the beautiful floral offering and the sympathy extended to us during our recent great bereavement.

MRS. F. BARNUM.
MRS. GRACE MILLER.
MILDRED BARNUM.
GEORGE BARNUM.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother and friend. Mr. Frank Barnum, and

WHEREAS, We feel that we have lost a brother and an esteemed friend, his wife and children a devoted husband and father, whose word of counsel, cheerful presence and untiring devotion can never be replaced, therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing wife and children, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Division No. 138, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

FRED HOLCOMB.
ROBT. HOLCOMB.
E. B. ADAMS.
Committee.

St. Louis Division East of Mattoon—

The members should not forget that this is the month in which to pay dues.

Several nons have put in an appearance on the line lately, and I trust the brothers will get busy and see how many they can line-up.

Our General Chairman, Bro. Edw. Whalen, returns from Atlanta with the report that the convention was harmonious throughout and that those in attendance enjoyed themselves very much.

Several of the boys are taking vacations, and there seems to be a shortage of extra men.

Bro. E. J. Hinds bid in second trick at Embarrass.

Bro. W. H. Setty, third trick man at Loxa, has been transferred to Oshmore for a few days, relieving Bro. J. L. Fisher, who is off on a vacation.

Bro. Setty was relieved at Loxa by Miss Fay Clubb.

Telegrapher Luckett, an extra man, has been transferred from Ashmore to Mt. Jackson, second trick, extra.

Bro. Freeland bid in third trick at Embarrass.

DIV. COR.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

Birmingham Division—

Everything is as usual over here. We have a number of nons and delinquent members that we expect to bring in the fold soon.

As the old saying goes "where there is truth in poetry, poetry is sweet." I am not a poet, but I would like to place the following before the readers of the journal in order that they may realize what is in store for our great organization:

"THE BROTHERHOOD OF O. R. T."

To me some things have been revealed,
And I have seen the light,
And there is going to be a change,
And that change is for the right.
Rights for all those who toil,
Rights for young and old,
The right that Jesus gave to man,
And politicians sold.

The twentieth century now has dawned,
And with it came this change,
At first you may not see the light
And think the doctrine strange,
The millionaires will think it wrong,
But justice says it's right,
That wealth belong to those who toil,
And all our battles fight.

There's plenty in this world for all,
And none would need a boast,
If we could only get the things,
Which each of us produce.
Do you consider that it's right,
To toil from day to day,
And give three-fourths of what you make,
To a trust across the way?

This change will do away with crime,
And reduce this wordly pride,
And will promote the Holy cause,
For which our Savior died,

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The chains of bondage will be loose,
And labor then will stand,
United with the millionaire,
The brotherhood of man.

So labor if you want this change
You must together stand,
In union lives the power to bring,
This brotherhood of man.
Then all the railroads, all the mines,
Which now are held in trust,
Would be the poor man's National Bank,
And that bank will never bust.

Bro. M. C. Roop, has been transferred from Cragford, "CA," ticket agency at Talladega; after being installed at Talladega, a reduction in force in that agency was made and Mr. Roop, being the youngest man, was made relief agent. No relief work being in sight at present Mr. Roop and wife are enjoying a few summer days at St. Simons and Cumberland Island.

Bro. W. M. English, who is one of our most loyal workers, has recently been transferred from the agency at Bullochville to the agency at Talladega, which is quite a promotion for Mr. English, and the brothers wish to congratulate him on his faithful work.

The night office at "Z," LaGrange, Ga., has been discontinued. Mr. S. P. Hawkins being thrown out of employment. Understand that he has gone to Atlanta with the W. U. Tel. Co.

Mr. W. J. English has been transferred from dispatcher at Manchester to telegrapher at Talladega, on account of a reduction in force.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

St. L. S.-W. Ry.

The Illmo Division now has a chairman who intends to use his energy to line-up this division, regardless of consequences.

I ask the assistance of all members of this division to this end. Within the last few days I have mailed letters to at least twenty telegraphers, eighteen of whom are in good standing with the O. R. T., and up to this writing I have received but two replies. Is it a fact that the members of the O. R. T. refuse to assist me in lining-up this road? Is it true that they are going to saddle everything on me? Now I want a reply from each member on this division, and I want his assistance. I am not becoming discouraged with the outlook, there are bright prospects, but what I want is your assistance in behalf of Illmo Division. We can not expect the nons to affiliate with us until we come out with our colors. Until we give them an example of the stuff of which we are made. It has been suggested that we arrange to hold monthly meetings, I thank the brothers for this suggestion; would like to hear from each member on this division in regard to this.

I can not at this writing mention any changes made by telegraphers, because the information has not been furnished me. If you wish to see a good write-up next month, assist me in collecting the material.

I am anticipating assistance from you in the future. Now let's all get down to business, and within a month or so there will be no nons except the "Old Sore Heads."

Fraternally,
A. C. HEAVEY,
Local Chairman.

Panama Ry.

Only two or three times during the past three years has the Panama R. R. been represented in the journal. Our road is only forty-eight miles in length and thirty-five to forty telegraphers and agents make up the full working force. As is always the case everywhere, telegraphers here stand at the bottom as to working conditions. Clerks, stenographers, etc., work seven and one-half hours per day; steam-shovel men eight hours; conductors, trainmen, engineers, nine hours; common laborers, 10 hours; telegraphers, 12 hours, and in many cases are unable to get away to noon meal.

Bro. D. J. Deasy, agent at Panama, is still on the job. Bro. Dan is an old-timer, having been on the Isthmus nearly ten years and always carries the necessary credentials.

Mr. D. H. Bierly, day telegrapher at Panama, and Mr. L. B. Chambers, nights, both promise to come in next pay-day. Mr. Chambers was wireless man on the Steamship "Finance" when she sank in New York Harbor.

Bro. Peter Bigler, telegrapher at Balboa Junction, enjoyed a few lay-over days last week.

Bro. C. H. Paul, agent and telegrapher at Corozal, is very busy blocking trains and keeping up his station work.

Bro. A. Mendoza still holds forth at Miraflores interlocking tower. This is one of the hardest jobs on the road.

Mr. R. B. Walker, agent at Pedo Miguel, says nothing but saws wood. Mr. Walker was a member for a number of years, but like a number of others, on coming to the Isthmus, allowed his dues to fall behind.

Bro. Essex, day telegrapher at Paraiso Cabin, is in the State on a vacation. Bro. Geo. H. Edwards, regular night man, is doing the day stunt during Bro. Essex's absence. Mr. Farrel taking the night trick. Mr. Farrel was a member of the C. T. U. of A., but at present is not up-to-date.

Mr. A. S. Johnson, block dispatcher at Cucuracha, recently returned from the United States, where he had been under medical treatment for three months. Mr. Johnson's application papers are in and we expect in a few weeks to call him brother.

Bro. W. W. Lynch, day telegrapher at Culebra Cabin, is in the States on a vacation; unable to say who is relieving him. A Mr. Fitzgerald on nights.

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Bro. E. B. Thornton, agent at Empire, is going on his vacation in a few weeks, and rumor says he is not coming back alone.

Bro. A. J. Renton, telegrapher at Las Cascadas tower, has a busy place, but can always find time to put in a good word for the Order.

Bro. Frank Kinsman, telegrapher at Bridge 52, enjoyed a few lay-over days the first of the month. Relieved by Br. P. L. Bradley, regular relief man.

Bro. R. I. Purcell, agent at Bas Obispo, expects to go on his vacation next week.

Bro. Wood, telegrapher at Matachin tower, went to the States on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Frank Whitman. A night office recently opened there is held down by Bro. Eagan for the present.

Mr. Plant is now agent at Matachin; evidently he did not like to live at Tabernilla.

Mr. D. E. Hayes, agent at Gorgona, returned from New York last week. His little boy was bitten by a mad dog, and he took him to New York for the Pasteur treatment. Mr. Hayes was formerly a member, but on coming to the Isthmus fell in arrears.

Bro. E. F. Orr manipulates the levers at Gorgona tower. He is one of the old-timers on the Isthmus.

Mr. T. J. Hanrahan, agent at San Pablo, was formerly President of the C. T. U. of A. local at New Orleans. His application is in.

Bro. S. G. Thornton is now agent at Tabernilla. He moved his family to the living rooms over the station last week.

Bro. Noltee, agent at Gatun, recently returned from vacation, reports a very enjoyable visit in the States.

Bro. L. C. Dezavedo, regular day telegrapher at "J" office, Colon, is on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Avery.

Our dispatchers, Northrop, Doty and Maggard, are well liked by the boys, as they can be depended upon for a square deal. Bro. Maggard recently returned from his regular annual leave of absence.

In conclusion, would like to warn all telegraphers against coming to the Isthmus unless they have previously secured employment. Men are, as a rule, hired in the United States and sent here whenever needed. A man coming here expecting to find work, stands a very poor show. The cost of living is very high, and they soon find themselves stranded. CERT. 5790, GRAND.

Vandalia Ry.

East End, St. Louis Division—

We were glad to see a write-up from the "Old" Vincennes Division in the June TELEGRAPHER.

Several Big 4 trains went over the Van. June 24th, on account of the freight wreck on the Big 4.

Bro. E. G. Chamness, first trick at Fillmore, is moving into his new home recently completed.

Bro. R. R. Hodson, third trick at Gibson, has resigned. We understand that he has a barber shop in Coatesville.

Bro. W. L. Shickle, first trick at "K" tower, Terre Haute, has resigned.

The tower at Harmony has been opened. The end of double track is now at Harmony instead of Knightsville.

You may wonder why we were not represented at the convention. Our delegate was unable to get relief.

If you have any items for the journal, send them to any officer of Division No. 27, and they will be sent in.

The telephone has been put in on the Belt Ry. at Indianapolis, and the operators put back to twelve hours. An investigation which the Inter-State Commerce Commission will make, will be watched with interest.

We would like to hear from some brother on the Middle Division. COR.

West Sub-Division—

There has been a change in the force of dispatchers in the past month. Dispatcher H. L. Hearn has been transfered to first trick on the Middle Division, vice E. A. Hallinin, resigned. Dispatcher H. E. Craver, who has been working second trick on the east end, has been assigned to third trick on west end, vice Hearn, transferred. Dispatcher Wilson assigned to second trick on west end. Dispatcher Markland transferred to second trick on east end.

Agent Bruner, of Staunton, has been transferred to the agency at St. Jacob, vice Mr. Zehender who resigned. Bro. Dan Williams, the first trick man at "H," Highland, was assigned to the agency at Staunton.

Mr. G. H. Vest, second trick at Hagerstown, is working second trick at Highland, until that trick is regularly assigned. This trick is bulletined, and pays $60.00 per month.

It seems as if the brothers are not very active here this month, as it is very hard to get any news concerning them. About all who are taking a vacation are nons, and if the brothers are contemplating any thing like that, they are keeping it a secret. Wish to say to those who are keeping themselves hidden, that if you are so fortunate as to secure a lay-off, don't be afraid to mention it to us.

Mr. J. T. Middleton has planned to be off for two weeks, to attend the National Convention of Baptists to be held in Portland, Ore. Mr. Middleton is a delegate from the Baptist Church at Greenville. We regret that we were unable to induce him to get an up-to-date card to carry in his vest pocket, while he is on this trip.

Smithboro was honored with the presence of General Council Mays, of the Rock Island, who stopped off there one day last week, in his special car, to attend the golden wedding of his parents, who reside at that place.

It seems as if it were out of the question to have a meeting on this division. There has not

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been a meeting on the west end for so long, that I fear if one was called, not more than two or three of us would be able to gain admittance, as we would have forgotten how to apply the secret work. I would be glad if we could arrange a meeting and believe at this time we could have a large attendance. Let us think about it.

Don't forget to pay your dues this month, and keep in good standing. Also remember about the new ruling made at the last general convention, that assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department are to be paid semi-annually, instead of monthly, as was allowable heretofore. COR.

Wabash Ry.

Moberly Division—

We note a good many changes on the line, but can not keep tab on all.

One of our worthy brothers from Maryville has resigned and gone to work for a street car line in St. Joe.

Bro. Wm. Hartzell, of Wilcox office, has accepted the position of agent at Runnells, and has moved his family there. He was relieved by Sister M. L. Meeker, of Malvern.

The 8-year-old daughter of Bro. B. W. Thompson, of Silver City, had the misfortune to fall and break her arm a few days ago. She is now under the care of a Maryville physician, and friends of the family will be glad to know that she is doing nicely.

A Mr. Ferris from the east end is working second trick at Malvern. The second trick is bulletined.

Bro. M. H. Meeker, of East Switch, was visiting his home one day recently.

The boys will be glad to learn that Conductor Owen Collier has returned after having been in Boston in the interest of the O. R. C. for some time.

Bro. O. C. Old at McFall, has been relieved by Mr. P. E. Pease. Bro. Old resigned to go to Excelsior Springs Jct., Mo., as agent for the Pacific Express Co. CERT. 2207.

Peru Division—

Bro. C. W. Staddler has returned to his duties at Woodburn, and Bro. Dunderman, who has been relieving him, has returned to his regular trick at Antwerp.

Bro. Temple, of Maumee, is taking a vacation for a few days. Telegrapher Miller is doing his stunt while he is away.

Bro. Bailey is relieving Bro. Harris at Roanoke while he is enjoying a few days' outing.

Dispatcher Mannen has been working first trick on First District for a few days.

The agency at Williamsport is open for bid. Bro. Etnire is doing the work there until it is accepted by some one.

On account of Telegrapher Garrett at Danville being discharged, Bro. Etnire worked there until Bro. Kieff, of Newell accepted it on bulletin.

Bro. Murray has bid in first trick at Newell. Bro. Murray is a new member and his home is at West Lebanon.

A few days since Bro. Murray had an experience which he will always remember. Just as he was lifting his car off the track after a hard pull from Danville to Newell, he fainted on the track, and for about an hour caused quite a commotion among the dispatchers and telegraphers and he also came near being run over by train No. 51. The crew of 51 saw him in time to stop, picked him up and revived him, and he was then able to do the work.

Account of a bad washout which delayed trains for several hours between Riverside and West Point, Riverside was open as a telegraph office for one day, recently. G. C. Knickerbocker, agent at Lafayette, did the telegraphing for that period.

Bro. J. A. Fullen, agent at Oklona, is off duty on account of sickness, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Underwood.

Bro. Schroeder, of Maumee, has resigned to accept a position on the produce exchange at Toledo. Telegrapher Underwood relieved him at Maumee.

Bro. Vangundy has returned from Notre Dame University account of the summer vacation and is working a few days at Lafayette for Bro. Kennington while he is taking a vacation.

Bro. Theek, agent at West Unity, has returned to work after several days' leave of absence on account of sickness.

Bro. Lipsett, ex-correspondent, has purchased the Grand Theater at Peru and he also has a half interest in the Palace at that place. It is said he has made arrangements with some of the booking houses in the country for vaudeville performers, and promises to make his place one of the most popular amusement resorts in Indiana. Mr. Chandler will have charge of the Grand, while Bro. Lipsett will remain at the head of the Palace, which will be maintained at its present high standard. We wish him success.

Bro. Robertson, of Danes, has secured leave of absence for one week and will look after his farm near that place while away, and we "13" he will visit friends near Decatur. Telegrapher Cloud will relieve him for that time.

Telegrapher Parker, from Napoleon, bid in second trick at West Peru.

Bro. Murray, regular telegrapher at C. C. & L. crossing, went to Washington, a few days ago and has been due to return for some time, but has not yet shown up. It is thought he struck something better up there and probably will not return.

Telegrapher S. G. Lennon, of West Peru, bumped Wm. Brake at C. C. & L. crossing for the day trick there. "13" Brake has resigned and secured a position with the Mo. Pac. in Kansas.

Mr. Todd, bid in the third trick at New Waverly.

Bro. Keller has returned to Richvalley and Bro. Harry Edson bid in third trick at West Peru.

Bro. Parkman, regular third trick man at New Waverly, has bid in second trick at Wauseon.

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No. 3 threw a brakeshoe through the window at West Point on the morning of May 17th, and Bro. Spencer had a narrow escape.

Bro. Biggerstaff, of the Mo. Pac., was visiting friends in Danville, a few days since.

Bro. Hetrick, of Stateline, has returned to his duties after being off some time on account of sickness. He was relieved by Telegrapher Miller.

Bro. A. M. Brown worked a few days for the agent at Butler while he was absent.

Do not forget the nons. Make them understand they are not doing their share in the fight, but that they are living off the fruits of others. If they tell you the O. R. T. does not help them, ask them who shortened their hours of labor and who secured their schedule and many other things that they are enjoying which has all come through the grand old Order. This is dues-paying time. Remit your dues at once and be ever up to date and never fail to do your duty in every form to make the Order the best in existence. Get all the items you can and send them to your correspondent or your local chairman, Bro. Shutt, at Delphi.

The following brothers contributed items this month: Bro. Hetrick, Stateline; Bro. Kieff, Danville; Bro. Delemarter, New Haven, and Bro. Burke, Logansport. Brothers, your efforts are appreciated by me and I hope every brother along the line will get in the habit of doing the same as you have done. Then we will have a good write-up each month from the Peru Division of the Wabash, and it will bring life to the Order and it may have some effect on the nons and move them into action. I believe we have one or two sister members on the line. I would be glad to hear from them and have them send items each month and help us make the Peru Division the banner division of the Wabash.

DIV. COR.

Springfield Division—

Bro. J. C. Green, the second trick man at Jacksonville, is off duty owing to the sickness of his grandmother. We understand he expects to make a trip West before resuming duty. He was relieved by Bro. F. V. Stehman, of Riverton.

Bro. R. F. Lipcamon is holding down the agency at Valley City temporarily, relieving Bro. H. W. Frederick.

Mr. C. A. Doyle, second trick man at Barry, accompanied by his mother, is attending the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle, and will take a couple of months. He is relieved by Mr. Hancock, an extra man.

Mr. T. E. Smith, agent at Pittsfield, was off a few days recently and visited Excelsior Springs, Mo. Relieved by Bro. C. H. Claus.

Bro. L. W. Abbott has been assigned the first trick at Riverton.

Bro. F. V. Stehman did the second trick stunt at Riverton the past few weeks until sent to Jacksonville to relieve Bro. Green.

Lanesville suffered the loss of the third trick man the first of June owing to business being rather light at this time of year. Bro. Ryan now holds first trick, Bro. Moots second and Mr. J. A. Raines, formerly third, is now working at Berlin. We are unable to say where Mr. Sumner goes from Berlin.

Telegrapher Hancock has been doing his first work at brass pounding on second trick at Riverton, relieving Bro. F. V. Stehman.

Telegrapher C. S. Klinefelter has returned to the position of second trick telegrapher at Griggsville, after a short vacation.

Telegrapher W. B. Milam is now working second trick at Riverton, relieving Telegrapher Hancock.

Bro. B. H. Watson, of Riverton, recently proved himself to be a hero by saving the life of an aged woman. He rescued her from the wheels of some fast-moving cars that had been dropped in on the whiskey track at that place. He was highly praised by the officials for this act. We are proud to be able to call him brother.

We trust that we will not be disappointed by the non-receipt of a few applications this month that we have been looking forward to. $8.50 is the July initiation fee and pays dues to Dec. 31st.

Send your journal to some non of your acquaintance when you are through with it. It costs but a trifle and may be the cause of a great deal of good.

A few words may not be inappropriate regarding students, and as we are all aware, we are hired and paid for doing the company's work at our respective stations and we do not consider it any part of our duty to undertake the instruction of some boy in railroad office work and telegraphy. If the work at any station is too hard and the numerous duties can not be properly done by the hired help the company furnishes, the proper thing to do is to take the matter up and ask for sufficient help to properly carry on the station work. If the necessary help can not be obtained we should do all we can to keep up, giving the wires the first attention and other work the attention in the order of its importance. Such work as can not be done owing to overwork should be excusable, as no one is expected to do what is impossible. Our present seniority list consists of sixty-five names. If 50 per cent of these telegraphers were to "finish up" a student each year it is easy to be seen how the supply would compare with the number of positions and what a demoralizing effect it would have upon our vocation.

As the supply of every commodity, labor not accepted, governs, to a large extent, the price paid, it behooves us to guard the future welfare of our calling and not flood the country with a class of men who, by reason of the overstock in the market, would be following a poor business, and we older men, who have followed the work for a number of years, and, consequently, do not care to change occupations for different reasons, must suffer the penalties of the indiscretions of the telegraphers who have acted as teachers.

We are sorry to say that we have a few students on the line, but we are in hopes the teleg-

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raphers who are instructing them will see the error of their ways and reform.

We notice by the fraternal department in our journal that some of the general committee on different roads are revising schedules in conformity with the nine-hour law, and no doubt some of us feel a little behind the times as we take up our 1907 schedule and find no mention of third trick positions. But most of us are familiar with the circumstances and know why no revision has been made.

An engineer recently said to the writer: "I don't see how you fellows get together and discuss anything." Knowing well the advantages and benefits to be derived from a discussion of conditions by men whose interests are mutual by reason of the nature of their craft, he easily saw the drawback to progress in a lack of association and discussion carries with it, and these are the reasons that meetings should be held if any practical plans can be made.

A feeling of pride and satisfaction can not help but steal over us when we read of the victory of the French telegraphers.

We notice a number of the boys have allowed their membership to lapse. We hope it has either been an oversight or for good cause, as none of us care to think it is a lack of appreciation of what the Order has done for us. The proper way to show our appreciation is by keeping up to date and supporting any movement intended for the uplifting of our craft. Some of the older men have signified their intention of renewing their membership when in easier circumstances. It is gratifying to note that the younger men—especially the men just starting a railroad career—quickly realize and appreciate the efforts of the Order in their behalf and lend hearty support to the organization. DIV. COR.

Decatur Division—

Agent Kay, who has quit the service of the Wabash at Orland, now has a position as clerk for the Erie at Chicago.

Bro. Goodman, extra agent, took the agency at Orland until bid in.

Bro. N. Duncan, of Pontiac, after spending vacation with his parents at Hillsdale, Ill., has been assigned to Wing agency temporary.

Telegrapher R. B. Salloday, of Homer, was relieved by Bro. Dencan as clerk and telegrapher at Pontiac while he was on vacation.

Bro. Marshall, of Wing, bid in Brisbane agency and has been transferred to that station.

Telegrapher Custer, of Streator, has severed his connection with the Banner Route and is doing the night ticket stunt for the Santa Fe at a substantial increase in salary.

Telegrapher Kern Cannon, brother of the agent at Streator, has been assigned to the position of telegrapher and bill clerk at Streator, relieving Telegrapher Custer.

Former agent, F. L. Shupe, of Rowe, tried his hand at the clerkship job for I. C. at Pontiac, but did not like it and is now working in a shoe factory at Pontiac.

C. W. Lanier has been working as relief agent at Campus.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, agent at Brisbane, has resigned to engage in business.

Agent W. F. Givler, of Essex, is off on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Sona, formerly at Granite City.

Bro. J. F. Smith, of Gibson, bid in the agency at Emington, relieving Telegrapher L. C. Davis, who now has third trick at Reddick.

Bro. Adams, of Reddick, is on a short vacation and wedding tour. He was married at Greenup, June 16th. He will return soon and take the same old stunt, second trick at Reddick. Bro. Logsdon is acting as agent during his absence.

Bro. J. F. Smith, the second trick man at Gibson, successfully bid in Emington agency. Smith formerly worked at Proctor.

Telegrapher Martin, from Knights, is now working second trick at Emington regularly, Miss Adams, from Symerton, taking third trick.

Telegrapher J. F. Provencher, first trick at Forrest, served as agent at Wing one day on account of no relief agent being available, and Bro. Marshall being sent to Brisbane. Bros. Somers and Heflin doubled at Forrest.

Telegrapher B. R. Yount, from first trick, B. & O. S. W. tower, accompanied by his wife, is taking a vacation, visiting relatives in North Dakota; relieved by Telegrapher Dougherty.

Telegrapher L. L. Lewis, from Stewardson, bid in second trick Taylorville.

Bro. J. H. Eft, of Taylorville, bid in third trick at Morrisonville. Bro. Eft got sick June 12th, causing Bros. Bartlett and Bandy to double one day. They were much relieved to hear the chief say that a telegrapher would be on No. 15 to relieve them; it was Bro. Martin.

Bro. Ayers, formerly at Morrisonville, is again with the Wabash after working a few months for a road in Kansas.

Bro. H. A. Culmer, of Staunton, has gone to the Seattle Fair; relieved by D. A. Miller.

A new arangement has been put in effect in the dispatcher's office, one set working Seventh and Ninth Districts, and another the Sixth; wires are in repeaters at Bement.

We understand that Mansfield is to be made a joint office. Bro. Rock is having a hard time, as he was at Effingham when that office was closed.

I wish to thank the brothers for their assistance in gathering these notes. If possible, please say if the telegraphers mentioned in notes are members of the Order or not, as it is embarrassing to have Telegrapher in front of your name when it should be Bro. Please let me have all the news by the 20th of each month.

Bro. Hefner will soon canvas the district to get a list of the nons; please give him all the assistance possible. CERT. 312.

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Western Division—

Bro. McReady and family, of Brookfield Junction, visited friends in West Cornwall Sunday, May 9th.

Bro. Osborne, of Brokfield Junction, has resumed work after an absence of over two months on account of illness.

Bro. McKnight, extra, is working second trick at Berkshire Junction.

Bro. Bessette, of Hawleyville Junction, spent Sunday, May 9th, in New Milford visiting friends.

Bro. French, of Trumbull, was a visitor at New Milford May 8th.

Bro. Powell, of Sheffield, entertained his family over Sunday, May 9th. Bro. Powell will move his family from New Milford to Sheffield about July 1st.

Inspector Clark, of Danbury, has rewired most of the offices along the "Old Berkshire," putting them in first-class condition.

Bro. Davison, of Lee, has bid in second trick at "WJ," Hopewell Junction.

Bro. Van Duesen, of New Milford, spent the day, May 13th, in Sheffield as the guest of Bro. Powell and other friends.

Sister Gibbs, of Kent, visited her brother at Falls Village, Sunday, May 16th.

Bro. Kane, of Canaan, is covering second trick at Gt. Barrington until it is bid in.

Bro. Powell, of Sheffield visited his family in New Milford, May 21st.

Bro. Ryan and wife, of New Milford, were in Danbury May 21st, shopping and visiting friends.

Bro. E. W. Derby, second trick at Southbury, has the sympathy of all the brothers of the Western Division, he having lost his wife on Saturday, June 5th. Bro. Derby wishes through these columns to thank the brothers for the beautiful floral tribute they sent as an evidence of their regard and sympathy.

Bro. C. E. Leahy, of Shelton, off a few days recently visiting in New York; relieved by Bro. O. C. Wheaton.

Mr. P. Rand, formerly second trick at Botsford, has bid in third trick there, and Bro. O. C. Wheaton awarded second.

Mr. Russell, from Derby freight, has bid in third trick at Derby Junction.

Bro. J. B. Davids, of Shelton, has bid in Derby freight.

First trick Derby Junction and third trick Shelton now advertized. DIV. COR.

Midland Division Notes—

July is the mid-year starting point in our race against the nons. Let us begin it right by having an up-to-date card in your pocket, so that when we go out after them we can feel that we are fortified with backing of the best investment that we make with our money during the whole year.

Bro. Fogarty spent the past few days in his home in New York State.

If I had "MD's" money or "H's" experience in the telegraph business I feel pretty sure that I would not be the only one in this part of Hartford County that don't hold membership in the organization that has done so much for us.

A reward is offered for anyone that can find Bro. Brooks after 2 p. m.

Though increased business means added troubles for us we would gladly welcome it.

Bro. Johnson, from "AD," worked East Hartford Yard office for a few days recently during the absence of Bro. Gough in Long Island City.

Sister Foley, of "GX," and Sister Cahill, of Windsor, expect to attend the July meeting.

Ask any of the brothers on the Springfield Branch if they know anything about a business depression and they will tell you that it has not struck their station yet.

A very small portion of the rental of Mr. Coomes' farm would keep him an up-to-date card and he would never miss it. This spirit of getting all you can and keeping all you get, don't belong to the twentieth century.

Rumor has it that Bro. Dowd is getting restless on Easy Street (Burnside third trick), and longs to go back to work again.

Twenty-two applications from the Midland Division since the first of March is a record to be proud of, and I wish to congratulate the members on their personal effort and success. If that kind of work can be kept up, and it should be, then we will be able to write "Solid" over our portal and keep it there.

No excuse that you may offer can overcome the argument that the pay car brings to you every week, Mr. Turner, and from your experience in the D. and O. Club, it seems to us that you should be glad to return that small portion that is necessary to provide yourself with an up-to-date card, and as that great actor, Denman Thompson, said, "Be somebody."

Another reward is also offered for the person or persons that capture Mr. Fanning's application. I have done my best.

Did you hear the good news? Bolon is "solid."

We never have to worry about the trio at "SC"; they always have the "goods."

Bro. Faulkner is spending two weeks' vacation at his old home in the "Keystone" State, his position being filled during his absence by a Miss Seuhlke, of Rockville, who assures us that her only object in taking up railroad work is to give her an opportunity to secure one of those handsome cards with her name engraved on it that are sent out from St. Louis twice each year.

Extend the "glad hand" to Bros Boynton and Whalon, of Hop River. Brothers and sisters, they make a welcome addition to our membership.

You can not beat that combination of hustlers at "MI."

Ever since it was announced that Bros. Gates and Casey were to have a new station at East Hampton, I "13" that every other agent on the old Air Line has made a similar request.

Very glad to meet Bro. Stoughton at the last meeting; come again, brother, and bring some of your neighbors along. The trolley will get them back home before morning.

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We want Mr. Mair, of Middlefield. Who can convince him of the error of his present ways?

A new station was created at the Rockfall Woolen Mills June 20th, to be known as Maplewood.

Though this portion of the Midland don't show any increase in trains in the summer schedule, yet we get the business, and there is hardly a station that don't get its full quota of summer boarders to keep us busy. "EN."

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Have you remitted for that new card? Get it early and avoid the rush.

Bro. J. E. Armstrong Day, the telegrapher at Boneville, is off a few days on account of sickness in family; relieved by Mr. Ed. Parish.

Bro. Hemphill, second trick man at Bethel, has resumed work after being absent for some time.

Bro. Red Stovall, second trick man at Ruslor, off duty a few days, "attending to business at Meridian."

Bro. Leslie Brooks, first trick telegrapher at Corinth, has for several days been visiting Lookout Mountain and other places of interest.

Bro. Tom Beadles, the agent at Berkeley, is laying off on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Robinson, of Ramer.

Bro. J. F. Hatley, agent at Laketon, is attending court; relieved by Mr. J. M. Overall, of Dyer.

Bro. R. Bailey, third trick at Union City. is off duty a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Rutledge, from Pery.

Bro. Mosely, of Kenton, and Dispatcher D. T. Amons, of Jackson, will leave Monday for Detroit, Mich., to enjoy vacation.

Bro. Jester, first trick man at Ruslor, is off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. Rutledge.

Bro. D. E. Underwood landed Percy, regular, on bulletin.

Mr. W. N. Nolan, second trick man at Red Bud, off a few day; relieved by Mr. Nelson.

I wonder if we will succeed in landing any of those non-airs this pay-day. We have several promises, but, well—they don't always live up to promises. R. U. WIDEAWAKE.

Mineral Range Ry.

It has been so long since the Mineral Range has been represented in the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, that it will naturally lead some of the "used-to-bes" to believe that she is off the map. But not so; we are here and doing a good business.

The opening of navigation has caused some increase, starting the coal moving from Ripley dock as well as from Gay, causing most of us to get somewhat busier. Arrangements have been made to ship the surplus out-put of Ohmeek rock, which the Tamarack Mill is unable to handle, to the Franklin Mill. This will cause more business on the Point Mills branch, which, no doubt, will keep increasing.

Our Chief, C. I. Boshore, has returned from a three weeks' vacation, spent in Ohio and Indiana, visiting relatives. He reports having a very pleasant time.

Second Trick Dispatcher J. S. Keller, who has been acting as chief during Boshore's absence, is now off on a three weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. H. F. McMaster, from the South Shore.

Mr. Adams is filling the position of agent at Gay. He was formerly with the "Soo" line.

Bro. Allen holds down Calumet yard, days. He was formerly at Mass.

Mr. Owens is now telegrapher at Upper Mills.

Bro. Porter relieved Mr. Bolyn at Lower Mills, Mr. Bolyn bidding in Olston agency. Bro. Lewis has resigned, and it is understood that he intends to start in the hotel business at Alston. We wish him success.

A Mr. Harris is telegrapher at Dillon Bay. We are unable to say where he hails from.

G. E. Emery located at Arcodion Junction as agent. CERT. 1245.

Boston & Maine Ry.

White Mountain Division—

The summer schedule goes into effect June 28th. This is quite a change with the new rules and train order forms in use and requires careful study.

We understand that Bro. Fulford, of Meredith, is at present at Whitefield Junction.

Bro. Shackford, first trick at Tilton, bid in the ticket agency at Littleton.

Bro. Bougs, who has been working spare at Littleton, bid in the third trick at Lakeport. The vacancy was occasioned by the resignation of Bro. Woodward, who is now a motorman on the electric.

Sister Sargent, of Tilton, is away on a two weeks' vacation; Bro. Burnell relieving her.

The first trick at Tilton has not been assigned at this writing. Bro. H. W. Long was filling in for a few days, after which he was sent to Randolph, where he expects to stay during the summer.

Mr. Goodwin, formerly of Bowman, is at present working the first trick at Tilton.

The many friends of "Robbie" Robinson will be pleased to learn that he is at present working at Bristol, on the Concord Division. He is holding down the assistant agent trick there.

Any of the brothers hearing of changes and items of interest will confer a favor by sending same to Bro. Seery, at Tilton.

CERT. 177.

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

We are in receipt of a card from the secretary, informing us that our place of meeting for this month has been changed to Catawissa, in order to give the C. & W. boys a chance to attend. We would like to report the proceedings of this meeting with these items, but it would delay them too long.

Bro. Campbell, of Gordon, was the first to answer our appeal for assistance. He came forward in May with a splendid bunch of items, just

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twenty-four hours too late—our letter had already gone on its Western way. This month he again sends us some interesting notes. We wish to thank him, and hope he will keep it up from month to month. Were all the other brothers to take as much interest in the Order as Bro. Campbell does, this would soon be the banner division. Now, I would kindly request Bro. Michael, at Quakake; Bro. Stadler, at Catawissa; Bro. Ranck, or Bro. Harris, at West Milton, to furnish me with notes from their respective districts. We will endeavor to take care of this end of the line, and perhaps we may still make this column worth reading.

Some one has started a petition asking for one relief day per month, with pay. This is all very well. It is no more than is granted by other systems in the East to their telegraphers. But did the boys on other roads secure their holidays through a petition? We hope the boys will not be disappointed as they have so often been in the past, but we also hope and pray that they will soon discover the error of their ways and go about these things like men and in a more business-like manner. The application blanks are awaiting you, friends.

The collieries throughout the coal regions are still running on short time, averaging about three days per week. Quite a number of offices are closed while the mines are idle, and the telegraphers in the "region" are making very poor time. This section of the road was at one time the flower of the division, so far as our Order was concerned, but the past few years have seen a noticeable decrease in our membership in a territory that is known far and wide as a very hotbed of unionism. Boys, can not you glean a lesson from the deeds of "Johnnie Mitchell's men"?

Telegrapher McCloughlin is relieving Telegrapher Gueldner at "QG," Tamaqua.

Telegrapher McNeal has returned to the P. & R. from the Penna. A non never remains long on the "Pennsy."

Telegrapher McCarthy is doing extra work at "DS," Tamaqua. Telegrapher Farrell, of "DS" office, is working on the sheets.

Telegrapher Geiger, of Pottsgrove, has accepted a position with the S. & N Y. at Newberry Junction.

Bro. Fisher, of Rupert, was a business caller at Williamsport recently.

Bro. Ernst, of Williamsport, third trick, has been appointed to the position of telegrapher at Lewisburg. Bro. Lundy, of the N. Y. C., has accepted third trick at Williamsport.

Bro. Harris is again assisting Bro. Ranck at West Milton.

Bros. Phillips, Lyons and Elingler, of "NB" Junction were visitors of Division No. 24, at their last regular meeting.

Some of the boys, and a number from Division No. 24, managed to squeeze into Socialist Hall, and listen to the speeches of the two Socialist lecturers, Prof. Midney, of Dayton, O., and Miss Hunt, of Chicago. Those who did not attend or were unable to get in certainly missed a rare treat, as these people are experts and are there with the goods, so far as the labor movement and Socialism are concerned.

Last Sunday the various railroad brotherhoods held their annual Memorial Day at Tamaqua. Rev. Stelzle was the chief speaker. We are informed there was a large turnout, and we are sorry that it was impossible for us to be there.

Now, boys, don't forget your semi-annual dues. Pay up promptly, and while you are at it, nail your neighbor—the non—also. CERT. 17.



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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires August 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A)	$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B)	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING JUNE, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
812	David W. Allan	Acute Endocarditis	7	7357	C	$1,000 00
868	Wilbur P. Goodwin	Killed by Train	132	24727	C	1,000 00
895	Henry G. Terrell	Measles	59	20399	B	500 00
898	Ella P. Tucker	Paralysis of Heart	8	25233	A	300 00
905	Harry A. Sechrist	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	76	6872	B	500 00
906	Edward C. Clifford	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	41	15222	C	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to May 31, 1909	$771,689 69
Received on Assessment Account June, 1909	14,177 99
	$785,867 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to May 31, 1909	$530,781 47
Death Claims paid in June	4,300 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,173 05
Assessments transferred to dues	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, June 30, 1909	249,411 63
	$785,867 68

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts. (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen't Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. J. W. Martenis, Local Chairman, Vilas, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday, at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Ass't Local Chairman, in charge of Station Depart-

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ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div. Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Ellzabethtown, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14.—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16.—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18.—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio, A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20.—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacker, Local Chairman Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Genl S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S, & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberger, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. E. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James Place, Brooklyn N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan,

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No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; John Trainor, Act'g S. & T., 120 Waterman ave., East Providence, R. I.

No 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George st., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield Mass.

No. 39.—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40.—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

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No. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 365 Shelton ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. B. Homan, Gen'l Chairman, Pando, Colo.; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2513 Pine st., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky.

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Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T.. Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

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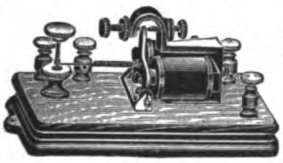
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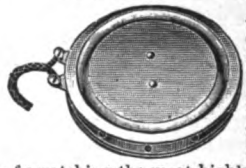
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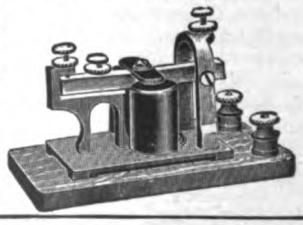
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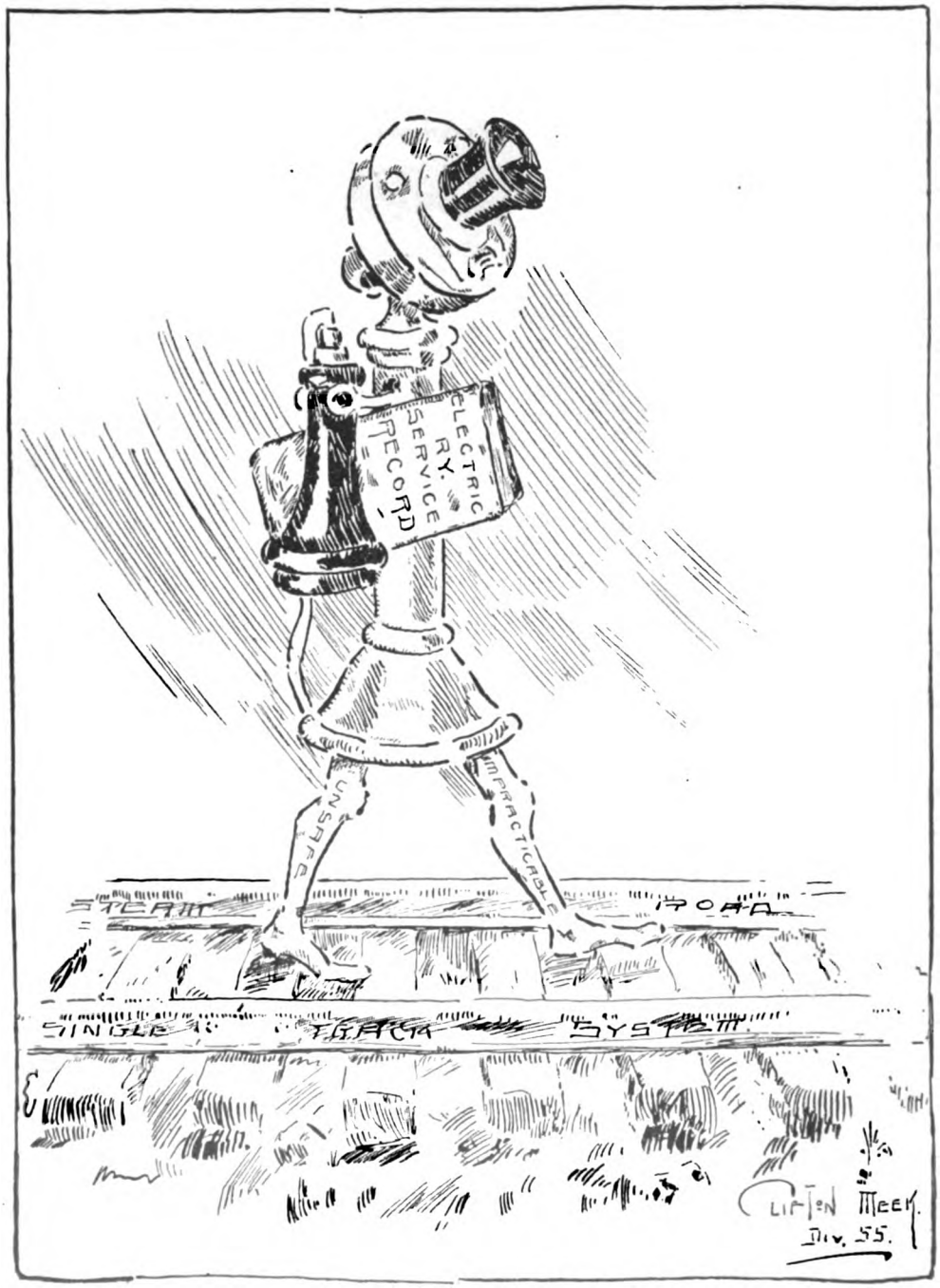
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IN 1906, Congress enacted and the President signed an Employers' Liability Act, which the United States Supreme Court, in an opinion handed down on January 6, 1908, declared to be unconstitutional. President Roosevelt, on January 1, 1908, in a special message to Congress, called its attention to that decision and earnestly recommended the enactment of a new law, covering only such class of cases which the United States Supreme Court had declared, in its opinion, Congress could constitutionally legislate upon. A bill along these lines was promptly introduced, passed by both Houses of Congress and approved by the President on April 22, 1908.

The Act, after designating to whom it shall be applicable, provides:

"SEC. 2. That any such employe while so engaged solely in carrying on interstate commerce, who in the course of his work, suffers injuries which result in disability, either temporary or permanent, shall be paid by said employing carrier as indemnity and compensation for such injury, or if the said injuries result in the death of such employe, then to the executor or administrator of the estate of such deceased employe, for the exclusive benefit of the surviving widow and next of kin of such deceased employe, a sum or sums of money, in accordance with

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the following condition and scale of compensation: *Provided,* That—

"(*a*) The employer shall not be liable under this Act for injuries sustained by the employe which do not disable and incapacitate the employe for at least one week.

"(*b*) The employer shall not be liable to pay an indemnity and compensation to an employe where the injury is caused by the wanton and willful misconduct of the employe so injured.

"(*c*) Where the injury to the employe is caused by the negligence or willful act on the part of the employer, or on the part of some person for whose act the employer is responsible and accountable, nothing in this Act shall affect any civil liability whatsoever of the employer. But in case the employe, or if the injury results in the death of such injured employe, the executor or administrator of the estate of such deceased employe may, at his option and election, either claim indemnity and compensation under this Act, or maintain an action at law to recover damages in respect thereof independently of this Act but in no case can the employe so injured, or in case of death of such injured employe, the executor or administrator of the estate of such deceased employe, claim indemnity and compensation under this Act and maintain an action at law to recover damages for injuries to the employe, causing his death."

It then provides the manner in which a cause of action shall be brought in order to recover damages under this Act.

A case was brought in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern Division of the Eastern District of Arkansas, Judge Trieber presiding, which has recently been decided, and the decision in that case will be of more than usual interest to all railroad men who come under the provisions of this law, inasmuch as its constitutionality was passed upon. The case was that of Grace Watson, Administratrix, vs. St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railway Company. The decision of the Court on the various issues raised might be summarized as follows:

1. "Under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution, Congress has the power to regulate the relation of master and servant of carriers by rail engaged in interstate transportation, if limited to employes while engaged in interstate service.

2. "That general expressions in an opinion which are not essential to a disposition of the cause on points not presented nor argued to the Court, are obiter, and are not permitted to control the judgment of the courts in subsequent cases. But when a question is directly involved in the issues raised, was determined by the trial court, is assigned as error in the assignments of errors on appeal, argued by counsel for all parties, and distinctly decided by the Appellate Court a decision of such question is not obiter dictum, although the cause is disposed of on other ground, and this applies specially when the question involves the power of Congress to enact the legislation.

3. "That the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution applies only to privileges and immunities which arise out of the natural and essential character of the National Government or are specifically granted or secured to all citizens or persons by the Constitution of the United States. Those fundamental rights which are inherent in and belong to all who live in a free government are privileges and immunities of state citizenship only, and not within the protection of the Fifth Amendment.

4. "That a statute, although it indirectly works harm and loss to individuals, is not a taking of property without due process of law within the meaning of that amendment.

5. "That a statute abolishing the fellow-servant rule, limiting its application to carriers by rail, is neither an arbitrary nor unreasonable classification.

6. "That the Employers' Liability Act of Congress of April 22, 1908, is a valid exercise of the powers granted to Congress by the Commerce Clause of the Constitution, as it is confined to common carriers by rail engaged in interstate commerce and employes while thus actually engaged. The fact that the act is not limited to injuries caused by the negligence of a fellow-servant who is at the time engaged in interstate employment, does not make the act or that part

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of it abolishing the fellow-servant rule unconstitutional."

The Court, in its decision, gives the following statement of facts of the case under consideration:

"The plaintiff, as administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, seeks by this action to recover damages under the act of Congress approved April 22, 1908, chapter 100, generally referred to as the 'Employers' Liability Act.' The material allegations of the complaint are that the defendant is a railway corporation, a common carrier engaged in commerce between the States of Arkansas and Missouri; that on June 19, 1908, plaintiff's intestate was employed as fireman on one of defendant's locomotives then engaged in interstate commerce, and that the injuries causing the death of her intestate were caused by the negligent acts of defendant's agents and servants while he was so employed. The complaint then sets out very fully how the accident which caused the death of her intestate occurred, charging that it was caused by a collision with another train by reason of the negligence of the conductor and engineer of the train on which her intestate was employed as fireman, in failing to meet the other train at a siding as directed by the train dispatcher. The jurisdiction of this court is invoked solely upon the ground that the action is one arising under the laws of the United States, there being no diversity of citizenship alleged. The defendant demurred to the complaint, setting up numerous grounds, which may be summarized as follows:

"1. That the complaint fails to state a cause of action.

"2. That the act of Congress under which a recovery is sought is unconstitutional."

The decision is quite exhaustive, and covers all the points at issue very fully, and many legal authorities are quoted in each instance to substantiate the opinion rendered, many of which have been eliminated from this article on account of lack of space.

The substance of the decision is as follows:

"Without setting out the complaint in full, it is sufficient to say that it states a good cause of action under the act of Congress. It alleges every fact necessary to show that the death of plaintiff's intestate resulted from the negligence and wrongful acts of the conductor and engineer in charge of the train and locomotive on which her intestate was, at the time, employed and acting as fireman; that at the time of the accident the train on which he was employed was engaged in transportation between the States of Arkansas and Missouri; that he left surviving a widow and two children for whose benefit this action is brought by the plaintiff as administratrix of his estate, duly appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction. This leaves only one other question to be determined. Is the act of Congress constitutional?

"The constitutionality of the act is attacked upon many grounds, but some of them have been so many times determined by the Supreme Court of the United States that they can no longer be considered as open questions, and for this reason will not be discussed in this opinion. That Congress has the power under the commerce clause of the Constitution to regulate the relation of master and servant to the extent that such regulations are confined solely to interstate commerce and employes while engaged in such traffic was fully determined in the Employers' Liability cases, 207 U. S., 463, 494; 28 S. Ct., 141; 52 L. Ed., 297, which arose under the act of June 11, 1906, 34 Stat., 232, chap. 3073. That act was held to be unconstitutional, but upon grounds other than a want of power on the part of Congress to enact it. It is true that the court, had it seen proper, might have declined to pass upon that question, but for reasons fully stated in the opinion the majority of the court considered it its duty to determine that question, and it did so in a very carefully considered opinion, after a most exhaustive argument of eminent counsel. Six of the justices concurred in this part of the opinion. Mr. Justice Peckham, in his concurring opinion, did not dissent from that conclusion, merely stating that he was 'not prepared to agree with all that is stated as to the power of Congress to legislate upon the subject of the relations between master and servant,' the Chief

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Justice and Mr. Justice Brewer agreeing with this view. A carefully prepared opinion on an important question of law expressly decided by the trial court (see the opinions of the trial judges reported in 148 Fed., 986 and 997) properly brought before the court by the assignment of errors and the pleadings in the case, and which was fully and ably argued by counsel for all the parties, can not be considered as *obiter*, even if the action could be and in fact was determined upon other issues. This is peculiarly applicable to cases in which grave constitutional questions only are involved. Congress having evidenced by the enactment of the statute that, in its opinion, legislation on that subject should be enacted, when the constitutionality of such an act is questioned upon a number of grounds, among which is one attacking the power of Congress to legislate upon that subject, courts, as a rule, decide that question even if the act must be held to be unconstitutional upon other grounds. If the power exists, Congress had indicated its desire to exercise it. The Supreme Court evidently presumed that if the act is invalid for some reason other than a want of power to enact it that it would be re-enacted, omitting or changing those provisions which make it unconstitutional. That is what Congress did in this instance.

"It is next claimed that the decision in the Employers' Liability cases is not conclusive of the act now before the court, because the act of 1900 applied to 'every common carrier' engaged in interstate traffic, while the act now under consideration applies only to 'common carriers *by rail*.' This, it is claimed, 'is an illogical and arbitrary basis of classification, in violation of the fifth amendment to the Constitution.' The only cases relied upon to sustain this contention are those in which the constitutionality of State statutes was attacked as being within the prohibition of the equal protection clause of the fourteenth amendment. It might be sufficient to dispose of this contention to say that the fifth amendment, which is a limitation on the powers of Congress only, does not contain the equal protection clause found in the fourteenth amendment, which applies solely to the powers of the States. United States vs. New York, N. H. & H. R. R. Co. (C. C.), 165 Fed., 742, 745, decided by the full bench of circuit judges of the first circuit.

"A constitutional provision, prohibiting the States from doing certain acts, does not by implication apply to Congress. The prohibition against a State impairing the obligations of a contract, it has been repeatedly held, does not apply to Congress.

"Besides, the due process clause of the fifth amendment only applies to the privileges and immunities 'which arise out of the natural and essential character of the National Government, or are specifically granted or secured to all citizens or persons by the Constitution of the United States,' and not those fundamental rights which are inherent in and belong to all who live under a free government. These latter privileges are 'inherent in State citizenship, and are privileges or immunities of that citizenship only.' This question has been very learnedly discussed in the late case of Twining vs. New Jersey, 211 U. S., 78, 97, where Mr. Justice Moody analytically reviews the previous decisions of the Supreme Court on that subject.

"But, assuming that the limitations are the same, that the 'due process' clause of the fifth amendment is broad enough to include the 'equal protection of the laws,' and that for this reason the construction placed upon that provision of the fourteenth amendment should apply to causes involving the interpretation of the fifth amendment, still, the contention on behalf of defendant could not be sustained. In every instance in which State statutes abolishing or modifying the fellow-servant rule and limiting the act to railroads only as in the act now under consideration, have been attacked as being in violation of the 'equal-protection' clause of the fourteenth amendment, the Supreme Court of the United States has overruled the contention and sustained the validity of the acts, declaring that such classification by the legislative department is permissible, and not within the prohibition of that amendment.

"It is also claimed that the act is in violation of the fifth amendment as imposing liabilities which, in effect, deprive the

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carriers by rail of property without due process of law. In the Legal Tender cases, *supra,* the same proposition was advanced. It was earnestly insisted that the act was in violation of the spirit of the fifth amendment, which forbids taking private property for public use without just compensation or due process of law. The court, in overruling this contention, said:

"'* * * That provision has always been understood as referring only to a direct appropriation, and not to consequential injuries resulting from the exercise of lawful power. It has never been supposed to have any bearing upon, or to inhibit laws that indirectly work harm and loss to individuals. A new tariff, an embargo, a draft, or a war may inevitably bring upon individuals great losses; may, indeed, render valuable property almost valueless. They may destroy the worth of contracts. But who ever supposed that, because of this, a tariff could not be changed, or a non-intercourse act, or an embargo be enacted, or a war be declared? * * *.' (12 Wall., 551.)

"Nor does the fact that the act changes an existing rule of law in permitting the recovery of damages for injuries for which there could be no recovery at common law or under pre-existing statutes make an act of Congress void under the fifth amendment, or a State statute under the fourteenth amendment.

"Other cases in which State statutes of this nature have been held valid are hereinbefore cited.

"The next question to be considered is whether the fact that the act is not limited to injuries caused by the negligence of fellow-servants who are themselves engaged at the time in interstate employment, but permits a recovery by the injured servant who at the time was engaged in interstate service, but was injured by the negligence of a fellow-servant not so engaged, makes it invalid. In the Employers' Liability cases, Mr. Justice White, in delivering the majority opinion of the court, used the following language, on which great stress is laid by learned counsel for the defendant:

"'Thus the liability of a common carrier is declared to be in favor of 'any of its employes.' As the word 'any' is unqualified, it follows that liability to the servant is coextensive with the business done by the employers whom the statute embraces; that is, it is in favor of any of the employes of all carriers who engage in interstate commerce. *This also is the rule as to the one who otherwise would be a fellow-servant, by whose negligence the injury or death may have been occasioned, since it is provided that the right to recover on the part of any servant will exist, although the injury for which the carrier is to be held resulted from 'the negligence of any of its officers, agents or employes.'* (207 U. S., 498.)

"The italicized portion (which does not so appear in the opinion) is claimed to be a determination by the court that unless Congress also limited the act to injuries caused by fellow-servants who were at the time engaged in interstate commerce, it or at least that part of it relating to fellow-servants, is void. Assuming that the language quoted might possibly justify such a construction, still, unless that particular question was presented and argued to the court and intended to be decided, it would be *obiter.* From the record of the case it appears beyond question that neither was done; nor was it necessary to a decision of the case. For these reasons it is reasonable to presume that it was merely an inadvertent expression used by the learned justice who delivered the opinion of the court, as a part of his reasoning. A careful perusal of the opinion filed by the trial judges in the two cases, as well as the original briefs filed by the counsels for both sides, fails to show that this question was raised or argued by any of the counsel, or considered by any of them or the learned trial judges to be necessary for the determination of the issues involved. Therefore, it must be considered as a mere *dictum* and not a part of the decision of the court.

"General expressions in an opinion, which are not essential to dispose of the case, are not permitted to control the judgment of the court in subsequent suits.

"The object of Congress in the enactment of the law was to protect the men employed in this hazardous occupation in which thou-

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sands are annually killed or maimed without any fault of the master himself, but by the negligence of other employes, over whom the servant has no control and in whose selection he had no voice. The legislation is neither new nor revolutionary. It had been recommended by President Roosevelt in his annual message in 1905, and again in a special message on January 31, 1908. A similar act was passed by the English Parliament as early as 1880, and among the States of the Union a large number have either abolished the fellow-servant rule entirely or modified it materially in respect to employes engaged in hazardous occupations, many of them limiting the change to railroads. Among these are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, Virginia and Wyoming, all of which acted on that subject long before Congress. Similar statutes have also been for a long time in force in most of the continental states of Europe. To effect that purpose it is wholly immaterial what the employment of the fellow-servant is. Public opinion, as expressed through the legislative departments of the nation, as well as many of the States, evidently considered it an injustice that persons injured, or in case of death, the surviving members of the family should become burden on the public and objects of charity, and therefore considered it better public policy that the employer should be required to make some provision for them, charging the monies thus expended to expenses of management or cost of production, and collect it indirectly from the public. The enactment of such a statute not only results in protecting the employes of carriers by rail, but at the same time guards the public welfare by securing the safety of travelers. The latter is one of the reasons mentioned by the court in Johnson vs. Southern Pacific Co., 196 U. S., 1, 17; 25 S. Ct., 158; 49 L. Ed., 363, involving the safety-appliance act. As stated by Mr. Justice Moody, in his dissenting opinion in the Employers' Liability case, 'Any law which promotes the safety of either (meaning the employe or passengers) promotes the safety of both.' (207 U. S., 533.)

"That provisions for the safety of the employes of a railway, if not directly at least indirectly, add to that of the passengers, can not be doubted. The knowledge of the fact that in case of an accident some provision will be made for him in case of disability, or for the family dependent upon him if death results from the injury, relieves the employe's mind to that extent of the anxiety incidental to the fear entertained by every man, and especially if he has a family dependent upon his earnings, as to what would become of them if he become helpless or be killed. This anxiety ever present to those engaged in such a hazardous occupation as that of railways propelled by the dangerous agency of steam may materially affect the safety of the passengers entrusted to them in an emergency in which cool judgment is so essential. By making this provision for him, legislators might well have reasoned that the safety of the passengers is as much promoted as that of the employe. In fact, the elementary principles of law governing the fellow-servant rule, and the reasons therefor, show that it is wholly immaterial what the employment of the fellow-servant whose negligence caused the injury is. The liability of the master for injuries caused by the wrongs committed by his servants while acting about the business of the master and within the scope of his employment is based upon the maxim of *respondeat superior*. But when the fellow-servant rule was first established it was held that this maxim does not apply so as to make the master responsible for injuries inflicted upon his servants by the negligence of a fellow-servant. The main reason assigned for this exception is that of assumption of risk.

"If Congress has the power to abolish the rule so far as it applies to master and servant when engaged in interstate commerce, then the employment of the servant whose wrong or negligence caused the injury is clearly immaterial, as the liability of the master by the repeal of that rule is imposed

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by the maxim of *respondeat superior*. Congress having by the enactment of this statute abolished the fellow-servant rule as to employes while engaged in interstate commerce, such servant when so engaged to serve a master who is a carrier by rail engaged in interstate transportation does not undertake, as between himself and his employer, to assume the risk of negligence upon the part of a fellow-servant. And in order to prevent the evasion of the provisions of this act, Congress, by section 5, declares, 'that any contract, rule, regulation, or device whatsoever, the purpose or intent of which shall be to enable any common carrier to exempt itself from any liability created by this act, shall, to that extent, be void.'

"But aside from that, courts have nothing to do with the wisdom of such legislation, as that has been wisely left by the Constitution to the law-making department. In St. Louis, Iron Mountain & S. Ry. Co. vs. Taylor, 210 U. S., 281, 295; 28 S. Ct., 616, 52 L. Ed., 106, the court, in reply to a similar contention said:

" 'To this we reply that, if it be the true construction, its harshness is no concern of the courts. They have no responsibility for the justice or wisdom of legislation, and no duty except to enforce the law as it is written, unless it is clearly beyond the constitutional power of the law-making body. * * *.'

"As the powers of Congress are limited to those granted by the Constitution, and the only provision of that instrument authorizing such legislation is the commerce clause, and that is limited to 'commerce with foreign nations and among the several States and Indian tribes,' it can, of course, only legislate for the safety of those employed in those branches of commerce, and not in intrastate carriage. That is all the act under consideration attempts to do; it is limited to those who are in the employment of railroads engaged in commerce between the States and while they are actually engaged in such employment. What difference does it make what the employment of the fellow-servant is, whether interstate or intrastate? The safety of the employes of an interstate train as well as of the passengers intrusted to their care, can in no wise be affected by that. Congress having the exclusive power to regulate interstate commerce, that power necessarily includes the right to regulate the relation of the master and servant operating such trains, and legislate for the safety of the employes.

"If the contention of defendant is sustained the effect would be that although the employe of a carrier by rail engaged in interstate transportation is injured while engaged on an interstate train, if the cause of the injury was the negligence of a fellow-servant not engaged at the time in interstate work, Congress is powerless to provide for a recovery of compensation for the injuries suffered. Therefore, if an engineer or fireman on an interstate train is injured by reason of the negligence of a switchman or other employe of a train operated on a branch line, which is used exclusively for intrastate business, the failure of Congress to except such accidents from the provisions of the statute makes it unconstitutional, as being in excess of its powers under the Constitution. The same result would follow if a telegraph operator on such a branch line fails to transmit or deliver a message from the train dispatcher directing the conductor of the interstate train to go on a siding for the purpose of letting an intrastate train pass on the main line, and by reason of such negligence there is a collision. State vs. C., M. & St. P. Ry. Co. (Wis.), 117 N. W., 686. There is nothing in the Employers' Liability cases to warrant such a construction. What the court did decide in that case was that as the act under consideration included all employes of an interstate carrier, even if they (the employes) were engaged in an employment wholly disconnected from the interstate business, citing 'employes of a purely local branch operated wholly within a State, employes in repair shops, construction work, accounting and clerical work, storage elevators, and warehouses, not to suggest, besides, the possibility of it being engaged in other independent enterprises;' and then held that 'as the act thus includes many subjects wholly beyond the power to regulate commerce and depends for its sanction

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upon that authority, it results that the act is repugnant to the Constitution.'

"No doubt Congress, had it seen proper to do so, could have limited it to certain fellow-servants, such as are employed only in interstate service or in the same or different departments of the common employment, as has been done by some of the States. See acts of Arkansas, Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Virginia. But the failure to do so can not invalidate the act.

"In Northern Securities Co. vs. United States 193 U. S., 197, 331; 24 S. Ct., 436; 48 L. Ed., 679, the contention was that the defendant was not a railroad company, that it was a corporation created by one of the States and its corporate powers limited to buying, selling and holding stock, bonds and other securities, and for that reason Congress had no power to regulate it. But the court held that under the power to regulate commerce among the several States, Congress had the authority to enact the statute, and that it applied to the Securities Company. Another case in which one of the issues was very much like that now under consideration is Loewe vs. Lawlor, 208 U. S., 274, 301 28 S. Ct., 301; 52 L. Ed., 488. It was there claimed that the Sherman Anti-trust Act of July 2, 1890, ch. 647, 26 St., 209, U. S. Comp. St., 1901, p. 3200, was not applicable, or if applicable, not within the power of Congress to enact it, because the defendants were not themselves engaged in interstate commerce, although the plaintiffs were, but the contention was by the court overruled. The same conclusion was reached in *In re* Debs, 64 Fed., 724, 745, 755, affirmed in 158 U. S., 564; 15 S. Ct., 900; 39 L. Ed., 1092.

"Other statutes of similar nature have been repeatedly enacted by Congress, and when questioned sustained. The act of July 3, 1866, 14 Stat., 81, digested as sections 5353, 5354, 5355, Revised Statutes, makes it a criminal offense to transport or ship by a carrier engaged in interstate transportation dangerous explosives regardless of the fact whether the shipment is interstate or intrastate, provided the carrier is at the time engaged in interstate transportation. The gravamen of the offense is to transport or cause to be transported any of the prohibited articles on any vessel or vehicle employed in interstate traffic. It was the passengers and employes on such vehicles or vessels whom Congress sought to protect, and under the commerce clause had the right to protect. The danger to them was as great if the explosion occurred from an intrastate shipment as an interstate. The constitutional limitation was fully met by confining the provisions of the act to vehicles employed at the time in interstate traffic. The constitutionality of this act seems never to have been questioned. In fact, the only reported case construing this act which the court has been able to find is United States vs. Saul (Dist. Ct., West. Dist. N. C.), 58 Fed., 763.

"It is well known that while there may be some few railroads engaged wholly in intrastate traffic, there is practically none engaged in interstate transportation which is not also engaged in intrastate carriage of freight or passengers. To limit the liability of the railroad to its employes on a train employed in interstate traffic for injuries caused by fellow-servants engaged in like employment would, in many instances, make the act valueless and of no benefit to the employe. In the language above quoted, 'This practical consideration, presumably, appealed to Congress and fully justified the provision herein contained.'

"The Safety Appliance Acts make it unlawful to haul any car in interstate transportation not equipped with certain appliances deemed necessary for the safety of employes. When these statutes first came before the courts for construction, it was contended that they could only apply to carriers whose lines traverse more than one State, otherwise they would be in excess of the powers possessed by Congress. Some of the trial courts sustained this contention, but upon appeal it has been, practically uniformly, held that they apply to all railroads, although operating entirely within a single State, independently of all other carriers, if any interstate freight is carried on any car of the train. The test of the application of the act is held to be the transportation of any articles of interstate com-

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merce, and as thus construed the act has been enforced as a constitutional exercise of the powers vested in Congress.

"The constitutionality of the bankruptcy acts of Congress has at different times been questioned upon similar grounds, but they have been uniformly sustained.

"In The Daniel Ball, 10 Wall., 557, 566, 19 L. Ed., 999, it was claimed that the provisions of the act of Congress of July 7, 1838, amended by act of August 30, 1852, making it unlawful for any steam vessel to transport merchandise or passengers upon the navigable waters of the United States without a license, did not apply to a steamer engaged as a common carrier between places in the same State, although a portion of the merchandise transported by her is destined to places in other States, she not running in connection with or in continuation of any line of steamers or other vessels, or any railway line leading to or from another State. But the court overruled this contention and held that the act applied to such cases and that it was not an infringement on the rights of the States. Mr. Justice Field, who delivered the opinion of the court, said on that subject:

"'And we answer further, that we are unable to draw any clear and distinct line between the authority of Congress to regulate an agency employed in commerce between the States, when that agency extends through two or more States, and when it is confined in its action entirely within the limits of a single State. If its authority does not extend to an agency in such commerce, when that agency is confined within the limits of a State, its entire authority over interstate commerce may be defeated. * * *.'

"While that case was one arising on the navigable waters of the United States, it is now well settled that the power of Congress under the commerce clause is as complete upon the land.

"It may be proper to state that this same objection was made by Messrs. Littlefield and Bannon, of the House Judiciary Committee, in their minority report on this bill, but failed to receive the approval of either House of Congress.

"The only reported case involving this act which the court has been able to find is Fulgham vs. Midland Valley R. Co., 167 Fed., 660, decided by Judge Rogers, of the Western District of this State; but the constitutionality of the act, it seems, was not questioned, and not determined by the learned judge.

"In view of the conclusions reached it is unnecessary to determine whether that question can be raised by defendant in this case, as the complaint shows on its face that the accident was caused by reason of the negligence of the conductor and locomotive engineer of the train on which plaintiff's intestate was the fireman, and which train, it is alleged, was at the time engaged in interstate transportation. Cases on that point which may be consulted are Supervisors vs. Stanley, 105 U. S., 305, 311, 26 L. Ed., 1044; *In re* Garnett and others, 141 U. S., 1, 12, 35 L. Ed., 631; Clark vs. Kansas City, 176 U. S. 114, 118, 20 S. Ct., 284, 44 L. Ed., 392; Patterson vs. Bark Eudora, *supra*; Missouri vs. Dockery, 191 U. S., 170, 24 S. Ct., 53, 48 L. Ed., 133; Cooley on Const. Lim., p. 250 (7th ed.).

"In the opinion of the court the act in controversy is a valid exercise of the powers granted to Congress by the Constitution, and the demurrer must be overruled."

THE NINE-HOUR LAW.

THE decision of Judge Landis, which was fully covered in the May issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, holding that what is known to the telegraph fraternity as the Telegraphers' Nine-Hour Law was constitutional, and that a period of nine hours, as described in that law, meant nine consecutive hours of work, has been generally and favorably commented upon by many of the leading newspapers of the country.

The press has come to realize the beneficial features of this law, both to the telegrapher and the safety of the traveling public, and the law is now generally commended.

One of the clearest and most intelligent editorials on the subject by a daily paper is that of the San Francisco *Globe*, under the caption "Fair Treatment of Telegraphers

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Will Mean Fewer Railroad Wrecks." It is as follows:

"Federal Judge Landis, of Illinois, has made an important decision concerning the labor laws which will not only cost the Santa Fe Railroad a good deal of money, aside from a nominal fine, but relieve a large number of the railroad's employes from what many consider unjust hardships.

"Specifically, Judge Landis' decision has to do with the railway telegraph operators at Corwith, Ill., through whom the Santa Fe road was charged with violating the nine-hour workday law. The railroad tried to evade this law by working the telegraph operators in 'split tricks,' or short shifts, each less than nine hours, but aggregating more than twelve hours out of twenty-four. Between each 'trick' less than two hours was allowed for recreation, making the respite practically worthless to the men, but evading, it was thought, direct violation of the nine-hour law.

"Judge Landis has decided that not more than nine-hours' work out of twenty-four can be exacted of the men, and has imposed a fine for the Corwith infraction, which was made a test case and tried before a jury.

"Every one who has studied the details of labor conditions in the United States knows that the telegraphers are among the hardest worked and poorest paid of skilled laborers. More than that, the telegrapher, especially on a big railroad, bears constantly the burden of a heavy responsibility. Upon his faithfulness and efficiency depend the lives of the traveling public, and not a day passes but some slight neglect, fraught with slight danger in other professions, might precipitate a terrible catastrophe.

"For a salary of from $40 to $90 per month, a railway operator is expected to keep his head clear, his nerves steady and exercise a high degree of intelligence, sick or well, for a period of from twelve to twenty-four hours per day. The latter statement is not a satirical exaggeration, but an actual fact. In many small stations, especially throughout the western desert, but one operator attends to the train signals both day and night. He lives in the telegraph office and is supposed to snatch what sleep he can and awake the moment his call sounds. This faculty most operators have developed. Nothing will disturb them but the combination of dots and dashes which represent their station call. It is a curious psychological phenomenon that has never been satisfactorily explained.

"Many times the operator has to fight off slumber by stimulants, such as coffee or tobacco, in order to guard the safety of passengers on the road which pays him scarcely a living wage. Many tragic stories have been written and one or two plays of success have been based on the wrongs of the operator.

"Judge Landis' decision may work no immediate reform, for the case has been appealed, but there is little doubt that his decision will ultimately be confirmed. Then a lot of down-trodden men will have a chance to get acquainted with their families and enjoy a few of the pleasures of life.

"But that is not the greatest nor most important benefit which will accrue from a strict enforcement of the nine-hour law. Traveling will be safer with telegraph operators who are decently treated and not suffering from inevitable brain fag and overwrought nerves. Many of the disastrous wrecks for which American railroads have become infamous at home and abroad are traceable, directly to the overworking of telegraph operators."

AN APPEAL.

The following correspondence is self-explanatory:

CAMILLUS, N. Y., July 19, 1909.

Mr. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I am going to ask a favor of you, but do not know whether it is right for me to do so or not. I have been sick a year and four months. Had to give up my position, which was agent and operator at Camillus. Later got so I could walk around some and tried to work a few days as operator, but got worse and had to give it up. Have not been able to walk a step since last December; been in bed most of the time. Mr. Blim and the

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boys have been very kind to me; they sent a paper over the road and helped me a year ago, and don't feel like asking them again. I wanted to ask you if the Grand Division could do anything to help me. The only friends I have is the O. R. T., and it seems as though 40,000 well, strong and happy men would not miss a few cents, and, oh, what a help it would be to me! I would be willing to do anything if I could only get well and work again. I have a wife and boy, who is small, and I am greatly in debt for doctors and living expenses, but people have been good and trusted me, as I always tried to please them when I was well. I have a tubercular ankle, also tubercular hip and kidneys, and suffer everything. Am trying hard to get well. Sleep outdoors nights and days. I trust you can help me in some way. Perhaps it is wrong for me to ask you, but I am driven to it.

Yours fraternally,

LEWIS DARLING,

Cert. 277, Div. 8.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 23, 1909.

Mr. A. E. Blim, General Secretary and Treasurer, Div. 8, Chili Station, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I enclose herein letter from Bro. Lewis Darling, which is self-explanatory. Will you kindly advise what you know about this case?

With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

L. W. QUICK,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

CHILI STATION, N. Y., July 27, 1909.

Mr. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Referring to your favor of the 23d instant in regard to Bro. Darling's letter:

The statements contained therein are absolutely true; he has been sick for a long time, and last year we collected about one hundred dollars for him, but no doubt that was eaten up as fast as we collected it. Bro. Darling has always been a staunch member of the Order, and if something could be done for him it would not only be appreciated by himself and family, but by every member of Division No. 8 who knows Bro. Darling.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

A. E. BLIM,

General Secretary and Treasurer.

All members who feel disposed to assist this distressed brother should send their remittances direct to Lewis Darling, Camillus, N. Y.

AN IMPORTANT LAW.

ONE of the important enactments of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Indiana, as effecting organized labor, was the enactment of a law compelling firms, associations, etc., who advertise for men to take strikers' places, to state in their advertisement that a strike is in progress. This law was fostered by the Indiana State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, of which Fred L. Feick is Chairman. The law is as follows:

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE ADVERTISEMENTS AND SOLICITATIONS FOR EMPLOYES DURING STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, If an employer during the continuance of a strike among his employes or during the continuance of a lock-out of his employes, publicly advertises in newspapers, by posters, or otherwise, for employes, or by himself or his agent solicits persons to work for him, he shall plainly and explicitly mention in such advertisements or oral or written solicitations that a strike has occurred among his former employes or that a lock-out exists.

SEC. 2. If any person, firm, association or corporation violates any provision of this act, he or it shall incur a fine of one hundred ($100.00) dollars for each offense, of which sum one-half shall go to the school fund of the State.

SEC. 3. Whereas, an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, the same shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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TREBLE THE MEMBERSHIP.

(By S. J. KONENKAMP, President C. T. U. of A.)

THE improvement in the commercial telegraph business continues and it is deeply gratifying to our membership to appreciate the fact that with it the sentiment in favor of organization is bringing results. There is some occasion, however, to regret that we have been unable to push with greater speed the work of bringing former members into line.

When we urged our members to put forth their best efforts in 1908, the sentiment was that the time was not ripe for general activity. This reason holds good no longer. There is work for practically all telegraphers who care for work. That the salaries are not as high as in 1907 can only be blamed upon the telegraphers themselves, and it is time that each and every member of the craft should get busy with a view to bringing about a restoration of better conditions.

Individual effort is absolutely necessary to the work of reorganization. We have urged most earnestly that this be given consideration by you, and we wish to repeat our request that your best efforts be put forth towards bringing the backsliders into the fold. No telegrapher is so lacking of influence that he can not persuade one of his craft to live up to the principles he advocates, the principles your friends advocated and still believe in, but with a dormant spirit.

A word over the wires, a letter, a personal chat, in fact,— any of the many ways of reaching a friend are at your disposal. Use them.

A member who merely pays his dues is not performing his whole duty. He must be active, putting forth some effort towards building up the organization he is a member of.

Individual effort put the union upon the highest footing ever attained, and until that latent enthusiasm is aroused again, we will not make sufficient progress to bring desired results.

During the past eighteen months your general officers have spent their time in restoring confidence, smoothing away the frowns and healing the wounds from which the organization had suffered. With the restoration of a healthy condition of mind and body, a decidedly improved environment and a constantly increasing growth. we expect to receive more active co-operation from now on.

The pessimism of the past belongs to the past. Let the croakers continue to croak if they find solace in it. Those who wish to play the part of old women and cry over the good days of yore rather than take part in the campaign for their restoration can be shelved. We, for our part, finding conditions ripe for a successful campaign, hereby issue a call for those who believe they have courage, who have faith in unionism and are determined that the commercial telegrapher shall come into his own, to join us now in this second half of 1909 to enter the movement with a proper spirit, to do or die with the slogan of a trebled membership by December 31, 1909.

To accomplish this we ask each member to pledge himself to secure at least one new member for the present quarter and one for the last quarter of 1909.

The above editorial is from the July C. T. U. A. journal.

Fellow telegraphers, this is the spirit of the C. T. U. A. today, and we are fully convinced that with your assistance we may succeed in accomplishing our aim *long before the allotted* time. Our interests are mutual, the success of one union reflects upon the other.

Therefore, we ask: Are you with us? You can help by using the same methods. Try it.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SINCE the last announcement, the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

S. T. Aiken (3).

C. K. Austin, J. C. Atkinson, C. E. Albright (5), F. A. Arnold, F. R. Arnot (2).

J. T. Bellew (6), J. B. Benham (2), H. L. Baker, W. S. Barner (3), T. L. Butler.

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J. E. Bell, C. W. Bowdish (2), E. L. Belden (9), J. P. T. Burton, H. Bates, R. W. Baber.

M. J. Carey, T. Counts (2), W. H. Cord (8), E. A. Compton (6), G. P. Cabeen.

C. W. Christopherson (2), J. J. Collins (4).

F. G. Dennison (2), C. J. Deedrick, F. P. Darland (3), S. A. Davis.

B. H. Evans, P. A. Ebert.

A. H. Foster, T. B. Freeney (2), M. W. Frix (2), F. Frantz, F. C. Fisher.

L. G. Ging (2), M. P. Gallagher.

L. R. Haus (5), B. D. Hatch, F. B. Huff (5), D. A. Hubbartt, A. E. Habermann (2).

P. L. Hackbert (4), G. B. Hite (3).

G. A. James.

C. E. Kelly, R. P. Keefe (5).

J. B. Latz, Geo. Lavengood (2), G. B. Lamm (2), J. E. Lewis (2), W. J. Leahy (2).

J. W. Martenis, W. D. Mays, S. M. Moore, L. A. Muhlner, W. H. Morrison.

L. T. Murbaugh, J. McGraff (6), A. E. McCullough, R. R. McInroy (3).

F. W. Nickel (4), L. F. Nelson (7), G. B. Newbill.

E. C. Park, J. J. Powers (12), L. H. Pennoyer (5), C. H. Price.

J. H. Rogers, Jr. (2), D. M. Rogers (2), I. J. Rasner (5), D. C. Root.

L. Roush, A. S. Reed.

L. F. Schneider (3), H. A. Stimson, H. S. Sorrell, C. M. Shelver (3), T. A. Sebesta, C. M. Sanford, Thomas Sasser (9), R. R. Searle, R. A. Swell.

R. B. Safford (2), T. A. Savage (5), J. L. Stanberry (2), E. L. Smith, C. L. Smith (2).

J. L. Stearns, R. H. Smith, C. N. Schleck (5).

Thos. Truitt (3), H. H. Troutman (5), F. A. Thomas (2), E. F. Tinus, W. N. Thornton.

Mrs. Van Sandt.

C. L. Wilcox (5), C. M. Wurzbacher (18), A. P. Webster (2), B. L. Walker (4).

C. A. Walter, V. C. Walker (2), D. H. Wilson (7), T. E. Winborn, W. L. Wilmarth (5).

P. L. Wright (5).

EDITORIAL NOTES

No card, no favors.

Five hundred and sixty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of July.

The mailing list will be revised after this issue, and only members with dues paid to December 31, 1909, will receive future copies of this journal from the regular mailing list.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the last paragraph of Article XIII of the laws

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governing that department, as amended at the last session of the Grand Division, which provides that certificate holders must pay their dues in The Order of Railroad Telegraphers within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period, which means that certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department should pay their dues for the present semi-annual period before August 30th, in order to be in good standing in that department.

Information has been received at the General Offices that Card No. 17590 for the term ending June 30, 1909, issued to W. C. Strickler, Certificate 249, Division 93, has been stolen. Bro. Strickler is now and has been for the last two or three years employed at Louisville, Ky. Further information shows that some party in possession of this card has been traveling in the West, especially in Montana, "flagging" under this name. If the card in question is presented, it should be taken up and forwarded to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

In the June number of THE TELEGRAPHER an appeal was published for contributions for the benefit of J. W. Ezell, a member of Division 93, to defray the expenses of an effort to secure his pardon from the Pennsylvania Penitentiary, where he has been confined for the last four years. His friends, who are familiar with the case, have always maintained that the killing was in self-defense, and that he was convicted on biased testimony. Up to the time of going to press, only a few dollars have been received from this appeal. This seems to be a worthy case and one that could properly receive consideration at the hands of the members. It seems to be a case where a member is apparently unjustly deprived of his freedom and his immediate relatives are not financially able to assist him. It will take $1,000.00 or more to meet the expenses of his lawyers in vigorously prosecuting the effort for his pardon. They have agreed to donate their services if the Order will defray the expenses in connection therewith. A few cents from each member will produce the required amount.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of May, 1909, shows that there were 107,839 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 1,095 debarred from entrance classified as follows: Idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded, 14; insane and epileptics, 23; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 260; professional beggars, 2; likely to become public charges, 477; mentally or physically defective, 47; contract laborers, 70; accompanying aliens, 23; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 30; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 55; prostitutes and procurers, 51; without passport, 2; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 40. The report also shows that there were 210 aliens returned after landing.

It will be remembered that the last session of the Grand Division changed the laws of the Mutual Benefit Department regarding the payment of assessments, making them payable semi-annually instead of monthly, and on account of that change, a new assessment slip was sent to each member of the department for the six months, July to December. The laws further provide that this semi-annual assessment shall be paid within two calendar months from the beginning of the semi-annual period, which means that it must be paid on or before August 31st. For that reason the slip was made to read, "Due July 1st, 1909. Expires August 31st, 1909." This part of the slip seems to be misunderstood by a few members, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding it can be stated that the assessment covers a period of six months, July 1st to December 31st, that it is due on July 1st, and that the time limit for its payment expires on August 31st.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Duck, of Lewistown, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. J. Moyer, of Lewistown, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. E. Parish, of Pulaski, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Frank L. Harmon, of Blue Canon, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Pennebaker, of Stroud, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Welch, of Bakers Mill, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Fluker, of Gastonburg, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. I. Youngen, of Rosemond, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Con Campion, of Jewett, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Geo. B. Lamm, of Elrod, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. H. Harkins, of Atlanta, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. B. Bright, of Steins, N. M., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Shaughnessy, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Mixson, Jr., of Lake Butler, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. M. Young, of Pittsburg, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. F. Todd, of Sandwich, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Meehan, of Ulm, Wyo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. L. Chambers, of Kentwood, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. D. Brooks, of Lake Crystal, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. K. Hartung, of Sioux Center, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Sellick, of Tehama, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. F. Lunn, of Carnegie, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. P. Darland, of Canton, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Fitzhenry, of Chicago Heights, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Horch, of Columbus, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. J. Goodney, of Edgebrook Sta., Chicago, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. D. Ludwig, of Nescopeck, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Hunter, of Curry Run, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Macdonald, of Millet, Alta, Canada, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Abbott, of Rivertown, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Savage, of New Salem, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. L. Hartwright, of Fort Gage, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Jacobs, of Leon, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. P. Seibert, of Rising Fawn, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Garland, of Corsicana, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Burch, of Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. L. Fitzgerald, of Millington, Mich., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Sherwood, Ohio, Bro. G. A. Reyff, of Div. 33, to Miss Elva Etchie.

Bro. E. R. Weiss, of Div. 126, to Miss Dosie Wilson.

At St. Philippe, of Laprairie, Quebec, Bro. S. C. G. Savage, of Div. 7, to Miss Stephanie Taillefer.

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At Goodland, Kans., Bro. C. D. Shafer, of Div. 49, to Miss Mabel Brim.

At New Rockford, N. D., Bro. W. H. Roach, of Div. 54, to Miss Ellen Matson.

At Marion, S. C., Bro. F. A. Truitt, of Div. 132, to Miss Janie E. Spencer.

Bro. G. W. Visser, of Div. 7, to Miss A. E. Ripley.

At Stoneburg, Texas, Bro. H. B. Love, of Div. 145, to Miss Gladys Chandler.

Bro. B. Tonstad, of Div. 76, to Miss Fannie Johnson.

At New Lisbon, Wis., Bro. Otto Balgood, of Div. 76, to Miss Alice Macomber.

At Kanawha, Iowa, Bro. B. P. Benson, of Div. 71, to Miss Julia Wagoner.

At Dallas, Ga., Bro. W. J. Wheatherly, of Div. 59, to Miss Rebecca Edmondson.

At Shannon, R. I., Bro. C. T. Sisson, of Div. 35, to Miss Florence Wright.

Bro. J. J. Ferguson, of Div. 34, to Miss Ollie Hart.

At Leipsic, Ohio, Bro. C. J. Erickson, of Div. 18, to Miss Althea May Kurtz.

Bro. Walter B. Grinyer, of Div. 93, to Miss Mabel A. Rochards.

At Bozeman, Mont., Bro. J. C. Robinson, of Div. 54, to Miss Donna Hall.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Massillon, Ohio, Ruth, daughter of Bro. D. Brislin, of Div. 33.

At Millington, Mich., infant son of Bro. M. L. Fitzgerald, of Div. 16.

At Ellenton, S. C., son of Bro. M. T. Johnson, of Div. 132.

At Wabasha, Minn., Bro. O. C. Franke, of Div. 132.

At Danville, Pa., Mr. A. W. Berger, father of Bro. E. G. Berger, of Div. 12.

At Manhattan, Kans., father of Bro. Geo. W. Brubaker, of Div. 6.

At Willow Hill, Ill., wife of Bro. J. H. Hardwick, of Div. 93.

At Muskogee, Okla., Leroy T. Davis, of the Grand Division.

At Kansas City, Mo., Bro. J. C. Hodgetts, of Div. 6.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., Mrs. Addie Bryant, sister of Bros. J. C. and Wm. Valandingham, of Div. 62.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of J. W. Swords. "Bill," if you see this, write me at Bigelow, Ark.
S. W. FAUST.

Present address of J. C. Hill.
S. M. DAVIS,
Blytheville, Ark., care of Frisco.

Present address of W. W. Kitzmiller.
F. M. MCKINNEY,
Rush Center, Kans.

Present address of John Lynes. "JL," if you see this, please write to your old pal.
"B. E.,"
Box 37, Wells, Nev.

Present address of L. C. Fortney, last heard of working for Penna. Line at Elida, Ohio. "LC," if you see this, write Stillwell, Okla. MIKE.

Present address of Clarence A. Barry, last heard of at Ellenburg, Wash., five years ago. LILLIAN LAROSE,
Eugene, Ore.

Present address of J. A. Hartzog, last heard of worked for C. of G. Ry. at Marshallville, Ga. W. A. WILLIAMS,
Homestead, Fla.

Present address of E. S. Hilleary, left-handed, weighs about 170 pounds.
T. MAHONEY,
Gurdon, Ark.

Present address of D. W. Reinelt, last heard of working for Michigan Central at Vanderbilt, Mich. "Dan," please write.
THE HOT CINDER,
Stillwell, Okla.

Present address of W. M. Reminder, last heard of working for Michigan Central at Sterling, Mich. "Bill,' if you see this, write
MIKE,
Stillwell, Okla.

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Present address of Earl A. Harrodd, last heard of at Raspberry, Ill.

G. D. BRADSHAW,
Edin, Wis.

Present address of Joe Overly. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please write.

W. S. YEISER,
Box 435, Albion, Ind.

Present address of H. B. Ellwood. Valuable information for him. Address J. E. McIlhon, 1013 West 9th Street, DesMoines, Iowa.

Present address of L. G. Campbell, last heard of in Denver territory.

E. A. COLLINS,
Wilkeson, Wash.

To know whereabouts of J. N. Williams, who formerly worked for N. & W. at Kimball, W. Va. Important.

C. E. LAYMAN,
Troutville, Va.

Present address of E. Malter, last heard of working for Michigan Central at Roscommon, Mich., and later as plumber in Detroit, Mich. "Ed," write me at Stillwell, Okla., quick. MIKE.

Present address of W. W. Robertson, last heard of working for N. P. at Rexford, Mont. "Robby," if you see this, write.

E. I. BORDAGES, "BO,"
"CO," New Orleans, La.

Present address of J. S. Lackey, better known as John Stafford Lackey, worked for I. C. Ry., Martin, Tenn., winter of 1906. O. T. BUFFALOW,
Martin, Tenn.

Present address of G. W. McGillivray, last heard of working for Kansas City Southern at Stillwell, Okla. "MC," if you see this, please write me. Am working your old job and would like to meet you any place you name. MIKE.

Present address of Andrew Burk, section foreman, last heard of in Tacoma, Wash., in May, 1909. Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Connelly, Wells, Mich., as it will be of great interest to both. E. CHRISTENSON,
Wells, Mich.

Present address of B. W. Howe, last heard of working for Pere Marquette at Waverley, Mich. "Curley," write me. I looked for you in Fremont three days after I got your letter in Oneida. Wired for you at Niobrara. MIKE,
Stillwell, Okla.

Present address of Martin Chance, member of the trainmen. Last heard of was passing through Edmondton and Stoney Plains, Alberta, Canada, on way to Magnolia, Alberta, about three months ago.

G. E. CHANCE,
Mounds, Ill.

Information that will lead to the capture of H. B. Long, employed on the Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry., as operator at North Bessemer, Pa., until July 15, 1909. Last



H. B. LONG.

seen in Erie, Pa., July 15, headed for Buffalo, N. Y. Aged 30 years, height about 5 feet 11 inches, weight about 175 pounds, dark brown hair (head recently shaved on top). The upper teeth crowned and talks through his nose. Wore light mustache, dark blue suit, derby hat, patent leather shoes (walk-overs), glasses and carried a dark tan leather grip.

C. V. PATTON,
General Chairman, Keister, Pa.
W. B. RISLEY,
General Secretary & Treasurer,
Conneaut, Ohio, Div. 51.

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Card 3191, Cert. 14, Div. 8, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 1478, Cert. 798, Div. 132, for term ending December 31, 1909.

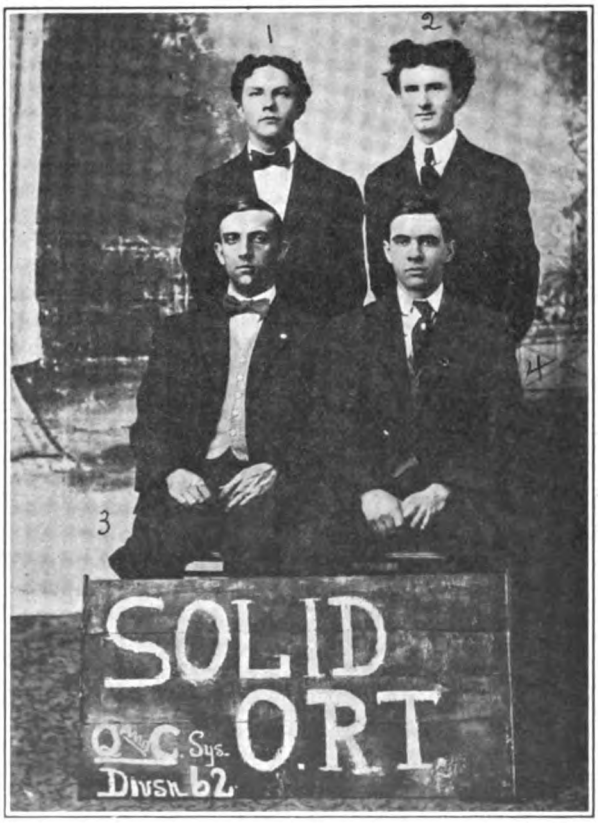
Card 9441, Cert. 6719, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 1474, Cert. 738, Div. 132, for term ending December 31, 1909.

NOTICE.

Lost or stolen, morning of July 21, 1909, while en route from Goodland, Kans., on Rock Island No. 26, to Fairbury, Neb., card-case lost containing O. R. T. cards dating from 1905 to June 30, 1909, and receipt for current card and insurance. Address on case. IRA C. HALDERMAN,

Lincoln, Neb.



H. L. Hoop. R. S. Jones.
C. K. Hickey. L. E. Brice.

O. R. T. GROUP—A. G. S. RAILWAY—YORK, ALA.

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All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

BE PROMPT.

By MRS. G. W. MALONE, Grand Sec.-Treas.

I just want to say a few words to our members. When I mailed out the Constitutions to all members, I enclosed in each envelope an application blank with instructions to fill out and return to me. Some have been prompt in complying with my request, and to those who have not I would like to ask if you will not fill out the blank I sent you as soon as you read this. And if you have misplaced the application blank I sent you, please notify me and I will send you one by return mail. It is very necessary that we have these applications filled out, as it is the only means of securing a complete record of our membership.

Now, let us all be prompt in paying our dues for the second term. Quite a number have already paid their dues. The printing of our literature was a larger undertaking than we had anticipated, and took considerable time, but don't let this detain us in paying dues for the second term.

In paying dues it is much more convenient for the Secretary to have you remit either by post-office money order or express money order.

It is surprising how many letters of encouragement we are receiving from the O. R. T. boys, and they all are proving willing workers, as I have received quite a number of applications through their influence, and although our Auxiliary is only two months old we have grown wonderfully, applications being received daily; and they most all express themselves by saying this is what they have wanted for a long time.

Now, let us all work, and see how many applications we can secure. To gain the most good from anything we must be interested and work for it. Try this plan and see if you are not benefited by it.

WHAT WOMAN CAN ACCOMPLISH.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

THE rapidity with which the women of the United States are banding themselves together in organizations of all kinds is astounding, not only in clubs, but in labor organizations and auxiliaries. The influence of womankind today is being

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felt and acknowledged in all the relations of her life, not only as she comes out before the world in her numerous organizations, but as neighbor, friend, daughter, wife and mother. Work of any philanthropic nature, reforms of all kinds, educational movements, civic questions of sanitation and beautification, all command her attention, and rapidly she is being recognized as a mediator and her influence is being recognized everywhere, even tl.e Government within the past year has called upon woman to assist in quelling the troubles in the Isthmus, when social discontent seemed to be going to cause a cessation in the work on the Canal, and sent Miss Helen Boswell, of New York, down to that country to organize the women into clubs and other organizations, which proved to be the mediator. The Government has also called upon women to assist in the conservation of forests in the United States, and their pleadings in this cause has had a wonderful effect. In the State of Georgia now the organized women of the State are fighting for the Compulsory Education Law. When child labor questions are up for debate, woman is always in the forefront pleading for the children in the mills. When questions of working women are being debated, always you find not only the women workers themselves organized into labor unions, but we find the wives of the laboring men, their daughters, their sisters and their mothers banding themselves together into auxiliaries, and other women outside either of these circles are organized into societies and clubs, prepared to take a stand for her sister who, on account of different environment in life, has been compelled to make her bread by the sweat of her brow. Even the new President of the Manufacturers' Association, Mr. Jno. Kirby, Jr., states in his inaugural address, "There would be no militant organized labor today if it were not for the support of misguided philanthropists and women's societies, who are constantly keeping up the agitation," and went on to warn the members of the association against allowing their women to band together into clubs and such, where they allowed dangerous agitators of reforms to address them, and that they were becoming entirely too friendly toward those reforms which the association was fighting. Mr. Kirby, no doubt, thought that "forewarned was forearmed," and that natural tendency of womankind must be curbed, or the shekels falling into the coffers of the trusts and corporative greed would be less and less as woman agitated those principles which is in the average woman, no matter what her station in life may be, a gift by Nature given and in her set forever.

But of all organizations on earth today among women the auxiliaries to the labor unions have the greatest field and the grandest avenue for work. The club women are entering into matters of civic, State and national interest, so is also the wide-awake auxiliaries in matters directly or indirectly of interest to the workingman, Women do not have to have suffrage to accomplish their ends. If the women of our land who are members of families of workingmen would organize themselves and connect themselves with auxiliaries to the labor unions, their influence would be felt in such a manner that a man without a card would be a man without a conscience and would be looked upon as such. These women would endeavor to make their homes more happy, labor questions would be discussed at the hearthstone of every man who labors in the country. If the councils of the cities refused to clear away rubbish heaps, or to remedy the pavement along streets where workingmen and their families resided, these earnest women would go before the council, for the sake of their homes and the health of their family, and demand the rights of the citizens in those cities who labored for their bread. Libraries would be established. Rest rooms would be looked after for both the workingmen and women. Lunch rooms would be provided, sick would be cared for and the homeless looked after; in fact, the great good which can be accomplished by these organized women would be beyond the most radical imagination of the day.

To broaden womankind and educate her that mind must sharpen its appetite by womanly exercises, and invigorate its powers by womanly studies, and grasp for truths which seem almost beyond their

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reach, but, with the tenacity of woman, knows no failure. These questions must be hunted down and the mind must feed upon the game brought down in the hunt. And where can these things be accomplished better than in the organization of our women into auxiliaries?

Archbishop Whatley's definition of woman was, "A creature that does not reason, and that pokes the fire from the top." Alexander the Great said she was "A good idea—spoiled." Another well-known character in history says she is "An essay on goodness and grace, in one volume, elegantly bound," and still others have different definitions. We know that many times womankind will stare at the grim monster death without a tremor for truth's sake, and then the next moment scream at the sight of a mouse; while, on the other hand, man will stand in the labor-hall and agitate the eight-hour question, while his wife is at home slaving for him and his family eighteen hours a day and then some! What we need is the banding together of our women, getting them interested in the movement, educate them along broader lines, and we will find that not many more years will roll over our heads until we will have a solidity which is not even dreamed of now. The possibilities of woman in this field is unlimited; the labor union is of really more vital interest to the woman than to the man. This is a conceded fact. Then why not enlist her in the cause and wield her influence in still stronger volume in our behalf?

Send us some news or articles for the department. Let us hear from the membership.

Get your Auxiliary started everywhere. Get busy now. After you get organized there will be plenty of work to be done.

The Florida Women's Clubs have voted in a body to demand the union label hereafter when purchasing anything. See what the L. A. to O. R. T. ladies can do with their city and State women's clubs in getting them to take the same action as a sure preventative from child labor and sweat-shop conditions. If any success, please report to your President immediately.

Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman of the Executive Board, writes that the outlook there is splendid for a rousing big meeting of the O. R. T. and L. A's. this month. Here's to Sister Brady, a real hustler!

Miss Frances Edwards, our esteemed fourth member on the Executive Board, says she lost her "honeysuckle vine" in Jacksonville, and sends to our assistant for a duplicate. Here's hoping it will grow and flourish like the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Organize your Auxiliary! Then commence the sprouting of plants for the depot windows. Make the offices comfortable and easy for "our boys." Every office in the United States and Canada could be a miniature flower garden if the ladies were all organized.

Get your Auxiliary started and then, in a body, call on the nearest "professor of telegraph" and tell him "how it happened;" if he don't bear "telling," show him! Never seen a band of L. A. to O. R. T. ladies after a "professor" yet, but I imagine it would have the desired effect. See how it goes. Try it once.

Keep a woman busy, and she'll never talk about her neighbors.

Keep a man busy and he'll never remark about a lady.

A gentleman is always found busy.

A lady is always found at work.

Work does not always mean labor. Work and labor are two separate and distinct things.

Get your Auxiliary organized and then get after the "nons." Go in a body to him and request him to get his card up. Send him a nice piece of the first cake you bake. Invite him over to the house for a game of "set-back" some evening with a jolly crowd.

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Work with him in an earnest manner and you will get him when the brothers in the O. R. T. couldn't get near enough to him to say "Scat!" Try it.

Watch the night man. Send him a hot cup of coffee once in a while. If he is a non, ask him to come in the union and then pet him a little. It has never been tried yet. We know that. But I'll bet ten to one that a non will get up-to-date quicker by a little petting from the L. A. to O. R. T. ladies than a storm of protest by the O. R. T's. Try it.



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O. R. T. GROUP—SLATER, IOWA.

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GLEANINGS

"We unite because we must."

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The label is what you want.

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The softest job is usually the hardest to get.

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Trades unions foster education and uproof ignorance.

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The more union goods you buy the more union men will be at work.

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No product can be considered "Union" unless it bears the union label.

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The record of trade unionism shows that. after all, man was not made to mourn.

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Work without enthusiasm is like a kite without a tail; neither goes very far.

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If the arm of greed could reach Old Sol there would be a meter on every sunbeam.

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The necessity of industrial organization knows no law except that of human progress.

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The "spirit of organization" and the "spirit of progress" are interchangeable terms.

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If the tin bucket brigade would stand solidly together the labor "problem" would soon be settled.

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The real strength of a union lies in the number of active workers and "boosters" among its members. Its weakness is determined by the number of chronic "knockers" in its ranks.

It is well for us to always remember that power erroneously used will inevitably bring disaster.

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Co-operation is the order of the day for individualism is among things of the past. Therefore co-operate.

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He who continually partaketh of Post's Grape Nuts, will, verily as a result, become hopelessly "nutty."

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If you belong to a labor union don't be afraid to show your colors. A good soldier is never ashamed of his uniform.

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When you purchase goods without the union label you are aiding in keeping some child out of school and a man out of a job.

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The way to appear ridiculous is to remain away from the meetings of your local union, and then go about finding fault with its proceedings.

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There are diversities of gifts, but the greatest gift is that of the laborer, who gives all the good things he produces to the man who merely bosses him.

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The labor unions of Indianapolis, Ind., have recently leased a farm of thirty acres west of the city, which they intend to improve and use for picnics and outings.

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The trades union movement has done more toward the elevation of mankind than all other agencies combined. This has been accomplished by increasing the wages of the worker, thereby establishing a higher standard of living, and by shortening the hours of labor, giving the worker an opportunity for mental improvement.

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Secretary Tracy of the Label Department of the American Federation of Labor reports that about thirty-five international unions will affiliate with the department.

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"Labor sermons" are becoming quite the style in the pulpits today. This indicates



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O. R. T. MEMBERS—QUEBEC CENTRAL RY.

an awakening on the part of the clergy over the question of organized labor, and this should be a good sign.

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The sentiment of organized labor, from President Gompers down to the latest recruit in the newest union enrolled under the banner of the A. F. of L., is now and forever will be opposed to the infamy of child slavery.

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A man's friendship for organized labor may be better judged by his disposition to stay in the background at certain times than by his willingness to come to the front at others.

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Organized labor is demanding that the courts shall no longer construe the law to mean that the possession of a union card makes it illegal for the holder to perform an act that is perfectly legal when performed by a man who does not hold a union card. Anything remarkable about that?

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If the men who are affiliated with various organizations of employers would look with less contempt upon men who work for wages and treat them with a little more consideration, they would perhaps find the labor problem easier of solution.

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There can be no question but that the process of "Americanizing the Philippines" is gaining some headway. In a recent strike of the street railway employes at Manila, the injunction was used to prevent mass meetings being held for the purpose of voicing grievances against the company.

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It is alleged that over one-half of the property in the United States now belongs to corporations, which are nothing more nor less than organizations of capitalists; and unless the workingmen more effectively organize, these corporations will soon own a large share of the balance of the visible wealth of the country.

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The hatters can safely feel that the union label was their great and good friend during their recent strike. It is very evident that organized labor in general made a strong effort through the label to help the hatters. But, in order to make the victory more lasting and emphatic, there should be a consistent and steady demand for the label in a hat. After it is once acquired it is easy to maintain the "demand the label" habit. Get the habit!

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Organization, co-ordination, co-operation are the right of every body of men whose aims are worthy and equitable, and must needs be the resource of those who, individually, are unable to persuade their fellow-men to recognize the justice of their claims and principles. If employed within lawful and peaceful limits, it may rightly hope to be a means of educating society in a spirit of fairness and practical brotherhood.

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The contention of those employers who are continually asserting that American workmen are the best paid received a severe jolt when Senator Stone produced a German government report, in the course of the tariff debate at Washington, which showed many skilled workers in that country received higher wages than in similar American trades.

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To prosper we must practice true fraternity and look after the faults and needs of our brothers and sisters, in the same manner and spirit as we would were they of our own blood. We should be on the alert, investigate and know when assistance is needed, and in a true fraternal spirit administer to the wants and needs without being asked.

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Cowardice never won anything. If the theory that a half loaf is better than none is correct, then it would follow that one should take a quarter of a loaf, then a crust, and finally starve without protest. We want human rights and human justice. Capital has for years been organizing for an aggressive campaign against labor and labor must meet the issue unitedly and courageously.

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A good union man is not necessarily one who always insists upon the union taking care of his own particular grievances. The best kind of a union man is one who always considers the welfare of the entire membership, regardless of his own momentary troubles. Such a man is wise, too, because he recognizes that his own welfare is best safeguarded by working for the interests of the whole.

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In soliciting the membership of anyone in the Order, never misrepresent or exaggerate the benefits to be secured thereby. It is a gross injustice to the prospective member and to all concerned, and no good whatever can possibly accrue thereby. Permanent success never has and never will be secured by fraudulency and deception. Honesty in this connection is invariably the best policy as well as in everything else.

Low living results inevitably in low wages. It is customary with the thoughtless to hold up the man who saves out of a small wage by denying himself the necessities and decencies of life. Such a man is not a model, but a warning to his fellows, since his example, if generally followed, would reduce all to the lowest possible standard of living.

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When a union succeeds in raising the standard of wages and securing better working conditions the unorganized workers are benefited as well as the actual members of the union. The beneficent influence of unionism reaches the unorganized as well as the organized workers and improves the conditions of all.

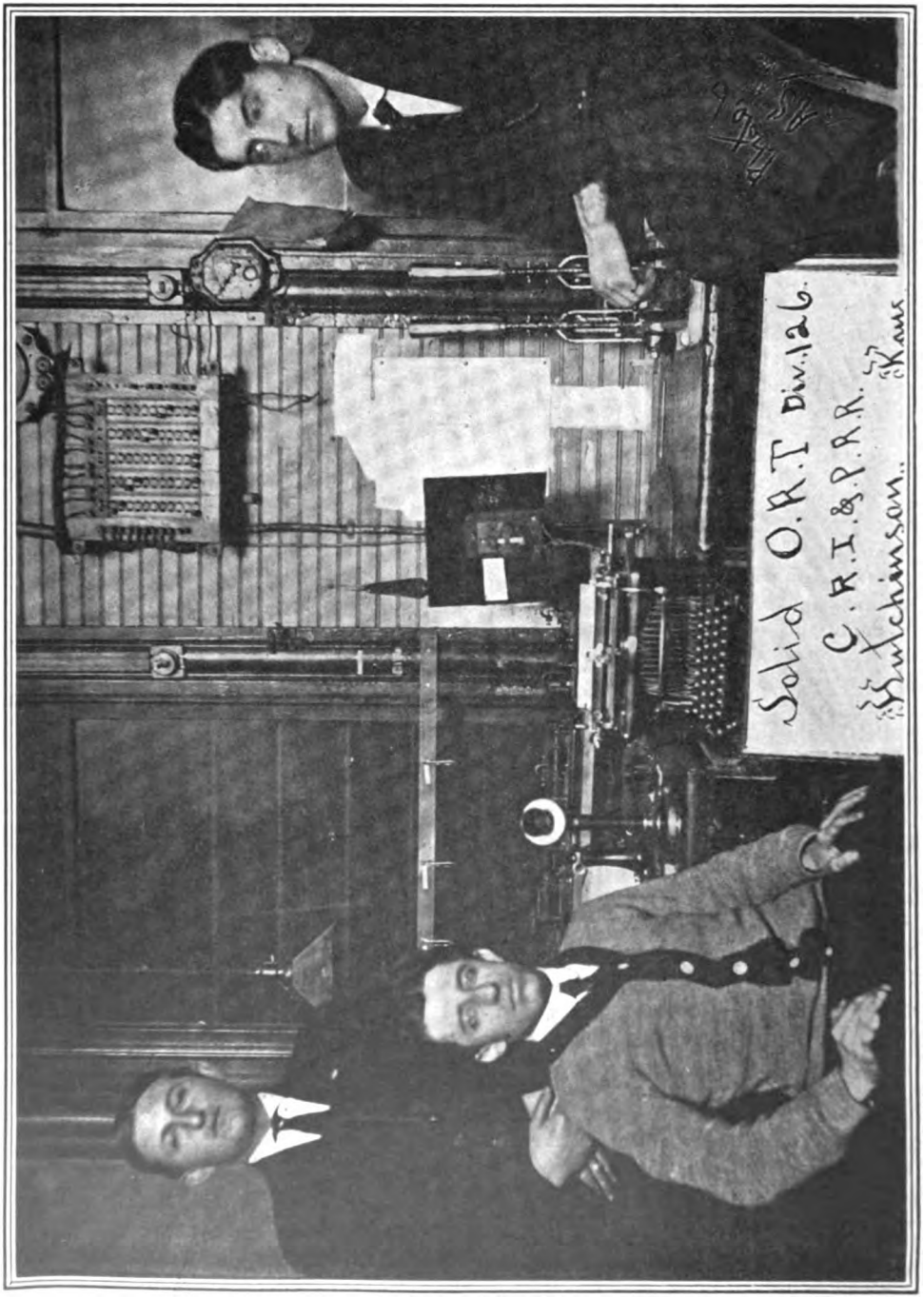
The unorganized workers should therefore understand that when employers attack a labor union the unorganized men will suffer if the union men are defeated. Every workingman that joins a union lessens the probability of defeat. Hence, all should join.



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Member Division No. 40.

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MISCELLANY

FLAGGING OF THE DUTCHMAN.

ANY old-timer will tell you how Strand, youngest in age and experience of the Ixonia dispatchers, after serving a night trick, sat all day at the key while the horrors of the Barton disaster crowded the wire, and the day men broke down when the death list began to come in, and with dread at their hearts and unlighted cigars in their mouths, paced nervously about corridor and platform, and at 4 o'clock, when Colvin, our superannuated passenger agent, trotted into the office, his cane tapping a dreary accompaniment on the floor, he found Strand alone.

"Twelve identified," the dispatcher stated, in response to the old official's inquiry.

His haggared face and bloodshot eyes told a tale of suspense, but his finger, at that moment arranging a meeting point for Train No. 3, with the corpse-laden special, east-bound, was free from tremor.

Yet Strand admitted to me that he prayed the night Pruden turned the Flying Dutchman loose against Horn's work-train. Pug Williams, the office call boy, says he cried, but I don't believe he ever made that statement in Strand's hearing, although, if true, there is reasonable excuse, for Edith was a passenger on the Dutchman that night.

Strand won Edith against odds, for he is not a society man, in the conventional sense, and Edith Tracy was one of the most popular girls in Ixonia. Mrs. Tracy had frowned on the attachment from the beginning, but in old man Tracy, who possessed a soul just a trifle above fast horses, Strand's suit found a sturdy champion.

"Let 'em alone," he urged, in response to his wife's protest. "You can not stop a thing like that. The boy's all right. I'd sooner have him in the family than these lawn-markers that's hung round here. He knows a good horse, too. Edith shows her sense."

"I can not understand how it ever happened," said Mrs. Tracy, mournfully.

But in the end she succumbed to the inevitable, and, in keep with the inconsistency of her sex, having assented, gave her gracious and enthusiastic support to the approaching union. So it was that the engraver had his order for wedding invitations. On the same day that Papa Tracy closed negotiations for his wedding gift—a snug home, with a stable, which had received his keen inspection, Edith was returning from a city shopping trip on the Flying Dutchman. The train was late, and had barely entered middle division territory, when Strand, at 6 p. m., resigned his seat to Pruden, the second trick man.

Strand posted his subordinate concerning the position of various trains on the big sheet, glanced about the office, drew on his street coat, and said good-night. He paused at the door for a moment.

"Help the Dutchman along, Pruden," he added. "I want her here on time."

"I'll give her every show," said Pruden.

The Dutchman, on the time-card simply Train Fifty-four, was due to arrive in Ixonia at 10 o'clock. Strand, uneasy in anticipation, left his hotel before 9, and went toward the station. Opposite it, in Concordia Hall, the high-school graduating exercises were progressing. Strand, remembering Edith, a white-gowned and lovely participant in the function of the former year, halted for a moment on the carpet strip beneath the awning. The tones of a feminine voice came with elocutionary distinctness through the open door.

"I've won a great deal in one short year," he thought reminiscently.

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Crossing to the station, he saw Mrs. Tracy's carriage standing in the area, and, approaching it, he saluted her.

"I know I'm early," she said, "but, somehow, I've been restless all the afternoon. Foolish, I admit, but I'm not apprehensive, as a rule."

Strand laughed as he released her hand.

"I guess we're all a trifle nervous these days," he responded. "I know I am, and maybe Edith is, also. I can assure you, though, that everything's right. I let the train into the division myself. It was a trifle tardy at 6, but ought to make the time up easily. About at Marathon now," he said, consulting his watch. "Swinging along at a good rate, too, I'll warrant," he added cheerfully.

Just then Pruden's voice, keyed to a high and unnatural pitch, called from the window above: "Hello!"

The strained tone of the aimless salutation caught Strand's ear discordantly.

"What is it, Pruden?" he asked.

"You, Strand! Are you there?" came the eager response. "Come up, quick!"

Strand excused himself to Mrs. Tracy and ran up the stairs.

Pruden was alone in the office. He was pacing the floor and wringing his hands

"Strand, the Dutchman!" he groaned. The under-dispatcher was shaking like a leaf, and his words came in incoherent syllables.

"The Dutchman!" he repeated, and again his tongue faltered.

Strand banged his subordinate's head against the wall and shook him roughly.

"Damn you, talk!" he gritted. "Talk, or I'll break your back! Where is the Dutchman?"

"On the south track from Double-track Junction," mumbled Pruden, between spasmodic chills. "East-bound local got a car off in thirty-two bridge. I held the Dutchman at the Junction until nineteen got outside, then blocked both ends of the double line, and let the Dutchman in on the west-bound track."

"Well, well?"

"Strand I—I forgot. Horn's work-train follows nineteen every night from Thorpe to Beulah Gravel Pit, and we haven't a night office between." And Pruden cowered like one expecting a blow.

Strand was at the key. "Did you try Grafton?" he asked.

"No use," responded Pruden, brokenly. "He quits at six."

"In God's name, couldn't you take the chance?" cried Strand. "That push plays cards in the depot regularly. I've seen e'm often, myself." And he rapped the call.

"G-n," spoke the sounder in the second station each of Double-track Junction. The push was seated around a table, in the snug office, when the operator's alert ear caught the familiar click.

"Not much, Prudy," he remarked facetiously. "We don't work night's here. Deal 'em up, Roy."

That operator's opportunity to win more in a minute than he could have hoped to win in a life-time at cards was fleeting, for receiving a full hand in the deal, his "I stand pat" was drowned in the roar of the Flying Dutchman's passage.

"Say, Si," said one of the company, "wasn't the Dutchman on the nigh track?"

"I didn't notice," replied the operator, carelessly. "Maybe. They block both ends sometimes an' end her that way. Orders is to keep her on time. Give the boys their cards, Roy. I don't need any."

The sounder still clicked, nervously and persistently.

"Won't ye ever let go?" questioned the operator. "Well, I s'pose I'll have to answer him. Hold up, boys, a minute."

He tipped back in his chair and touched the key, and that simple "G" repeated in the dispatching office at Ixonia offered hope to two men sitting there with tense nerves and drawn features.

"Flag Fifty-four," Strand shot back.

"Fifty-four passed here two minutes ago."

Strand drew a long breath.

Pruden utterly collapsed.

"Forty-two miles," muttered Strand, rubbing his forehead. "Thorpe. That cuts out eight. Thirty-four. Dutchman will make twenty-five to Horn's twelve, if he pulled out right behind nineteen. Twenty-

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five—twenty-five—let me think! Oh, God, let me think! Twenty-eight minutes. His fore-finger dragged on the sheet. "They'll meet about here. If we only had a night man at Vandyke! Johnston might be in." His head bowed low on the table. "God grant, please grant!" but no response came to the repeated "V-d, V-d."

Then calling through the tube, he summoned two messengers and had turned to the key again when Mrs. Tracy's voice came from the doorway: "Is everything all right, Mr. Strand?"

He tried to smile. "Pray, excuse me, Mrs. Tracy, I'm tied here for the moment. The train's a little late, that's all. I suggest that you return to your carriage. It's so—warm up here. I'll let you know in time."

Mrs. Tracy smiled back. "I'm foolishly nervous," she said.

Strand listened to her descending steps. "What grace can a liar expect?" he muttered. "But I couldn't tell her."

He was clicking a message to the shops: "Attach superintendent's car to wrecking outfit, load all available hospital material in same, and run to Ixonia Station for further orders."

Call-boys Pug Williams and Bunch Garvin came scrambling up the stairs, but their boisterous entrance was curbed by the crisp tone that greeted them.

"Williams, take the telephone and keep quiet. Garvin, you hustle into Crook's hack and bring Doctor Bartlett and Doctor Shrock to the depot as fast as Crook can move. If you can not find them, get some others. Crook will know where to go. One minute—Mrs. Tracy's carriage is near Crook's stand. Get him outside before you tell him. That's all."

"Williams, you call up Mr. Wayland's house. Tell him we've got a bad wreck, and the outfit will be at the station in ten minutes."

But even as Pug twirled the crank the sounder tapped a message in the superintendent's smooth vogue: "Send all personal and urgent mail to Melville on Fifty-three. Shall remain here until tomorrow night. W. A. W."

"Never mind, Pug," said Strand, and an instant later he was sending a message, simple in words, but dreadful in import, to his superior at the opposing division terminal:

"W. A. W., Melville: Train Fifty-four, running on west-bound track in double extension, will meet Horn's work-train at a point between Vandyke and Hayward. Have ordered out wrecking-train and summoned local surgeons. J. L. S."

Pruden, rousing from his lethargy, listened and comprehended the grim rasp. "Oh, God, Strand!" he moaned.

The chief dispatcher turned fiercely in his chair, "Be quiet, or get out of here!" he exclaimed, between dry lips. "My girl's on that train."

During the previous concentration he had scarcely given a thought to Edith individually, but now her personal peril came to him in telling force. He picked at the blotter, as he considered the arrangement of the Dutchman's complement. Edith would ride in the chair-car, two, three cars from the engine, and the heavy sleepers behind, telescoping and grinding in the crunching impact. The mangled forms, the screams of agony—and—Edith! Strand covered his face with his hands.

From Concordia Hall, wafted on the night air, came the notes of a clear soprano voice, and the words of the song, in distinct intonation:

"When you and I that other life may know."

"Strand's head burrowed in his arm, on the table. Pruden, shrunken and broken, was sobbing convulsively. Pug, the call-boy, for once silent, crouched under the telephone box.

The light breeze shifted, and the hoarse exhaust of the engine spitting cinders and flame on her path through the yard from the shops to Ixonia Station, with derrick, crane and emergency cars swaying behind her, momentarily displaced the pure tones, then changed again, and once more the cadence rang high:

"There for aye among the blest,
There secure upon the Savior's breast."

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Strand spoke muffled and unsteadily: "Pug, for God's sake, close the window."

Some men acquire a sobriquet by deeds of valor, others, because of peculiarity of feature or carriage; others, unfortunately, by reason of deformity or disfigurement. Mr. Aloysius Thomas Cleaver earned his nickname by the use of an original epithet. During his connection with the M. & S. M., as night operator at Dover, whenever occasion demanded, he was wont to give vent to his feelings, jubilant or otherwise, by the ejaculation: "The Holy Fly," and as a variation: "Well, by the Holy Fly!" Just where the application came in I am unable to explain, and I never knew any one who affected to know, but among a class of men addicted to nicknames, an opportunity so alluring could scarcely be missed. Consequently young Cleaver's identity speedily merged from Holy Fly to mere Fly, and, at a later period, the latter title was resigned for a number of three figures, and the Holy Fly was immured behind prison walls.

Some of the boys fancied the action rather summary, but a big corporation will generally find a scapegoat, and, to be quite fair to all concerned, the Fly's reputation had been a trifle seedy.

Moreover, it will be admitted that when a large consignment of money, placed in the office safe at night, is missing the following morning, suspicion must rest on some one. Also it can not be denied that when evidence shows that the person in whose charge the safe was left, although ignorant of the combination, had made a practice of lying on the office-table and watching the combination being worked, times without number, the said person's prestige, circumstantially considered, must suffer depression. I recollect that the judge addressed the jury something after this manner:

The popular railroad mind does not lean toward predestination. So, when a member of that following gets jailed, discharged, maimed, or killed, he becomes, in terse parlance, "out of luck."

The Fly was out of luck. He got four years.

The same day that Edith Tracy rolled homeward to Ixonia on the Dutchman his term expired.

He left the prison, with transportation to the State line, a small sum of money, a shoddy suit of clothes, and a head of hair of uniform length all over. He passed through Ixonia, west-bound, on the Postal Mail, about four o'clock in the afternoon. Under favorable circumstances, he would have reached the metropolis at about the hour of Edith's departure from it. Indifferent fate, in the form of an ebony-complexioned gentleman, equipped with three dice and a variety of grunts and expletives, ordained otherwise, and—well, the Fly knew the game. His last nickel vanished as the train reached Vandyke, the last station before crossing the State boundary. Confronted by this condition, the Fly quietly sought the blind end of the head mail car.

Cal Green, conductor of the Mail, has the eye of a hawk for hoboes, and spying the Fly's retreat, he promptly pulled the cord. Cal is fat, and after waddling past three cars in the sun he was warm.

"Get off!" said he.

"You've got a double track here now," suggested the Fly.

"Get off, you bum," growled Cal, climbing the steps.

The Fly alighted and Cal gave the signal to proceed! The conductor caught the first coach platform, and so did the Fly.

"Say, con," panted the latter, pleadingly, "carry me to Portal; I'm all right."

"I'll carry ye, damn ye!" puffed the conductor, and he kicked the intruder clear off the train, and half-way across the right-of-way.

The Fly sought the seclusion of a lumber pile, and slept until eight o'clock, when, waking, he proceeded down the track to the little station, which he found dark and deserted. He raised a window and crept inside. Some crusts in a lunch-pail, found beneath the shelf, soothed the demands of his stomach, which the diet of the past few years had rendered easy to satisfy. A pipe and a cigar box half-full of tobacco found in a closet beside the ticket case

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afforded a sense of luxury, appreciated only by experience. The Fly leaned back in a chair and smoked a second pipe, in absolute quiet. Then he drew the shades carefully, and lighted the office lamp and turned it low. Association had rendered station appointments familiar to him, and, after rummaging a few minutes, he produced an old knife, adapted to screw-driver purposes, and, stooping, proceeded to remove a drawer, which was fastened underneath the broad window-shelf.

"We always used to leave the small change," he muttered. "It's a careless trick, too."

While thus employed, he stopped twice to listen to the click of the instrument.

"V-d," he repeated. "That's Vandyke. wonder if they keep a night man here. If they do he's probably sneaked away to a corn-husking bee. I used to."

Click-click-te-click.

"Well, that's funny," he soliloquized. "Dispatcher ought to know the office-list of his trick; an' say," he continued, laying aside the impromptu tool, "I wonder what these people put in that double track for? They ain't near so crowded as they used to be. Haven't had a train in either direction for over half an hour."

Click-click-te-click.

"Break away, old horse, I can not do business with you; I ain't a union man," responded the Fly, resuming his task. The drawer came loose in his hands, and he was enriched to the extent of seventy cents from its contents. "Who is this guy?" he queried, reaching for a ledger. "Johnston. Same old boy. H'm! I remember you, Johnston, you're a liberal man. Thanks! Ham telegrapher, though. Got no ear for music."

He refilled the pipe and was lighting it when Strand's message to Superintendent Wayland flashed along the line.

"Train Fifty-four, running on west-bound track in double extension, will meet Horn's work-train at a point between Vandyke and Hayward. Have—" The pipe fell to the floor.

"Vandyke! Hayward! This is Vandyke! Holy Fly! Does this man show an order light? Course not! Where the devil does he keep his lamp?" And the Fly tore through the diminutive waiting-room and out into the freight-room. He scratched a match with trembling fingers. "Here, red globe! Good!"

It was lighted in an instant, and the Fly went through a window, glass, sash and shade.

He hung the lantern on the extending bracket-arm, and sped up the track to the switch. He beat the lock off with a heavy spike he found near, and threw the switch to a reverse position. The light surmounting the stand showed red to the main. He paused a moment to plug the lever, then flew back to the station. His finger tapped the key, and, though the touch had become blunted by months of labor in the prison stone-yard, and the action was strained and uneven, sweeter music never greeted dispatcher's ears than that sequence of halting dots and dashes.

"Ixonia—Vandyke—Danger signal out for all trains. East house-track open."

Strand's response came instantly: "Flag east-bound train Fifty-four to clear switch."

Three minutes later the Dutchman was standing at the station, and the Fly was retorting to the conductor's questions with:

"Oh! Let up, will you? You rattle me."

Again he painfully worked the key. "Fifty-four waiting for orders. West-bound train in sight," and then addressing the conductor: "Say, con, cast your eye eastward. There is a fine full moon for you!"

The functionary turned and viewed a bright headlight, emerging from the cut, two miles east of Vandyke.

"What the hell is that?" he cried.

"The train you're getting orders against." responded the Fly.

"But I've got a lease on the south track," protested the conductor, diving into his pocket for the tissue.

"You had, but you haven't," returned the Fly. "That's old Horn's work-train. D'ye s'pose he's going to lose a night's sleep waiting for you people? I opened the gate for him, so you won't be delayed much."

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"Huh! Funny deal," muttered the conductor.

Meantime, Strand was repeating a question: "Is this Johnston?"

"No; it's 'Holy Fly.'"

The sounder was silent a moment. Then: "When did you get out?"

"This morning," said the Fly. "Green threw me off here. Crawled in to hear the parrot talk again. No instrument in my cell at Bellview, you know. Man gets homesick after four years. Heard your message to W. A. W."

"God bless you," clicked the sounder. "Write yourself a telegraph pass over Strand's signature, and come up here on Fifty-four. This company will do things for you."

"Thanks," returned the Fly. "Will come in morning. Had to break window, and my arm's cut. Work-train is in to clear. Send orders for Fifty-four."

After both trains had departed, one in either direction, the Fly tore some leaves from a big tissue book and bound them about his bleeding arm Then, replacing the abstracted coins in the drawer, he fastened it in its former position. He turned the lamp high, and in the accession of light surveyed his hands minutely. They were cracked and seamed, and the fingers stiff and stubby.

Reaching for the pipe, his eye fell upon the telegraph pass, in his own handwriting. He read it aloud.

"Carry bearer Vandyke to Ixonia.

"STRAND."

He drew a solid, knotty hand across his eyes, and muttered: "Well, by the Holy Fly!"—By FRANK R. ROBINSON, in *The People's Magazine*.

THE MELANCHOLY DANE.

THE new assistant to the professor of modern history at Delphos College certainly was an odd appearing fellow. He was from the far West, a graduate of the University of California, and his age was something like seven and twenty. He looked much older than this, however, the effort largely of the way he combed his hair and also of his preternaturally severe expression. He parted his long black locks exactly in the middle and brushed them straight down on either side, a style that gave him an almost sanctified look. His clothes were in keeping, too, with this solemn makeup, his coat being a long straight bodied frock, his collar a poetical turnover, his tie a loosely knotted scarf, and his hat a high silker. And he always wore gloves when outside the recitation room.

As to his ability there was no question. The students could find little fault with him there, however much they might criticise his garments and his solemn air.

Richard Dane—the boys had straightway dubbed him the Melancholy Dane—had been at the college some four weeks when the professor of modern history met Isabel Page on the long board walk. Isabel was the daughter of the town's foremost citizen, an ardent friend of the old college, and chairman of the board of trustees.

"Pardon me, Miss Page," the professor said, as the two met, "but will your father be at home early this afternoon?"

"It is doubtful, Mr. Carrier," the girl replied. "I think he has a special engagement that will detain him a little later than usual."

"Thank you, Miss Page," said the professor. "Some other day will do quite as well." He hesitated. "I made the inquiry on behalf of my new assistant, Mr. Richard Dane."

"The Melancholy Dane," laughed the girl. "I've heard of him."

"You mustn't be prejudiced by his appearance, nor by what the boys say about him," the professor remarked quite warmly. "His little eccentricities don't count against his general cleverness. He is bashful, and I fancy hasn't mingled much in feminine society. But his queerness will wear off, I'm sure. And no one can help liking him."

"I've never met him, Mr. Carrier," the girl replied, "but after what you have said I'm sure I'd like to."

"Well, you'll have the chance," laughed the professor. "He is coming to call on your father. He has a letter of introduc-

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tion from the president of the University of California which he promised to deliver at the earliest opportunity."

"Let him come this afternoon, professor. I will promise to entertain him until father reaches home. It may not be very long."

The professor looked at her keenly.

"You may not find him as entertaining as you have been led to believe, Miss Page," he said. "At least not as entertaining in the directions you expect."

The girl laughed merrily.

"He will be perfectly safe at our home, professor. Your cautionary hints are quite wasted. Send him along."

The professor looked at her a little doubtfully. Then he shook his head slowly and passed up the board walk to the administration building.

When Isabel Page reached home she gave a quick glance into the library to see that the room was quite presentable, and then sought her own room, where she donned her most fascinating waist, a light lavender that was considered very fetching.

"For the civilizing of the barbarian," she murmured, as she gave a quick glance at herself in the long mirror. And then the door bell rang. She tripped down the stairs and opened the door, a really delightful vision to the tall young man who waited on the porch. For a moment, in fact, it seemed as if she quite took his breath away.

"Is Mr. Page at home?" he presently asked.

"Come in, please," said Isabel, and he hesitatingly obeyed. "My father is not at home at present, but I expect he will be here quite soon."

The caller backed away.

"Thank you very much," he hastily said, I will recall—I mean I will call again at some more opportune moment."

But Isabel had closed the door.

"Let me take your hat," she said.

He was wax in the sunniest of her smile. She took the hat from his unresisting hands. As she was about to place it on the rack he happened to glance at it.

"Why, that's not my hat," he quickly said.

"It came from your head," said the girl.

He ran his hand over his sleek hair.

"It isn't mine. I must have taken it by mistake."

"Is your hat like this one?"

"Well, no. My hat, I think, is a better one. It doesn't look so much like a chimney pot. It fits me better." Quite unconsciously he slipped the strange hat on his head. It was an ugly tile, with a much worn nap and a brim that was awkwardly narrow. "It's too small," he went on as he tried with both hands to settle it comfortably on his head.

The girl suddenly smiled. Whereat he flushed and then smiled, too, and his face was quite a revelation, when it lost its stiffness.

"It certainly can not be yours," said Isabel.

"No," he said, "I must have exchanged with somebody at the restaurant." He looked into the hat. "Why, here's a name. 'Andy Gorman.'"

"Andy Gorman?" repeated the girl. "I've heard of him. He's the town's bad man. I've heard papa speak of him. He's something of a politician, and something of a sporting man, and I think he's been a prize fighter or something like that."

The assistant to the professor of history looked up ruefully.

"Do you know," he said, "I don't half relish the idea of my hat adorning the cranium of this great man. It may puff it up so that it will no longer fit me. Ah, here's something else written below the name. 'Steal this hat at your peril.' That sounds ominous, doesn't it?"

"Yes, aren't you afraid?"

"Afraid of what?"

"Of this bad man."

"Oh, I've met bad men before."

"But this is a very bad man."

"Why, when I meet him I'll hand him his hat and say it was a mistake and there's no harm done. What more can he ask? I'll even apologize, if it is necessary."

"I don't think I'd like to have you apologize. Not to Mr. Gorman."

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"Then I won't apologize. But there, perhaps I'd better look him up now. I—I will call again. You have been very kind."

"You'd better wait," said Isabel, "Papa will soon be home. Come into the library."

Richard Dane hesitated.

"But you don't even know who I am. A man who would carry off a hat—and a politician's hat at that—is scarcely a safe man to trust in a library. Nevertheless, my name is Richard Dane, and I am the assistant to the professor of modern history at the college."

And he bowed low.

"I am Miss Isabel Page, and of very little assistance to anybody," said the girl, and they both bowed again.

"Do you know," said the assistant, suddenly, "that I feel quite well acquainted with you? I am usually slow about making friends. I think it must have been the hat. It made me forget about myself, you know. I'm really very self-conscious."

Was this the shy young man of Prof. Carrier's warning? Why, this youth seemed quite at home in her father's house, and quite at ease in her fascinating presence. It is true that his appearance was far from alluring, and yet somehow in talking to him one seemed to forget the straightness of his hair and his coat. He was almost easy in his address and in the nonchalant way in which he leaned forward and conversed with her. And he really didn't seem at all impressed by the honor she had conferred upon him, the honor of a personal interview, the honor suggested by that fascinating lavender waist.

"I'm a good deal afraid of girls, you know," he went on. "Always have been. They—well, they interfere with a man's business. I have a sister, but she's older than I am. She's married and lives a good deal of the time in Washington—she's the wife of one of our senators, you know—and I wouldn't go down there and see her last winter because I knew she'd introduce me to so many girls."

Isabel faintly wondered what impression the remarkable appearance of this singular youth would make on the Washington girls.

"I trust the girls here haven't annoyed you, Mr. Dane," she said.

"No, they haven't," he answered. "I fancy they are not impressed by my appearance. You are not much impressed yourself, are you?"

He asked the question seriously, and she could detect no lurking note of humor in his words.

"No," she replied, with equal gravity, "I am not. But then this is the first time I have seen you."

"Indeed. That wounds my vanity. Why, they've even given me a name. I'm called the Melancholy Dane. But really, you know, I'm not as melancholy as I look."

"I'm glad of that. And may I ask why you wear a garb that carries such a wrong impression?"

He smiled and smoothed down his straight black locks.

"It's to oblige dad," he said. "You see dad has set his heart on making me a professional man. I'm not cut out for it. I want to get into business where there's something doing. But dad insisted, and I promised I'd give him a year of it, just a straight year. And then if I found I couldn't make myself like it I'd quit it altogether. Dad's theory is that a man can learn to like anything so long as he gets into the proper atmosphere. So I made up my mind to get the atmosphere if I could. I determined that there should be no distractions to draw me away from my work. I would assume the professional garb, and above all I would keep the girls at a distance. And I've done it. I'm a mere machine, I've ceased to think. I work on strings. But, say, I'm afraid I'm doing wrong in telling you all this. You won't betray me, will you? You see, I've been wanting to talk for a good many days, and there is something about sitting here in this nice room with a particularly nice girl that has unloosened my tongue. But you won't tell on me, will you?"

"I'll keep your guilty secret," said Isabel with a sudden laugh. This was a very queer young man, and yet there was something almost delightful in his boyish con-

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fidences. "But don't you think you are playing a rather unmanly part?"

"Perhaps I am. I know I look like a milksop. But it's only for a year—and to oblige dad. But there, that's quite enough about me. I'm sure I'm trespassing on your time. Your father may be greatly delayed."

He arose, but she waved him back to his seat.

"My father will be here very soon, and then you will be relieved of the ordeal of my presence," she laughingly said. "In the meantime, I mean to punish you for your evident avoidance of the society of young women. Don't you think it shows a cowardly disposition?"

"Oh, I'm a coward all right," he quickly answered. "I'm still trembling over the threat in the crown of that hat out there. That bloodthirsty bad man may be after me at any moment."

"Nonsense," said the girl. "You are quite safe here. Don't be worried. My father will know how to deal with Gorman." She looked him over with a half-pitying smile. "That's a curious scarf-pin you have," she said.

He took it from his tie and handed it to her.

"It is curious," he said. "I picked it up in Egypt. Bought it of a native for a trifle. Professor Jermaine says it may have been a head dress ornament for one of the Pharaohs."

"Then you've been in Egypt?"

"Oh, yes. I was there a year with a scientific party, you know. It was a great lark. We went right into the Bedouin country."

"It must have seemed a little dangerous at times for one of your timid disposition?"

"Yes, indeed. I was scared most of the time. Why, we had a regular battle with them once."

"Perhaps you received that scar over your eye in the fight?"

He flushed a little.

"No," he replied, "I was wandering around the desert one dark night, and I bumped my head against old Cheops. You should have heard the Sphinx laugh. Oh, but that isn't fair. It's a bump. It's a cut. I got it diving off the shore near Honolulu. I was in a hurry and my head struck the bottom."

"Rather careless, wasn't it?"

"I say I was in a hurry. There was a friend of mine down there. He had cramps and I wanted to get him out. There wasn't any time to lose."

"Did you get him?"

"Yes."

She looked at him curiously. He caught her glance and smoothed his long straight locks.

"Rather an exciting adventure for a timid man?"

"Yes."

Before she could make any further comment the doorbell rang.

"That's father," cried the girl, as she arose and hurriedly excused herself.

But it wasn't her father. It was a caller with a heavy voice, a hoarse voice, a voice that sounded rude and menacing.

"Mr. Dane," the girl called from the hallway, "will you please step here?"

He arose quickly and joined her. He found her confronting a big man with a very red face and a very dark scowl.

"This is Mr. Gorman, Mr. Dane," said Isabel. "He has called for the hat you took by mistake."

"Here it is," said Dane, as he brought it forward and handed it to the big man. "And I'm very sorry I've put you to this trouble, Mr. Gorman."

The big man snatched his hat and then flung down the hat he had in his hands.

"There's yours," he growled as he looked Dane over with an unpleasant sneer. "An' it's my opinion that you knew well enough what you was about when you took my hat."

Isabel's face flushed.

"I am sure you are wrong, Mr. Gorman," she said. "Mr. Dane didn't discover the mistake until he entered here."

But Gorman had been drinking and was determined to be ugly.

"The Willie-boy can read, can't he?" he snarled. "The name was in the hat. It's writ plain enough. The cub stole it, that's

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what he did, an' if he'll come outside here, I'll give him a shakin' up that'll put some sense into his fool head."

Isabel's face was aflame.

"Leave the house at once, Mr. Gorman."

He looked at her mockingly, then turned his wicked eyes on Dane.

"Of course, if yer Mamie can't spare you," he said, "I'll look ye up some other time."

Dane suddenly put out his hand and pushed the big man through the door-way. Before the redoubtable Gorman could rally he was pushed down the steps and on to the board walk. Then he pulled himself away, and with a fierce oath struck at the younger man. But Dane nimbly dodged the blow, and drawing back shook out his black hair which twirled about his head like an aureole.

Again Gorman lunged forward and struck at him savagely, and again Dane dodged the blow. This time he retaliated with a stinging thump on the ex-champion's nose, that made him roar with rage. He lost his head completely and struck out wildly right and left. And Dane, cool and nimble, had no trouble in avoiding his onslaughts, and for every wasted blow returned one that counted. And then it all ended when the younger man suddenly ran in and clutched the ruffian about the waist, raised him and flung him heavily into the nearby hedge.

It was a much subdued champion that presently crawled out from his horny bed.

"Get out of here," growled Dane, menacingly, and the big fellow suddenly obeyed. As he passed through the gate Dane ran back and picked up something from the grass. "Here's your hat," he cried and flung it after him.

Then he became conscious that a stranger was watching him, a gray-haired stranger, who advanced with outstretched hand.

"Good boy," he said. "That was well done. It will take the conceit out of that big ruffian. He was getting insufferable. Come in, my boy, I want to know you."

And there was Isabel on the steps looking down at him with shining eyes.

"What an ordeal for a timid youth," she laughed.

"I've wrecked my character forever," moaned Richard, as he strove to pull down his rebellious locks.

"What's this," said the gray-haired man; "do you know each other?"

"Yes, papa. Let me present Mr. Richard Dane, sometimes called Melancholy Dane."

—By W. R. ROSE, in *Cleveland Plaindealer*.

THE AGENT'S BUSY DAY.

"NO, no more railroading in mine," said the hungry reporter as he tilted his chair back and elevated his heels on the desk that the city editor called his when he was there. "There are some things in this world I'm not adapted for. That's one."

The rest of the "Late Watch" gathered around with exclamations of amazement and surprise, and he continued:

"You see, I once applied to a division superintendent for a job and was assured my application would be considered the very first vacancy that occurred. Then I waited. The suspense was not especially trying to me, but I could see I was wearing on the friends with whom I was boarding considerably.

"One day, however, the 'caller,' the man that rounds up the trainmen when they are wanted to go out on a special, came around with a note requesting me to call at the superintendent's office. Of course I complied with the request, and was told they wanted me to act as assistant agent for a day or two at a place called Beaufort, or something like that.

"I wanted to know if I would have time to go and pack my grip, but they semed to think such a delay would materially prejudice the prospects of the road, so I grabbed the pass and made for the train, which I managed to catch after a brief but exciting chase. Then my 'grief,' as the railroad men call it, began.

" 'This train don't stop at Beaufort, young feller,' said the conductor, as he pocketed my pass and proceeded calmly on his rounds. I would have liked to have asked him what I was expected to do about it,

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but his countenance was so stern and forbiddng I did not dare.

"We were rapidly nearing my destination and something had to be done, so I informed a brakeman of my predicament, and he very kindly volunteered to ask 'Fatty Duff' to slow down a little at Beaufort and let me off. I presume he did so, yet if there was any reduction in the speed of the train it was too slight for my unpracticed eye to detect. The brakeman encouraged me, however, and as there appeared to be no other alternative, when we were nearly abreast of the platform I let go and dropped.

"I did not alight right away, but when I did land the concussion was something awful, and as I rolled over and over it seemed to me I must have gathered up about all the splinters there were in that platform in different portions of my anatomy. I was still gyrating when the last car whizzed by, but I heard the 'hind man's' timely warning:

"'Look out, young man, you'll tear your clothes!'

"It was a rickety old station, the walls frescoed with mashed tomatoes. Empty chicken coops, fruit boxes, berry chests and watermelon rinds scattered about the platform exhaled a faded and depressing odor, and the only visible indication of life or death were the swarms of flies buzzing drowsily in the hot sunshine. I picked my way to the office and presented my credentials to the agent, a tall, lank man with a long neck, careworn features and a stiff hat that looked out of place in the midst of such rural surroundings. He was obsorbed in a newspaper, and it was some time before he noticed me. At length, however, he threw down the paper, read my letter, and invited me to make myself at home. Then he unbosomed himself:

"'I'm sick and tired of this business,' he said. 'The work's enough to kill a mule, but it's the injustice and lack of appreciation that makes me hot. You can not pick up a paper without seeing a lot of "rot" about the heroism of locomotive engineers and the terrible responsibility that makes train dispatchers hump-shouldered before their time, but never a single, solitary word about station agents. Why, to read the papers, a person would think an engineer went through life with his eye glued to the rail and a death-grip on the reversing lever, and that the train dispatcher had to put in all his spare time sopping his head with hair vigor to keep from turning gray in a single night. But look at the facts.

"Any track-walker can tell you that an engineer is asleep more than half the time when out on the line, and that the only way to call his attention to a slow flag or a stop signal is to heave a rock through the cab window, while as for the train dispatcher, we all know what he is—a petty tyrant with an eight-hour trick whose most arduous duties consist in rawhiding us poor wretches out on the line, bulldozing us into sending him a regular tribute of fruit, fresh eggs and butter. Heroism! Responsibility! Well, if it ain't enough to give a person a distaste for strong drink!" and he disappeared in the direction of a saloon about half a mile down the road.

"When he returned he gave me an idea of my duties as assistant agent.

"'You're familiar with the interstate tariffs and the transcontinental classification, I suppose?' he said.

"I was obliged to confess my ignorance.

"'That's bad,' he replied. 'You better sit right down and familiarize yourself with them. You'll find 'em all in those files. Besides the tariffs there's 724 supplements and 1,647 amendments, in addition to 2,286 circulars that you should post up on. Then there's the special as applied to the different tariffs and the new rulings—there's 489 of 'em—that have appeared since the last classification was issued. After you get all those down pat, it would be well to devote a little time to the local classification and tariffs—learn the terminal points and get the routing instructions committed to memory. Hello! There's that freight coming at last. Tell 'em there's nothing for 'em. I've got to go across the street and collect some bills—you can check out any freight they've got.' And he again withdrew.

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"The conductor walked in and said: 'Ask 'im if he's got anything for No. 23.'

"I put the question to the train dispatcher over the wire, and he answered 'No,' very plainly and distinctly. After a while the train pulled out, and I was looking for the 'soup ticket' to report them, when the train dispatcher began calling the office.

"I answered and he said: 'Get No. 23.'

"'They're gone.'

"'Stop 'em.'

"'I say they've gone.'

"'Fetch 'em back.'

"'They're gone, I s—'

"'Shut that key and go and bring that train back for orders!'

"'I closed the key and wandered aimlessly out on the platform in the vague hope of seeing the agent or that something might happen. To my surprise I saw that the freight had stopped at the other end of the yard, about three-quarters of a mile away. I could still hear the dispatcher calling, and knew by the vicious sound of the instruments that he was mad. Thoughts of collisions and the possibility of being responsible for a terrible accident flashed across my mind, and I started for that train on a run. The distance was greater than I had imagined, and I was completely blown when I came up with it. The conductor was lying on his back under a car fixing something about the air-brake. I managed to gasp out that the train dispatcher wanted him for orders.

"'Tell him to go soak his head!' shouted the conductor, and then calmly continued his labor. As there seemed nothing else to be done I started back to the station to deliver the message, and had gone but a short distance when the engine passed me backing up to the office. It was going too fast for me to board it, so the conductor and engineer had been waiting ten minutes or more when I eventually reached the station.

"'If it's all the same to you, partner,' said the conductor, with freezing politeness, 'we'd just as soon get out of here. We've got families at the other end of the run, and 'ud like to get there before they grow out of our remembrance.'

"I walked into the office and told the dispatcher I had stopped the train.

"'Why don't you be all day about it?' he answered. 'There's nothing for them—it's too late to help 'em any now.'

"I was afraid of the conductor when I told him this. His jaw fell, and for fully a minute he gazed at me in round-eyed horror, then rushed from the office and yelled to the engineer: 'Git a move on yerself! Git out of here before he has another fit!'

"After that it was comparatively quiet for a while. I made a feeble effort to understand something of the classifications, but soon gave up the attempt as hopeless. One or two lots of freight and express came in, and a couple of trains passed without accident. I was beginning to think I was getting onto the business, when the agent returned. He looked more careworn than ever as he sank wearily into the one chair the office afforded.

"'Well, how you makin' it?' he asked, and I stated so far the progress seemed satisfactory.

"Next he looked at the way-bills, and wanted to know if I had unloaded that cow yet.

"'No,' I answered; 'not yet.'

"'Not yet!' he shrieked. 'Great Scott, man, what does Sections 4,389, 87 and 88 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and Section 2, Chapter 3, of the Act of April 3, 1878, say?'

"I was about to confess my ignorance, but he stopped me.

"'Don't waste any more precious time; get that critter unloaded before anyone sees her. She's been in the car over thirty-six hours, and we're liable to $500 fine.'

"The cow was unloaded immediately. When I returned to the office he called my attention to a bill of 98 cents I had collected on a washing-machine.

"'You corrected that bill before you collected it, I hope?'

"'Corrected it? No. What's wrong?'

"'Oh, a mere trifle; that comes under the Interstate Commerce Law, and by over-

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charging 13 cents you've laid us liable to a fine of $5,000, or two years in the penitentiary, or both—that's all. See what circular 2,201 says: 'Agents who violate any of the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Law will themselves be personally liable to the penalties imposed thereby. Ignorance of the law is no excuse for its violation.' That's soothing, ain't it? And here's a case of brandy you have forwarded to Kansas, a Prohibition State. That's another misdemeanor, but thank God, we will probably escape to the hills before the authorities get onto it.'

"He sprang from his chair and began pacing the floor, muttering to himself: 'Oh, no; there's no heroism required to run a station—no responsibility attached to the position. Fines are laid up for you, jails and penitentiaries yawn for you; but that's nothing—that's merely the every-day routine.'

"He caught sight of the express book and stopped short.

"'Those quails,' he faltered, looking at me imploringly. 'You examined each bird as the law directs, to see that it had not been captured by a net, pound, weir or trap? You know Rule 86 says agents must acquaint themselves with and be governed by the game laws of their State and Territory.'

"I could not speak, but he read the answer in my downcast face. He extended his hand to me while a look of sublime exaltation transfigured his homely countenance.

"'As the agent' he said, and his voice had the terrible calmness of despair, 'I am responsible for your crimes—I am forever undone, but I bear you no malice, it was fate and whatever happens, remember, I forgive you, but,' and he jammed his hat down over his ears and his eyes glared wildly, 'they will never take me alive.'

"Then he strode out of the office and disappeared.

"The sun sank below the western horizon and twilight and mosquitoes invaded the melancholy landscape.

"Presently a freight train came along and halted for water. It so happened that an empty box-car stopped right opposite the office, and as I gazed into the hospitably open door, a great homesickness and a yearning for other climes stole over me. For a moment I hesitated, but a scream of mortal anguish reached my ears from the direction of the saloon and decided me.

"Softly closing the office door, I crept into the untenanted car, and when the engineer had 'taken up the slack' and pulled out of Beaufort my career as an assistant agent was at an end."—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

A DAY'S WORK.

"DAVID!" said a low voice at the bedroom door. "David, it's time to get up!"

"M-m-m!" groaned David. "I just went to bed. Is it morning?"

The room was gray with the dawn. Mrs. Watson came softly in and set a lamp on the shelf near the head of the bed. "Yes, it's three o'clock," she said. "You know you have a good deal to do today."

The boy sat up in bed, stretching and yawning, but saying cheerfully, "Oh, yes! I'll be down in just a minute, mother."

Mrs. Watson lingered beside the bed. She was a fair-haired, comely woman of nearly forty, but her shoulders were already bent with hard work, and her face was sallow, with deep lines in her forehead and round the mouth. She leaned over to stroke the boy's hair.

"I'm sorry you have to work so hard, David," she said, with an almost awkward kindness.

"I'm all right," answered the boy, repelling her caress, as if half-ashamed that she should give it. "It's good for me. But you're the one that's working too hard."

"I guess it's good for me, too, she whispered. "If only your father were well, I wouldn't mind." A child's waking cry came from below. "Oh, there's Rhoda! She'll wake your father." She closed the door hastily and hurried down stairs.

David sprang out of bed and pulled on the few garments that an eleven-year-old boy needs in the month of May on the farm. Then blowing out the light, he tiptoed down the straight, bare kitchen. Mrs. Watson

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was taking a johnny-cake out of the oven. On the table were a faded red table-cloth and a few plates and cups. Bert, the eldest son, a boy of sixteen, was already at the table. David went out and washed his face and hands at the bench beside the back door. Then he sat down to his fried salt pork and potato, and his molasses and johnny-cake.

"There's no butter this morning, boys," said the mother. "It took all we had to fill that last crock." This was not an uncommon deprivation, and the boys said nothing.

"I'll do the milking before I go over to Hi's," said Bert, as he rose from the table. "You'd better get right to planting the corn, as long as you have to go to town this afternoon." Bert was to "change works" with a neighbor that day, and was in a hurry.

It was daylight now, and the tall Lombardy poplars at the foot of the garden stood out gauntly against the yellow sunrise. The cornfield beyond, cold and black where the light had not yet touched it. David went to the corn crib to get the two sacks half-full of shelled corn that he had left there the night before. Taking the corn-planter and the sacks of corn, he went on briskly to the field.

The lines he had made the day before with the marker showed dimply on the dark, level ground. He put one sack of corn at the end of the field nearest the house, then took the other and plodded with his planter to the opposite end. He was beginning to feel the exhilaration of the morning. Up and down the long rows he went, thrusting the V-shaped wooden planter into the ground, jerking it up, and tramping down the kernels with his stubby little shoes. As he went, he suited his motion to a hoarse, crow-like chant that was meant to be song:

"John Brown's body lies a-mould'ring in the grave."

He was a thin, homely litle chap, round-shouldered and red-haired. Work too heavy and long-continued for a boy had left its mark upon his undeveloped body, but his cheerful face and lively blue eyes still held something distinctly childish.

He seemed too young for his task. The work he was doing was not hard, but after two hours of the steady up-and-down motion, and the heavy walking through damp ground, his back ached and his fingers grew numb. When he paused at the end of a row to fill the box of his planter from the sack, he would straighten up to rest his back and wriggle his fingers to get the stiffness out of them. It was still only six o'clock, and the day's work had hardly begun. He went on, to and fro, in the long field, holding himself closely to his task. He wondered if his father would be able to be out of bed today, and what the doctor would say when he came. He recalled what his mother had told him of his Uncle Abner, her brother, a prosperous farmer over beyond Denton, who had hinted that David's father was lazy and not sick; and who had blighted with a sarcastic speech her half-spoken appeal for help. He had not come near them for three years now.

David's eyes snapped with indignation. "Guess if he could see father, he'd know whether he was sick or not!" he said aloud, stamping the corn viciously into the earth. "He's a mean old skinflint, that's what he is!"

But with a child's easy change of thought he soon forgot Uncle Abner, his father's illness, and even his mother's work and worry, in watching the hawks circling in the sky with the sunlight glinting white upon their wings. To and fro he passed, always to and fro, thrusting, jerking and stamping, to the thin, irregular croak:

"John Brown's body lies a-mould'ring in the grave."

The world had gone hard with the Watsons during the last three or four years. Mr. Watson's illness had put a sorry end to all their plans. The farm was not yet paid for, the doctor's bills were heavy, crops and prices were discouraging.

A good deal of the time there had been no money to hire a man, so Bert had done what he could, laboring early and late, "changing works" where it was possible, and hiring help only when the necessity was

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dire. Mrs. Watson had been brave and untiring, doing the indoor work of the farm, selling butter and eggs and vegetables, and caring as best she could for her husband and the four children. It seemed to Mrs. Watson the saddest indication of their poverty that David should be taken from school to assume, before his time, a heavy share of the farm work. His bent little shoulders attested only too plainly how well he had borne his part.

On this particular day in May, David's responsibilities were great. He had the planting of the corn to finish and a trip to make to Denton, the market-town twelve miles away, to take a grist to the mill and exchange eggs and butter for the household supplies.

At nine o'clock six-year-old Ella came out to the field with bread and molasses for him and a fruit-jar full of cold ginger water. He ate and drank eagerly, and then lay on his back in the grass for fifteen minutes, gathering strength for another "stunt" with the corn planter. At noon he went in for dinner, a weary, drooping little figure, famished and exhausted.

His mother looked at him anxiously, and sighed. "You'd better not try to finish the corn today," she said to him, when the noon-hour was over. "Stay in and rest till you go to town."

He shook his head without a word, and went out to the field again.

"Bert shan't say I spend my time fooling!" he muttered, as he hurried back to his work.

At three o'clock the corn-planting was finished. David threw himself down upon the grass and lay inert, almost without breathing or thinking. At last he roused himself. It seemed as if he never could get up or even turn his hand over again, but he remembered the task that still lay before him.

"I'll get rested riding to town," he said to himself, hopefully.

His mother helped him to load the sacks of wheat into the wagon and to carry out the butter and eggs. She gave him a tin pail with his supper in it, and put a couple of fresh cookies into his pocket. She would have kissed him, but he twisted himself out of her arms and climbed into the wagon, saying, in a matter of fact way:

"Well, I guess I'm ready. I'll get back soon's I can. Good-by!"

He drove into Denton at six o'clock. He could see people sitting about their supper tables as he went past. The miller, too, was at supper, so David drove his team up to the mill steps to wait.

In the two big tin pails that hung under the wagon he brought the horses water from the river, and then he fed them some oats in the same pails. At last he was ready for his own lunch, which he ate propped up against the wheat sacks in the back of the wagon.

"Jiminy!" he cried, as he opened the pail. His mother had laid on the top a fat turnover filled with strawberry jam. David ate it first, crunching his teeth delightfully through the crisp crust, then leisurely devoured the humbler fare that remained. He had just finished when the miller came. He helped David to unload the wheat from the wagon and to put in the sacks of flour in exchange.

"Isn't it pretty late for a litte chap like you to be so far from home?" he said, kindly.

"Oh, no—guess not," answered David. He did not like to be pitied.

He drove to the store with his butter and eggs. As the storekeeper was putting up the sugar and saleratus that David asked for, he looked sharply at him over his glasses.

Suddenly he turned to a man who was sitting on the counter near by, half-hidden by a pile of boxes.

"Say, Abner," he said, "isn't this boy some relation to you?"

The man, a heavy, cheerful-looking person, got down from the counter with his hands in his pockets, and looked the boy over. David met his eyes steadily, and his tired little face did not change. He recognized his Uncle Abner. "Are you George Watson's boy?" said Abner Davis, in an uncertain tone.

"Yes, sir," David replied, with dignity. He leaned against the counter a little, and

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"No," she said sturdily. "If you'se hungry, we'll eat the bun between us."

"Thank you," said the journalist, gravely. "But is there no one with you? Are you quite alone? Where's your mother?"

"Never had none," quoth the child, ungrammatically, and in one sense, at any rate, truthfully. "I'se lost, and oh"—her voice trembled, poor mite!—"oh, I'se so hungry, an' so sleepy! Will you take me?"

The appeal was direct, unmistakable.

Cunninghame clasped her hand.

"Come along, then," he said.

"I'se so tired," she pleaded. "Will you put me to bed"—she hesitated, and then added swiftly—"after we've eated our bun?"

Cunninghame picked her up in his arms and marched off towards his lodgings.

Overhead, in the drifting mists, the great carven lips of the sphinx still wore their inscrutable smile.

II.

When Cunninghame lit the gas in his attic, the tiny girl, who had slept on his shoulder all the way from the Embankment, awoke.

"Where's the bun?" she asked promptly.

"Here it is," said Cunninghame, producing it from a paper bag. "You were asleep when I bought it. I got the biggest I could see, though. I thought it would be nicer for you—for us, I mean—to eat it here, at home, than in the shop."

He brought a cracked plate from the cupboard and put the precious bun upon it. As he did so, his eye caught a letter which awaited him on the mantelpiece.

He tore it open, and found within it a check for a guinea. One of his articles had been printed and paid for.

"She's brought luck," he whispered, almost superstitiously, as he gazed at the little girl, whose teeth were already buried in the luscious bun. "Here, wait," he added aloud. "I'm going out to buy some milk and eggs and things. Don't eat the bun all at once. Wait till I come back, and we'll have a feast."

He ran downstairs, cashed the check from the landlord, who was only too pleased to receive an installment of his rent, and give a few shillings change, and shortly afterwards had returned to the garret, loaded with cheap provisions. On his little gas stove a pleasant meal of bread and milk was soon cooking, and he and Sphinxia—for thus, with rather bitter humor, he had christened the foundling—had a merry meal. An hour later, wee Sphinxia was in Cunninghame's bed, sleeping like a top, while the journalist made himself comfortable outstretched on two chairs.

His last thoughts, before slumber came to him, were: "It's a queer thing, but I'm happier tonight than I've been for months, though I've done the silliest thing in the world—namely, started a family of my own."

Down on the Embankment the sphinx still smiled.

III.

"You expected to see a man, I suppose?" Miss Burton laughed, as she grasped Cunninghame's hand. "Why should people always take it for granted that the editor of a magazine is a man. I wonder?"

"Cunninghame was silent. He certainly had been astonished when the editor of *The Monthly Review* had written, so suddenly, asking him to call; but he was still more astonished to find that the said editor, though by no means a girl, was an exceedingly charming and beautiful member of the fair sex, and considerably younger than himself.

"I have been reading with great interest the articles you have sent me," she went on, motioning him to a chair. "Two of them I shall use. This one"—she tapped a manuscript which lay before her—"I must return. Its tone is too cynical. I myself write all the cynical articles which appear in *The Review*. Besides, you are no cynic."

"Perhaps circumstances make me one." He smiled wearily.

"If you mean monetary circumstances," she said, with disarming frankness, "set yourself at rest on that point. If you can write more articles as good as these I am using, I shall be pleased to accept as many as you can produce."

Cunninghame went cold all over. He did not care to tell this radiant beauty what her

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promise meant to him, nor did he mention that last night's meal with his little Sphinxia was the first good food he had tasted for a week.

He faltered his thanks, but she cut him short. "I know a good contribution when I come across one," she said. "I am a woman of business, and I want to buy your services. If you will stay to lunch with me, we can talk over a few ideas for future articles which you could write."

He shook his head.

"I have an appointment with a lady," he said, with half absent-minded humor. "A little girl, I mean—"

"You are fond of children?"

"I did not know I was till last night," he laughed. "In fact, I should never have dreamed of such a thing. But experience teaches. I need not bother you with the story; but the fact is, I have adopted a child."

"And you love her very much?"

Cunninghame had never thought of loving anyone before, and he was surprised to find himself answering enthusiastically: "I think I should break my heart if she were taken from me."

Clever Miss Burton's eyes shone with a very soft light.

"We shall see," she murmured inaudibly, as Cunninghame bowed himself from the room.

IV.

"My experiment was this," wrote Miss Burton, in one of her "cynical" articles in *The Review*: "I obtained from a miserable beggar woman a young child, and placed her near the Cleopatra Needle on the Embankment. I chose this spot because it was midway between the East and West End. I stood near by, to see what happened to the child, and to find the answer to my question: 'Are Londoners Kind-Hearted?'

"It may be thought that I acted cruelly; but it was not so cruel as it seemed. This child was accustomed to cold and want; and I had clothed her warmly, and, as I say, was in hiding myself near by to see that no harm came to her, as well as to watch the development of my experiment.

"Almost all the passers-by were men. Of these some dozen did not observe the child, half asleep in her corner, at all. Out of the number of those who did observe her, when she awoke, nine were gentlemen—I suppose I must refer to them as gentlemen—in evening dress. Of the nine, six passed on after a hasty glance. Two others spoke to the child, and then passed on, quite indifferent to her helplessness. The third gave her a penny, and thus presumably soothed what he called his conscience.

"Knowing human nature as I do, I guessed that the first man who would pay any real attention to the child would not be a so-called gentleman, but a workingman, probably in corduroy, and certainly poor. As it happened, I was partly wrong. The man who finally took pity on the child was shabbily dressed, utterly penniless, and starving. Nevertheless, he caried off the child to his lodging—whither I followed him secretly—fed her, and actually adopted her—although, as I afterwards ascertained, he was so poor that he had seriously contemplated suicide that very night, and had gone down to the Embankment for the very purpose! Strange are the secrets of the human heart."

Thus wrote the brilliant Miss Burton in one of her cleverest articles, a few weeks later. She did not add, however, the end of her story, which would have interested her readers more than the beginning.

For having followed Wilfred Cunninghame to his home to see that he would look after the child properly, and not merely hand her over to a police inspector, she had made inquiries from the landlord, and was amazed to hear the name of the shabby good Samaritan. It was a name already familiar to her—the name of a writer, some of whose submitted articles she had just been reading. Hence her invitation to Cunninghame; hence her understanding of him.

But the tale did not conclude there, for a few months subsequently "the famous new author, Wilfred Cunningham[illegible]" the papers described him now many, ried the charm them the flowers now. of *The Mo*

—LEIGH M. HODGES.

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His Necktie Up Behind.

How oft it is that when we think
We're cutting quite a swell;
That when we think we're quite au fait
And casting potent spell,
We feel a sudden, sick'ning thrill
And have it brought to mind
That with a cussedness unique
Our necktie's up behind?

How oft we see a man who thinks
The world is at his feet;
Who thinks that o'er all knowledge he
Has victory won complete,
But who, if he'd investigate
Would very quickly find
That he is strutting here and there
With necktie up behind?

How oft we see upon the streets
A man who tries to make
His neighbors think in point of brains,
He always takes the cake;
But who, if only nature should
Unto him be more kind,
Would know that 'stead of brains it is
His necktie up behind?

My youthful friend, pause while I give
A bit of good advice.
Before you let your headpiece swell
Just ponder once or twice
Upon the fact beyond dispute—
Each man is sure to find
Some time the whole world laughs because
His necktie's up behind.

—*The Commoner.*

Preaching vs. Practice.

He declared that he was loyal to the union worker's cause,
And he ranted of his staunchness without any halt or pause.
He would spout of unionism from the dawn till set of sun,
And he said that as a booster he would surely rank A-1.
He would spout upon the corner and he'd spout within the hall,
And he spouted in the barroom till he'd make the ceiling fall.
When he saw non-union workers he would fairly writhe with rage—
But he clean forgot the label when he spent his weekly wage.

He would rise up in the morning with his talk works running free,
And he'd holler unionism till as hoarse as he could be.
He would damn the "scabs" a plenty, but he dearly loved the most
To heap curses loud and hearty on Van Cleave and Sawdust Post.
He was always loudly wailing that the honest working man
Got the lemon handed daily by the "scab" employing clan.
Early morning, noon, and evening in such talk he would engage—
But he clean forgot the label when he spent his weekly wage.

"We are victims," he would holler, "of the hosts of greed and graft!"
He would cuss the man who didn't join the union of his craft.
"We've just got to hang together or degenerate to slaves
And go down to death forgotten and be dumped in unmarked graves!"
He would orate and palaver till the atmosphere was blue
And insist that what he told them all the working men should do.
In the union hall he'd rampage like a lion in a cage—
But he clean forgot the label when he spent his weekly wage.

Clear the Way.

The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is brotherhood;
For it will bring again to earth
Her long-lost poses and mirth;
Will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race,
And till it comes, we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.
Come, clear the way, then, clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.
Our hope is in the aftermath—
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages ran;
Make way for brotherhood—make way for men.

—EDWIN MARKHAM.

Set In Her Way.

Sweet Mary Jane sat fourteen days and wouldn't deign to rise,
Although her folks tried every way to make her realize
That it was quite unladylike to sit all day and night,
And never change her attitude or rouse her appetite.
They coaxed and teased and threatened her, and still she would not stand,
And when they tried to raise her up she bit them on the hand.
They didn't want to do her harm or call in the police,
And yet they sorrowed at the thought of Mary Jane's decease.
But Mary Jane knew what was best, she wiser was than men,
She sat until she'd had her set, for Mary was a hen.

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Wanton Waste.

The Nurse: You've been badly hurt.

The Victim: Whatcha gointer do ter me now?

The Nurse: Rub you with alcohol.

The Victim: Gee, I wish I'd been turned inside out!—*Cleveland Leader.*

An Iron Tip.

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "can any of you tell me how iron was first discovered?"

A hand shot up.

"Yes, sir!" cried Thompson.

"Well, Thompson, just tell the class what your information is on that point."

"Please, sir," replied the scholar, "I heard father say yesterday they smelt it!"

Mrs. Washem: "My old man has gone to work at last."

Mrs. Sweeps: "Glory be! Who gave him the job?"

Mrs. Washem: "The judge."—*Chicago News.*

Not A Bit Afraid.

"The trouble with you," said a rich business man to his idle son, "is that you are afraid of work."

"No, father, that isn't exactly true," said the son. "Just show me the hardest job you can. I'll prove to you that I'm not afraid of it by lying down right beside it and going to sleep."

"How much do you weigh, may I ask?"

"Three hundred and eighty-seven pounds."

"Hold on. Take this berth," exclaimed the other, his hair beginning to stand on end. "Do you know I'd rather sleep in the upper berth, anyway. I believe the ventilation is better."

A Metamorphosis.

During a lecture at one of the summer schools on the subject of "Ventilation and Architecture," the temperature of the room rose to a very high pitch.

"Now, we turn to Greece," said the lecturer.

"So we will," said one of the audience, wiping his brow, "unless you open more of the windows."—*Exchange.*

Three Irishmen were stopping at a second-rate hotel, and one of them imbibed so freely at the bar that he had to be carried to his room, in which also slept a negro in a separate bed. His comrades, as a practical joke on him, proceeded to paint the Irishman's face black. In the morning, when awakened by the proprietor, he got up, and happened to catch sight of himself in the mirror. "Oh, bejabbers," he exclaimed, "if the blamed idiots haven't gone and woke the nigger by mistake!"

Lived on Milk a Whole Year.

"I believe absolutely in this idea of an all-milk diet," said a man. "I lived on nothing but milk for a whole year, and look at me."

"On nothing but milk?" queried a physician. "At what age?"

"During the first year of my life," quietly answered the man.

"I've walked many miles to see you, sir," began the tramp, "because people told me you was very kind to poor chaps like me."

"Indeed!" said the genial, white-haired old man. "Are you going back the same way?"

"Yes, sir."

"Ah, well; just contradict that rumor as you go, will you? Good morning."—*Modern Society.*

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What Happened.

Willie had tried by various means to interest his father in conversation.

"Can't you see I'm trying to read?" said the exasperated parent. "Now don't bother me."

Willie was silent for almost a minute. Then, reflectively:

"Awful accident in the Subway today."

Father looked up with interest. "What's that?" he asked. "An accident in the Subway?"

"Yes," replied Willie, edging toward the door, "a woman had her eye on a seat and a man sat on it."

A farmer in Kentucky sought advice from a veterinary about a sick mule. The doctor advised calomel, five times the dose for a man.

"How can I make him take it?"

"You put a stick of wood three-quarters of an inch thick between his teeth, and then you take this rubber tube, put the calomel in it, insert it in the mule's mouth, which is held open by the piece of wood, and blow the medicine down his throat."

"That's easy enough," said the farmer.

Three weeks later the doctor met the farmer, who had changed greatly. He was emaciated, humped, ghastly and bundled in heavy wrappings.

"Why, what's the matter?" said the doctor.

The farmer sighed deeply and spoke feebly. "That mule," he said, "that cussed idiotic, fool mule. You see, I got ready just as you told me, got the tube in his mouth ready to blow, and then," he paused for breath, "then that infernal mule blew first!"—*Ex.*

Taking Care of His Own.

Johnny's mother gave him two five-cent pieces, one for candy, the other for the Sunday-school collection, and as he was walking along with his sister, tossing the coins in the air, suddenly one fell and disappeared through a cellar grating.

"Sis!" he shouted. "Oh, there goes the Lord's nickel!"

What He Really Wanted.

A small boy went inside a store that displayed a sign, "Boy Wanted."

"What kind of boy does yer want?" he asked of the merchant.

"Why, a decent boy," said the merchant. "One who is quick, doesn't swear, smoke cigarettes, whistle round the office, play tricks—"

"Oh, say, Boss," interrupted the boy. "Yer don't want no boy; yer want a goil."

Tommy had been invited to dine at a learned professor's house, and his mother was anxious for his good behavior at the table. She gave him elaborate instructions.

"Well, Tommy, how did you get on?" she asked on his return. "You are quite sure you didn't do anything impolite?"

"Well, no, ma; at least nothing to speak of."

The mother's anxiety was aroused. "Ah, then, there was something wrong. Now, tell me about it, Tommy."

"Oh, it wasn't much. You see, I was trying to cut my meat when it slipped off the plate on to the floor."

"Oh, my dear boy, whatever did you do?"

"I just said, sort of carelessly, 'That's always the way with tough meat,' and went on with my dinner."—*Selected.*

The Death of Gambling.

"All gambling must be stopped within the jurisdiction of this court," thundered the judge.

"Bet you a fiver it can not be done," said the district attorney.

"Put up your money," said the judge, reaching for his roll.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

From Observation.

A poor lady, the other day, hastened to the nursery and said to her little daughter:

"Minnie, what do you mean by shouting and screaming? Play quietly, like Tommy. See, he doesn't make a sound."

"Of course, he doesn't," said the little girl. "That is our game. He is papa coming home late, and I am you."—*Everybody's Magazine.*

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Our Correspondents

"WORKING HANDS AND GAMBLING BRAINS."

IN *The Literary Digest*, for July 10th, we find as follows: "According to the Secretary of Agriculture, the troubles of the consumer are due more to the scarcity of farm laborers than to the iniquities of the corporations. Thousands of fertile acres, he says, are lying idle in the Far West because the owners can get no hands at any wage, as he has noticed in his recent trip there."

"That Secretary of ours did not need to go to the "Far West" or to the "Near West" to see thousands of fertile acres lying idle every where. Every city and large town and small town, all over the nation, is about surrounded by the wilderness, East, South, North and West, taking the country as a whole. Do you know why? Simply because all along from the beginning of all historical development, land monopoly has taken possession of 5, 10, 50, 100 times more land than we have allowed the working people to properly and fully develop, without the help of the land gambler.

Most of our best situated farm land is today in the hands of 500,000 men, each holding from about 1,000 to 50,000 or more acres of that land. Most of the farm laborers are only wanted for a few months in the year, and they are not wealthy enough to be traveling thousands of miles, twice every year, from the large cities to the large farms, far off, for a transient job. Then, those holding our colossal farms are not in the business to produce any more than needed to bring high monopoly prices for their crops. As a matter of fact, most of the other farmers, with relatively small farms, hold more land than they can use, and have not capital enough for scientific farm development. Then, again, most of the people in towns and cities are not wealthy enough to consume the quantity of farm products they would like to have, and could have with monopoly rule out of the way.

Farm laborers or hands, factory hands, or any other kind of hands, doing something useful by permission of bosses, corporations, industrial or commercial concerns on a large scale—all that is the product of that land monopoly business that we see fit to have, in each modern nation, today in forms more vivid and fatal than ever before in the history of the human family, with but possibly a few isolated exceptions, for short periods, with some old nations centuries ago.

Reflect for a moment on the meaning of that dreadful word "hands," to indicate men doing the work without which no man, however heroic or saintly, could exist any where on earth! And that word "hands" is used, generally speaking, by the people whose wealth could not be found any where on the face of the planet, without the hands and the brains of the millions of people we condemn into perpetual poverty! And this is progress, civilization, christianity! But what about the quality of that christianity, civilization and progress? We mean the quality in connection with divine ideals.

To convert millions of human beings into hands, into fragments of machinery for wealth production, most of that wealth going away from the hands, from the laborers who produce such wealth! And most of the wealth produced being congested, concentrated here and there in such a way as to crush the consumers of wealth! And, please, who are those wretched consumers, the victims of modern civilization? By the consumers we mean those unfortunate hands and laborers without whom we, who hold the brains of the human family, would

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soon be left without any brains or bodies worth having.

We can not conceive any thing more degrading to all of us than to divide ourselves into two classes, that of hands, and that of lords, bosses or any other similar word. It means only this: It means that we all are, in forms more or less vivid—tribute payers or tribute collectors. The fact that some of us may be both, on a small scale, that does not improve the social status. The spirit remains the same in the moral and ethical order. The spirit of brotherhood is broken and destroyed. The harmony of the social organization becomes a farce, a cheat; and chaos is the environment in which we all live, by which we all manage to remain sunk at the bottom of the kingdom of our legalized iniquities. That kingdom is bound to go on until a sufficient number of important people, in the social compact, manage to agree on the first, simple, effective step to be taken, in order to get out of that perpetual circle in the business of legalizing selfishness and wrong. No incidental change in that process will ever do any permanent, substantial good to our perplexed humanity. The change must be fundamental. It must touch, grasp, envelop the primary element in the industrial activities of all of us. It must deal with all men as "men." It should not deal with multitudes of men as hands, or laborers, or consumers.

Oh, if our fine people could only talk sensibly when they deal with our social stupidities and crimes in the ensemble of each national organization!

Unconsciously perhaps, humanity has always been taught to suppress some of our incidental wrongs as a justification for the permanence and intensification of all possible fundamental deformities protected by law. We have thus filled up our terrestrial growth with a vast multitude of self manufactured and petty duties, so that to hide our neglect of the few most essential ones by which alone we could make all human life a rhapsody of joy, acceptable to God, we still prefer a combination of selfish joys and dreadful sorrows. From the man worth but five cents to the one worth one billion of dollars, we all are yet the servants of our legalized sins. Always improving some fragments of the life of some of us, and always letting the great totality of the life of all of us go to the dogs, into destruction, morally and spiritually so.

All secular and religious philosophies have practically told men as follows: "We are on earth, not to suppress the kingdom of sorrow and sin, but to simply see that such a kingdom is not very bad, and only bad enough to remain the kingdom of sin and sorrow." That does not correspond with the teachings we can obtain from Nature, from God, from Jesus. But then, we wish to have hands at work for the benefit of gambling brains. JOSE GROS.

AN OLD-TIMER ON THE CONVENTION.

In reading the proceedings of the Atlanta Convention, one cannot but be impressed with the large amount of time wasted both by the convention at large and committees on resolutions and amendments, in considering the many frivolous changes desired in the Constitution and By-Laws, by a certain few who are to be found in all assemblages. And to whose mistakes can be laid the many embarrassing positions in which they ofttimes find themselves. The allurements of the limelight has claimed many victims since the world began.

There were eighty-nine bills presented for consideration, and of that number less than one dozen were favorably reported upon by the committees. No doubt but many who introduced bills were upon sober reflection heartily ashamed of them and experienced many embarrassing moments. Still the time wasted, to say nothing of the cost to the Order, could be used to much better advantage, and the delegates would receive much higher commendation from their constituents, were they actuated by a more earnest desire for harmonious action in their deliberations, and less for the limelight. Always keeping in view that the best interest of the Order is paramount to all other feelings. The spirit of "Knocking" which prevails in some of the bills can only be attributed to a childish desire to get

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square, as it were, for some fancied slight. Others to create a monopoly of the function of delegates. And one at least, after two years of deep study, was to return its paternal originator as delegate proper two years hence, but thanks to the all-wise custom of creating committees on laws and resolutions, and to whose level-headed conservatism the members therein are chosen for the chances for pernicious legislation is reduced to nil, but taken all in all such bills are very unwise, indeed, as they give outsiders an unfavorable impression, and "nons" especially who will quickly grasp the fact and use it as another excuse for remaining out of the folds, as many brothers leave their copy of the convention proceedings where any one may have free access to it. It is to be hoped that the Toronto Convention will see less of such work.

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DUTY VERSUS RIGHTS.

BY THE REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

Since the birth of the American Republic we have accepted as supreme the doctrine of "the right of liberty and the pursuit of happiness." In our systems of jurisprudence, and in our treatises upon statecraft and sociology, the emphasis has been upon the "rights" of mankind. We have been hearing about the rights of the child, the rights of women, the rights of capital, the rights of labor, civil rights and political rights, until the doctrine of human rights has become a thing working endless confusion and hatred.

In sharp contrast with this method of securing better conditions for mankind and a more harmonious spirit among men, is the doctrine taught by God. In the sacred word there is practically no reference to the rights of man—the emphasis is upon the duty of man.

When the strong oppress the weak, we immediately cry out that there has been a transgression of rights. The New Testament declares that the law of love and brotherhood has been violated.

If the rich operater oppresses the wage-earner, reducing him to a starvation plane; if he so manipulates the market and closes factories so as to prevent the laboring men from enjoying food and comfort, the remedy that the bible proposes is not in emphasizing the rights of the poor, but in thrusting in upon the employer the thought that in the treatment of his men he is to follow the law of love and of brotherhood.

Human rights will never suffer if human duties be performed. The time has come when duty must be emphasized. The duty of the mistress to the maid, of the maid to the mistress. The duty of the employer to the employe, of the employe to the employer.

Duty, then, and not right, is the supreme need of the hour. For the doing of one's duty will carry one farther along than the mere granting of another's rights. Gradually men are coming to learn this important truth. The growing spirit of altruism indicates it. The workingman demands justice, and he is right. But God demands more than justice. His imperative is love. For love is the fulfilling of the law.

SABBATH LEGISLATION.

I have been watching the different articles appearing in THE TELEGRAPHER, on the above subject, with no small amount of interest; and I feel that it is my duty to say something, if possible, to throw a little light on such an important subject.

I notice in the March issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, a brother from Division No. 111, Cert. 61, gives us a very strong argument directly against the enactment of such a law. His reasoning is that legislation has no part in pointing out our religious duties, and that we should adhere to the command of one of our greatest statesmen, when he said, "Keep the Church and State forever separate."

In this I heartily agree with our brother, but I hold now, and ever expect to, that he has misconstrued the meaning of those words, as well as the motive and the spirit of same as they were uttered by General U. S. Grant. This point is so prominently brought out in the court in Bloom vs. Richards, that it should be clear even to a child's understanding: "The statute prohibiting common labor on the Sabbath could not stand for a moment as the law of Ohio, if

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its sole foundation was the christian duty of keeping that day holy, and its sole motive to enforce the observance of that duty. It is to be regarded as a mere municipal or police regulation, whose validity is neither strengthened nor weakened by the fact that the day of rest it enjoins is the Sabbath day."

For a further explanation as to our right to observe the Sabbath, or any other day set apart for rest, we will take the analysis of Blacksone's Commentaries on the Laws of England: "Instead of human laws being derived from and based upon divine or natural law, it was by the gradual expansion of municipal and positive law that man has come to his present high conception of moral and natural law. The question raised by these two views, is, or is not, law an inborn conception, drawn by the process of reasoning from the immutable and external reservoir of divine justice?" And E. Mulford, "The Nation," page 83, tells us that "Rights are and can be real, only as they are established in the civil and political organization."

Then as a recapitulation take Prof. Walker's Am. Law, 10, 11: "They commit an egregious error who consider jurisprudence as looking into eternity. It begins and ends with this world. It regards men only as members of civil society. It assists to conduct them from the cradle to the grave, as social beings; and there it leaves them to their final judge. I would that this attribute of the law were more generally appreciated.

"Religion and morality embrace both time and eternity, in their mighty grasp; but human laws reach not beyond the boundaries of time. As immortal beings they leave men to their conscience and their God. And though this conception may seem, at first view, to detract from their dignity, I rejoice at it as a consequence of our absolute moral freedom. I rejoice that in this country at least, government dares not interfere between man and his Creator. I know of no higher subject of congratulation than the fact that we have confined our legislatures to their proper sphere, which is to provide for our social welfare here on earth and leave each to select his own pathway to immortality."

And now as man's high conception of natural or revealed law has occasioned him to set apart what we now term Sunday for the Sabbath day, let our civil and political organizations establish our right to observe it, if such be our desire, and to prevent the tyranny heel of corporations, capitalism and monopoly from forcing us to common labor on the Sabbath day, to maintain our social welfare here on earth, that we may select our own pathway to immortality. CERT. 1213, DIV. 132.

THE ST. LOUIS CENTENNIAL.

St. Louis will devote the week of October 3-9, of this year, to the celebration of the centennial of incorporation. Four great pageants will illustrate:

(1) The history of St. Louis,
(2) The municipal utilities,
(3) The city's educational strength,
(4) The city's industries.

Three afternoons of the week, Monday, Friday and Saturday, will be devoted to an elaborate programme of balloon and other aeronautic features. On one afternoon will occur the long distance race of spherical balloons. On another the programme will consist of dirigible balloons in contest. A third afternoon will be given the exhibition flights of aeroplanes. Tuesday evening of the week will take place the Veiled Prophet pageant and ball with more than the usual features of interest. Upon other days will occur the ceremonies of laying of corner stones of Municipal Buildings to cost $1,500,000, and of the Central Library to cost $1,000,000.

Toward the general expenses of Centennial Week a fund of $100,000 is being raised. This, however, represents only a small part of the money which will be expended upon the celebration. The city government of St. Louis has undertaken to assemble as special guests for that week the Mayors of American cities. Not fewer than 1,000 Mayors will participate in this celebration. There will be illuminations nightly. The American Mayors' banquet will be attended by 2,200 guests. There will be reunions and jubilee meetings of the

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religious, civic, professional and benevolent organizations of St. Louis.

The scope of the celebration is not local or limited to section. It will draw visitors from all parts of the United States. Through methods direct and personal, the Centennial Association will bring to St. Louis from every part of the Union former residents of the city and descendants of such residents. Manufacturers of St. Louis will vie with each other to produce the most spectacular and impressive industrial parade ever witnessed in the West. Every prominent organization of the city, in addition to its participation in the general programme, is planning features of its own to emphasize the one hundred years of progress since the incorporation of St. Louis.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

It is not right that any man who is willing and able to work should be compelled to ask another man if he may work.

It is not right that any man who has sought and been given permission to work should be robbed of a part of his product, merely because the man who owned the tools with which he worked had the power to commit the robbery.

It is not right that women and children should be compelled to eke out the small wages of their husbands and fathers by quiting their homes and themselves becoming factory or sweat-shop workers.

It is not right that foodstuffs should be poisoned and adulterated—as they still are, despite the "Pure" Food Law—merely to swell the profits of those from whom the people are compelled to buy their food.

It is not right that the great part of every huge city should be a place of darkness, disease, misery and death, and a small part a place of light, luxury, frivolity, happiness and life. Especially are these things wrong when the place of misery is the place where the workers live and the place of happiness is the place where live and laugh those who never do useful work.

It is not right that a capable, intelligent workingman should always be compelled to fear he may not be able to secure an opportunity to work, and whenever a panic comes, if not more frequently, to have his worst fears realized.

Yet all of these things are inseparable from the existence of capitalism—by which is meant the ownership of the tools of production and distribution by capitalists.

Capitalism could not exist without the profits that it takes from labor. And so long as it can increase those profits by reducing wages to the bare living point, hiring women and children in the place of men, and adulterating food, so long will it do these things, and so long will there be panics, poverty, slums—and Fifth Avenues.

We must do away with all of these things by doing away with the thing that produces them—capitalism.

If it were not for capitalism there is no more reason why there should be an industrial depression now or ever again, than there is why a man who has stored his pantry with food should go hungry.

We have a great national pantry—machinery and natural resources—such as no other country has. We even have warehouses that overflow with the goods we have made.

But the trouble is that the national pantry does not belong to us. It belongs to a few men.

They will not let us use their machinery to make the things we want, because, in the present state of the market, they can not see that such use would bring profits to them.

Probably it wouldn't. But it would bring comfort and happiness to us. What is the remedy for these conditions?

Government ownership of all the tools of production (that's the term we use when we mean railroads, mills, factories and other places on and in which men work for wages) is necessary because the ownership must rest somewhere; and it can not rest in the operatives because the machinery is too expensive and they are too poor; it can not rest in the hands of a few, as it does now, without giving that few the power of life and death over the many who must use these tools of production if they are to live; and the only other possible ownership is by all of the people through the government. CERT. 27, DIV. 33.

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THE REGULATION OF RAILROADS.

By H. MONTGOMERY.

Few people who have not made an exhaustive study of the subject of tranportation by rail realize how similar the great railroads are to the individual. The net work of steel rails which twine and intertwine through the entire country are laid for just one purpose, and that is for the accumulation of wealth, and that only. Railroads are not moved by the needs or requirements of any particular community wherein the outlook for compensation is greater than the expenditures can not reasonably be expected. The president of a great railroad system is the spokesman of the board of directors higher than he and voices the information furnished by his subordinates beneath, and when his management has not been successful in turning out the dollars he must show cause for the deficit. A president of one of the greatest systems in making his report a few days ago made this statement: "We are short one-half million dollars complying with the law as imposed by the State and National governments." The public legislation both State and National has received the odium for the failures of the railroads to show increased earnings for the past five years. Behind the effect of everything there must be a cause. What was the cause of the legislation which the railroads consider inimical to their interest? There are three views upon this subject. One is to permit the unrestricted control of these great public highways in the hands of their owners. Another is that of public ownership. Third requires supervision and regulation, State and National, to the end that the public shall receive a service reasonably adequate and at reasonable charges.

THE UNRESTRICTED CONTROL.

Prior to the passing of the act of Congress, Feb. 4, 1887, providing for establishing the Interstate Commerce Commission, the railroads had unrestricted control of their property. This was a great privilege, and instead of appreciating that privilege they abused it to such an extent that the righteous indignation of an outraged public was aroused which forced action in all legislative chambers in the entire country. The result of their policy was that there was no hesitancy in granting special rates or special services to individual shippers. The shipper who was a skillful bargainer, and who was in position to divert traffic to a rival line always obtained concessions over the smaller shipper engaged in a competitive line of trade, who could not wield similar power, effecting an act of discrimination, manifestly unfair to the smaller shipper. Then the tendency during this unrestricted period was to practically eliminate competition between transportation companies, by consolidating competitive lines into mergers with gigantic power, thereby placing all shippers at their mercy of any rate or set of rates they desired to impose upon a helpless public. This act of violating the law by the heads of the great railroads encouraged their subordinates to follow in their footsteps. I was in the employ of a railroad which was handling soft coal at that time, and the superintendent had come to the division a few years prior to that time and was engaged in the coal business, being partner in several large mines located on his division. We had strict orders that his mines were to have cars first and if any were left the individuals were to have them. He was removed after fifteen years of service for that company, and was worth a million dollars, and naturally has done nothing since.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

The second view on this subject, that of public ownership, would inevitably be a national calamity. One need only to read up the history of the railroads of continental Europe to get an intelligent idea of public or government management of the railroads. While it might bring absolutely an uniformity of rates, the politics which would necessarily have to enter into the placing of positions would create chaos in the service. There might be a minimum of rates, but not a maximum of services to compensate the public for assuming the gigantic burdens of government-ownership. My many years in the railroad service has taught me that this system would never be a success.

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SUPERVISION AND REGULATION.

While the railroads are owned by private capital they are not private enterprises—they are public servants, as the agencies of the government they are discharging a public function. Their stocks are worthless except as they derive value from the charges which are imposed upon the public for the rendering of this public service. If they are allowed to accumulate from the manipulation of these public agencies vast sums of money which must ultimately come from the body of the people, they are to a certain extent trustees of the people and therefore can not object to stating the manner in which these accumulations have been made.

Their officers are sometimes afflicted with error of judgment, common to imperfect humanity, and so far they are excusable, but when the fourth vice-president of a great railroad system will state in public that he "intends to violate the law as soon as this agitation subsides," it is time to waken up to the fact that while the railroads appear to have submitted gracefully to the law, they have not done so, "and being convinced against their will are of the same opinion still."

From the public character of the work in which they are engaged, the public has the power to prescribe rules for securing faithful and efficient service and quality between shippers and communities. It is, however, an unequal contest betwen private citizens even when he has a right, and the organized power of a great railway or a combination of railways. This void has been filled by the Interstate Commerce Commission; it is the champion of the weak against the strong. The statement of a great railroad official recently that it would ultimately be "abolished," has no foundation whatever, that this official would like to see it abolished can not be doubted. Let us honor the ex-president who had the moral force to direct the Interstate Commerce Commission in the splendid work they have been doing during the administration which has just closed.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ever kept in view that regulation is for the prevention of abuses, and not the administration of the business of the railroads. The railways are common carriers and as such must refrain from unjust discrimination between patrons, because they maintain a public highway to which each individual in the community is entitled to access on equal terms.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has not overlooked the fact that when public regulation has been carried to the extent of preventing unreasonable charges and unjust discrimination, the owners of the railroads are entitled to have the liberty of its management. The great work of this commission is often underrated, and but little understood. That they have an intelligent grasp upon the working of all railways operating lines today, can be vouched for by all who are on the inside of railroad life, and have an understanding of what they are doing. They do not exact anything which could be termed unreasonable from the railroads in the way of reports, but a full history of every accident and the cause thereof is being made to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and this information is then condensed and published in pamphlet form and distributed every quarter with the end in view that railroads may in the future avoid a repetition of it.

AN APPRECIATIVE MEMBER.

TO THE EDITOR—I received a few days ago the Report of the Seventh Biennial Session of our Order, recently held at Atlanta, and I can assure you that it was with a great deal of pleasure and interest that I read the different reports of our Grand Officers. I am proud to belong to such an organization, and am very pleased to note the business-like manner in which our affairs have been managed during the last two years.

If there is one thing more than another that I admire in an organization such as ours, it is to see it run by men of good, sound, common sense; men who are not merely agitators and talkers, but men who reason everything out, and who have the back-bone to stand out for what is right, and to give everything due consideration before acting. It requires men of good calibre to stand up for our rights against

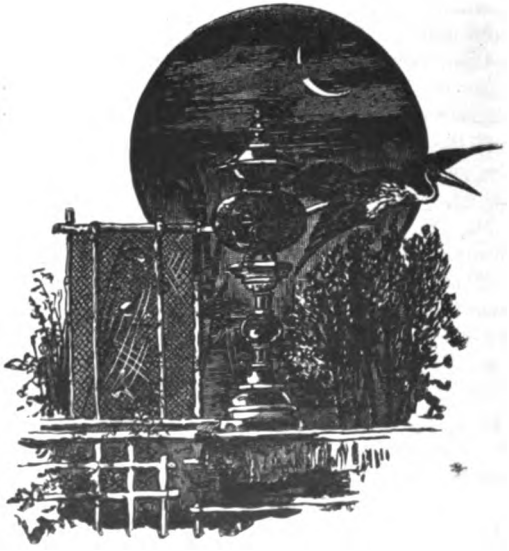
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the officials of our different railways, and to uphold our interests, especially during times of financial depression, and this, I consider, our officers have valiantly done, and I don't think a more competent body of leaders could be found anywhere in North America than those comprising our Order.

Our financial standing is also very gratifying, and now that it has reached such a high plane, every member should not only seek to maintain it, but should endeavor to increase it from year to year.

I consider our organization is now on the solid rock, and the experience of each year in the past should be a stepping stone to further usefulness in the future, and although much has been done already, to improve our condition, I believe there are more good things ahead to follow. The Order is like a wall or bulwark behind a man. A person can always fight better if he has a good strong wall at his back, and so when a member has to fight for his rights, as we oftentimes have to do, we can fight better knowing that we are backed by an organization whose strength is equal to a Gibraltar. In this day of avarice and greed by large corporations and capital, the laboring man would stand a poor show of getting decent living wages, were it not for the good work of organized labor. Please accept, therefore, on behalf of yourself and the other executive officers, the thanks of an humble member of this organization, for the efficient service rendered in the past.

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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

At the regular meeting of St. Louis Division No. 2, held Monday night, July 19th, all of the officers and several members were present. Quite a number of applications were received. No. 2 is in fine shape. The genial first vice, Bro. Aug. Grunz, came all the way from Breese, Ill.

A number of railroad lines running out of St. Louis have recently been calling for telegraphers. One line was reported as being short sixty-five men. One dispatcher, several relay men and all kinds of agents and telegraphers have been called for. Business for the railroad telegraphers is evidently looking up.

Bro. I. R. Atteberry, of the Colorado Midland, is visiting in Missouri.

Bro. L. Espinosa, of Mexico, while shopping in this city visited headquarters. He has been stopping with his family in Hot Springs, Ark., for some time.

Bro. C. E. Reynolds, of Cheyenne, Wyo., passed through on the 21st inst.

Bro. Rayborn, of Pittsfield, Ill., was at headquarters, recently, long enough to say hello and get rid of some of his money.

The secretary of No. 2 writes a "scrumptious fist" now. You ought to see it. Send him four dollars and he will send you his autograph, and incidentally a card in one of the best divisions of the Order.

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Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division—

The headquarters of Harrisburg Division, No. 3, have been moved from Harrisburg to Lewistown, Pa., where the first meeting was held in the new lodge room, Thursday, July 1st, with a fair attendance; evidently a large number of the brothers did not know the time and place of this meeting on account of the change, and did not come out. The meeting place is now about centrally located on the division, and the brothers can come to these meetings from the west as well as from the east, and a large number of the brothers will now take advantage of this opportunity, and we should have a very large number at our meetings in the future.

The meetings at Lewistown will be held on the first Thursday of each month; brothers coming east can come on train No. 30, and those coming west can come on No. 47 and No. 31; returning home those going west taking train No. 89 or No. 15, and those going east can take train No. 84 or No. 12. The train service is of the best and there is no reason why we should not have a very large attendance at these meetings.

The second meeting in the month will be held as heretofore; the third Thursday in the month a meeting will be held at some point on the division, the place to be named at the first regular meeting in the month, this meeting will be held in the evening, as the meeting at Lewistown is held in the morning.

Lewistown being a terminal of the Lewistown and Sunbury Division of the P. R. R., we extend a cordial invitation to the brothers on this division who are members of Sunbury Division No. 12, to come to our meetings, and we were glad to see a number of these brothers at our meeting this month. Bro. Kase addressed the brothers, giving them some very good advice which we appreciated very much, and we hope Bro. Kase will be able to be with us at every meeting.

We were glad to note the presence of Bros. C. C. Duck and T. J. Moyer at our last meeting, they seemed to have an unusual expression of gladness and joy upon their countenances, and after ascertaining the cause, we found that the stork visited their home and left at each a nine-pound boy.

The question of a system division being established on our system having been placed before the brothers for their decision, it is hoped every brother took advantage of this opportunity to express his desire. This question has been discussed from time to time for the past six or eight years, and we hope the brothers gave it their earnest consideration. The system division is in operation on a number of large systems of railroad, and it is claimed that it is a more up-to-date method of doing business, and that better results are obtained, and that the dues paid in are placed where they are most needed, and in general it is a more simplified manner of carrying on the work.

Your local chairman made a special effort to ascertain the opinion of local chairmen on system divisions, and they stated in every case that it is an improvement and that they would not want to go back to the old system, and this being the case, we hope the brothers will decide to establish a system division on the P. R. R. If it is a more up-to-date and an improved method of carrying on the work, we want it, but if the majority favor the old way and vote to continue that way, of course we must abide by their decision, and the responsibility for future progress and results will rest upon those who vote against the modern method.

The supplement to the June journal, which contains the report of the Grand Officers for the past

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two years, and the Proceedings of the convention at Atlanta, should be read carefully by every brother, as it is a very interesting report, showing what has been done by our officers, and giving a detailed statement of the financial condition of our organization; and every brother should make a special study of this supplement.

The telegraphers baseball team of the Mid. Division has been playing quite a number of games this season, and is meeting with fair success in the way of winning games. Pitcher Bro. Burris and catcher Bro. Fike make a strong pair in their positions, and are making a record for themselves.

Bro. W. L. Zeiders and wife, of Mifflin, have returned home from a trip through the West.

Bro. Martz, of Mifflin, who has been on a two weeks' vacation has returned to duty.

We are glad to note the return to duty of Bro. D. M. Shelley, of Duncannon, who has been off duty on account of being sick for four or five months.

Bro. Ritzman, wife and daughter, of Millerstown, have returned home from a trip West, and Bro. Ritzman is again on the job.

Bro. A. E. Lehmer and wife, who attended the convention in Atlanta (Bro. Lehmer as delegate from No. 3), after the convention had adjourned, made a trip through Florida, stopping off at some of the more important cities. They report having had a fine time, and are well pleased with the kind treatment accorded them while in the Sunny South. Mrs. Lehmer took part in organizing the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and became a charter member, and as soon as blanks, etc., are ready for the establishing of locals, Sister Lehmer will make an effort to establish a local on the Middle Division.

Now that another biennial session of the Grand Division is past, and our officers have been elected for another term of two years, let every brother do his best to build up the Order in his section. Let everyone make a renewed effort to strengthen our position and secure the membership of all desirable telegraphers who are as yet nons, passing over those whom we know to be undesirable and reckless in their work, and those who have proven themselves to be unworthy our confidence and friendship. This class are of no benefit to any organization, and do us more harm than good.

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B. E. V., P. R. R., Tyrone Division—

"No card, no favors."

I notice quite a few nons on this division; get busy and thin them out.

Bro. G. A. Croll, a new man, is working the relief between "MO," Mill-Hall and "MW," Martha.

Quite a number of changes have been made which are as follows:

Bro. H. S Williams has been assigned to the night trick at Tyrone Station; Bro. N. R. Stiver, formerly third trick at "MW," Martha, having bid in Bro. Williams' old trick at Martha.

Bro. E. M. Kyler, formerly first trick at "OS," Osceola, has been assigned to the first trick at "SA," East Tyrone, temporarily. First trick at "OS" tower is up for temporary bids.

Second tricks at "GN," Gardner, and "N," Powelton towers have been cut out, and were put up for bids as day tricks. Bro. O. W. Pearce bid in the day trick at "GN" tower, and Bro. O. J. Friday the day trick at "N" tower, Powelton.

Bro. M. B. Williams, formerly of "N" tower, Powelton, second trick, which was cut out, has bumped Telegrapher Rothrock at "BA" tower, first trick. Telegrapher Rothrock took first trick at "NA," Hannah. Bro. R. H. Poorman, formerly first trick at "NA," Hannah, took third trick at "NA" tower. Telegrapher C. R. Lord, from third trick at "NA" to "MD," Portmatilda, third trick.

Telegrapher C. R. Richards, from Portmatilda, third trick, to "MW," Martha, third trick.

Bro. Jaul Clarancy, from Martha, third, to Martha, second trick.

J. H. Stevenson, formerly second trick at "GN," Gardner (also cut out), bumped Telegrapher A. J. Whitman, at "SI," Vail, third trick. A. J. Whitman is working extra third trick at "SA," East Tyrone.

Telegrapher Stuckey, formerly third trick at "FX," Unionville, has taken second trick at "SI," Vail.

Telegrapher Nick D. Morrissey, formerly at "SI," Vail, second trick, transferred to "BA," Bald Eagle, third trick.

Telegrapher Bennett, at Bald Eagle, third trick, to "NA," Hannah, second trick. Telegrapher M. H. Hall, of Hannah, second trick, picking cherries.

Bro. H. G. Nagle, at "RU," Milesburg, second trick, was off duty one day last month, visiting his home at Williamsport.

A. J. McLaughlin, at "RU," Milesburg, first trick, was the lucky boy to get his relief day on the fifth of July. Understand he pitched an interesting game of ball that day.

Bro. C. A. Fetzer, third trick at "RU," Milesburg, accompanied by his wife, visited his uncle, Mr. C. E. Neff, at Lock Haven, a couple of days recently.

Bro. M. E. Flynn, at NO," third trick, was off duty one night.

Bro. R. B. Woomer, of "SI," Vail, first trick, off duty on the 10th inst., visiting over night with friends at Lock Haven, Pa.; can not say who relieved him.

It has been said that Bro. Nagle, of Milesburg, second trick, contemplates taking unto himself a wife this fall.

A telegrapher on this division was dismissed from the service recently for being intoxicated when reporting for duty. We are very glad to mention the fact that he was not an Order man.

There is another new man from the N. Y. C. on this division. I wonder if he has a card? Haven't heard the name.

We will close this in hopes that some brother will help out next month. "MIDGET."

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Sunbury Div., No. 12.

A new signal plant has been installed at "CA" tower, Catawissa. The signal bridge which is large enough to extend over three tracks, gives quite an up-to-date appearance to the place.

The new interlocking plant at Klines Grove Cross Over will be put in service July 31st. It will be known as "Z" tower, and contains twelve levers.

And on the same date the telegraph office will be moved from the passenger station at South Danville, to the new "KD" tower, located at the west end of South Danville passing siding.

July 26th the use of telegraph for blocking trains between "MD" tower at Sunbury, and Mount Carmel, and between Nescopeck and Wilkesbarre was discontinued, and trains are being blocked by telephone.

Bro. F. R. Dent, of Catawissa, was off a few days on a vacation, which I understand he spent looking after his interests in his cement block works; relieved by extra agent Mr. J. T. Sigler.

Bro. G. R. Blecker, of "CA" tower, was off two days on account of sickness; relieved by extra telegrapher Mr. Ed. S. Breisch.

Bro. T. C. Phillips, of Bluf, spent his relief day visiting at White Deer.

Bro. G. C. Vandling, second trick at Creasy, spent his relief day at Wilkesbarre.

Mr. J. L. McAndrew, a new man on the road, who has been doing the extra work at Nescopeck, has bid in Nanticoke, second trick; relieved at Nescopeck by Bro. W. G. Levan.

I wish to thank Bro. C. L. Keyser for the assistance he has given me in getting this write-up. I would be glad to hear from others.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called to his reward, in the great beyond, Abram W. Berger, the father of our esteemed Bro. E. G. Berger; be it

Resolved, By the members of Sunbury Division, No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the brother and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the records of the division, a copy sent to our brother, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. R. JOHNSON,
THOS. C. PHILLIPS,
G. R. BLECKER,
Committee.

Baltimore Div.. No. 17.

In order to keep our membership in touch with the convention, our entertainment committee, viz.: Bros. Dr. J. B. Sebastian, H. W. Lair and Wm. M. Skinner, arranged for an "Echo meeting;" asking President H. B. Perham to send a Grand Officer for this meeting. To the delight of all present, he sent our beloved Vice-President T. M. Pierson, who not only favored us with a most excellent address, but also enjoyed the honor of addressing the Brotherhood of Enginemen and Firemen of the Baltimore Division, in the Maryland Theater—both meetings were well attended, the audience enthusiastic—and the same will accomplish much along the lines of true brotherhood.

It affords us great pleasure to inform all that our good Bro. W. F. Whittle, of Division No. 17, has recently become a full fledged attorney at law —not only was he successful in passing, but he carried with him the highest honors of the class. We extend our most hearty congratulations. May he ever continue to soar upward.

While Division No. 17 is carrying the laurels, we are, indeed, pleased to learn that Division No. 33 is coming to the front, and that Bro. F. F. Sullivan, of that division, has received the nomination for the house of delegates.

All the boys will be glad to know that Bro. T. C. Hunter has returned to his home from the hospital, and that the operation has been successful, and that ere long Bro. "HM" will be sending the wireless from Parkton.

Bro. G. M. Smith is doing good missionary work, and an O. R. T. ring will soon be coming to him.

Bro. A. K. Hoyer has again returned to his home in Harrisburg.

Bros. Rollins and Asher are still champions of the Md. Division Baseball Club; if you are a good player you can be of service, apply to Bro. "RI."

MAYFIELD.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Brothers, in case of sickness, you will report same to the Relief Committee; territory has been assigned as follows: Bro. R. W. Grugan, "AQ" to "RK," inclusive; Bro. J. B. Rubondall, "VO" to "SQ," inclusive; Bro. R. R. Staver, "NC" to "RO," inclusive; Bro. W. H. Dauberman, "MU" to "N," inclusive; Bro. C. C. Spade, "DY" to "HU," inclusive; Bro. E. F. Biever, "RV" to "ZA," inclusive.

Bro. H. L. Steiger, relief trick No. 2, has taken a month off, going West to see the sights.

Bro. N. A. Steffen, wife and baby girl, were seen on the streets of Herndon, July 3d. Grandpa Adam Steffen likes to see N. A. S. come home sometimes.

Mrs. Minnie Derrick, wife of Bro. H. T. Derrick, spent Sunday, July 4th, with him at "RV." Harry says it is so nice to have your wife spend the day with you, as the lunch basket seems to groan with good things to eat.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel spent Saturday, July 3d, at Herndon.

Bro. H. J. Engle had leave of absence July 2d and 3rd. Telegrapher M. A. Miller worked in his place.

Bro. A. Wetzel had leave of absence July 3rd. Telegrapher E. I. Leister worked third trick at "HU."

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Bro. H. M. Auchmuty was seen on the streets of Herndon, July 3rd; wish we could see him on the streets of Williamsport on the second Tuesday of each month.

Telegrapher J. W. Orndorf, third trick at "FY" tower, was off duty July 3rd; relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Kebach.

Bro. C. M. Bickel had leave of absence July 2d, and was seen at Millersburg, all smiles. Telegrapher E. I. Leister worked his trick.

Bro. W. F. Bailets, of "D" tower, had leave of absence July 12th.

Bro. H. J. Engle was off duty July 11th to 14th, inclusive, on account of sickness in family. Telegrapher F. W. Wetzel, of "HU" tower worked in his place.

Telegrapher W. H. Kebach worked first trick at "D" tower, July 12th.

Bro. H. V. McGee, now working the Postal office at Milton, certainly had his hands full during old Home Week at that place, on account of the increase in work.

Bro. G. E. Shaffer can always be seen at the meeting, and he can always tell you how the Philies can play "Ball." Just ask him how they stand.

Bro. M. J. Shure is now doing the relief work between "MU" tower and Sunbury.

Bro. E. J. Fetterhoff was off duty during June, taking in the sights of Iowa. He was accompanied by his wife.

Bro. W. P. Brown, who has been working first trick at "OJ" tower for some time, is back on third trick again, on account of Bro. J. W. Orndorf, of Division No. 3, biding in first trick at "OJ" tower, and filled the position on July 12th.

Bro. H. P. Bunnell made a flying trip to Wilkesbarre on his relief day.

Bro. Fred. Friggle spent a week at the home of his parents at Oil City, Pa., last month.

Carry an up-to-date card, and you will be recognized as a man.

Bro. J. C. McCloskey, formerly of Division No. 24, is working in Utah at present.

Bro. T. M. Young was off July 3rd to umpire a ball game between McElhattan and Dunnstown. McElhattan winning two games from Dunnstown. Bro. Tom is manager for McElhattan.

Bro. J. C. Odonnell attended the ball game at McElhattan, July 3rd.

We understand that there is a telegrapher between "K" and "W" who has a student. This man is absent from the office several hours at a time, leaving the student in charge of the office; but he is a man without a card, that accounts for it.

Telegrapher S. H. Young, of Nisbet, Pa., is working second trick at "J" tower.

Bro. A. C. Grieb was a visitor at McElhattan and Pine recently.

Bro. Glenn McCloskey was off celebrating the 4th; relieved by Bro. Dugan.

Bro. Wasser is working relief trick No. 1.

When you have any news items for the write-up, we will be pleased to get them.

The division correspondent begs to say, that some of the assistants have failed to send in items up to the present time; this leaves the assistants' territory unheard from.

Operator H. W. Brown is working in Bro. Steiger's place, on relief trick No. 2.

Operator E. R. Lundy was absent a few days, and took a trip to Canada.

Commodities increasing and our wages standing still. What do you know about this? "OFF."

New Haven Div., No. 29.

Although I have nothing against Bro. Quick, I would just like to send him so many notes some month that it would be necessary for him to issue a special edition just for the New Haven Division. But as it is, only a few of the brothers send me notes, and my own mind runs to just one subject during the open season, and I would not dare tell you of some of the "big" ones I have, and have not caught this year. I know only too well that that short and ugly word would be hurled at me, or any other fisherman who tries to tell you about the one he lost when he had two feet of him out of water and only his head was visible at that, and no one around to bear witness. Some more "Fisherman's Luck."

I would like to repeat a little story. In passing by a wall that surrounded an insane asylum, a traveler became engaged in conversation with one of the inmates who stood looking over the wall. The conversation ran about as follows:

Lunatic: Hello, stranger.
Traveler: Hello, friend.
Lunatic: What's your's name?
Traveler: John.
Lunatic: What's you're occupation?
Traveler: Telegraph operator.
Lunatic: How much do you get a month?
Traveler: $40.00.
Lunatic: Married?
Traveler: Yes.
Lunatic: Any children?
Traveler: Five.
Lunatic: Belong to the O. R. T.?
Traveler: No.
Lunatic: Let's see, telegraph operator, $40.00 a month, married, five children, not a member of the O. R. T. Come over the wall stranger you're on the wrong side.

As the announcer for all the big shows in our "Oprey House" says, I thank you all for your rapt attention, and—I almost said liberal patronage. I mean your angelic patience.

Below is a write-up of the July meeting from the ever ready pen of our worthy Chief, Bro. L. H. Dowd: T. A. A.

The July meeting of New Haven Division, No. 29, was called to order by Bro. Dowd, at 8 p. m., with nearly all officers present. About thirty-five officers and members were in attendance.

After the disposition of quite an accumulation of business, including several applications, our

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well-known Bro. T. M. Pierson, second vice-president, gave us another great treat by covering the doings of the Atlanta convention, explained the principal items of business transacted and good accomplished.

He touched particularly on the size of the convention, it being the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of the kind ever held, which shows the rapid strides of the Order toward perfection and thorough organization.

He spoke of the delegates as a whole, coming from Canada, the busy East, the great West and the "Sunny South;" composed to a great extent of the general chairmen, local chairmen and officers of divisions who have had wide experience in the building and working of the Order; each and every one bent on the working out of problems in the interest of his constituents, and protesting with all his might when he believed a measure under discussion was not for the benefit of his men and his territory.

Bro. Pierson said that the present condition of the Order was something to be proud of; that after such a depression in business for so long a period we find that we have actually made great progress through it all.

It is with pleasure that Division No. 29 looks forward to a visit from Bro. Pierson, and when he comes unannounced it is always a very pleasant surprise to us all. We learn much from his talks and advice, and the benefit of his visits to us can not be measured. For many years we have marched onward to success with this same good advice and counsel ever ready.

Bro. Manion, general chairman, who has been away on quite an extended trip through the South, the West, and the Northwest, returned in time for the meeting. He spoke of his trip, the interesting things he saw, and the conditions of the telegrapher, in a general way, in different sections of the country. Bro. Manion always lets fall the words that come from pure experience and good judgment, stripped of all that is superfluous.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T., instituted at Atlanta, was spoken of at the meeting, and as the ladies of members of Division No. 29 hold charter No. 1, it behooves us to take interest in this question which has been of so much benefit to other organizations.

The wife, sister, or daughter, who holds membership in the auxiliary and who takes an interest in the work will be of considerable value in influencing the husband, father, or brother, to keep up his dues, since, when a member of the O. R. T. becomes delinquent the wife, sister, or daughter, as the case may be, loses her membership in the auxiliary.

In other words, the telegrapher must be strictly up-to-date, otherwise his family can not hold membership in the auxiliary.

The meeting was a very interesting one, and shows that we are strictly alive to our needs, and that we will continue our successes in the future as in the past.

Shore Line Division—

Telegrapher McCloskey, from third trick at tower No. 75, New Haven, to regular extra again.

Bro. French, third trick at tower No. 74, West Haven, to second trick at tower No. 54, Fairfield.

Bro. Rockfeller, third trick at tower No. 73, to third trick at tower No. 74, West Haven.

Bro. Weatherby, from extra list, to third trick at tower No. 73, Woodmont.

Bro. Quirk, second trick at tower No. 73, Woodmont, to third trick at tower No. 75, New Haven.

Bro. McEvoy, third trick at tower No. 72, to first trick, and Bro. Lakin, regular extra, to third trick at Bridge St. tower, Middletown.

Bro. Oliver, third trick at tower No. 62, to third trick at tower No. 72, Milford.

Telegrapher Reardon is holding down second trick at tower No. 73, until bid in.

Bro. Moore has the regular extra now, and is working third trick at tower No. 62, while it is on bulletin, and hopes it will not be assigned for a year or more, as he is stuck on the joint.

Bro. Lore, third trick at tower No. 71, has been enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Atlantic City and other Jersey points.

Bro. Frank McGinnes bid in first trick at "SM" tower, Stamford.

Bro. Manion, returned from the convention, and his Western trip a few days ago, and is looking fine, but is thinking of going back to Utah, for reasons best known to himself.

Bro. Flagg, second trick at tower No. 55, off two days; relieved by Telegrapher McCloskey.

Bro. Kennedy worked in "BS" a few days, while Bro. Leonard relieved some of the dispatchers.

Bro. Hatton, third trick at tower No. 63, was off a couple of nights. Telegrapher McCloskey covered the job.

Western Division—

Bro. John Mills, formerly second trick at Derby Junction, was the successful bidder for first trick, same place.

Bro. J. B. Davids, formerly at Shelton, has bid in Derby.

Bro. C. E. Leahy, second trick at Shelton, has bid in third trick at that place. Second trick at Shelton is now up for bids.

Bro. Schultz, the genial "VT" at "JC" office, New Haven, has bid in third trick at Botsford.

A new man is holding down the third trick at Botsford until the position is assigned.

Bro. Howard Tuttle, second trick at Brewster, is a regular member of the Western Division baseball team.

Bro. L. H. Dowd, first trick at Danbury, is acting ticket agent for three or four weeks during the absence of Ticket Agent F. W. Pierce. Bro. Dunbar is covering Bro. Dowd's trick, and Bro. R. G. Halsted is covering second.

Bro. McAllister, third trick at Bristol, starts, in a few days, on a two weeks' vacation, to be spent at his home in York State.

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Bro. Reddish, of Terryville, will leave for San Francisco in a few days, where he will spend a month's vacation.

Bro. Bell, of East Hartford, will start for the Pacific Coast in a few days, for a month's stay.

Bro. H. D. Spencer, of "BX" tower, Waterbury, is spending a two weeks' vacation at his old home in York State.

Mr. F. A. Foster is covering the position in the new station at Waterbury, which was put in service Sunday, July 11th, until position is bid in.

H. A. Reynolds, freight agent at Bristol, left July 14th for a visit of two weeks with his parents at Factoryville, Pa.

Bro. Ed. Kellog, formerly in the service of the New Haven, is now located with the U. D. in the Catskills. DIV. COR.

Providence Div., No. 35.

A stranger in a strange country, far from the land of his birth, but quick to adapt himself to his new surroundings and conform to the new customs which he found on his arrival upon our shores, and quickly recognized the true merit of the organization which represented his chosen profession, as soon as his eligibility was established, his application for membership was quickly handed in, and the June meeting of Division No. 35 saw his fondest hopes realized, by being admitted into full membership in our noble and glorious Order. A fact which should be an object lesson to those nons in our vicinity, who for years have been promising to come in next meeting, etc. It is beyond comprehension why our alien friends coming to our shores are quicker to see the benefits and grasp the fact that only through organization can our conditions be improved, and their sense of justice and manhood will not admit of their accepting favors which would in any way place a stain upon their honor.

Bros. Joslin and Brady were at Watch Hill for several days through the hot spell disporting themselves in the surf, and both report an enjoyable good time. One needs but to notice the coat of tan they accumulated and how the cuticle is peeling off to fully agree with them.

Bro. Dykeman, who bid in the third trick at Niautic, is still held on the third trick at Olive St. tower at Attleboro until filled. Seems as if the boys are "keeping shy" of the place for some unexplained reason.

Bro. DeLong, first trick man at Hills Grove tower, is off on a vacation. The position is being covered by Mr. Mattison.

Bro. Garripy, a former member of Division No. 35, but now of Division No. 54, and stationed at Nelson, Wash., was a welcome visitor at the meeting.

The communication from President Perham, regarding the legal decision upon the hours-of-service-law upon the Santa Fe, was certainly a "good one." It is such news that warms the heart of all true union men.

The personnel of the committee appointed at the July meeting to revise the By-Laws and bring them up-to-date, insures the complete success of the undertaking.

While the temperature in the meeting room was almost as high as the thermometer could register, the interest displayed by the members present beat it by several yards.

The report of the local board, as given by Bro. Joslin, lost none of its attractiveness by being sidetracked for a "shop extra" at the June meeting, and proves them the right men for the place.

Thirty members present at the meeting, two applications were favorably voted upon and one referred to committee.

Bro. Hardiway, the third trick man at East Junction, was compelled to go to the hospital for a few weeks, on account of serious illness, fortunately no operation was necessary. He is now back to work as good as new.

Bro. R. A. Brown, our most popular secretary and treasurer, has clearly proved his utter disregard for the feelings of the medical fraternity, by insisting upon living, when by all ethics and consideration for their feeling he should have thrown up his hands and passed to the "great beyond" long ago, but "Bob" always was obstinate.

Bro. B. P. Green, who suffered a serious relapse and whose life for a time was despaired of, is again on the gain and expects soon to be up and doing.

It is hoped that my next letter will contain the names of the Ladies' Auxiliary branch in connection with Division No. 35.

C. T. U. A., Bro. H. A. Scott, while on third trick at East Junction, recently proved himself a worthy candidate for a Carnegie medal. Discovering a barn on fire in close proximity to a dwelling house in which two families were living, only by the greatest effort did he succeed in rousing the inmates and getting them to a place of safety, and then organizing a bucket brigade succeeded in saving the dwelling. The barn was a total loss. We understand his application to membership in Division No. 35 is on the way.

Wanted—A charm to lay the hoodoo that is the cause of starter signals being thrown up in face of postal express quite frequently. I would suggest to that non who is building up such a notorious record, and incidentally furnishing ammunition for the railroad officials to use in an endeavor to abrogate the nine-hour law; to try what virtue is in eight or ten hours sleep each day.

Mrs. Beaty, wife of Bro. Geo. Beaty, the first trick man at Apponaug tower, is visiting at her old home place in Middlebury, Vt., for two or three weeks.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It his pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Daniel J. Cushing, and while we humbly submit to Him "whose will be done," we can but feel a deep personal loss; therefore be it

Resolved, That Providence Division, No. 35, extend to the companion and children of our de-

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parted brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their great sorrow; be it also

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his unswerving allegiance to the tenets of our Order—his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, the qualities that endeared him to all; be it

Resolved, That our charter be draped for sixty days, a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

GEO. E. JOSLIN,
J. R. MAXWELL,
W. J. SMITH,
JOHN TRAINOR,
Committee.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

There were forty-seven members (including three visitors) at our last meeting, July 17. Everybody seemed imbued with the proper spirit, and absolute harmony prevailed. Business was conducted with unusual despatch and there were "doings" from start to finish. Without doubt, this was one of the most profitable meetings ever held by this division. The membership was much pleased with the report of the general committee on the Boston & Albany Ry. It is very gratifying to see such fine feeling as is expressed by the membership on this road.

Bro. T. M. Pierson, our most worthy second vice-president, gave us a delightfully instructive and interesting address, and those who were so unfortunate as to be absent missed the greatest oratorical treat in the history of the division. Bro. E. J. Manion, general chairman, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., also favored us with a lengthy advisory address, such as only "Doc" can dispense. Much benefit was derived from the instruction and advice of these veterans, and we cordially invite them to speak to us again when possible, and we promise to be attentive. Bro. Leet, local chairman, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., was also present, but had to leave early to catch his train.

Sisters Sheridan and Costello, from Pittsfield and Worcester, respectively, were with Sister Kinnervan, of Springfield, the "Three Graces." Well done, sisters, come often and by your loyalty shame some of the brothers who do little but find fault with the efforts of the loyal ones. There are only a few of these, but they are noticeable. Now, brothers, you all want to attend the next meeting, if you do not do so you will have cause to regret it. A surprise will be sprung on some of you. Come out all who possibly can. Hoping you will "hearken unto me."

I take this means of expressing my deep gratitude and thanks to all the boys of Springfield Division, No. 38, for their kindness in my great sorrow, occasioned by the death of my husband, not only for the beautiful O. R. T. floral pillow, but for the generous contribution received.

Yours, with sincerest gratitude,
FLORENCE M. WYATT.

Boston Div., No. 41.

The mid-summer meeting was called to order at 8:15, with a very good attendance in spite of the warm weather. The subject of a sick benefit fund was taken up in earnest and thoroughly discussed, and it looks now as if it was an assured thing, judging from the interest taken in the matter in this meeting. There is no doubt but what it is something that is needed, and the members will doubtless see the good that will rise from it, and once it is thoroughly under way it is safe to say that a large majority of the members will join it. It will do away with sending out papers to aid sick and disabled members, something that should be discouraged just as long as we have money in the treasury to aid our members; but as explained in a previous issue it is hard to say how long our treasury will stand the strain, provided we wish to keep a tidy sum on hand for emergencies. The committee authorized at the July meeting will have something to report in August, and it is hoped, now that the matter is started, that every member will interest themselves in the matter, and by their presence at the meetings push the good work along.

A committee from Division No. 89, visited us at the July meeting, to work with Division No. 41 regarding another open meeting. These meetings have been a success and should be a regular thing. A committee of five (5) from Division No. 41 was appointed, with authority to make all arrangements, and the personnel of the committee is such that it can not fail to be a success. The meeting will be held in Boston, some Sunday afternoon in September, and the hours will be such that the visiting brothers and sisters from other divisions can make good train connections. Further details will be explained by circular.

An example of good fellowship, not only among our own men, but also among fellow-workmen in kindred organizations was shown in the case of one of our members who is on the sick list and in need of help, when Bros. Robinson and Loan, of East Cambridge, handed in thirty dollars ($30.00), which they picked up practically without soliciting among fellow-employes in their vicinity. This feeling of helping one another, among railroad men especially, is and always has been one of their many good traits and can not be but favorably commented upon.

The items to help this monthly letter that the members were to send in are about as few and far between as the proverbial "angel visits." It is rather hard work for a few to cover such a large territory, but we do the best we can, and if the members like a good newsy letter each month, they should help out with any little items of interest to the division and the Order. The thanks of the division correspondent are due to

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Bros. Savage, Bode, Tuck, Cunningham and Laird, for their help in making this letter a success in the past few months.

During the present session of the Legislature, Representative Wm. H. O'Brien succeeded in putting through a bill making it compulsory for the telegraph companies to place upon each message the filing time, thus enabling the addressee to see what time elapsed between the time the message was filed, and when it came into his hands.

The bill was bitterly fought by the companies, and, a loophole being found, they charged for the additional words, incorporating them into the body of the message.

A perfecting amendment, however, combined with a court decision in the State of Maryland on a bill of the same general character as the Massachusetts law, brought the companies into line, and the information is now telegraphed along with the date, at the expense of the companies.

Representative O'Brien is a prominent telegrapher and unionist, having served during the past two years as president of Boston Local, No. 4, Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, and also taken a prominent part in the work of the Boston Central Labor Union.

Bro. Quilty, of West Somerville, is enjoying a well-earned vacation, at his summer home in New Brunswick. Bro. O'Connor, assisted by Francis Rourke, is looking after the dahlias and passing out the pasteboards.

Bros. Cole and Colgate, of Arlington, had a fine fishing trip down in Brownfield, Maine; started July 14th, returned same day, with a fine catch. They used the best of bait, which accounts for their unusual luck. The suit case was rather heavy.

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New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of July was called to order on July 10th, at 8:50 p. m., our worthy Chief Bro. Van Nostrand in the chair.

Roll call found all officers present except the Second Vice, Bro. Breen. Station filled by Bro. Heller, pro tem.

The regular order of business was rushed through on account of the large and distinguished list of visitors.

Second Vice-President, Bro. T. M. Pierson, was called to the chair, and treated us to a good and very interesting talk. The entertainment committee at this time reported refreshments ready to be served, and a recess was taken to dispose of the ice cream, etc. After the inner man had been refreshed, the meeting was again called to order, and Bro. L. A. Page, general chairman of the Penn. Lines, addressed the meeting, followed by Bro. E. J. Manion, general chairman of the New Haven system, Bro. Omara, local chairman of the N. Y. C. electric zone. Bro T. J. Gallagher, of Division No. 37, and last but not least our former Bro. Augustus R. Linn, now secretary and treasurer of Division No. 26. It would be an injustice to our silver-tongued orators should I fail to mention them at this time; our line-up is as follows: Bros. Shields, Surine, Aston, Heller, Hagerty, Gaffney, and the flow of oratory was laid in the shade by our worthy chief singing "Roses."

This meeting was not up to the average in attendance, and I wish to say that the brothers who can and do not attend these meetings are the only losers. The remarks that were made at our last meeting were well worth anyone's time to travel from one end of the Island to the other.

Bro. C. A. Lewis has resumed duty at Jamaica block after an extended trip to Delaware.

Bro. Thos. Scally has given up railroading after fifteen years with the Long Island road, and started in business at Cartaret, N. J.

Bro. P. C. Clawson, one of our own boys, can now be found down on the farm at Tranquillity, N. J.; any one calling will keep an eye out for bull dogs and fox terriers.

Bro. M. S. Scotton spent his vacation in the Katskills.

It is a rare occasion when you will not find the boys on the L. I. R. R. "there with the goods." The attached circular is self explanatory:

THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD COMPANY.

Office of the President and General Manager.

To the Officers and Employes of the Long Island Railroad Company:

On behalf of the management, I extend to you most hearty congratulations upon the record made in handling with success and safety the unprecedented business of the Fourth of July holidays.

From July 1st to 5th, inclusive, our business was as follows:

Number of passenger train movements.....	4,178
Number of passenger car movements.....	16,028
Number of baggage car movements.....	1,040
Number of freight and work train movements	383
Number of freight car movements.....	9,575
Number of passengers carried on trains...	588,500
Number of carloads of express and baggage moved	381
Number of packages handled by express...	190,500

The average delay to passenger trains was 2 minutes, 22 seconds per train.

This business was handled without injury to a single passenger, and without serious accident to any train. There were some annoying delays in handling the express and baggage, several fatal accidents to travelers upon the highway, or to trespassers, but none that the employes could have prevented. It is a record to be proud of, and we again congratulate you.

RALPH PETERS,
President and General Manager.

Long Island City, July 8, 1909.

When one takes into consideration the fact that our little road has only a little more than 300 miles of track, and that improvements of the largest magnitude are being made while this vast amount of traffic is being handled, the officials have just cause to congratulate themselves as well as the employes.

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It naturally occurs to one not familiar with the conditions to ask the question how can they do it? How can they handle more business in five days than many other roads handle in a whole year, and do it safely and with dispatch?

The answer in part is simple—the L. I. R. R. is for the most part a scheduled road. The engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen, stationmen, telegraphers and signalmen, all who have to do with transportation work under schedule conditions. Nearly if not all of the men who have to do with the movement of trains, are union men, and that means that 95 per cent of them are right on the job doing the right thing at the right time, knowing full well that when they promote the interest of the goose that lays the golden egg they are furthering their own interests.

The employes are indeed glad to know that their services are appreciated, and the 95 per cent above referred to will continue to try to merit the approval of the president and all of the other officials.

Of course, with the telegraphers on Long Island, as well as elsewhere, there are a few who don't care anything about the company, future welfare of their children, themselves or anything else. This class is usually called "nons." Are you a "non?"

Some of the changes in the station department to which our attention has been called:

Bro. Van Nostrand is now at Manhattan Beach, and will probably remain there all summer.

Bro. Johnnie Grissom has relieved W. L. Batteau as agent at Brookhaven.

J. J. Murry is working second trick at Hammel Junction ticket office for the summer, and Bro. Tom Devoe has accepted a like position at Rockaway Park.

Bro. J. D. Webster has bid in Glenhead agency, and that will be his permanent address from now on.

Bro. C. C. Carey is giving Bro. Baker a helping hand at Amagansett, during the rush season.

Relief Agent Cunningham is working extra in "GO," Long Island City, when not out on the road.

KNOCKER.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Conemaugh Division—

Bro. J. E. Boreland has just returned from a trip of two weeks to Atlantic City; relieved by Miss Keister, a new arrival.

Bro. W. S. Henderson has started on a two months' vacation to Denver, Colo. We all extend to him our best wishes. Relieved by Mr. G. F. Butler.

We have a few backsliders and nons who insist on staying out in the cold. The walking delegates are giving them no rest.

During the recent street car strike at Pittsburg, Pa., the boys of the west end were busy on all wires, keeping the shuttle trains moving between "RO" Block Station and Allegheny.

Bro. Kurilla spent his relief day visiting his parents at Charleroi.

Wish the nons could only see the detriment they are to themselves and others. Is it greediness that causes them to pocket what others have secured without giving a helping hand? It isn't that they can not see what the Order has done, but their manhood has dropped to the point of living off their ill-gotten gains.

Miss McFarland was seen in Blairsville on July 5th. Miss McFarland is another who has promised to join the ever-increasing Order.

Bro. Cribbs spent July 3rd with friends at Vandergrift.

Bro. C. B. Garrison is again on duty after a very serious case of blood poisoning.

We are glad to see the nons enjoy the privileges the Order has gotten, would be more pleased to see them join our forces and secure more.

Bro. Satterfield was recently in Blairsville, renewing old acquaintances.

Quite a number of the brothers and sisters were seen around the lemonade and peanut stands at the Railroad Picnic at Blairsville, July 5th.

Don't forget the telegraphers' picnic to be held at Greensburg on July 20th.

We understand that a pleasure trip was made to Metcalf by some of our boys and girls on July 8th. Metcalf is located on the valley side; mile post unknown at present writing.

Bro. Bentel made his first trip to Blairsville, June 29th. He met a number of the boys off the east end on this trip.

Would like to see more of the telegraphers attending meetings regularly.

Are you living up to our motto, "No cards, no favor?"

A CINDER.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

The warm days of July are again causing the boys to wish for a cure for "that tired feeling."

The recent terrific electric storms have put quite a number of the phones out of commission, and linemen have been putting in full time allright. Upon one occasion the very familiar train wire was put in service which certainly sounded like olden times. The question is: Are these phones put in to "stay?"

Bro. Morrison has been appointed to Rehoboth for the summer season.

Quite a number of the boys spent the Fourth at Rehoboth watching the cool waves at play, while some of the sporty class attended ball games and horse races.

There are several new faces on the pike here of late, and most of them are nons—better get after them boys.

Bro. Taylor spent his relief day at Hebron, as usual.

One of our brothers, some time ago, was sent a message reading like this, "On account of congestion of cars in Delmar Yard, etc.," which was addressed to a freight train coming south, telling the conductor to leave his cars at another point. The receiver's copy read like this, "Account of Congress in Session at Delmar you will

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leave your cars at ————." The conductor said he did not know what "Congress" had to do with Delmar, but he would leave the cars where they directed any way. Now, this was what I was told by one of our brothers.

The writer certainly appreciates the few items sent him by two brothers this month, as we are all piled up down here with "taters." One of our old reliables has gone back on us and does not help out like he used to. We suppose he's busy, too.

Bro. Freeny spent his relief days in Baltimore; relieved by Mr. Brasure. We are all glad to welcome Mr. Brasure back with us, after an absence of several years.

Bro. A. C. Hayden, of Prices, has been sick and off duty for some time; relieved by Bro. Allen. We are glad to report him much better at this writing.

Mr. J. B. Roe has been working a few days at Delmar freight house; relieving Mr. Jones.

Bro. Holmes, of Massey, was visiting in Centreville, a few days in July.

Bro. O. Willen, of Millington, was in Laurel, a few days with his parents.

Bro. Thomas, of Centreville, was off a few days this month; relieved by his assistant, Bro. Coursey.

It seems almost impossible to get any of the "doin's" off the D. M. & V. branch, and we have all those boys carrying "up-to-date" cards, too, excepting a few. DIV. COR.

Maryland Division—

The new office at Glendale "GA" block, has been assigned its regular men. Telegraphers Milton, first trick; Dunbar, second trick, and Mickey, third trick.

Mr. Bonnett was sent to Stony-Run, "SY," to post for third trick, which he bid in, but upon his arrival there gave it up on account of there being no suitable place to board.

Mr. Jeffries, who we understand has been off on leave of absence, has returned, and been placed on second trick at Stony-Run.

Bro. Shoffner, formerly of the Texas Ry., bid in second trick at Severn, which was made vacant on account of Mr. Johnson accepting Lamokin, second trick.

Telegrapher McDaniels, an old C. T. U. of A. man, who has been holding third trick at "DX," Lanham, has resigned to take a position with the Postal, at Washington, D. C.

Bro. Ober, of "JU," Anacostia, who has been off for several weeks has returned. Glad to see him on the job again.

We understand that "KI," Elkton, has been raised to $60.50 all around.

Telegrapher Disney has returned from his vacation, and while away withdrew from the "Bachelors' Club." Wish he and his better-half success.

The new roster of the Maryland Division came out July 1st, with Mr. Curry at Bay-View block heading the list, instead of Mr. Bowman, deceased. Mr. Curry has been in service thirty-nine years.

We note with pleasure that Mr. Mayhugh, who met a painful accident at Patuxent several weeks ago and was in the hospital at Washington for sometime, is back with us again on the extra jobs. Although he has not entirely recovered, we hope to see him in good health soon.

The relief man on lower end of B. & P. has more men to relieve than he has days in a month, and on this account last month extra men were used to help him out.

The nons of which there are quite a number along this pike are slowly coming our way. Get busy and bring at least one in from your vicinity.

Bro. Tom Cassisy bid in "SO," Stanton block, which was made vacant on account of Mr. Jakubowsky leaving the road, for parts unknown.

Mr. Barcus, of Stemmers Rum, bid in first trick at Peach Bottom. We wish him success.

A new stunt in locomotion passed over the road several days ago, in the form of a motor car. It made rather speedy time.

The new system of numbering advertisements of vacancies and giving each applicant a receipt which was started a few weeks ago is being met with approval along the line.

Bro. Denny, of Wilmington, has returned from his vacation, feeling much improved in health.

Bro. Cosden has been absent from Wilmington several days, on account sickness. Hope to see him out soon. COR.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

July 13th the committee was called to Oskaloosa to meet with General Manager Cutter. The meeting was held at 7:30 p. m., in Mr. Cutter's private car, and was in no way satisfactory to the committee, as Mr. Cutter simply told them the Iowa Central was not in a position to go into the making of a new schedule, giving its agents and telegraphers a general increase in wages. Mr. Cutter admitted that nearly all the other employes had been granted standard wages, but stated that the company could not afford to grant same to its agents and telegraphers. The committee has asked for another conference with Mr. Cutter, and to be relieved, so the business can be gone into properly. Should Mr. Cutter refuse to go further, the matter will be appealed to Vice-President Day, and getting no relief there, affairs will be turned over to the organization for settlement.

At the meeting held at Marshalltown, Sunday, July 18th, at which a federation of seven labor unions was formed, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was represented by First Vice-President J. A. Newman, and several members of Division No. 71, located at different points along the line. The federation of the different organizations, it is hoped, will result in much benefit to the different unions. All the unions are interested excepting the trainmen, conductors and enginemen. Division No. 71 is certainly glad to be connected with the balance of these orders.

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The July meeting was quite well attended, although a number of the boys were again turned down on transportation. This transportation matter was taken up with General Manager Cutter, and it is hoped the boys will have no more trouble in getting passes down to the meetings. Get your requests in, in plenty of time to get your pass by mail, as there will be none issued by wire. The bulletining of stations was also taken up, and it was agreed that stations should be bulletined in the future. Heretofore, bulletins have been as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth.

Bro. Cleary, one of the telegraphers at New Sharon, was one of our June members. We understand that he has severed his connection with the Iowa Central and located elsewhere.

Bro. A. J. Morris, of Brighton, has been off duty several days, on account of sickness. Night man Bartlett is doing the day stunt, and the night office is closed. We understand that there were three offices closed a few days since on account of sickness. Men are not quite so plentiful as the companies try to make out.

Bro. H. E. Aye, located at Cramers, has been transferred from Division No. 76 to Division No. 71.

Bro. H. A. Sweigard has resigned the agency at Little York. Do not know whether he has landed anything else or not.

Bro. Clyde Hunter, of Berwick, has been taking a two weeks' vacation, and was out to the last meeting. Relieved by some one formerly with the M. & St. L.

Bro. E. A. Cross is holding down Little York at present. We understand that he is not overly pleased with his job.

There has been a change in telegraphers at Hampton. Clark is now on first trick, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.; Vaughn on 3 p. m. to midnight; Roberts, midnight to 9 a. m. Here are three notis for us to line-up.

The non at Ackley, nights, got let out on account of too many United States mail failures, and dispatchers having to call too mauch to raise him. Relieved by Mr. L. E. Lewis. Lewis claims to belong to Division No. 2, but we have not yet seen what it takes for us to believe it.

Agent H. F. Chapman has been transferred from Abbott Crossing to Peoria. We understand that he goes there to take a job in the freight house. Relieved by Bro. J. B. Odem, from Zearing. Can not say who got Zearing.

Telegrapher Nutz has been working the message wire at "SK," Oskaloosa, for the past month. Tom Ray, who had been working days, was put back to working nights. The company tried working two telegraphers days, and none at night, but it was not satisfactory.

Dispatchers W. A. Heritage and J. K. Cunningham are off on vacations. B. W. Landfear is working in J. K. C's place, but can not say who is on east end.

Bro. S. J. Nessa, of Latimer, was at Morits, S. D., a few days on business a short time. Bro. S. S. Young, of Corwith, acted as relief, while Miss Hazel Young held down Corwith.

Mrs. J. J. Flynn and daughters, of Belmond, have gone to sunny California, to spend the summer months, and let Bro. Flynn batch it. The brothers will not know him next time he shows up at meeting, he will be so thin.

Bros. Benson, of Kanawha, and Nessa, of Latimer, have both invested in new L. C. Smith typewriters. The auditor ought to have very little trouble in getting them to answer correspondence promptly now.

A special train composed of the private cars of the Iowa Central, M. & St. L., Alton and Clover Leaf, passed over the line recently, bearing the higher officials of the four roads, who were on an inspection tour. Messrs. Lutz, Dennison, Cutter, Kenly, Kruse, Sheely and Moffatt, also toured the line, looking over the property of the road and crop conditions.

The company has invested in a dozen monstrous freight engines, which are to be used on the east end; they are said to be twice as powerful as the ninety class, the largest on the road heretofore. The freight and passenger cars are also being repainted and renumbered, and things are taking on a look of prosperity never before seen on the "Hook."

Did you get your new card on schedule time? If not, don't delay any longer, but get one, for remember: "No card, no favors." COR.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

Another month has passed away and it is again time for a write-up, so here goes.

We understand that Mr. W. H. Wilmot, third trick at "MS," Coal Port, is off duty a few days on account of a sprained ankle, and that Mr. Maloney, second trick at Dickinson is filling his place. A Mr. Baird, from Phila. and Erie Ry., working Mr. Maloney's trick.

Bro. Goddard who has been very sick, is now able to be around, and we all hope to see him back with us soon.

Bro. Tompkins, third trick at "WC," Washington's Crossing, has left the service and gone home for the summer.

"SK," Stockton, office has been moved about 400 feet north of the station.

Mr. Z. Barber, first trick at "K" tower, got "P," Phillipsburg, third trick, on bulletin, which was made vacant by Bro. Holly leaving the service. "K" first or "WC" third tricks have not been bulletined as yet, on account of a shortage of men. Second trick at "K" tower, which was vacated by Mr. Moritz, a former L. V. man, was bid in by Bro. Mimick. Bro. Mimick formerly worked for the L. V. at South Plainfield. Mr. Leslie, days, at "J," Phillipsburg Junction, is off on a vacation to Los Angeles, Cal., account of the Elk's convention. A Mr. Wilson, from New York Division, is filling in at present. No relief on the upper end for second and third trick men, account Bro. McKelvey holding down "K" first trick,

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Bro. Palmer and Bro. Smith were forced to work three days, twelve hours each on account of Bro. Person having taken sick. Mr. Decker and Bro. Heffner forced to work three days of twelve hours each on account of Mr. Wire being sick.

Business booming, but no telegraphers! Why? Not enough coin.

We understand that several men have been forced to work twelve hours per day, two and three days a week. Several men have been dismissed from the service for being intoxicated, and asleep while on duty. We are glad to say that but one of these men carried a card. Now, boys, don't sleep on duty, let the nons do that, for some of them can do enough for all hands.

DIV. COR.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The daylight meeting for July will be a pleasure to record, both in point of business and attendance, nearly all of the regular officers were present. One candidate was balloted on, one transfer and three petitions for investigation. Not a bad record for July. Some business was laid aside to allow more time for the speakers. The different committees made their reports, and to the irregular attendants it was a surprise, indeed, to know that so much is going on at our meetings.

The committee appointed to confer with the officers of the Telegraphers' and Towermens' Relief Association, recently organized by some of the members of this division, begs leave to advise all members to join this association, which pays a substantial relief in time of sickness, for a nominal fee within the reach of all. There have been quite a number of cases of sickness during the past few months in the division, and the treasury is feeling the effects of it, and can not continue long under such heavy drains without some relief from outside sources. Therefore, anyone interested can have a copy of the by-laws of this association mailed to him free, upon request to Bro. J. J. Foley, secretary, South Braintree, Mass.

The presence of worthy Vice-President Pierson, accompanied by worthy Bro. Manion, was an unexpected surprise at our daylight meeting. Had we known sooner of their coming, no doubt, the hall would have been packed, but as it was we had a good attendance. Bro. Pierson favored us with a lengthy and interesting address. He held attention for nearly two hours. Bro. Pierson always has something interesting to offer, and this was no exception to the rule, in fact some of the older heads were somewhat surprised at his store of knowledge of affairs in general, and the O. R. T. in particular. He related the noble stand the Order took during the recent financial depression in not allowing any reduction in wages, notwithstanding the reduction in the hours of service, which was, practically speaking, an increase of wages something heretofore unheard of during a financial panic.

He dwelt at length upon the backslider, the faint-hearted, and the non, who can not see the principles involved in organization, and by the way of illustration mentioned the sad case of a worthy brother who, although stricken blind, could see far better than a good many with perfect optics, for he maintained his membership, thereby protecting his family if not himself. Bro. Pierson was instrumental in raising a large sum to aid this brother and family, but ere he had a chance to use it, he passed to the great beyond. He died peacefully, knowing he had done his duty to his fellow-brothers, his family and himself. Thus, through the visiting brother, we learn what is being done throughout the several States, the good accomplished, etc. Bro. Pierson thanked one and all for their hearty support and his re-election to vice-presidency, and expressed the hope of being with us again some time in the near future.

Bro. Manion was next given the floor He also had something interesting to say, as he always has. He expressed a desire to see the brothers get together and discuss schedule matters, so as to be able to instruct the general committee just what changes are necessary, what additions to make. There can not be too much said on this matter, especially to the habitual faultfinder. Come to the meetings and have your say before the schedule is revised, thus avoiding the aftermath of complaint.

At this point a recess was taken to allow the brothers to shake hands with the visiting members.

Midland Division, East of Willic—

The telegraph office at Woonsocket Junction has been closed.

Bro. Burke is back at Norwood tower, after a brief illness.

The tower at Putnam is only 33 per cent solid.

Bro. Sullivan, of Woonsocket Junction is looking for a steady job.

Bro. Jay Travers has landed East Douglas for keeps.

A good delegation from Franklin attended the Daylight meeting. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to call to her heavenly home Katherine Riley, the dearly beloved daughter of our worthy Bro. Jeremiah Riley; and

Whereas, We realize that while the premise of her future in this world was exceptionly bright, the realization in the great beyond is immeasurably brighter, and while out hearts are overflowing with sympathy for our brother and his family in this their bereavement; be it

Resolved, That while expressing our sympathy and sorrow, we commend them to Him who doeth all things well, with an unfaltering trust, that they will be sustained and soothed by the realiza-

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tion that while their loss is great their daughter's gain is infinitely greater; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent our bereaved brother and his family, a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, and a copy spread on the records of this division.

J. H. MCDERMOTT,
F. W. BICKERTON,
J. RUDOLPH BARFELT,
Committee.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular July meeting was held in the K. of P. Hall, Fraley St., Kane, Pa., Monday, July 19th, at 10:30 a. m.

There was a good attendance, especially of the sisters of the division, among whom were Sisters McGraw, Emma and Clara Thorsten, K. V. and Nellie Hanley, of Tiona. Bros. Patch, Lindquist, Schroff and Barner were present.

Five new members were initiated as follows: W. J. McCartan, of Renovo; N. A. Webster, of St. Marys; T. S. Barner, of Kane; W. Hovis, of Sheffield, and Frank W. Crawford, of Kane, making our membership just 104 good solid O. R. T. members in Division No. 110. "I wonder what has become of that man who predicted that Division No. 110 had its back broken about two years ago?" Let him read this and believe in the good saying that "Right must and will triumph over all obstacles." With Bros. Goodwin, O'Leary and Edwards at the helm and plenty of others who could handle our division with credit, cooperating with them in every effort, we can look with satisfaction and pleasure on our growth.

Plymouth Rock says:

"Let every member raise his voice and give a hearty cheer,
We're now above the hundred mark, and we're here because we're here."

Bro. Griskey, "Our Luke," of third trick at "WY" tower, Kane, is enjoying a month's vacation, visiting Shawmut, New York City and Bloosburg, the latter place being his home. He was relieved by Telegrapher S. W. Johnson, of Wetmore.

Telegrapher Burdick, of "OD" tower, Erie, is off for a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Brown, of Ludlow.

Bro. Brown has bid in second trick at Belle Valley. Bro. Jordan, of Ludlow, is working second trick at present.

Bro. H. Lord, of Elgin, is enjoying a ten days' vacation.

Bro. Ed. James, of Garland, is off for ten days, visiting old friends at Corning; relieved by Telegrapher Hammel.

Bro. Johnson, of second trick at Garland, also enjoyed a ten days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Hammel.

Bro. Lyons, of third trick at Jackson, has returned to work after a vacation of thirty days. He was relieved by Telegrapher Carlson, of Wetmore.

The telegraphers played a game of baseball with the Garland team. The telegraphers' team consisting of Operators Cupp, Johnson, W. Lord, H. Lord, Price, St. Clair, Edgett, and Wilcox, the latter from "RT" tower, Corry Junction, B. & A. V. The Garland team trimmed our boys by a score of six to two. Although it was the first game of the season for our boys, they did fine work.

Telegrapher Mrs. McKinney, of third trick at Pittsfield, is off for ten days; relieved by Telegrapher Hammel.

Sister Nellie Hanley, telephone operator at Tiona, is visiting relatives in Kane.

We would like to hear from all of the brothers and Sisters regarding what they think of having the second annual picnic in Kane. I wish every member would advise me by mail so it could be announced in the journal next month. Kane has a beautiful park, which could be secured, and perhaps we could get a ball game with the Kane team. Please communicate either to Bro. Goodwin or Bro. O'Leary, at Emporium; or Bro. Edwards, of Westport; or Bro. Sullivan, division correspondent, Shawmut, Pa. We would like to have the opinion of all members on this matter.

Bro. Confer, of Shintown, left the telegraph service, and has taken a position as section foreman, at Hulings, for the P. R. R. While the telegraph department has lost a good man, the M. W. department has gained a first-class trackman, and we all wish Bro. Confer every success.

Bro. Sullivan, who was formerly at "HY," Huntley, is doing the fifteen-hour stunt as agent for the P. S. & N., at Shawmut, Pa.—putting out thirty cars a day, and wearing out two pairs of shoes a month. His greatest enjoyment is to prepare the write-ups for the journal, and although in a manner away from the members, his heart is with them, and who knows but that the P. S. & N. may be heard from in the near future.

The next regular meeting will be held in Emporium, Wednesday, August 10th, at 8:30 p. m., and we hope to see a good many members present.

We are glad to hear that all are in good health and spirits, and hope this condition will continue indefinitely. "PLYMOUTH ROCK."

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

We are constantly receiving inquiries, from the boys along the line, relative to the petition for two relief days per month, which was circulated several months ago. We know no more the fate of this petition than does any of the other telegraphers on the division. But, Mr. Non doesn't seem to think so. He has an idea that, being a member of the O. R. T., we should make it our personal business to see that this paper is safely carried through and presented to the superintendent and general manager, with immediate results. And, why shouldn't he think so? He has the brazen nerve to write up a woeful tale of lament, telling of the good things telegraphers on other lines are enjoying, etc., etc., and then en-

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closing it in an envelope, carefully avoiding any marks or other means of identification, and sending it to us with a little note: "Please start this from your end." Why doesn't he add what is in his mind and say: "I'd start it, but I'm afraid the fellow who does might be fired."

We have lots of these spineless chaps on this division. They are all smiles when the superintendent or some other official is around, but at the same time they pick all kinds of stones and then search around for some good brother, who always plays above board, to do the firing, while they lie under cover until the storm is past. If perchance we gain a point, everything is rosy; but if we lose, then the O. R. T. is at fault.

We are not so devoid of feeling as not to wish for the success of this recent petition for a monthly holiday or two, but if you do not receive what you have asked for, you have no one to blame but yourselves. If you are too cowardly to stand up with the brothers on the firing line, or too selfish to contribute your mite to help defray the expenses of the Order that has been battling for you for many years, then you deserve nothing at the hands of your employer, and no one is better aware of the fact than is he. Therefore, please do not weary us with your tales of woe; we are in no mood to listen to you unless you can come like men with your applications properly made up, and, if you come eighty or ninety per cent strong, we can assure you that these begging petitions will soon be a relic of the past.

I often find it a duty to call some good union man's attention to the goods he is buying. Many never look for the union label. What kind of clothing do you wear, is it union made? Are you wearing a scab hat, and how about your shoes? Your newspaper, I presume, is all to the mustard. And, by the way, I think there are only two English dailies in the country that are truly union papers: The *New York Call* and the *Chicago Daily Socialist*.

Mr. Samuel Bowers, agent at Haucks, is retired on the pension list. Mr. E. J. Howell has been appointed agent.

Mr. Lantenbaucher, of "BC" office, transferred to Atlantic City Division. Mr. Miller, second trick at "BC" office, has left the service.

Mr. Portner, at Tamaqua, has resigned, and has accepted a position with the Excelsior Coal Co.

Bro. Davis, of Mahonay Plane, was injured by a fall, and is laid up. J. C. McNeil is relieving Bro. Davis.

Bro. Campbell, of Gordon, relieved for one day.

Telegrapher N. H. Maurer is attending court at Pottsville this week.

Telegrapher Keating, of Shamokin, is working at "KN," Shamokin. Mr. Meenhan is working in Keating's place at "D" office.

Bro. Lyons, of "NB" Junction, was a Minersville visitor recently.

Bro. Klinger, of "NB" Junction, called on his mother at Lewisburg a few days since.

Quite a number of the brothers took in the great double-header at the Williamsport Ball Park, on Thursday, and saw the champion Billtown team defeat the strong Lancaster nine, twice.

Bear in mind, we are still in the market for notes, and don't forget our next meeting.

CERT. 17.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

We were not represented in the July TELEGRAPHER, as you are well aware, and the reason is that I did not get the communication written in time, although there were but few items of interest to the membership. I wish some of the members would kindly send a few items occasionally, and in that way assist the correspondent. is now running an Auto Garage at Johnsonville, and Bro. Akin bid in second trick at Troy, "DE" office.

Bro. H. V. Akin, formerly third trick at Johnsonville, has returned from the South, where he was pitching for the Southern States League, making a success up to the time he sprained his arm. We understand that he liked the South very much.

Bro. VanWert, who resigned some months ago, is now running an Auto Garage at Johnsonville. so any brother wishing a fast and cheap "Joy" ride will call on Van, at 4501 South Vender St.; phone No. 1-23.

Bro. Murphy made 335 miles in one week to cover the spare work. Guess that's "going some," when you figure on a man's having much sleep.

Telegrapher Mead is working second trick at Schaghticoke, while Bro. Butler is covering the second trick at Troy station, where it is about equal to a Bonus wire, but he is certainly making good.

Bro. Duncan, of Buckland, will give an exhibition of an agent at work in North Adams, on the Fair Grounds, during old home week. A large attendance is desired to help cheer "DN" up.

See by the *Budget* that Mr. Hitchcock, formerly of the Santa Fe, is working spare at Rotterdam, while Bro. Raine is acting as instructor of telegraph rules.

Telegrapher Hennessey, of Greenfield (spare), is working second trick at Johnsonville, while the job is being bid in. Understand that Bro. Manning is after Johnsonville, second trick.

C. T. D., Mr. Bourne, has just returned from his vacation, and Dispatcher Price, who held the chair of C. T. D. during his absence, has returned to the sheet, which was covered by Bro. Manning.

Bill Clark and Dispatcher Culver will make a trial trip in the largest balloon that ever rose, on September 6th, during Old Home Week at North Adams, and Dispatcher Barry will run the wireless machine from Greylock Mt., while Billy will send messages from the balloon.

Bro. Moak, of Siberia, starts in a moving picture show at Mechanicville, October 1st. So

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any members that happen to be in that place will kindly acknowledge that and attend.

There was an error in the write-up in the June journal. We wish to beg Bro. Moak's pardon, as the Journal had it "Sister" instead of brother.

Agent Palmer, of Reynolds wishes to buy a wireless set, which he can install at that point to get the weather report more accurately. Any body having one to sell will wire him.

CERT. 1421.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Having been asked by a number of members lately as to what became of the Telegraphers' Eight-Hour Bill which was supposed to have been presented for discussion at the late Session of Parliament, I may say in way of explanation that owing to the recent sitting of the House being, as all know, a very short one, our bill along with a number of others was laid over, and is to be brought up at the next Session of Parliament we hope to meet with approval of the majority, and made law.

In discussing the service question, perhaps it would not be out of order to refer to the nine-hour service law, recently passed in the United States. When the law in question became effective a number of the roads from the start construed its meaning rightly and worked their telegraphers nine consecutive hours per day, while a number thought they were complying with the law if they, for example, worked a man, starting at 7:00 in the morning, two or three hours, relieved him for one or two hours, then brought him back for two or three hours, and so on until the day closed. However, as the latter construction was not the correct meaning and spirit of the bill (the intention was that telegraphers were to work nine consecutive hours, and then be relieved for the day), a test case was made on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. last month, resulting in the United States court rendering a decision to the effect that the Telegraphers' Service Law meant nine consecutive hours and nothing else. No doubt our Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. L. W. Quick, will go into the particulars of the case fully in this issue of the journal. Every one should read it.

The above should be interesting to every Canadian railroad telegrapher, as the Telegraphers' Eight-Hour Bill awaiting discussion in the Canadian Parliament states that the hours must be consecutive, and not broken up in small periods covering from twelve to eighteen hours per day.

With respect to card renewals. A goodly number of our members have remitted their dues already and are in possession of the current card. Those who have not as yet remitted will confer a great favor to the undersigned by doing so not later than August 31st, as on that date the Grand Division revises the mailing list and only those having paid their division dues and mutual benefit assessments are, according to the constitution, in good standing and entitled to the journal.

We hope every up-to-date member will take interest in the work of assisting in rounding up the nons. If application forms, or information as to rates, etc., are required, a post card addressed to the undersigned will be sufficient to put you in possession of same.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, *B. S. and T.*

Southern Division—

We understand that Bro. J. Boughner, day telegrapher at Simcoe, has joined the benedict class. Congratulations. The cigars will do at any time. Bro. Boughner, when away on honeymoon trip, was relieved by our worthy Bro. Smith.

Bro. Doan, of New Sarum, is taking a couple of weeks' vacation, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Turnbull, of Corinth. Wonder why Mr. Turnbull don't add "Brother" before his name? Our worthy Local Chairman, W. P. Hoffman, of Paynes Mills, returned from the Atlanta convention looking hale and hearty. Billy says it was a great convention.

Understand Day Telegrapher Mr. Anguish, at Glencoe, has left the service, and was relieved by Telegrapher Fennell. Another we are surprised don't take out a card in our organization.

Now, everybody wake up and show the world at large that the Grand Trunk boys, while they may not say much, are a real live bunch. Keep at the poor nons until we can show the Southern Division close to 100 per cent O. R. T.

CERT. 714.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Northern Division—

Bro. S. A. Phillips is working third trick at Mena yard office, while Mr. M. L. Thomas is working in the dispatchers' office. Mr. R. H. Redmond works first trick yard office, and Bro. A. J. Novey, second trick.

Mr. O. G. Crawford, the regular telegrapher in dispatchers' office, is working first trick in place of Mr. Hyde, who is laying off a few days.

There is a new man at Heavener, nights.

A telegraph office has been opened at Steam Shovel, near Heavener, with Telegrapher W. M. McCarty in charge.

It is important that each member read the article in the June Journal relative to the Bond question.

While personally I have never had a grievance with our present Bond Co., I heartily indorse the plan set forth, and I would recommend that each member put his shoulder to the wheel, as it is for our benefit and uplifting. Why tarry on the question? You are assured by Bro. Quick that your money will be refunded if for any reason the project does not go through, and if we fail in this effort the good cause will die until some future generation resurrects it. If it proves a

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success you will receive your interest and just benefits therefrom. Put your thinkers to work, and drop a $10 or more with us. We need it to assist you. CERT. 149.

Southern Division—

Bros. Vickers and Ferguson, of Beaumont office, were taking in the sights at Port Arthur on the 5th. Hope they enjoyed their short stay down on the "Banks of the Sabine."

Mr. W. L. Hester is doing the owl stunt at Zwolle, having relieved Mr. Dunnam.

We understand that Bro. Wheeler, of Mansfield, nights, is taking his summer vacation, being relieved by Mr. Dunnam, formerly of Zwolle, nights. We wish Bro. Wheeler a good time during his recess from the "Key."

We are informed that Bro. Paisley, at Many, nights, is back at his old stand, after having spent a few weeks very pleasantly with his family and friends.

We are extremely glad to say, we will have the pleasure of calling Messrs Mester and Dunnam "Brothers" after the July pay-day. We would that others might "Go and do likewise." If we were one 100 per cent strong we might be able, through our representatives, to impress upon the management the justness of increasing our pay checks, so we could meet our bills promptly.

We are informed that Mr. Melindy, formerly clerk and telegrapher at Beaumont, has been transferred to Fisher agency, relieving Bro. Simpson.

It is rumored that there has been a transfer at Barham. Bro. Brooks taking a vacation. We are unable to say who relieved him.

I am moved to believe that I owe the boys on the north end an apology, owing to the fact that in the July journal I scored them rather severely on account of their not having previously given us a write-up, but on examination of the June journal I discovered they had quite a nice lot of items, and I was certainly much pleased to read it over, thereby learning something of what the boys are doing on the north end. Hope they will overlook my hastiness in writing as I did, and sincerely wish that they may continue to give us a nice write-up, for when coupled to our items from the south end the "Old P. G" will be handsomely represented.

Bro. H. E. Long spent the evening in Beaumont recently. Understand that he called on Bro. Ferguson.

Understand that Sister Ida Pattillo, of Leesville, W. U. office, will be transferred to Shreveport, to work in W. U. office there, as soon as can get relieved at "MO" office. We regret very much to have Sister Pattillo leave our midst, but trust she will see fit to keep in line, as she has always done.

Bro. W. H. Tolman, so long stationed at Wasey, La., is taking his summer vacation, but am not able to say who is relieving him.

Bro. J. S. Gledhill, who has been laying off for some time, has again resumed duty as agent at Juanita, relieving Bro. McBeath.

Bro. W. T. Merchant, at Texarkana, is taking his summer vacation, and is being relieved by Bro. Newell, he, in turn, being relieved by Mr. Phillips from Trigg St. Bro. Baird relieved Mr. Phillips on second trick at "X."

Mr. Downs, of Shreveport, dispatchers' office, is off on his summer vacation, being relieved by Bro. Babcock, regular night man, he, in turn, being relieved by Mr. Briggs, of Kansas City.

The burning of Zwolle depot on the night of June 21st, caused by a lamp exploding, was a rother serious loss, it having destroyed everything in the building. Bro. Manhein proved his efficiency as an agent by handling everything successfully with no assistance. All records of the station were destroyed. After having worked so hard and faithfully, he is now enjoying a vacation in Tennessee, being relieved by Bro. H. R. Brooks.

No doubt all who read the August journal, will observe that there is a somewhat limited write-up. This was occasioned by the good "Brothers" not helping me out with news. I am greatly indebted to our worthy local chairman for several items. Also obligated to Bro. Malone, of "D," who bethought himself to send me an item. Now, "boys," do not hesitate to send in any item that you may know of, as it will greatly assist me in representing you creditably in the columns of our journal. I notice, by reading the journal closely, that all the correspondents have considerable trouble in getting the boys along the several lines to send in news items. I sincerely hope that Bros. Womack and Smith will, along with our local chairman, send me some "dope" each month by the 20th. With the few items that I can pick up and those that the local chairman and his two "assistants" can send in, I am under the impression that we can have a fair representation in the journal. I sincerely admonish the brethren that received my letter of some weeks ago, that they will not fail to respond thereto, as it will be a great help to me to get items.

CERT. 271.

Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division, Western District—

Many things have happened since our last write-up, not the most insignificant of which is the gratifying increase of net earnings for the railways of the United States for the spring months, which exceeded those of the same period of 1906, and only fell below the phenomenal earnings of 1907 by about 6 per cent. Truly everything will come to the man who waits.

We are confronted with another problem, which I suppose has confronted men from time immemorial: How are we to deal with the man who won't wait? There are two kinds of fellows, you know. One is so slow that when Gabriel blows his great blast he will ask Gabe to excuse him while he ties his shoe strings, and the other will wait for nothing. I can see a way around the slow fellow—he will simply be left, but this other fellow—why actually I sometimes wonder

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if he had a little garden planted, if he would not go out and pull up the little beans as they sprout in order to help them along. After all, he is worse than the fellow who is slow. Of course, we meet these natures every where, and they get into the Order too. When they get hold of the lines they often pull the thing up by the roots, because it don't come around fast enough for them. Wonder if we can not strike the happy medium-gait—and keep it?

There is a time-worn hint that I might give, though it will not do any good. The best way to keep down this anxiety for a pipe full of luxurious excitement all the time, is to get busy yourself. It is the fellow who is actually experiencing the difficulties and watching the victories in the process of being won, that feels there is progress being made. Your trouble, brother, is you are up on a high hill, so to speak, asleep in a tent, or perhaps lying there awake listening to the din of battle around you, and simply awaiting the news of victories won. What do you know about the fierce charge made by the enemy on the other side of the hill? What do you know about the serious wounding of a brave general which sent terror through the bravest fighters and caused your men to hesitate? You better at least get out side where you can watch the struggle, and you will marvel sometimes at the progress being made, and incidentally your patriotism will rise and your extreme haste will be forgotten. Don't imagine that the fellow sitting there listening so sympathetically, is your friend. He is the spy in search of good material for traitors, and though he may not think for a moment of making you one, he will help you to spread dissension.

I suppose that you have noticed that our insurance assessments are now payable at the beginning of each term, the same as our dues. No argument now, you will either be in good standing with the M. B. D. or not. Which are you? I am sure that after looking at the gratifying report of the Grand Secretary, showing such a substantial growth of this department, as well as such a growth of the Order in general during the recent depression, you will want to remain a part of the big movement, and will feel like taking him by the hand and assuring him of your appreciation of the able manner in which the funds have been handled.

Quite a number of changes have been made on the district in the last month or two, but I have hardly been able to keep up with them and attend the press of other business before me. One of the most important and to us one of the most regrettable comments to be made, is relative to the fact that so many of our best men, best Order and railroad men, evince a disposition to leave the work. In all probability they will be much better off, for they are going into business for themselves, and we surely maintain that a man with a few years' successful experience as station agent will not have any trouble handling a business of his own. But we regret to see them leave us. We hope the time will speedily come when the men will be allowed a sufficiency of experieneced help, in order that they may do the work properly. We understand that there is no incentive for a man to try to keep up the work at a two or three man station with only a twenty "per" helper, who makes more work by his lack of familiarity with the business than if he were not there. Time was when we could sit up half the night to do this work, but the nine hour law has stopped that, and the consequence is our good men are leaving us. You used to wonder how so and so at the next station kept his work up so well, while you had the same amount of help, but could not keep even. Allowing for his larger experience, which would enable him to do more telling work in the same length of time, I believe you will find that there used to be a good many who worked hour after hour at night to do so. Since this can not be done any more, and we have no show, the boys get disgusted and quit. Perhaps it will not always be so.

Bro. Jensen moved to Overton, upon the resignation of Bro. C. W. Nichols, which leaves the east end without a correspondent, and Bro. Smith has asked me to advertise for a correspondent for the First District, as he does not wish to appoint any one. This should be volunteer work which, in his opinion, will make it better. Any one who cares to accept the position will notify Bro. Smith, who will line some of the boys up as assistants and keep our correspondents' column up to standard.

Owing to the lateness of this article, I will omit any local news this time, for if it misses this month's journal the news would be too stale by month after next. However, the next write-up hope to have all kinds of news to give, for several old heads are lining-up. And, by the way, I know of a certain young man who started in with George Washington Seivers a little over a year ago, who as soon as he attained his year's experience wrote for application blanks. Who ever heard of an old head doing that?

Kindly remember that this is the term in which we were to have a solid line-up. It is just one year ago since we started out for it, and we are almost there. CERT. 765.

Wyoming Division—

Any noticeable tendency upon my part to economize in the space used this month, I hope may be justified by the recent information made public by Bro. Quick to the effect that the matter for fraternal columns far exceeds the present capacity of the journal's pages set aside for that department. Besides, these are vacation days, and we all prefer the shaded nook or the fishing rod, to pouring over stuff such as I dish out each month.

We can not afford, however, to overlook entirely things that interest us so vitally as does this organization, and I hope I may be pardoned if I ask the question, have you paid up for your insurance and card? We should all endeavor to get our cards so quickly each term that our

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numbers show us to be among the very first of the many thousand members throughout the country to pay our dues. For instance, my card for last half is 172, showing that only 171 members got their cards ahead of me. We should make it a point to always observe the number of a brother's card and thus see how prompt he is in paying his dues.

The Wyoming Division, if she can just hold her own, now, is in splendid shape. Nons are few, very few, and there is not to exceed half-dozen undesirables; and that represents pretty accurately the nons. I expect to see a committee to Omaha ere long so we should all take care that our respective stations are kept up-to-date.

To my surprise, Borie tower opened with but one man. He appears to be working one hour on and about three hours off for the twenty-four hours. You notice it is not bulletined and this, I presume, is due to the difficulty they would have in properly classifying the position. It could neither be called a day or a night job. There is undoubtedly a flagrant disregard of the nine-hour law there, and some steps should be taken to adjust things. DIV. COR.

Kansas Division—

Mr. H. A. Hawkins has just undergone his fifth operation, and at the present writing is reported as not doing very well.

Mr. T. E. Adams relieved Bro. Stoddard at Bonner Springs, while Bro. Stoddard took a whirl at Topeka. Mr. Adams also relieved Bro. Farrel at Perry.

Mr. F. C. Lister, night clerk from St. Marys, is relieving at Ogdensburg and Menoken.

Bro. Meierotta, who relieved Sister Doering at Topeka, tangled with the powers that be, was relieved by a Mr. Hill. Hill went the same route, and was relieved by Bro. Stoddard.

Bro. Fisher is relieving Bro. Ross at Wamego, Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the U. S. Signal Corps, is relieving Bro. Fisher.

Bro. Leger is spending a ten days' vacation by visiting with Mrs. Leger in Beatrice. Mr. Tucker was borrowed from the Rock Island for the occasion.

Bro. David, of Menoken, is in the hospital at Kansas City, having a round or two with fever. Bro. Davis also has a very sick child. Mr. Race and Mr. Lister are relieving.

Bro. A. E. Miller, from the Burlington, is relieving Bro. Hauer at Barneston. Bro. Miller has been engaged in business at Barneston for some time.

Bro. Armstrong is relieving Bro. Carson at Ft. Riley, while Bro. Carson takes in the fair.

Mr. E. A. Terry, a new arrival, is relieving Bro. Cosley at Armstrong, while Bro. Cosley takes in the big fair.

Bro. Armstrong also relieved Bro. Hadsell at Talmo.

A Mr. Lower is acting as relief telegrapher at Detroit. We understand that Sister Jette is senior applicant for Detroit.

Mr. Maxwell, of Black Wolf, has an up-to-date in his jeans these days. Bro. Denison having shown him the light.

Bro. Nickel, of Lucas, holds the record this month, he having to his credit the applications of Bros. Campbell, Rhodes and Fulkerson. If only a few would do half the work done by Bro. Nickel we would have a solid membership within ten days. Just borrow Bro. Nickel's receipt and go after a few of them, meanwhile take off your hat to Bro. Nickel.

Understand Bro. R. W. Abbott, who resigned to go into the Railway Mail Service, has changed his mind, and is working on the Colorado Division.

Bro. W. V. Sage, of Culver, has been on the sick list. Bro. Campbell is relieving him.

Thanks to Bro. Nickel and Bro. Denison. The non-members on the west end are being thinned out rapidly. There are still a few left, who though very prolific with promises, fail to land. You have not done your duty brother, until you work on them. If they insist on traveling the route alone, why should you favor them as some brothers are in the habit of doing. "No card, no favors." By remaining non-members they are injuring your chance at betterment. Why should you go out of your way to favor them?

Mr. Hooven, of Belvue, does not carry a card, although he has repeatedly claimed to be a union man at heart. We notice though that he enjoys running around over the line while his helper runs the station. Would a union man be guilty of this?

If you have a non-member working with you, don't take "No" for an excuse. Ninety-nine out of every hundred excuses are manufactured for the occasion.

If you have any notes on your mind, any of the local officers will relieve you of your burden.

H. A. White, formerly of Topeka, but who is now working one of the moon light tricks in the far West, spent a few days looking up old flames in this part of the country.

Bro. J. A. Meier, of Beverly, is another one of Bro. Nickel's victims. COR.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Central Division, District Three—

Feeling rather encouraged by the fact that we have at last broken into the journal again and the boys having sent along a supply of news items, here we are again. We must thank the brothers who so kindly contributed news items and request that others follow their example and in this way we can have a good write-up each month.

Bro. A. G. Campbell, of Kemnay, is again doing manifold duty at the Junction town. He has located his script and expects to apply for the agency at Macklin Station on the Pleasant Hill Branch, and will be prepared to buy off any brother who has him beat on seniority when this station is advertised.

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We are sorry to hear that Bro. Nolan's wife is sick, but pleased to say that the latest reports are favorable.

Bro. J. W. Masters, of Rocanville, is away on his holidays.

Bro. G. D. Collins, of Broadview, is away on sick leave. He has gone to New Brunswick; relieved by Bro. Smith, the night man.

There has been a shaking up of night offices, Moosomin and Whitewood being closed, and Wapella and Kemnay opened. Kemnay seems to be a hard place to keep open, the hotel at that point being rather crowded, the poor "owl" can not get suitable quarters.

Bro. Findlay has just returned from Maple Creek, where he had gone on account of the illness of his family.

Bro. M. H. Simpson is attending the fair at Seattle, being relieved by Bro. Geo. Hyde.

Bro. W. S. Hooper, of Griswold, is away on holidays. We have not heard which is his vacation point.

Bro. G. S. Morris has returned from holidays, and reports a splendid time.

Bro. J. H. Forrest is back from the train dispatchers' convention. The only complaint he has to make is that the time was too short.

Bro. Robert Peard is spending his holidays in his summer cottage, No. 00000 Joy Hill, 18th street, very much north. He reports the shooting good. CERT. 250.

I have something to say which I am sure will please the C. P. R. boys. Our general secretary-treasurer, Bro. Morris, has been elected president of the Brandon Trades and Labor Council, and that body is undertaking to build a trades and labor temple. It will be three stories high by thirty-eight feet wide and about one hundred feet long, and will contain three magnificent halls for rental purposes, which are expected to bring in a revenue of about $2,100 a year. This hall is being erected by a stock company known as the "Brandon Labor Temple Co., Limited," capital $15,000, divided into 15,000 shares. The par value of each share is $1.00, and no more than one hundred shares will be sold to any one person. A board of directors has been formed, of which Mr. Morris is chairman, and he would like the C. P. R. boys to buy as many shares as convenient. If each brother takes only five shares we would become by far the largest shareholders. Bro. Morris asks our worthy third vice-president, Bro. Campbell, and General Chairman Robertson through these columns to head the list by subscribing for one hundred shares each.

We all know that Bro. Morris is endeavoring to bring about a movement that will convene all local chairman of our system once a year at some convenient place, which would mean a small tax to defray the extra expense, but the great benefit that would be derived from such action would have the effect of greatly strengthening and making more perfect in many ways the administration of our affairs, and it is his great desire to have this, the first convention of its kind on System Division No. 7, held in this new hall, in the construction of which he is playing such an important part.

Any brother who desires to push along this worthy cause will please cut out the form below with the number of shares desired and send it to Bro. Morris, who will arrange to have certificates issued promptly. Bro. Morris expects to pay very fair, if not handsome, dividends to shareholders of this company. Get in on the ground floor before the shares go up.

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Central and Western Divisions—

Our regular monthly meeting was held June 20th, in Flanagan Hotel, Saskatoon, and a good attendance resulted in a first-class meeting. We who are privileged to attend regularly were much pleased to see such a good representation from the extreme eastern end of the district. With the improved train service that we look forward to for late autumn and winter, we hope to see even better results generally.

It is gratifying to note that the members indorse the latest step in providing a local fund, the assessments being in most cases promptly paid. When we consider the number of locals there are on System Division No. 7, the effect of this undertaking on our general treasury will at once become evident. The members will note that this district has such advantages that we have considered a much smaller fee than is paid by other locals, sufficient for present requirements. This, of course, was based upon actual requirements, and expecting a unanimous response from the brothers. When this is considered, I am sure the few who are yet to be heard from, will be glad to show their approval by remitting promptly to your local secretary-treasurer.

We note that two men are doing the relief stunt, so that we should have no difficulty in obtaining the required vacation. We can not all go to Seattle, but wish a "bon voyage" to the lucky ones.

Your correspondent has been back from his eastern trip but a few days, so if this letter is not up to date, kindly make allowance for an absence of four weeks.

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Before closing, it might be in order to mention the fact of our receiving a letter from Mr. C. A. Cottrell, our late chief train dispatcher, thanking the telegraphers of this district for their support and co-operation during his short stay with us. Mr. Cottrell has gone to Revelstoke, and has received our acknowledgment ere this. We are pleased to greet Mr. Chapman, who has been transferred from Moose Jaw to fill the vacancy. With best wishes to all, and looking forward to a record meeting in July, towards which we ask all to assist, I am

Yours faithfully,

DIV. COR.

First District, Western Division—

During the past month changes have followed each other in such rapid succession as to make those among us who aspire to future greatness wonder what the morrow will bring forth.

First and foremost comes the removal of our late chief, Mr. R. F. Chapman, to Saskatoon; succeeded by Mr. N. S. Fraser from Revelstoke.

In the dispatchers' office something like a general shuffle has taken place, especially on the west end. The changes in detail are as follows: West End, first trick, Bro. R. F. Sewell from Medicine Hat; second trick, Bro. A. G. Gish, hailing from Nelson; third trick, Bro. L. F. Shores from the "Hat." Bro. G. Hilliard, late third trick west end, left recently for "pastures new" in the South. Bro. R. R. Smart, also of the west end, leaves shortly on a well-earned holiday through the States and Eastern Canada, returning to take a trick at Medicine Hat. Bro. R. J. Collins, late third trick east end, transferred to Cranbrook. Mr. Lawless, from the "G. T. R.," Montreal, appointed relieving dispatcher.

"MS" Yard Office has its usual share of changes. Bro. Caswell is now holding first trick; second trick, Mr. Miller; third trick Telegrapher Boyle; split trick, Telegrapher McConnell. Mr. A. F. O'Brien, late of the yard office, has been promoted to the position of dispatcher. We congratulate him on his promotion. Mr. Stunt a new man on the "412," vice Bro. Moriarty, resigned.

East End. Indian Head—Bro. Boyd, alias "Shaughnessy," is working days, vice Bro. McClure. Bro. McClure, who returned recently from a holiday at the coast, secures the position of relieving agent recently bulletined. A new man is working nights at Indian Head, also named McClure.

Bro. Bienvenue, agent at Balgonie, leaves for the East on vacation this week. Rumor has it that "Two shall return where there went forth but one." That, of course, remains to be seen.

Pense nights is held by Mr. E. Broster, a new man from Montreal.

Portal Section—Wilcox agency has been bulletined. Bro. McColl is looking for something with more pay and less work. We wish him luck.

Bro. A. S. Inglis has at last come to anchor with his traveling menagerie, having secured the agency at Milestone on bulletin.

Moose Mountain Section—Bro. W. D. Stillwell, of Stoughton, lately returned from vacation; Bro. Hanley relieved him.

Osage recently reopened with Bro. Lambert, a new man from the East, in charge.

Bro. Wasson, of Howard, is away on a summer vacation. Bro. Hanley is relieving him.

Bro. Cordingly and bride, of Francis, returned from the East a short time ago. We are glad to welcome them both as old acquaintances. Bro. Inglis relieved.

Bro. Dowling, of Sedley, is leaving for the East on vacation. Bro. G. A. Swan, Grand Division, is relieving him.

Kronau has been bid in by Bro. Ayers.

Bro. Anderson, agent at Arcola, passed through recently, on his return from Seattle, where he spent a week seeing the exhibition.

In gathering the information for the above write-up, we find that the greater part, if not all of the new men on the district are telegraphers of some years experience, who either hold up-to-date cards or have done so in the past, only allowing their membership to lapse on account of hard times. Such men are fully alive to the advantage of an "up-to-date," and need little or no persuasion to come in again. This being so we feel confident that the good brothers who are in immediate touch with such men will remember their duty to the Order and do their utmost to fill up the gaps in the wall.

In conclusion we wish to extend our hearty thanks to the brothers who rendered such valuable assistance in the way of notes and items of interest, and to apologize for any alterations or omissions we may have been guilty of. Although the above is not a complete line-up, nor as comprehensive as I should have wished, we trust in our next write-up to remedy any such deficiencies.

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Western Division, District Number Three—

On account of the absence of your correspondent, we missed our June write-up, which we regret very much. Though our notes may not be crowded with cleverness, they serve the purpose for which they are intended, that is to show that we are all up to date on this district and have no room for nons.

Bro. Finkle, our worthy local secretary and treasurer, is enjoying some well-earned holidays in Bruce.

Bro. Walkley is spending his holidays in Seattle and B. C. cities.

Bro. Higgins is also taking in the Seattle Exposition.

Bro. Fred Bye is now working days at Lacombe.

There are quite a number of changes among the brothers on the west end and your scribe would be delighted to have a few notes for our next write-up from one or more of the worthy

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brothers west of Calgary, in fact, from any where on the district; send them along any time before the nineteenth of the month, they will look good in the official organ. It is not alone for the benefit of the brothers at home, but those who have been amongst us at some time, and who are deeply interested in every line of THE TELEGRAPHER'S contents.

Those who have had an opportunity of enjoying the hospitality and fraternity such as was dispensed by the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club during the grand session in Atlanta in May, can only regret that there are not more such noble organizations in all our large centers. Words fail to convey the spirit of good fellowship and unity that was brought about through the untiring and unceasing energy of that worthy body, uniting delegates in company and pleasures, in particular the wives, sisters and children of delegates from the United States, Canada and Mexico, who otherwise would have little, if any, means in such a large number of people of mingling under such pleasant circumstances.

All the delegates who were present feel, I am sure, a deep sense of gratitude to our worthy brothers and sisters who left nothing unturned to assure all present of their genuine Southern hospitality. We are living in the hope of reciprocating at our next biennial convention in Toronto, Ont., in 1911.

Before closing let us say a few words in behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Let us get a charter on this district. By the time this appears each brother will have received from Sister G. W. Malone, Grand Secretary, a copy of the constitution and statutes. Get your wives, mothers, sisters and daughters interested and carrying up-to-date cards in the Auxiliary so that we can get a charter at once.

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CARD OF THANKS.

I hereby tender my sincere thanks to the members of the O. R. T. who have been so kind to me and my little children in my great loss, and whose voluntary contributions have been of such a material aid. Gratefully yours,

ETHEL ELMHURST WEIR.

New York Central Ry.

ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

All Members:

Richville, N. Y., May 21, 1909.

Wish to call your attention to the following letter, which I received from Bro. J. H. O'Brien, agent at Gouverneur, N. Y., defining his position in regard to the O. R. S. A. Because of the information contained therein, I have taken the liberty to publish his letter in full for your perusal and earnestly request that you study it very carefully.

Am of the opinion that the answers to the questions contained herein will explain something that, perhaps some of our members have been uninformed on and, coming as they do from the local secretary of the O. R. S. A., they can be considered as authentic.

Copies of the letters which Bro. O'Brien refers to, over the signature of the general chairmen of the B. & M. and New Haven Railroads, are in my possession, and explain the working of the O. R. S. A. on these roads in a much different manner than as explained by the O. R. S. A. people. Fraternally yours,

F. A. RICH,
Local Chairman.

Gouverneur, N. Y., May 16th, 1909.

MR. F. A. RICH, *L. C., O. R. T.*,
Richville, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In view of the fact that it has come to me on a number of occasions recently, and from a number of different sources as well, that certain members of the O. R. S. A. have said that I approved of that organization and was going to cast my lot with them, and believing that my name is being so used to help them secure applications from those who are now members of our Order, I feel it my duty to make a statement at this time defining to you my position in regard to the matter.

In the first place I desire to say, most emphatically, that any report to the effect that I have at any time promised to become a member of that craft, or that I have said I approved of the O. R. S. A., is a falsehood, pure and simple. The most I have ever said along that line is this: "If you can convince me that the O. R. S. A. is the better organization of the two, I will fill out my application."

While I am always open to conviction, and believe everyone should be, I have not been convinced as yet that the O. R. S. A. is the better of the two, or even a movement of which I could approve in anyway, under the conditions that now exist.

My investigation into the O. R. S. A. dates back to a time before that organization was started on this division, and from documents now in my possession I was able to form something of an opinion of it, and this opinion has not been shaken since this movement commenced here, but after a long visit with President Morton, of the O. R. S. A., in which I learned considerable of apparent value; from studying carefully the O. R. S. A. constitution and other literature which they have circulated (including an invitation to their meeting of April 8th), and watching the tactics they have adopted, my opinions have been not only strengthened, until now I am only the more strongly convinced that I can not see my way clear to connect myself with that craft, neither can I see how any other good O. R. T. member can do so.

I believe the O. R. S. A. to be a labor organization, but one which had no use for the strike clause, and I believe there are many others, including some within their ranks, who believe the O. R. S. A. is a labor organization.

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And why not? Is not their constitution similar in many respects to the constitution of labor organizations? Have they not provided for their grievance committees? Have they not a strike clause? Are they not looking for schedules? If not a labor organization, are they explaining this to all of their prospective members, or only to those who might not be agreeable to organized labor? My first doubts of it being a labor organization were aroused from a careful study of their constitution, noting carefully the strike clause, and the arrangements for a Protective Fund. What an arrangement to protect members, and yet how misleading unless carefully studied!

During my interview with President Morton, I told him of the letters I had, giving a record of the O. R. S. A. on the B. & M. and New Haven lines. He said the statements contained therein were false, but he produced no evidence to substantiate his statements. I told him that while I could not see my way clear to join him I would not "knock," and I have been rather silent regarding O. R. S. A. matters. But the use of my name in connection with their work has caused me to "sit up and take notice," and I now propose to place before you certain information which may be of benefit to you in your work for the O. R. T.

Some of our members, as well as non-members, seem to carry certain ideas which are misleading to them, and with a view of obtaining certain information from the O. R. S. A. people in writing, I wrote Mr. C. M. Dewey, secretary, Carthage, on April, 28th, asking him to answer certain questions, questions which any prospective member should ask before joining an organization of any kind. Below are the questions and the answers I received on May 7th, after writing him on May 5th for a reply to my letter:

No. 1—Q. Is the O. R. S. A., strictly speaking, a labor union?

A. No, sir; it is not a labor union.

No. 2—Q. If so, are they affiliated with the American Federation of Labor?

A. No, sir; decidedly not; we are not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

No. 3—Q. How old is it, and what is its present membership?

A. The O. R. S. A. is three years old; but only a little over a year old on the N. Y. C., and not seven months old yet on the R., W. & O. Membership of from 700 to 900 on the entire N. Y. C.

No. 4—Q. What lines does it cover, and with what lines have you schedules?

A. Covers the B. & M. and the N. Y., N. H. & H. in New England State, Rutland and N. Y. C. & H. R. R. and D. & H. Co. Has schedules on the B. & M. and N. Y., N. H. systems, and we expect to have one on the N. Y. C. within a few months from now.

No. 5 Q. What provision is made for funds to further the interests of your organization, and properly protect your members?

A. Initiation fees and the dues that we receive are used to further the interests of the organization and protect our members.

No. 6—Q. Can you furnish me with a copy of the last financial report?

A. I am sorry to say that I am unable to furnish you with a copy of our last financial report, but if you insist on having it before you feel that you could become a member of our order, I will be glad to try and get you one from our president.

No. 7—Q. If I should become a member of the O. R. S. A. and still retain my membership in the O. R. T., in case the latter organization should resort to extreme measures (that is a strike), in the adjustment of grievances, could I under your constitution retain my membership in your organization if I should support the O. R. T. in such troubles?

A. There is nothing in our constitution to hinder you from doing what you please in the O. R. T. if you care to retain your membership with the O. R. T.

No. 8.—Q. Have you now, or is there prospects of amicable working agreement between your order and the O. R. T.?

A. No, not yet; but we are in hopes to have a working agreement with the O. R. T. as soon as it can be brought around.

No. 9.—Q. Do you feel that the O. R. S. A. is in position to give agents better representation than the O. R. T.?

A. Yes, sir; I feel that the O. R. S. A. will be in position to give the agents and bonded men better representation than the O. R. T., in the near future, but you must remember that we have not been in the field as long as the O. R. T., but, nevertheless, we are pushing right along, far ahead of what the O. R. T. was ever able to do in the length of time that O. R. S. A. has been in existence.

No. 10—Q. If so, in what way?

A. In more ways than one, ask your committee what was told them at their meeting in March. From past experience, what has the O. R. T. done for the agents and bonded men as a whole? Nothing that I can see, only made it worse for agents as a body, but it has helped those who are operators and that is all.

Let us consider these answers and see what we find:

Answer No. 1 may come as a surprise to yourself as well as to some of the O. R. S. A. members who understand that organization to be a labor union, and to our members who realize that the only material benefits we have ever received has been through labor organizations, and not through social ones.

Answer No. 2 should receive careful consideration. The tone would indicate that they were not only not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, but that they have no use for that body. Are our O. R. T. members opposed to the A. F. of L.? Do they approve of organizations which are?

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See answer No. 3: According to Section 86, O. R. S. A. constitution, 50 per cent of the class of employes represented must be members of the O. R. S. A. before that body can present a set of rules or schedule to their employers. What per cent of all the bonded men of the N. Y. C. does 700 to 900 members represent?

In connection with answer No. 4, I would call your attention to the attached letters from Mr. J. B. Bode, General Chairman, O. R. T. Committee, B. & M. R. R., under date of July 8, 1908, reading, in part, as follows:

"To begin with his (Morton's) organization has never received recognition from the B. & M." Also letters from Mr. E. J. Manion, General Chairman O. R. T. Committee, New Haven R. R., dated July 8, 1908, and December 31, 1908, the latter reading, in part, as follows: "The O. R. S. A. have no agreement with the N. H. road, nor have they any schedule with the B. & M. Their committee have tried two or three times to secure a schedule, but as yet have made no progress The best they have done is to get the general superintendent to agree to extend to exclusive agents (those not covered by our schedule) some of the favor contained in our schedule, which apply to agents in the telegraph service." These letters explain fully the standing of the O. R. S. A. on these two lines. If they have schedules as they claim, perhaps Mr. Dewey might be able to furnish you with copies of them.

Regarding answer No. 5, as you know, there are several who have joined the O. R. S. A., who claim they signed an application blank, but, although they never paid any initiation fee they received their cards, etc. If this is true have those who did pay received fair treatment? Is this in keeping with Section 96 of the O. R. S. A. By-laws? Can the interests of members be properly protected by such methods?

Answer No. 6 requires no comments. The secretary of the O. R. S. A. has evidently not looked closely enough into the standing of the organization to know what its financial standing is.

Answer No. 7 is well worded, but it does not answer my question. There is nothing to hinder one from committing crime if he elects to do so, but he must stand the consequences if he does. According to Section 40, O. R. S. A. constitution, any member uniting in a strike, or participating therein, except as provided by the laws of the order, shall be expelled without recourse. Why did Mr. Dewey not answer this question?

In asking O. R. T. members to become members of the O. R. S. A., is it being explained to them that they can not support the O. R. T. in case of trouble and still retain their membership in the O. R. S. A.? I think not.

The latter part of question No. 8 seems unnecessary, as the first three words of the answer answers my question fully. There is not at present an amicable working agreement between the O. R. T. and O. R. S. A., and as the latter organization is not a labor union the O. R. S. A. people no doubt know there is no prospects of such an agreement. But no doubt they do "hope" for it.

Not expecting a negative answer to question No. 9, I am not surprised at the answer, but rather amused instead. From the information contained in the letters from the O. R. T. General Chairman on the B. & M. and N. H lines, I am at a loss to understand what accomplishments Mr. Dewey refers to.

Why does the O. R. S. A. secretary not answer question No. 10? Does he know that our general chairman, our general secretary and treasurer, as well as our local chairman are agents? Apparently so, and they apparently know that these officials are competent men, and working as much in the interest of the agent as the operator.

The agents on the N. Y. C. can say whether or not they have received benefits through the efforts of the O. R. T., whether conditions now are better or worse than they were before we organized. It is for the agents to judge, not for Mr. Dewey, unless he has the proof to back his statements. Therefore, his question as a reply to mine deserves no consideration.

With agents filling our richest offices, and an agent as local chairman, I can not see why agents can not get as good representation through the O. R. T. as through the O. R. S. A. Perhaps the O. R. S. A. name is attractive. But what is in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

After reviewing the foregoing questions and answers, I think you will agree with me that if the questions and answers are placed before our membership, many who have already joined the O. R. S. A., as well as some who may be contemplating doing so will find food for thought.

It is not my intention to "knock." I have said this before O. R. S. A. members at some of our O. R. T. meetings, and quoting O. R. S. A. answers to proper questions can hardly be considered as such. Let us be fair and above board in our dealing with them, and ask them to show the same consideration.

I hope our members will be given to understand where I stand in this matter, in order that they may receive no false impression from conversations they may have with others. I also hope that they will look carefully into this O. R. S. A. question and convince themselves where that organization stands before they connect themselves with it, and thus make sure that by joining that organization they are not taking a step they will have cause to regret in time to come.

Yours for the best interests of the
Agent and Operator,
J. H. O'BRIEN.

Grand Central Terminal and Electric Division—

The members who were not present at the June night meeting missed an enjoyable evening. At nine all business having been transacted, Chief Telegrapher Holbrook turned the meeting over to the Entertainment Committee. After hearing some good advice from the "Grand Old Man,"

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Bro. "Ted" Gallagher, of Division No. 37, came the pool-playing contest, the final game being played off by Bros. Holbrook, of Division No. 8, and Bro. Gallagher, of Division No. 37, the latter carrying off the prize. Then came the great event of the evening, the macaroni-eating contest. There were only two entries, Bros. Pequigney and Myers. After an uphill fight, Myers gave up. Pequigney having four pounds three ounces to his credit.

Bro. Jas. P. Stickels is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, taking in the sights along the Hudson in his new launch.

G. A. Burkland, formerly with the N. Y. S. & W., one of our new extra men, has done the right thing by taking $8.50 worth of our stock, a good example for some more newcomers.

Understand our genial captain has a few applications stowed away, but as his boys got in bad at "W," he has to wait for the "stuff."

Bro. Joe Curran is laid up with a sprained ankle. Joe is missed on the ball team.

Mr. Louis Elwich has been away for a few days, demonstrating a railroad puzzle he invented a few days ago.

Bros. Crosby and Joe Lewis enjoyed themselves very much on Sixth avenue, last pay, at least they would not notice "yours truly" as he passed them.

As predicted last month, our baseball team has made good, winning five out of six games so far.

Members changing their address should notify Bro. Blim, general secretary-treasurer, or request the local chairman to do so. This will prevent your mail being returned to headquarters, which causes much confusion and extra work.

A great many of our boys are spending their vacations in the Catskills; must be some attraction up there.

The same old line-up in Harlem evenings. Enough said.

Bro. J. E. Howe makes frequent trips to Tarrytown. It's not for the air he goes there.

Bro. F. F. Rooney has been sick and off duty for several days. OLE BLACK AND BLUE.

Beech Creek Division—

A permanent lodge has been established in Clearfield, the first meeting being held in Mechanics Hall, Clearfield, July 13th. Bro. G. S. Stover, agent at Dimeling, has been appointed assistant local chairman and he is certainly doing his best to keep up the good work by encouraging the members and converting the nons. Bro. C. G. Marshall was appointed secretary and treasurer. Report of the meeting in next month's journal. All members should make a special effort to attend some of these meetings. Those fellows who say "Why don't they do something" should be present and have a personal talk over the affairs, also help to do "something." Now, brothers and sisters, let all who possibly can turn out, as you know two heads are better than one if one is only a cabbage head.

Several third tricks have been closed lately, which has been the cause of some displacing. Philipsburg closed third trick, and Bro. W. W. Forcey displaced Bro. R. R. Aigler, of Winburne third trick, he taking second trick at Viaduct; Bro. Wetzel took second trick at "SX" tower; Bro. Deater first trick at Birch; Bro. Geswender first trick at Mowry, and Bro. Shearer second trick at Birch.

Mill Hall closed third trick. Bro. H. E. Shuman has taken second trick at Mill Hall; Bro. Fredericks is on third trick at Beech Creek; Bro. Miller has first trick at Panther, and Bro. Frazer is doing third trick at Winburne.

Bro. W. W. Forcey has bid in third trick at "WB" tower and is now on the job.

Clearfield Junction closed third trick, leaving Bro. W. N. Falconer and Telegrapher Sherry to work nine hours each.

Bro. C. D. Meek has taken Gorton first trick; Bro. W. W. Bickets second trick at Viaduct; Bro. R. R. Aigler third trick at Dimeling; Bro. J. T. Fisher second trick at Gorton, and Sister B. H. Seid second trick at Stark.

We are pleased to note that positions on this division of late are being awarded to oldest bidders. There was considerable dissatisfaction among the boys for awhile on that account. Not much use in seniority if not made use of occasionally.

By the time this is in print we expect to be able to address Mr. L. G. Darr, agent at Mitchell, as brother, as his application is now in. We expect soon to have quite a few of the nons in the fold.

Another student is reported as posting on first trick at Youngdale.

Sister M. E. Kennedy, of Viaduct first trick, is on a two weeks' vacation. Relieved first week by Telegrapher Bierly; second week by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. C. D. Meek, of Gorton first trick, was off one week; relieved by Miss Schnell.

Bro. F. B. Sterling, of Curry second trick, was doing relief work for a while last month, relieving Bro. C. A. Lachas, of "WB" tower second trick, two weeks, and Bro. S. H. Casner, Mahaffy station, one week. Bro. Sterling was relieved by Telegrapher G. B. Miller. Bros. Lachas and Casner are on their vacations. Bro. Sterling was off three days celebrating the Fourth, relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Lytle, of Kerrmoor.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. R. H. Murray, of Deer second trick, has left the service of the N. Y. C. R. R. The vacancy at Deer was filled for a few days by Bro. H. E. Shearer.

Sister C. V. Holt, of Curry third trick, was off a week last month, celebrating the Fourth and visiting relatives in Pittsburg. Relieved by Telegrapher S. W. Etters, of Gillintown.

Bros. Hoover and Watson, second and third tricks at Rush, were off a few days last month; relieved by Telegraphers L. A. and B. C. High.

Bro. W. L. Maines, of Cataract third trick, has been ill for some time. Relieved by Bro. M. O. Work.

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Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur, of Walton third trick, is also ill. Relieved by Telegrapher McQuown. We are glad to learn that both of these brothers are improving, and we hope soon to see them back to their old posts.

Bro. L. M. Poorman, of "SX" tower first trick, is off a week visiting his parents and attending some good ball games at Lock Haven.

Bro. H. A. Hunter, agent at Curry, was off a couple of days last month; relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Lytle.

Bro. E. J. Sheehe, of "J" tower second trick, was on two weeks' vacation last month; relieved by Bro. M. O. Work.

Bro. D. R. Bitner and wife of Beech Creek spent one day in Williamsport last month.

A new station is being built at the place formerly known as Hayes, but now Orviston. The new station will be a great improvement over the old one and is badly needed there.

Bro. McCartney, of Deer first trick, is off a couple of days on a pleasure trip.

Sister M. V. Murray, of Gray second trick, off one trick; relieved by Telegrapher C. B. Mignot.

Bro. E. C. Foust, of Walton second trick, and Bro. F. A. Rougeux, have fine potato patches this summer.

There is only one position bulletined at this writing, Deer third trick.

Wish to thank Bros. J. B. Beauseigneur and Sterling for items. On account of Sister Kennedy being away, we failed to receive items from her this month.

Bro. D. R. Bitner, while removing the forms from his new concrete wall, ran a nail into his foot, which is causing him much pain. The wall is completed, ready for the carpenters to begin the erection of the building, which Bro. Bitner says will be a mansion.

Bro. Fredericks is working first trick at Mill Hall for two weeks, while Bro. T. E. Fleming is rusticating in the mountains and Atlantic City. Bro. C. W. Miller is working third trick at Beech Creek while Bro. Fredericks is at Mill Hall, and Bro. B. G. Gamble is holding down "YA" tower third, while Bro. Miller is at Beech Creek.

Bro. L. H. Wilson, of Browns tower, took two weeks off recently in order to spend his money. Says he gets no chance to spend it while working every day in the year.

Many changes are still occurring on the Beech Creek, from the effect of closing offices, due to slack business on the road.

The Sunday special between Beech Creek and Watkins Glen, is becoming very popular; every person should avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the wonderful works of nature at such a low rate.

While out driving last Sunday evening, the horse of Mr. Z. H. Peters became unruly, and to avoid a runaway Mr. Peters jumped out and broke his ankle; we are sorry to have to use the word "Mr." instead of brother, as he was one of our members for a long time, but allowed himself to become a delinquent. We wish him a speedy recovery from his injury, and a hurry back into the Order. Mr. Peters is agent at Avis.

Bro. F. E. Roffe, of Mill Hall, is not improving in health and is still unable to return to work. He has been sick and off duty for over a year; we trust he will soon regain his health; he has our sympathy.

Bro. Martenis, our local chairman, was compelled to remain home one day recently on account of too much rheumatism; he could not get out of bed; he says rheumatism is no trifling matter.

Have you paid dues for the current term? If not, why not?

The regular meetings at Clearfield on the second Tuesday of each month are going to be a howling success; come out to the meetings and get acquainted with one another; better feeling exists where you are personally acquainted; get each other's ideas.

Bro. Graham says he likes the work at "SR," and is glad he bid it in; he also likes the town of Jersey Shore.

B. E. Lansberry, one of our dispatchers, has been spending his vacation in New York City.

Send your items to Sister Holt, at Curry, who has been appointed correspondent for the Beech Creek. Get them to her not later than the 20th of each month. DIV. COR.

Western Division—

The meeting held July 17th in Syracuse was fairly well attended, but more members could have been there. The Committee on Entertainment furnished ice cream and cake, which was highly appreciated by all, and the committee was given a vote of thanks, which helped some. The delegates' reports were interesting. The action of the Grand Convention in establishing a Ladies' Auxiliary was discussed and was favored by all present. It was decided that the next meeting in Rochester, which will be August 21st, and the next meeting in Syracuse, which will be September 18th, will be thrown open to the mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters of the members of the O. R. T., who are those eligible for admission to the Ladies' Auxiliary. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a good attendance at those meetings, and that members will do all in their power to have the lady members of their families present to hear about the Ladies' Auxiliary. Do not forget the dates, ladies, for we take it for granted that you read those notes—Rochester, August 21st, and Syracuse, September 18th. Come to those meetings.

The subject of a ball in Syracuse in the near future was discussed, and all were in favor of holding one. On motion the Chair appointed Sister Gorman, Bros. Diller and Enright the Ball Committee. We hope that every member will do all in his power to make this a success. Come to next meeting and let us hear any suggestions you would like to make.

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Harlem Division—

The meeting held in the little attractive town of Philmont, Sunday afternoon, July 25, was well attended, about forty or forty-five brothers turning out. Business of importance was carried on, followed by light refreshments.

Commencing July 1, the Putman Division came under the control of the Harlem Division, under Superintendent Van Tassell. This will make considerable more work for the clerks in the superintendent's office. There is a rumor that the superintendent's office will be moved from White Plains to Brewster, and that Superintendent Bardos, of the electric zone, now located in Grand Central, will have his office in White Plains.

Bro. Andrews, of Copake, enjoyed a week's vacation sight seeing at the capital and metropolis. He was relieved by Bro. Seaman, regular relief assistant.

Bro. Smith, the agent at Pawling, enjoyed a week's vacation at the "old homestead" at Craryville, but was obliged to extend his visit another week on account of being seized with an attack of the grippe. He was relieved by H. S. Ferguson, regular relief agent. Hope to see Mr. Ferguson with an up-to-date card soon.

A Mr. Gray checked in as agent at Dover Furnace, vice Mr. Gillcrist.

Bro. Thayer, of "BA" tower, Ghent, spent a few days East visiting friends. Relieved by Mr. L. P. Masterson.

Bro. Philips and family, of Armenia, spent a couple of weeks at the camp at Indian Lake, a very attractive camping place with plenty of fishing and fine scenery.

Bro. James and Burt Corrigan were off a few days on account of the death of their brother, Thomas, who was a very popular brakeman on this division. The brothers of the Harlem extend their sympathy to the family.

Bro. Linehan is acting agent at Wassic in the place of Bro. Seglesken, who is covering the agent's position at Sharon, until a regular agent is appointed in the place of Mr. Shaffer, who formerly held the position, but who is now doing field work.

Bro. Sincerliox, of Wassic, enjoyed a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Seaman.

Bro. Frank Groversteen, of Philmont, spent a few days camping at Kinderhook; relieved by Bro. Gillcrist.

Mr. White, who is doing the owl trick at Dover Plains, recently took a few days off; relieved by Mr. Shaffer, former agent at Sharon.

It is rumored that Bro. Wooding, first trick at "BA" tower, Ghent, who held a controlling interest in a large store in Philmont, has sold out.

Mr. N. Best, the freight agent at Millerton, enjoyed a couple of weeks' camping at Mont Riga; relieved by Bro. Gillcrist and James Dogle.

Bro. Seglesken, the yardmaster and telegrapher at Dover Plains, took a couple of days off; relieved by Bro. Gillcrist.

Bro. Tuttle, of "X" tower, Brewster, was forced to take a few days off on account of the necessity of an operation being performed on his nose. Bro. Scolpino is relieving and Bro. Gillcrist is covering Scolpino's trick at Croton Falls.

Bro. Magely, of Hartsdale, enjoyed a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. Seaman.

Bro. Masterson, the agent at Valahalla, one of the five popular Masterson brothers on this road, enjoyed a week's vacation in White Plains and Millerton; relieved by agent Ferguson.

A third man has been put on at Copake, through the heavy season of baggage and summer travel.

Sister Shults, of Martindale, has been off duty a number of weeks on the sick list.

Bro. Fowler has been enjoying a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Seaman.

Bro. Jim Day, of Brewster, has been a frequent visitor at the Polo grounds this summer, watching "Bugs" and "Big Chief" in harness.

Bro. Lee, of Boston Corners, is the owner of a large auto and is spending his spare time riding around the scenic hills and dales. Bos.

Hudson Division—

They say there are things that can not be explained, but this was not the case at our July meeting. Everything was fully explained, and all present came to the concrete conclusion that the result of the meeting would bear fruit for the system. While it was only presumed to be a local meeting, it developed into almost a system division meeting, there being four of the general committee present in the persons of General Chairman Woolley, and chairmen of their respective divisions O'Meara, Murty and Haughey. Bro. Marcinkowski started for the meeting, but started a day late. We are sorry that he missed it, for there was much food developed for reflection.

At the conclusion of the meeting the drawing for the five-dollar gold piece came off, and was won by ticket 575, held by Brakeman Higgins.

Bro. Gordon has joined the All-Stars at B. S. 8, and is assisting Bro. Shultz in setting up the difficult combinations that are so often called for at this point.

Bro. Heggerman just escaped the Put. in time to get on the Old Hudson and landed at 72d St., third trick. Bro. Heggerman is the star outfielder of the "O. R. T.'s."

Bro. W. A. Smith, from 93, thought he would go where there was something doing and decided that B. S. 12 was the place. It is a safe bet.

Ex-Bro. A. F. Rafter is picking plums, having landed first at "28," Sing Sing.

Among other assignments I notice J. J. Allen third to 16, E. Turner third at 26, and W. N. Simpson second at 48.

Bashful Bro. Schlick at 39 has a rare collection of postals from the sisters all over the country, and one of them from the far West is coying with Bro. Schlick in a manner that leads him to believe he has found his soul mate.

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Bro. F. H. Thompson owes his life to Bro. Pierce. In crossing the Ainsville Creek Bro. Thompson took occasion to make goo-goo eyes at one of Ainsville's prettiest, and at a most interesting moment Bro. Thompson fell into the creek. Bro. Pierce came to his rescue.

Bro. Riley, of the "O. R. T.'s" is possibly out of the game for the season on account of spraining a tendon in his leg.

Bros. F. M. and A. Smith have joined the river motorists and have secured one of the fastest crafts on the Hudson. They are preparing to accompany the Half Moon on its memorial trip up the Hudson.

Extra Signalman Barton, at "CG," I "13" was let go on account of missing his orders lately. Extra men take notice.

Although reported to the contrary, Bro. Bruhn was at the meeting in July.

Will cut out making my usual plea for a few notes to help make our division notes interesting. CERT. 525.

Mohawk Division—

Mr. Gordan M. Galusha, of Schenectady, N. Y., one of the so-called telegraphers turned out by the now defunct telegraph school of Albany, N. Y., has retired from the service and it is reported that the N. Y. C. operating officials now sleep more peacefully. While the telegraphers are inclined to regard his passing with the simple thought of one non less, Gordon meant well enough, but after several attempts at railroading, it must be conceded that his railroad career can not be called an unqualified success and that his early retirement will prove best for all concerned.

Bro. Earl Burke, of Syracuse, has transferred from B. S. 5 to B. S. 40, second trick.

It seems too bad that we cannot have a write-up every month like other divisions. It will take but a few minutes to send Bro. DeLong a few lines which will give us a first-class lot of items.

Bro. Salisbury was ill on the last meeting night, and could not attend.

The second and third trick men can now attend the day meetings at Schenectady and should make a special effort to do so and keep in touch with each other and with the work of their division.

Bro. Burke, B. S. 5, has bid in second trick at B. S. 40.

Bro. Myrick seems to have a lot of business in Fort Plain.

Telegrapher Baker, of third trick at B. S. 2, has been granted a three-months' leave of absence. He promises when he returns to pay up and hold the card again.

Bro. Thomas, third trick at B. S. 5, is going back to second trick.

Bro. O'Connor, of "FK" office, Schenectady, has resigned to go in business for himself. We all wish him success in his new venture. That every one of you have paid dues for the current term is the earnest wish of DIV. COR.

St. Lawrence Division—

Local Chairman F. A. Rich is off on a four months' leave of absence and is relieved by Mr. F. H. Miller. We hope that Bro. Rich has a good time on his long vacation.

Bro. Barnard, of Stittville, is doing station work only, for a short time; understand the telegraphers will be in a cabin at the end of the new double track and Bro. Barnard will not have to "pound brass" at all.

Wm. Tapley, son of the well-known conductor, is the summer station agent at Trenton Falls.

Glad to hear that the wife of Bro. E. P. Jones, of Barneveld, is convalescent, and we hope to hear of her complete recovery soon.

It would appear from back issues of THE TELEGRAPHER that we were entitled to space but every other month; the "goods" were forwarded, such as they were, but got file "W. P. B." and didn't get out.

Wish someone would send in some better ones, perhaps they would survive better than some of mine have; try it anyhow.

The double track between Stittville and Utica is in use now, under slow orders. It seems good to see them go by on a double-barreled pike.

Bro. A. J. Rohr is back on his job, and wears a smile that won't come off; he and Mrs. Rohr wish to extend thanks to those who gave them the cut glass piece at the time of the wedding; they prize it very highly.

Telegrapher Haigh, of Remsen, is sick and off duty.

Telegrapher Botsford is working as second man on first trick at Remsen. His brother is also working third as a helper, I understand.

Bro. C. H. Giltz is working third trick at "MJ" tower. DIV. COR.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

While "yours truly" was denied the pleasure of attending the last meeting held at Bluefield, W. Va., July 17th, I understand it was one of the best held on the system for some time past, and I want to congratulate the boys on their renewed interest. We should all make special effort to get to the meetings, as they are the places to get good and reliable information concerning the labor movement. There are many things in store for us, just as good as the eight-hour day; we need more relief on many matters, and our leaders are giving these subjects consideration. Those who are well posted and keep in touch with the movement understand what these things are.

The telegraphers are pressing forward, notwithstanding opposition from all sides. If we were given so many good things without a struggle we would not appreciate them, so let us continue to fight for what we get. We have never had many of the good things we need handed out to us. If we got anything in this way it generally was a "lemon." We get plenty of them, other kinds of fruit come in other ways.

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Our organization and each member of it has been signally honored by the custodian of our funds being placed in charge of the "Cash Drawer" of the City of St. Louis, Mo., which is the fourth city in size in the United States. Again the O. R. T. is called on to furnish an able man to take up work of the late Max. Morris, Eighth Vice-President of the A. F. of L. When the Railroad Department of the A. F. of L. was formed they began to look around to find a man who was competent to nurture and guide into strong manhood this new born infant. Our great labor leaders were not long in finding a man capable of this great undertaking, he was right on the ground, he is always on hand when anything is started to uplift the workingmen. The O. R. T. again furnished the man, and Bro. Perham was placed in charge. With so many honors and such recognition of ability in the officers of our organization, is it any wonder that our boys should feel proud of their membership card in a movement officered by men of such type? Is it any wonder our boys are taking hold of the labor movement with renewed energy, and is it any wonder that dues are sent to Bro. Lankford more promptly and that members are attending their meetings? Our boys used to be nervous, they were easily scared, even a "phone" would excite them, but through our leaders this great and important question has been settled for good and all, so far as we are concerned, and we are now confronted with the "Automatic Block," but let me assure you fellows that this question will also be settled, and the length of time it will take to do it will depend on how well you support the labor movement.

These reports are certainly gratifying; it shows some appreciation of the hard work given by our officers, and I want to urge you to keep straight ahead, don't worry about what the other fellow is doing, or when he pays his dues, or when he goes to the meetings, you be there with the goods and do your part, and the other fellow will be on hand allright. It is individual effort that made us 42,000 strong, and this same thing can complete thorough organization in America.

Each of you stand solid behind your organization and your officers, and give your hearty cooperation and moral support to the sister organizations. Don't let a man stay around your station unless he is thoroughly union. See that he supports the labor movement in his particular line. There is a place here for each man in his own department, and he should do his duty, every man added to one of the other organizations makes us that much stronger. GEN. COR.

Radford Division—

Judging from the reports that have been received from the meeting of the Grand Division in Atlanta, any one should feel proud to belong to such an organization as the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and he should feel proud that we have for our officers men who are acknowledged as leading citizens of the United States. Few of us realize what Bro. Perham has been to every telegrapher in the United States. He has successfully met every issue and fought it to a finish with organized capital, since he has been president. Yet, we find men in the telegraph fraternity, who are not members of the Order, that is working daily for their uplift and meeting the onslaughts of capital in order that we can live in comfort and not be slaves to the capitalist. If they could accomplish anything for themselves or any one else, or if there was an organization to which they preferred to belong there would be some excuse for them, but to remain a non-member from pure niggardliness or on account of some petty grievance while their fellow-men are fighting the battles that solve the troubles with which they are daily coming in contact, is certainly not taking the stand of one at whom the world delights to point as a man. It is the duty of every one who calls himself a man, to help carry the burden. If those who will not affiliate with their fellow men could convice them that their course is right and that they are accomplishing something by it, there would be an excuse for them, but for them to bear the odium of scab, non, etc., and the contempt of their fellow-men for the sake of the paltry sum of one dollar per month is enough to make their fellow-men treat them with contempt, yet they are not treated with the contempt they deserve.

The non list on the N. & W. is entirely too large. We find men (or at least they call themselves men) on each division who at one time called themselves Order men, on the non list each month, simply because something was not done to suit them, and when the new agreements are made they expect as much as those who by their time and means do all they can to make better conditions in the telegraph department. We hope that these men will soon see that the only way to accomplish anything is to put their shoulders to the wheel and help to right their grievances, instead of remaining out where they can not hope to accomplish anything, but instead, incur the contempt of all their fellow-workers.

COR.

Shenandoah Division—

We are very glad to say that our appeal to the brothers of the Shenandoah Division for news did not fall on deaf ears, as several of the younger brothers responded with a few items, which were greatly appreciated.

Bro. C. A. Saum, the agent at Rileyville, was relieved while on his vacation by Bro. Samuel Scott. Bro. Scott going from there to Shepherdstown to relieve Bro. E. B. Spedden for a few days.

Bro. E. A. Wiseman, the agent at Lithia, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. J. W. Melton.

Bro. W. L. Cullen, third trick at Greenville, has resumed duty after being off for some time.

Bro. Grubb, second trick at Walnut Cove, is on the sick list, with Bro. J. S. Gant relieving.

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Bro. McIntosh relieved Bro. Early, the second trick man at Charlestown, for a while, then Bro. Kelly, second trick at Shenandoah Junction, for several days.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler has gone from Starkey, where he relieved Bro. J. R. Young, the agent, to Pine Hall agency to relieve Bro. F. S. Shultz.

Sister L. T. White, second trick at Lithia, was relieved a few days by Bro. R. Y. Melton.

Bro. Snyder, the second trick man at Berryville, was relieved by Bro. Skelton, while taking his vacation.

Bro. J. R. Young, the agent at Starkey, who had been on the sick list for a while has again returned to duty.

Bro. J. O. Dillard, the second trick man at Grottoes, was relieved for a few days by Extra Man L. L. Strickland.

Bro. Hughes, second trick at White Post, relieved Bro. Lane, second trick at Rippon, for a few days.

While we are not doing what could be called a rushing business on this division, things are steadily improving and from the outlook at the present time the indications are very good.

Owing to the recent change in the time table several new positions have opened up.

Boyce, second trick; Troutville, third trick, and Pine Hall, second trick.

Bro. McIntosh relieved Bro. Thomason, third trick at Riverton, for a few days, and then relieved Bro. Grubbs, second trick, at same place, for a while.

Bro. Yates, first trick at Riverton, was relieved a few days by Bro. Skelton.

Bro. G. Z. Abrihams, agent at Buena Vista, has resumed duty after being on the sick list for about a month. Bro. Taylor, who was relieving, has returned to his first trick at Buena Vista.

To the non members of the Shenandoah Division, I will say: Why not line up again? The majority of you have been members and should know the great benefit you derive through the efforts of organized labor without anyone having to tell you. You should also know that by again putting yourself in good standing, you are not only helping the Order and Division No. 14, but yourself as well; you not only show that you do not wish to accept the concessions and benefits gained by the Order without doing your part, but that you want a say in the ways, etc., of the advancing and uplifting of the craft. What would happen if we were all to drop our cards? "Not necessary to say what, for you all know." We hope that you will all come forward and get the necessary little piece of pasteboard, and ere the next journal comes out that the old Shenandoah will be once again solid. We have some very good men on our non list at the present, who we would like to see back in the Order, and who, I am sure, once they stop and think it over will become convinced that they should not be without a card for their own benefit as well as the benefit of their fellow-craftsmen.

During one of the heavy rain storms in June the Southern had a wash-out, detouring several of their passenger trains via C. & O. and the N. & W. between Glasgow and Basic.

We are very sorry to say that the bulletins of discipline have not caused the improvement that we should like to see. We hope that all the brothers will take a look at those bulletins and try to avoid making the same mistake, incidentally saving themselves from suspensions.

At the present time most of the section forces on this division are working a full force of men.

J. H. B.

Scioto Division—

Owing to improvement in business in general and the pushing forward of double-track work on the Scioto Division, some telegraph stations that have been closed for several months have been reopened to facilitate the handling of traffic and work trains. It is predicted that several offices will be closed when the double track is completed.

Conductor Dan Alvis, who was shot by a hobo at Blockton, W. Va., is recovering, but it will be several days before he will be able to report for his run. His would-be assassin is still at large.

Bro. J. S. Porter, who has been working second trick at Wheelersburg, Ohio, for the past few months, has been transferred to Webb, W. Va., second trick.

Bro. D. H. Billups has been appointed agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., vice W. H. Pinson.

Our non list seems to be improving. Several names that have been on this list for many months do not appear. The Cincinnati District is solid with one or two exceptions.

There are a few regulars on the Columbus District who are laying up their extra dollars, presumably to get new cards.

Bro. A. A. Clutts, the agent at Bannon, Ohio, with his family, spent his vacation at Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Bros. S. T. Sheridan, the agent at Kingston, Ohio, is reported among the unfortunate depositors in the defunct Kingston bank. The failure of this bank was a considerable shock, as it was considered one of the soundest of its capacity in the State, having about 600 depositors, many of whom were retired business men who had settled in the village to spend their remaining days in comfort.

Bro. H. H. Kick, the agent at Glen Hays, W. Va., was relieved by Bro. J. W. Pratt, July 6th, on account of sickness.

Bro. G. F. Ferrell, who has been agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., for a number of years, and who was displaced by W. A. Pinson, a few weeks ago, was reappointed and bumped off a few days afterward by Bro. D. H. Billups.

Bro. O. L. Peake is relieving Bro. W. T. Williams, the agent at McDermott, Ohio, while the latter is on vacation.

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Bro. R. S. Kyle, of the dispatching force at Portsmouth, took his vacation in early July, extra dispatcher relieving third trick.

Mr. Geo. Davis, of Kingston, Ohio, is the new supervisor on Columbus District, vice J. B. Forquer, resigned.

Vacancies filled: Naugatuck agency; Duvalls, Ohio, second and third tricks; Higbys, Ohio, second and third tricks; Piketon, Ohio, second and third tricks.

Offices closed: Miner, Ohio; Locks, Ohio; Sorgents, Ohio, nights.

Bro. A. G. Sheridan, first trick at Renick, Ohio, took his vacation July 1st; relieved by M. A. Brown.

Bro. S. T. Sheridan, agent at Kingston, Ohio, spent his vacation with friends at Cambridge, O.

Bro. W. A. Johnson works Duvalls, Ohio, third trick until advertised and filled, on account of the transfer of Bro. D. H. Billups to Naugatuck, W. Va., agency.

Bros. Guy Calhoun and W. R. Ellis bid in Higsbys second and third tricks. CERT. 750.

Michigan Central Ry.

Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—

Bro. Loehr, of Milwaukee, is away attending his brother's funeral; relieved by Mr. Kennedy.

Bro. Swan has gone from Owosso Junction to North Lansing, on bulletin. Bro. Murray took the relief agent's position, which was formerly held by Mr. Galbraith, now agent at Mackinaw City.

Bro. Sargent, third trick at Owosso Junction, gets second trick by bulletin, and Bro. Mayer, third trick at Mason, gets third trick at Owosso Junction.

Bro. Campbell, agent at Laingsburg, resigned to accept a position as agent with the M. U. R. at Mason. The M. U. R. seems to know where to get good men, as they have taken several of our men from the Saginaw Division.

Mr. Miller, agent at St. Charles, resigned to accept a position with the So. Pac. at Omaha. Mr. Coy, from Lewiston, takes St. Charles.

Mr. Putnam, a new man on the road, is filling third trick at Mason, until filled by bulletin.

A station master and also a ticket clerk have been put on at Mackinaw City, during the summer months, which will give the telegraphers there a show to keep cleared up.

Mr. Steinhoff, from Bay City, is spending his vacation at Bay View.

The Bay City dispatchers are now enjoying their yearly trips over the road on the locals—nit. CERT. 89.

West and Joliet Divisions—

The exceeding warm weather has rather decreased the division news this month. But will say we had a very successful meeting at Hammond, on June 10th, which was very well attended. Bro. Culkins was with us and gave an exceeding good outline of the convention. Different subjects in which the division members are directly interested were discussed. One subject was made very plain, and that is that every member should be prompt in the payment of dues, which are to be paid January 1st and July 1st of each year. Let us see if we can not live up to this to the letter. Send in dues when they are due and do not wait to be left out in the cold, which will certainly be done and you will forfeit your membership in the Mutual Benefit Department.

We notice that there are a few extra telegraphers being employed, and we are glad to say so far that the majority are members in good standing.

The dispatchers are about through making their semi-annual inspection trips, and will be back in their old places soon.

Of late there has been three permanent positions on this division bulletined.

Would like to state that your correspondent would be pleased to have any items of interest sent him, and assure you that they will be gladly accepted.

The sad news of the death of our Superintendent Telegrapher, Mr. E. H. Millington, reached us on the 23d inst., and on the 25th, at 1:30 p. m., he was buried at St. Thomas, Ont. Out of respect to his memory arrangements were made to open our message wires from 1:30 p. m. to 1:35 p. m., on that date, which were carried out to the letter.

In his death we not only lose a good, honorable, upright man in his official capacity, but more than a friend to every telegrapher who did his duty. On official inspection when it was Mr. Millington's duty to go over the road in his private car he always met the telegraphers with that glad hand that wins most every man's heart, and he has often been heard to remark that it was a pleasure for him to meet his "boys" at least once a year. UNCLE DUDLEY.

Main Line—

Items of news on the Michigan Central are rather scarce.

A few of the telegraphers are taking vacations.

Bro. Rourk, second trick man at Dowagiac, is being relieved by Bro. Helt.

Bro. E. F. Slowey is at Ann Arbor, helping out during the busy season.

When the students go home for the vacation, Ann Arbor is a very busy place.

Brother Kitchen is filling in second trick at Albion, during Bro. Slowey's absence.

J. A. Howell, who just entered the service of the M. C., has gone to Charlotte to take second trick hours.

Bro. J. J. Wilkinson, of Parma, is taking a vacation.

An item in last month's journal called Don Eagle, brother. Mr. Eagle is not yet a brother, but has promised to come in out of the cold soon.

There are quite a number of new men on the road at present, and some of them do not

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hold up-to-date cards. Get after them, boys. When a new man shows up at your office find out at once if he is a member, and if not see that he becomes one, and in this way we will keep our ranks solid. The Michigan Central is hard to beat for organization, and we want to keep our record good.

Some of the telegraphers on this road are taking the Civil Service examination for service with Uncle Sam, in different capacities. The good wages, short hours, vacation and steady advancement is a great advantage and inducement for our men to enter the service. Let us hope that the railroads will see it to their advantage to increase the pay of their men and otherwise improve conditions, and make it an inducement to remain in the service. CERT. 123.

Middle Division—

Bro. Palmer, the third trick man at Dowagiac, has returned from his trip out West, where he and his wife have been enjoying a midsummer vacation for the past month. He is now working first trick at Dowagiac, relieving Bro. Schell, who, with his wife, is taking in the sights at Niagara Falls. Telegrapher Hamilton is relieving Bro. Palmer.

Bro. Loveland, first trick man at Kalamazoo, has been off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Robinson. He returned to work a few days since, but is off duty again on account of the death of his son. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Loveland in his bereavement. Telegrapher Matthews is relieving him.

Bro. Enright, second trick man at Lawton, is off duty on account of illness; relieved by Telegrapher Phillips, son of former Chief Dispatcher Phillips, who is now at Bay City as chief dispatcher.

Dispatchers Case and Mead have exchanged tricks for a while. Mr. Case is working the air line, days, and Mead the main line day stunt. They work from 7:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Dispatcher Wholihan is relieving Night Chief Gardner, and Frank Allen relieves Mr. Wholihan.

Bro. Potter, who works third trick at Tekonsha, is off for ten days, visiting in Niles and Marshall; relieved by Telegrapher Shoemaker, a new man on the road. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to his eternal home the father of our esteemed Secretary, Bro. C. Reif; and

WHEREAS, We with our brother deeply mourn his sad loss; be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of Division No. 16, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Reif and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER, a copy to our esteemed Ex-Secretary, Bro. C. Reif, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

AUGUST CARLSON,
A. V. BRAZEAU,
R. E. SUBAIL,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and especially the members of Michigan Central Ry. System, Division No. 16, for their kindness during the sickness and death of our son and brother Ernest L. Amley, and for the beautiful floral offering. It was his desire that we thank all who contributed so freely to the handsome purse raised for the purpose of sending him to the West, and we wish to join our thanks with his.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH AMLEY AND FAMILY.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Western Division, Third District—

When reading this please stop and consider how many of these items you contributed. If you do this I think probably next month we will have a notice from almost every office. It is impossible for the writer to find out what occurred along the line without being informed by the members. Give me the happenings from your office as some of the boys would like to know or see your name once in a while; not only brothers of Division No. 18, but brothers from other roads who know you will be glad to hear of your whereabouts and to know what you are doing.

At almost every place along the line the men are in their usual places, which shows that they are giving the company good service, and if there are any exceptions we hope they will fall in line and take an interest in their work, which will help us to improve conditions when the opportunity presents itself.

There are still a few nons who are willing to partake of the luxuries secured by the O. R. T. and to accept favors, but they will hang out and not help bear the burden, and at the same time they are after or have secured through the O. R. T. some of the best jobs along the line. We make another appeal to those who are not up to date and we hope they will come in before another writing.

We are well pleased with our new local chairman, who is also our general chairman. Bro. Hixon seems to be the man long needed, especially on this division, and with proper assistance from all concerned he will render us valuable service. But he alone can do little toward bettering our conditions. He needs the help of all members, and all the help we can give is but the interest we should take in our own welfare for the future.

At the special meeting at Leipsic, July 15, Bro. Hixon, general chairman, was unable to be present, on account of his wife being sick. We

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all regret his absence. There was not so large a crowd in attendance at this special meeting as there should have been. All members should make a special effort to attend these meetings; they are very important, or they would not be called. There should be a representative from each office when possible. Our superintendent and chief dispatcher will allow all to go who ask when it is possible to do so, provided it can be arranged within the nine-hour limit. On account of this meeting the regular meeting of July 21st was called off. There is a woeful lack of interest among some of the members. A number of members living but a short distance from Leipsic will not even ask for a pass to attend.

On July 16th the writer received a card from Bro. C. H. Russell from New York City, with a photo of the criminal court of that place advising that his headquarters were within. It couldn't have been a very bad case, as I notice he is now at Oakwood.

The second trick at Colby has been bid in by Telegrapher Guy Morrison, who will probably be in line by the time this is in print.

Bro. R. D. Russell, the agent at Old Fort, is off duty attending court at Tiffin; relieved by Bro. Redman, first trick man at Claypool, who was down this way on account of moving his family from Fostoria to Claypool.

Bro. P. D. Russell made a flying trip to Continental a few Sundays ago.

Bro. C. A. Zimmerman, of Colby made a trip up the Big Four to Carey, where he visited relatives and brothers of Division 138.

Telegrapher Wisley, of Ilis, has resigned the agency at that point, bid in the second trick at Fostoria. He will go there as soon as relieved.

Bro. A. T. Hixon, of Continental, is off for three days, attending a conference with the officials in Cleveland; relieved by Telegrapher G. C. Bailey, who then went to Payne and worked second trick one day to allow the second and third trick men to change tricks. Telegrapher Bailey is relieving Bro. W. A. Hike, local chairman of the Fourth District, a few days.

The men at the one-man stations are receiving more benefit from the Sunday rule than they have heretofore enjoyed and they are surely entitled to it.

Telegrapher Karrieger, who was working at New Haven, was called to Fort Wayne on short notice some time ago to handle the message wire, but is again back at New Haven, being assigned there regularly, I understand.

A new man named Harned relieved Karrieger at New Haven.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. D. H. Caldwell, is off duty a couple of weeks, traveling in Maine; relieved by Mr. H. O. Wilson. Also, the first trick dispatcher of Third District, Mr. L. Hartzler, is off a couple of weeks, traveling through California. He is being relieved by Mr. Evans, formerly third trick dispatcher on the Fourth District.

We are all glad to see Mr. Evans back on this end.

Dispatcher R. Gale is off a few weeks, which he is spending in Canada. He was relieved by Dispatcher Robernette from the Fourth District, who was relieved by E. G. Whittaker. Mr. F. Saunders is in Mr. Evans' place.

Bro. J. A. Newman, first vice-president, passed over the road a few days since, on No. 3. Bro. Hixon got on the train and rode down the road for some distance with him, explaining the situation on the "Nick," and receiving considerable benefit from Bro. Newman's advice.

Bro. C. H. Russell and wife attended the agents' convention at Portland, Maine, July 17th to 20th. They went via N. Y. C., returning via the Grand Trunk. There were 160 people in the party and he advises that it was a fine trip.

There have been quite a number of changes in the offices at Bellevue. The yard office force at "BE" was cut down to three men, Bro. Klugh working first, Bro. W. A. Stover second, and a new man by the name of Wells third trick. Bro. J. E. Baker, formerly "BE" yards, was transferred to first trick "BX" at Bellevue passenger depot, changing Bro. D. W. Gilbert from first to second and Telegrapher Kineworth from second to third trick. ZIM.

Buffalo Division—

Our committee holds a meeting with the officials July 12th. Hope it may prove of value both to ourselves and the company.

West Seneca telegraph office was closed June 13th and a few days later the telegrapher at Ripley was taken off and the agent does his own wire work.

Bro. Shaver, at Erie, has been appointed ticket agent at Erie, on duty twelve hours and acts as telegrapher. Bro. Clark is assistant ticket agent twelve hours nights without wire work. Mr. Steiger, third trick man at Erie, is put on extra list by this change.

Bro. Misener, formerly first trick at West Seneca, was given third trick at Angola. He was bumped by Bro. L. W. Slee, who went back to extra work.

Mr. Bixler, formerly second trick at West Seneca, relieved Mr. J. H. Reynolds, third trick at Buffalo Junction, who was away on vacation. Later Mr. Bixler went to Brocton and is working first trick at that place until the position is bid in.

Mr. G. G. Shaver is on second trick at Westfield, on account of the position at Ripley being closed.

Bro. F. G. Kelley, third trick at Conneaut yard, is off for a few nights; relieved by Mr. Crossin.

Bro. Chesley, first trick at Northeast, and Mr. Shaver, second trick at Westfield, took in the circus at Erie, July 3d.

Mr. J. F. Now is working first trick at Wallace Junction while Bro. R. W. Ferry, our chairman, is at Cleveland with the committee.

Mr. D. G. Dudley worked second trick at Silver Creek while Bro. Mulkins was away on vacation. CERT. 89.

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C. M. & St. P. Ry.

Third District—

Vacations are all the go just now.

Bro. O. C. Talbert, of Galewood, third trick, is visiting at St. Paul, Dubuque and Davenport.

Bro. C. E. Sturgis, of Galewood, second trick, is going to register and try to "win a home" out West. He is also going to Seattle to visit the Fair.

Bro. Chas. Herman, is off for a few weeks. We understand that he is going to visit Denver.

Mr. Angus McGillis is going to spend a few weeks near Lake Superior.

Bro. C. M. Reed, from Roudout, got the extra day work at "CG," and another Reed is working extra at Roudout. He is from the C. & C. B. Division.

Bro. D. A. Beaner, of Shermerville is West, looking up a station that just suits him.

Mr. N. T. Sharmon is back from his farm in Michigan. He has been working extra at dispatchers' office and Galewood; is going to get back in line with us soon.

A new man named Halverson is going to relieve at third trick at Galewood.

Bro. Shamhart, of Hebron tower, second trick, has resigned and gone West. He is located at Lombard, Mont. Bro. Willie is working second trick temporarily at Hebron tower.

Bro. C. A. Larson, the agent at Fox Lake, was on the sick list a few days not long since; relieved by Bro. Merriman.

Bro. Adams, agent at Grays Lake, is anxiously awaiting relief. He wishes to go West and register for the land drawing, and look at the Fair in Seattle.

Bro. J. S. Speer, the agent at Roudout, has painted his house and added some improvements that look very nice.

Dispatcher and Mrs. G. T. Carroll are spending vacation at Niagara Falls.

Mr. M. S. Carr, who was formerly a dispatcher here, is doing the extra dispatching while the regular men are on vacation.

For the benefit of those whom I have not been able to tell personally, will state that Superintendent Clausen says he feels that the boys are not taking advantage of their opportunities—that is, fitting themselves for promotion. If this hits any or all of you brace up. On the other hand I have been informed that some have tried to fit themselves and have bid on jobs that would be a promotion, and have been turned down without a trial, and men from other divisions or other roads have been placed in the desirable positions. To such I would say take the matter up and use Mr. Clausen's statement to advantage, if you have the ability to fill the position. Those who are too cowardly to push a grievance do not deserve very much—another thing that is very annoying is the procrastination exercised by many concerned in the settlement of a grievance; why not wake up and adopt the motto "Do it now," also apply this about your dues. Have you paid 'em yet?

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River Division—

Bro. C. D. Galliven, of South Minneapolis, was appointed fifth telegrapher in "C" office, Minneapolis, relieving Bro. A. M. Kehrer, who is now doing a heavy stunt for the W. U. at St. Paul.

Bro. F. G. Maloney has been appointed second telegrapher at Island Track Switch.

Bro. G. H. Swanberg, of Signal tower, secured the first trick at South Minneapolis, on bulletin.

Telegrapher O. C. Peed, from Chestnut St. (St. Paul), got the third trick at Red Wing, on bulletin, and Telegrapher H. A. Caddington was appointed to the owl watch at Chestnut St.

Bro. J. P. Myers has been appointed to the night trick in the dispatchers' office at Minneapolis.

Telegrapher E. G. Nash, from Blackbird Junction, secured third trick at Homer, on bulletin.

Telegrapher J. B. Stahl, of Durand, Wis., has been appointed third telegrapher at Wabasha.

Bro. W. G. Kenyon was recently appointed third telegrapher at Signal tower, and was relieved on the second trick by Bro. R. C. Sanborn, of Merriam Park. Bro. Lester is relieving Bro. Sanborn, at Merriam Park, until the second trick at Signal tower is filled by bulletin.

We were all deeply grieved to learn of the death of Bro. O. C. Franke, of Weaver. He was taken suddenly ill at Weaver, with what proved to be typhoid fever, and was removed to a hospital at Wabasha, where he died on July 10th His mother, who was with him to the end, took the remains back to the old home at Cleveland, Wis., for interment. He was a bright and cheerful friend, always considerate of the welfare of others, and in his sad death the River Division loses one of its most careful telegraphers, and the organization one of its most enthusiastic and energetic members.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. O. C. Franke, and while we humbly submit to His holy will and know that our brother has been amply promoted, we deeply feel the loss of his presence; and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our respect, love and appreciation of the high character and blameless and useful life of our departed brother; be it

Resolved, That the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul System, Division No. 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives its sincere sympathy in their bereavement which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next regular meeting, a copy sent to the relatives of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. J. LEAHY,
S. H. LESTER,
E. F. FITZGERALD,
Committee.

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Wisconsin Valley Division—

Bro. VanGilder is working second trick at Tomahawk, while Bro. Ludlam is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Ludlam is acting agent at Irma. Mr. Hanover is on his vacation.

Bro. Sundit has been working third trick at Tomahawk, and is now working second trick at Merrill. Mr. Harris, first trick at Merrill, is now working side wire, days, in dispatcher's office.

Telegrapher Heath is working the first trick at Merrill.

Bro. L. A. Marchee has secured the position as telegrapher at Minocqua. A BROTHER.

C. & C. B. Ill. and R. & S. W. Divisions—

It has been some little time since items have appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER from these divisions, on account of no news having been sent in, but I am now located where I will be able to get the news if there is any.

There has been quite a number of positions bulletined on both divisions, and a number of changes made as follows:

Second trick at Delavan, twelve hours service; Bartlett Station; third trick at Racine (permanent); third trick at Beloit (permanent); second trick at Corliss (temporary), and the day and night telegrapher's positions in dispatcher's office (temporary).

Galewood, second trick; Kirkland, third trick; Kittredge, first and third tricks; Freeport, third trick; agency at Florence; second and third tricks at Kirkland.

Bro. Woodford and Burrows, first and third trick men at Kittredge have left the service. Bro. Switzer secured the first trick at Kittredge, on bulletin. Do not know at present who gets the other trick there.

Bro. Fretz secured the second trick at Galewood tower, on bid, and was relieved at Freeeport by Telegrapher Greene, who worked two or three nights at Freeport, and then left the service.

Telegrapher Rose, who was relieved at Galewood by Bro. Fretz, went to tower "B25," Itasca, relieving Bro. Carrol for a few nights, and from there to Burlington, to relieve the last trick man there, so I understand.

Telegrapher O. M. Walz is at present working the third trick at Freeport, but can not say whether he got it on bid.

It is understood that a telegrapher named Johnson, from the south end, has the second trick at Beloit. This was the trick to be bulletined instead of the third trick. Have not heard where Bro. Miller is going from there, but as he has been wanting to lay off suppose he will welcome the opportunity.

The second trick at Elkhorn, held by Telegrapher Walz, has not yet been bulletined, but suppose it will be in the near future.

Bro. O. M. Moyer, third trick man at Savanna depot, has been sick and off duty. We have not heard who relieved him.

The brothers on the C. N. N., I. C., C. G. W. and C. M. St. P. have formed a Telegraphers' Club at Freeport, and request that all those who can do so make an effort to attend the meetings there. They are held once a month, and the date and place of meeting can be ascertained by calling up Bro. Sweeney at Freeport. This club is merely a social club for the benefit of all brothers on roads mentioned, and is planned on the same principles as the Key City Club at Dubuque. There is always a number of the I. C., C. G. W. and C. N. W. boys at these gatherings, and interesting meetings are held. The boys on these roads are a good bunch and will treat all members fine.

Next month would like to have a much bigger write-up, and wish all of the boys who get hold of news would advise Bro. Correll, at Savanna, before the 20th of each month, and he will forward to me. JOHANN.

Northern Division—

Bro. Hauser, agent at Rubicon, is taking his annual vacation and Bro. Schwalbach, from the third trick at Granville, is doing the agent's duties at Rubicon.

Bro. Thiele, first trick at Hartford, is on the sick list, and Bro. O'Neil, of second trick, is taking his place. Mr. Jones, son of Bro. Jones, from Cambria, is working second trick. Bro. Melcher is holding down third trick, which he got on bulletin.

Bro. Lasch, of first trick at Schlesingerville Junction, is off on a two-months' vacation. Mr. Sellen, an old-timer is relieving him.

When we ask the nons to join us we get the same old cry from some of them, to the effect that they have no money. But they are always ready to take all we can get for them.

We understand that some of the boys are behind with dues, which looks bad. Be prompt in the payment of dues, as it benefits all concerned.

Berlin lost their depot by fire on the morning of the 6th. All the books and records of tickets went up with it. Suppose we will see a fine depot built there now. Berlin deserves one, all right. DIV. COR.

LaCrosse Division—

Some of our side brothers and brothers now located elsewhere may think we are taking a vacation of late, but such is not the case. Our write-ups went in somewhat late—evidently too late for publication in our journal. We will get this one in on time and in the future try to do better. A great many of the brothers have been too busy to even read a daily paper, on account of increased business. Of late there has been a steady movement of passenger and freight business westward. We are very short of telegraphrs at present, and have been for some time past. In the next journal we will endeavor to get things in line and give the brothers a few notes of interest. DIV. COR.

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C. & C. B. in Iowa Division—

Bro. Jesse Murphy, of Underwood, is off a few days on account of sickness at Herndon.

Telegrapher Jeffries is now working at Council Bluffs yard. He was relieved at Herndon by Bro. Wright from Maxwell.

Bro. O. E. Hanssen, of Newhall, has resigned the agency there and gone west. Newhall is now on bulletin.

Bro. F. W. Ray, of Marion, and Bro. H. H. White, of Atkins, celebrated the third at Ames.

Telegrapher O. H. Darby, of Madrid third trick, was relieved by Bro. P. H. Zenor during the Fourth.

Telegrapher G. L. Bucknam is working the agency at Bouton for the present, during the absence of Bro. C. E. Miller.

Bro. Bright, second trick at Elwood, laid off and took in the celebration at Toronto, the third. Relieved by Bro. Bielstein.

Bro. M. L. Blakeslee, of Herndon, has gone west and is at present with the Union Pacific Ry. at Alliance, Neb.

Bro. Hart, of Elwood first trick, was compelled to lay off the fore part of July on account of sickness. Bro. Bielstein relieving him.

Bro. J. L. Troller, of Bayard nights, is laying off and enjoying a three weeks' vacation. We are not able to learn who is relieving him.

Bro. T. C. Peterman is dispatching the third trick east of Perry during the temporary absence of Mr. Kindig. Telegrapher Hill is working the side-table.

Bro. F. W. Ray, of Marion "MA" office, nights, is taking his annual layoff; relieved by Bro. Jas. Keenan; Telegrapher G. Rowe is relieving Bro. Keenan at the east yard.

Bulletin No. 89 of July 24th says, "Sleeping on duty will not be tolerated." Correct! Anyone who does not care enough for his job to keep awake now, ought not to have a job at all.

Bro. L. M. Lewison has resigned the agency at Huxley and has gone to St. Paul. Telegrapher Gustafson is doing the agent's stunt at Huxley until Bro. O. H. Huyck, from Hale, takes charge. Bro. W. C. Knight, from Clinton, has been appointed agent at Hale.

The dispatchers in Marion are taking their annual layoff. Bro. R. L. Leamon is working the branch second trick; Bro. R. L. Kindig is relieving Bro. Leamon at Marion yard office, Bro. L. R. Carbee relieving Bro. Kindig, and Bro. Parmenter relieving Bro. Carbee at the east yard.

Bro. J. Bolstein, was recently appointed to the third trick at Maxwell; Bro. H. H. White got Cambridge; Telegrapher E. H. Platte is now at Herndon. Bro. F. W. Ray has been appointed to the extra day work at Marion. The night office at Atkins, Clinton days, and extra night work at Marion "MA" office are on bulletin.

We notice several along this division who have the word "telegrapher" in front of their names. This is well enough, but you must remember it would look a whole lot better if you would exchange it for "brother." You fellows who are non-members hurry up and join, and you who are delinquents must hurry and pay dues. Remember the old adage, "In union there is strength."

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, second trick at Delmar Junction, started to lay off the third of July, but was forced back into service after three days' off, on account of a shortage of men, Bro. Betherum being sent to Oxford Junction second trick, placing Bro. L. A. Kell to first while Bro. M. Stewart is acting as agent during the absence of Bro. J. H. Keech, who is laying off on account of sickness.

JOHN TILE.

Southern Minnesota Division—

Everyone wants to lay off and relief men are kept busy all the time. We are very shy of good telegraphers just at present. Some of the material working now would drive a man to distraction, some of them being scarcely able to get their own call and "OS" a train.

The gravel pit at Albert Lea has been opened up and other business is picking up, and work trains make it look as though there would be something doing on the old S. M.

The regular dispatchers in La Crosse office are taking their annual vacations. Extra Dispatcher Bro. T. P. Horton is doing the relief stunt. Bro. Steves is back at Houston. Relief Agent Graves was in charge while Steves laid off.

There is a night telegrapher at Houston by the name of Winnesen.

Bro. R. N. Miner is laying off to escape the strenuous life at Isinours. John Whalan is in charge of station during his absence.

Bro. W. E. Riordan is on vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Graves. Bro. Graves also relieved Bro. DeCantillon at Brownsdale for a week while the latter was sight-seeing and visiting.

Bro. Laugen at Dexter is being relieved by Relief Agent Taggart.

Bro. Schendel, the second trick telegrapher at Ramsey, is off for a few days at home in Fairmont. Bro. Burnett is in his place.

A telegrapher named Widmoyer is working at Fairmont days.

Bro. H. R. Laugen, the agent at Jackson, is off for vacation; Relief Agent Bro. H. C. Harmon is doing the act at Jackson.

Bro. Harmon has just finished relieving Bro. Wright at Egan so he could take in the big fair.

There are two telegraphers at Egan now. Bro. Eugene Fogarty drew the job on bulletin.

A new agent, Wendorff by name, is in charge of Colman station for six months, on account of the continued illness of Bro. Kellogg.

There are rumors of more night offices on S. M.

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Missouri Pacific Ry.

Sedalia District—

While it seems that we should have three or four columns of news this month on account of the high water and foreign trains, and the many extra men put on every one has been too busy

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to collect items and we are going to be short, Bro. Lampkin being the only one to find time to furnish any news.

Night offices were opened at all stations between Kansas City and Sedalia, three men being put on until the supply gave out.

Bro. Mason is working third trick at Independence.

Bro. Page is working days at Lexington, relieving Bro. Smith, who I hear was married, but was unable to verify the rumor.

Bro. Clifford at Lamonte was off a few nights on account of sickness, being relieved by C. S. Thompson, who has since become Bro. Thompson.

Bro. Davis, the agent at Little Blue, has been out of the service for some time on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Davis. He was relieved by Bro. A. W. Williams, the night man at Warrensburg, who was in turn relieved by Bro. Paul Aylsworth.

Bro. Martin, of the W. U. at Sedalia, was pressed into service during the flood, working at Pleasant Hill and Kingsville.

A note has just been received from Bro. Lampkin saying that Bro. Smith, of Lexington, has been married to Miss Stallings, of Sweet Springs, and that they are enjoying their honeymoon at the northern lakes.

Bro. McClain enjoyed a ten days' vacation during the latter part of June, being relieved by Bro. Paul Aylsworth.

We are certainly glad to see how rapidly the brothers are paying their dues for the current term, and would like for those who have not done so to get their remittances in as early as possible, as it is just as easy to pay one time as another, and if you pay up promptly you will not forget it and cost the division stationery and postage to remind you of it.

If the members knew how much it cost us each term just to notify delinquents to pay up I believe all would pay promptly.

It takes money to run any organization and each member should make it his business to see that our division is handled as economically as possible, and quite a drain can be stopped by prompt remittance of dues.

In future I shall publish the names of the first five who remit their dues, and wish every one of you to try and be one of the five.

W. L. W.

Hoisington District—

News is somewhat scarce this month. Guess everyone must be asleep, or something wrong, and I fear this write-up will be very short.

Bro. A. Richards was relieved at La Crosse nights, June 20th, by a Mr. Mills from the Santa Fe. Bro. Richards is going to Scott City for a couple of months to relieve Bro. Caughlin, the night man. Bro. Caug...n is taking a layoff, and with his wife is going to Ohio for a visit.

Bro. J. E. Swain, second trick man at Hoisington, was off a few weeks recently to get married, but is again at the same old stand. We wish them a long and happy life, and extend congratulations. Bro. O. J. Smelser, first trick at Hoisington, worked his trick while he was away. We do not learn who relieved Bro. Smelser.

Bro. G. L. Webster, of Olmitz, was relieved by Bro. T. B. Sawyer nights. Bro. Webster has departed to parts unknown. Bro. Sherwin is holding down the agency in Bro. G. L. Cremer's absence. Bro. Sawyer hails from R. I. Division No. 126.

Mr. G. A. Fitzgerald was bumped by Mr. R. M. Finney, nights at Eads, Colo. Fitz went to North Fowler. Mr. Finney hails from LaCrosse, he being relieved by Bro. A. Richards, who was working second trick and Finney third at La Crosse, on account of Bro. E. H. Strait, re-entering service taking second trick.

Bro. E. E. Windsor, the agent at McCracken, has resigned, as was mentioned in last month's write-up, and since then he advises that he is going to Washington, D. C. We are very sorry to see him leave, but hope he meets with success.

Chivington, Colo., was reopened as a telegraph office last week. Business seems to be picking up some along this pike. Chivington has been a "blind" office for nearly two years.

On account of very heavy rains over this division, we are experiencing some difficulty in getting the trains over the road on schedule time; however, things are beginning to look a little better of late, and we hope the condition will swiftly improve.

Bro. D. M. Southwick, third trick at Hoisington, was off a few days the first of the month. We understand that he went to Oklahoma to get his daughter, who was sick. He is back at the same old job, and advises that his daughter is improving.

On June 18th Bro. G. L. Cremer, the agent at Olmitz, was relieved by J. I. Sherwin, formerly night man, who in turn was relieved by G. L. Webb, of U. P. Division No. 6.

The night office at Eads, Colo., was closed on June 30th, and the night office at Arlington also closed. Bro. S. A. Miller went to Haswell, nights; Mr. R. M. Finney to Sheridan Lake, relieving Bro. Fred Tanquery. Bro. Tan. is taking a layoff, seeing the sights of Pueblo and Denver. The reason for closing these offices is on account of the gravel trains being taken off the west end.

Bro. E. E. Windsor, the agent at McCracken, is reported pretty sick. Bro. Hartman, the agent at Scott City is also on the sick list. Up to the present time no one has relieved Bro. Windsor. "Bill" Lawerance, night clerk at Utica, went to Scott City to relieve Bro. Hartman as agent. We trust these worthy brothers will soon be on their feet again.

Bro. Fred Tanquery, telegrapher at Sheridan Lake, is suffering from a severe case of hay fever, being very nearly blind from the effects of it. He went to La Crosse to work nights, but upon his arrival discovered what he was "up against" and resigned before taking charge.

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Our division correspondent, Bro. G. W. Curtis, took a trip to La Crosse, this week in company with Bro. Fred Tanquery.

Bro. H. E. Conner, agent at Brownell, was off a few days last month, spending a vacation in Missouri. He was relieved by Mr. R. L. Adkinson.

There seems to be a number of the boys along this pike who do not carry the necessary credentials, all promising to join as soon as they get coin enough. It is too bad that so many are broke, and we trust they will soon have the "dope" to fall in line with. In the near future will be published a list of all nons along this pike and we hope to have a very small list to put on paper, so now get busy and do not be among those whose names are placed on the non list.

We understand that Mr. Mills, who worked a few nights as third trick at La Crosse, a short time ago, is working first trick at Hoisington, relieving Bro. O. J. Smelser. We can not say as to the whereabouts of Bro. Smelser.

Both J. L. Sherwin and T. L. Sawyer, telegraphers at Olmitz, have resigned and secured transportation to K. C. Sawyer was relieved by a Mr. W. O. Carson from the Vandalia Lines in Illinois, and Sherwin was relieved by the regular agent, G. L. Cremer.

There are a great many changes being made along this division, and it is impossible to keep track of all of them, the new men not staying long enough for us to find out anything about them until they are either going or gone. If every agent or regular man would make a note of all changes made at their stations and send to me, we could show a better write-up each month. Let us all pull together and get a good write-up next month.

Well there is nothing more doing in the way of news, so I shall bring this to a close. Again I ask every one to please contribute to the good cause if nothing but a few words, for "every little bit helps." DIV. COR.

St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.

White River Division—

Bro. S. Reed, of the superintendent's office at Aurora, Mo., is off on vacation, being relieved by Bro. T. T. Blassingame.

The company has put on a telegrapher and clerk at the passenger station in Aurora, Mo. Bro. W. K. Cottrell bid it in.

A. G. DeGroff, night man at Batesville, Ark., is off on account of sickness, being relieved by Mr. J. P. Harris.

Bro. C. H. Butler, agent at Sylamore, Ark., is off on vacation being relieved by Bro. G. W. McVey, from Mt. Olive, Ark.

C. E. MAXWELL.

Central Division—

The time has again rolled around when something should appear in the journal from this division, but as no items were contributed, the write-up from this division will be light.

Telegrapher Sutphin, a newcomer, is working nights at Nowata until the position is assigned to some regular man. Bro. Maddox, former night telegrapher, has bid in the day position at Nowata.

Bro. Westmoreland, formerly of Spadra, has been assigned to Claremore.

Bro. Berry, the agent at Claremore has resigned. We are sorry to lose him, but wish him success wherever he may go.

Telegrapher Stevenson is working the third trick at Wagoner until same is filled on bulletin.

Bro. McKnight, of Greenwood Junction, is in the hospital with typhoid fever. We hope for his recovery soon. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Teal of the Ft. S. & W.

Bro. Holman, our general chairman, was over the division the first of the month, getting after the nons.

I would be pleased to furnish any member a list of nons on this division and let all take a whack at them. I think by doing this we can soon clean up the division.

There are some of the night men getting very slack in regards to sleeping on duty. Dispatchers call some of them two and three hours. This will never do, as you have only to work nine hours and should try to give the best of service. You understand there is no redemption for sleeping on duty. CERT. 438.

Arkansas Division, Hoxie District—

Bro. O. Pursiful, of Diaz, is taking a 30-day vacation; relieved by a Mr. H. H. Crutchfield.

We understand that Bro. L. H. Davenport, second trick at Diaz, is laid up in the hospital with typhoid fever; do not know who is relieving him.

Mr. Dever, formerly of Minturn, nights, is now located as second trick man at Newport.

Bro. N. D. Rodgers, agent at Bradford, is taking his annual vacation and expects to visit Seattle before returning. He was relieved by Bro. L. E. Whitlow.

Bro. W. G. Hopkins, the agent at Beebe, is off on his vacation; relieved by Bro. C. C. Chumley, who is a clerk at Beebe.

Telegrapher E. E. Wade worked a few nights as second trick man at Austin, relieving Bro. A. Poston.

Bro. W. J. Dearing, formerly at Swifton nights, has left us; do not know where he went.

Mr. W. T. Gattis, formerly second trick at Newport, is now doing the telegrapher's stunt in the "UD" dispatcher's office.

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Pine Bluff District—

Bro. Goodbar, of "YD," Pine Bluff yard, has just returned from a fifteen-day vacation, which was pleasantly spent in Chicago and St. Paul.

Mr. A. G. Hall, agent at Grady, one of the few nons left on the division, was recently mar-

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ried. Perhaps if some of the boys would get busy we could convince Mr. Hall that he is now more than ever in need of the protection that the O. R. T. affords. Surely he needs a life insurance policy. Get after him, boys.

Many thanks to Bro. Dickey for the few items sent this month. Can't some of the other boys send items too? I know that your work isn't so heavy that you could not spare a few minutes to collect a little news. Try it and see; it doesn't cost you anything. DIV. COR.

A. & L. Branch—

No changes on this district; everything solid, and everyone fanning and trying to keep cool.

Bros. Williams and Chitty at Washington are hitting the ball and watching Mr. Davis, the popular roadmaster, ballast the track with "Pike diamonds," from the famous Pike County diamond fields on the M. P. & G. When the ballasting is completed Mr. Davis will have a piece of track he will be proud of. As the ballast crew has passed Ozan, Bro. Robbins can look for the diamonds in the ballast without being in danger of getting in their way.

Bro. Jacobson, at Nashville, has a little better show than the other boys on the A. & L., as he can inspect the gravel and locate the "sparklers" before they get to Bros. Robbins and Williams.

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Texarkana District—

Bro. F. L. Davis, the first trick man at Texarkana, was called to his old home in Indiana, on June 30th, by the serious illness of his father; we are glad to know that his father was so improved on his arrival that Bro. Davis was able to return to his work July 5th.

Telegrapher E. H. Anderson, the second trick man at "BG," Little Rock, is doing relief work as dispatcher. We are sorry that Mr. Anderson can't see his way clear to be one of us.

Bro. G. P. Casey, who worked extra a while last month, has departed for the land of cactus and the $87.50 minimum.

Bro. J. R. Hudson, of Emmett, nights, took a few days' vacation in June; relieved by Mr. E. S. Hillery, of Gurdon, the Arkansas Division extra man. Bro. Hudson is the second man on the list of the Arkansas Division, having begun work in 1885, and deserves a little rest occasionally.

There are four nons left on the Texarkana District who fail to respond to the call of the good, but we hope some day they will see their error before it is too late.

Bro. Carl Pipkin has been transferred from Malvern; relieved by a Mr. Crump from Mississippi, who promises to line up soon.

On account of the W. U. business falling off, we think Bro. Wilson at Prescott will re-enter the merry-go-round business.

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St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Red River District—

Its been a long time since this end has been represented in the journal, so to break the monotony I'll give you a few lines.

Business is fairly good on Red River at present.

But few changes have taken place, most of the old heads holding on.

Bro. Long, from Madill is relieving Bro. Smith, agent at Roff. Bro. Smith is taking a vacation, and we understand he is enjoying the sights at Seattle and other Northwestern points.

A Mr. Garner is working as day telegrapher at Roff, relieving Mr. Stevenson, who, I understand, returned to Arkansas.

Telegrapher Maddox, of Texas Junction, is doing extra work at Madill, during the absence of Bro. Long.

Boys, we should get in behind the nons. There are quite a number on our district at present. Some brothers are working with them and don't seem to know that they are nons.

Since our last write-up Bro. Glenn, night telegrapher at Ada, has taken unto himself a wife. Here's best wishes for him and bride, for a long and happy life.

It is very warm down here these days, and the scribe is rather lazy, so I'll cut out for this time, and hope to see something from others in next issue. CERT. 327.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Chicago Division, Eastern District—

Last regular meeting of Chicago Division, B. & O., Division No. 33, was held in Redmen's Hall, Defiance, O., June 16, 1909. A large crowd was in attendance and a very interesting and instructive program was carried out. A fine lunch was served, and much shop talk indulged in. The west end was well represented, and a very interesting report on the convention was delivered by Bro. A. P. Webster. Several points of interest to all members of Chicago Division were discussed, and action taken upon same. Four new candidates were initiated by our very capable team, Bro. Cook, of Defiance, acting as captain. These meetings are a great success, and show an active spirit on this division. All those who did not attend should come out to the next on July 21st. Train connections are fine. All the first trick men east of Defiance can get in on No. 3 and return in time for work, after a good night's rest, on No. 4. Turn out boys, and help the good cause along. A committee has been appointed by Local Chairman Eiler to arrange for a pleasure trip down the Maumee River to Island Park and return, after the regular business of next meeting is over. Several launches will be chartered for the occasion. This trip is well worth the money. The beautiful Maumee River and Island Park in Defiance are points of great interest. Don't miss this trip.

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We regret to say that Bro. Durk failed on the eyesight examination, and was taken to Wolf Lake yard from Defiance, second trick. Bro. Durk has the sympathy of the brothers on the division. He has been with us, as a faithful and up-to-date member for several years, and we regret his misfortune. Bro. Durk is a capable and trustworthy telegrapher and we hope success will follow him to Wolf Lake yard.

Bro. Miller, of Midway, is on a fishing trip at Devils Lake, Mich.

Bro. J. R. Morton visited his home in Sydney, O., this month.

Bro. T. J. Eiler was off a few days this month on account of sickness.

Telegrapher Gebhart, who for the past year or more has been under the tutorship of Telegrapher Shuman, of Holgate, left this month for Colorado. Mr. Gebhart is in very poor health and hopes to recover same in Colorado. He should stop on his way at some little place in Kansas, where Shuman is now farming and recover the blood money taken from him by that worthy gentleman. We are wondering who Shuman's next victim will be.

Some choice jobs will be open in July for bid, we understand.

So many men are taking vacations this month, and so many changes are being made that the scribe is unable to mention but a few of them.

Bro. Huff, from the C. & O. Ry. is working at Miday.

Bro. Meyers, from S. P., is on third trick at Holgate, O.

Bro. G. A. Reyff, second trick man at Standley, O., slipped quietly down to Sherwood, O., the first of June, and returned with a blooming June bride. The local extends congratulations and wishes them a happy and prosperous life.

Any brother having notes for the journal will please forward same to Bro. T. J. Eiler, at Defiance, who will in turn send them to the scribe. We will be glad for whatever information can be given concerning changes, etc. RUBE.

Eastern District, Pittsburg Division—

Your humble servant will endeavor to give the items on this district, but as I am not the regular correspondent, please don't feel offended if I fail to get all of you mixed up in these notes.

We held our regular monthly meeting in Pittsburg, July 15th, and although the attendance was not as large as it should have been, still we spent a very pleasant evening, and finished up the box of cigars that Bro. Lanning donated. Local Chairman Safford informed us that the brand was a good one, and no doubt he is a good judge, as he has had the box for a month, which was ample time to test them.

Bro. J. C. Young, first trick man at Smithton, has resigned and entered the insurance and real estate business at Smithton, and from all accounts he is doing a flourishing business.

Bro. Finnell, first trick at Versailles, has also resigned, and has entered the Postal service. We are sorry to lose these brothers, but they are both bettering themselves financially, so no doubt they are doing the proper thing.

Ellrod tower has been put in service again after being closed for about fourteen months, and is at present manned by Mr. Toulon, Bro. Roberts and Mr. D. A. Young, but as each trick has been advertised, it is a safe guess that none of the present force will remain long.

Bro. Stabler is working first trick at Versailles, since Bro. Finnell left, and Bro. Willings, from Layton, has been relieving at Ellrod and also at Broadford.

Bro. Eiseman, at Bessemer, has been off on a vacation for the past fifteen days; relieved by Bro. Ferry, who is now relieving Mr. Sheiry at "MK."

Bro. Corruthers, of Rand, recently returned from a trip through the South, and has returned to duty. He was relieved by Bro. Posteraro.

Bro. J. H. Smith secured first trick at Lavenia; Bro. Morehead, third trick at Versailles, and Cl. Shugert, second trick at Reduction, on the last bulletin.

I am sorry to say that a few of the boys on the third tricks are sleeping on duty and stopping trains, which should not occur when working eight hours, and for which all of us will reap the rewards, when your committee goes after a new schedule.

Bro. Zimmerman, at Layton, and Bro. Clemens, at Finleyville, were appointed correspondents for the River and Pike, respectively, at our meeting last evening, and no doubt next month will find these districts well represented in the journal, for they are both well qualified for the work.

If you know of anything interesting, please send it to these brothers. BILL.

Pittsburg Division, West End—

As per bulletin of July 5th, the following appointments were made on this end: Bro. Oliver Wetzell to Allegheny, days; Mr. E. F. Anderson to Bilwood City, second trick.

Vacancies exist at Goehring, third trick; Gorsuch, first trick, and Ribolds, third trick.

Division Operator G. W. C. Day recently examined all the telegraphers on this end, on the whole book of rules, with the view of running trains on this end without the use of train orders. When this goes into effect an extra will be as good as a first-class train so long as it gets the "proceed" signal. It will then be up to the "owls" to be on the job. Boys, give the best of service, and eliminate the complaints.

Our worthy chief, in company of a company's surgeon, passed over this end, examining the eyesight and hearing of all the telegraphers.

Bro. Wetzel bid in the day job at Allegheny, in order to be nearer home. Bro. J. D. Dunbar taking his trick at "Bee Hive," "BG" tower.

Bro. C. W. Brown, of Willow Grove, is now spending a fortnight's vacation in and about Charlestown, W. Va.

While out driving with his wife recently, Bro. C. L. Baker, of Wildwood was slightly bruised

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about the head and limbs, on account of the horse falling and throwing Bro. Baker to the ground.

Bro. C. E. Boyer will leave shortly on a furlough, expecting to spend the balance of the summer at Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y.

Bro. "Shorty" Hostetler is still on that honeymoon.

Bro. Yeager was suddenly called to Baltimore, July 11th, on account of his brother being seriously injured by a falling iron beam, while at work on a new building; relieved by Bro. Morehead.

Relief Agent Bro. Postarero is relieving Agent Floyd at Zelienople.

Since returning from the Atlanta convention Bro. Lanning has been passing the time away at Goehring, by pulling those nice, large bass from the stream near by.

Bro. Fleischer is working as first trick telegrapher at Butler, while Mr. La Mar relieves the dispatchers, who are taking their vacation.

There will be some new members on this end in the near future, if the membership will only use a little more ginger in getting after those still out of line. Application blanks have been mailed those who could not be seen personally, and a little talk with these men in addition to the letter sent out by the local chairman, I think, will prove to be a great deal of good as to hurrying the nons to fall in line. There is no telling what may happen this coming winter in the way of seeing the management. If this be the case, 100 per cent strong would look better than 75 per cent. Get busy and do your best.

I trust that the membership on this end will send me any items that they think proper to put in these columns each month, not later than the 18th. The first thing you fellows do when you get THE TELEGRAPHER is turn to this page, and see what is written up. Why not help me out and make it as large as the editor will allow. I know there is more happenings than what I find, so every one make it a point to let me have what you know.

One more word and then I am through. Wake up to the fact that we still hold monthly meetings at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield, St., Pittsburg, Pa., third Thursday of each month. This seems to be the hardest thing for the boys to remember. Come in every body.

"SHORTSTOP."

Cumberland Division, West End—

Business is fairly good over this division for summer time.

The weather so far this season has been ideal, and the summer resorts on the mountain tops are filling up.

Bro. W. R. Coglan, of Oakland, had to go to the hospital in Baltimore to have an operation performed; at last report he was doing nicely. All the boys hope to see him out soon.

Local Chairman Shaffer spent several days in Washington last month on business.

Since all schedule rights were abolished on this division, doing away with orders to a great extent, the copiers have been taken off in the train dispatcher's office, consequently some of the brothers along the line got "bumped," but at last reports all had secured new berths, and were going along the same as usual.

Local Chairman Shaffer attended the joint meeting of all the different railroad organizations at Cumberland, the 22d of June; he reports a large crowd, although he was the only representative of the O. R. T. present.

Brothers, please do not forget to send in your local dues, 75 cents each quarter, to Bro. J. R. Murphy, Oakland; he is the local treasurer, and will issue a receipt.

Also do not forget the third Thursday of each month; this is regular meeting night at Oakland; try to be on hand.

The nons are still coming in. Keep after them boys, individual effort on the part of all is bound to have the desired effect. COR.

C. & N. Division—

The brothers must assist me by sending in items showing what is doing on the west end if they wish a write-up to appear monthly. How many of the boys on this division have up-to-date cards? I would like to know who they are. It seems as though some of the boys have cards but do not want it to be known. Why is this? Are they ashamed of the grand old O. R. T. and what it has done for them, or are they afraid of losing their positions. In either case they are very poor members. I have been requested to "jack the brothers up" in our journal for not attending our meetings.

Yours must be a sad case if you can not summon enough energy to attend meetings. Sickness is a good excuse, but it seems strange that so many of our brothers get sick on meeting nights. We are losing ground and losing it rapidly. Some of our members are talking of falling out if we don't brace up. Now how can such a listless bunch expect to land non-members? This does not mean all the members, but those whom the "shoe fits" can wear it.

Bro. Lamwell was home recently for a few days' vacation.

Bros. Williams and Fletch and Telegraphers Pierson and Allbright are filling the extra vacancies.

Bro. Klinkert was off a few days recently, nursing a sore hand, which was injured by a lever.

Bro. Page is taking his vacation, but is not doing any wireless work this time.

Bro. McCardle is at his post again.

Bro. Wilson, of Outville, is lieutenant of the O. N. G. and is in camp in Kansas. Telegrapher Pierson is relieving him.

Bros. Hackenbracht and Dildine, of "BR" tower, have changed tricks for a few weeks.

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West End Chicago Division—

Bro. C. J. Fulmer, of third trick at Albion, is off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. F. Huff.

Bro. W. W. Gruesbeck is back at Ripley after a visit in W. Va.

The block wire has been strung to Syracuse, and is in service. They expect to have it completed soon.

The last meeting at Defiance was a large one, many members from the west end being present. Arrange to attend the next meeting, August 18th. If a married man, don't growl, remember before you were married ?????

Bro. C. J. Roth is working first trick at Wellsboro while Bro. Osborn is off.

Bro. T. J. Karr landed first trick at McCools on the July bulletin. He was relieved by Telegrapher C. E. Trainer, of Garrett.

Bro. Rhinehold, the second trick man at Millers, is off duty a few days on account of the sickness of his brother. Relieved by Mr. Irwin, an extra man.

The next Defiance meeting is to be held August 18th. Will you be there?

Bro. Lansing, who has been on the extra list since last September, secured Millers, third trick. Mr. Miller has been holding this job.

Bro. Spurgeon, extra man at McCools, is off duty on account of the death of his father at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Bro. Spurgeon has the sympathy of all the members.

Bro. Salvo, of McCools, is taking his vacattion this month, being relieved by Mr. Ritter, of Milford Junction. Ritter is one of the "don't see any benefit from the Order" kind; get after him when he relieves you; tell him why he should come across.

Bro. H. A. Durke, of first trick at Defiance, secured second trick at Wolf Lake on the July bulletin. We are glad to see him back on the west end.

Mr. Floyd Wilhelm, of "GS," Chicago, has left the service of the B. & O. Ry. and taken a position with the C. R. I. & P. in Chicago.

Mr. Williams, who took a leave of absence to attend school, has returned to his old job, days at "GS," Chicago.

At a recent meeting held in Defiance a brother remarked: "I have spent a most enjoyable evening, and I assure you I shall attend each meeting hereafter." He spoke the truth; the meetings are pleasant, interesting and profitable. We know that if you come once you will never stay away again. Come to the meeting August 18th and we will convince you.

Bro. Gregg at Alida and Bro. Rothenberger at Suman took in Buffalo Bill's show at Valparaiso, July 9th.

The company will open up four or five offices as soon as the block wire is completed.

Remember brothers, if you are open to conviction, attend the Defiance meeting August 18th.

W. S. Y.

New Castle Division—

Bro. V. P. McLaughlin, the second trick man at Akron Junction, was off duty four weeks on account of the sickness of his father; relieved by Bro. French, who holds right to State Road days if it ever opens up again.

Bro. Pennell bid in third trick at Ravenna; relieved at "TF" tower by Bro. King, who was relieved by Mr. Krueger. "TF" was bid in this month by Bro. Marshall, from third trick at Newton Falls. This keeps the job two-thirds O. R. T., which is as good as we could expect as long as Professor Bill works third trick.

Bro. Post gave up the third trick at "FS" tower for the extra list. We understand that the trick was bid in by Mr. J. C. Johnston. Bro. Post relieved Mr. Steinmetz at Newton Falls on the Fourth, and later went to the second trick at Boughtonville. Post was relieved at "FS" by Telegrapher Artz while the position was bulletined.

Bro. Carleton is relieving Bro. Sarff at New Castle Junction. Bro. Sarff is working for Bro. Sweet at Sterling while Sweet is taking his vacation.

Mr. C. G. Russell is working the first trick at Haselton while Bro. Faust is enjoying a trip to Hot Springs for the benefit of his health. Bro. Faust reports that he is improving nicely, which we are all glad to hear.

Bro. E. B. Smith, of "SK," Easton, who bid in second trick at Lowellsville, on the June bulletin, together with his wife spent a three weeks' vacation in Indiana.

Mr. J. C. Johnston is relieving Bro. Hill at "KN" tower, second trick, while Bro. Hill is spending his vacation with his parents at Ashland, Ohio. Mr. Johnston is to relieve Bro. Hawn on third trick when Bro. Hill returns to duty. Bros. Hawn and Robinson are the stars on the Edenburg baseball team. We understand that this team issued a challenge to any 12-year-old team in Mahoning County.

Mr. W. A. Pfeil, who worked second trick in New Castle side-wire office, has resigned to accept a position with the Santa Fe, where we understand he is promised a trick of dispatching soon. We wish him success.

Bro. Bedell, from "NC" Junction, second trick, is working the side wire while the position is bulletined. Bro. Trussell, from "UN" tower, is relieving Bro. Bedell, and Bro. A. F. Kelsey is relieving Trussell at "UN" tower.

Bro. Robinson, first trick man at "NC" Junction, was relieved by Bro. Carleton while he attended the ball game in Pittsburg July 4th.

Bro. T. G. Wallace, working third trick at "UN" tower, has just returned from an extended trip through the West, principally the State of Idaho. He reports a very nice time, but thinks Ohio and Pennsylvania are good enough for him.

Bro. H. B. Hunter, first trick at "UN" tower, is suffering from a boil on his hip, making it necessary for Bros. Wallace and Kelsey to work 12 hours each.

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With a few men off sick and the vacation season on, there seems to be no great over-supply of telegraphers, and with business conditions back to normal we expect a greater shortage. There is not enough money paid telegraphers compared with the salaries paid for other kinds of work, hence the shortage. The division operator was heard asking the clerk at East Claridon to go to work the other day, but he seems to be a little shy on the necessary amount of confidence.

Bro. J. J. Kehres, from third trick at West Farmington to Painesville, doing the message work, days. Relieved at "F" by Telegrapher C. J. Leahy.

Bro. Byron, the second trick man at West Farmington, was relieved by Mr. Crawford for a two-weeks' vacation. He is taking a trip through the East.

Bro. Brillhart, the agent at Middlefield, was at last relieved by Bro. Reid from Boughtonville. We understand Bro. Brillhart gets the day job at Easton "SK" on bulletin.

The agency at Boughtonville was filled by Mr. F. E. Gary, who has been working second trick there for several weeks. He has gone to housekeeping.

Bro. Meagher, third trick at Nova, is spending his vacation along the lake, relieved by Mr. C. J. Leahy. Mr. Leahy came to Nova from West Farmington, where he was relieved by Mr. Crawford.

Bro. Brillhart is handling the agency at Easton for a few days before taking his new position at "SK" office.

Everything is running smoothly since they abandoned the use of classification signals, but it looks rather strange not to see the white and green rags on the engines.

Business conditions are about the same on the Snake. We heard a message the other day saying that a night force was to be put on at the docks at Fairport to load 500 cars of ore daily. Let us hope so. We wonder how it will be moved, as there seems to be a shortage of power and that not in very good shape. The strike-breaking machinists do not seem a very great success.

Have you got that new card or a receipt for dues? If not, it is up to you to get busy. We hear a great deal from the men about wanting a new schedule, but if we are to get it we must give the committee our undivided support, and it is necessary to be up to date to do it. Knocking because things are not just what they should be or as some think they ought to be never got us a thing. Get in the game and BOOST. FORGET TO KNOCK. UNCLE BIFF.

Philadelphia Division—

The telegraphers of this division were greatly shocked when they learned that our local chairman, Bro. Chas. W. Hill, died on Wednesday, June 30. He had been sick for quite a long time, and his death will be keenly felt by the telegraphers of this division, as his advice was often sought on a great many questions. He was buried at Delmar, Delaware, on July 3d. Great sympathy is expressed for his wife.

We are pleased to say that Bro. F. F. Sullivan of Van Bibber, Md., was successful in the recent primary election held in Harford County, being nominated for the House of Delegates in the State of Maryland. It is hoped that his friends will stand as solidly behind him in the general election in November, as they did at the primary and elect him. This is in recognition of his hard and faithful work done for the telegraphers of Maryland several years ago, when he and Dr. Sebastian, of Division No. 17, fought so hard for the eight-hour law, which gradually led up to the passage of the national law regulating the hours for telegraphers, nearly on the same principle as the first law that ever was passed in behalf of the telegraphers.

There have been many changes on this division lately, and every month several positions are on the bulletin. BRUNO.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLES W. HILL.

On June 30th, 1909, suddenly and without warning, the death summons came to our friend and brother, Charles W. Hill, local chairman of Philadelphia Division, System Division No. 33, B. & O. R. R., at the home of his brother at Wilmington, Delaware. He was associate member of the local board of adjustment in 1902, under Bro. W. Edgar Frasher, chairman. In 1903 he was elected chairman and has served continuously since that time.

Bro. Hill had been seriously affected with a stomach ailment for several years, but withstood the suffering in silence and with Christian fortitude, all these years. He was compelled to relinquish his duties as first trick telegrapher at the passenger station, 24th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., May 29th or 30th, and endeavored to repair and recuperate his health. But our All-wise Providence elected to relieve him of his earthly torture, and we, who were closely associated with him for years, and knowing his inward character, are firmly assured that he has been called to his celestial home on high.

Bro. Hill was a genial and affable gentleman in every respect. His habits and character were beyond reproach. He was a friend and brother to all with whom he came in contact. He not only was a true blue and staunch brotherhood man, as unionism implies, but even broader-minded than that; he firmly believed in the brotherhood of man as Christ taught us—all brothers, regardless of position or station in life. He lived and acted it. He was for peace and harmony in both the private and official affairs of life. His heart was clean beyond question; he was charitable in his heart and also with his pocketbook. He was a good counsellor and a lovable companion. He will be missed by his associates in Division No. 33 for years to come. His bright disposition and ability to entertain in

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public and private life has created a vacuum which will not soon be filled in our ranks.

While our bereavement in the loss of Bro. Hill is hard to bear, yet there is one other who will feel it more keenly than we of Division No. 33. I refer to his dear widow, Mrs. Hill, his closest companion in life. His first thought was for her welfare, particularly when he was engaged in his official duties away from home at night, often remarking to me that he should not have left her alone as she was delicate and required his attention. He was devoutly devoted to her and she to him. It is she who feels this separation greater than we. It is to her we should direct our prayers and thoughts in this sad period of bereavement.

Bro. Hill was quietly and impressively interred July 3d, 1909, in the M. E. churchyard at Delmar, Delaware, his birthplace.

At the grave our Christian friend and brother, E. T. Seibert, his secretary on the L. B. of A., who represented Division No. 33 and also the Veteran Employes' Association, of which Bro. Hill was a member, reviewed his life in a very impressive and appropriate manner; he made no effort to exalt his character, but spoke the truth concerning him, as we all know it. He closed with a most beautiful prayer, appropriate of the occasion. The floral offerings were very beautiful, particularly those which Division No. 33 and the Veteran Employes' Association contributed.

His personal friend and brother,
July 16th, 1909. JOHN B. MILLER.
Newark, Delaware.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Almighty Father to summon our worthy friend and Brother, Charles W. Hill, to eternal rest, therefore be it

Resolved, That we submit in silence and sorrow, knowing that He, of infinite wisdom, had a purpose in so doing; that his mission on earth was fulfilled and that his appointed time had come; be it also

Resolved, That his genial and affable presence will be missed among his many associates, especially those of the Philadelphia Division, B. & O. R. R.; and be it further

Resolved, That System Division No. 33, O. R. T., through these resolutions, extend and convey sympathy and condolence to his widow and family, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his bereaved widow, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

JOHN B. MILLER.
CHAS. H. MILLER.
EDWIN T. SEIBERT.
Committee on Resolutions.

Cleveland Division—

The last two meetings were dandies. Not enough in attendance to make a quorum. Nothing doing unless you boys give a better turnout. We have several new members that we would like to see at our meetings and many old ones that should be there. You do not know what you are missing when you miss a division meeting. Try to come every meeting night without fail. There are but very few members who are unable to come if they will but try to do so. TRY!!

Bro. H. J. Marlow and Bro. J. G. Tope are working at "CS," Cleveland, relieving T. D. A. man Jackson and Bro. Drake who are copying.

T. W. Davis, the second trick man at Bridge 80 are off duty on account of being sick. Bro. C. A. McGurk, who just came in from the wild and woolly West, is back to his old job while Davis is off.

The helper at Berea has been taken off and this puts all the work at that point on Bro. Myers. This will make it inconvenient for Bro. Myers to attend meeting. He was always on hand to represent the west end boys and the Cleveland-Lester branch.

G. W. Jackson, copier, first trick, is working at present as extra dispatcher on the second trick on east end C. L. & W. for regular Dispatcher O'Leary.

Dispatcher Brooker is camping at Turkey Foot Lake with Charlie Richards "at the bat" working his trick on the Valley.

Bro. J. F. Mitchell, Canal Fulton, is taking vacation and visiting relatives in the western part of the State.

Our local chairmen have sent the eighth set of papers to T. A. Martin, agent at New Berlin. Wonder if he will fill them out. This is not an exceptional case, either. Eight sets of papers in two years.

Bro. J. A. Keifer has resumed duty after two weeks' absence. Mr. and Mrs. Keifer were visiting relatives in West Virginia.

Bro. "Doc" Long at North Industry has sold one of his properties in that thriving city.

Bro. Blanke is getting awful short on news lately. What is the matter, Blankey? Get after them.

Bro. G. E. Houk went to Freeport to work first trick temporarily. Did not hear who he relieved. We understand that more of the eight-hour boys have been sleeping on duty. Cut it out, boys. You are not living up to your duty to the Order or to the railroad company. You are doing more harm to yourselves and the O. R. T. than you are to the railroad when you sleep on duty. Remember the fight we had to get the eight-hour tricks.

We haven't seen anything advertised lately, although since any positions have been advertised we hear of several being filled and several changes being made. They should be bulletined according to schedule, and the boys given a chance to bid on them. If you will take the matter up we think something could be done. Should you see any jobs filled not advertised that you would care to bid in, you should write Bro. McCoy, keeping a copy of all correspondence. Nuf sed.

DIV. COR.

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Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Bro. Geo. Miller, agent at Le Moyne, has resigned. Unable to say where Bro. Miller has gone.

Bro. Cook, first trick at Pullman Junction, is back to work, after a pleasant vacation. Bro. Grace working third trick now, with Bro. Dixon, second trick. Telegrapher Ritter has been relieved, and has left for parts unknown.

Bro. A. S. Crippen is still holding down third trick at "CU," 112th St. tower.

Bro. A. R. Hoffman, first trick at Oakdale, is again at work, after a pleasant visit to his old home. Bro. Dixon filling in during his absence.

Bro. E. O. Jacobson is doing the strong arm stunt now, and Bro. McCullough is working third trick.

"Big Bill," the "professor" from Auburn Park, does not seem to be turning out telegraphers very rapidly. I do not think the surplus of telegraphers from this point will cause any reduction in wages.

Bro. Konn is filling in as agent at Brainerd, while the regular agent is taking a vacation.

Bro. Johnson, of Blue Island, is again at work, after a pleasant vacation.

Now, boys, don't forget to turn out to meetings which are held every fourth Saturday night at Room 912, Masonic Temple. These meetings are instructive, and give us a chance to get acquainted with the boys, with whom we work. Moreover they give us an opportunity to know what is taking place on the other roads in our vicinity. The condition of the organized telegraphers is getting better, so don't be without an up-to-date card, and remember the motto, "No card, no favors." COR.

Illinois Division—

There are rumors to the effect that there will be a committee up for a revision of schedule some time this fall. Although this is not official, it is encouraging. We should be able to secure a revision of our present schedule that will be satisfactory to all. In line with this, would suggest all brothers on our division get after the desirable nons in their immediate vicinity. There are quite a number of nons on this division, some of them holding positions that would undoubtedly be effected by the revised schedule. If the brothers would explain this to the nons, especially on the south end, we should be able to get them lined-up in good shape soon. It is only natural that we should help those who help us, more than the parasites that live on the efforts and money of our Order. Thorough organization, together with perfect service, will do more to bring things our way than anything else. And if there must be any complaints as to service, let it be against those that do not hold up-to-date cards.

Telegrapher W. H. Lyford bid in the third trick "VE" tower, relieving Telegrapher Hardy who leaves the service.

Bro. Lacy, first trick at "Q," Villa Grove, is off on a two months' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Johnson, second trick at that place. Bro. Johnson is being relieved by Telegrapher Ragan, of "VE;" Ragan being relieved by Telegrapher Brougher. We understand that Bro. Lacy is taking in the Seattle Fair and other points of interest in the West.

Bro. W. E. Hicks, first trick man at Mt. Vernon, was forced to take a two weeks' vacation, on account of sickness; being relieved by Telegrapher J. D. Booth, extra.

Bro. Dewey, second trick man at "AH" tower, was off on a vacation, but was called back after one day's absence, on account of shortage of telegraphers.

Telegrapher W. C. Ford has been transferred from third trick to first trick at Mode.

Bro. A. O. Crosno, the agent at Arthur, is off on a much needed vacation. He is being relieved by Relief Agent Bro. V. Otey.

Bro. F. Larimer, the agent at St. Peter, has resumed duty after a short vacation. We understand that Bro. Larimer belongs to the Rock Island Division.

Bro. D. Smith, who formerly worked first trick at Mode, has bid in second trick at Kirksville.

Telegrapher E. Price has bid in the second trick at Tamms.

It is now Bro. Rebman, first trick at Cypress, instead of Mr. Also Bro. G. W. Trenary, agent at Carter. Here's the glad, brothers.

Account of no write-ups being received from south of Mt. Vernon this month, I am unable to give any changes on the south end. Would request some brother in that territory to see that this is not overlooked next month. We are grateful to the brothers on the north end and Bro. Hicks, at Mt. Vernon, for their assistance this month, and respectfully request that they come again.

I think it would be a good idea for every brother securing new members to report that fact to me, or Bro. Fogler, local chairman, St. Elmo, Ill. CERT. 54.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

In the June TELEGRAPHER, Bro. A. W. Lanquist was referred to as A. W. Lanquist. As this would leave the impression with a good many of the brothers that he was a non, I wish to say that Bro. Lanquist is up-to-date, and the error was an oversight of the correspondent, and was not done intentionally.

Bro. Johnson, first trick at "BX" tower, has returned from a ten days' vacation, which he has been spending with his father, who is agent at Perrysville, Ind. Bro. Johnson was accompanied home by his lady friend, Miss Grace Ingram, of Bismark.

Bro. Bahls, who relieved Bro. Johnson at "BX" tower, during his vacation, was sent to Hillsdale from there, and landed third trick at that place.

Bro. Goudy, second trick at Hill tower, Danville, is off visiting for a few days.

Bro. Mickle, agent at Alvin, was visiting friends in Danville, Sunday.

Bro. C. R. Montgomery, second trick at "WA" tower, Watseka, has asked to be relieved the

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28th for a few days' vacation, which he will spend with his parents at Rosedale, Ind.

Bro. Walter Mangram, agent at Martinton, is away on his vacation, and is being relieved by R. F. Haggerty. Unable to say whether Mr. Haggerty is up-to-date.

Bro. Kaneen, second trick at "BX" tower, has been asking a few days off, but there are no extra men to relieve him.

Bro. Lanquist was up to Pittwood to spend the day, Sunday.

Understand that Bro. R. H. Toler, formerly of the C. & E. I., at Wellington, and "HJ" Tower, is now working in the dispatcher's office, at Denver, Colo., for the Colorado Southern.

Bro. W. J. Albert, agent at Freeland Park, was away several days, returning to work on the 15th. Understand he was united in holy wedlock while he was away.

Bro. E. R. Songer, third trick at Coaler, was relieved a few days, and intended going West for his health, but after being away a few days he reconsidered and returned to work again. He was relieved by Bro. F. L. Andrews.

Bro. E. R. Bolla relieved Bro. Young, at Coaler, for three days; Bro. Young relieved Bro. Phillips, at Wellington, for three days.

Bro. F. R. Bolla is at present relieving Bro. McGlashan, at "HJ" tower, second trick, on account of Bro. McGlashan's wife being very ill.

Just recently there was a telegrapher failed to report for duty on time, and the chief was inquiring into the case, thinking likely that he had been out of town, and had not got his proper rest. From the way the chief talked, I think this man will get his the next time it occurs. This telegrapher is a non, and, therefore, does not reflect discredit upon the Order. Brothers, always let it be the nons who do careless work, if there is any to be done.

Terre Haute District—

Bros. Albert and Vern Bassett, who held second and third at Hillsdale, left for Montana after they resigned. Telegrapher Long, first trick man at Hillsdale, resigned, but can not say where he went. Bro. See, formerly second trick at Atherton, is working first trick at Hillsdale, until it is bid in by some one. Bro. See was relieved at Atherton by Telegrapher Socwell.

Telegrapher Thompson is relieving Bro. Rice at Jacksonville, third trick, while Bro. Rice is working a few weeks at "HJ"' tower.

Relief Agent Bennett is relieving Bro. Moore, the first trick telegrapher and ticket agent at Danville Junction.

Bro. McGintis, first trick man at Cayuga, is off for a few days' vacation.

Bro. Case, first trick man at "HY" tower, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Rice from Jackson.

Bro. L. M. Callecod, third trick at Dewey, landed second trick at same place, on bulletin.

Mr. Royce is working the third trick at "OC" Junction, until bulletin expires.

Mr. O. O. Franklin is still reaping the benefit of the eight-hour first trick at Jackson.

Telegrapher P. H. Mack, who formerly held first trick at Hillsdale tower, but who was removed from the service, is back to Hillsdale.

We have a new man working the second trick at Cayuga. He is off the Clover Leaf.

Brazil District—

In making inquiries I find quite a number of nons in this district, and have a good field to work in. I have written them letters, explaining the condition that every thing is in. I was not at a loss for words to tell them, as the Order has done so much for the telegraphers even in the last year; that should be enough to justify any one in joining.

Bro. C. W. Foundry, third trick at Coal Bluff, was off a few days, on account of sickness. There being no extra men to relieve him, Bro. Johnson, the agent at Coal Bluff, worked the first night, then Bro. Z. E. Manly, first trick, and Bro. T. G. Lucas, second trick, worked twelve-hour tricks until "CF" returned.

Bro. Z. E. Manly has been unable to leave on his wedding trip, on account of no extra men to relieve him.

Bro. Don Jacobs, of Mecca, is off on a vacation, taking a trip through the West. He is relieved by a Mr. Bowers.

Bro. H. D. Anderson, first trick at Swanington, is on a vacation; relieved by Bro. J. Jones, from Division No. 42.

Bro. E. Wagnor, third trick at Burnett, Big Four crossing, has bid in third trick at Avon; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Thorp.

C. C. Hamilton, the regular second trick man at Veedersburg is away on a few days' vacation; relieved by H. W. Rynearson.

Bro. W. G. Andrews has been working the third trick at "OC" Junction, since Bro. Adams bid in second trick at Dewey.

C. C. Hamilton is relieving J. W. Marshall, the Clover Leaf agent, at Veedersburg, as the Clover Leaf had no one available that could handle the place. Marshall has gone to Seattle, Wash.

Percy Rynolds, second trick man at Brazil Shop, is taking a vacation. J. R. Payne, third trick man, is working second trick, while Rynolds is off. Payne is relieved from third trick by Extra Telegrapher Bro. F. L. Andrews.

The smiling face of O. W. Servies, one of the dispatchers of the Chicago Division, was seen on No. 10 last week, going north.

I "13" some of the brothers are dropping out of the Order, thinking that it will do them no good when the telephones are put in. This seems to be a very poor excuse to me, as telephone operators organized can accomplish as much as telegraphers can, and it is surely the water they drink that makes them imagine that.

A good investment for nons and every one who has not paid dues, would be to invest in a

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new O. R. T. card, for they are dandies and they are here to stay.

I am thankful to the several brothers who contributed to the items this month, and hope they will come again. COR.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

Since my last letter to these columns, a great change has been made in the operation of the B. V. A. Division of the P. R. R., most of you, no doubt, are fully aware of the fact, therefore it is needless for me to go into details. Briefly, the Chautauqua Division has been abolished, and that portion from Buffalo to Oil City has been added to the Buffalo Division, and that portion from Oil City to Olean has been added to the Allegheny Division. The headquarters of the Buffalo Division remain at Buffalo, and Mr. G. B. Beale is the superintendent. Mr. Bell having been assigned other duties. The headquarters of the Allegheny Division were moved from Pittsburg to Oil City, with no change in its officers. Mr. J. N. Foultz, formerly division operator of the Chautauqua Division has been transferred elsewhere. Nearly all of the former employes were taken care of in some way.

This reorganization means a tremendous saving in operating expenses, but a great inconvenience to a majority of the employes, as many owned their own homes in Pittsburg and were compelled to sell at a loss. As a whole, a more discontented lot of men and women it would be hard to find, however, in time this feeling may wear off, and as the men become more accustomed to the place they may be better satisfied.

There are more rumors being circulated every day; a trip over the division by a committee of the board of directors accompanied by the general manager, gives color to rumors of other changes. The one which seems most plausible, and is given some credence by the knowing ones, is that the present Buffalo Division is to be added to the P. & E. Grand Division, and the present Allegheny Division is to be added to the Western Pennsylvania Grand Division, thus eliminating the B. & A V., as a grand division, and abolishing the office of general superintendent in Buffalo. This change, if true, would affect a still greater saving in operating expenses which seems to be the object sought after. It is estimated that the changes already made save the company, approximately, $400,000.00 a year. In view of this fact, does it not seem that the telegraphers should be given some consideration in the matter of relief days?

Business is steadily improving, and all reports seem to indicate that there are very few telegraphers out of employment. Many authorities, among them our old friend "Jim" Hill, are very positive in their belief that by fall all railroads will be taxed to their utmost carrying capacity, which means, of course, that all idle equipment as well as idle employes will be drawn back into active service. In the daily papers one reads of large orders for cars, engines and rails, being placed by various railroads, all of which means employment for the idle, and hence, better industrial conditions throughout the country.

With these facts before us let us, each and every one, renew our efforts toward perfecting our organization, for it is as true today as it ever was that without an organization we are helpless to better our conditions. We, as a class, have many grievances, true, conditions have changed wonderfully for the better in the past decade, yet there are many things that should be, and, no doubt, will be, corrected in the next few years, and the first step necessary is complete organization.

We have the foundation for one of the best organizations in the labor world; our constitution compares favorably with any of them; our officers are second to none; the rank and file have the brains, and it is only necessary to apply those brains along safe and sane lines and our success is assured.

It is a pleasure to note that at the present time there are less than a dozen delinquents on this division, and I venture to say that in the next month or two more than half of these will have remitted and placed themselves in good standing. As usual the secretary's report shows the "Vally" well in the lead in the matter of new members, and we hope and trust his next report will be even better. A number of those shown as having dropped their membership have since rejoined, and are now in good standing, and it is safe to assume that they will never again allow their names to appear on the list of suspensions.

Another pleasing feature is the high grade of service being rendered by the telegraphers as a whole, and I wish to congratulate you one and all on the fine showing made in the past six months, and urge you to still greater efforts in the future. Be ever watchful of the company's interests, for in that direction lies your hope for future advancement, the policy of the P. R. R. is to reward faithful service and while this reward may sometimes seem tardy or entirely absent, it will pay you, eventually, to do your best at all times. "BRIGHAM."

C. & O. Ry.

Mountain District—

Here I am again with a few lines from this grand old district of Division No. 40. I could write with pleasure if it were not for realizing that there are so many good writers on this district, who are able critics. Month after month passes with not a line in the journal. I do not see why we can not be represented each and every month. Will you not wake up and realize that you are living. I think it is high time that day was breaking with some of you. If Bro. Quick sees fit and thinks this writing is worth publishing, I am going to certainly put in a few lines, regardless of how it sounds to the wise. Maybe I will continue until some good writer

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steps up and takes the stand. I once thought our division was on an average, but after getting acquainted with other divisions I find things just the reverse to what I thought them. My views were certainly refracted as much as a ray of light is refracted when it enters a transparent liquid medium. Everything is moving along about as usual. Extra men are getting somewhat scarce, so I understand. All of those who have not starved to death since the "cut-off," have either left or have finally succeeded in getting enough work here to keep them going.

Bro. Stark Smith, I understand, is now working extra for the Western Union in Staunton.

Bro. Andrews left for West Virginia several weeks ago, to engage in the "pop" business; his sixty days will soon come to a close, so we are looking for him back on every train. We, however, wish him success in his new business.

Bro. Mooney, from "F" office, Clifton Forge, has moved his trunk to Crozet, and is now working at that place as agent, which vacancy occurred by the death of Bro. C. W. Owens, who had been agent there for several years.

Second trick at Greenlee is open for a few months. Suppose some of the boys will want to go down and fight the mosquitoes for a spell.

During a conversation with an old conductor on this road, a few days ago, we finally drifted to train orders. He told me in case he received an order reading, "No. 14 will hold main track and meet 1st No. 15 at North Mountain and 2d No. 15 at Swoope," that he would hold main track in both cases; he also stated that if the same order would read thus: No. 14 will hold main track and meet 1st No. 15 at North Mountain and meet 2nd No. 15 at Swoope. In that case he would hold main track at North Mountain and take siding at Swoope. I contended that he should take siding at Swoope in both cases, because in the first order given he did not have any right whatever over 2nd No. 15 at Swoope, other than meeting him there. All operators on this division are acquainted with the orders and movements, right, class, right by direction, etc. Therefore I would like to have the opinion of some operators in next month's journal. No. 15 is 1st and No. 14 is 2nd class train.

J. J. C., CERT. 942.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

New River District—

We failed to get our news in last month, and the only reason we can assign is that it was lost or delayed in the mail.

We regret that two of the old members were dropped June 30th, for non-payment of dues. I do not believe it is their desire to be classed as nons, and hope they will shortly be up-to-date.

The time is here for new cards, and it is hoped that every one has paid dues this month. A union card is the best recommendation that any honest workingman can carry, and one should not favor a person who does not recognize the card.

Bro. J. J. Hanson, third trick at McKendree, enjoyed a fifteen-day vacation in June and July, visiting relatives and assisting his father in wheat harvest; relieved by Telegrapher W. I. Holliday.

Sister S. M. Walker secured third trick at South Fayette, on bulletin; boys, don't do any pulling near South Fayette, as this is a nice position for a lady, there being no switches to handle.

Bro. N. G. Tigrett, of Gauley, third trick, who was operated on at Hinton Hospital for appendicitis, June 16th, is improving very rapidly, and will be out in a few days, also Bro. Jas. Rushford, who had the usual treatment for appendicitis is able to resume work.

Bro. E. R. Shanklin, relieving Telegrapher H. F. Hoke at Prince, having just returned from Denver and Pike's Peak, reports a very fine time, and we are of the opinion he will purchase Pike's Peak for a summer resort. Our last meeting at Hinton was very poorly attended. We should all avail ourselves of the opportunity to get together, I am sure we could all do better in this respect, if we would. All of us can not attend at times, but all of us can attend part of the time.

E. L. S.

Kentucky Division—

I have a plan which I wish to suggest to the members, especially the division correspondents and others who furnish monthly items, which I think, if carried out would be a great help to many of us who, like myself, are unemployed, as a result of the closing of so many offices during the present "financial suppression." My plan is this: When the division correspondents and others are sending in write-ups each month, let each of them state (in his items) what, in his opinion, are the chances for men to secure employment on his division, and in cases where they think there is an opening, give the name and address of the chief train dispatcher or superintendent of telegraph to whom application should be made. I would like to hear the opinion of others on the subject.

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Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division—

W. H. Ludt, manager at Leavittsburg office, is off a few days, having gone to New York City. This puts W. S. Laurie on first trick in Ludt's place.

W. J. Holbrook is on second trick, after having been off thirty days as a painter's apprentice, and still leaves A. L. Taylor, the regular third trick man at Warren, on third trick at Leavittsburg.

J. B. Pulaski, of second trick at Wilson Ave., Cleveland, goes to third trick at Youngstown, in place of Dorothy Dean, Miss Dean going to third trick at Aurora.

C. W. Mitchell is on second trick at Youngstown.

W. V. Saltsman, second trick at "CB" tower, is off duty, cultivating onions in his thirty-acre farm. This moves J. J. Ryan from third to sec-

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ond trick at "CB" tower, and J. E. Mahn from second trick "VO" tower to third trick at "CB" tower.

C. A. Conant goes from third trick "BR" tower to Wilson Ave., Cleveland, in Pulaski's place.

Sherman Hart is working second trick at Warren, until A. L. Taylor returns from Leavittsburg.

Frank Metcalf, second trick at Feronia, leaves the telegraph service, taking a position as yard clerk at Sharon.

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, July 17th, was well attended by members from both divisions. Each division had an equal number of members present. The Meadville Division being represented from as far east as Falconer Junction, while the Mahoning Division was represented from as far west as Leavittsburg.

Now don't forget these meeting nights, they come on the third Saturday night of each and every month. The hall is located on the third floor, over the Union National Bank, on the southeast corner of Market St. and Park Ave., Warren, O.

DIV. COR.

Susquehanna Division—

Bro. Geo. Oneil, regular second trick man at "BD," Binghamton yard, who has been sick and off duty for the past month, has recovered, we are glad to say, and is now working first trick at Great Bend, his old home, in place of Bro. Delancy.

Telegrapher F. M. June is working second trick at Binghamton yard. Will some brother on the east end look after this man and start him on the right road?

Fred Johnson, first trick at Binghamton, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Delancy.

Bro. Ira Brooks, of "XY" tower, is off duty a few days; relieved by Telegrapher John Wilson, of Owego.

Bro. M. J. Derring, of Wellsburg, was off one day, on account of sickness; relieved by Telegrapher Popeck, of Elmira.

Mr. Paul Gnuskey, second trick at "MJ" tower, was off one day recently. Relieved by Mr. Popeck

Our good brothers on the west west end went back on us this month, and did not send items. We will expect a large bunch of news from that end for the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Will some brother on the Tioga Division kindly take it upon himself to send us some items from that division each month; get them to Bro. Hesser, at 364 Wallace Place, Elmira, by the 17th. It looks bad for the Tioga Division to have nothing at all in the write-up.

The next meeting will be held at Binghamton, Thursday evening, July 22d, at 8:30 p. m. We hope for a good turnout. This is the first meeting held in Binghamton for some time, but in the future meetings will be held at Binghamton, Corning and Elmira, alternately, and probably Waverly and Owego, this will make it fair for all brothers. Now brothers, these meetings are of importance to all of us, and we hope for a good attendance at all of them. We will not have any regular date for any meeting, but will call meetings about every five or six weeks. Come out and get next to what is going on. There is always something happening at these metings that is of interest to you. The next meeting after this one will be held in Elmira on Sunday morning in order to give the Tioga Division brothers a chance to turn out. They can not attend night meetings on account of their train service. We will give date later. Every brother on the Susquehanna and Tioga Divisions are earnestly requested to get after every non they can reach and show them the right road. Let's make this the banner division of the system, we should make it so that we can say "there isn't a desirable non on the division;" don't wait but get right after them. If each brother would do his part in this line we could soon say "not a desirable non on the division."

DIV. COR.

C. & E. Division—

The time has arrived for the payment of dues, so if you have not already paid up, please arrange to do so as soon as possible. Let us have it said that there is not a backslider on the C. & E.

To the nons and old hard shells the time has come when the other fellow can not carry all the load. When you are approached on the subject do not run and hide or put up the old pleas or promises that you think will do at the time, but come right out and say "I will go right in and be a man among men." We know you will feel better with an up-to-date card in your pocket, and will command the respect of all mankind. We need and are entitled to the support of each and every telegrapher on the Erie for two reasons: the good that has been done and the good that will be done in the future.

Bro. Ray Teeple, the third trick man at "DA" tower, is off on two weeks' vacation. Telegrapher McCormick is in his place.

Bro. Roe has been checked in as agent at Hepburn.

Bro. McGuffey went to Huntington to ask for relief for vacation, but there appears to be no extra men.

Sister Cutting spent ten days vacation at Findlay, Ohio; relieved by Telegrapher Hunter.

Telegrapher Witt, the second trick man at Simpson, has about run out of promises.

Agent Alspaugh, of Elgin, Ohio, has taken unto himself a helpmeet, and spent two weeks on a honeymoon trip in Illinois; relieved by Extra Agent Shasser.

Bro. Sparks, of Markle, is taking a vacation. Relieved by Telegrapher Littler, second trick man, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Geiger, third trick man. Extra Telegrapher Hunter relieved Bro. Geiger.

Bro. Kreigh, agent at Tocsin, has drawn $1,000 on a paid-up policy and will build a new house.

Bro. Sayles spent vacation near Bluffton, Ind., and at Michigan summer resorts; relieved by Telegrapher Rainsburg.

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Bro. Conners, third trick at Elgin, is laying off and making hay. Says he can make more money doing that than telegraphing.

Bro. C. A. Heite now has a bungalow of his own.

Mr. Strode is still turning out a few new telegraphers. Why is it he doesn't come into the fold and help straighten up some of the nine and ten hour jobs.

Sister E. I. Carey laid off a few nights; relieved by Taylor.

Bro. F. D. Wilkin worked one day at yard office. He now has third trick at Ohio City.

Bro. W. F. Schory is working extra at Bippin, relieving Telegrapher Myers.

Telegrapher Goodman has bid in second trick at Tocsin and Telegrapher Mattheis third.

From all apearances extra men are not plentiful on this division.

Bro. Klein was up to "U," Sunday the 27th, visiting a few of his many friends; he reports a good time.

Bro. M. D. Davis has been visiting his old friends at Aloys.

Bros. C. F. Vermillion and E. D. Oglesbee were at Lima on business the first of the month.

Bro. D. E. Foutzenhiser was over to Ossian and helped lead the goat during the initiation of a "knight of the key," Clyde Smith, of "CH" tower, near Ft. Wayne, on the Wabash R. R.

Some of you brothers on the Chicago Division send the local chairman items and let's have a write-up every month. We don't want to take the back seat all the time. BUCK NIX.

New York Division—

Bro. McGrinn, third trick at Highland Mills Junction, was absent from duty a few days last month on account of sickness. Mr. Hunter relieved Bro. McGrinn.

Bro. Gordon, second trick at Highland Mills Junction, and his brother George, who was employed as a signalman, have both resigned to accept positions with the Manhattan Electric Railway of New York City. Here's wishing them both success.

Bro. Hunter, third trick at "MJ," Newburgh Junction, has resigned to engage in farming. We hope Bro. Hunter will succeed as a farmer.

Mr. Malone bid in Bro. Hunter's job at Newburgh Junction.

Bro. Readdy was off last month on account of sickness, but is back on the job again. Bro. Readdy was relieved by a Mr. Ceely.

Bro. Westerbelt, second trick man at "RN," Patterson, was off sick for two weeks last month. He was relieved by Bro. Bailey, second trick man at "SJ," Sterlington Junction. I believe Bro. Westerbelt hadn't lost a day for seventeen years before being taken sick.

Brothers, remember, "no cards, no favors." It is the only way to get the nons in. I guess the nons think they are going to get a pull with the company by staying out of the Order, but that is where they are mistaken. There is a certain non working on this road who promised to join last December, but hasn't done so. It is about time he got wise to himself. When the nons come around for favors tell them to make a noise like a hoop. CERT. 265.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Second District—

It is some time since Division No. 2 has appeared in the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER. Nevertheless we have been silently climbing upward, and we can now say that we are nearly one hundred per cent solid O. R. T. and with the same effort that characterized our upward march for solid membership, are we now bending forth to obtain those favorable conditions that an enthusiastic membership deserves. We can see the eight-hour law not far off. It is a reality with our brothers in the United States, and they say "life is worth living now." May the time soon come when we can say the same.

How about that card that says "Good until revoked until December 31, 1909?" How many are there who have not yet sent in their dues for this period. Better get busy and do it now, and help the general secretary get squared around.

There are quite a few complaints floating around about agents and telegraphers not bulletining trains.

Mr. A. E. McDonald, chief special agent of the C. N. Ry., in conversation with me some time ago, said that this matter was very much neglected and went on to say that the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada had appointed an inspector for the purpose of looking into this trouble, and that he was liable to pass over the line at any time and for the first offense an agent was fined five dollars. The second offense he was liable to be arrested, and the third offense he would be discharged from the service of the company on order of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, giving as a reason that he was incompetent to handle a station.

Canadian telegraphers, sit up and listen! Being awakened to your and my own conditions as they existed, I thought it would be in order to write the Board of Railway Commisioners for Canada and see what this ruling was, and here follows the reply, in addition to Mr. McDonald's remarks:

BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.

A. D. CARTWRIGHT, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

OTTAWA, May 7, 1909.

File 10282. Inquiry of W. A. Harrow.

DEAR SIR: Referring to your letter of the 30th ult., addressed to the Minister of Railways in regard to the posting of notice of overdue trains on the bulletin board:

I beg to state that the same has been forwarded to me for consideration in reply. I would call your attention to Section 271 of the Railway Act, which reads as follows: "Every company upon

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whose railway there is a telegraph line in operation shall have a blackboard put upon the outside of the station house, over the platform of the station in some conspicuous place at each station of such company, at which there is a telegraph office; and when any passenger train is overdue at any such station, according to the timetable of such company, the station agent or person in charge at such station shall write or cause to be written with white chalk on such blackboard a notice stating to the best of his knowledge and belief the time when such overdue train may be expected to reach such station."

Sub-section two provides that if there is any further change, a fresh notice is to be put up.

Section 395 provides that the company shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding $5.00 for each such wilful neglect, omission or refusal, also that the stationmaster shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding $5.00 for failure to comply with the requirements of Section 271.

This, I think, covers the information asked for.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. D. CARTWRIGHT.

Appears to be worth giving a little attention to, brothers! It means ten dollars out of your pocket if you give a chance to have it carried out, because the railway company would make you pay theirs, you know, out of your check.

This not only applies to Canadian Northern telegraphers, but to all telegraphers in Canada. I fancy I can see the telegraphers on the Dominion Atlantic Railway dipping down to pay three fines a month out of a thirty-dollar check. Don't leave much on which to feed the wife and babes, eh?

I fear I have taken up too much space, but I could not possibly cut it any shorter and be of interest to you all. CERT. 94.

Ann Arbor Ry.

There is not much news this month. I have asked several members to help me out in gathering items each month, but as yet none have responded. I am sorry to say that it begins to look as though the members had lost all interest in our good old Order.

We should go after the management for a revision of our schedule. We will have to present a solid front, and have the backing of every live member on the line. This is a small road, and we will have to get every telegrapher and agent strictly in line to make good. Now get busy and get all the nons in line. When we send our committee for a conference with the management, we want them to know that we all are at their back; that every man on the line is ready to help out. I am sure that we could all stand a little raise in pay, to say nothing of changes that are needed at one-man stations, for instance where the agent, or telegrapher, makes all trains between the hours of six a. m. and eight p. m. We all want these changes, and we never will get them by sitting back and letting the chairman do all the work. He has to have the backing of each man on the road.

Another thing we have to have the sinews of war, money. Bro. Taylor has been trying hard to get together enough money to pay off our old debts. He says that he had the promises of enough to make good. But am sorry to hear that a great many have either gone back on their promises or forgotten them. We are in debt quite a lot, from getting our last schedule, and we will have to make that good. Some of the boys who were on our committee spent their own money to get that schedule, and have never been reimbursed. Now boys, that is a shame. At last reports Bro. Wright, at Howell, was still short some fifty dollars. Let each and every one, whether a member or not, forward a mite to Bro. Taylor, our worthy chairman at Mt. Pleasant, so that he can make this good to Bro. Wright. Two dollars a piece will make things square all around, and leave a little in the treasury for future use. Let us hope that Bro. Taylor will be able to make these debts good this coming pay day, and he can do so if each one will send his little share.

We are unable to give many changes on the line, as we have received no help from men who are in touch with the membership on the road.

Bro. R. W. Berryman, first trick man at Hallett, is laying off a couple of weeks, enjoying a vacation; Bro. J. B. Ide, our handy man, is working the second trick. Mr. Heisey, a good man, but am sorry to say a non, is working first trick.

Understand Bro. Kerwin is still at Shepherd, relieving the agent, while the latter is on his vacation.

Mr. McDaniels, the first trick dispatcher on the south end, was off a few days last month, on account of sickness in his family. The other dispatchers doubled during his absence. We are glad to hear him back on duty again.

The A A new steel train goes into service Monday, July 12th, and with the new Grasshopper movement passenger engine it will make a train of which any road should be proud. It is electric lighted throughout, with all the latest improvements, and makes one of the best trains run on any railroad in the United States.

The officials of the Ann Arbor seem to be trying to build an up-to-date road, in all respects. With new freight engines of the best build, new passenger engines, new steel coaches and a lot of new steel being laid, the Ann Arbor ought to, in time, make one of the best roads in this country. And it is up to each and every one of us to help them in every respect that we can. Secure all the business we can, throw every thing we can to the A A, make the business so heavy that when we want things that they will be able to see that they can not get along without us. That it is to their interest to help their men. Dividends are what the railroad officials want, more pay is what we want, and without the business neither of us are going to get what we are after.

Some of us think that we are not treated just as we ought to be, but there are a lot of worse

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places to work. Places where we don't get the same pay, where working conditions are not the same. Whose fault is it that we have not the same rate of pay, the same working conditions that our brothers have on other roads? No ones, but our own. Let every one get an up-to-date card, get banded together so closely that we can deal with the railroads as one individual. Give them to understand that they are not dealing with a few, but every agent and telegrapher on the road. Then things will be different. The railroads can not get along with out agents and telegraphers, any more than they can engineers or firemen; and we are as essential to the running of trains, as either the engineer or the fireman? They talk telephones, but they have never invented a 'phone yet that will run itself, and we can organize the 'phoners as well as the telegraphers.

To stand a show against the railroad companies and the trusts, the working class must have a solid organization.

So let us, one and all, get in line and present a solid front, every one with an up-to-date card.

G. E. L.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Chattanooga Division—

On account of several of the brothers having sickness in their families, and others being unable to get off on account of peach business, the meeting which was to have been held at Lafayette, the third Sunday in July, was called off. We hope that conditions will improve and that we can have a rousing meeting the third Sunday in August.

We are glad to note that Sister Knight, of Turin, who has been off sick, has returned to work.

Bro. Brantley, of Carrollton, is off for thirty days, taking his vacation, part of which he is spending at the military encampment at St. Simons Island, with his company. Mr. B. A. Powell is relieving him.

Bro. Bryon, who has been working at Carrollton, has resigned and left the service. Haven't heard where he went.

Bro. Conyers, of Newman, expects to lay off during August and visit Tybee and other points of interest.

We have to again remind just a few of you that you haven't paid your semi-annual dues for the current period.

CERT. 265.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

First Division, South End, Minnequa to La Veta—

There are not many changes occurring now-a-days. The boys seem to be pretty well satisfied.

Bro. S. E. Allen, of Cuchara Junction, took a fishing trip of two weeks, over on the Fourth Division. He reports a very pleasant time. Bro. Allen went on second trick upon his return. Bro. Shipman relieving.

Mr. C. R. Elliott working third trick at Cuchara Junction, now on bid.

Bro. F. R. Johnson, after return of Bro. "P. D." Leonard, went to Graneros, third trick; this on bid.

Bro. R. L. McCain, from Graneros, third trick, to San Carlos, first trick. Bro. D. C. Kennedy works the second trick there now.

Bro. R. C. Sheldon, who had San Carlos regular, resigned, married Miss Zoetta Nevelin, of Pueblo, and went South to accept a position with the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company.

Bro. "Tim" Rowen, of Minnequa, second trick is laying off. He went to Detroit, Mich., on a visit, and to attend the wedding of his daughter. He was relieved by Mr. C. Kirk. This man will be "Bro." in the next write-up.

ASST. G. S. AND T., DIV. 49.

Second and Third Divisions—

Bro. T. S. Wilkins has resigned from third trick at Salida, and went to "JN" as extra wire chief and manager.

Bro. W. S. Burtiss, after suffering the loss of his wife, has returned to work as agent at Moffat.

Bro. Crosno, of Moffat, has taken third trick in the dispatchers' office in Salida, extra.

Bro. C. B. Fulmer has tendered his resignation to the O. R. T. and has been promoted to extra dispatcher.

Mr. Merrill, wire chief at Salida, is laying off for thirty days; relieved by Mr. Larmee.

Messrs. Flynn and Merrill have gone to the Seattle fair.

Bro. E. D. Hyatte has gone from "MP" to work extra in "S" office.

Bro. C. R. Mowery, from the N. Y. C., is now working extra at Marshall Pass.

Bro. W. E. Verts, from the C. M. & St. P., is working extra at Sargent.

Mr. Rech, the trainmaster, has just returned from a trip "back East."

Bro. Howe is off duty for a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Soderberg, the second trick man at Tennessee Pass, is off a few days; we understand that he has bought a five-acre farm.

A Mr. O. C. Ogden from "back East" is relieving Bro. Soderberg.

Bro. Howlett has been transferred from the agency at Minturn to the agency at Granite.

Bro. Drake has been transferred from the agency at Granite to third trick at Glenwood.

Bro. Crosno was the only man to send in news this month. He always keeps tab on all changes.

I notice that some of the boys have been sleeping a good deal on duty. Now this does not show up very well and I would suggest that it be "cut out" at once.

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Southern Pacific Ry.

Tucson Division—

The hottest season of the year has been with us for some weeks and as was expected, there is a brisk demand for telegraphers. Not a few regular and extra men have resigned to seek pleasanter places, with consequent less amount of pay, but those of us who are tied down make the best of it, and hope for a cool day.

At Maricopa and Yuma a temperature of 127° in the shade has been recorded lately.

As the requirements to enter the service of the S. P. are rather exacting, not all the newcomers stay a great while. A newcomer must pass a severe physical examination, requiring excellent eyes and ears; must furnish bond with the National Surety Co., and provide himself with a standard watch. He must also have two pictures taken and past record must be good. There is also a test to be passed to show an applicant to be a competent telegrapher and a plain writer. In this way the S. P. maintains a force not excelled anywhere for speed, accuracy and good conduct.

Not a few of the boys are taking in the exposition at Seattle, Wash. Among them are Bro. C. H. Ward, of Cochise. When he returns he will resume the agency at Gila.

Bro. G. C. Kelber, of Steins, also went that way, lined with gold.

A surprise was sprung by Bro. George E. Wilson, recently, when his marriage was announced to Miss Bessie Bock, daughter of C. Bock, agent at Benson. Mrs. Wilson was a charming and popular member of Benson society, and Bro. Wilson has no lack of good friends who wish them both the fullest measure of happiness at their future home in Red Rock.

Bro. J. H. King, agent at Simon, has traded with L. Stice on the Coast Division at Naples, California.

The dispatchers have almost all enjoyed their vacations, and regular men as a rule are on their own tricks.

Among those who have resigned from the ranks of the telegraphers are George S. Taylor, W. L. Nellis, S. M. Landis, James B. Evans, W. Buchen and several others.

Some newcomers are W. A. Floyd and C. F. Baughman.

The list of vacancies up for bid is: Wellton agency, Mohawk agency, Aztec agency, Sentinel third trick, Sentinel second trick, Red Rock second trick, Tucson fourth trick, Cochise agency, Cochise days, Wilna nights, Deming second trick.

John T. Perrin is relieving at Red Rock three months.

A scarlet fever epidemic broke out recently at Benson, and Bros. A. G. Brinley and J. C. Long were in the hospital for several weeks. They are now up and around.

Bro. Walker Ham, of Cambray, is off on a leave of absence.

All eyes are centered on the land distribution arrangements at Yuma, which takes place presumably in October. Some of us will get rich and some won't get a smell.

With fraternal feelings to all, I will close.

DIV. COR.

Houston District—

Bro. Leo Rauh filed into Weimar as telegrapher-clerk (conditional position). This is General Chairman Lester's regular position.

Mr. J. F. Baker goes to Glidden third trick permanently. We hope the salary of this position will enable him to get a card soon.

Bro. E. R. Finck goes to Uvalde to relieve Miss Ida Donnelly for about sixty days.

Bro. J. L. Rothe, telegrapher-clerk, at Hondo, is taking sixty days rest, spending the time in Mexico. He is relieved by Bro. Hines Rothe.

Bro. Oscar Rosenbush is doing the agent's stunt at Sabinal, relieving Bro. T. E. Wyatt.

Bro. M. Braden has returned to duty at LaCoste after a prolonged vacation on account of ill health. We hope that he has improved.

Bro. A. P. Shatto, of Weimar, has returned from an official inspection of his gold-mine interests in Mexico. Bro. "Shat" reports things in fine shape and good pay dirt being taken out.

A new man, D. D. Angle, is at Sequin third trick, extra. Will know in a day or two whether he has a card.

Bro. O'Farrel, of Division No. 25, is at Eagle Lake, third trick, relieving Mr. Thatcher, who is sick.

Mr. Rather, agent at Eagle Lake, has dropped his membership because he received only $380 benefit from the Order in the way of increased salary since February, 1903. Does that jar you?

Henry Hurr, our local chairman, of Engle, Tex., is putting his faith in pure-bred poultry. He recently received a fine bunch of White Orpingtons from the old breeders in the North. They are the big kind, and he says they have all other breeds "spiked to the switch."

Bro. J. D. Walker is working a dispatcher trick at Del Rio.

We are requested to announce that all mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of O. R. T. members are eligible to membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary. Those wishing to join should inform Mrs. Henry Hurr, fourth vice-president, Engle, Texas. The initiation fee is fifty cents, monthly dues ten cents. Application blanks will be sent on request. This is a good move and should receive the encouragement and support of every brother.

Keep your local chairman informed and keep at work on those nons.

CERT. 362.

Sacramento Division—

Another month has passed and it is time to send in the news items from the Sacramento Division. Quite a number of the brothers have responded to requests for items, but we will no doubt miss some station changes on account of your correspondent not being advised. It is gratifying to see the interest taken by some brothers in the way of stirring up the nons; if all would

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get busy it would be but a short time until we would have the desired one hundred per cent. However, Sacramento Division is in very good condition, only one young telegrapher on the entire division who is not a member, and the older heads are beginning to see the error of their way. Since our July write-up, the local committee, assisted by our general chairman, Bro. W. H. Lester, called on Superintendent H. W. Sheridan and succeeded in reinstating a brother who has been off for more than a year. Our superintendent and chief clerk, J. J. Henderson, who handles the telegraphers, treat us all with fairness and respect. They seem glad to be able to do anything to help us get along smoothly, and every agent and telegrapher on the district should strive to give the best of service at all times.

Business is now good all through the Sacramento Valley. We often see six and eight large four-engine trains laden with fruit winding their way over the high Sierras in one day; passenger traffic is also heavy. Our company has recently put on an extra train for the Seattle Exposition business. It is called the Shasta Flyer, and runs each way daily between San Francisco and Seattle, Wash. This flyer is conceded to be one of the finest trains in the world.

Bulletin No. 50, with twenty-four positions open, is now being distributed over the district. It will be open for seniority bids for thirty days.

Two telegraph positions in Sacramento "H" office, assistant at Roseville, second telegrapher at Loomis, second telegrapher at Penryn, second telegrapher at Caporn, agency at Dutch Flat, third telegrapher at Towle, second telegrapher at Midas, second telegrapher at Cisco, first telegrapher at Spruce, third telegrapher at Summit, agency at Truckee, second telegrapher at Verdi, agency at Arbuckle, clerk and telegrapher at Oroville, agency at Placerville, and six telegraph positions in the general telegraph office at San Francisco.

The July 1st seniority list shows thirteen cancellations and twelve additions. The new issue will not be printed until January 1st, 1910, but if any member wishes the changes he can mail his January 1st, 1909, issue to the local chairman, who will revise and return.

It is reported that Bro. M. P. Arenz will be made division operator soon, and that Mr. Knightlinger goes to Mr. Calvin's office.

Supt. H. W. Sheridan was called east on account of the sudden illness and death of his sister.

Mr. B. R. Holtcamp, for some time third telegrapher at Woodland, has resigned and gone east.

Bro. R. J. Remmey, of Northern Pacific No. 54, is now working a trick at Woodland.

Bro. C. A. King, the regular second trick man at Woodland, is working extra at Cisco.

Bro. R. Clemence, of Oroville, is now working as cashier at Marysville; relieved by Bro. B. G. Coon.

Mr. R. K. Berry, who has been agent at Placerville for many years, and always a non-member, was retired from the service on pension July 1st. Bro. J. H. Whited, an old-time dispatcher, is now working the position extra, and we understand he will bid on it; young men need not apply, as Jerry dates from January 1st, 1870.

Bro. H. J. Hendrick, the agent at Maxwell, took a short vacation recently, spending most of his time fishing around Truckee.

Bro. H. M. Baxter, of Truckee, made a flying visit to Sacramento; relieved by Bro. Alfred Johnston.

Mr. Chas. Sebring and party from Verdi were on a hunting trip near Caporn on the opening day of the deer season; we did not notice any hides or horns in the baggage car when it passed that evening.

Bro. A. V. Keller and Bro. V. C. Miner, second and third trick telegraphers at Roseville, are taking vacations; Keller is in Los Angeles, and Miner is hunting deer near Blue Canon. Bro. Didlake and Telegrapher French, the latter an eastern man, are filling the vacancies.

Bro. W. H. Gorton has returned from his honeymoon trip through the South and is now filling his old position, third trick at Gold Run.

Bro. J. J. Carney took a short layoff, and Mr. Van Fleet, an extra man, was sent to relieve him at Gold Run.

Telegrapher Fender, an eastern man, is working third trick at Auburn until it is filled by a regularly assigned man.

Bro. Frank McCloud is working second trick at Emigrant Gap while Bro. J. B. McGinnis is taking in the sights around the bay.

Bro. S. J. Billheimer has returned to his position at Elvas and Bro. Watt, his relief, has gone to Fair Oaks to relieve Bro. M. J. Ferry, who is taking a short vacation.

Bro. W. M. Martin, of Summit, met with an accident, spraining his wrist so that he is unable to work. Relieved by Bro. Johnston, an extra man.

Bro. J. F. Casey has returned to first trick at Colfax after being off for several months on account of sickness. Bro. Thomas went to second trick and Bro. Flynn to third.

Bro. G. M. Clarke has returned to his old position at Twelfth Street, Sacramento, after spending considerable time in Oregon and Washington. The Seattle Exposition is attracting many of the brothers. Bro. J. Fingland, agent at Woodland, expects to take this trip shortly.

New Castle is about the busiest place on the division this summer; all hands are kept busy disposing of the large crop of fruit. Bro. John Wallace, the agent; Bro. G. H. Hobbs, first trick; Bro. R. E. Rodgers, second trick, and Bro. E. R. Allen third trick, with Bro. Rice, an old-timer of Grand doing the Western Union work, makes a solid crew who should be able to do the business with entire satisfaction to all concerned.

Bro. W. P. Roth, third trick man at Tehama, starts for his old home in Pennsylvania as soon as he can get relief.

After a lingering illness covering a period of more than one year, Mrs. Antonio, mother of Sister Lucille Sellick, passed away recently. The bereaved family have our heartfelt sympathy.

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Brothers, there are but a few non-members in our district at present and with a little work and interest taken by our members we can soon get all the desirable material. If you work with a non-member ask him to take out a card or give his reasons for not doing so. Write your local chairman and keep him posted; he always has a good stock of application blanks on hand and a post card will bring you a set by return mail.

DIV. COR.

Shasta Division—

Traffic is very heavy at present, and we hope it will remain so from now on. Conditions are somewhat better through the country. Mills and factories of every description are in full swing.

We were again honored with a visit from Bro. D. W. Koppikus, assistant general chairman from Oakland.

Sister E. J. Bundy was the successful applicant for the position of third trick at Red Bluff.

Bro. S. C. Schutt is relieving at Redding. He relieved Mr. Wilson, the second trick telegrapher.

Bro. Schutt was relieved at Smithson by Relief Telegrapher B. F. Hoard. Mr. Hoard is a new man on the division, and will be in line soon.

Bro. S. C. Townes was appointed agent at Coram on last bulletin. Bro. H. W. Wood is doing the assistant stunt.

Bro. C. B. Lloyd was the successful applicant for the position of third trick telegrapher at Kennet.

Relief Telegrapher R. G. Lytle is temporarily at Sims, a new night position created.

Mr. W. S. Anderson, the oldest non on the division, was recently appointed agent at Coram.

Telegrapher Gough is relieving Bro. N. H. Niemeyer as first trick telegrapher at Weed. Niemeyer is laying off, and will visit the exposition and many other places of interest. Gough is a new man on the division. Bro. P. M. Golden was appointed night telegrapher at Weed on last bulletin.

Bro. Ebbs, of the Grand Division, is relieving at Hornbrook, nights.

Bro. Peek relieved Bro. W. J. Heffernan at Pitt. Bro. Heffernan went to Dunsmuir as a trick dispatcher.

We understand that Bro. M. D. Henning is working at Thrall for the Klamath Lake.

DIV. COR.

California Northeastern Branch, Shasta Division—

Mr. R. L. Watts, the agent at Mt. Hebron, is laying off a few weeks, being relieved by Bro. R. C. Weyer from the Tucson Division. Bro. Weyer is a good worker for the cause and we are glad to welcome him to this division.

Bro. Chas. R. Ebbs has been transferred from Grass Lake to Hornbrook. He was relieved by Mr. R. E. Jenkins from the P. I. Mr. Jenkins advises that he is more than anxious to become one of the boys, and will fill the papers out payday.

"BEANY."

T. & N. O. District—

Let's go after the nons on this district. They are holding some of the best positions we have. Let us all write them, and I think by a little persuasion they will drop in line. Bro. Lester, local chairman, has been doing his best, and we should help him all we can to keep the good work going.

Mr. Collins, second trick at Harrisburg, has promised to line up again soon; says that his folks have been sick, and that put him in bad circumstances.

Don't overlook the fact that we have a telegraph school to contend with on our district. Professor Bierhalter, who is also the agent at Crosby, is the tutor. The professor is now on a short leave of absence, presumably looking for a location to promote his side issue. His last "graduate" was tried out at "BY," but he couldn't "OS," and he is now taking his second course. Probably he expects to be a man of letters in the wind-up.

Bro. O. R. C. Fox is working extra a few days at Kaufman, during the fruit rush.

Jacksonville, days, has been closed. "13" the dispatchers are now forced to do this work.

Bro. H. Blair, the regular day telegrapher at Rockland, is now on a vacation.

Bro. H. C. Rudisill, agent at Cushing, is on leave of absence. His clerk is acting as agent, while Bro. Grant is doing the telegraphing. This clerk is not entitled to this work, and Bro. Lester has the matter up for adjustment.

Bro. Summerhill has been closed out at Beaumont, and was doing "stunts" at "HN," Houston, but we understand that Bro. Paris displaced him.

Bro. Sherwood, from Houston, is now in the "Wild West," recuperating.

Bro. Whisnant is relieving Bro. Vaughan at Liberty, who is absent on account of sickness.

Bro. A. Selkirk, first trick at Harrisburg tower, has just returned from a thirty days' vacation.

Bro. Coleman, agent at Sabine, is now on leave of absence, touring Mexico in search of his health. Bro. T. W. Stuckey is relieving him.

Bro. J. Bautreau is busy shipping cantaloupes at Sabine Pass.

The fruit season is now on and several extra men are holding down jobs which will be cut out soon.

CERT. 2154.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire through the medium of THE TELEGRAPHER to express thanks to the many friends, who assisted us, for the many words of sympathy and floral offerings received during the illness and subsequent death of our baby girl, Melba Louise.

MR. AND MRS. W. W. BROWN.

Simi, Cal., June 8, 1909.

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A CARD.

The brothers and friends of Bro. W. W. Brown and wife extend to them their heartfelt sympathy in the loss of their baby daughter, Melba Louise Brown, aged 18 months, 22 days, who died at Palmdale, Cal., June 6th.

J. E. SLOAN,
C. MALLACHOWITZ,
O. W. HALL,

Summerland, Cal., June 10th.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Officers and Members Division No. 54—

GREETINGS—It has been brought to my notice very forcibly that our business is not being conducted as well as it could and should be. I am not blaming any one but myself, and I will have to plead inexperience, to a certain extent, and will try to remedy the defects in our methods to the best of my ability.

The convention at Atlanta was a great revelation to me, as it was to a good many others, and I, for one, learned a great many things there which I am going to try and give the members of Division No. 54 the benefit of.

In the first place I will call the attention of local chairmen and all members to Section 74, page 81, and Section 77, page 84, System Division Statutes. You will note the local chairman should at once appoint two assistants, and that the local chairman and his two assistants constitute the Local Board of Adjustment of their respective divisions, having the power to try any members of our organization within their jurisdiction, also to handle all grievances demanding trials in cases of dismissal from the service of any of our members, etc.

I find that this has not been done conscientiously, and I want to impress upon all of you the importance of living up to our laws. In the past I have had a number of grievances from six months old back as far as 1905, when we had no agreement with the company, and I am expected to handle these grievances satisfactorily to the membership. I wish to say right here that it cannot be done. In the first place we should live up to our own schedule, and in case of dismissal demand a trial within ten days after such dismissal, and have the matter thoroughly investigated and settled for all time. In handling these old grievances I have nothing to go by but the telegraphers word and the claims of the company, and I am sorry to say that I have had cases where the telegrapher did not make a true statement of facts. When I am cornered by the officials and forced to acknowledge defeat after having worked in good faith, sincerely believing the statements of the aggrieved party, it is not hard to guess that when I do get a meritorious case my hand is considerably weakened by the precedent established by the previous case in which I was in the wrong, firmly believing I was right.

I am placed in an embarrassing position, not knowing whether or not I have a just case or whether the telegrapher is simply imposing upon the Order and trying to get something to which he knows he is not entitled. You can all see where we are at a disadvantage in using this method in handling grievances, and I trust you will lend a helping hand in organizing Local Boards of Adjustment on all divisions, and seeing that the members of this board do their duty.

I earnestly request all local chairmen to at once, appointing two assistants on their respective divisions, if they have not already done so, and impressing upon them the importance of their positions. I think it would be a good idea to have them report once a week as to what progress has been or has not been made in their territory, and to have them contribute news items for your correspondent. Speaking of write-ups; I wish to say, their importance can not be overestimated, it is valuable as an organizing medium and helps to keep up interest in our work, keeping the membership alive and up-to-date. I want to ask each local chairman to see that a correspondent is appointed and that a write-up goes in each month. If no news, have him state so, and the reasons therefor, and perhaps some of the boys will wake up and contribute something for the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. See that all the members on your divisions know who their correspondent is, so they will know where to send their contributions. If the correspondent prefers to remain incog, let the boys know where to send their news items, where they may reach him.

I also wish to call the attention of the membership at large to the fact that the local chairman has a "hard row to hoe," and that about all he gets for his trouble is criticism, consequently members should do all in their power to assist him, as he is working for their interests. They should not neglect answering letters from him wherein he requests information, as has been done on some divisions. We have divisions where it is almost impossible to get any information from the membership, or even an answer to letters, and still they expect the local chairman to intelligently represent them and better their conditions.

I feel certain from all indications that more will be done, within the ensuing two years, towards the advancement of the telegrapher, than has ever been done heretofore, and we should all contribute our mite toward this good end.

Yours fraternally,

SAM JOHNSON, *G. C.*

Relay Division—

Another moon has waxed and waned with but one addition to our ranks from the herd of untamed mavericks who constitute the Relay department. I like stickers, but this bunch of unregenerate outlaws appears to me to be using as poor judgment as did the mule who went on a strike while crossing the railroad track. He also was firm in the stand he took—so firm that he became famous. Everybody has heard of him, but alas, he died without hearing of it himself—didn't have time to hear the applause. His sad experience may be duplicated—who knows. But, at any rate, it may be worth something to the

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doughty dreadnaughts to have their boneheads wondered at by future generations.

Henry Schmidt returned to Tacoma a few days ago from Milwaukee, where he was called by the death of his mother.

Late Night Chief John Morris, having completed his ninety-day leave of absence and trip to the British Isles, is back at the old stand. During his absence he perfected his technic in the execution of the highland fling and learned to sing "Scots Wha Hae."

Manager N. C. Griswold is off on a short vacation, being relieved by Mr. Harry Briggs the night chief.

Clarence Christy is performing the night stunt during Mr. Griswold's absence.

One additional man put on at Tacoma recently, Bro. (note the Bro.) R. F. Paulu, of Paradise, Mont., being the lucky man.

One additional man put on at Spokane; Mr. E. B. Butterbaugh, of Missoula, transferred. We are sorry to note that he did not bring a card with him and assist us in the salvation of the unsaved at Spokane, but that was evidently not to be. Possibly the relay operators need a Sodom and Gomorrah, as shock absorbers and averters of the Divine wrath. If Spokane furnishes the Sodomites, what office will furnish the inhabitants of Gomorrah? Now, don't crowd.

Bro. F. J. Carrigan transferred from Livingston to St. Paul.

Bro. L. J. Leutsch, a former N. P. telegrapher, is again with us, located at St. Paul. Two more new faces are to be seen there, A. R. Lee and J. B. Rannin.

F. Shimonek is again at work after a three months' lay-off, on account of rheumatism.

F. B. Chalupsky resigned to accept a position with the G. N.

Bro. F. L. Patterson, of the C. T. U. A., has been added to the force at Dickinson. He will have a new card soon.

Bro. Huffback is relieving Bro. Fleury, who takes his vacation at Devil's Lake with the National Guard.

C. V. Rhodes remained with us a month and quit suddenly. The climate was too healthful.

Bro. Adams is relieving Mr. W. J. Servis, assistant chief, who is laying off two months with the laudable intention of getting married. Two months is plenty long enough to get married in, but he can not get out of it in that length of time, even in North Dakota.

J. R. Clark came to Dickinson on a hurry call and left still more hurriedly.

Bro. Harry L. Orth, a C. T. U. A. man, from New York, is filling the vacancy created at Dickinson when Mr. Rhodes left us. He will add an O. R. T. card to his collection next pay-day.

One new application received in the Relay Division since last month, and have the promise of two more August 1st, and several more a little later. Who will be next? DIV. COR.

Montana Division—

Telegrapher Sullivan has been transferred from first trick at Laurel depot to first trick at Laurel yard, a new office; relieved by Bro. Perry, a new man from the C. & N. W. Ry.

Telegrapher Webster, at Bridger, has been relieved by Telegrapher McCollough, he being relieved by Telegrapher Gates. Gates was later transferred to Reed Point, and relieved at Bridger by Bro. Wheeler.

Bro. J. E. Miksch relieved Bro. E. L. Morrow at Manhattan.

Bro. W. F. Lively, of Logan, is off thirty days, looking after business interests in Colorado; relieved by M. Conrad.

Bro. Hungate, at Winston, has resigned; relieved by C. E. Thompson, a new man on the road. Thompson was later transferred to Great Northern Junction, and was relieved at Winston by Telegrapher Cassedy.

Telegrapher Aldrich, late of the N. Y. N. H. & H. Ry., is working in Livingston message office.

Bro. Davis, second trick at Hoppers, is taking a thirty-day leave of absence; relieved by H. H. Hall, a new man on road. Upon the return of Bro. Davis, Bro. Cotton will take his vacation, visiting at his home in Iowa.

Bro. J. F. Lucke, of Rapids, is spending his vacation at his home in Escanaba, Mich.; relieved by Bro. A. S. Mould, from Bib Timber.

Miss Smith and Bro. Hoover have exchanged positions, Miss Smith going on third trick at Chestnut, and Hoover on third trick at West End. On the return of Bro. Carpenter, Hoover went to Toston on the night position.

A new office has been opened at Laurel yard, with Mr. S. E. Snider, from "AU" office at Laurel on first trick; Bro. Geyer, from Yegen, on second trick, and L. S. Winters, from Great Northern Junction, on third. Snider was relieved at "AU," Laurel, by Bro. Guy Perry, from C. & N. W.; Winters relieved at Great Northern Junction by Bro. L. C. Perry, formerly with the Western Union at Bismarck, N. D.; Bro. Geyer relieved at Yegen by R. B. Wright, from Penna. Co.

Bro. Hubbell has been relieved on third trick at Great Northern Junction by C. E. Thompson, from Winston. Bro. Hubbell went to Bozeman on second trick, relieving Barthelmew, who is on leave of absence in the East.

A Mr. Maddick relieved Bro. Geyer at "KD" office, Laurel. Bro. Geyer went to "AU, Laurel, to relieve Bro. Robinson.

Bro. Mould, of Rapids, was recently called to Big Timber as a witness, being relieved by Mrs. Lucky, from Park City, for one day.

Bro. Guernsey has been transferred from Belgrade to Townsend; relieved by Bro. Robinson, from Laurel.

We understand that Bro. Chambers, at one time third trick telegrapher at Muir, is with us again.

Late news from Wardner, B. C., shows that Bro. H. W. Jessee, formerly of this division, is holding a trick there for the C. P. R.

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C. E. Thompson was called from Great Northern Junction to work one night at Hoppers, later returned to Great Northern Junction; relieved at Hoppers by Bro. W. B. Robinson, from the B. & O. Ry.; Robinson later transferred to Totson, relieving Bro. Hoover, who worked a few days at Livingston, then put on third trick at Bozeman, relieving Fitzgerald, who takes first trick for a short time.

Mrs. Tyrrell, formerly third trick telegrapher at Lombard, is now on third trick at P. P. Junction. "BRUCE."

Pacific Division, First District—

Bro. Jesse Waters, of Ellensburg, took a short layoff; relieved by Telegrapher H. M. Luttrell. Mr. Fichtl is on leave at time of writing; relieved by Telegrapher Rowan.

Bro. A. Schweinforth is on third trick at Bristol, vice Bro. C. F. Long, transferred.

Bro. J. Floberg, of Cle Elum, has gone to second trick at Whitlock on bulletin; vacancy filled temporarily by W. W. Whitickare; assigned on bulletin to Bro. V. O. Brunner.

Bros. Brimberry and Moore, of Easton, have laid off; relieved by Mr. F. M. Potter and Bro. V. O. Brunner.

Bro. W. E. Shisler, of Stampede, is on vacation; Telegrapher LaDow is on second and Bro. O. A. J. Kimball, from S. P. is on third at Stampede.

Telegrapher Parks, of Lester, fell by the wayside and departed, leaving a cob pipe as a souvenir. Vacancy temporarily filled by W. W. Whitickare.

This is one of the jobs that has not been regularly bulletined for a long time. All brothers take notice that if they are not satisfied with this or any other deal write to Bro. R. W. Baker, Box 453, Ellensburg, and state the case. This gives him something definite to work on and all well-founded grievances, if put in writing, will be sifted by him and properly taken up.

Sister A. M. Jones, of Kanasket, had a short layoff; relieved by Telegrapher F. M. Potter.

The second trick at Sumner has been bid in by Bro. Otto Rockway.

Bro. Seblist, of Prescott, is laying off; relieved by Telegrapher R. Welch, from Sumner.

Bro. M. B. Lytle, from "WR," Tacoma, took ticket job in Tacoma depot. The vacancy has been filled temporarily by Bro. C. F. Long from Bristol.

The A. B. C. system is soon to go into operation on the Second District. We note that the Harriman lines are testing it out with a view to introducing it over their entire system. K. C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To All Members, Greeting:

Last December an item appeared in the journal intimating that Bro. J. Floberg, of Division No. 54, acted as strike-breaker in the Western Union office in Tacoma during the C. T. U. A. trouble in 1907.

No formal charges were preferred by the author of the item, but on Bro. Floberg's request, the undersigned, have investigated this matter and find that during a part of the time referred to Bro. Floberg was a check-boy in "W" office and did send a few messages, but *always under supervision, the chief or some other operator standing over him to insure correct transmission.* His first work as an operator on his own responsibility was done for the Northern Pacific Railway.

As the time of an operator was occupied in overlooking Bro. Floberg while what few messages he did handle were transmitted, he can in no sense be considered a strike-breaker.

The objection will be instantly made by some members that it was at least an evidence of sympathy with the enemies of labor.

To such brothers we would recommend a consideration of the circumstances. Bro. Floberg was only a youth. He had never had the economic situation explained to him, so that he had a clear and true view of the issues involved. One thing is very certain, that any arguments he heard around "W" office were not such as would set him on the right track.

The fact that he lined up and applied for membership as soon as he was eligible, shows that when he had the matter clearly set before him he saw at once where the right side was and unhesitatingly enlisted thereon.

The committee is thoroughly convinced that Bro. Floberg never wittingly injured union labor, and they have every confidence in him as a union man.

It is their earnest hope that the slurring, anonymous remarks on the wire to and about this brother will cease, and that he be extended the right hand of fellowship.

(Signed.)

R. W. BAKER, Ellensburg.
I. N. HOLMES, Olympia.
KINGSMILL COMMANDER, Wynaco.

July 10, 1909.

Fargo Division—

It seems to be impossible to get any news from the main line. It appears that everybody has lost interest in our noble Order. I have written nearly all and tried to get the news, but without success. Wake up, and don't let other divisions think we are dead ones, for we are pretty much alive.

This is a busy time with the boys between Lisbon and Fargo, as gravel trains are running very thick, which compels us to work Sundays.

A telegraph office has been opened at Soo Crossing between Buttzville and Sheldon.

Mr. Nelson, a non, is working there. Let us get in some missionary work and try to land him.

Bro. Julius, formerly of Sanborn, has gone to the Soo Line. He came to work one morning and found a message from the chief stating that his services were no longer required, with no reason given for such action. We are very sorry for this as Bro. Julius worked as night telegrapher for the writer six months and we always found him

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a fine man to work with and a gentleman in every respect.

Mr. Robbins at Verona is on two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Waggoner, formerly of Kathryn.

Now, boys, wake up and send me some news every month and try to land some nons, and if a new member comes to our division get his certificate and division number and arrange to have him transferred. I can't do it all, and need your help badly.

H. O. MANNES,
Local Chairman.

Dakota and Fargo Divisions—

Bro. Johnson, of Crystal Springs, relieved Bro. Roach at Medina while he was away on his trip. Bro. Roach and Miss Ellen Matson were married at New Rockford, N. D., June 28th, and enjoyed their three weeks' honeymoon in Chicago. The brothers of the Dakota Division wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Bro. Reichord has returned to work at Crystal Springs after a thirty-days' leave of absence.

Bro. Ebert, at "JY" Jamestown, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Christensen, from "J" office.

Bro. Yostie, of "JY," Jamestown, is laying off; relieved by Mr. Snyder from the Southern Pacific.

Bro. Thompson, at Medina, reports his wife getting along nicely after undergoing a serious operation in a hospital at La Crosse, Wis.

Bro. Lucksinger, of Windsor, is laying off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Carr from Leeds.

Everything is lovely on this division; only two nons on the main stem, and the branch boys are "coming in" in fine shape. Lend us a hand and make her solid.

H. A. Norman, formerly agent at Brinsmade, is now assistant cashier of the new Farmers' Bank at Fessenden, N. D.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Mr. McMichels is relieving Mr. Moundauer for a few days at "RU."

Telephones have been installed on the W. S. B., and train wire taken out.

Mr. Faultz, from the Pennsylvania Co., and a new man with us, has opened up the race track at "VG."

Ask Bro. Utsley if he has a ball team that can play ball. How about the shutout?

Business on the W. P. T. and W. S. B. is picking up slowly. Several offices have been opened.

Bro. Shoff was absent from duty six days recently, on account of the death of his father in Indiana. Relieved by Bro. L. E. Karnes. Bro. Karnes was relieved by Mr. W. H. Hartman, who is a new man on this line.

Will ask the boys W. P. T. and W. S. B. to help me out on any new changes.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Southern Ry.

Danville Division—

Regular monthly meetings are held at Greensboro every fourth Saturday night, and the membership is urged to attend. We could not get along without these meetings, and those who do not attend can not possibly keep in touch with what is going on. The following is a list of our officers: J. T. Witherspoon, chief telegrapher; E. L. Somers, first vice chief telegrapher; E. C. McConneghey, second vice chief telegrapher; R. W. Duncan, past chief telegrapher; Earnest Johnson, marshal; G. W. Baxter, secretary, and R. W. Ballard, inside sentinel.

We shall expect you at these meetings, and you will always find enough on hand to do business.

CERT. 6.

Knoxville Division, Morristown, Bristol & Asheville—

The banner meeting of the Knoxville Division, which was called to order at 8:30 p. m., June 26th, was held in Morristown, Tenn., with Bro. Burlin, our worthy chief, in the chair.

Bro. C. Mater, of Alexander, N. C., second vice chief, was absent. Bro. Cord, local chairman from Charleston, was appointed to act in his stead. Bro. Line, the secretary, was absent on account of being transferred to nights in "K" office and Bro. Jake Vaughn was appointed to fill Bro. Line's place, after which several important matters were taken up in regular order and disposed of. The committee on Bro. Davis reported and was released. Our local chairman, Bro. Cord, mentioned several subjects of interest for the members to take up and discuss, which were ably handled.

After all regular business was transacted, the meeting was turned over to Bro. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president. He called on Bro. Stone, local chairman of the A. G. S., who took the floor in the interest of "good service," and we would like to say to those who failed to be present that they missed a treat.

Bros. Cord, Anderson, Roush, Porter, Stafford, Gray and others talked at length on different topics bearing on the good of the order. Bro. Dermody told those present many things of vital interest to the members. I would say to those who did not attend that they missed an instructive talk and one which we feel sure would help the members to go forth in the discharge of their duties for the best interests of our Order. After a standing vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Dermody the meeting adjourned.

We feel grateful to Bro. Dermody for lending a helping hand by dispensing from his store of knowledge, and want to thank him many times. We also wish to thank those who came out, and we are sure they are thanking themselves at this time for certainly no one would regret having heard the instructive talks made at the meeting. We are grateful to Bro. Stone, local chairman of the A. G. S., for his presence, as well as for the interesting and able talk he made.

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Bro. Stone tells us that he holds letters from the officials to the effect that it is impossible to improve the telegraph service on the A. G. S. We are sorry to say that such is not the case on the Southern, as there is room for improvement. We hope that each brother will take it upon himself to improve the service so far as his position is concerned, and if he does there will soon be a great improvement.

Miss Ross, of Yalu, Tenn., is off a few days, attending the wedding of a friend at Jefferson City, Tenn.; relieved by Sister Stokley, an extra telegrapher from Newport, Tenn. We understand that Miss Ross will leave for her summer vacation in a few days, and will take a trip through the lake States.

We are glad to learn that the wife and little daughter of Bro. Chandler, of Barnard, N. C., after long and serious illness, are almost well. Bro. Dan Haynie, of Barnard, N. C., has just returned from his honeymoon trip; we couldn't learn where he went or what cities he visited. We join his many friends in wishing he and his bride a long, happy and prosperous life.

We understand that two telegraphers were relieved Saturday night for sleeping on duty. This certainly is not to the interest of the company or the telegraphers and should not be tolerated.

Bro. Mater failed to get transportation in time to reach Morristown for the meeting. We should ask for passes early, and give our chief ample time to get them out.

We are glad to note that the offices at Sandy Bottoms, N. C., and Paint Rock, N. C., (recently cut to one man each) have been put back to three tricks, and hope to see others fixed in the same way soon.

Bro. Foushee has been bumped from third trick at Yalu, Tenn., by Telegrapher R. H. Giffin, who was bumped from third trick at Witts, Tenn., by Telegrapher Hensley. Bro. Marshall, the third trick man at Hot Springs, N. C., was off a few days, enjoying a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. He reports a nice time.

Three things we must do to reach better conditions: attend our division meetings regularly, give first-class service, looking out always for the best interests of the company, and last but not least go after the nons; get them all in line.

CERT. 400.

Washington Division—

Bro. D. H. McLearen, of Mitchell, Va., who was so badly injured on April 20th, was released from the hospital some weeks ago, and resumed his duties on June 14th apparently in perfect health, but on the morning of June 20th he became unconscious and was returned to the hospital at Charlottesville, where he died at 8:30 a. m., Thursday, June 24th, spinal meningitis having developed, which caused his death.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church at Warrenton, Va., at 11 a. m., Saturday June 26th, and he was buried in the cemetery at Warrenton, which is near his old home.

The funeral was attended by quite a number of his friends and brother telegraphers. The pallbearers were Brothers W. H. Newlon, D. R. McCarthy, J. L. Sullivan, W. R. Connelly, J. W. Burgess, and Mr. Wiggs.

The floral emblem presented by the fellow-telegraphers of the deceased brother, and bearing the inscription, "Order of Railroad Telegraphers," was very beautiful.

Bro. McLearen leaves a wife and three small children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this, their great loss.

CERT. 1.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Divine Ruler of the universe, to take from our midst our beloved Brother D. H. McLearen, who died at Charlottesville, Va., June 24th, 1909, and

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. McLearen his family has lost a true and loving member and Division No. 59, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers a true and loyal member, and one who at all times tried to do his full duty as a brother and a member, therefore be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of the Divine Ruler who doeth all things for the best; be it further

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 59, extend to the bereaved family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sadness and sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Division, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother and a copy published in THE TELEGRAPHER.

J. W. BURGESS.
J. F. CASSELL.
J. W. MAYS.
Committee.

Members Washington Division:

My resignation as local chairman of Washington Division having been accepted by the General Committee at Asheville, N. C., on July 15th, I wish to extend to you collectively and individually, my sincere thanks and appreciation for the hearty co-operation and assistance which you have rendered me during the four years I have served you. With best wishes to all, I am,

Yours fraternally,
J. W. BURGESS.

Knoxville Division—

Saturday night, June 26th, the telegraphers of the Knoxville Division met in the K. of P. Hall at Morristown, Tenn. We were favored with the largest attendance we have ever had, and after being in session until 1 a. m., everybody left the hall feeling that they were much benefited and amply repaid for any sacrifice made in order to be present. Bro. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, was on hand, and in the same old way gave a very interesting talk, which was full of encouragement to the brothers, and it is hoped that everyone will

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remember his words and endeavor to carry out his advice. Those who failed to attend this meeting and hear Bro. Dermody missed a treat. He has been able to be with us but seldom, but says he will try to call around at our meetings oftener. He is anxious to see the Southern come to the front, and predicts that if the men will get busy Division 59 will be in the lead before long. Now who can make it this way? It is in our own hands, and we must pull together.

Bro. Stone, local chairman from the A. G. S. at Chattanooga, was present and gave a very interesting talk. Also Bro. Roush, assistant local chairman from Chattanooga "CH" office, was on hand, and while he is somewhat below the average in size, he was there with the "goods," and says you will always find good things done up in small packages.

We want to arrange to hold joint meetings in Chattanooga, Tenn., occasionally, and it has been decided to hold one July 22d. The Southern Ry. Knoxville Division, Memphis Division, Atlanta Division, A. G. S. and the Central of Georgia will all turn out and we expect a large crowd.

One man can do but little, but get a few men like Bros. Roush, Stone, Harmon, Berlin and a number of others awakened, and they can make things move. If you will look you can not help but see that the Knoxville Division is coming to the front. The men are waking up. It has been slow, and quite a number have been holding back waiting on the other fellow, but at last they have grown tired of this and they see the great importance of becoming active, and they are taking hold of things just as if they were the head moguls. There has been nothing else the matter with the Knoxville Division. It can be truly said that the Knoxville has as good telegraphers and UNION men as can be found anywhere, but they have been just a little slow in coming to the front and will now and henceforth be heard from at all times, and with this kind of men and enough of them you will see things shape themselves more to your liking.

Our brother workers from all over the country whom we met at the Atlanta Convention spoke very encouragingly and told us that if we would push ahead and get lined up the Southern System would rank with the best in the country. Now, let's take this advice and help to bring this about.

Sister Smith, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T., was not present at the Morristown meeting, as was expected, but she will be with us at the Chattanooga joint meeting, July 22d, and you must come out and get acquainted with her. She is equal to any occasion, and is doing a great work for the O. R. T., and we predict that she will make her mark working in the interest of organization.

It is reported that the Southern System is to have a regular organizer. This man, as I understand it, will travel the Southern Ry. continuously, his purpose being to keep the men organized.

When these organizers confront the nons and show them the benefits and protection that this organization gives to their men I wonder what excuse they will have up their sleeves. These nons are hard propositions most of the time, and they can give you all the dope you are looking for. They work every day, yet they tell you that they "haven't got the dough," also that they have just bought a home, have an invalid mother or sister to look after and many other excuses. Now we would like to ask what they would do if they were working for the little $40 and did not have the O. R. T. to negotiate for more money for them. Then they could not buy their homes or take care of their mothers and sisters. It does not appear to me that they are as much interested in the welfare of their kindred as they would have us believe, or they would organize and get more money and thereby be better enabled to look after themselves and dependent members of their families.

Several nons have told me that they would not join the O. R. T. because they did not want the insurance, and two men who dropped out stated the same reason for not renewing. Do you believe this story, brothers? This excuse can not be pumped into my ears. This class of men are not worthy to hold membership in the O. R. T. They may want to join some day and will find it hard to find three recommenders if they keep up such excuses as this. The fact of the business is they do not have any idea of joining or renewing just so long as they find that the other fellows pay the "freight" which obtains better safaries and conditions for them.

The dangers the O. R. T. has encountered, have come over from the non-union man who not only refuses to unite with the organization but often joins the enemy at the most critical time and gives his energy and his labor to defeat his class. And the victories of unionism have been won, not only in open contest with the employer, who might be supposed to be on the other side, but have been won against the cowardice and treason of these non-union men.

The non-union man may join the enemy to defeat shorter hours and better wages, but when he has lost his fight and the union has triumphed, he is always the first man to demand the rewards of the efforts of the members and profit by the courage and devotion of the men he did his best to defeat and whom he betrayed.

The man who not only refuses to help but joins the enemy in time of war, should not be allowed (without danger or cost) to reap the fruits of victory. The non who makes no effort and takes no risk should not be allowed to share the profits secured by the privation and sufferings of his fellow men. To say that the fruits of victory should come without effort, as a reward for cowardice and disloyalty, is neither right in the realm of ethics nor in the work-a-day world.

The reward is for the men who have borne the heat and burden of the days, and unless it shall be reserved for them and those whom they wish to aid, there can be no reason for sacrifice and no reward for fidelity.

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Men may willingly, even cheerfully, work for the weak and humble, for those not able to protect themselves, but it is expecting too much of human nature to require that they brave disaster and defeat for the enemies who seek to undermine and destroy their cause.

We have some nons who are narrow-minded enough to think that they will hold a better hand with their employer if they denounce the union and stand alone. The individual laborer is absolutely helpless in the presence of the great and powerful industrial institutions of today. Imagine one man among 45,000 standing alone and making demands upon a railroad for shorter hours and better wages. There always has been one quick and ready answer to such a demand: "IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE TERMS, YOU HAD BETTER FIND ANOTHER JOB."

Individually the man is helpless. The non can not do anything alone. The union has furnished the common working man the one institution to which he can look for friendship and protection; the one body on which he can rely for the redress of grievances and protection of his rights, and if society should remove that protection and safeguard and cut the workingman off from his fellows and leave him to fight his individual battles against the great combination of capital for which he works, it would leave the laborer stripped and naked to commence his long and painful journey back to serfdom once again, and when he starts out upon this road, the great mass of men whose independence had been won long ago with the workmen's struggles, the great middle class, must go back with him.

Under present industrial methods it is not merely a question of whether a workman can make better terms through his union by collectively bargaining—it is the only way in which he can make any terms whatever. Without the union the workman has nothing to say about his wages, or his hours, or of the terms and conditions of the employment he takes.

Imagine the solitary brakeman on a great railroad system going to his foreman and disputing about the price of service or the hours of service. Imagine one track man or telegrapher by this system of bargaining getting any more for himself than is paid to all the rest. Without collective bargaining the employer fixes the rate of wages and all the terms and conditions of the contract and the individual workman may take it or leave it alone as he sees fit.

If he refuses the employment the place is left open until someone more needy than himself shall be found to fill it. But with all the men operating together and a common refusal to accept the terms or conditions offered they may meet their employer on something like equal terms. This being the case is it not strange that the non will continue to stay out of the union and try to stand alone? How much better would it be if he would organize and co-operate with his fellowmen to bring about the conditions that they are entitled to. The corporations organize to protect their interests, and the wage-earner has the same right and this fact ought to make every wage-worker join hands with the organization that represents him.

Twenty telegraphers were cut off, effective June 10th. It is reported that this cut is only temporary, and that these men will be put back in July. This may or may not be true, but in any event it behooves the telegraphers and station agents to organize. The telegraphers and agents are certainly not sleeping on this division. Can they not see that the only thing to do is to organize? This cut is putting more work on the men who have positions. Most every telegrapher who holds a position on the Knoxville Division today is doing about two men's work and the agents as well are overworked. What is the remedy?. Organize solidly. Send your committee before the management and demand a revision of your agreement to meet the present conditions. Every slap in the face we get like this will give us that much more range to demand a revision of agreement and will be just reasons for asking for more compensation and other concessions. Don't get discouraged, brothers, when these cyclones strike us, but go ahead and saw wood. Organize yourself and get the man next to you to do the same, as this is the only way in which you can get relief from your burdens. Can you get it alone? Is it not bad enough as it is with the organization? Then what would it be if you had no organization to represent you? Of course, we have to take the medicine, you say. This may be true for a time, but there never was a lane so long that there was not a turning point, and the way to turn it is by organization and through your committee.

We don't blame railroads for cutting expenses, but it appears to me that such cuts are bad policy, and within a few weeks you will see the division in bad shape, compared with what the service was before the cut, and one serious accident costs more than the pay of the extra telegraphers for years to come.

Officials on a great many roads throw up the nine-hour law at every chance. This nine-hour law is not so enticing to the telegrapher, because under the present conditions the man who holds a nine-hour position does two men's work and many of them are leaving the service just as they did under the old twelve-hour day. But the condition of the telegraphers today is worse than ever was known to be for the simple fact that most companies are very antagonistic toward their men because of this nine-hour law, and they put all the work on their shoulders they can do, and more too, as well as discharging them for mere trifles and many other unjust tactics in order to get even with them for (as they say) making the nine-hour law. Some of them don't seem to know that the telegraphers did not make the law, but the members of Congress made the law for the safety of themselves and the traveling public, and those who ride on trains would rather have seen it made eight than nine hours.

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There are many tactics being used by certain companies to get even with the telegraphers on account of the nine-hour law, and it is commonly known that such treatment will not long continue, because many of the telegraphers are going into other business. Such treatment will drive every desirable telegrapher out of the service because they can not long tolerate the abuse and burdens heaped upon them.

We do not accuse all railroads or officials of this kind of work; in fact, there are some who have learned that to treat their employes like human beings is to the best interest of the company. But we have some in the South and Southeast that have not yet learned this lesson, but some day learn it, after it has cost their company several thousands of dollars.

The Southern Railway system is one of the largest systems in the country. It has over two thousand five hundred telegraphers and station agents. If the present conditions don't suit them there is only one remedy—organize and get busy.

You owe it to yourself, to your family and your fellow man, because without organization conditions for yourself and family will become worse and not better. Take this from me and get wise. DIV. COR.

Norfolk Division—

On Sunday, June 20th, the railroad telegraphers of Norfolk Division, No. 59, held a meeting at Port Norfolk, Va., at the residence of Bro. G. A. Magee. Meeting was called to order at 6 o'clock p. m., by Chairman W. N. Thornton, with the following members present: W. N. Thornton, J. P. Baptist, E. M. Lilly, G. A. Magee, J. C. Rice and J. P. Dalton. Chairman Thornton gave a full report of his trip to Washington, which was listened to with much interest. He was followed by Bro. Rice, who gave us a very enthusiastic talk on the good of O. R. T. After all matters of importance were transacted Mr. W. W. Magee, brother of Mr. G. A. Magee, was called in, and his application for membership was secured. It will be remembered that Bro. W. W. Magee is now agent at Claremont wharf, and is at the head of the seniority list of this division. By motion meeting adjourned at 7:15 to meet again Sunday, August the 8th, at the Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk, Va.

On June 21st, Mrs. Kello, wife of Bro. J. G. Kello, of Capron, Va., died at their home in Capron, of typhoid fever.

Bro. Kello was transferred from Arungdale, Va., to Capron in March.

They were married about two years ago. Mrs. Kello was a young woman of strong, Christian character, and had been sick only a few weeks.

She was buried at Capron in the presence of a large crowd of sympathizing friends.

Many flowers were placed on the grave. Among others was a beautiful design from Norfolk Division, No. 59.

Bro. Kello has our heartfelt sympathy in his great affliction.

Bro. Austin, of Milton, N. C., has been on an outing trip; relieved by Mr. Lankford.

Bro. Moses Joyner, who is an old A. and D. boy, is with us again, relieving Bro. Kello at Capron.

Bro. Thornton, our local chairman, is off to Asheville, N. C., to attend O. R. T. meetings. Don't know who is relieving him.

Bro. E. D. Flowers is now on first trick at Lawrenceville, Va.; a Mr. Robinson, from Ach, on second, and Mr. Keeton, from agent's office, on third.

There are still a few nons among us, whom we would rejoice to see carrying up-to-date cards, thereby making the Norfolk Division solid.

Bro. Lilley, of Gale, Va., recently left us for the Virginian; relieved by Mr. Pettord, from Buffalo Junction.

Our new superintendent and train master have been over the line. CERT. 2096.

Coster Division, Midland Branch—

I haven't seen anything in THE TELEGRAPHER from our branch for several months, and it doesn't look like any one is going to wake up, so I will start the ball rolling and see what will happen.

Everything seems very quiet on this pike at present. Nothing of interest going on.

Mr. C. B. Gray, our local chairman and agent, at Lone Mountain, is trying to get relief so he can resume duty at his former position at "CN." It is rumored that Mr. McBee will relieve him.

Some of the boys who haven't yet paid dues, say they will do so as soon as they get money enough. They had better get that card as soon as possible. Remember the motto: "No card, no favors."

We will soon be solid if every one will do his duty and get after the non-members.

I will cut this report short, but will endeavor to do better next time. I think we should have a correspondent on this end of the line, so we could have a write-up every month. Knoxville Division always has something to show that they are still on the go. We ought not let them get so far ahead of us. We have a good many members on the Coster Division, and they should be represented each month. Now, see if some one can not send in something next month that will be interesting to all concerned. H. A.

North End, Charlotte Division—

At this writing every thing seems to be very quiet, especially on this end of the division. I failed to get items from the north end. Bro. C. F. Bradley was appointed assistant correspondent, and was supposed to work that end, but he has been working on the south end very nearly all month, and it was impossible for him to gather the news from north of Charlotte.

We had two very bad freight train wrecks this month, one at Clifton turned over fifteen cars, and the other one was between Fair Forest and Duncan turned over nine.

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Bro. R. E. Wood, formerly second trick man at Cowpens, has left the service of the company. He was relieved by Mr. H. D. Hudson, a new man in the telegraph service, but his heart is in the right place.

Mr. Ed. Rector, formerly first trick at Spartanburg, has accepted a position as night clerk in Mr. King's office, being relieved by Bros. C. F. Bradley and J. C. Russell.

We are glad to see Mr. J. J. Phillips back at his old post, after an illness of two months.

Bro. J. R. Graham was called to Asheville a few days ago, on the general committee. The session lasted only a day or so. He was relieved by Mr. T. S. Lefler, another new man, this being his first work.

We have a good many extra men, but there is no reason why they can not get regular positions, as quite a number of our best jobs are on bulletin.

I want to see more of the brothers out to the next meeting, as they are getting so interesting that you should not miss a single one of them. Come and see what changes we have made, and then we will not have to ask you to attend any more, as you will be fully convinced that you are benefited and will come out of your own accord.

The following assignments were made this month: Bro. W. A. League, third trick, North Charlotte; Paul Thompson, third trick, Newell; L. A. Dewberry, third trick, Wellford; L. L. Benson, second trick, Taylor; Bro. C. L. Albright, third trick, Glass; Bro. J. O. Ross, agent-telegrapher, Bessemer City; F. W. Garrison, second trick, Gastonia; J. N. Wallace, third trick, Kings Mountains; J. F. Eudy, third trick, Bessemer City; Bro. R. M. Allen, second trick, Cowpens; S. A. Crisp, second trick, Grover.

Now boys, let's all do our best this month and see who can get the most new members; do not stop until you land that non next to you, and then we will be solid once more.

Bro. J. C. Russell has resigned and accepted a position with the Western Union at Spartanburg.

"ALLEN."

Atlanta Division—South End—

Every thing is going nicely now, but the boys will not send in news items. I can only write what reaches me by chance. I hear some of the south of "Macon" boys talking every day or two about their trips to "St. Simon Surf." They seem to be taking vacations just as fast as they can get relief.

Bro. G. C. Merritt, of Flovilla, was off on a ten days leave of absence, and visited his home. On his return to work he stopped off and spent a night with Bro. W. O. Needham, of Ellenwood.

One of the telegraphers at Holton is very low with typhoid fever, we understand, but can not say whether he is a member.

Bro. Allen, the agent at Constitution, also our worthy local chairman, has just returned from Asheville, N. C., where he met the general committee. It is understood that some very important matters were discussed, and that much good will result from the conference.

Bro. McVicker, agent at Ellenwood, is enjoying a ten days' fishing and hunting expedition. While Bro. Needham mans the agency, he is being relieved on second trick by Telegrapher Pennington.

Bro. Mosely, of Stockbridge, is now in the West with home folks; he will return for duty some time during August.

Another telegrapher was put on at Flovilla a few days ago to work first trick. Bro. Chambliss, who was second trick went to first trick; Bro. Merritt has second trick, and Bro. Edwards is working third trick by preference.

Remember that we are holding meetings at Flovilla every fourth Sunday. We are to have a special meeting there on the fourth Sunday of August. All come.

Bro. J. T. Stark is now ticket agent at Halena, but can not say who he relieved.

Bro. Jake Guyton, the second trick man at Flippen, unfortunately broke his left forearm a few days since. I did not hear the particulars, but understand that he is getting along O. K., and will soon be back at work.

Bro. Knottingham, the agent at Flippen, was seen on his way back from Atlanta, a few evenings ago, where he had been shopping.

Don't forget or neglect the new card.

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Atlanta Division, North End—

A very small but interesting crowd was in attendance at our last regular meeting at Rome, Ga. We are still hopeful of making this the best organized division of the Southern Railroad. There are enough of the boys who attend these meetings to do wonders in the way of organizing and getting the nons on the go, and we believe with the vows we have plighted we will either draw them in the Order or drive them from the face of the earth.

There have been several changes on the north end of this division, and it may be possible that I will not be able to get the list correctly revised, however, will give you the latest I have.

Telegrapher J. L. Parks, extra, relieved Bro. J. H. Williams at Longs, first trick.

Telegrapher Pullen relieved Bro. E. T. Williams, second trick at Longs, a few days recently.

Telegrapher J. L. Parks relieved Bro. B. Lambert, second trick at Hiram, for a few days.

Bro. W. B. Wolfe, first trick at Waring, is off for a week or two; relieved by Telegrapher J. L. Parks. Wolfe and wife are visiting relatives at Battelle, Ala.; Fort Payne, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bro. T. A. Cox came back to Braswell, from Atlanta Junction; from Braswell to second trick at Phelps, relieving Telegrapher Foster Thomas; Foster Thomas from Phelps to Braswell, third trick.

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Bro. W. K. Galamore, second trick at Shannon, was off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Pullen from Braswell, extra man.

Telegrapher John Gorman, first trick at McPherson, is out of the service; relieved by Telegrapher Woodall. Bro. W. F. White, second trick at McPherson, is off a month or two at Hot Springs; relieved by Telegrapher Batch.

Telegrapher Painter, of Silver Creek, was off with chills recently; relieved by Telegrapher R. M. Wardell from Brice, extra man.

M. M. Wardell recently relieved Telegrapher Thomas at Shannon, and Thomas relieved Bro. T. B. Walker at Phelps.

Telegrapher Batch, an extra man, relieved Bro. T. A. Cox, third trick at Braswell, while Cox was doing extra work at Atlanta Junction.

Telegrapher C. J. Dooly relieved Telegrapher W. M. McDonald, third trick at Dalton, for a few days. Telegrapher P. E. Morgan relieved Telegrapher Rawlins at Dalton for a few days.

Bro. J. N. Hanna, third trick at Varnell, is off a week or two, visiting his best girl; relieved by Telegrapher J. L. Parks.

Bro. W. E. Dellinger and Bro. G. T. Knowles, of North Rome, spent the day and night at Chattanooga recently, and attended the O. R. T. meeting.

Bro. G. T. Knowles is off for six weeks, visiting relatives at Sparta, N. C., and Brunswick, Ga.; relieved by Telegrapher T. N. Austin, an extra telegrapher and an O. R. C. man. Telegrapher Pat Obrien, third trick at Rome, off a few days; relieved by T. N. Austin.

Telegrapher I. Jeter, second trick at Cohutta, is off a week or two; relieved by Telegrapher P. E. Morgan from south end.

Bro. O. G. Davis, third trick at Oostanaula, gone West for two months; relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Davis.

Bro. R. O. Daly, third trick at Dallas, was off one week recently, visiting his home in Knoxville, Tenn; relieved by Telegrapher R. M. Wardell.

R. M. Wardell from Shannon to Roseland.

Brothers, get after these nons and try to get them to fall in line. All of these new men are without the goods.

Sister McCoy, at Lawrence, had to turn down the agency at Aragon, on account of the post office at Lawrence. ASST. DIV. COR.

Queen & Crescent Route (North).

Chattanooga Division—

On Thursday, July 22d, a joint meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce Hall, Chattanooga, Tenn. The C. N. O. & T. P., A. G. S., C. of Ga., and the Atlanta and Memphis Divisions of the Southern Railway being well represented, fifty-three members being present. Considerable business was transacted and a number of vital points discussed, the most important being the organization of a telegraphers' club at Chattanooga.

Several interesting speeches were made by prominent members, especially the one made by Bro. J. J. Dermody, our fourth vice-president. We were indeed glad to have Bro. Dermody with us at this meeting, and those who did not attend and hear his speech certainly missed half their lives.

Boys, these meetings are interesting, and it is everyone's duty to attend if at all possible, so do not say there is no use of your going, as there will be a large crowd there anyway. That is just the reason why you should attend—the more the merrier.

We have arranged to hold meetings at Oakdale, the third Friday of each month, every other meeting to be a morning meeting, in order to enable the second and third trick men to attend, and we hope that they will take advantage of it.

Let us make Division No. 62 the banner division of the O. R. T. We have a splendid start, and nons are very scarce. We are now about 98% strong, and it is only through hard work that it has been put in this condition. Let us all make individual efforts to bring Division No. 62 to the 100% mark.

If you have a non working with you, or at the next station where you can get to him, don't turn him loose until you have his application.

Mr. R. C. Reid, our chief, has passed quite a number of compliments on the service the boys are giving, and has said that with one or two exceptions they were giving better service than on any road in the country, and he could not ask any better service of them.

This sounds very nice for us, so let's cut out the exceptions and show Mr. Reid there is nothing so good, but could be made better.

Bro. Mack Williams, the first trick man at Oakdale, is off on a three-weeks' vacation, visiting relatives at Eubank, Ky.

Bro. Frank McIntyre was off a couple of days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. H. C. Arnold.

Bro. H. C. Arnold was assigned second trick and Mrs. Kirby assigned third trick at Spring City. Mr. Rogers, agent at that place, works first trick.

Bro. Kennedy, from Coulterville, has been assigned to the position of night telegrapher at Sale Creek, a twelve-hour trick.

Telegrapher W. H. Ferrell has been assigned third trick at "UN," Oakdale, on bulletin.

Bro. C. E. Ritch, the second trick man at Glen Mary, is off for a few days, visiting relatives in North Carolina. We were unable to learn the name of the man who relieved him.

We understand that Bro. Weaver, who was cut out at Coulterville, has an agency in sight on the south end.

Bro. J. E. Kritchbaum, the tower man at "DB," Oakdale, was off a few days on account of a death in his family.

Bro. C. X. Smith is back on his old job at "KJ" tower, after visiting relatives in Alabama.

Mr. A. S. Hudson has been assigned to the second trick at Somerset.

Bro. Hall was recently assigned to the third trick at "EG" tower.

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We are all glad to hear of Bro. Hughes landing a good position on the N. & W. He has our best wishes.

The night offices at Coulterville, Evansville and Lorraine have been closed, and night offices opened at Spring City and Sale Creek.

Bro. A. A. Jenkins, the first trick man at "EG" tower has been off some time on account of a broken arm. We hope to see him back at the old stand soon.

Bro. O. L. Minks was assigned the second trick at "SJ" tower on bulletin.

Bro. A. O. King, the agent at Eubank, is off on a vacation, visiting relatives in the South.

Bro. Willison, our general chairman, is off for a few days on business, and is being relieved by Bro. Dungan, our local chairman. Bro. Dungan was relieved by Bro. Wayne.

Bro. Ed. Rigney is relieving Bro. King as agent at Eubank.

The position of agent at Danville is open on account of the resignation of Mr. T. J. Connell. Looks like some of the brothers would land that job.

There have been some changes at U. S. Junction, but am unable to learn just how it stands.

Bro. Trickey, of Nemo, has been on the sick list for some time and at this writing is contemplating going to a Cincinnati hospital for treatment. We hope for his speedy recovery, for Bro. Trickey is one of our most staunch members.

Bro. Allen is relieving Bro. Williams at Oakdale.

We are sorry to note that we have an ex-brother at Sunbright.

Our thanks are extended to Bros. Anderson and Burgoon for their assistance in giving us a few notes and if there were a few more of the brothers like them we would have a nice write-up each month. Let me have what you know by the 21st of each month, and I will endeavor to get it in in time for publication. DIV. COR.

Great Northern Ry.

Terminals Division—

Some few changes have been made on the Terminals Division during the last month, which have changed the boys around so that I can hardly place any of them.

Mr. W. M. McDonald is now doing first trick at "SJ," Minneapolis Junction, and Bro. Mayo is holding down second trick. Mr. Gibbs, the third trick man, is also doing a stunt for Uncle Sam during the day, having received an appointment lately to bring our mail around to us.

Our dispatchers are now taking their vacations. Mr. J. F. LaPoints is doing the extra work. Mr. Marshall is working the side wire days and some new man is doing the work there nights.

Bro. J. B. Burroughs is again on the division, after having been absent about six months. He is now working second trick at Como yards, St. Paul. Mr. A. W. Archtauder is working the third trick at Como.

Local Chairman F. J. Winne and wife returned from the Convention at Atlanta, Ga., June 1st. They stopped in Illinois on the way home, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. R. G. Martin, who has been working second trick at Como, is now agent at Mound.

Jackson St. "MS" has a new night man almost every week; do not know where Bro. Dorsey went.

Mr. E. R. Walker, formerly of "MS," Jackson St., is now working at Minneapolis commercial office.

We understand that Bro. Mayhood is working on the west end and think it would be a good idea to put one on this end and see if he could not crack some of these old hard shells to the tune of buying a little piece of pasteboard. Some of them seem to be hopeless cases when it comes to parting with a little coin. They say they could never go back to working twelve hours a day, but are not willing to give one cent to help better themselves. They will take all that is handed to them, however, and kick because they did not get just a little more. SHORTY.

Spokane Division—

It would be pleasant to mention the changes made and the new men that have been employed lately, but they have been so numerous that it would be impracticable to attempt it.

It may be of interest to hear that trains are being hauled through the tunnel at Cascade by electric motors. The plan was a success at the first trial, but at present, while trains are being hauled through the tunnel, the telegraph wires are paralyzed. It is hoped that a remedy will speedily be found to avoid this interference.

What was formerly a very hot, undesirable ride through suffocating gases, is now a pleasant, cool trip, and an enjoyable experience.

We hear many lamenting the coming of the phone, but some of these should bear in mind that our strongest argument lies in the superiority of the telegraph over the phone for railroad work, and instead of being lax and indifferent about their work, should exert themselves toward bringing the telegraph to the highest point of efficiency.

I am going to live another month in the hope that members of this division will wake up and tell me what they are doing, so that I may be able to make personal mentionings. Do not be so backward. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Cascade Division—

There are still a few nons on this division who are continually making foolish excuses for not joining the Order.

Some of them say they don't have the money, but they spend twice as much every month for which they get nothing in return than it would cost to put them in good standing in the Order.

Others promise to go in next payday, but it is always "next payday" every month, and eventually they do not join at all, nor do they intend to join.

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One non that I know of says that we could not do anything on this division because there are so many "pinheads," and says that if we get enough of the boys in he will go in too. We have 90 or 95 per cent of the telegraphers and agents on the Cascade Division now, but he puts us off for another half year. The fact is, he is as big a "pinhead" as any of them, and if everyone thought as he does, or pretends to think, where would the Order be?

He says "Oh, yes, the Order is all right, I used to be an order man myself; I went out in the N. P. strike." That is all right as far as it goes, but why did he drop out? The fact is that he never was a true union man, and the reason that he went out in the N. P. strike is that he was young and didn't care whether he worked or not. It was not the union spirit that prompted him to go out.

We must get after these men and pound it into their heads that it is the Order that is raising their wages and not the railroad companies, and that they have the Order to thank that they are enjoying a nine-hour day instead of twelve or twenty hours, as it was before, or as it would be now if the railroad magnates had their way about it. Some of them seem to think that it was Hill, Harriman, or the W. C. T. U. that did it.

What we have won we won with a hard struggle, and it will take a hard struggle to hold them, and the only way that we can do it successfully is through the Order. "In union there is strength."

Bro. A. W. Barton, formerly second trick at Merritt, for nearly two years, reports having landed a position with the C. P. R. at Eholt Junction, B. C. In the event that Bro. Barton leaves this division, we will lose a perfectly reliable member. We wish him success wherever he may go.

Bro. J. W. Bourke, second trick at Wellington, has left the service to seek new fields, being relieved by Mr. W. E. Flannery, a newcomer. We wish Bro. Bourke success.

Bro. N. A. Pearson, agent at Skykomish, is away on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Jas. W. McGuire. Bro. L. W. Roehm is relieving Bro. McGuire as cashier, hence Bro. A. R. McCaully is on second trick, and Bro. G. R. Smith, recently of Vancouver, is filling third place.

Cannot say who relieved Bro. Smith at Vancouver.

Mr. A. West, recently on third shift at Index, has left the service for parts unknown; relieved by Mr. J. G. Vickers.

The local chairman is in receipt of several requests for blanks.

The local chairman reports Cascade Division in excellent shape, considering the short space of time that the fight has been on to organize the telegraphers here. At present we are in better shape than at any time in past history.

The local board of adjustment is about completed. When this is done we will be in closer touch with each other.

Let everyone do all that he can for our betterment during the next month. Blanks can be had from Bro. H. L. Mann, of Merritt, Wash., who will accept all remittances of new members, mailing regular receipt for same on first train. Get in and hustle.

Understand that Bro. Bucklow, of Mosher, holds an up-to-date card with the B. & O. We would like to have him transferred to the G. N.

DIV. COR.

Sioux City Division—

Our division correspondent has recently requested that we give our views through THE TELEGRAPHER on different subjects and "wake up," which is certainly needed, as we are doing nothing or very little to better our condition. One of the very best things we can do at this time is to carry out his suggestion, and I hope that we will see a goodly number of letters from this division.

We need not expect concessions from the company if we don't get together as an organization and ask for them. We have no schedule, and we will get just what they want to give us, and we will say nothing just as we have been doing over here for the past four years. Do we deserve any better conditions? We can secure concessions if we only "wake up" and take an interest, and do a little missionary work.

There is not a single brother who will deny that conditions are bad in many ways, and we have but little to work for, and the wages will not increase unless we go after what is just and right. Look at brothers at non-telegraphic stations will you, working at $45 per month, and yet they are handling train orders almost every day—at least every day that the dispatcher calls on them, and as matters stand they can not say a word because we have no schedule back of us. Boys, this is a shame. Are we willing to work along and raise no voice against such work as this? How far will $45 go when you figure up the cost of every article we are compelled to buy? What chance is there for us to ever save up for the rainy day that will come to every one of us? I believe that it would be impossible to find brothers anywhere who are more loyal to their employers than on this division, and that is true unionism—the very foundation upon which our Order is builded, but there is another side to the question that we are overlooking, and that is our personal interest, or better still, the financial part. If we took on half as much interest in ourselves as regards securing better wages as the company does in making us better agents, we would not have so many poorly paid brother telegraphers, and would get together and talk these things over; but of course if we prefer "taffy" and nice little trips to decent wages and better conditions, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Is not this the exact condition today? Indeed, it is, and we are taking it all in learning how to be "good agents," and don't dare mention the question of better wages, scrubbing depots or improved conditions, subjects that are just as interesting to every one of us as is the filing of tariffs. What help is it,

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or what encouragement is it to learn to be a better agent or telegrapher, if in the end it does not secure better wages? Should not the two go hand in hand, and for one I am in favor of calling a meeting in Soo City some Sunday afternoon after our regular agents' meeting, and get together on some of these subjects. We have been a "bunch of easies" long enough, and the sooner we take an interest in our own welfare as well as our employers the better off we will be. We have shown interest by attending these "agents' meetings" for the past three years, and we have gained by so doing, but now it is time to work for ourselves, for after all, boys, we are after the "pay check," but as that subject is never brought up at their meetings, it is up to us. Either take an interest in these things or quit this eternal devotion to company interests and get out and work on the section where the pay is better and the hours not so long. "Soft soap" is all right at times, but we want more pay and better conditions, so that we may have a little sum to lay away for the future, for then they will not care for us but will put us aside for younger men, and then what are you going to do, brother, if you have nothing saved up? Is not this just as important to you as learning how to be of more value to a corporation? If so, let us devote some of the time we have at these meetings in Sioux City to presonal interests.

Bro. King, of Clara City has left the division; do not know where he is located; relieved by Mr. Fairchild from the C. B. & Q.

Bro. Colby secured Russell, on bulletin. Mr. Peterson leaving the service to engage in the mercantile business at Russell.

Mr. Johnson, of Jasper, goes to Booge as agent.

Bro. Dyson is now located at Union depot as ticket agent.

The many friends of Bro. Andy Enger will be pleased to learn that he is engaged in the banking business at Garretson, S. D., and is prospering. "Andy" is one of whom we are all proud to call a brother—one who has fought his way up to his present position by hard work. I wish every brother would take a lesson from Bro. Enger, for it is certainly one that would benefit us one and all. Boys, look to the future, don't get in a rut and stay there, get out and work for yourself, try to cut loose from the work if you can find anything else to do.

Save up a little if you can, for the day when you can work for yourself. Don't be a slave all your days. Make one strong, earnest endeavor and try and better your condition as our worthy brother has done. Through all the years he was working with an object in view, and he has succeeded while others have failed, simply because they had no object to work for. I hope the brothers on this division will take up some of the "troubles" we have over here on this division, and discuss them through the journal, and at some future time will arrange a meeting at Sioux City.

A MEMBER.

Remember that the non member does not receive a copy of this journal, so it rests with you to send him yours after you have finished with it.

Always broke. Who is? A telegrapher, of course. Did you ever know any of them to be otherwise with a few exceptions?

The reason for this I can not say, except in my own case, but I do know that I have been able to pay my dues in my organization and assist in a movement to better my bread earning capacity, regardless of the fact that money and myself were soon parted. I also know that Grand Division Organizer, Bro. Mayhood and Bro. Sohner, are now covering this system, at a big expense to the organization, in an endeavor to get the telegrapher to get in and assist to help himself, and they give me the same old, old story: "Sure, would join." "Mighty good thing this organized movement." "I'm with the boys with all heart and liver, etc., but I'm up against it, I'm broke, but will join this pay-day," etc., etc., and that is the end of it in nine cases out of ten, and the work and expense is all to be gone over again. He never comes through on pay day as he says he will, and as the organizer is not around he says to himself, "Oh, I'll join some of these days," and lets it go at that.

Honestly, I have about reached the conclusion, after seven years work on the Great Northern, in an endeavor to show the telegraphers employed thereon, that $10.00 to $15.00 invested in the organization is a mighty good investment, that for strictly unadulterated blindness and pin headedness, the majority of the telegraphers on the Great Northern surely are entitled to wear not only the blue ribbon, but pink, green, yellow, purple and red as well, and in this I am included.

I am included for wasting seven years time in talking to a stone wall, so to speak, the telegraphers on the Great Northern, with his utter blindness and disregard for his future and present welfare.

Here we are working like the devil to consolidate the telegrapher on the Great Northern into such a shape that he can ask and will stand some show of receiving a betterment in his working conditions and are met with "broke," "no money," "will join pay-day," and the work has to be gone over again. Honestly, isn't it disgusting?

I am, as some of you are aware, acting as a justice at this place. Not long ago a member of the organization got into some trouble. Was arrested and fined $500.00, which was equal to eight months in jail. Inasmuch as a telegrapher, at least a number of them, especially on the Great Northern, hasn't got enough money ahead to pay for joining his organization, it would hardly be expected that this brother would have $500.00 in a 1,000 years. I was able, however, to get his fine reduced to $50.00, and have him discharged. Did it pay him to carry a card?

Just yesterday another brother was in my court. He carried an up-to-date card. He was placed

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on a train and sent to his job. Did it pay him to carry the card?

Do any of you non-members on the Great Northern ever read the newspapers? Do you know that the cost of living, which heavens know is high enough now, is going to be higher the next four years under the new tariff bill just being finished off at Washington?

Do you know that the Great Northern is gradually reducing the pay of the telegrapher, and if it hasn't hit you yet, it will in time unless steps are taken to put a stop to it?

Do you know how you can stop this individually? Do you not think you can stop it collectively? Do you think you will ever accomplish this if you hang back and wait "for the other fellow" to join? Isn't it possible that "the other fellow" is doing the same thing?

Candidly, don't you think it is time and strictly to your own and family's interest to be "up and doing?"

If you don't I sure do and it's simply "up to you."

P. M. ABBOTT,
Genl. Secy. and Treas.

Sioux City Division—

As no items have drifted this way from any of the boys, I see it is again necessary to go it alone. I had one promise this month, but guess it was forgotten.

There have been several changes along the line in the past two months.

I understand that Bro. Fairchilds, from off the "Q," who used to be on the Great Northern's pay-roll, but who was turned over to the "Q" with the balance of the boys on the Old Pacific Short Line (O'Neill Branch), is now holding down Clara City, which is not such a light stunt judging from what the boys say who have been there.

Bro. Wilson, who was up on the north end, is again at Dalton. I suppose he likes this end of the line better than that in Minn.

Some new man is holding the job at Hinton, I understand; think he is from the C. & N. W.

We notice a bulletin is out for Russell station, but can not say who bid it in. Some one informed us that Mr. Peterson, the former agent at Russell, has gone into business for himself. Here's hoping that he makes a "go" of it, for it is much pleasanter to work for one's self, than to slave for a corporation.

Mr. C. L. Howe has been assigned to the agency at Maynard from Hinton.

Bro. Wilson, who was checked out at Dalton a few days ago, leaves the service. A helper has been promoted to the agency at that point.

Mr. Whistler, of Hanley Falls, is off duty for a month, taking in the sights on the coast; relieved by Relief Agent Gleason.

Bro. Busfield, of Doon, enjoyed a ten days' lay off, which he spent on personal business, and visiting Nebraska points; relieved by Mr. Gleason.

Bro. C. E. Colby, from Booge, has been assigned to the agency at Russell. Booge was filled by promoting a helper.

Bro. Cox, of Maurice, has a new bike and track attachment. It will help him to do missionary work among the unsaved nons.

Bro. Hartung, of Sioux Center, has recovered his chainless bike that was stolen from the freight house some time since.

The agents betwen Soo City and Sioux Center were in hard luck last Sunday. A joint agents' meeting of the Soo City and Willmar Divisions was held at Spicer, and a number had planned to go. Friday night a heavy rain and washouts put it on ice as far as they were concerned; next time we will all be there.

No news from the Yankton line this time, but hope to have some next time.

Our superintendent, Mr. Knebel and Mr. Brand, general foreman of buildings, were quite badly hurt by a motor car jumping the track; both are doing nicely at this writing.

I am glad to be able to say that there is some interest being shown along the line of getting some of the nons lined up. While so far as I know at this writing there have been no new members added, there is a move among the boys to wake up and do something. Heard that our local chairman was to furnish a list of all the nons on this line, and that there was going to be some work done. I, for my part, can not see what makes a man stand out of any organization that he very well knows has gained all that he now has in the way of better working conditions. You who do not carry the "cardboard," can not you see that it is for your benefit that you should be a member, what would be the result if organized labor the country over would drop their union? I can tell you, and tell you quickly, too, we would be back where men were twenty-five years ago, working for what ever the railroads chose to give us, and working as long hours as they cared to impose on us, too. I suppose some of the nons think "O, well, there is no need of me spending $10 or $15 a year to better my working condition, when some other fellow will do it for me, and I will get the benefit just the same." True enough there are some nons working among us who are getting the same consideration from the companies as us Order men, but if we were all nons where would we be? Nice sort of spirit for a man to show, come out of it boys, get off the wagon and help push it a little, it will make the load highter for the rest of us.

Some nons have the idea that the O. R. T. is an enemy to railway companies, and that their aim is to "do" them every chance they get, and that if they were to join the Order they would surely lose the respect of all the officials on the road, if they were lucky enough not to get "fired." This is a mistake boys. Organized labor is contending for nothing but justice and does not want to make trouble for any one or any company. It is the only way that the man who must work for a day's wages has of making and keeping that day's wages up to a point where he can live on

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it. Look at it right and you will see the right in it.

Well, our local chairman said he wanted a "punch at it this month." I will close, hoping that we will not fail to help, at least some extent in getting back some of what we used to have on the old Great Northern.

He who knows the joys of freedom
Can not be a slave,
Close the ranks and still press onward,
Loyal, true and brave;
Soon shall come the day of gladness—
Soon fraternal love,
All the earth shall bless and brighten
Like to that above.

A DIVISION CORRESPONDENT.

Butte Division—

Bro. Wilkins, at Stanford, has been allowed to put his wife on as a helper.

Bro. Frelick, of Broadview, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. McGowan.

We understand that Bro. Frelick will visit Seattle, and also the East before he returns to work.

Bro. E. C. Skinner, at Cushman, has asked for a vacation, and will probably be relieved by Bro. Bassett. Bro. Skinner also intends to take in the Seattle Fair.

Bro. Englander, at Belt, has been on the sick list for the past few weeks; relieved by Relief Agent Warner.

Relief Agent Warner was relieved at Billings by M. P. Quigley. We are unable to say where he is from.

Telegrapher Patterson was relieved on first trick at Judith Gap, by Telegrapher Krisinsky.

Telegrapher Morrison is working the pit job at Portage. He says he will line up soon.

Dispatcher J. H. Mayer has returned to work after a short vacation.

Most of the good telegraphers on this division have become disgusted with the fones and left the service. Their places are being filled with girls.

The majority of the agents and dispatchers have asked for vacations, after a few strenuous weeks of the fone business.

The conductors have taken out additional life insurance policies. The majority of the conductors also have their pockets full of bulled train orders, and it's a safe prediction that the telephones will be a costly experiment on the Butte Division.

Chewing gum and hair pins as used by the fair sex are also causing quite a little delay in getting out train orders. My advice to all is to get an up-to-date card, and help do your part for the organization that has done so much for you, and you need not worry about the fones reducing your salaries. E. C. SKINNER.

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Ohio Division, East End—

L. J. Ferrell, the third trick man at Belpre, spent a few days in Columbus; relieved by Telegrapher J. E. Curry, of Chillicothe.

Bro. J. C. Clinton, the telegrapher at Mineral, was off a duty a few days; relieved by R. K. Hall.

Bro. M. J. Charlton, agent, and Bro. W. G. Brill, night man at Stewart, are taking in the sights at the Seattle Exposition; relieved by C. Mars and Jenkins, both new men on the road.

W. H. Joyce attended the dispatchers' convention at Columbus; relieved by Telegrapher J. E. Curry.

W. R. Tisdale, third trick man at Athens, is spending a few weeks with relatives in Kentucky; relieved by Bro. C. W. Coleman.

Bro. L. Posey, the agent at Torch Hill, was off a few days recently on account of the death of his father-in-law. He was relieved by K. D. Figlestahler.

W. E. Stanton, day telegrapher at Hamden, is spending his vacation in Colorado, being relieved by Bro. C. H. Merrill, who is the regular third trick man at Dundas.

Bro. C. R. Woodruff, the regular night man at Schooleys, is working third trick at Dundas; relieved by Telegrapher Gibson.

Bro. E. J. Brooks, first trick man at Byers Junction, and Bro. V. L. Ray, third trick man at West Junction, are spending a few days at Park Rapids, Minn. Bro. W. J. Harris, regular third trick man at Byers Junction, is working the first trick, and Bro. O. Ray the third trick.

Telegrapher Mackey is working the third trick at West Junction.

Bro. A. Fryburger, our general secretary and treasurer, will, on July 25th, together with his wife, take a trip through the East, visiting Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Philadelphia and Norfolk, Va.

Bro. Exline has returned to work at Bloomingburg, after an extended visit through the West.

Bro. Grassley, from Washington C. H., attended the meeting at Cincinnati, June 17th.

Our local chairman, Bro. T. E. Fitch, visited his family at Coolville for ten days last month.

Bro. Fryburger, our general secretary and treasurer, from Athens, Ohio, attended the meeting in Cincinnati, and on his return home stopped at Cozaddale to visit his mother for two days. Bro. Fryburger is a regular attendant at all meetings.

Bro. Fitch and Bro. Fryburger, while in Cincinnati, June 17th, called upon Mr. T. J. West, city ticket agent. Mr. West was formerly agent at Loveland.

Bro. Harry Smith is taking a vacation of a month.

The Ottawa, Kan., *Herald* of July 9th, publishes the following experience of a former B. & O. S.-W. boy:

"When Tom Costello went to the Missouri Pacific depot yesterday to put the tickets in the office a little higher up out of reach of the rising waters, he found them in possession of an un-

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welcome visitor. As he went to move the case, something wriggled under his hand at the top of the water, and he was startled to see glaring at him a water moccasin about three feet in length. There was a scamper and a short fight and Costello brought the deadly reptile home in his boat.

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Indiana Division, Block District—

Bro. W. S. Snyder has been absent a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Frank Fisher.

Bro. L. E. Jeffries, a member of Division No. 23, living at Jefferson, Iowa, has been the recent guest of Bro. W. S. Snyder and family at Madeira.

DIV. COR.

Indiana Division, Louisville District—

Everything seems to be moving along nicely on the Louisville District under the new block system which took effect June 20th.

Bro. J. M. Huffington, the second trick man at Blocher, was off a few days spending the Fourth at home; relieved by Extra Telegrapher C. F. Gibson, from Columbus, Ind.

Bro. H. Davis, of Lovett, spent the Fourth with his mother near Olisco, Ind. He was relieved by Extra Telegrapher D. R. Bagley, of Mitchell, Ind.

E. L. Harmon, the first trick man at Watson, made a flying visit to Brownstown, a few days ago; relieved by second trick man, D. M. Green.

Agent Cogswell at Deputy has been granted six months leave of absence. He is relieved by Extra Telegrapher Casseday. DIV. COR.

Illinois Division—

Bro. W. Webster, the second trick man at Dolney, made a business trip to St. Louis, July 2d. Relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. M. R. Taylor, agent and telegrapher at "MS," Xenia, was off July 3d; relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. Jesse Cherry, who works the third trick at "MN," Iuka, is off on a two-weeks' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Summers.

Bro. A. D. Nighswander, the first trick man at "S" tower, Shattuc, was called to Missouri by the death of his sister. He was relieved by Bro. E. C. Trent, the second trick man. Bro. Trent was relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. F. W. Reinhardt, the day telegrapher at "U," Lebanon, has been appointed freight agent at Sandoval. Bro. C. D. Russell is now working days at Lebanon.

Mr. E. M. Winks, the agent at O'Fallon, is off on thirty days vacation; relieved by Bro. Linger-man, first trick man at "TR," Trenton. Linger-man was relieved by Mr. Summers.

Mr. Ben Richards is doing his first telegraphic stunt, working at "HN," Hanover, nights. Fine place and not at all lonely.

Bro. G. B. Milligan, the second trick man at "RN," O'Fallon, is off one or two days, but I am unable to learn who relieved him. C. D.

Relief Department—

On July 1st, the relief feature, which has been in effect for about twenty years on the B. & O., was extended to the B. & O. S.-W. As is natural in the event of any radical change either in railroad circles, commercial or social life, there is usually more or less opposition. Twenty years ago, when this department was started on the B. & O., there went up a howl of disapproval among railroad men generally, and a good deal of that feeling still exists among person not having an opportunity to become acquainted with the merits of this feature. This feeling has long since entirely disappeared among the employes of the B. & O., who have had the benefits of this department for all these years. I have had an opportunity for some years to observe the practical working of the relief feature as conducted, and I am free to say I considered it an excellent feature, and it has many good qualities to recommend it. There are some objectionable features, which I understand are under advisement and will no doubt be changed. Many of the B. & O. S.-W. boys are glad of this feature having been extended to this system, and will at once embrace the opportunity to join.

Very truly,

P. COSTELLO.

C. & N. W. Ry.

Ashland Division—

Before this reaches you the committee will be in session in Chicago conferring with the management relative to various new concessions in the way of increased pay and better working conditions. It is hoped their efforts will be successful, and especially that they will be able to do something with the telephone situation, which has created so much havoc on some divisions.

Business has taken a turn for the better on the old Ashland Division. The ore business on the north end is increasing daily, and as a result the boys up that way will be kept going with a larger volume of train orders. Telegraphers are again in great demand, and there is plenty of work for every one who wants it.

Bro. J. A. Drumm, second trick at Kaukauna, has taken the cashier's job there. Bro. Brehmer relieved him for several weeks, and was in turn relieved by Bro. A. J. Bigford, of Kimberly, who received the position on bulletin. Bro. Johnson, the third trick man at Kaukauna, is away on a vacation in Minnesota. He is being relieved by Bro. J. W. Lacy.

Bro. L. F. Nelson, delegate to the Grand Convention at Atlanta, returned about June 1st, and reports a harmonious convention, and the Order and its finances and everything else generally in a flourishing condition. During his absence he was relieved by Bro. M. J. Johnson.

Bro. Vic Johns, formerly agent at Wabeno, is now relieving on the Ashland Division. He will relieve Bro. Schumacher at Odanah while the latter enjoys a month's vacation.

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Bro. J. J. Kiesdouk has taken the agency at Pelican, and Bro. D. E. Lemon has taken his place at Combined Locks.

Bro. H. M. Kiesdouk sojourned for a while at Pelican as day telegrapher, but finally came to the conclusion that he liked his old stand at Saxon better and went back there.

Bro. Jas. Garvey, of Saxon, spent a day at his home in Kaukauna during the latter part of June. He had an offer to go West and work in a bank, but turned it down to remain with the Northwestern.

Bros. W. R. Jones and T. C. Laughlin have been doing some very commendable work, recently, in getting new members into the Order. Let the good work go on.

Bro. J. J. Leary has taken third trick at Aniwa on bulletin.

Perry Carter, son of Bro. R. J. Carter, at Rosholt, is now on the road as relief telegrapher. We hope he will soon join the Order.

The meeting at Antigo on the 26th was a good one. Bro. Nelson reported on the proceedings of the Grand Convention. It was decided at this meeting to hold a picnic at Antigo some time in August, provided the necessary interest could be worked up.

Bros. Gehr, Garvey, Paull and some others went on a fishing trip near Saxon and made a good catch. They also had their pictures taken while on the trip, and will send one to the journal for publication.

DIV. COR.

Eastern Division—

C. C. Cushman has resumed duty at Hooper. Bro. Sauers will relieve Bro. Ed. Cushman at Anoka for about thirty days.

Bro. Hale, the Missouri Pacific telegrapher at Hooper, has moved his family there and will hold the day job until Bro. Sauers returns.

Bro. Todd, night owl at Scribner, was laying off a few days recently, he having been bitten on the finger by a dog. Mr. Belling relieved Bro. Todd.

Bro. Foote has resigned and gone braking for the C. & N.-W. Ry.

We understand that Bro. Hurst, the agent at Howells, has resigned.

Bro. Popelar, agent at Cornlea, made a business trip to Omaha, staying over Sunday. He was relieved by the foner agent at Bradish.

Bro. Wurzbacher has gone to Chicago. Relieved by Bro. Forney.

Let us hear from the South Platte boys occasionally and endeavor to have a big write-up.

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Black Hills Division—

On Saturday, July 10th, at the Y. M. C. A. building, a few of the boys that could get away from their busy tasks were present and we had a dandy good meeting. On account of some of the boys not getting in on late trains the meeting was not called to order until 9 p. m.

After a good handshake the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hite, and after a very successful meeting and good visit the merry bunch accompanied Chairman Hite to the station, where he boarded No. 6 for Chicago to attend the convention.

These meetings are just the thing; they bring us together to discuss and talk over matters and enable us to know who our brothers are, also who and where the nons are. We want to keep after them. There are at present quite a few new men on this end of No. 76, and every one of us must at least try to get one or two to his credit. Let's show them we are not a bunch of dead ones here.

Chairman Hite has promised to arrange for a meeting once every two months, if possible, and after we get started and interested I think we will gradually get a better turnout; now let us all do our best in trying to get out to them. They will do you good.

It has been some time since the Black Hills has had a write-up in the journal, and I know that we all feel rather disappointed when we get a brand new journal and search for a write-up from this end and don't find a word. I don't intend to stand back any longer on this point, and think that with a little help we can have a showing each month.

Bro. Ritter, of Ainsworth was off on a few days' vacation during the first part of the month, being relieved by Bro. B. F. Cook, who comes from the Union Pacific. Bro. Bailey, of Wood Lake, had a close call with a Roman candle about 4th of July time, resulting in a very bad eye, which caused him to lay off.

Mr. J. H. Howe, the relief agent, is relieving Bro. Hite, who is off on a vacation and committee work.

Big Muddy station is closed.

Bro. Hortsman is making quite a visit with his parents in Iowa. Mr. Schillman is holding down "CP" in Bro. Hortsman's place.

There is a new man at Oelrichs nights.

Mr. Walter Murphy is working the new night job at Lusk.

Mr. Bridgeman is back holding down first trick at Long Pine. We hope to see him lined up soon.

There is a new third trick man at Valentine, but we are unable to learn his name.

Bro. W. D. McIntyre, of Division No. 130, is again in our midst.

Chairman Hite, Bros. Von Druska, Boyles, Busch, Carpenter, Cook, Yoe, Parker and Schetzer were the members present at the meeting July 10th.

Stock has begun to roll and everybody is pretty much "25" these days, but we will have to forget these hot days and look around us and see who our neighbors are and get them lined up; let us all try while business is good. Dig up some news items and help yours truly to keep a good write-up in the journal every month.

According to all reports the C. & N.-W. has made arrangements with a ham factory located at Oshkosh, Wis., to furnish telegraphers during the stock business.

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Northern Iowa Division—

Bro. Larry Welch, the first trick man at Jewell Junction, is off to the Lakes for a month. Can not say who is doing the heavy stunt during his absence.

Dispatcher Campbell spent his vacation in Milwaukee and adjacent territory.

Bro. Van Buskirk, of Bradgate, is taking a thirty-day vacation. We understand that he is at Seattle.

Bro. Lane, of Laurens, has returned from his farming stunt west of Pierre, S. D.

Bro. Rising, of Laurens, has gone to Bradgate as relief.

Bro. Herr of the night trick at Laurens, is on a vacation.

Bro. Hutchinson, of relay office, temporarily, was relieved by Bro. Tremaine, who is "bumped" in the dispatcher's office until business picks up.

A card from Bro. Doherty indicates his present location as night chief at Butte on the Coast Extension.

Some of the north end 'phones have been taken out.

Hot weather, "our business" good, and few contributions. Result, slim write-up. DIV. COR.

Minnesota Division—

A. G. Bosshard, the agent at Dover, is off a week or two, and is being relieved by J. P. Banks.

F. C. Evans drew Redwood Falls on bulletin, and the second trick at Sleepy Eye is now on the board.

Local Chairman Brown in Chicago. He was relieved as agent by Bro. Lundahl, who was relieved as day telegrapher by A. J. Walz.

E. W. Hiffernan is relieving Agent Whittlesey, of Janesville, this month. Telegrapher Jaunke holding his trick.

Mankato Junction is again closed, nights, on account of a shortage in telegraphers.

G. J. Enteman is taking a much needed rest, and is being relieved, at Claremont, by Telegrapher H. Jones. The boys will, no doubt, remember Hugh, who worked on this division a number of years ago.

L. V. Strieff, who was at Fifield Gravel Pit a month, has resigned. I am unable to say for what point he is headed this time. A new man working there at this writing. Thus far we have been unable to learn his name. DIV. COR.

Dakota Division—

Bros. H. R. Nelson and Roy Markussen held down the pit jobs the last weeks during the gravel service. The two boomers who were at the pit could not stand prosperity.

Bro. R. S. Stewart, of Arlington, second trick, managed to secure a vacation after several attempts. A South Dakota Central telegrapher, named Hobart, strolled into the "NR" office looking for work, and Roge tied him to the chair and left for Milwaukee on the first train. Mr. Hobart will have card before long.

Bro. W. L. Ford, of Lake Preston, broke the charm of dull routine by taking a few days off, being relieved by Mr. G. H. Hazen.

C. T. U. A., Sister Frances Hanson, of "BO," Brookings, enjoyed a three weeks' vacation. Most of her time was spent with her parents in Hastings, Minn., but Como Park, Minneapolis, was not overlooked by her. Mr. Schmelz, of Sleepy Eye, second trick, relieved her.

Bro. Roy Makussen is now working at Elkton, nights, and Bro. Nelson is back at Iroquois since the pit closed.

Bro. W. G. Diepolder relieved Bro. Cass, at Miller, a few days, returning to Cavour, nights, on Cass's return.

Bro. Bert Laity, of Arlington, visited his parents in Iowa a few days, Bro. Stewart relieving him.

Eight new members for June is not so bad. We are gradually cleaning the slate and a few months will see us as near solid as we can hope for. The fall's work will see a number of new men on this division, and it is to our interest to secure as many applications from these new men as we can. A number of them will stick on the division, and when business lets up about the first of the year it will find us high and dry with a membership that has never been equaled on this division. All that it asked of each member is to try to get just one application and especially to go after the non you are working with. For further organization the *Trainman* has the following to say:

"Convention is over; policies have not been changed; laws are practically the same, and we still need every man in the train and yard service in our brotherhood. You be the organizer for your lodge; get after each man who does not subscribe his name on our roster; have him with us; we protect him, and it is his duty to protect us; don't be thin-skinned about this matter; help the other fellow in, and he will help us out with our organization efforts. Get into the work now; don't wait for some one else; it is your organization; make it a good one."

That covers our case in every way. Individual effort counts.

By the time this reaches the membership we will have a new chief dispatcher. Mr. Laabs has secured a six months' leave of absence, and has decided to go into business in Wisconsin, which is his native State. Mr. Edw. Wilson is to relieve him, and with a very heavy fall's work ahead of him it is going to test Ed's ability to the utmost. Here is where the O. R. T. boys can be of considerable help in being prompt with all reports to that office, and also assist with any information that can be given.

After once getting acquainted with him and his ideas, it is not so hard to get along with Mr. Laabs, as it seemed to be at one time. He came to this division from one where personality and former record counted for little, and to come here where each man is known to the officials and judged by his work is a radical change, and is the main cause for most of the dissatisfaction

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which was so noticeable at one time. We now have a chief who is well-known, and it is hoped that we can work in harmony.

Bro. Ollie Harris relieved Bro. O. W. Alger, at Harold, while the latter rested a while. Bro. Berry, of Blunt, is also off for a while, being relieved by a new man.

June 9th Bro. Vern Postal, of Astoria, was married to Miss Elda Sill, of Minnesota Lake, Minn. After a short trip to his old home in Forest River, N. D., they returned to Astoria to take up housekeeping. Rooms have been arranged in the depot which they will occupy. This is not a surprise, as Vern has been acting queer for some number of months, but he will undoubtedly regain his former steady actions and after the newness wears off will be a common married man. The membership wishes them the "best of everything" in their new undertaking.

A double wedding occurred in De Smet, July 12th. Bro. Bernie Dwyer, of Stamford, S. D., Division No. 23, and Miss Carrie Moser, were united in marriage, and Bro. P. A. Dill, of the C. B. & Q., La Crosse Division, and Miss Matilda Moser, were made one. The ladies are sisters and their home is in Corpus Christi, Tex.

The meeting in Huron, June 24th, was not a success from an attendance point of view, but we had a very instructive meeting and enjoyed ourselves while we could. The "Old Guard" composed the attendance; if you have ever been to one of our meetings you can name the bunch. It is as Bro. Pay said: "It's just like going to lodge, same bunch all the time." Now there is no reason why we can not have better attendance. Of course, there are many who can not come, but a great many can if they will.

Bro. Paulsen gave us an interesting talk, which lasted about forty minutes. He described the Atlanta convention in an interesting manner, and also spoke on the nine-hour law, prospects for new schedule, non-members and a discussion of the various current topics was made. On the whole, more real O. R. T. talk was given than at any meeting for some time. The "non" question was gone over thoroughly, and had we had a good turnout there is no doubt but that this talk alone would have had a good effect on our membership. One member who was present has secured over thirty applications in four years.

Nearly every member present had secured at least one. The members who have not contributed at least one were the boys we hoped to see there, as they would have found out how easy it is to get new members. I have a complete list of nons and will appreciate it if each member will ask me to give them the name of one non. Then go after him and you will wonder why you didn't do it before.

P. R. C. & N. W.—

A number of washouts on this pike caused considerable delay to traffic.

Bro. Kochenderfer, of Underwood, is taking a short vacation, being relieved by Bro. Aldrich.

It is rumored that a Minneapolis company is to build a number of elevators on this line during the fall.

Some of the boys are still a little slow in answering up. Now that fall business is on, we must cut the mustard or get out and let some one do it that can.

Insurance dues are payable semi-annually now, the same as membership dues.

The committee is in Chicago. As yet nothing has been heard from them, but no trouble is expected, in the meantime tighten up for anything that might happen. Our representative on the committee is Bro. N. Paulsen, care of Kaiserhof Hotel, Chicago.

H. A. STIMSON,
De Smet, S. D.

Wisconsin Division—

Do not forget to remit local dues to your local secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. B. Boyington, 1925 Darrow Ave., Evanston, Ill. This is very important and should be attended to at once.

We were all pleased to hear of the promotion of our Chief Train Dispatcher, Mr. A. Syverson, to that of train master of the Iowa Division, with headquarters at Boone, Iowa. Although we will miss Mr. Syverson, we wish him success in his new field of labor.

Mr. L. M. Davis, our night chief, has been appointed chief to succeed Mr. Syverson. We are glad to have Mr. Davis as our chief, as he is a man who will take an interest in our welfare. He has the best wishes of our fraternity for his success.

Dispatcher D. B. McIntyre was called to Capron last week to attend the funeral of his aunt.

Bro. W. H. Brownlee, who was away for a month's vacation through the West, including a visit to the exposition at Seattle, was relieved by Telegrapher Fick.

Bro. E. C. Pennington, first trick at Highland Park, is on a two months' leave of absence, visiting his parents at Denver, Colo. He was relieved by Telegrapher Meyer, who was in turn relieved by Telegrapher Tisla, a new man.

Bro. Fred W. Anholt, agent at Highwood, was off duty a few days last week, and was called to Dane, Wis., on account of his father's sickness. He was relieved by Telegrapher Fick. At this writing Bro. Anholt's father is gaining.

For some reason the brothers have found it very difficult to get relief of late, and it seems as if there is a scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. Curtis, second trick at Central St., is waiting patiently for relief, to visit his folks in the country. Several of the brothers are in the same fix.

John S. Rice second trick man on Wis. Division, has been promoted to night chief.

Telegrapher Dugan is now working second trick in "GO" office, in place of Mr. Kramer who was recently appointed depot inspector.

Bro. Geo. A. Steward received first trick at Barrington on bulletin. Telegrapher Waggoner, of "DG" tower, Crystal Lake, has resigned and accepted position as brakeman on the Wisconsin Di-

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vision. Telegrapher Whiting, the third trick man at Crystal Lake, was off a few days celebrating the 4th. Bro. Geo. A. Steward, wife and family visited relatives at Harvard recently. We are pleased to see that the brothers at Crystal Lake are getting a new brick platform around the depot.

The agency at Crystal Lake and the second tricks at Sharon and Hunting Ave. are now on bulletin.

Bro. Frank Johnson has resumed his duties as agent at Argyle. We are all glad to see Bro. Johnson back at the old stand.

Telegrapher Ben Evanson, first trick at Mayfair, is now in the dispatcher's office holding down the car clerks' wire. We are glad to see Ben back there again. He was relieved at Mayfair by Telegrapher Guyot, formerly from Chgo. Ave.

Telegrapher A. Mole, the second trick man at Desplaines, is laying off. Bro. J. P. Montgomery, of Sharon, is relieving him, and Telegrapher Rhinehardt is working second trick at Sharon in place of Bro. Montgomery.

Telegrapher Geo. Stewart, third trick man at Jamesville, is off on a week's vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher J. C. Frusher.

L. E. Bordwell, formerly a brother on this division and recently street car conductor in Chicago, has accepted a position as day telegrapher at Lakonta, Ia., on the I. & M. Division.

Bro. P. J. Caspari is now holding down third trick at Grayland.

Agent Dibley, of Evanston, is off on a six months' leave of absence; did not hear who was relieving him.

Brothers, I must again impress on you the importance of remitting your local dues to your local secretary and treasurer at Evanston, and I would suggest that each and every brother of you remit for the year in advance, as the assessment is very small, and by remitting a year in advance instead of each month will save a great deal of time for our local secretary and treasurer, as he does not wish to encumber his books with such small items from so many.

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Madison Division—

Bro. W. H. Williamson, the agent at Sullivan, was recently taken sick and Bro. Elsner, who was working third trick at Waukesha, was sent to relieve him. Mr. J. H. Hughes in turn relieved Art. at Waukesha.

Bro. J. E. Keans, who has been touring the West for a month or more, has been driving and taking in the country around Deerfield, so he will be well informed in the situation when he takes charge of this station, which will be in a few days. This will give Bro. Welch a chance to get back to his old job, third trick at Monona yard.

Bro. J. J. Schleck, third trick at tower "PD," is off on a month's vacation. He is spending most of his time at Dodgeville. Bro. J. S. Lewis, who has been working the first trick at Caledonia, is relieving him.

Bro. F. S. Cain has taken charge of Caledonia first trick, and has moved his family from Oregon. Bro. A. C. Matzek has the second and Bro. T. A. Corcoran the third trick at Caledonia.

Bro. S. W. Stephens, the agent at Cuba City, has been on a vacation, part of the time being spent on his farm in Dakota. Bro. C. L. Cottingham relieved him.

Bro. C. M. Cronk, agent at Montfort, made his parents a visit a couple of days recently. They live at Onalaska.

The steam shovel that has been loading chatt from the mines near Hazel Green has been taken to Verona pit, and now they are using it to load gravel to be used on the track between South Madison and Montfort. A telegraph office has been opened at Verona pit, and J. R. Starry has charge of it.

Bro. P. M. Keefe has returned from his honeymoon trip to the Pacific Coast, and resumed work at South Baraboo, relieving Bro. F. E. Wickern for a day and C. C. Hinners for several days.

Bro. A. L. Crump, agent Kendalls, is on a trip through Nebraska and other Western points. He was relieved by Bro. W. Langenhan, who works third trick at Reedsburg.

Paul Wolf, an extra telegrapher from Merrimac, had charge of Oregon second trick for a few days, when he was relieved by Bro. A. L. Clark, of Lodi.

Mr. H. R. Koch, of the dispatchers' office, is on his annual vacation. His turn comes after that of Mr. J. D. I. DeSaulle, who is back on the south end again.

Our genial chief goes on his vacation August 1st. Probably he will take along his Royal typewriter and send us a few notes, as he has the agency for these machines. Several of them are in use in the office.

We have another salesman in the Baraboo office in the person of F. E. Warner, who has the "Junior," which is one of the smallest and cheapest typewriters on the market. Your correspondent has one on which he gets out his write-ups, and he finds that they do the work in good shape.

Our local chairman, Bro. L. F. Schneider, is in Chicago on committee work. Bro. Sampson, from Dodgeville, is relieving him at Dousman.

Mr. E. D. Wilson is relieving Bro. Langenhan on the third trick at Reedsburg.

News is pretty scarce this month, probably because there are no extra men for relief. There are many who would like to take their vacation these days.

Seventeen new members the first twenty days in July is the best record for any month and the cause of it is that our committee was going in. This goes to show that the men realize the advantage of collective bargaining. We have our labor to sell and the company is the buyer. We send our committee down to try to get the best possible price for our labor and the company has the officials to try and get our labor as cheaply as they can. Experience has taught us that we get the best results this way. We hope they will be able to get a good price, that is, a good schedule.

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Northern District—

Before this is in print the general committee of the Omaha Ry. will probably be convening with the management for a revision of the schedule to better the working conditions as well as the wages of the telegraphers and telephoners, and it is unnecessary to say that they will need the co-operation of every telegrapher and telephoner on the system. It should be the height of every good member's ambition to see that everybody is lined up solid. Otherwise we cannot expect any great concessions. There are not many nons left on our division, but there are always a few, and if you don't keep after them they eventually become more and more numerous, so every member should keep his eyes peeled and weed them out as fast as they show up. Above all things, keep up your interest in the work of the Order, as well as your dues. Some members pay their dues, but outside of that they don't turn a hand; they think "Well, if I don't do this or that, some other brother will, or if he don't he ought to, as he has more time on his hands than I have." Now, right here I want to say that this isn't the proper feeling, so wake up and keep awake.

The writer has asked several members for notes, but up to the present time the postoffice department has not been burdened with surplus mail, nor put on any extra help. It is unnecessary, or at least should be, to comment on this lack of interest on the part of the members, unless you are all satisfied with the way things are running.

Two new members have been initiated into the Order this month. They are Bro. Groves, third trick at Cable, and Bro. W. G. Lowrey, foner at South Range. There are only eight nons left on the north end who have an idea that the Order can exist on hot air. I sometimes wonder if these same nons realize that it took more than hot air or oily tongues to get the concessions they are enjoying without even a "thank you" for our trouble.

General Chairman W. J. Liddane was in Chicago with the C. & N.-W. committee, which is conferring with the Northwestern officials for a revision of their schedule.

Bro. T. N. Scott relieved Bro. Christie while the former is enjoying his honeymoon. Mr. Putnam, the agent at Cumberland, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Peterson, who was relieved by Bro. Steiner. The second trick is held by Bro. Odegard. Cable has three tricks now, with Bro. Groves in charge. There is a new man at Barronett third trick named Patterson.

Result of June bulletins:

Valley Junction third trick was assigned to G. A. Norman.

Woodville third trick was bid in by J. A. Kneer.

Barronett third trick went to E. T. Odegard.

Duluth first trick was drawn by A. C. Dimock.

Radisson agent-telegrapher position was assigned to S. L. Shepard.

At this writing the boys on the Ashland are having all the work they can handle, especially around Ashland Junction and Mason. It has been raining continuously for the last three or four days, a cloudburst up there having washed out considerable roadbed between Mason and Ashland, and Ashland Junction and Bayfield. The track was so bad that they had to annul all passenger and freight trains between those points. As the weather has moderated, it will only be a question of a day or two before trains will run as per schedule.

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Eastern District, Wisconsin Division—

Bro. H. P. Goodwin, regular second trick man at Spooner, who was laying off for about six weeks, was pressed into service to relieve Bro. Balgord, who is on his wedding tour. Bro. Goodwin has now returned to Spooner and Bro. O. L. Kvool is doing the second trick stunt at Elroy yard.

Bro. W. J. Liddane, general chairman, has just returned from Chicago, where he attended the meeting of the C. & N.-W. general committee, and also the meeting of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, which was held in the Southern Hotel, Chicago, July 12th and 13th. The meetings were attended by the grand officers of the telegraphers, switchmen, machinists, railway clerks, boilermakers, blacksmiths and others, and is expected to be productive of good results in the near future. The C. & N.-W. committee at this time have presented their proposition to that company and expect to be down to actual negotiations in a short time. It is reasonably certain that by the time this appears in print the Omaha committee will be in conference with the management for the purpose of revising the schedule. Every effort is now being made by the local committees to secure the applications of the few remaining nons. There are grievances to be adjusted at this session which affect every telegrapher and telephoner on this railroad, and it is only the plain duty of these men to at least give their financial and moral support to the organization which is demanding fair treatment and working conditions for them. Now is the time of all times when their support is needed and in this connection it is well to say that no member is doing his duty at this time who does not go out into the highways and byways and secure the application of every eligible non.

The telephone men especially should be organized solidly for obvious reasons.

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Minnesota and Iowa Division—

One might think the members on the M. & I. Division a dead bunch, judging from no mention of it in our journal the past two or three issues, but such is not the case. We have just simply failed to connect. Although last month we tried hard to get the items in on time they were too late for the publication. In the future we will strive to get them in on time.

Such a great number of changes have been made that we are not in a position to make mention of

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them all. Were we a mind reader we think we might give a better idea of these changes, but as we are not, and the boys will not notify us of the changes, we will have to give you what we have been able to gather.

Bro. Shier is packing up his household goods and personal effects, destined for Lake Wilson, where he will hang out his shingle.

Bro. Robert Jamieson is nicely located in his new position at Vernon Center.

Bro. B. Tonstad has returned from his vacation, which releases Bro. Watson, who has been relieving Bro. Tonstad at Miloma.

A large meeting, principally of exclusive agents from the C. & N.-W. and the M. & I. Division of the Omaha, was held at Mankato during the early part of July. We understand there were fifty-four present, including the division superintendents from the Omaha and the C. & N.-W. and their chief clerks. A sub-committee composed of Messrs. Sisterman of Belle Plaine, Hale of Windom and two from the C. & N.-W., met at Mankato again on the 22d. These meetings should be well attended, as it affords a great opportunity for the men and their division officers to become better acquainted. It also gives the men an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas, selecting the better to be applied in their capacity as representatives of the company.

We have several new "telephoners" on the division, working in the capacity of trainmen. The company is instructing the conductors to get their own train orders and instructions at Nichols fone office, which is a great saving to the company, as it does away with the necessity of maintaining a telegrapher or telephoner at that place.

We are indeed glad to know that our old friend Fairfield is able to resume duty at St. James.

Business on the M. & I. is certainly on the hummer.

Bro. A. E. Stemple, of St. Peter, is taking a couple of months' vacation; relieved by Mr. Rosenhauer.

Bro. Price held down the day position at Le Sueur a few days while Bro. Axt was having a run of la grippe.

Bro. R. A. Mann is enjoying his vacation; relieved by Bro. L. M. Kilberg, of Minneopa, who in turn was relieved by Bro. C. R. Williams. Bro. Mann is now visiting with his parents, relatives and friends at Windom.

Bro. Brady has returned to his old haunts at Blakeley after a few months' relief work at Vernon Center.

Mr. I. O. Kragness is doing the relief work at Lake Wilson until such a time as Bro. Shier arrives. We understand that he then goes to Savage to look after Dan Patch.

Results of the July assignments are as follows:

Carnes, E. M. Thompson; Beaver Creek, F. E. Anderson; Savage, G. W. Martin; Cliff, M. E. Haggerty; Heron Lake, R. L. Hart.

We understand the C. & N.-W. general committee has taken a short adjournment.

Mr. A. M. Card, dispatcher at St. James, commences his annual vacation July 26th. He will be missed.

Our brilliant attempt to give a write-up of the convention was evidently received at headquarters too late for publication. It is so late now that we will not make another attempt, as you are all in possession of the proceedings of the convention, which will give you a fair idea of what was done there.

The outlook at the present time is that Southern Minnesota has never had as prosperous looking times as right now. Crops are looking exceptionally good throughout the State, and if nothing unlooked for happens, business will be the best this fall it has been in twenty years. Here's hoping nothing happens. CERT. 251.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. Frank Carney, first trick at North Yard, is taking a vacation of a few weeks, being relieved by Bro. Hutton, of the second trick, who in turn is relieved by Bro. Hammer, a new man on the division, but reported to be an old-timer from the South, and strictly up to date. That's the kind we like to see come to this pike.

Bro. Marr, at Fort Calhoun, is very busy these days with his express, berries and fruits of all kinds. Makes him think of a trip to the mountains to get cooled off. He expects to go to Colorado on a vacation in a few weeks.

Bro. Dean, who relieved at Tekamah for a time, has gone to Lyons as telegrapher, and Bro Mathews, the regular man at Tekamah, has resumed duty. He has been in South Dakota garnering his crop, and says he will have a nice little stake this fall. That's better than railroading.

Bro. Hammer relieved Mr. Bubb, night man at Wakefield, a few nights.

Crofton now boasts of another one of the old places being reopened, and Mr. L. G. Hallisy is the man at the key.

Bro. Dangaard has moved to Emerson, where he is working second trick until Bro. Wood is through relieving in the dispatchers' office. Bro. Wilson and Mr. Hallisy had to work twelve-hour stunts a few days recently on account of Bro. Dangaard being ill.

Bro. Larson, agent at Nacora, withdrew his bid for the agency at Newcastle, and will stay at Nacora. Bro. Carl Ferber, from Maskell, was the lucky man for Newcastle, and has been installed there. Maskell is now open for bids. Bro. G. W. Smith, who has been relieving at Newcastle for some time, returns to the Jackson agency.

We understand that there will be a vacancy at Ferry, soon, owing to one of the boys making a slopover on an order. Be careful, that's bad business, and is what causes some of the bad wrecks we read of. We can't use too much care in handling train orders; let nothing else come ahead of them.

Mr. W. D. Whitaker, the agent at Hubbard, took a few days' vacation and visited his brother

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at Winside and friends on the line. He was relieved by Mr. L. E. Foster, a new man on the road.

Bro. Jones, telegrapher at Wayne, is taking a vacation of about three weeks, and is visiting friends and others in Niobrara. He will go to Crawford and further west before returning. Relieved by Telegrapher Hale, a new man.

Bro. Crouch Hoskins is contemplating a trip to Hot Springs, S. D., for the benefit of his wife's health, she having been very poorly for a number of months. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Western Maryland Ry.

Mr. Welty, the agent at Sudbrook, was off a week on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. Lindsay, of Westminster.

Bro. Lindsay, while relieving Mr. Welty, was relieved by Mr. Angle.

Bro. Karmany, of Wingerton, was off a few days last month; relieved by Telegrapher Harvey.

Telegrapher Rohrbaugh relieved Telegrapher O'Malley, on the second trick at Mt. Wilson. O'Malley working the second trick at Walbrook during the regular man's absence.

Telegrapher Spillman, who has been working as relief man, has been assigned to the second trick at Hagerstown, "G" office.

Telegrapher Damuth, who has been working second trick at "G" office, has been transferred to Thurmont.

Bro. Morrison, who has been working third trick at Thurmont, now works the third trick.

Telegrapher Lewis, a recent acquisition, is going to Pearre; can not say at this time which trick he takes.

Bro. Tuck went from second trick at Emory Grove to second trick at Walbrook.

Telegrapher Sterner went from first trick at Walbrook to second trick at the same place.

The write-up for this month will not be a thing to be very proud of, but, fellows, it's the best I can do, because I have been receiving very few items, so can not go as "strong" as I would like to. Once again, I ask you to let me have a bit of news or humor for verily: "A little humor now and then, is relished by the best of men."

"SHORTY."

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Southern Division—

Bro. Marshall has returned to his duties as agent at Brownsville Junction, after having a few months' needed rest. We are pleased to state that he is feeling much better.

Telegrapher Lyons has been transferred from Brownsville Junction to Searsport.

Telegrapher Clapman is doing the day stunt at Brownsville.

W. M. Kelley, from North Maine Junction, second trick, to North Bangor agency.

Bro. Bates, of "WB" dispatching office, recently enjoyed one week's vacation.

Bro. Cutler was working the split trick in "WB" for a week recently, but is now holding first trick on District No. 2.

Bro. Curtis is doing the relief dispatching while the other boys are on vacations, and Bro. Kearney doing dispatching and other telegraphing on same account.

The scribe made an error in getting at H. A. Austin's title in the last write-up. It should have been "Mr." instead of "Bro." But, however, Mr. Austin used to carry an up-to-date card, and claims he will be with us again soon.

Bro. Reynolds is still relieving at Shirley.

Bro. E. X. Wilson was relieved at Sangerville recently. Bro. McGown is there permanently, having landed it on bulletin.

E. J. McCarron was relieving Bro. Keriston at Gailford recently.

Bro. M. W. Flyat, of "CD" office, Bangor, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation recently.

Bro. C. D. Kelley, of "KX" dispatching office, took a week off recently, and visited relatives and friends in St. John, N. B.

Those who have not paid dues for the current term should do so at once, and keep in good standing.

Better times coming, boys. Cheer up.

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Texas & Pacific Ry.

Mr. Harrison has returned to work after a sixty days' rest. He was relieved by Bro. Adams, who is now at his regular post at "BN," Ft. Worth.

Mr. Malone, third trick at St. L. & S. W. Crossing, is relieving Bro. Hornbright, third trick at Whitesboro. Bro. Hornbright is relieving the split trick man who is off on a vacation.

Mr. Chance, who is at Tioga, has lost considerable time lately on account of sickness. He is at work now, we understand.

Bro. Harris is planning a vacation next month.

Mr. Dalan was sick one day this week; relieved by Mr. Burford, an extra man.

I would like to see some one else make an effort to say a few words. We hardly know what is going on at the next station.

Bro. Torbert, of Black Hawk, made a flying trip to New Orleans and Thibodaux last week.

Our local chairman, Bro. Douglas, is laying off for a couple of weeks, and is spending most of his time at Rapides with relatives.

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Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

Regular stated communication of Chicago Division of System Division, No. 93, O. R. T., met at Gilam, Ill., July 10th. Bro. Searl presiding. Officers present Bro. Searl, Bro. Barr, secretary. Officers appointed pro tem: Bro. Hupp, second vice; Bro. Poe, inside sentinel; Bro. Cailey, marshal. Visiting brothers present: Bro. R. L. Shannon, of Anna, Ill.

After the usual routine of business, Bro. Shannon gave us quite an interesting talk on the good of the Order.

"We are at a loss to understand why the brothers do not make an effort to attend our

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meetings. The last two meetings were attended by only ten members, and we are sorry to say not one of them is working days on an eight-hour trick. Boys, this looks very, very bad, we are endeavoring to make these meetings a school of instruction, for the information and schooling of one and all. Some time ago Bro. Cailey introduced a motion, which was seconded and carried, that the local chairman be empowered to invite the various officials to attend these meetings, and give us such instruction as the brethren should desire on any part of their work, and this will be done if the members will take the necessary interest to attend and show by their action that they have a desire to be instructed, and qualify for the better discharge of their respective duties.

"Is it possible that you who do not attend have learned it all, and sit back and congratulate yourselves on the theory, 'That one small head can contain it all?'

"Where are the men who are working only eight hours, first trick? Come boys, you surely have more interest in the welfare of the Order than this. Some of the faithful ones attend every meeting and are working twelve hour tricks. They get home just in time to go to work next day. Some of you work eight-hour first tricks and when we meet in your city you do not attend the meetings. Surely there is something wrong. These meetings are very interesting and we get much benefit by attending them. Surely you can come once a month? Let each and every one show his interest by attending the meetings."

It has been suggested to your worthy scribe, that quite a few of the brethren do not fully understand just how, and for what purpose the money paid into the Order for dues is accounted for and distributed, and there has been some complaint as to the amount of money paid into the Order, some thinking their dues excessive; for the information of those who do not fully understand what becomes of their money I would suggest that you read closely the constitution, which will fully explain to you just how the money is divided and applied to the Grand Division Journal, Protective and Convention Funds. By reading the supplement issued with the June issue of the journal you will see a full report of all moneys received and distribution of same.

While the "MC" tower at Matteson is out of service and being moved to make room for overhead bridge of the Joliet & Southern Electric Railway, the telegraphers at that point worked in the depot, eight-hour tricks, the third man having been put on.

Bro. C. E. Baugh was given the third trick. He worked from June 2d to June 21st, and was then transferred to Loda to work as relief agent.

Bro. Addams, of Loda, was off duty a week or ten days, on account of sickness. We learn that he has resigned to accept employment with West Bros. Grain Co. at Manteno, Ill.

Telegrapher F. Bradley relieved Bro. Baugh at Matteson, Bradley is a new man on the I. C., coming from the "Tip-up."

Bro. H. Gidinghagen, regular night man at Matteson, is off duty for three weeks, visiting folks in Missouri; relieved by Bro. C. D. Ikerd, another new man on the I. C.

Bro. L. P. Cailey, who has been off on vacation for twenty days, returned to work June 12th. Unable to say who relieved Bro. Cailey.

Bro. C. J. McGauley has secured first trick at Paxton on bulletin.

Bro. J. E. Wolf received third trick at Paxton, regular, on bulletin.

Bro. R. C. Spangler is working second trick at Paxton, on account of Bro. Stone's laying off.

Bro. Snyderjohn, of Rantoul, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Fitzpatric.

Extra Telegrapher Ikerd, at Matteson, has resigned to accept a position with the E. J. & E. Mr. Ikerd was relieved by Mr. R. J. McCann.

Sister Mrs. Grace Williams, of Melvin, is off on ten days' vacation, being relieved by a Mr. Jenson.

Bro. Crannel, of Tolono, is being relieved by a Mr. Campbell.

Bro. Robinson, of Effingham, was off a couple of days on account of the death of his father; relieved by Mr. Overlan.

Bro. Newman, of Tolono, is off for thirty days vacation; relieved by Overlan.

We are glad to state that Bro. D. J. O'Connel, of Cooksville, has paid his dues, and has advised Bro. Morrison that he is not, now, and never has been running a ham factory, as stated in last month's journal.

We hereby apologize to Bro. O'Connel, for the error. The item was sent in and reported as received; thanks for the correction.

Bro. Sedinghagen is back, nights, at Matteson on regular job.

We are grieved to chronicle the death of Bro. A. J. Dion's little daughter, aged 5 years. The report came to us as we were just in the act of sending the items to press, and we are unable to state what action has been taken by the division, but feel sure that suitable flowers and resolutions of sympathy will be sent Bro. Dion, who is agent at Homewood. J. F. C.

We are sorry to advise the brothers that R. E. Morrow, of Gilman, still advises us "nothing doing," and it appears he has become a professional non. He offers no more excuses and seems to take offense when we mention O. R. T. to him.

We note he is glad to accept the $62.50 per, for eight hours' work. He continues to eat out of the O. R. T. trough, and does not even grunt an appreciation of the good feed we have secured for him. Strange, isn't it?

W. H. MORRISON,
Local Chairman.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst and from her family, the mother of Bro. J. R. Esler, and while we humbly say, "Thy will be done," and feel that labor is over and refreshment began, we can not but feel the void left in the hearts of this family; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to the members of this family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. A. AULD,
D. J. BUCKLEY,
F. A. THOMAS,
Committee.

Chicago, Ill., July 7, 1909.

Tennessee Division—

Everything is seemingly quiet; however, there is quite a lot of bananas moving northward at present, while the vegetable traffic is much lighter than a month ago.

There are a few changes taking place among home boys, outsiders not standing much show, for I don't think there has been a new man hired for some time; in fact, very few since the panic almost two years ago. The following are among the changes that have taken place since the last writing:

Bro. Etling, third trick at Ballard Junction, was at home a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bros. Bailengo and Mead.

Bro. Sowrey, regular man at Illinois Junction, is doing a little extra agency work at present; relieved by Telegraphers Reagin and Carter.

Bro. G. R. Michael, the first trick man at Winford, has resumed duty after a vacation of over thirty days. We trust he has entirely recovered from the injury he received on account of a speeder getting off the track. We suppose that the reason the job was not bulletined was because it was uncertain when he would return to work.

Bro. O. H. Dishon, second trick at Winford, has been seriously ill for the past week, necessitating first and third trick telegraphers doubling.

Bro. W. P. Hardaway, of Michigan City, resumed work after being off several months on account of sickness. Bro. R. L. Baird, of Hickory Valley, is off a few days, and is being relieved by Bro. J. M. Graves, from Oxford.

Telegrapher Butler, from the N. C. St. L., is holding Bro. Graves' place at Oxford.

Bro. J. W. Barnett, the third trick telegrapher at Holly Springs, is off thirty days, and is being relieved by Bro. E. E. Greer, an extra man.

Bro. Wm. Shane has asked for relief for thirty days.

Bro. E. M. Matthews, of Oxford, has resigned as telegrapher and is at present working as clerk at that point.

Bro. W. R. Fleming, of Grand Junction, was married a few days ago, and unbeknown to anyone drove through the country to LaGrange, boarding the train there instead of Grand Junction, escaping the rice shower. I think quite a number were disappointed, because they expected them to depart from Grand Junction, and had prepared for the occasion. They will visit Bro. Fleming's home-folks and friends at Curve, Tenn., while away.

Bro. Wooldridge, second trick man at Fulton, Ky., ticket office, has been off several days, on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Scott, extra man.

Bro. B. M. Poynter, of Martin Tenn., has asked for relief, and expects to visit Dawson Springs and Lookout Mountain. His wife and daughter will acompany him. He needs the recreation, as he has served some thirty-eight years or more continuously as a telegrapher and agent for the railroad. His daughter, Miss Florence, has just returned from an extensive trip through the West, visiting several places of interest.

We understand that Telegrapher Maxwell, of Jackson yards, has resigned as third trick man, and has gone to Thayer, Mo., with the Frisco.

Bro. Blackwell, from the second trick at Dyersburg, bid in the regular third trick at Frogmoor, better known as Jackson yards.

The telephones are becoming a reality on this division at last, but it seems that they should, as they have been working on them for a long time. The entire Louisville Division, so I understand, is now being assisted by telephones in the handling of trains, as is that part of the Tennessee Division known as "The Peco," from Paducah, Ky., to Memphis, Tenn. I also understand that they will complete the remaining part of this division soon. It is a cinch we will have some consolation, if it is nothing more than that had by the boy when he went to bid his best girl farewell, after being in school with her for several months; it was this: "Well, Miss Agnes, I do hate to leave you, but I lived a long time before I ever met you, and I guess I will live just as long if I never meet you again." Quite a number of us lived a long time before we ever worked, or rather slaved, for the railroad companies, and *we will live a great deal longer if we never work another day for them*, don't you think?

I want to thank each one that sent me items, and will thank you to continue.

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Louisiana Division—

A rousing meeting was held at Jackson, Miss., July 4th, with a good attendance. Local Chairman Miller presided, Bros. Serrett acted as secretary, Bro. Sanders as first vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Moon as second vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Twyman as past chief telegrapher, Bro. Head as marshal, Bro. Ecker as inside guard, and Bro. Freeman did duty as outside guard. We were much disappointed because Col. Montgomery, local chairman of the Y. & M. V. and the "Little J" boys failed to appear. The goat was all in readiness for W. B. West, who promised to be on hand,

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but at the last minute Billy got cold feet and did not show up.

Our regular meeting at McComb, Sunday night, July 11th, was a record-breaker, both in attendance and enthusiasm. Two candidates, in the persons of C. S. Rand and W. G. Bennett, presented themselves for initiation, throwing themselves upon the mercy of our goat, who performed very creditably. Several applications for membership were balloted upon. The proposed Bond Co. was heartily endorsed, and nearly all the boys pledged themselves to subscribe liberally. Several violations of the nine-hour law were reported, and referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Our next meeting at McComb will be held in our new hall, known as Clemment Hall, thoroughly up to date, with electric fans and icewater.

We are glad to report only three delinquents from last term who have fallen by the wayside, namely: C. L. Campbell, Independence, La.; R. S. Brent, Magnolia, Miss.; G. L. Robertson, Jackson, Miss. One case of the usual hard luck and the other two absolute indifference.

There has been another change in chief dispatchers at McComb. Effective July 4th, Mr. J. B. Yellowley resigned and was succeeded by Mr. C. S. Brill.

Sister Florence Furlow, telegrapher at Canton, Miss., has returned from an extended vacation trip, taking in Eastern and Canadian points of interest.

Bro. Maurice Oliver, late of Frenier, La., has been assigned to the second trick at "UD," McComb, on bulletin, and Bro. J. C. Ammins from Hammond, La., assigned to third trick at Yazoo City on bulletin.

Bro. T. G. Garth, "BD," New Orleans, has returned from that dear old Texas, having spent his vacation with relatives near Beaumont.

Bro. J. W. Thompson, nights at "MO," McComb, spent some time at San Antonio, Texas, where he left Mrs. Thompson for her health.

Bro. C. C. Wilson, first trick at "UD," McComb, took in the Elks convention at Los Angeles, and reports a swell time.

The office at Incline, La., has been reopened with two men, nine hours each. Bro. M. Carroll, late of the T. & P., first trick, and Bro. Geo. Muller second trick.

The new office and interlocking plant at junction of N. O. & G. N. with the I. C., just south of Jackson, Miss., is called Nogan. Filled with three men, all nons.

The following are new members since our last report: C. S. Rand, cashier and ticket agent at Hammond, La.; C. D. Ross, second trick at Hammond, La.; J. C. Ammons, third trick at Yazoo City; B. W. Pearson, McComb, Miss.; W. G. Bennett, Gulletts, La.; W. B. West, Madison, Miss.; J. C. McLaurine, Arcola, La.; T. L. Lowry, Harahan Junction, La.; D. L. Laxton, New Orleans.

Bro. W. L. Myers, late of New Mexico, has accepted the position of chief clerk to Division Passenger Agent McDougall at New Orleans, vice G. B. Stewart, resigned.

The sub-general committee convened at Anna, Ill., on August 2d to frame the proposed new schedule, which will be presented to the management in due time. It has been three years since our last revision, and conditions have changed considerably. Overtime and hours out of line on account of the nine-hour law, cost of living materially increased have caused many "low joints" in our wage scale. There is no doubt that the management, as in the past, will see the justice of our demands, and our conditions will be improved materially.

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St. Louis Division—

On account of the hot weather and the difficulty of obtaining relief, there has been no meeting at Carbondale for some time, but one will be called in the very near future, and upon such notice being issued it is the desire that every one who possibly can shall attend.

Position of third trick at "NY," Centralia, is on bulletin. Good job for a man who is not afraid of work. The position is held temporarily by A. C. Dale.

We have received applications from most all the nons in the past sixty days, and feel highly elated over the fact, but there are still two or three desirables whom we hope to reach before this is in print. Boys, keep after any non-members in your locality. If the organization is good for you, it is good for them. Tell them about it, get them interested, and get their applications.

Bro. H. L. Patterson, nights at "HN," Mounds, is off for a couple of weeks seeing the sights in St. Louis.

The company is erecting a new telegraph office in the park at Carbondale which will be completed by the first of August. The force of telegraphers now in "DA" and "CD" will occupy the new office, leaving sufficient men in "DA" office to handle the tickets and Western Union business.

We understand that Bro. McClelland, formerly of Carterville, bid in the "NY," Centralia, vacancy, but has given it up to go into the restaurant business.

Bro. W. E. Rash is relieving Bro. Downs at Ullin for thirty days or more, his job at "UN," Mounds, being filled by Mr. Lehey, a new man, who promises to be with us this month.

Bro. G. E. Chance, of Mounds, spent a two weeks' vacation in Indiana and was relieved by Bro. Correll, of Chicago office.

Bro. A. M. Winstead, of Wetaug, is taking a thirty-day vacation, looking after his farm in Washington State. He is being relieved by Bro. W. M. Sawrey, from the Cairo terminal.

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Omaha Division—

Bro. Garrick is working days at Parkersburg, relieving Bro. Cooper, who is acting as agent during the regular agent's absence. A new man named Wightman is working nights, but has not

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been in the business long enough to make application. Bros. Cooper and Garrick can probably do the necessary when he has qualified.

Understand the new agent at Macy wears the button, but can not say where he belongs. Some of the brothers down that way should have him transfer to No. 93.

Bros. Van Meter and Arenson are working overtime since Bro. Brake was drowned.

Bro. Fear having bid in the agency at Duncombe, was relieved by Bro. E. J. Wiggs at Alden until regular appointment has been made.

The regular agent at Webster City having returned, Bros. Empie, Smith and French are now working their regular hours at Webster City, Bro. Locki having been transferred to Tara second trick to relieve Bro. Ritchie, who was called away on business. We understand that Bro. Ritchie has been granted sixty days leave of absence, and that he promised upon his return to have his membership transferred to Division No. 93.

Bro. Knight, who bid in Rockwell City agency, has been transferred from Duncombe, and has moved his family to their new home. Bro. Knight will find plenty to do in his new position.

Bro. Cronk, the new third trick man at Tara, who is on vacation, must like the country along the Pacific coast, as he is staying the limit. The telegraphers at Tara are now joint with the M. & St. L. at that point. Undoubtedly the salary will be increased with the increase in work.

Bro. Reisinger, of Sherwood, is enjoying a well-earned vacation; relieved by a new man whose name we do not know.

Bro. Penny, of Denison, returned from Atlanta looking as fresh and fine as when he departed. The brothers must have used him well while he was away.

We do not seem to be able to get the brothers from west of Arion to attend the meetings. They should be able to send a few members from that district. Bro. Schrader, of Omaha, has been the only one who has shown up at the last four meetings.

The brothers were all pained to learn of the death of A. P. Brake, who was drowned in the Iowa River at Iowa Falls, during the afternoon of July 13th, while attempting to save the life of a young lady who fell from a boat in which a party of young folks were enjoying the afternoon. The remains of the young lady and Bro. Brake were found about three hours after the accident a short distance from where they were last seen. Miss Bruce was a resident of Iowa Falls, and after being removed from the water her remains were taken to the home of her parents. Bro. Brake was taken to the home of his parents at Dow City, Iowa, from which place the funeral was held at 10 a. m., July 16th. In the death of Bro. Brake the company lost one of its best telegraphers, and the Order a loyal member.

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CARD OF THANKS.

Myself and family desire to thank the members of Division No. 93, for their aid during my late misfortune. Although words can not express our feeling, we hope that this will convey to you in some measure the gratitude we feel.

P. D. ROBY,
340 E. Orchard, Decatur, Ill.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Memphis Division—

There have been quite a number of changes on the "Valley" since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Strub, third trick at Greenwood, is off a few days, visiting friends and relatives at Ghenada; relieved by Mr. Manson, of the Sou. Ry.

Bro. Knight, second trick man at Tutwiler, was off a few days, on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Powers, an extra man.

Bro. Tucker, third trick man at Tutwiler, was off a few days, visiting friends at Lake View and Memphis; relieved by Mr. Mitchell, an extra man.

Mr. Gibson, first trick man at Tutwiler, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. C. Hall, an extra agent and telegrapher.

Mr. Humphreys, "H," at Greenwood, claims there is no need of him joining us. He says, "What's the use for me to join, I get the same benefit as you fellows do, and I don't pay for it either." Isn't that the limit?

Mr. F. S. Dobrowolski (better known as Doby), the old-timer at "MS," Memphis dispatcher's office, worked the L. E. District, while the regular dispatcher was on vacation. Mr. J. L. Weissinger worked days at "MS," and Bro. Parrish did the night stunt while "Doby" was dispatching.

There has been a sand pit opened at Howard, on the Tchula district, lately; two or three work trains are handling the sand to the Talla District.

Mr. Dungan, the agent at Charleston, died suddenly on the night of July 1st. We were unable to get particulars.

Bro. R. L. Anderson has returned from his vacation, and reports a pleasant time. He worked a few days for his brother at Robinsonville on his arrival, but will go back to his old stand at Tunica soon.

Bro. Schmullen has been transferred from second trick at Coahoma to the agency at Banks. He was relieved at Coahoma by Mr. Hirsch, an extra telegrapher.

Bro. Holmes has been transferred from first trick at Coahoma to the agency at Darling.

Mr. W. B. Simpson is holding the agency at Vance. Mr. Simpson is from the L. & N. Ry. Promises to do the needful first pay day.

Bro. J. A. Bondurant, the agent at Inverness, is taking a vacation, on account of the illness of his wife; relieved by Bro. Horton.

Bro. J. C. Henry was the lucky bidder on the Ruleville agency.

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Bro. L. S. Bradley and wife, of Belzona, attended the reunion at Memphis. He was relieved by his son, Bro. E. S. Bradley.

Bro. J. G. Howell, the agent at Drew, is spending most of his time on the road with the Drew Baseball Team. They say he is fine on "highballs."

Bro. Stokely, the agent at Parchman, made a trip to Memphis to see "Prohibition," but says he could not locate it; relieved by Bro. "Spag" Stokely.

Boys, let's get busy and have a good write-up every month. If we don't get the dope, we can not write it up. Send all notes to Bro. W. M. Furlong, Clarksdale. CERT. 1988.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.

Bro. McCrillis, of Deiterich, was off a few days in June, on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. C. F. Guzman.

We understand that Billings, of Wheeler, made a special trip to Olney in June.

Bro. Melton relieved Bro. Fox at Stoy, while the latter was attending the convention.

R. L. Francis, of Robinson, was off a day or two; Agent Morenous did his work while he was absent.

C. G. Ault, of Palestine, was off a few nights in June; relieved by Bro. Guzman.

C. R. Chrisman, second trick at Palestine, resigned; bulletin not up.

W. M. Johnson, agent at Merom, was off a few days in June, and was relieved by a new man named F. J. Reed, who absconded with the receipts of the office the following Monday after being checked in Saturday. Bro. Guzman, of Sullivan, was sent there to take charge of the office. He was relieved by Bro. Cummings, third trick at Sullivan; Guzman returning to Sullivan to fill Cummings' trick, until the return of Bro. Johnson, who is off on account of sickness in his family.

The second trick at Sullivan has been bulletined, and the position filled by Bro. McCord.

The second trick at Bloomington has been filled by I. E. Merrick, from third trick, and C. G. Ault (extra), who had been working second trick. was put on third trick.

Bro. J. S. Milam, agent at Helmsburg, who has been enjoying a thirty days' vacation, returned to work June 1st.

F. Lanham, an extra man, filled Morgantown, nights, while Bro. Sherrill did the day stunt, relieving Bro. Wentz, who was off visiting his folks in the northern part of the State.

J. G. Shepherd, who had been working extra at Anita pending bulletin, was the successful applicant for second trick at Palestine.

J. Melton was the successful applicant for the agency at Anita.

Telegrapher J. G Shepherd has been sent to Oblong for a couple of weeks; relieving Cashier Dalrymple.

C. G. Ault, of Palestine, was off two days; relieved by F. Lanham, who is now relieving J. G. Shepherd on second trick.

Bro. W. E. Wood, first trick at Palestine, was off duty a couple of days on account of the death of his mother-in-law; relieved by L. R. Yuill.

Bro. D. C. Warneck, third trick at Linton, was off a week or ten days recently; relieved by Bro. R. C. Lasley.

Bro. Green, first trick at Linton, was off a few days on account of a sprained wrist; relieved by L. R. Yuill.

H. Shepherd has been transferred to Victoria, vice D. C. Warnick, who has accepted the third trick at Linton.

Bro. Fox, the agent at Stoy, returned from the convention via Washington, D. C., relieving J. Melton.

Bro. McCord, of the second trick at Sullivan, is off a few days; relieved by Lanham.

J. J. O'Neil has gone to Anita, relieving Melton; Melton resigned.

Merrick, of Bloomington, is off a few days; relieved by Lanham.

Telegrapher L. R. Yuill has left the service of the I. S. Do not know what his intentions are.

A. H. Turney, formerly day telegrapher for the I. S. at Bloomington, has accepted a position with the Monon as relief agent, and is now at Bloomfield for fifteen days. Bro. Turney still holds a card in No. 93, "up-to-date." COR.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

To All Concerned:

In the last three months and a half the Northwest Division has increased about 13 or 14 per cent, and indications are that it will continue to increase.

The membership is now in such a condition that when we secure a member it makes a showing.

Now, gentlemen, we should try and keep the line-up as it is and better if possible. Don't neglect to pay your dues or assessments. Don't be the means of making it necessary to do what has been done all over again. Don't drop out for we are now where the membership is as strong as on any railroad in the United States.

I wish I could show every one of you the line-up, for I know you would feel encouraged and satisfied that good work is being done. Division No. 96 is not asleep or never will be. To compare our late schedule with that of some of the other roads, large systems included, you will be convinced of the fact.

There are only a few nons on this division, and I hope each member will do his part in trying to get them into line. To give you some idea how we stand, I will inform you that there are but three agents on the whole Northwest Division, who come under our schedule, who are non-members. Two of these will never line up, for they are not their own bosses. You have heard of people not having a mind of their own. Some people appear to think that they have to let

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some one else do their thinking in order to hold their job.

Now, brothers, do not let the limited time pass without paying up.

I have not written this for the Northwest Division alone. I hope the whole of Division No. 96 will take notice and act accordingly.

C. E. NORRIS,
Local Chairman Northwest Division.

Ft. Dodge Division—

Bro. McClintock, who has been at Carroll for the past two years, has gone to the N. P., and is located about sixty miles east of Seattle. We were sorry to see Bro. McClintock leave us, and wish him success in his new position. The helper succeeded Bro. McClintock. This is not in accordance with our schedule, as the trick left vacant by Bro. McClintock should have been put up for bid. There are many older telegraphers on this division who like this trick and who are entitled to it. Our chairman should take this up and ascertain why jobs are not bulletined. Four tricks have been filled within the past five weeks and no one had an opportunity to bid them in. We are living up to the schedule, and the railway company should do the same.

Telegrapher Martin, third trick at Harlem, skipped out about a week ago, and nothing has been heard from him since. You seldom hear of an O. R. T. man doing this. Why?

Bro. Beale has been transferred from Manning third trick to Harlan third trick.

There is a new man at Manning. We have not learned his name.

Second and third tricks at Eagle Grove, third trick at Manning, first and second tricks at Carroll, and third trick at Harlan have not been bulletined according to the schedule.

A man from the C. R. I. & P. has been working side-table "A" at Clarion during the past week.

Bro. Joe Brown, dispatcher, is enjoying a well-earned vacation in the Black Hills, Wisconsin and Chicago.

Frank Wheller, of "A" side-table, is dispatching at Red Wing as relief.

Have not heard who is relieving Bro. Brown.

Bro. Beegle and wife spent Sunday at Slidden, on the C. & N. W.

The write-up last month was omitted on account of the writer being too busy with station work, and not getting it in on time.

Mr. Howell, the agent at Bentley, left for Seattle last week, to visit the exposition. We do not know who is relieving him. CERT. 20.

Northwest Division—

This is the time of the year when many of the boys are taking their vacations and it is difficult to record all the changes, but we have heard from several offices, and are enabled to publish a few of them.

Bro. D. Lynch, third trick man at Elma, took two weeks off, which he spent in traveling. He passed through Missouri at the time of the heavy rains and floods which did so much damage in that district.

Bro. Foreman, first trick man at Hayfield, is laying off, and Telegrapher W. A. Allen, second trick man at that place is doing the first trick stunt.

On return of Bro. Lynch, at Elma, Telegrapher C. Peterson, of that place, took thirty days leave of absence. Bro. Lynch has first trick during the absence of Mr. Peterson.

Telegrapher B. Voughan, of McIntire, is away for three weeks, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Johnson.

Agent Hine, who got West Concord on bulletin, was compelled to resign the agency there on account of ill health, and Bro. McKinstry, of Sumner, secured the agency vacated by Mr. Hine.

Mr. G. H. Page, chief dispatcher, has returned from a two weeks' vacation.

A new man at the business, Mr. Roy Potter, has charge of the third trick at Elma while Bro. Lynch is working first trick.

Bro. Craig, for some time third trick telegrapher at Randolph, has left the service, and Bro. McElrath is handling third trick there.

Bro. Luedke, second trick at Eden, was off a few days. The office was closed during his absence.

Second trick at Renova is now in charge of Mr. R. Carter. We all recognize that name, as this same party held this position last winter, and besides running a "ham factory" did many other things unbecoming a gentleman, and exerted his influence against the Order. He will bear watching, boys.

Telegrapher Maxfield, second trick man at Taopi, is laying off. He was relieved first by Telegrapher L. D. Deedy, but the latter was later discharged and Telegrapher R. Carter was sent to work the second trick. Mr. Carter was later transferred to Renova, and Bro. J. E. Lennon relieved him.

Bro. Plath, first trick at Dodge Center, has again resumed work after an extended vacation and inspection of his claim.

Telegrapher Jenkins, formerly of Taopi, third trick, has left the service, being relieved by Bro. H. Johnson, of Division No. 54.

Telegrapher E. Bartel, of West Concord, has left the service. Bro. L. B. Blann, of Division No. 7, is relieving him.

Telegrapher Armstrong, the "faithful non," is still at State St. yard office calling crews, and seems perfectly contented with the present wages, hours, sanitary conditions, etc., of that place, and does not care to better these conditions through the union. How pleasant it would be today if we had all been contented during the past twenty years.

Bro. L. Sanders, agent at Devon, is taking a vacation. Unable to say who is relieving him.

Don't forget your semi-annual dues.

The fine write-up we issue each month is due to the efforts of the boys on the division sending in items. I am sure they all feel well rewarded when they read these interesting write-ups, and we hope that they will always be interested enough to lend this valuable assistance. DIV. COR.

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Seaboard Air Line Ry.

A. & B. Division—

As I have seen nothing in the journal in the last few months from this division, it would appear that someone is not doing his duty and leaves the impression that we either have cold feet or do not want the outside world to know that we are still existing. I am proud to say we are in better shape and everything looks brighter for a full membership on this division than ever before.

I know it will be glad news to all brothers on the S. A. L. to know that out of about thirty-five telegraphers on this division there is only about five out, and I feel assured that in a short time this number will be decreased considerably—that is, if each brother will delegate himself a committee of one to help show these nons the right path.

At last we have succeeded in taking steps toward holding division meetings. Our first meeting was held at Rockmart, Saturday, June 5th, with a good number present, and the following officers were elected: Bro. Hodges, chief telegrapher; Bro. Brown, past chief; Bro. Dowling, secretary and treasurer, and Bro. Holder sergeant at arms. The next regular meeting will be held July 25th at Piedmont, Ala., and the place for holding future meetings will be decided on. It is hoped that every member will take advantage of the opportunity and be present at these meetings, so we can get more fully acquainted and discuss matters pertaining to our own division's welfare.

This notice will appear too late for this meeting, but we will notify all members of the next regular meeting and place to be held, so arrange to be on hand.

I am proud to inform all the brothers on this division that their general committee met at Savannah and held a conference with the general superintendent of the Southern Express Co. in regard to increase in pay and a minimum for all who handle express. It is very gratifying to say they were successful in securing a minimum of $5.00 per month, and several other items of which they will make you familiar in the near future.

It seems to me that this alone is enough to make all non-members get up-to-date cards, for some who do not carry cards will receive the benefits of this raise, which will, in two months, pay dues in the Order for one year, and leave the balance of fifty dollars each to their credit.

I am proud to say we can now hold out our hands with fraternal friendship to Bros. Courson, Rockmart, Ga.; Bro. Pemberton, Coal City, Bro. Bates, at Wellington and Bro. Hines at Esom, and certainly know that they will never have cause to regret having joined our ranks.

Bro. Shackleford, formerly telegrapher at Wellington, has been appointed agent at Alton, and we all wish him success.

Bro. Courson, of Rockmart, has made a change, but cannot at this time say where he has gone. Mr. Jones, formerly of Cedartown, is his successor.

It has been brought to the writer's attention that Mr. Allen, the first trick man at Cedartown, still persists in carrying on his "ham factory." This is certainly to be regretted, as Mr. Allen is a good telegrapher, and I am sure would be a credit to the Order, but, while this is the case, he seems to think it best to work against his own interest for the pitiful amount for which he bleeds the student. It is to be hoped he will cut this out and get right before it is too late, for he might, in future days, regret this very thing. If we expect to accomplish that which we have started out to do, we must all pull together.

I would like to mention that the writer attended the regular meeting of the Dixie Twin Order Club at the Federation Hall in Atlanta, July 10th, and a good number of the members were out, and all enjoyed the talk given by Bro. Dermody, fourth vice-president of the Order, and I regret that every member on this division could not be present, as those who were present went away feeling that they had been bountifully rewarded for attending this meeting and hearing such an able and interesting talk by such a worthy brother of the O. R. T.

Now let each member try to send me some "dope" for the next issue of the journal. Don't wait for some other brother, but send all you can to your local chairman and he will see that the same is sent in and we will have nice write-ups in the future. CERT. 718.

To All Members A. & B. Division—

The membership having grown almost out of its bounds, it has been decided to hold our meetings at Piedmont, Alabama, every third Sunday afternoon, commencing Sunday, July 25th, 1909.

It is to be hoped that every member will do his utmost to be on hand on that date. It would be a good idea to begin asking for relief now. Your chief is a good sort of gentleman, and I think he will do all in his power to help the members in getting off to attend the meetings.

At our last meeting, which was held at Rockmart, Brother Hodges was elected chief telegrapher, and we want to show our appreciation by making the attendance a large one. Let us all try to be on hand. Yours fraternally,

J. C. EWING,
Local Chairman.

Ulster & Delaware Ry.

The first meeting of Division No. 113, which was held at Pine Hill, N. Y., on July 12th, was a grand success, half of the entire membership of the division being present. Many of the boys came a long way, and some were obliged to drive several miles in order to attend. This is encouraging and it looks as if the boys on the U. & D. had awakened from their long sleep, and perhaps before many moons this will be a scheduled road.

Several applications for membership were received.

Our general chairman, Bro. C. M. Sanford, gave an interesting report of the Atlanta convention.

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The boys on this line ought to appreciate the nine-hour law, for it certainly has worked great changes for their betterment. Where one or two men formerly did the work at these stations, we now see three or four, and when we consider that the O. R. T. is resopnsible for this, we wonder at there being a non left on the road.

At our next meeting we hope to have Bro. T. M. Pierson.

Now boys, don't forget the date, and all try to be present to give Bro. Pierson a royal welcome.

Bro. Ottman, of Division No. 78, is with us this season, holding down third trick at Big Indian.

Bro. Harry J. Halstead, second trick at "NQ," Oneonta, has branched out as a chicken farmer, and is having fine success.

Bro. E. J. Donnelly, of Division No. 8, is with us again this season, working second trick at Hobart.

Bro. Tracy Ennist, of South Gilboa, was away for a few days this week on account of the illness and death of his father-in-law.

Bro. Peter D. Leming, formerly of yard office, Oneonta, is doing first trick at Grand Hotel station. Bros. Grant Morgan and John Garrett holding second and third tricks, respectively.

The express is running heavy at Big Indian this summer, which makes Bro. R. C. Sanford "smile, smile, smile."

Bro. G. E. Griffin, of Halcottville, has an assistant for the summer. We wish it might be permanent.

Bro. Jas. A. Joyce is relieving at Phoenicia, during the illness of Mr. Leipold, agent.

The new station at South Kertright is nearly completed. Bro. Snyder wears a broad smile.

Boys, don't forget to send in the news.

DIV. COR.

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Professor Fisher, "FH" office, Toledo, has gone to giving boxing lessons. He pays all doctor bills in case of injury.

Bro. McDowell, third trick man at Hickox, has handed in his resignation, taking effect July 1st. He intends to go into business for himself at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Telegrapher Rowling, from Fulton, is working second trick at Fostoria, while Bro. Shelhouse is on his wedding trip.

Agent R. E. Gardner, of Fulton, was off three days; relieved by Telegrapher Burke, of Clemons.

Dispatcher A. E. Williams, third trick at Bucyrus, is on ten days' vacation; relieved by Extra Dispatcher Young. Bro. Forrest, third trick at Thurston, relieved Mr. Young, as copier at Bucyrus, while Extra Telegrapher Messmore relieved Bro. Forrest at Thurston.

Telegrapher Burke, second trick at Clemons, is taking fifteen days on his wedding trip; relieved at Clemons, by Extra Telegrapher Serin, from Berwick.

Extra Telegrapher Rowling, who worked at Fostoria, second trick, while Bro. Shelhouse was off, spent one day at Tiffin, taking in Ringling Brothers show.

Bro. McDowell, the third trick man at Hickox, spent Sunday, June 27th, at Columbus.

Mr. W. F. Elrod, our assistant superintendent, died very suddenly while going through an operation at the Crawford County Hospital, at Bucyrus. A floral offering was presented by Division No. 118. The remains were laid to rest at Coatsville, Ind.

Bro. Chandler, the third trick man at Whitmore, has purchased a new motor cycle to ride to and from work.

Bro. White, yard E, Toledo, is on five days' vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Westal.

Telegrapher Avers, from the Toledo Terminal Ry., is working the third trick at Hickox.

CERT. 64.

Hocking Valley Ry.

Hocking Division—

It is assumed that all the members who did not get out to the meeting at Lancaster, June 26th, are waiting to see the account of it in the journal, but here is where you are going to be disappointed as we do not believe THE TELEGRAPHER is the proper channel through which meetings should be discussed. About twenty of the brothers turned out to the different meetings, and while we discussed some important subjects, no definite action could be taken, owing to the unforeseen absence of our executive officers and the lack of spirit shown among the brethren who were conspicuous by their absence. These meetings were held for the benefit of the second and third trick men who could have all attended if they had been so inclined, but we will forgive them this once and hope to see their smiling faces once more. Brothers, these meetings are held for you and for no one else, and it seems as though you could and would turn out occasionally, more especially as there has been no meetings for quite a while. Things done and suggested here are for you and your welfare, and your suggestions are solicited and valued at their worth. Come out, you may be the means of doing unlimited good.

One thing to all. How about that non working in your office? Have you tried him out yet? It surely seems as though some of you could land once in a while on some of them. This division is now about at a standstill in the way of increasing membership, owing to the lack of interest or indifference of those who work day after day in the same office with the same old bunch, part nons, part otherwise. If you have the courage of your convictions you can hardly fail to impress upon any non's mind the reasonableness and justice of organization and the necessity for such action. We have not the time nor space here for any lengthy discourse on the subject, and it isn't necessary, for you all know as much about it as we do. Such flimsy excuses as the

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non's offer would shame that old-timer familiarly known as Annanias to the tall and uncut. Here is an excuse, offered recently by a non, which is about as reasonable as the others: "I'm married and can not afford the money it takes to join." You married men will laugh with us at this. The writer is married, so are the other two men in this office. The writer carries a card and so do the other two, and I have yet to hear either of them complain of being pinched for the price of a card because of the cost. We know what the cost would be the other way. We get the price of two cards each and every pay, because we have them, more than we would get if we didn't have them. The rest is clear. But the money consideration is the least of all. The main feature is the principle of brotherhood practised among us which warns and protects us and our families, which enables us to look every man in the face with a conscience clear of duty not well done, with no morbid fear of foes who would shackle us closer to industrial bondage. Is not this spirit worth anything to you? It is the same that stirred our honored grandsires to free themselves from a yoke of tyranny. Does none of this spirit stir your blood scorning abject submission to injustice, which heretofore has characterized the railroad telegrapher more than any other railway organizations in existence? The nons complain that we don't get them anything, but what do they want? Show me any union not solid and I'll show you a class of workers imposed upon. Why? Because they are a bunch of workers divided. Fighting each other, and an undivided capitalistic force on the other side fighting the all too one-sided battle. Mr. Non, if you see this, and I hope you will, ask yourself if there is any justice in it, and you Mr. Order Man, can you see any reason why you get what you do today, and don't you see any reason to shed that rusty coat and get into the battle for human rights and industrial liberty? If you do, get to work now. Keep it up and come out on the shield or with it. Will you do it, or shall greed and avarice prevail against the "man with the hoe?" Shall you and I, though "hewers of wood and drawers of water," set idly by seeing our substance waste away into old age and decay and inability, while others profit from our blood and sweat, and the food of our children and wives, God forbid! We are not anarchists, nor yet revolutionists, but believers in that brotherhood of man and eternal justice personified in our grand O. R. T.

"In the world's broad field of battle,"
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb driven cattle,
"Be a hero in the strife."

Just as we go to press, as the Editor says, we are in receipt of a letter from our local chairman, saying three more of the boys have done the right thing, and are now carrying the "pink." We are sure they are proud of it, and feel more like honest men should. Welcome brothers, and now get to work on that other non close by.

Bro. G. W. Fultz is now working third trick at Logan, on bid.

Ex-Bro. G. C. Harper relieved Bro. M. H. Kanode, first trick at Lancaster, a few days.

R. E. Powless, at Oldtown, is "bugs" on automobiles, and is too poor to buy a card.

The write-up is short this time and will continue to be until some of the brothers contribute a few items. Try it. DIV. COR.

M., St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

Winnipeg Division—

I notice that this division has not been represented in our journal for the past two or three months. It is a shame that we cannot have a good write-up each month. I trust each local chairman will get busy and see that a correspondent is appointed at once who will represent us regularly. Recently our division superintendent and chief dispatcher went over the line between Thief River Falls and Glenwood and examined all the boys on the block rules. After they had finished their trip, our chief dispatcher took a through freight and rode over the same territory. We are sorry to say that he reports just two offices that used the block properly. This is a very bad showing, indeed. I call your attention to this matter trusting you will remedy it at once. Wake up and in every single instance use the block in accordance with the instructions that were dealt out to you by our officials. I know that this was new to some of the employes, but I trust you will get down to business at once and not give our officials an occasion to make such a report again.

Bro. Supry at Plumer is taking a few days' rest, being relieved by Bro. Wilson of Mahnomen. There is a new man at Mahnomen, but we are unable to give his name.

We understand that there is a new man at Detroit, but we are unable to say who he is at this time.

On account of the washout near Winger recently, traffic was delayed for a few days, and some of our trains had to be detoured via Detroit and the N. P. Ry. to Glyndon, thence via the G. N. Ry. Glyndon to Erskine, in this way running around the washout. Trains were very irregular for a few days on this account, but at the present time the track is passable.

Bro. Turnland at Winger is taking his usual rest, after two or three days and nights continuous work put in during the trouble.

How about the non who is working in the office with you? Have you asked him to come out and join us and help keep things moving by his support both morally and financially? He has no excuse, and it is up to you to ask him to come forward in a manly way and help pay for the benefits that he is reaping at your expense. In the near future we are going to compile a list of every non on the system and give you their names so that you can readily distinguish between friend and foe. This will indicate who is entitled

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to favors and who is not. We do not want to do this until every single one has had a chance to affiliate with us, as we do not believe in doing anyone an injustice; however, it is about time for those who have been making promises for the last three or four months to make good unless they want their names to appear on this list. The organization can not exist on these flimsy promises. Let each member take it upon himself to see how many members he can secure in the next sixty days. If you get right down and work, the result will surprise you. I will now cut out, trusting that we will be represented each month in the journal. CERT. 212.

D. S. S. & A. Ry.

To the Officers and Members of Division No. 116, Greeting:

It is with feelings of mingled pleasure and regret that I offer you this, my first and final delegate's report. I say with a mingled feeling of pleasure and regret. Pleasure, because it has been my pleasant lot to have been associated with you as a fellow officer and co-worker in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for some years past, and finally as your representative to the biennial convention of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, a body which may well lift its head as pre-eminently peerless among labor organizations. A convention whose delegates might well be deemed qualified to sit in any convention as able representatives of not only labor organization, but legislative bodies, whether of State or national. A body whose judgment may be relied upon without fear of graft or boodling. A body whose officers are the peers of any diplomatic corps of this or any other government. A body who will yet make itself known among the nation's powers through its able president, Mr. Perham, whose cool and deliberate judgment and diplomatic talent will steadily work for the weal of not only the railroad telegraphers but laboring men at large, through the judiciary as well as the executive and legislative bodies of our land.

From a purely labor organization, having for its single purpose the uplifting of the railroad telegraphers in a financial way, the organization has risen to an organization having for its purpose the uplifting, not only of the telegrapher, but of all classes of railroad employes, not only financially but also socially. This will be accomplished through the affiliation with the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, of which affiliation Mr. Perham is the president. Therefore I am proud of having been a representative of such a great organization. It is with a feeling of regret that I offer this report because in making it, it will be the closing chapter of my work among you and with you. Friendships formed will become only pleasant memories, and faces once beheld with pleasure will have been gazed upon for the last time. I sincerely hope that my work among you, feeble though it has been, has met with some approval.

The seventh biennial and seventeenth regular session of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers met at Atlanta, Ga., May 10th, and was called to order by its president, Mr. Perham. After some debating, the Committee on Committees was elected and then adjournment was taken until the following morning to allow that committee to make its report. After the Committee on Committees had made its report, a detail of which I will not dwell upon, the convention settled down to business and a full grist of bills, more or less important was ground out.

All the officers were elected, most of them unanimously. This Order could not get more efficient officers than they have in Messrs. Perham and Quick and we do well to allow them to fulfill the work they have so ably begun.

Several minor bills were passed that are of but passing importance and which will be published in the new constitutions. The most important one was the one requiring members to pay their benefit assessments semi-annually instead of monthly as heretofore. A resolution was also offered raising the pay of delegates from $5.00 to $6.00 a day, and an amendment was offered to this making it retroactive to May 10, 1909. I considered this unjust and "grafty" and voted against it, but to no avail, and I took the money.

The people of Atlanta gave us a hearty welcome, both the mayor of the city as well as the governor, Mr. Hoke Smith, welcoming us to the city and to the State. We visited several places of historic importance, including Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and the National Cemetery at Chattanooga. As some of you know, I was called away before it was time for me to leave for the South by the illness and subsequent death of my father, so this trip was for me one combined with pleasure and sorrow.

In closing this, my report, I wish to extend to all of you, in spirit, the hand of Fraternity. Be ever faithful to the Order.

Yours in S. O. & D.,
C. REIF.

Lehigh Valley Ry.

Auburn Division—

THE TELEGRAPHER just came to hand and I am very much pleased with the report of the Order on this line. (?) I have searched the book from cover to cover, and I can not find where the Lehigh men have one word to say. I can not think that they are afraid to come forward and speak for their rights. No, it can not be that, but what can be the reason that so little interest is shown when the grand officers have done everything they could to help us make the organization as strong on this railroad as on any other in the United States. We have always had the support of the grand officers, and always will have, so long as we are willing to help ourselves a little, but no one who is a broad thinker can reasonably expect that the Grand Division is going to do all the pushing. Remember they have other lines than the Lehigh Valley to look after, and

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other business which is of far greater importance to the Order than simply traveling up and down the Lehigh trying to get some half-interested men to look out for their own interests. "Individual effort" for the Lehigh Valley does not come from the Grand Division, and no one should expect it to. The Grand Division has all it can take care of now.

"Individual effort" for the Lehigh Valley should be found right here at home, and every man be not afraid to put his shoulder to the wheel and help push this "band wagon" into better fields. When you stop to think of it you will see that most of our boys are "riding" and not "pushing." When we get the largest share in the "cart" with but a few to "push," it is going to be a long, tedious trip to the "greener fields" where the "honeysuckles" bloom all the year round. Those who are strong and able should get behind and push and help to carry those who are weaker. Help to carry them over the danger line to victory. The "advance guard" is moving onward and its supporters must not lose faith in the cause, but follow in its wake to pick up all the stragglers. Look back on the past two or three years and note what the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has done toward the uplifting of telegraphers and toward the upbuilding of the service on all railroads in the United States. The public is traveling with a greater degree of confidence in the telegraphers because their hours of labor have been reduced to a minimum, and there are not so many tired and sleepy telegraphers handling orders which mean so much to the traveling public. Look back and notice the strength of the Order a few years ago and then at what it is today. What has made it the power it is today? There must be some good to it or it would not grow so rapidly, would it? If there is good to be had by making it still stronger is it not a mistake not to make it stronger on this line as well as on all other lines.

Even during the recent panic a great number of schedules were obtained and some revised. The power that makes these schedules possible is secured by the efforts put forth by each individual member on each particular railroad. The men are alive to their own interests and the interests of their families. Why is it that so few on the Lehigh Valley are alive and such a vast army is sleeping?

Don't lose faith in the company because it is doing just as you and I would if we were in the same place. The officials are alive to their interests far more than we are. Do not lose faith in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers because the Order is alive to its best interests and is working every minute. It is on the move constantly and always doing something where there is something to be done. Can't we give it something to do over on this line? Can't we do something to draw its attention in a beneficial way? Yes, boys, we can, but not by sitting on the south side in the sun to warm our blood. We must work on the north side, on the east side, and on the west side and draw the baskers from the south side into the hive and set them to work.

Did you ever watch a hive of bees on a warm spring day when the first flowers were in bloom? How they come and go, always on the move. They go to the east, the west, the north, and to the south. They come from the east, west, north and south laden with the fruits of their labor. Even from the south side the baskers are but few, but they are either made to work or are driven out. Drones and baskers are not needed, for the busy season is at hand and no one must be idle. It depends upon what each one is willing to do, whether or not the whole family is going to live next winter. Individual effort must be put forth to its greatest extent, or the larder is not properly filled and many must suffer during the slow season.

Lehigh Valley System No. 124 is not very much like a hive of bees is it? But few of its family gather at the hive. Its members are scattered over four hundred miles of track, stretching in a line from New York to Buffalo, Camden and North Fair Haven. The flowers bloom all the year, but its larder is not filled because so few are willing to gather in the honey. Its individuals let the company put paris green on its flowers before they have extracted the "needful," with the result that many sick ones are on the south side curing. Get busy. Cert. 52, what have you to say?

CERT. 51.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry.

I desire, through the columns of our noble journal, to extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the members of Fredericksburg Division No. 125, for the kindness shown me during the time of my great bereavement, occasioned by the death of my mother, Mrs. M. V. Leary, at Potomac, on July 4th, and for the beautiful floral design.

C. G. LEARY,
Cert. 8.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

At a meeting held in Chicago, June 22d last, at the Kaiserhoff Hotel, a System Federation of The Railroad Employes' Department of the American Federation of Labor was established, on the Rock Island Lines, and arrangements made at that time for a meeting of the officers of the various organizations on several railroads to be held at the New Southern Hotel, Chicago, Ill., July 12th.

The meeting called for July 12th, which was largely attended and lasted two days, was called to order by Bro. J. A. Newman, first vice-president of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Nine railroads having representatives of the various crafts employed thereon.

The meeting was addressed by the following representatives of the various organizations: D. W. Roderick, secretary-treasurer, and H. B. Perham, president of The Railroad Employes Department of the A. F. of L.; F. T. Hawley, president of Switchmen's Union of North America; P. J. Flannery, president of International Freight Handlers and Clerks Union; P. F. Richardson, president of International Association of Car

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Workers; Jas. B. Connors, vice-president of Switchmen's Union of North America; A. Seng, third vice-president of Brotherhood of Boiler Makers and Iron Ship Builders of America; H. A. Vurpie, vice-president of International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes; J. D. Lonergan, chairman of the Rock Island Federation.

System Federations of the Department were formed on the following railroads:

Illinois Central, Chicago, Milwakuee and St. Paul, Iowa Central, and Chicago and Northwestern, and arrangements were made for the formation of System Federations on all other railroads, and the work will be pushed vigorously until a Federation is established on every railroad in the United States and Canada.

It was very evident from the great interest manifested by all in attendance at the meeting, that the organization will be a great success, and will be the means of bringing about a closer relationship between all railroad employes than has ever existed heretofore, in the immediate future. In fact, the success of the new department is positively assured, as the railroad employes in general have shown a deeper interest in this movement than in any of a similar character ever inaugurated.

The officers of all organizations who have not already taken steps to organize a System Federation on the line upon which they are employed, are earnestly requested and urged to get into communication with the representatives of the various crafts on their line, and get the movement started at once.

Information relative to the objects of the department, as well as copies of the constitution and by-laws, may be obtained from Bro. H. B. Perham, president, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., or Bro. P. F. Richardson, secretary-treasurer, Car Bldg., 356 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

A meeting of the representatives of the various organizations on the following railroads will be held at the Kaiserhoff Hotel, Chicago, Ill., August 2d at 10 p. m.: E., J. & E.; C. & W. I.; Chicago Junction; Chicago Terminal Transfer, and Indiana Harbor.

Applications for department organizers will be received at this meeting, and arrangements made to place them on the different railroads.

M. E. SCHOOLER.
Secretary-Treasurer, Rock Island Federation.

Illinois Division, Chicago Terminal—

Business on the Illinois Division seems to be better than at any time since the panic. Everyone seems to be busy.

Bro. Kay, who has been the second trick man at Silvis, is now holding down the new position created at Rock Island.

Four positions have been bulletined this month, as follows: Third trick at West Davenport, second trick at Silvis, third trick at Blue Island and day telegrapher's positions at Galva.

Telegrapher Coughlin, of Utica, is enjoying a vacation; position filled by A. R. Parson from C. & A.

Telegrapher B. Hummel is holding down the second trick at Silvis. Telegrapher F. S. Thomas, another new man, is holding down the second trick at Geneseo.

Telegrapher Nolan, from Morris, is holding down the third trick at Blue Island.

General Chairman Brown and General Secretary and Treasurer M. E. Schooler transacted business in Chicago the 31st, and attended the regular meeting at Hotel McCoy in the evening.

First Trick Telegrapher Bro. Allen, at Bureau, is holding down the agent's chair, during the absence of Bro. Bast, who is away enjoying a three weeks' vacation. Bro. Stage (our new brother) is holding the first trick, while Telegrapher Warner is working the third trick.

We had several promises from some of our old ex-members that they would be back in the Order again strong this pay, but up-to-date their applications have not been received. We are writing them again, and will keep it up until we have landed them. Come across boys, we want you all. The stronger the better. Remember it will soon be schedule time, and you want to say you helped to get better working conditions and pay. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Arkansas Division—

As our division correspondent, Bro. O. L. R. Cotney, has left the road, I will furnish a write-up for our division this month, although the boys have given me very little information as to what is taking place.

Bro. A. T. Holland has returned to work at Germania, after a few days' sickness. Mr. Mathis, from Mexico, relieved Bro. Holland until transferred to Brinkley, and then Mr. Kimball, from the I. M. & S. relieved Telegrapher Mathis.

A new position has been created at Carlisle; am unable to say who is filling it at present.

Roland has been made a night office; the position is held by Telegrapher Kimball, from I. M. & S., until bulletined.

Boys, the train-masters are going over the line, looking for bulletin boards that are not posted correctly, this means ten brownies for the forgetful ones. Look out night man and have them up-to-date.

Hot Springs, day telegrapher position, was bid in by Telegrapher F. E. Smith, from Western Union, at Hot Springs.

Telegrapher McLaughlin bid in Tenth St. station, but has not yet been transferred.

Bro. J. H. Finch, of Tupelo, has bid in the agency at Pulaski Heights station.

Bro. L. E. Sims bid in Lonoke, second trick.

Bro. E. R. Weiss, of Haskell, second trick, took a lay-off a few days ago, and visited Magazine. I understand that when he returned from his vacation the Ladies' Auxiliary gained a member.

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Bro. E. H. Neely is holding the block job at Britain.

Bro. W. H. Scott, has been transferred from Haskell to some place on the Colorado Division, on account of ill health. Hope Bro. Scott will soon be able to be with us again.

Telegrapher E. H. Mitchell is holding Tenth St. station, temporarily, until McLaughlin is transferred.

Chief clerk to Superintendent Easley (Sanders) has been relieved by Chief Clerk Ames. Mr. Ames has been division agent for some time on the Arkansas Division.

All members of the O. R. T. on this division should furnish the local chairman with copies of their bids, when bidding on stations, or telegraph positions.

Bro. W. S. Mauney, of Blue Mountain, is taking a lay-off, being relieved Bro. R. R. Maloan, from Division No. 2.

Telegrapher Shepard is working third trick at Argenta. Telegrapher J. J. Dailey having resigned to take an extra gang.

Bro. H. H. Denton is relieving Bro. M. B. Wagoner as agent at Heth.

If the brothers will give me a line-up on what takes place on our division, I will endeavor to have our division represented every month. But situated as I am it is hard for me to get hold of any information unless it is furnished by the members. Bro. R. R. Wright, of Casa, keeps me pretty well posted as to what is going on on that end, but so far I am unable to get any one to keep up with the east end. Will some one please volunteer to be assistant on the east end?

Bro. B. J. Dunviddie relieved Bro. Scott, at Haskell. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. B. W. Hinman, of Kensett, drew third trick at Manly. Bro. Hinman was relieved at Kensett by Mr. O. M. Hoge.

Extra Telegrapher Feldberg is working second trick at Owatonna.

Mr. O. M. Hoge relieved Bro. Tjaden at Grundy Center. Bro. Tjaden drew second trick at Albert Lea on bulletin.

Mr. A. J. Gearheart drew third trick at Cedar Falls on bulletin; relieved at Palo by Mr. Glen Elson.

Bro. Smith, of Hardy, attended the convention at Atlanta; relieved by Mr. Lathrop.

Bro. Aldrich, of Bode, off a few days on vacation; relieved by Mr. Lathrop.

Bro. Aldrich, of Bode, gets Northwood on bulletin; Bro. McMahon, of Morrison, goes to Bode. Do not know who gets Morrison.

Mr. C. C. Bickle, of Grundy Center, is off on vacation; relieved by his brother.

We understand that Bro. Rice, of Popejoy, has a new automobile. DIV. COR.

Oklahoma Division—

Telegrapher Hanilton has been transferred from Anadarko to "FT," El Reno yards.

Bro. Cavin came right through with what he knew about the branch. If all the boys would favor me with information as quickly as did Bro. Cavin and Mr. Williams at Anadarko, the writer could keep the members well informed.

Bro. T. B. Higgans has gone to Verden for a change. We suppose that he gets it regular. Bro. Higgans was agent at Addington.

Bro. Coleman, from Duncan, recently took a trip to McAlester and Mr. Marcel did his first telegraph work while Bro. Coleman was away.

Connors from Marlow frequently takes a trip to Hennessey.

Bro. Croush, the agent at Rush Springs, was off a few days last month and made a trip to Oklahoma City. We did not get the man's name who relieved him.

Bro. Martin from Alex was over to Chickasha to spend the 5th and came to the office to see us.

Bro. Riggan went to Oklahoma City on the 4th. Dudley, who is fighting the extra board at Chickasha, relieved him.

Bro. Cobb enjoyed a few days' layoff in June, and brought a wife back to Minco with him.

I understand there is a man at Kingfisher that the O. R. T. has never done anything for. Think he is working a nine-hour job.

C. H. Meadows is at Renfrow regularly. E. Chitty at Hennessey.

If the boys on north end will give a little dope we will put in the form of a write-up and send it in for publication.

We would like to hear from every brother on the Oklahoma Division. Let me have the changes and other items of interest. The writer wishes to thank all who have furnished news.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

El Paso Division—

This is our first write-up, but we hope that it will not be our last. We shall endeavor to have each write-up more interesting than the previous one.

We have received our robes of purple and gold and the necessary papers to hold high court at any time we are called upon to do so. Our motto is "Never Surrender." Peace, harmony and good-will exists between employer and employe, and we hope this harmony will exist to the end. All of our requests have been readily granted by our chief dispatcher, Mr. Ryan, and the Order stands ready to work hand in hand with him in all matters.

We have issued Circular No. 1 to all, and expect to get out another one in a few days. So far we have received some very favorable answers, while others have not answered at all, but this does not disconcert us—while there is life there is hope. We expect by the last of this year to have a solid body of as good and loyal men as can be found anywhere. This is a case where it seems that the monthly write-up must be done by your

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local chairman, with small aid from his assistants, as the others have not come forward in response to our call, but our shoulders are against the wheel and something is going to move and right soon.

Mr. C. W. Williamson is acting as chief dispatcher at Dalhart in place of Mr. E. P. Ryan, who is off on leave of absence.

The monumental nerve of some of our nons is getting to be a daily wonder. Some few days since the writer addressed what we consider a fairly convincing letter to Mr. R. G. Ervine, third trick man at McPherson, and last night we asked him on the wire if he had received our letter and what he thought of it. He replied that he had other use for his money, and that he was going to leave the service in September. We wonder if the first and second trick men are going to quit in September also. We suppose they are, as there is not a card in that office. Boys, it might be well to note these men, G. C. Mattics, H. W. Paine and Mr. Ervine, and any favors asked by them should be turned down.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Conductor Hinkins and the serious injury of Brakeman Parsons, caused by a car being derailed near Middle Water and dragging the caboose down over the bridge. At the last accounts Brakeman Parsons was improving.

This winds up our little song for this month, but in the future we expect to keep El Paso Division No. 126 before the eyes of the boys in box-car letters.

E. E. JOHNSTON,
Local Chairman.
LEROY RICE,
First Assistant.
W. H. PIEPER,
Second Assistant.

AN OPERATOR'S TRAVELS.

In 1870, a fortune to make,
I left the farm—it was a fake;
I went to work for the A. & P.,
Got a job at Sullivan—just suited me.

Two years of this was enough for me,
The beautiful world I wanted to see;
I started out to go to Cisco,
But went to work again on the Frisco.

Another year I stayed at Conway,
The wages small, I was broke before payday.
I left this pike and headed west,
Went straight through without a rest;
When I got in I could hardly see,
But I struck a job on the M. K. & T.

I worked at Eufaula, in the B. I. T.,
No siding between Muskogee and me;
'Twas a case of keep up, no chance for hay,
It was hit the ball if you wanted to stay.

I stayed three years, that was enough for me,
I went to Denison, struck the H. & T. C.;
The dispatchers sent me down to Groesbeck,
Where the centipedes hatched out by the peck.

I very soon got enough of this,
So they sent me to work at little Ennis;
All this time I managed to stay single,
But not a dollar did I have to jingle.

So I thought I'd try some married life,
Went back to Groesbeck and got a wife;
I built glass houses, and one a palace,
Packed our goods and went to Dallas.

I went to work for the W. U.,
But soon found out it would not do;
The boys all said "just go and see,
Mr. Tremble of the T. & P."

They gave me a job down at DeKalb,
Where I saw two men carried away on a slab;
Six months of this was enough for me,
And I quietly left the T. & P.

I was married three years, and you can bet,
I left every town owing a debt;
I worked as agent and operator too,
The salary so small, didn't save a sou.

My courage I soon began to lose,
And took to using a little booze;
My wife and baby they both cried,
I wished at birth that I had died.

Another operator said he felt
We both should strike the Cotton Belt;
This gave me courage again to try,
So I kissed wife and baby once more good-bye.

At Texarkana I struck the agent,
And got a job out at Mount Pleasant;
I stayed one year with Elmer Rodgers,
But got tired of his little church dodgers.

I was in good shape when I left the Belt,
And paid all my debts and still I felt,
The snug little sum of a hundred dollars
This would buy baby shoes and wife some collars.

After one month at home I began to feel
A thrill of roving along my keel;
I didn't know what it could be,
But struck out for the Santa Fe.

Mr. J. W. Byrnes says to me "if you will,
Please catch No. 1 and go to Gainesville."
Being hungry and broke, I thanked him with tears,
Brought my family over and stayed seven years.

Married ten years and no money to jingle,
I began to think I should have stayed single;
So off again, determined to see,
I headed direct for the old S. P.

I got a job, it looked good and fine,
At a little town they called Alpine;
So I settled down and sent for wife,
To come and help enjoy our life.

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In three months time, with cloudless skies,
My wife took down with very sore eyes;
My baby boy took cold in his head,
And my New Foundland pup, I found him dead.

I began to think the hand of Fate
Was turning me down as out of date;
But with all my misfortune it wasn't so hard
To send in six dollars and get a new card.

Our few little goods were easy to pack,
To El Paso we went on our backward track;
My little family began pleading with me,
To come with them and try the F. W. & D. C.

In Ft. Worth my old friend Patello,
Gave me a pass out to Amarillo;
I went to work, kept still as a mouse,
And in ten years we built us a house.

The house is our home, a place to rest,
My wife and I have made our nest;
Sometimes our lines are a little hard,
But the old man carries an up-to-date card.

I worked from St. Louis clear to the sea,
And drifted back to the C. R. I. & P.;
Strange things do happen and you can't tell,
But here I am in Liberal.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, Missouri Division—

The automatic block system is just about completed between Rock Island and Eldon. Signals are in operation as far west as Washington, but not in service yet. Guess everybody will be glad to see the old block system go. The arms on all train order semaphores are being inverted, and when clear will point up instead of down. Levers are being installed in some offices, relieving the old "gas pipe" system.

Bro. W. F. Rush, from Columbus Junction, third trick, to Culver, third trick.

Bro. J. E. Igoe, of Centerville, third trick, is off a few days, visiting in St. Joe. Relieved by Bro. G. C. Wallingsford (extra).

Mrs. M. O. Madsen is back at Mercer, nights, after a short vacation.

Mr. W. S. Cates, of Princeton, third trick, off for a couple of months, which he is spending in Colorado; being relieved by a Mr. Rush.

Bro. J. H. Wilson, the agent at Cotter, was off for a month. He was relieved by Bro. O. G. Edwards. Bro. Wilson resumed work recently, and Bro. Edwards was sent to Brighton, first trick.

Bro. T. J. Easter, agent at Ainsworth, spent a couple of days in Waterloo.

A steam shovel was cut in at the cinder pit at Seymour, to load cinders for the washouts. Division Agent Mr. O. M. Cavin in charge.

Bro. S. E. Miller, of Seymour, third trick, bid in Columbus Junction, third trick. Bro. Wallingsford relieving.

Washouts were numerous on Seventh and Eighth Districts, during the heavy rains. Happy Hollow, between Seymour and Harvard, gave quite a bit of trouble, and Grand River, from Princeton to Gallatin, put the Rock Island clear out of commission. Trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12, were operated via Galesburg, Ill., and Santa Fe for some time, then were detoured over our own lines via Rock Island, Des Moines, Omaha, Belleville and McFarland. Stub trains were run on Nos. 1, 2, 61 and 62's time between Rock Island and point of washout for local service. Much damage was done to perishable freight on account of being delayed, as through traffic was suspended for five or six days.

Can not say anything for the Eighth District this month, as I did not get any news from down there. Would ask the boys on St. Joe line to mail their dope to Columbus Junction, instead of Seymour, and will be glad to hear from some on the Seventh District. My failure to come across last month was due to being transferred.

COR.

Amarillo Division—

Pardon my first attempt as a correspondent. It appears to me that our men have picked the most feeble stick they could find on the division to guide them in the straight and narrow path to O. R. T.-ism; however, I will not shirk my duty, I will attempt to give the division a shake up, and ask that the men hand in their items early for the next write-up.

Bro. Burrows, at Vega, the last station on the Amarillo-Tucumcari extension, has sent in his application, and is entitled to all favors extended to members of the Order.

R. M. Thompson, at Wildorado, will be with us within the next thirty days. The Amarillo-Tucumcari extension is being operated by telephone at present.

Dispatcher Halock, second trick, is off for a short time; J. L. Wilson, from Ft. Worth, is handing out the dope during his absence.

Our former local chairman, Bro. G. L. Bashaw, who was located at Groom, is now doing a stunt at farming near Erick. He was relieved by J. F. Sansing. We regret the loss of Bro. Bashaw from the division; may success follow him.

Your humble servant thinks he is having a hard time, you men on the Amarillo Division will hear from me soon if I don't hear from you. Send me applications, and items for the journal, and we will get along fine.

Frank Sayles, from Amarillo freight office, wrestled the junk around Alanreed during Bro. Love's absence, June 19th to 23d.

Shamrock is a very busy place the first of the month. We welcome Bro. Ordway back with us. He is "slinging lightning" and counting the "mazuma" at the above place, and will be with us until September 1st, only, at which time he returns to school.

J. W. Lacey, the extra man at Shamrock, did not stay long enough to allow us to transfer him.

Boys, when you locate a non-member, drop me a line and he will receive application blanks by

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first mail. The division might be in better shape, and it is up to us to make it solid and all we need is a little assistance from you to bring it up to standard. Send me any news items you have.

I. E. OSBORNE,
Local Chairman.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Michigan Division—

Telegrapher Fritz, of Kendallville, has resigned his position, and accepted one as agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Co.

Manager Ziesel, of "RT," Elkhart, has returned to duty, after a short vacation spent at the lakes. Bro. Hostick worked his trick, and Bro. Gaugwear, from Millersburg, relieved Bro. Hostick.

Telegrapher Snyder is spending his vacation with his parents in Ohio. Bro. Hostick is relieving him.

The Western Division was the first division to change the operating of trains from the left to right hand track, this was done July 25th with but very little delay to traffic. It is expected that the Michigan Division will be in shape to switch over about October 1st. The cost of this work, for the entire system will be close to two million dollars.

Bro. Eviston, has accepted the third trick at Goshen.

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"You got a card?" was the polite question asked a telegrapher who recently requested a favor of a brother down the line recently. When he answered in the affirmative our loyal brother replied, saying "Nuff said." His favor was granted. We must comment upon this brother's loyalty to that motto, "No cards, no favors." It shows the true spirit that exists among the boys on this end and encourages affiliation.

We regret to state that the youngest son of Bro. J. G. Frawley met with an accident recently and is now at his home with a fractured arm. We wish for his immediate recovery.

The latest rumor has it that Bro. Jim Madell is to give up the relief job to take North East third trick regular. If this is true we are sorry to miss Jimmie's smiles, as they have become quite familiar.

No doubt Mr. Bard will be glad to receive applications from any of the boys desiring the relief position.

The meeting held at Ashtabula recently was very interesting. A majority of the older boys were present and splendid enthusiasm was shown.

It appears the boys are experiencing a great deal of difficulty in getting a few days' vacation. We hope this point will be given due consideration at our next schedule revision. West Seneca tower seems to be the most difficult of our many plants, there having been several extra men there to learn it so far this season, each one either giving it up or resigning. The following is Bro. Stasco's modified description of "D," which he terms:

A TRAGEDY.

The welcoming toot of the green-tailed coach,
Warning "VO" of its approach;
A sleepy "op," tired and sore,
Lumbers lazily through the door,
And climbs the stairway wearily and slow,
Greeted by Buckley's cheer "Hello."
Then Buckley beats it double quick,
Laughing at the guy who works third trick.
While I ring off the YM's call,
And hear a switchman loudly bawl,
Throw over that switch, you blamed "old dope,"
(They'll get theirs some day, I hope.)
When will engine pull off No. 4,
Raved the man on the fone as he softly swore,
Then Smith calls up from Number five
And asks if we are dead or alive;
"Hello! Hello! shouts the YM again,
Where in Hades has the towerman been?
Start that East for Number 4,
And don't you hold 'em five minutes more."
Two long, shrill whistles then greet your ears,
And presently a "Central" on the hill appears;
Then you ring "13" till your arm is sore,
And finally start the train for 4;
He just gets started nicely in,
When Smith commences to raise a din,
And gently asks in accents low
"What makes the 'Central' so confounded slow?"
The west-bound engines gone up the lead,
Hurry 'em back, but little you heed;
For the dispatcher rings and you get ———
For not shutting off the blamed old bell;
And "CN's" message boy calls on 4 and 18,
You're the poorest "ham" I've ever seen;
Got any delays? Hurry 'm up!
Did I hear someone say "Dirty pup?"
All engines in passing whistle "shole,"
And the brakemen toss you a nice lump of coal,
But it must not hurt you, it's soft coal, you know,
Besides you ain't got time to say yes or no;
For as you look up and glance up the track,
You see No. 2 there, his flag going back;
One jumps from the chair to signal 2,
You look the other way, 19 is there too.
The story's the same day in and day out,
For the writer knows what he's talking about;
I could tell you much more as you can bet,
But the yardmaster's ringing the telephone yet;
He wants a clearance for NY 4,
And the Gardenville engine is up here once more;
So I'm going to bid you a long farewell,
While they hustle me off to a padded cell.

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C., B. & Q. Ry.

Omaha Division—

Bro. M. E. Taylor recently passed over the Omaha Division on his way to Dakota looking for a homestead. If living expenses don't get lower or salaries increase a little, there will be several of the brothers following Bro. Taylor from what they say.

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Let every member try to land some non this month. It will show that you are interested if you will go after them and try to interest them.

We would like to have a few notes from each member this month. It takes but a minute to prepare them, and they will be a great help to the correspondent in making up the items which we all like to see each month.

Bro. N. O. Walther got Lyons, Neb., on bulletin.

Bro. Yocum from Uehling got Laurel on bulletin, but have not learned who relieved him at Uehling.

Mr. Abbot, of Ashland, is off on a vacation. It is strange how some of the boys can afford to go on vacations and when asked to join the Order they say they can not afford it. Very poor excuse sure.

Bro. Dunham, of Lyons, has been transferred to York first trick. Bro. N. O. Walther relieved him.

Keep after that non neighbor, and by doing this we will soon have a solid division. Just the other day one of the officials made the remark that the O. R. T. was doing more work than any other order he knew of, and that they had gained more on the Burlington Route in the last five years than the trainmen had gained in twenty years. Now, that is saying a good deal. When the officials notice these things it is enough to prove that it is time for all of us to belong.

D. D. Barton relieved Bro. N. O. Walther at Belden.

We need a good correspondent up the O'Neill line. Is there not a brother who will send Bro. McKee, at Yutan, Neb., anything that turns up on that line? He will appreciate it very much and it will go a long way toward making the write-up interesting.

W. W. Key, of Chalco, is off a few days; relieved by O. Greggersor.

Bro. Holt, of Rosalie, was called home on account of the sickness of his father. He was relieved by Mr. J. N. Fillinger, who is a new man. Mr. Fillinger left for Omaha and took the necessary papers, saying that he would be up to date if he made good on the "Q."

Bro. Knudson, of Goodwin, is laying off this month, visiting his folks, who live at Viberg, S. D. Mr. Carson, of Milford, Neb., a phone man, is relieving him.

Mrs. De Pru, of Belden, has quit railroad work and gone on her claim in South Dakota. Mr. Barton secured the vacancy on bulletin.

Mr. Smith, of Orchard, is laying off a few days; Bro. Nye, of Laurel, is relieving him.

There are several new men on the O'Neill line now.

Bro. Marsh and family, of Jackson, spent a few days at Soo City.

With the help of Bro. Marsh, of Jackson we got some of the O'Neill line items. We wish to thank Bro. Marsh very much for them and hope that he will give us a "lift" every month from now on. With the help of two good brothers on this end, we got the rest, for which I thank very much.

The brothers who like to see a nice write-up will have to jar loose and send in a few lines now and then. **McKee.**

Galesburg Division—

Agent Breddett, of Augusta, was in Macomb between trains No. 16 and No. 11, July 12th, on business.

Bro. W. H. Ernest, of Bushnell, with his wife, is spending his vacation in Tombstone, Ariz. Extra Telegrapher Erickson is doing the relief stunt in his absence. On the return of Bro. Ernest, Bro. E. C. Kalin, also of Bushnell, will get a short rest of a week or so. Does not know at present where he will spend the time.

Bro. W. R. Miner, of Bardolp, was in Macomb on business, July 12th.

Agent E. V. Kinsey, of Colchester, is off for a week attending court at Lewiston, Ill. Bro. L. W. Colville, relief agent, is filling the position during his absence.

When Prof. "J" left "HF," Plymouth, a new school was started at Colmar, and from what can be heard on the wires he must be breaking students in now. Agent Acres seems to be a teacher. This telegrapher used to speak of joining the Order, but it looks as though he had changed his mind.

Telegrapher G. S. Herron, of Augusta, is holding down La Prairie a few days while Hendricks is off for a rest.

The new trainmen's phone is now in use and when a train arrives at a closed station equipped with a trainmen's phone, they can clear themselves, therefore doing away with a great many telegraphers. This may be all right, but time will tell. Telegraphers are cheaper than clearing up wrecks, etc., so we will have to wait for such changes as are made to suit the times.

Bro. C. E. Brown and wife, of Bushnell, visited in Quincy, July 18th.

Mr. Greenawalt, of "GT" office, Galesburg, and wife, spent Sunday, July 11th visiting friends in Chicago.

Two new telegraphers have been placed in the relay office at Galesburg. One is a Mr. Aberhanson, from Altona, and the other a new man from Chicago.

Bro. G. A. Davis, formerly of St. Augustine, who is now working on the Union Pacific, was visiting friends at St. Augustine a few days during the month. He is on his way east to spend his vacation with home folks. He reports everything flourishing on the U. P.

Mr. Guy Allen, phone operator at Seminary St. yards, Galesburg, was relieved one night during the month by Helper Leo Carroll from Bradford. Allen was a little under the weather.

Bro. D. C. Root, from Knoxville to Yates City first trick, which he landed on bulletin, relieving Bro. A. S. Gustas. Bro. Root was relieved at Knoxville by Mr. Shirley, who got Knoxville on bulletin. Shirley is still a non, but we know Bro.

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Ramp will soon fit him out with an up-to-date card.

Bro. L. W. Collville was relieved as second trick telegrapher at Rio by Mr. Shirley, before going to Knoxville. Shirley was formerly agent at Castleton.

Bro. F. A. Moser, formerly agent at Delong, relieved Mr. Shirley at Rio, and was relieved at Delong by Mr. Carroll from Bradford.

Bro. L. W. Collville, who has been relieving Bro. Dennes at Edwards as agent, has been assigned to the position as extra agent on the Galesburg Division. I have not yet learned what became of the former extra agent, Harry M. Thornton.

Mr. Daugherty, night chief dispatcher, is on vacation; relieved by Mr. Walter Tobin, who was relieved as dispatcher on the Peoria Branch by Extra Dispatcher Elders from "GT" office.

Mr. Milliken, the third trick dispatcher, of Quincy Branch, is on vacation. Relieved by Mr. Elders, extra dispatcher, who was relieved on the second trick Peoria Branch by Wire Chief Easton, of "GT" office. Wire Chief Kelley relieved Easton on second trick wire chief, and Kelley was relieved on third trick by extra Wire Chief Ramp.

Galesburg yard report shows a little better than 78,000 cars of freight handled during the month of June, and 1,137 freight trains in and 1,123 freight trains out during the month. This is quite an increase over the month of June, 1908.

Mr. Gray has been transferred from "GY" office, Galesburg yards, to Camp Point third trick; relieved by Mr. Dee from Santa Fe crossing; have not learned who relieved Mr. Dee, but "13" it was some disabled switchman.

Someone on the Quincy Branch has been amusing himself by opening the circuit and breaking the boys when they are reporting trains and copying train orders. The guilty person has also been answering calls and letting telegraphers send their business in the air. We are after this gentleman, and have a very good line on him, and I am in hopes that by the time this shows up in the journal we will have him landed and out of the service.

We have three nons on the Quincy Branch who slur the O. R. T. at every chance. This shows ignorance. They do not consider what the Order has done for them in the way of salary and working conditions, which means *all* to the telegrapher.

In correspondence from the local chairman of the Ottumwa Division, we learn that Bro. Shields has 128 telegraphers, and 126 of them are union men, and one of the two nons was coming into the Order last payday. I believe if each man who has a non working close to him would get after him, it would be but a matter of a short time until we could have nearly as many union men as has Bro. Shields.

I would like to urge every brother to turn to page 15 of the president's report in the supplement of THE TELEGRAPHER covering the negotiations of the last convention at Atlanta, Ga., and read pages 15 to 18 pertaining to co-operative negotiations; pages 24, 25 and 26, student teaching, children in charge of signal towers, and movement of trains by telephone; 28, 29, 30 and 31, in conclusion. This will explain to you what unionism is, what has been done, what is trying to be done and what can and will be done in the future.

Those who were members two years ago can easily note the difference in the size of the supplement as well as the size of the journal compared to the issues of two years ago, showing you that our grand Order, of which you are a worthy member, is growing and in the near future will be one of the strongest and largest fraternal orders in existence. With your support, your local and grand officers will be able to continue onward and upward.

Business on the "Stormy Route" is not very heavy at present.

Bro. Ward has been transferred from second trick at "X" office, Rock Island, to first trick, while Mr. Kirkland goes to Moline to relieve Bro. True for a few weeks.

Dispatcher Curry, of 23d street, Rock Island, is on vacation for a month. Mr. Hazard, of Terminal Junction, taking his place until his return.

Bro. A. S. Gustus, extra, has gone from Yates City to second trick at Rock Island while Bro. Ward is holding down first shift.

We are glad to hear from Bro. Ben Harrison once more, and hope that by this time that he is settled in his new home, for we hear he was married to a charming young lady of Rock Island.

He is now working in the C. B. & Q. ticket office at St. Paul, Minn., and every man on the Galesburg Division, extends his best wishes to them both for a long and happy life.

Mr. Eiker, first trick at Alpha, has been transferred to Briar Bluff as agent while Miss Cornwall is taking a short rest. Did not learn who went to Alpha.

It seems as though this end of the Galesburg Division could do better than it has in the past, so please each and every man and woman send at least one news item for the journal next month. I fear that if Bro. Adams had failed me the "Stormy Route" would have been shy this time. Send all news to Bro. Malone at Galesburg, or Bro. Armstrong at Macomb, and it will reach these columns without delay. DIV. COR.

Burlington Division—

We are very short of items. On account of the shortage of extra men to fill vacancies we have had few changes on our division.

Bro. Lowman has returned from his vacation in the South, and is again at his post at Tracey.

Bro. Dale Ellis, who relieved Bro. Lowman, at Tracey, is now relieving Mr. E. L. Logan, at Dallas City, Ill. We do not know where Mr. Logan went to spend his vacation.

Mr. D. F. Berry, at Brighton, is taking a vacation, and had a hard time getting away. He had to get Mr. McConahey, at Washington, to relieve

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him, and send his son over to Washington as helper in Mr. McConahey's place.

Bro. C. E. Butler asked to get off a few days to go home, on account of sickness in the family, and Mr. Allison had to send to Kansas City for an extra man to take charge of Woolson station. What do you think of that for a surplus of telegraphers and station men. That guy that wrote so much about the telephone going to make plenty of men has guessed wrong, the telephone is driving all the men who once would have learned the business into something else, and when one that is working now can get another job he takes it, so where is it going to end. It looks now as though the fellow who makes those "high go roller" telephones will have to invent some kind of an electric agent and press the button when you want things done.

Bro. J. H. Barnard, our old hand at the wheel, at LoVilia, for nearly twenty-five years, met with the serious and painful accident of falling off the running with a heavy box of freight, the box lighting on his leg breaking it just above the knee. Bro. E. G. Oller is relieving him.

Bro. G. A. Oliver, at Hamilton, has been off sick thirty days with a very bad attack of the mumps, being relieved by Bro. E. G. Oller.

Mr. S. M. Lowman has been off two months with a very bad attack of rheumatism, he spent several weeks in Hot Springs. Bro. Dale Ellis is doing the stunt at Tracey.

Bro. H. W. Ward, of Harvey, expects to see Seattle in all of its glory some time this month.

Bro. G. A. Micke, at Swan, has quit the service and gone to South Dakota, where he is working for the B. & M.

Mr. M. C. Ray, at Ford, has the sympathy of all the brothers in his sad bereavement, caused by the death of his brother in the "RA," Coon River, near DesMoines.

J. L. Davis, the day telegrapher in C. B. & Q. freight office, in DesMoines, has gone to the C. R. I. & P. Bro. J. E. Lynn has the day job. There is a new night man, whose name we do not know. DIV. COR.

Sheridan Division—

One of our esteemed brothers took a little sympathy on me this month, and sent the majority of these notes.

Bro. B. J. Keys, the agent at Worland, is laying off, and has gone to the coast; Mr. Jas. Fagon, of Upton, is relieving him.

Bro. Bob Ross, agent at Basin, is laying off, visiting Crow agency and playing ball with the red skins. Bro. Vacek has his place.

The B. R. T. run a big special from Sheridan to Crow agency, taking in the battlefield and the agency sights. Several outsiders were among the party, and every body came home satisfied and ready to go on such another outing.

Time freight extra 3,133, Conductor Barr, Engineer Dougherty, was derailed one mile west of Dunmore on the 17th, supposed by sun-kink; 8 cars coke and merchandise went in the ditch; trains were delayed several hours.

Bro. Federicks and Sister Federicks are holding down second and third tricks at Wyola, regular, with Mr. Runyon, the unconvinced, holding down first trick.

Mr. G. A. Lewis, a new man, is now the third trick telegrapher at Crow agency.

Bro. O. O. Merritt, who was formerly agent at Ballantine and Toluca, is now agent at Greybull, vice Mr. McClung who resigned to try his hand at the real estate business.

Mr. M. E. McCarthy, a new man from the C. N. W. is holding down the agent's job at Ballantine. A new depot is being built at Ballantine which will make it nice for some old head when the bulletin comes out.

Bro. R. P. Peck, the genial night telegrapher at Hardin, is temporarily acting as agent at Toluca.

Wm. Henderson, the former night telegrapher at Deitz, is now working nights at Hardin.

Bro. G. B. Federicks worked a few nights at Hardin, Wyola being closed one trick, on account of a shortage of telegraphers.

A Mr. G. C. Shepherd, one of the old-time booze fighting telegraphers from New Mexico, tried to work nights at Hardin, but as usual with one of his kind, his stay was of short duration.

Bro. Geo. Cooper, former night telegrapher at Ranchester, has left the service, and accepted a position with the big Horn Timber Co. He was relieved by Bro. Frank Mills, from Kirby.

Bro. McMillan, the former agent at Deitz, has been transferred to the agency at Cody. Former Agent Watson resigned, going to the coast.

Bro. Rastus Elder, a former telegrapher at Osage, who went to Texas about a year since, has decided to return to the "Q" and will arrive shortly.

Mr. Ed. Edge, an old-timer, has entered the service, and is stationed at Ulm, nights. This gives Ulm two men.

Bro. Steve Tupper claims he has one of the best ranches in the vicinity of Hardin. We can hardly doubt his word, as Hardin is noted for being in one of the best farming communities in Montana.

There was over thirty telegraphers hired in the month of June. This is an average of one a day.

A Mr. Meacham is working the third trick at Upton, relieving Mr. Fagan.

Bro. Essex, the agent at Dewey, has just returned from a long vacation trip through the East and in Missouri, his home State.

Wm. H. Reinhart holds the third trick at Clearmont at present.

Those who have not paid dues for the present term should take a word from the wise and do so.

The secretary and treasurer advises that dues are coming in like flies, and new applications are also numerous.

Let us get busy and see if we can not secure the applications of the few remaining nons and make our division solid. While we talk about the banner division there is plenty of room for work, and interest should be manifested at all times.

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Several boys have lost out on account of sleeping on duty. This looks like some of us are taking advantage of the nine-hour law, as in every case it was found to be a nine-hour man that was discharged. It would be a good idea to discontinue this boys, as it causes more work for all concerned, and you know well enough that you wouldn't want to break your arm off like those dispatchers do calling a man, when he's "dead in the hay." Try and give the dispatcher your best, and you will find a big change in the manner in which he treats you.

Our former chief dispatcher, Mr. C. D. Peckenpaugh, has been promoted to train-master, vice H. C. Hughes, transferred to the Burlington Division.

Night Chief Dispatcher Harry A. Kimball now holds down the chief's chair, with Mr. F. C. Runnells acting night chief.

Messrs. Smith and Johnson, from the first trick dispatcher's "(Z)" office are up in the Big Horn Mountains looking for trout and taking in a little of the surplus fresh air. Messrs. Dow and Childs are relieving them.

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Sterling Division—

Every telegrapher on the Sterling Division should be up-to-date in our Order; compare the present with the past, and then picture the future prospects. There is much to be gained by each one doing a share of the work. Send me your blanks and get lined-up, or send blanks to Bro. Feary, at Mitchell.

J. Corbett (but not the famous Jim) is doing the relief act at Grover, while Bro. F. A. Thornbrough takes a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. C. L. Friddell, formerly at Wallace, and later at Dalton, has taken a station on the D. & R. G., understand at Rico, Colo. We commend him to Division No. 49.

Bro. F. C. Fry, of Sidney, days, is doing the act as extra dispatcher, while the dispatchers are enjoying their annual vacation. I wonder when the poor telegraphers will be enjoying their "annual" vacations?

Bro. A. M. Smith, the relief agent now at Elwood, has the following outline of relief work ahead of him: From Elwood to Maywood, three weeks, then Farnam, Mitchell and Madrid. At each of these positions he will relieve an agent with an up-to-date card.

Ere this meets your gaze your correspondent expects to be located at Dalton, Neb., and there I would like to hear from all the nons on the division. I wish they would tell me why it is that they are still nons, and if after twenty years in this world I am in the wrong and why.

Two brothers who left us last month (A. B. Delahoyde and John Kramer) are still absent from the division. No report from them as yet.

Bro. F. A. Bullock, formerly agent at Wellfleet, and later cashier at Brush, has recently been enjoying a pleasant visit to California.

Bro. R. C. Norris, of Maywood, is hoping for early relief, expecting to visit Chicago and other Eastern Points.

We hope to give you more news after we get moved to Dalton, just be patient, and don't forget that the nons must still be looked after.

J. T. MADDOX.

Brookfield Division—

Bro. H. M. Edsall is working on the Sheridan Division.

Bros. Thomason and Saunders have changed tricks a few days, on account of Bro. Saunders being sick.

Bro. H. Smith has been appointed assistant local chairman, and his territory will include the Q. O. & K. C. R. R. as well as the St. Joe branch.

The 'phone system is in operation from Brookfield to Hannibal and Quincy, and is working well.

Let each individual report his items to division correspondent, and give us a chance to represent you.

Let's hear from the boys east of Cameron Junction, to Quincy and Hannibal.

Bro. G. D. Freeman is taking a few days' vacation.

H. C. Crane and Brakeman Cox are attending court at Liberty, and Timothy Phelan is in Crane's place on St. Joe and K. C. runs.

Bro. L. E. Wilhait is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Schackleford.

Bro. Saunders and wife are visiting in Stewartsville. He was relieved by C. W. Carroll.

Quite a number of the boys could not get relief to attend Fourth of July celebrations.

Local way freights were annulled July 5th.

Bro. C. S. Stevens bid in the third trick at South Park.

The following positions are on bulletin: Second trick at Ely, second trick at Hunnewell, second trick at Clarence, third trick at Shelbina, and agency at Anabel.

On account of heavy rains affecting track and washing out in some places, trains were annulled or detoured.

The Burlington handled the Wabash and C. & A., while the Rock Island had the Santa Fe.

A 'phone office was temporarily installed three and one-half miles west of Randolph, the crossover, until Wabash could repair its track, where it washed out. We did not learn the 'phone operator's name.

Bros. Thomason, Kay and Edsall handled the train wire while communication was cut off from Brookfield.

Dispatchers excused telegraphers from one to three hours, during slack business, but we are making up for it now.

We understand L. B. Lamb, night chief at Brookfield, goes to general manager's office, nights, in Chicago.

J. E. Dunn relieving Wm. McCue, who is taking a few weeks' off. DIV. COR.

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Wymore Division—

We are very sorry to advise that there were no items received this month, and therefore this write-up will consist only of what the division correspondent was able to gather personally.

Everything is lovely with the exception that we are not getting the nons to join us as rapidly as they should. We have altogether too many of them, and we certainly ought to be able to land a few applications if we all go after them. Let us get busy and reduce the number, making the Wymore Division the most solid of them all.

By the way, what about your dues for the present term? There are a number who have not yet come across, and I would suggest that they line up before it slips their memory.

Have you ever noticed how the old stand-patters come up with their dues? They may have sickness and other forms of disaster befall them, but they always manage to find the five iron dollars to square them with the Order that helps them earn their bread and butter. I have often thought that the example set by these brothers must make the back slider feel mighty small when he thinks the matter over, providing he has enough gray matter to allow him to do any thinking.

Bro. C. F. Wahl, of Tecumseh, recently returned from a honeymoon trip. No cigars in sight yet.

Mr. R. C. Reid was recently transferred from nights at Fortescue to the third trick at Tecumseh.

Bro. E. L. Money is now located at Blue Springs as 'phoner-agent.

Jno. R. Boyd, 'phoner-agent at Hollis, recently filed his application, and will be wearing the wreath and sounder ere this appears.

The depot at Johnson burned on the night of July 4th, and Bro. Jessup is now doing business in a box car.

Superior is to have a tower with a 15-lever machine located near the Santa Fe-Burlington crossing.

The increase in business made it necessary to install a third trick man at Firth and Tecumseh. Mr. McGuire, a new man, is holding down the third trick at Firth at present.

Trust the weather will be cooler so that we can make a better showing next month.

Remember those dues. DIV. COR.

Ottumwa Division—

Mr. M. J. Graham, Monmouth tower, has returned from his honeymoon trip in the East, and resumed work.

Joe Barry, formerly of Monmouth tower, is now working as telegrapher and clerk at Havelock, Neb.; relieved by Mr. A. T. Parker.

Bro. F. M. Graham, of Biggsville Cabin, was off a few days the first part of the month; relieved by Bro. A. H. Kleiman, a new man here.

Mr. H. W. Barnes, of Kirkwood, has returned from his trip to North Dakota, and has resumed work. He was relieved by Bro. J. F. Brabelton, who has now resumed his regular trick. Mr. Barnes says everything looks fine in that part of the country.

Bro. R. W. Lee, second trick at West Burlington, has resigned; can not say what his intentions are, and sorry to see him leave us. Relieved temporarily by Bro. R. A. Sanberg, of Lockridge, he in turn by Mr. C. M. Pumphrey, of Batavia, third trick.

Telegrapher Ketchum at Lockridge, second trick, has resigned, we understand, to take service with the Santa Fe. Relieved by Mr. R. A. Thompson, a new man here.

Bro. F. A. Sense is enjoying a vacation, and taking a Pacific Coast tour. Relieved by Mr. W. M. Long, from the C. & E. I.

Bro. G. R. Bannister, who has been working third trick at Dudley, has left the service; relieved by L. E. Douney, who has also left the service, he being relieved by Bro. A. H. Kleiman.

Bro. Stover who is doing the twelve-hour owl stunt at Cleveland, was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Mowrey.

Bro. J. M. Carr, of Melrose, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. H. E. Conine, of Dudley, necessitating the closing of second trick at Dudley.

Bro. C. F. Critchfield received second trick at Albia on bulletin.

Bro. H. H. Mowrey bid in second trick at Tower 307 on bulletin.

In order to have a write-up it is necessary to have a little help. One can not keep tab on the whole division. Anyone having notes, please drop a postal either to Bro. Shields at Chariton, or Bro. Walter at Fairfield.

Wish to thank Bros. Conine, of Dudley, and Swanson, of Monmouth, for notes this month. Won't some more of you get busy?

Some few days ago when the schedule was distributed, a circular notice was put out with it. The circular would lead one to believe that there were some positions cut by schedule, or, at least, could be. Going on to say that no cut was contemplated at the present time, the lower figures being shown indicating that they could be reverted to, should circumstances make it necessary, or words to that effect. There is nothing to it; what your schedule calls for is what goes.

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La Crosse Division—

Bro. A. A. Fitz, second trick man at East Dubuque, is taking a 30-day vacation to make a tour of the West; relieved by Telegrapher Chisholm.

Bro. Roy Garber, of Diamond Bluff, is on a three-week vacation; relieved by Telegrapher O'Connell.

Bro. Freid and Bro. Kregs, second and third trick men at Cassville, took a trip to Dubuque the first of the month.

Bro. Clark, the agent at Cassville, took a trip to Savanna, last week.

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Bro. Cleary, of Galena, was off for a week or so; relieved by Bro. Birtsel, of Blanding. When Bro. Cleary returned, Birtsel made a few days' visit at Dubuque.

Bro. Graves, agent at Galena Junction, and Bro. Livingston, third trick man at Portage, were visitors at Dubuque, last week.

Bro. Steading, third trick man at Galena Junction, was also a visitor at Dubuque one night last week.

Bro. Willard, agent at McCortney, was at East Dubuque this week.

Bro. Rogers, the agent at Grand Crossing, has resumed duty after an extensive trip through the western States.

Telegrapher Groff, side-wire man at "CH" office, is on a three or four weeks' vacation; relieved by Walter Holmes, of Savanna yards.

Telegrapher Paul also side-wire man at "CX," is on a vacation; relieved by a man signing "N," from Chicago.

We understand that our old friend, B. C. Honison is on his wedding trip and when he returns will relieve Mr. Ragen, city ticket agent at Winona. On account of the death of H. W. Lhise, Mr. Ragen has been appointed general city ticket and passenger agent at Dubuque. Henison was formerly one of our hardest workers, and I am sure we all wish him success in his new undertaking.

It is rumored that Bro. Cummings, of Glen Haven, has resigned to go into business with his father at some place in the East. Did not hear who took his place.

Bro. T. B. O'Brine, agent at Bay City, laid off two weeks on account of weak eyes. Telegrapher Barth relieved him.

Bro. Brown, the second trick man at Potosi, visited Dubuque last week during the W. O. W. convention.

Telegrapher Elkins, from Curry, recently took a trip to Chicago; relieved by Mr. Barth from Fountain City. Understand Mr. Barth will enroll as soon as he gets off the extra list.

Bro. J. W. Ragatz from North Yard made a flying trip to Dubuque; relieved by Telegrapher Foehringer.

Mr. Sperry from Oakland, is doing the agent's "stunt" at Onalaska, after which he intends to take a month's vacation. Bro. Larson, from Division No. 23 is relieving him.

Bro. Griffon from Fountain City spent a few days at Maiden Rock; relieved by Telegrapher Barth.

Bro. Nelson, from Dayton Bluff, is taking a trip to Seattle. Have not been able to find out who is relieving him.

Mr. Risser from Dayton Bluff is working at "H" office, Minneapolis; relieved by Bro. Jay from DeSoto.

Bro. Wehrman from Prescott and Bro. Levitt from Curry, are making a trip to Chicago and Milwaukee. Telegrapher Kemp is relieving Bro. Levitt and Mr. Foehringer is working Mr. Kemp's trick at Curry. Bro. Burns from Alma is working Bro. Wehrman's trick at "SD," and Mr. White is working Bro. Burns' trick at Alma.

Bro. Vogel has been transferred from first trick at Hastings to the position of third trick dispatcher at Newport. CERT. 1371.

Aurora Division—

Sister Sarah E. Saunders, of Berwyn tower, has been called to Oklahoma on account of the death of her sister. Relieved by Miss Annie Roach.

Bro. H. M. Kaut, of Downers Grove station days, was recently called to Dubuque, Iowa, on account of the death of his grandmother.

Miss Ida Parish, the phoner at Western Springs tower, did not show up for work at the regular time on June 29th, forcing the company to work third trick operator and second trick operator twelve hours and to close the office from 4 a. m. to 6 a. m. This is the second time this has taken place recently, once at "SY," Aurora, office. This is a very poor way to quit. We are glad to note that in neither case was the wreath and sounder worn, and we hope that none of our brothers and sisters will take such steps when quitting as to desert their jobs.

Bro. Russell, of Downers Grove tower, made his regularly monthly trip to Leland, Ill., July 17th. We hope the brother will be able to line up the other two telegraphers at Downers Grove tower.

Bro. Stoneburg, who has been working at Galva tower for the last thirty days, has returned to his old job at Somonauk Cabin.

Mr. C. F. Stein, who has been working at Somonauk Cabin, returned to Sandwich and is now working second trick phoner job at that station. We expect before this goes to the printer we will again be able to call him Bro. Stein.

Mr. E. G. Noack, formerly second trick man at Sandwich, has bid in "SY," Aurora yard office. We wish him success, which will no doubt go with this young telegrapher. His work has always been satisfactory to all concerned, and we can safely say that before this reaches the printer we can again call him brother.

Bro. Carley, of Bristol tower, is relieving Bro. Doty at the station while the latter is taking a vacation.

Bro. E. F. Todd local chairman, was a caller at Princeton, Ill., the first part of the month, looking after some grievances at that station.

Bro. Ranger, of Somonauk Cabin, was a Chicago visitor July 21st.

Bro. McVey spent his 4th of July at Mendota.

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McCook Division—

This division seems to be a dead one so far as several of its members are concerned. The local chairman has had great difficulty in securing a division correspondent. Of those he has asked some have not the time, others not the inclination. One brother even went so far as to ask "What is in it?" This kind of feeling is wrong, boys, and if you are asked to help out the Order in any

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way and have the time you should do so to the best of your ability. It is enough to make some of the founders of our Order who labored for the good of their fellow telegraphers, turn in their graves to hear such a question "What is in it?" Another thing, boys, get on the job. This is one thing a great many of the telegraphers are not doing. Telegraphers who carry up-to-date cards and claim to be good men when put "up against it" are not "there with the goods." If you are the agent show the superintendent that you appreciate your job and everyhing he does for you. If you are the telegrapher, help the agent all you can. Don't be afraid of your work. Be ready and willing to do your part. He will appreciate it. It is very gratifying to know that when anything goes wrong it is not an Order man who is up against it. Show them that you are on the job every minute of the time you are supposed to work.

J. W. Church, night telegrapher of Orleans, has gone to Cambridge to work nights, Telegrapher F. E. Mathais, of the Oxford freight house, relieving him permanently.

Mr. Z. T. Kemper, who has been agent at Alma for the past twenty-five years, had the misfortune some few months ago to run a splinter in his hand, while performing his various duties about the station, which in time became irritated and swollen and recently blood poison set in and he was compelled to have it amputated. Mr. Kemper expected to remain in the service, but it has been decided that they can not use him to advantage, and presume he will be relieved as soon as it can be done.

H. L. Billesbauch, the cashier at Orleans, is off on a few days' vacation; relieved by Evart Neaurbauer. Later we learn that Billesbauch has been made night telegrapher at Minden, Neaurbauer remaining at Orleans.

Our genial trainmaster, W. G. Dungan, of the Oberlin and St. Francis Branches, is off on a two weeks' vacation, fishing in the Estes Park region.

Bro. Irwin, of Beaver City, made a business trip to Lincoln between trains last week. He reports business at his station good.

Conyers, of Traer, made a visit with home folks at Franklin the fore part of the week, coming down on the stock train and returning on No. 190.

Day telegrapher C. A. Peterson at Orleans expects to depart for California in the near future. This is the first layoff Pete has had in four years, and is well deserved, as he is on the job all the time.

Get busy, some of you fellows, and if you are too busy to handle the correspondence for this division, at least send in a few items each month to help out.

Telegrapher Lee Curtis, who is on leave of absence from the Rock Island for ninety days, is relieving Bro. Chapin at Otis. Bro. Chapin is holding down Norcatur.

Mr. G. S. Scott has been transferred from acting agent at Akron to regular agent at Brush, succeeding Bro. Bullock, who was acting agent at Brush during Mr. Curry's illness.

Bro. A. C. Hugg, from first trick at Akron to agent at Akron, succeeding Mr. Scott.

Bro. Stayner has been transferred from second trick at Brush to second trick at Akron, succeeding Bro. Cowart.

Bro. Cowart, who has been visiting home folks in Alabama, is now working third trick at Renkleman.

Bro. C. R. Hunt, from Utica, Md., Brookfield Division, is now working first trick at Akron.

Bro. Bullock at Brush has been taking a vacation visiting friends at Salt Lake; relieved by Bro. C. V. Glenn. Bro. Glenn was relieved by Mr. A. M. Smith who has been working as helper at Brush. Understand Smith was too heavy at second trick at Brush, and moved to Pinneo, nights, relieving Mr. A. M. Thune, who has resigned. Mr. R. C. Cutler, who relieved Mr. Thune, is now working third trick at Akron. Thune went from Akron to Pinneo.

The telegraphers at Akron are now working on a straight nine-hour basis, with no meal hour off.

Bro. Dewitt, who has been at Crest for some time, has been transferred to the train service; relieved by Mr. H. E. Peterson.

Telegrapher Curtis has resigned and is going back East.

Bro. C. H. Gist has sold out his business in Denver and indications are that he will re-enter the service. Strange how the old-timers will drift back.

A. V. Anderson is now working in Mr. Koller's office at McCook. CERT. 758.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Lakeland District—

Again it is time to let our members know that there is "something doing in the good old summer time." The summer time has reached us all right, but we are not having such weather as we read about in the Middle West, where the thermometer is reported to be as high as 108. There is no place like the land of flowers, where one works half the year and rests in the shade the other half, and where coal bills are almost unknown.

The agency at Crystal River has been bulletined, and, we understand, bid in by Bro. Brantley, local chairman. This is the second time a non has checked up short at that agency. How long will it take to find out that up-to-date members are more to be depended upon than nons and students?

The above change puts Dade City on the bulletin board. Here is a nice place for some worthy brother.

The clerk-telegrapher position at Croom is also in the last shake-up.

There may have occurred other vacancies, but your correspondent is unable to give them, as these are all he has heard of, and on account of having to leave home for a week he can not wait to learn more.

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There are several of our members who have not paid dues for the term ending June 30th, and their names will be dropped on July 31st, unless they pay up before that time. I wish every up-to-date member on the district would write to Bro. Brantley, local chairman, and get the names of these delinquents and see if they can not be prevailed upon to correct this mistake before it is too late. We all expect that something will be doing before the end of the year, and we can not expect as much with a depleted membership as one that presents a solid front.

There are also a few more nons on the district than there should be, and we want your help in getting them to see the error of their way. Now while the sun is shining and the mocking birds are singing in the trees across the track, lets get right down for two hours each day and see how much missionary work we can do. If each member of this district will devote even half of that much time each day in writing to nons on the district, there will not be a corporal's guard left inside of thirty days. Just try it for one month and see the difference in the number of applications sent in from the Lakeland District.

D. C.

Waycross District—

I have just learned that Bro. Sasser makes a weekly report to the members of his local board, letting them know what is going on on the district. We write to the journal each month so all the members, not only of the district, but of the division, may know what is going on down here.

There were four new members from this district last month; while this is not as large a percentage as we would like to see, yet if each district on the system showed this number of new members each month, there would soon be no nons left to work upon. At this rate there would be approximately 600 for a year. We would exhaust the supply of nons long ere that number could be reached. In correspondence with Bro. Williams, general secretary and treasurer, he said if the same effort was put forth on the other districts that is being put forth on this, there would soon be nothing to do but remind the members of their duties as such. What a glorious condition that would be. It would not then be necessary to ask "When will the committee go up for a revision of the schedule?" The committee would go whenever the members thought it necessary.

One thing in particular about Bro. Sasser's report, was a list of the nons on the district, and since that report was made one of the nons has joined and one left the road. With this kind of work in less than two months there will be nothing but members on the Waycross District. We have had it 100 per cent once before. Write to Bro. Sasser now and get him to give you the names of the nons, and help him to get them all into the Order. There is not many of them left.

Bro. J. C. Saville is temporarily at Pidcock, and Bro. O. L. Dunn has gone from Pidcock to Sylvester, second trick. Mr. Graddy, at Sylvester, has resigned.

Bro. H. B. Gross has been transferred from Nahunta to Waynesville agency.

Bro. E. W. Smoak is working the Acree agency until it has been decided who wins on the bulletin of the 30th of June. Bro. Smoak was working second trick at Valdosta, but on account of Bro. R. L. Hall being the older man he was given the place.

Several brothers have been off recently on account of sickness; among the number is Bro. Holzendorf, of Stocktom, who has been spending a few weeks in Florida on account of the illness of his mother.

Bro. T. H. Matthews, of McDonald, is now off duty and at Folkston, with his wife, who is quite ill.

Bro. Geo. Perry, of Dupont, was off duty several days, attending his wife who was very ill. We are glad to note that she is improving.

We are indebted to Bro. E. H. Baker, of Tifton, for a number of notes. Bro. Baker will be remembered by the older men on the B. & W., as he formerly worked at Tifton, but has been with the Tampa Northern for the past two or three years, as agent at Fivay Junction, Fla. During all this time Bro. Baker has kept in touch with the A. C. L., and always boasted of an up-to-date card in Division No. 132. We fear we will lose him now as he is with the G. S. & F., but working a joint position. Bro. Baker is working the third trick at Union Station. He reports that the first trick man, Mr. Hickey, has filled out his papers and sent to Bro. Watson of Division No. 56. There have been two changes in the second trick at Tifton within a short time. Mr. Autrey was let out, on account of being unable to get along with A. C. L. dispatcher, and Bro. Piper, from Division No. 46, had to go home on account of sickness and did not return. We understand that he is at work for Central of Georgia, near Athens. Bro. McCorvey, the present man, is a good one.

Our attention has been called to the fact that some of the third trick men on B. & W. side are not as prompt in answering calls as they should be, which leads to the belief that there is sleeping going on. Now this is not going to do at all. After working as we have for an eight-hour day, we certainly can not afford to let it slip from our grasp, because a few third trick men will persist in sleeping on duty. This looks bad and should by all means be stopped.

The third trick at Valdosta is now on bulletin, also the second trick at Nahunta.

Bro. Austin, the third trick man at Thomasville, resigned late in June, and was relieved by Bro. F. B. Powell, of Pelham. Mr. C. A. Bowen, who formerly worked at Pelham, is again working the clerk-telegrapher position at Pelham.

Don't forget to write Bro. Sasser for a list of the nons, and help him to get the district solid by the end of the month.

D. C.

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Richmond District, South—

Notes are scarce this month, although a good many things have taken place, but few of them have been reported.

Complaint was made early in the month that vacancies were not being bulletined, so Bro. Bridgers, local chairman, sent out circular letter to all members, asking them to notify him of any vacancy occurring so he could take up same and have the bulletin issued. I hope every member on the district will do this every time he hears of a vacancy. Don't put it off till tomorrow, but let Bro. Bridgers know about it "now." It is only by having the help of every member on the district that the best work can be accomplished, and the greatest results obtained.

The meeting at Rocky Mount, on July 10th, was success from every point of view, but could have been more liberally attended. The members who remained away do not know what a treat they missed. It was decided to hold these meetings monthly as long as we can get the requisite number. The first business taken up was the election of permanent officers, and the following were elected: Chief telegrapher, J. H. Williams; first vice-chief telegrapher, A. B. Douglas; second vice-chief telegrapher, C. T. Bolick; past chief telegrapher, D. B. Rector; marshal, P. S. Newton; secretary, D. H. Parker; inside sentinel, H. L. Gardner; outside sentinel, R. H. Merchant.

It was decided to select a hall other than the Masonic Temple if possible, and notice of the change will be made when the notice of the meeting is mailed out. It is earnestly desired that every member who is in a position to attend these meetings will do so, as a great many questions of interest and importance come up for discussion. Our members in the South are far behind the lines East and West, when it comes to members who can get up in meeting and speak out what they think. This is because so few of them have been in the habit of attending meetings. It is very important that you should study these questions and be able to state your side of them.

After the meeting on the 10th, refreshments were served, which were enjoyed immensely by all present. This feature of the meetings will be well looked after in the future, and I don't think many of the members will have any cause for regret on account of attending the monthly meetings at Rocky Mount.

There were no candidates for initiation this month, the first time for quite a while. We expect to have several at the next meeting.

While this account is written under the Richmond District South, we do not want the members on the Richmond North, Norfolk and Wilmington District to feel they are not included, as you can look over the list of officers and see that all are represented. We want each district to send a good representation each month hereafter.

Some of the changes that have taken place this month are as follows:

Bro. W. B. Rector, from "X," Rocky Mount, to Richmond, "K," as copyist and extra dispatcher.

Mr. J. B. Farmer, from "YD" tower, to second "CO," which is on bulletin. Bro. Merchant going from second trick "CO," South Rocky Mount, to the Halifax agency, on the north end.

Bro. Chas. Bolick, first trick at South Rocky Mount, is off for a few days' vacation, and is being relieved by Mr. Foster, from third trick. Mr. Newman, from the Southern Railway, is holding down the third trick at present. Bro. Bolick intends to visit his parents at Ridgeway, S. C., and then make a trip to Washington, D. C., and Memphis.

It will be of interest to some of the brothers to know that Bro. C. L. Gribble, formerly at Pee Dee, is now in the far Northwest, being located at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on the Great Northern Railway.

Bro. F. A. Truitt is back at his old trick in Elm City, after spending a delightful honeymoon in "The Land of the Sky" in Western North Carolina.

We would like to meet you all at the monthly meetings in Rocky Mount. TAR HEEL.

Gainesville District—

We are glad to welcome into the Order, this month, Bro. J. L. Johnson, the new agent at Santa Fe. All brothers kindly extend to Bro. Johnson the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Johnson went to Santa Fe when Bro. H. B. James was transferred from that point to Haynesworth, nights.

It is reported that the agency at Worthington Springs will be reopened at an early date. Would like to see a good Order man go to that beautiful spot.

The freight agency at St. Petersburg has been on bulletin, and understand Bro. R. T. Thorne, formerly ticket agent at St. Petersburg, was the successful bidder. This is quite a promotion for Bro. Thorne, as the freight agency pays $110.00 per month, and is a very responsible position.

Mr. Beville, who was for some time agent at Croom, is acting ticket agent at present. Have not heard who will get the place permanently. Mr. Beville has been out of the telegraph service for some time. He at one time was a strong O. R. T. member, and we hope to see him with the right kind of a pink slip next month.

More later. CRACKER.

All Members Division No. 132:

WILSON, N. C., July 19, 1909.

Brother O. P. Raiford, of Hamer, has asked me to express his sincere thanks for the help rendered him during the illness of his family, and his own words being much more expressive than I can write, I will quote his letter:

"Bro. Williams, words can not express my true appreciation to you and all concerned for the kind-

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ness shown me by brother O. R. T.'s and its local chairmen.

"I sincerely hope that you will extend to each subscriber to the cause, my hearts gratitude and true appreciation for such liberal contribution, and may the God above bless each one, if I am never able to prove my thanks personally to them.

"Again and again thanking you, and extending my best wishes."

Anything I can add to the above will be superfluous. Am glad to say Mrs. Raiford is fast recovering, and that Bro. Raiford says she will soon be well again.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS,

General Secretary and Treasurer.

Richmond District North—

I will let the members know of a little that is happening on the north end of the system this month, and try and make a much better report in September.

After the promotion of Bro. Smoak, from clerk-telegrapher to agent at Manchester, the clerk-telegrapher's position, paying $60.00 per month was abolished, and the clerical work is now being performed by a man who can not telegraph. Bro. Smoak is doing the telegraphing, which, we understand, is very light.

The following positions have been bulletined, but so far we have not heard who have been appointed to fill the vacancies:

First and third tricks in "K," Richmond; third trick at Weldon; third trick at Stony Creek, and third trick at Enfield.

It is rumored that Bro. W. B. Rector, from Rocky Mount, "X," will get one of the places in "K" office, Richmond.

This district was not very liberally represented at the Rocky Mount meeting, on the 10th, but we hope to have more at the next, and succeeding meetings.

There has not been a new application sent from this district in a month, but we expect to have several before another week has passed. Let's all pull together, as the members are doing on the Waycross District, and we will soon be in better shape than they, as we have all main lines, and a higher minimum than they have down there. This can be made the banner district if we work hard enough. Will you not help this month and send in at least one application?

D. C.

Savannah District—

Three new applications in as many days is going some, but that is what we did on this district last week, and hope to make it as many this week.

Just think there has been twenty new members joined on this district since April 1st. What other district can show a like number? Don't all speak at once.

Understand there has been, or will soon be changes at Offerman, Ludowici and Blackshear. In fact there has been two changes already made, Offerman and Ludowici. Mr. J. B. Simpson went from Offerman agency to Ludowici agency. We can not say who is acting at Offerman.

As one who is in a position to appreciate good work when he sees it, I want to congratulate the membership, and especially the local board, upon the progress made on this district during the last three months. Let us, with one accord, pull together for a solid division. This district is all main line, and therefore easy of access. We can make it solid O. R. T. if we put forth the same effort we have within the past three months. I know it is hot, and an after-dinner nap is most enticing, but we can forego that pleasure and devote the time instead trying to show some non how much better it would be for him to join the O. R. T.

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Jacksonville District—

Bro. Tedder, our very efficient local chairman, is setting the pace for the other local chairmen to follow. He is right on the job all the time. Not only the local chairmanship, but the railroad job as well. There is no cause for complaint from his station. Every bulletin comes out as soon as a vacancy occurs, and applicants can be sure their claims will receive due consideration at his hands.

Bro. C. C. Young, of Haines City, who was married the first of the month of June, and who has been off on his honeymoon, is back at work. Bro. Young was relieved, at Haines City, by Bro. T. J. Tedder, and the agency at Seffner was held down by Bro. W. W. Tedder.

We are glad to have with us, at Tampa, Bro. Geo. B. Walker, of Division No. 8. We are always glad to welcome members from other lines to the bright land of flowers, the "Sunny South" (without any question marks just now).

A letter from Bro. W. J. Sigler, of Winter Park, who is now spending some time in the mountains of Kentucky, says he is having a delightful trip. It must be very refreshing to get way up into a high place, and away from the sound of a railroad train or a mosquito.

Understand another brother has reported nearly all the changes, so will cut it out for this time, and see what has been done. Don't forget we must get this district solid by September 1st.

JACK.

Montgomery District—

Everybody seems to be very busy with watermelons, peaches and cantaloupes. The watermelon and cantaloupe movement has been very heavy and they are still moving, but the shipment of peaches has not been so great. Only a few cars have been moved so far. As soon as train crews get their eight and ten hours rest, they are being called for another trip on account of the melon rush. No doubt we will handle several hundred more carloads than we did last season, as the price seems to be very good.

Bro. A. H. Strickland, the agent at Enterprise, is taking a few days' vacation, visiting Eastern cities and the coast. We understand that his

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clerk, Mr. Howell, is doing the work while he is away.

Mr. L. P. Bailey, the agent at Pinckard, has been off a few days on business; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Johnson.

Mr. J. W. Wise, the agent at Brockton, is attending court in Dothan, Ala. Relieved by Bro. Huey, of Daleville. Bro. Huey's brother is doing the stunt at Daleville.

Bro. Jones, from "X" office at Montgomery, is spending a few days with home folks; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Johnson.

Bro. Mozley, of Sprague, was relieved a few days by Bro. Evans, extra telegrapher.

A Mr. Mullins is doing the stunt at Sellers while Mr. Thames is taking a vacation. Bro. Dean, "night owl" at Tennille, was relieved two or three nights by Extra Telegrapher Johnson on account of sickness.

Mr. Thames, of Sellers, goes on the extra list. Relieved by Mr. Spoorman. Understand Mr. Spoorman had only been checked in a few days before he disappeared with what cash was on hand, leaving the office in charge of the section foreman's boy, who is nothing but a mere lad. Am very glad to say this man was not a brother. A Mr. Faircloth will go to Sellers.

I find that there are two or three students along the line, and am very sorry to say that one of our brothers is guilty of harboring one of them. For the life of me I can not understand how a brother can do this after signing the obligation he does. Not only that, but we know that the very student he has will at any time take his job for less money than he is getting today. This is one of the reasons we are so poorly paid today. Let's live right up to the rules of the Order in every way and see if we don't feel better. And don't forget to apply the motto "No card, no favors" to those who have shown us that they care nothing for the welfare of others. The men who have been working on the road for years and can't see where the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has benefited them are the kind of men to which the motto "No card, no favors" should apply. Treat the man who is just entering the service like a brother and if, after a reasonable length of time he does not come on the right side, make the rule apply to him.

No items from the east end, and therefore I am unable to give you very much news. One brother was kind enough to contribute a few items from one branch. CERT. 1247.

Jacksonville District—

As the regular correspondent for this district is spending a month in "Old Kentucky," I will endeavor to put in a few items for him from this district.

I do not like to look over our journal and not see at least a few items from my own district, and I wish there were a few more men who felt the same way.

The handling of this district for the past year has been rather a tough proposition, and at times very discouraging. Our local chairman has worked faithfully on the nons and has been successful in landing some of them, but there are still too many left. Precious few words of encouragement and very little help has he received from the members. This certainly ought not to be the case.

Boys, let's take a little more interest in our welfare; all I ask you to do is to help yourself and look out for our own interests. If a man is not willing to do this he certainly can not expect others to look out for him very long.

I fear that too many of us think that all we have to do is to keep our dues paid and look to the Order to do the rest without giving a thought as to what it takes to make up and keep the Order together.

I would like to see more interest displayed among the members on this as well as other districts. The next two months are going to be dull ones with some of us. Why not spend one or two hours each day during these two months writing to the nons around us and do our best to get them to join our Order.

The writer intends to spend at least four hours every day hammering away on the nons, and do what he can to drive a few words home to them that will not be easily forgotten, and if the other members will devote one hour per day to this work, I am satisfied that at the end of two months we will see a big change, so much so that I hardly think it would be necessary for me or any one else to write a letter like the one you have just read.

Suppose we try this and see what will be the result. Remember that when by your efforts you add one more to our number you have not only helped that man, but you have strengthened the organization of which you are a member just that much.

Since the last write-up notices have been sent out for the following vacancies: Tampa first trick and Maitland agency. Bro. B. H. Bowen being the oldest applicant, filled the first trick at Tampa. Mr. B. H. Guthrie succeeded in landing the Winter Garden agency. Up to this time we do not know who will get the Maitland agency.

Bro. C. C. Young, after a month's vacation spent on a wedding tour through Washington and points in Virginia and Ohio, has resumed duty at Haines City, relieving Bro. T. J. Tedder, who has returned to Seffner, relieving Bro. W. W. Tedder, who has taken charge of the Maitland agency temporarily. Mr. R. D. Warring, who has been agent at that point, has resigned and gone into the mercantile business at Orlando.

Bro. W. J. Sigler, of Winter Park, is enjoying a month's vacation in Kentucky, while Bro. E. C. Clark is holding down that agency.

The dull season has once more reached this part of the country, but will be with us only about two months, and those of us who do not know how can soon learn how to handle a few thousand boxes of oranges. CERT. 111.

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Norfolk Division—

Bro. J. B. Edmondson is with us again, working first trick at Suffolk.

Bro. G. C. Blow, the first trick man at Suffolk, is doing the copying in "KN" dispatchers' office. I understand that he will hold the position for about three or four months.

Mr. H. H. Jones, the regular copier in "KN" office, has been relieving Bro. C. H. Flucner, assistant chief dispatcher at Tarboro for ten days.

Bro. C. H. Flucner has just returned from a ten-day vacation; he reports a fine time.

Bro. W. C. Andrews, of Vondemere, has been off for a few weeks, taking a vacation. We understand that while off he got married. Do not know the bride's name. We extend our hand to Bro. Andrews for a long and happy life.

Bro. H. L. Gardner and Bro. D. C. Parker, local chairman, attended the meeting held at Rocky Mount, the 11th of July. They report a good time. We were very sorry to hear that but two attended from the Norfolk Division.

Let's all get busy and see if we can't have a larger attendance on the second Saturday night of August.

Bro. B. I. Allsbrook, of Cofield, has been working the second trick at Whaley, relieving Bro. Marquette.

Bro. J. P. Horrell, of Kelford, was suspended for ten days on account of not reporting for duty. Understand while Bro. Horrell is off he will not return to Kelford any more.

Bro. Marquette, of Whaley, has accepted third trick at Kelford. Think Bro. Horrell will take second at Whaley.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. R. C. Pendur, of Scotland Neck, has lost out. Hope he will be able to get back with us.

The clerk's job at Scotland Neck is now on bulletin. It pays $50 monthly.

I am sorry to say we still have some nons over here. Get after them.

Remember the flagman on Nos. 306 and 307 is a W. U. scab. We want to keep a watch on this man, as you know a man that will scab will do anything that is not good.

Business is very dull over here now.

Get in line, boys, and let's see if we can't go to the front. Never give up. Keep on trying.

STONEWALL JACKSON.

C., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

Boys on the Sandy Division and the Columbus and Delaware branches must not feel slighted this month, as the brothers who were asked for items on those divisions failed completely. We received but two communications for this month's write-up.

Bro. J. R. Howser spent a Sunday in Van Wert recently.

Many of the brothers are off on short vacations, but can name only a few.

Bro. Vaughters, of Monroe, is off ten days; relieved by Telegrapher Chester. Bro. Demory, of "WM," Middletown, was relieved for some time by this same man.

The June meeting was held on the 15th at the regular place in Springfield. On account of the illness of his child, Bro. Bright was not in the chair. Fourth Vice-President Dermody was present, and filled the chair. After business every brother present, of whom there was only a fair number, made a report. Bro. Dermody closed with a speech that was excellent. His remarks were refreshing to the boys. They all went home light-hearted and extend their sympathy to those who did not come. The west enders were again prominent by their absence. Even Edwards, of "NY," and "Hero Dewey" of "KD," were not there nor a brother from around Middletown. Boys, attend these meetings and learn to be sociable at least. Regulars, keep up your spirits and attendance.

Bro. Markland, of Edgemont, made a trip to Toledo lately. He intends to leave us soon to enter another line of business. Success to him. We regret to lose one of our baseball stars.

Bro. Butler, of Sharonville, is holding down the third trick at Edgemont for the present.

Your correspondent and wife spent a week on a trip to Niagara in July, being relieved by Telegrapher Morgan, a C. T. U. A. man.

Extra Dispatcher Burch has been working the Cincinnati Division wire while the regular men have been taking vacations.

Bro. T. J. Welsh bid in "DN," Middletown, in the latter part of June.

Bro. Barrett, of Division No. 93, and Bro. Haines, of Division No. 36, have been transferred to Division No. 138.

Telegrapher Bell, of Sharonville, has been removed from the service. The third trick being taken by Telegrapher Morgan.

Bro. Stevick, of "Q," Miamisburg, contemplates a western trip in the near future.

Business remains about the same, but should pick up after Congress adjourns. Then, when conditions warrant it, the O. R. T. should be in a position to do something. That condition is simply a solid line-up. Keep up the cards, brothers, and get after the desirable nons.

Thanks to the brothers for the items sent me this month and those who failed please use the stamped envelope next month. C. R.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, Division No. 138, for their kind donation during the sickness and death of my dear wife.

Fraternally yours,

E. E. WEBER.

Indianapolis Division—

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Bro. Whalen, after which Bro. J. J. Dermody was introduced and gave us a good talk of one and one-half hours on the progress of the O. R. T. and

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advice as to what we should do in the future. He also compared the present salaries with those we should receive in the near future if the brothers would exert a little more energy in lining up the nons. This must be done before we can expect to get our rights.

Bro. Dermody also touched on the telephone question, stating that 133 railroads are in an organization that compels them to install the telephone system to a certain extent, and that on the roads where the telephones are installed trains are continually being delayed because business can not be handled by phone as quickly as it can by telegraph. Bro. Dermody states that the railroads not in this organization will have nothing to do with the telephone system.

I can't take the space in the journal to describe the meeting in detail. Come to the next meeting —come to all of them. The talks of Bros. Dermody and Whalen were invigorating, and all who attended this meeting felt as though they had been benefited.

Bro. Whalen gave us a good word for the loyal stand taken by the Big Four boys to secure recognition and their present schedule.

Bro. Johnson, of the C. C. & L. gave a talk in regard to the fight on their road. He states that thirty out of their thirty-four telegraphers are members. This should make the Big Four boys feel like getting busy.

The L. E. & W., C. C. & L. and Big Four were represented. A nice crowd turned out, but we hope for more next month.

Bro. King, the third trick man at Gretna, is off on thirty days' vacation, visiting his old home in Kansas and his brother in Montana. Telegrapher Schultz is doing the third trick stunt.

Telegrapher Connely was off for three or four days recently, visiting at Dayton and Springfield. Telegrapher Kindell relieved him.

Telegrapher Humrichouse, second trick man at Versailles, is back to work after eighteen days layoff.

Brothers Hatcher, Fouts and Shoffner have now received their cards.

C. W. Buchanan, trainmaster, has been transferred to the Cleveland Division. T. J. Hayes, of the P. & E., is now our trainmaster.

Telegrapher Shepard, the second trick man at Raleigh, is off duty, taking his wife to the hospital at Indianapolis. Telegrapher Coats is doing the relief.

The second trick at Mix is on the bulletin.

Telegrapher Kindell worked second trick at Raleigh for Telegrapher Shepard, who was off on account of his wife being sick. Telegrapher Coats was there, but was sent home to serve the remainder of his thirty days.

Bro. Clegg is off duty on account of sickness. Bro. Grim is relieving him, and Bro. Bodenmiller, of Spofford, is relieving Bro. Grim.

Telegrapher Mann, of Winchester, resigned to take a position in a summer resort. Telegrapher Harper has also resigned.

Bro. Fouts has been assigned to first trick at Fortville.

Telegrapher Coats is working second trick at Manchester in Mann's place.

Telegrapher Wert worked second at Farmland, and Fouts takes first at Fortville.

Bro. Miller resumed first trick at Ansonia after several weeks' vacation. Telegrapher Walters resumed second at Elroy.

Bro. Bodenmiller has returned to his position at Spofford.

The second trick at Gretna, second and third tricks at Farmland and the second trick at Winchester are on bulletin.

Bro. Barbee has been assigned second trick at Mix. This change leaves an opening at Gretna.

Bro. DeBoben is off on account of sickness. Telegrapher Kindell is relieving him.

Telegrapher Stephens, of Wainwright, has returned to work.

Bros. Hutsell and Kelly are taking vacation together. They will visit St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Denver.

Bro. Heckerman, second trick man at Ansonia, visited Bros. Hutsel and Kelly at Muncie a few hours last month.

Bro. Jenkins is again out with his drag net, looking for nons. We have not heard how successful he has been this month.

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Mattoon West, St. Louis Division—

Bro. D. V. Wycoff bid in second trick and sister Mary Carrol, third at 12th St., Mattoon.

Bro. Morgan bid in "KA," Mattoon, second trick.

Bro. Roberts, the first trick man at Pana, is off on account of sickness; relieved by Telegrapher Church. Bro. Roberts is in bad condition, as the doctor reports appendicitis.

Bro. Williams relieved Bro. Whalen at Hillsboro for a few days.

Mr. E. R. Bonnell has been over the line examining telegraphers on the book of rules. This is a fine thing and one that each and every man ought to take a great deal of interest in, for the better you know the rules the easier it is for you to run business successfully.

Bro. Wycoff's wife and little daughter, Josephine, of Witt, have gone on a two-months' visit to their old home at Fort Branch, Ind. In the meantime Bro. Wycoff will move to Mattoon and be his own housekeeper until their return.

Bro. Whalen, of Hillsboro, was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Williams, late of the Wabash at Edwardsville, Ill.

Several changes have taken place since our last issue. Bro. Bruster, of Livingston second trick, has gone to Pana third trick, and Bro. Henderson, of second trick 12th St., has gone to "MX," Mattoon on bulletin.

Bro. F. J. Clare worked at "QN," East St. Louis office, one day, while a telegrapher who signed "G" worked at "QE," East St. Louis, in Bro. Clare's place.

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A few days since while traveling at the rate of sixty miles per hour going into Irving, No. 18 threw a tire on engine 6408. As it happened they were double-heading No. 18, and she was delayed but a few minutes. Engine 6408 cut the bolts off the joints for more than a mile, and it was only luck that it didn't do more damage.

Business is still on the rise, and indications point to a most prosperous year for the railroads in this part of the country.

I beg to ask the brothers and sisters on the west end not to blame me because we did not have a write-up for the month of June. I forwarded same to Bro. R. B. Cook, general correspondent, but I rather think he was attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga., as a delegate at the time, and it failed to reach Bro. Quick's office in time for publication. CERT. 668.

Cleveland-Indianapolis Division—

Extra Telegrapher Harper has resigned and gone to the Hocking Valley.

Telegrapher Foster, the third trick man at Farmland, has taken the agency at Selma, leaving his old trick open.

Telegrapher Fouts has bid in the first trick at Fortville, which was made vacant by the resignation of Telegrapher Hanks, who has taken a job of braking.

Telegrapher Barbee bid in the second trick at Mix, made vacant by the resignation of Telegrapher White. We are unable to learn where White went.

The second trick at Gretna is open for bids, as is the second trick at Winchester. The last-named vacancy was caused by Telegrapher Mann resigning. We understand he went to the G. R. & I.

Bro. Smith, second trick at Fortville, who has been working first trick there until Telegrapher Fouts took charge of it, has taken a trip east, to see Niagara Falls.

Bro. Doan, third trick at Quincy, who has been off a few days, has returned to duty. He was relieved by Telegrapher Barbee.

Bro. Slagle worked the second trick at Mix until he was relieved by Telegrapher Barbee.

Telegrapher Stephens, the second trick man at Wainwright, has been off a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Olvey.

Bro. Nowlin, first trick man at Taft, is taking a vacation; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Burkett.

Telegrapher Olvey has been working second trick at Fortville during Bro. Smith's vacation.

J. W. Sellers is working second trick at Gretna until it is filled by bulletin.

Telegrapher Coats is doing extra work on the second trick at Winchester. Telegrapher Wert is holding down second trick at Farmland and Telegrapher Hatcher third trick at the same place. All of these places are to be filled by bulletin.

Bro. Dicks, Belt Junction second trick, is laying off; relieved by Telegrapher Olvey.

Bro. Carl Martz has bid in second trick at Farmland, leaving third trick at Mix open.

Bro. Heckerman, of Ansonia second trick, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Walters.

Telegrapher Simmons, who has been on the sick list for a long time, has returned to duty.

T. J. Hayes, our new trainmaster, and Mr. Bonnell were over the road to see the boys and make examinations.

Bro. Thatcher, third trick at Fortville, is off on a vacation; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Olvey.

Bro. Kelly is taking in sights in the West, being relieved by Telegrapher Hill.

Telegrapher Coats has been assigned to the second trick at Gretna regularly.

J. W. R., CERT. 594.

T. & B. V. Ry.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of our noble journal, to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to the members of the O. R. T. on the T. & B. V. R. R. at Shiro, Texas, for kindness shown my brother's family during the time of their bereavement occasioned by the sudden death on February 20th of my dear brother, Edgar R. Deen, who was agent and telegrapher at Shiro, Texas. The brethren of the Order can rest assured that they will never be forgotten by the undersigned nor his brother's family.

JAMES R. DEEN, Cert. 6620.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

The present outlook on this division is favorable, and we are sure to pull through, provided we can in some manner bring each and every member to realize the importance of making every effort to protect and build up our organization. We are merely existing at present, although we have done some good. In order to get this division lined up and arouse interest we will have to select a suitable candidate for general chairman, and elect him to that office. We would like to have some one who is thoroughly familiar with conditions, and who is an able and energetic worker. In other words we want some one that will take the situation in hand and hustle. We should hold monthly meetings, which would give each member a chance to express his views, thereby bringing the telegraphers more closely in touch with the situation at all times, we trust that we will not find a single brother lacking when asked for his co-operation to this end. The proper spirit is what we want, together with the initiation of nons and delinquent members. It is highly important that we strengthen our Order on this line, and better our conditions, as we have not yet reached the rate of pay which we rightly deserve Get down to business, we need you and you need help, and its up to both of us to "come clean." What we want is a schedule and an increased rate of pay, and we hope to be successful in our efforts to secure them. When we get a schedule we will be in a position to settle our differences, etc. I name several cases

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where telegraphers have been discharged for failure to again come on duty after having served the limit of the law. There was no means by which they could be reinstated, under present conditions.

We expect to try with renewed energy to bring Division No. 146 up in line with divisions working under a much higher minimum than we are, and in this connection I would like to ask again that every member of this division watch the nons, and when you can land one bring him in. Brothers do not allow students to your main office wires. There are several students on this division. I will refrain from calling names in this connection, I see this work going on, and I trust that each member will give his attention to such cases and endeavor to cut out student work, as you know this is a part of obligation, and is necessary to success. I am at all times ready to assist any one in any way to protect our interest along this line, and do not merely ask that they let me know, but solicit anything from you or any other brother in which I can be of assistance to anyone in matters pertaining to the upbuilding of the Order.

Nons are getting to be numerous on the Brunswick Division, and there is also a good bunch on the Birmingham Division. It is now in order to elect a general chairman. We want an up-to-date, wide awake, energetic man who is able to take the situation in hand, who understands what we are in need of, and the right way to go after the men as a body and inaugurate a business-like system of handling schedule makers. We have done a great deal of good, the officers have done their entire duty, and what they have done has shown loyalty to the Order, but we see where a general chairman would be of great assistance to us. As local chairman I ask that each member give the Order his heartiest support, and we will draw up a contract asking that the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad Company recognize our Order, then after we are recognized by the railroad company we can get our seniority rights. This will give each man who is an employe of this company a chance to bid on a position when it is bulletined, and the oldest man in point of service will get it. After we have secured a contract with the railroad company, we can in due course of time revise the schedule, asking for say ten per cent increase in wages over the entire division. This would make a $50.00 job pay $55.00, or an increase of $60.00 per year. What does it cost you to keep up your dues in the Order which is doing so much good? It doesn't cost you over $10.00 per year. After the existence of our division for a couple of years, I most humbly ask, why we could not have a $75.00 minimum over the entire division. I trust that this is plain enough to every sensible man who wishes to better himself and others. Give your heartiest and most careful thought to our welfare, and when you are called upon to act in connection with the good of the Order, do so willingly and we will assure you that you will be proud of our great Order before the expiration of many months. What we want is strength as a body, and by having it we can easily do the rest. With it we can do good, but without it we can do nothing. We would like to have suggestions made by brothers naming some person who, in their opinion, would make an officer to come up to the above specifications. Mail this information to the local chairman of this division, and let's get busy on this matter. There is one more thing to which I would like to call attention. There are one or two cases where students are using the main line wires for practice, after hours, and I know of one case where there is a student receiving information by telegraph after the regular telegrapher is off duty, as to the arrival of trains at that station. I could not say that the brother in charge knows of the existence of such a thing, still I trust he is wise and will have this practice discontinued. Just have the student business cut out, and not allow them to touch our wires under any consideration.

It is rumored that the Offerman agency was transferred from Mr. J. B. Simpson to one Mr. Upshaw, July 7th. This rumor is not confirmed, however.

Bro. Beard has returned to work at "CD," after a short vacation.

Bro. C. G. Hunter, of Bristol, is off on a vacation. Mr. Quinn, from Guysie, "KI," is relieving him.

Effective July 3d, telegraph office at Guysie is closed. The agency will be continued.

Bro. W. M. English will take a leave of absence, beginning 15th instant, to take a trip through Florida and the Eastern States.

Bro. Roop, is doing the copiest stunt in dispatcher's office at Manchester, having been recently promoted. He will go to "FD" in a few days to relieve Mr. R. L. Spaulding on first trick there.

Mr. R. L. Spaulding, first trick at "FD," is off on a three weeks' vacation, beginning with 15th inst., to take a trip to Memphis and the Eastern States.

Mr. W. J. English, second trick at "FD," will be off on a vacation after the first of August for a month.

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Norfolk & Southern Ry.

The news column of Division No. 147 will evidently surprise and gratify all Order men, when they realize that another division is established, so be prepared to hear our success from time to time.

Allow me to say a few words which I feel justified in mentioning in this issue of the journal for the benefit of this young division, as we do not want any kind of a set back which would be detrimental to the Order and ourselves.

I find a majority of the young members hold a wrong impression of the benefits derived and ultimate aim of our Order, and I am desirous of correcting this erroneous impression before it

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takes too large a hold upon our present good standing.

The question, "When are we going to ask for a raise in salary?" is frequently heard. Boys, the first step in this direction lies in good service to your company, the best you can give, for we can not expect a larger salary until we prove our worth, and even though we consider that at the present time we deserve more than we are getting, we must keep right on doing our best, and then if the officials don't consider we are worth more, and we feel justified in doing so, let us ask them if they expect us to give them the best of service when our minds are not on our work?

Can we do our best or give the company the best that is in us, when we are working with the knowledge that on pay day we will not be able to pay up this or that little bill, but that we will have to continue cutting expenses and depriving ourselves of the little necessities that really make life worth living? How about that doctor's bill which occasionally rolls around when we are the least prepared to meet it, and ten chances to one by the time that one is paid another of the same sort is made, you are continually in debt, and the money that you sign for on pay day is not yours to do with as you will, but must be distributed among creditors who are clamoring for their money. Usually one finds that when it is all paid out it would take as much again if one had it to square up with the world. Under these conditions how can they expect our hearts and the interest of the company to be in our work?

Now on the other hand, don't you think we could work with more pleasure and look out for the interest of the company better, if we were free of debt and were working with the knowledge that if we were careful with our savings we would be able to put a little in the bank for that rainy day, or the day when the railroad company gently tells us our services are no longer needed on account of old age?

When the matter is explained to the officials of our company at the proper time, and they begin to realize that instead of trying to force them to pay us unreasonable salaries, we are simply asking for what we consider our just dues, they will view it in the proper light. We must endeavor to show them that they are making a mistake in not making conditions such that we will take an interest in the welfare of the company, instead of being antagonistic. We desire to show them we are only trying to do what is right, and that we are only too willing to work hand in hand with our superiors. Which proves the most beneficial to the company, better paid men with their whole hearts in their work, whose chief aim is to save the company all they can in every way, or the underpaid telegrapher who is continually grumbling and who will do only what he is compelled to? Will some reader please answer, and will he please state why some railroad officials persist in being antagonistic to our Order when it means better service to them, and for every dollar raise we receive, we will give them two dollars better service in return? This has proved to be the case time and time again, on railroads where Order men and officials railroad, in every sense of the word, together. Now what sort of diplomacy is an official using when he openly declares war on our Order? If the officials are adverse to Order men, why do they not antagonize the Order of Railroad Engineers, the Order of Railroad Conductors? Why should they just as soon as Order of Railroad Telegraphers is mentioned almost pull the hair out by the roots in their madness, and claim that we are ungrateful?

Now doesn't it stand to reason that we should receive the same respect and consideration from the officials that other orders do, or do they consider telegraphers so far beneath the rank and file of railroad men, that we are not worth more consideration than we have already received?

We would like to hear from our brother readers in regard to this subject. We will consider this as our debut in the lime-light of the Order world, and hope to make the boys on this division, who read these items every month, feel that they are a part of the Order and to make them take an interest of all that sounds of brotherhood.

Let me add that Division No. 147, N. & S. Ry., will hold a rally meeting at Norfolk, on September 5th, and cordially invites any and all brother-telegraphers on other roads to attend, and make this meeting a success. Bring your wife, sister, mother or sweetheart, or all of them, and we will endeavor to give you the best time we are able to arrange.

This invitation does not apply to Order men only, but to the nons as well, who will be welcomed most heartily, and be assured there will be plenty of application blanks on hand, and also some of us there to fill them out.

Proper arrangements have been made for chaperones for both ladies and gentlemen, and if we can arrange to do so we will visit Ocean View.

We earnestly request that all attend who can possibly get off, or arrange for their relief on that date, for I am certain you will never regret your trip. Thanking you all, and wishing the Order and its members success, happiness and prosperity in every way, I am yours to stay in the news column. CERT. 327.

Vandalia Ry.

West Subdivision—

I don't make any pretentions of being a writer, but I am very much disappointed when there are no items from our division. We must brace up and let our friends know we are still living.

Bro. E. P. Pierron, the first trick man at Rose Lake, was off sick a few days. Telegrapher Lyerla, from Hagarstown, relieved him.

Telegrapher Middleton, the first trick man at Greenville, was on his vacation recently, making a tour through the West.

Telegrapher Williams, who worked the first trick at Highland, has accepted the agency at Staunton, Ind.

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Bro. L. N. Foreman, the old-time night owl at Formosa, is at present located at the C. & G. W. at Hayfield, Minn.

Telegrapher Reynolds, second trick at Effingham, took his vacation last month, by making a tour of the West. He was relieved by H. G. Foster, an old time boy from Marshall.

Business is on the increase. Gravel trains, work trains and the double tracking at Effingham make business better.

Extra Dispatcher P. M. Herrin made a flying trip to East St. Louis to meet his wife, who was returning from a pleasure trip up in Missouri.

Bro. H. Tucker, third trick man at Rose Lake, was absent a few days recently, visiting his old home in and about Mt. Vernon. He was relieved by Mr. H. G. Foster.

Bro. Theo. Gaston, second trick at Brownstown, has built a nice little cottage, and will move into it in the near future.

G. H. West, formerly second trick man at Hagarstown, has left the service. We understand that he intends to embark in the harness business. We wish him success.

V. F. Baughman, first trick man at Formosa, has left the service. We do not know where he is located at present.

Bro. W. O. Carson, formerly of Greenville, is working on the Missouri Pacific, on the Pueblo Division.

Bro. C. H. Wilson, former first trick man at Smithboro, is now with the Frisco, in Kansas.

Bro. T. J. Lynch, lately second trick at Collinsville, is now with the Burlington, in Nebraska.

Bro. Orville A. Pierron, formerly on the Vandalia, is now working third trick on the O. S. L. and San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake R. R., at Sandy, Utah. CERT. 40.

East End—

There is not much doing this month, as I have received items from no one.

We hear that Bro. C. R. Shortridge is going home for a few days.

Bro. George Sturus, of Almeda tower, was off three days this month. He was relieved by Telegrapher W. C. Brown.

Bro. P. W. Carpenter, of third trick at Fillmore, was off one night; relieved by Mr. Morris, a new man.

Mr. Siddons, the third trick man at Almeda, was off a few days on a trip to Chicago; relieved by Telegrapher Fred Francis.

Freight business ought to begin to be better as new grain is now moving.

We hear that Bro. Jess McCullough drew Vevay Park first trick on bulletin.

We still have the usual number of confirmed nons and backsliders who work eight hours and draw $60, $65 and $70 per month and claim the O. R. T. never did them any good. If they would read some things besides Deadwood Dick serials they would find that those "higher up" have their associations and organizations. We refer to the association of superintendents of telegraph which met at Detroit lately. Mr. Celar, our present superintendent, holds an office in the association. Mr. John L. Davis, our former chief dispatcher, is president. These men know the benefit of meeting each other and becoming acquainted for their mutual benefit, but you could not convince our lordly nons of this.

We hear of a man on the Monon who has been working as agent-telegrapher for forty years and now draws just $10 more per month than when he began. CERT. 278.

St. Louis West Sub-Division—

Bro. G. H. Challis, third trick man at "BW," Brownstown, who has held that position for some time, was recently married. The bride is an excellent young lady of Brownstown. This division extends congratulations to both.

Mr. J. T. Middleton has returned from his western trip, but did not go as far west as he had intended on account of his transportation arriving late. However, he reached Ogden, Utah, where he has a brother, and reports a very pleasant visit. He also enjoyed the scenery en route.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick, was transferred to the first trick at Greenville during Mr. Middleton's absence. Bro. H. C. Heck, third trick at "WF," Effingham, worked third trick at Greenville during this time.

Mr. J. P. Drury, a new man from Altamont, relieved Bro. Heck at Effingham. The work was a little new to him, and the dispatcher had some difficulty in getting the desired information from him in the way of what trains he had out of there.

Mr. A. H. Reynolds, second trick at "F," Effingham, is off for thirty days attending the exposition at Seattle.

Bro. C. N. Jones, regular first trick man at "MC," St. Elmo, has resumed duty after a few weeks' vacation.

Mr. F. O. Berry, who relieved Bro. Jones at St. Elmo, relieved Agent Orrel of Smithboro one day while the latter was attending trial at Greenville.

Former Bro. G. H. Vest, of Hagarstown, who was recently working third trick at Rose Lake, tendered his resignation by wire, which was accepted. Am informed he has accepted a position on the Big Four and will report there at once.

Mr. A. H. Reynolds, of Effingham, has returned from his western trip, and is back at the old stand. Mr. H. G. Foster, who relieved him, is now working third trick at Rose Lake.

We understand that Bro. M. C. Phillips, third trick at "F," Effingham, expects to be off a few days to attend the Terre Haute races, which come off between July 12th and the 23d.

Quite a few men are making their appearance on this end the past few weeks. Among these are Mr. Paccate, of Pierron, who took the examina-

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tions a short time ago, and was assigned first trick at Hagarstown for a starter. This, however, is not a permanent assignment, as he is just doing relief work.

A few nights since a party of fifteen or sixteen people from Effingham went to Altamont to attend a lodge gathering, expecting to return on No. 14, but for some reason the night agent forgot to display his white and green light. As Altamont is a flag stop, in the absence of the proper signals, this train not being equipped with a wireless telegraph outfit, the conductor had no means of knowing these passengers wished to board his train. As a result, No. 14 run the passengers, and it was necessary to run a "Diamond Special" from Effingham to Altamont and return to handle the human freight.

Mr. O. M. Beck, the third trick man at Hagarstown, has been transferred to "EY" tower at Terre Haute.

Mr. R. K. Boyles, extra telegrapher, of Bluff City, is now holding third trick at Hagarstown. From the commotion on the wire the other night, and the kick prints on the door (visible yet) it would indicate that some of our new men are putting away too much hay. It might be well for those who are guilty of delaying trains on this account to bear in mind the proverb "Make hay while the sun shines."

Considerable trouble is being experienced by the first and second trick men in reporting trains clear of the block when such trains do not display markers. From the fact that the train crews are very careless in not showing markers (?), it behooves us to be on the alert to see that they have them displayed. A short time ago a train left Rose Lake without markers and got as far as Mulberry Grove before it was noticed. It appears that the block records for that day all show this train was O. K., which would seem to indicate that the boys do not keep their eyes "peeled" as they should, or that they noticed the mistake, and being very modest did not call the dispatcher's attention to it. Presume they wrote the O. K. from force of habit.

John Zehnder, former agent at St. Jacob, was laid in his last resting place, July the 6th, his death being caused by stomach trouble.

This is the pay day on which you want to appropriate a few dollars to securing an up-to-date card. Don't put it off any longer. "Procrastination is the thief of time," and it is up to you to make good and keep in line. It appears that some of the brothers are getting cold feet, and have announced their intention of dropping out this month. We regret to hear this and hope this declaration is false.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick at Greenville, off two weeks, visiting home folks in Northern Indiana. Relieved by a Mr. Renfro.

Many thanks to Bro. Heck, for a liberal contribution of the items for the write-up this month.

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Wabash Ry.

Peru Division—

Bro. C. W. Stadler has resumed work at Woodburn, after several days' leave of absence. Telegrapher Romick has gone to Maumee to work as agent a few days for Bro. M. F. Temple, who is laying off and visiting friends at Burrows, Ind.

Bro. J. C. Cox, agent at Liberty Center, has been off for a few days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Romick.

Dispatcher H. E. Test is handling trains between Peru and Toledo, during the absence of Dispatcher Allen.

At present Bro. Jno. Kieff is laid up with rheumatism at his home at Williamsport. We wish him speedy recovery. He was relieved at Danville by Bro. F. L. Ribble, from West Lebanon, who was later relieved by Bro. Muzzy.

Bro. Erskine, third trick man at Tilton, has bid in Toledo yard, and will be transferred there in the near future.

Bro. Hetrick, of Stateline, is off three days to look after some business matters. He was relieved by Bro. Davis, from Wauseon, O.

Bro. Roy Zentmyer, of Attica, was off a couple of days recently; relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Bro. G. W. Patrick, of West Point, bid in the agency at Williamsport. He was relieved at West Point by Bro. E. W. Patrick, until agency there is assigned. Telegrapher Edwards is working the third trick at Williamsport for the present.

Bro. L. Hanson, the third trick man at Williamsport, is on the sick list and is being relieved by Telegrapher Sierien, from the Detroit Division.

Dispatcher H. E. Sweet is taking a vacation for a few days, and is being relieved by Dispatcher Martin.

Bro. Spencer, of West Point, is working a few days for Agent Bro. E. W. Patrick, at West Point, on account of his sudden sickness. R. F. Davis is working Bro. Spencer's trick.

Bro. Walter Muzzy, who is working third trick at Danville at present, is a stranger to some of us, but we are glad to learn he is not a stranger. He has been agent at Ramsey, Ill., for the Clover Leaf for the last nine years, and was one of Division No. 2's delegates at Atlanta in May.

Bro. F. A. Weckerly and family left for Woodburn, Ore., July 12th, for an extended visit with relatives and friends. Bro. Weckerly left "Loaded for Bear," and from the expression of his eye as he told some of us what would happen Mr. Bear should he meet him while hunting in the mountains, we feel sorry for the bear.

W. E. Dowe holds third trick at Delphi during the absence of Bro. Weckerly. Mr. Dowe is a new man on this division, and we are assured he will be Bro. Dowe in due time.

Bro. H. S. Sanders, of Logansport, is winner of first prize (an emblem ring), given by our local chairman, Bro. W. P. Shutt to the brother sending him the greatest number of applications by June 30th. Bros. L. Hanson, of Williamsport,

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and F. L. Ribble, of West Lebanon, were tied for second prize, and compromised by each accepting an emblem button.

Bro. Hefner, local chairman of Decatur Division, has called a meeting at Decatur, for the night of July 24th. He expects one of the Grand Officers there that night, and they expect a good meeting. The Peru Division will be represented by Bro. W. P. Shutt, of Delphi, and probably other brothers will be present.

Bro. H. S. Parkman, third trick man at Wauseon, has been checked in as agent there for ninety days, while the regular agent is away on vacation.

Dispatcher Test threshed wheat on his farm up the Mississinewa recently.

Bro. Swigart, third trick man at Clymers, has resigned to go to Canada. He was relieved by Telegrapher Todd, who came from New Waverly. Telegrapher Lennon is doing the stunt at New Waverly.

Bro. Hurley, of Clymers, was in Logansport on business recently.

Mr. A. D. Davis, agent at Britton, Mich., paid Bro. Sanders, at Logansport, a short visit recently, while en route to Sadorus, Ill., to visit friends.

Telegrapher Edwards has returned to work at Peru, after two weeks' vacation and a trip through the Southwestern States. He will work in place of Manager Overman, at Peru, "Z" office, while he takes his vacation. Bro. Gladden, the regular night man at "Z," will do Mr. Edward's trick, and Bro. Vangundy will do the night work until Mr. Overman returns.

Bro. Erskine, of Tilton, is off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Bro. Harris, of Roanoke, has returned to duty, after several days' leave of absence.

I understand there is a certain employe on Peru Division who is using his influence trying to get the O. R. T. members to drop out of the Order, and has gone so far as to ask some of them to write the officials of the road that they have withdrawn their membership from O. R. T., and do not intend to bother with the Order again. Of course the O. R. T. boys just let his hot-air go in at one ear and out at the other, and considered who is trying to give them advice. The brothers who know this man personally don't take very much stock in him and pay but very little attention to his argument, as he has thus far failed to make very much of a mark in the railroad buisness. I do not know whether the company is paying him for his knocking on the Order, or for doing the work he was assigned to, but it is likely they would rather he would do his work, and leave other people's business alone. Should he influence some one to drop out of the Order, in case the one influenced would happen to die, or get sick, I suppose this Mr. Knocker would give his family the benefits the O. R. T. would of paid, had he not dropped out. I am like the other brothers, I don't think there is much to him, and I think the company is about like myself, for I understand they do not pay him quite so much as the gentleman that formerly held his position. I think they sized him up for all he is worth, and from his salary he is not worth much. Brothers and Sisters, don't listen to such a man. He may do you harm, but he can not hurt the Grand O. R. T. The officials are looking for men who can look out for their own welfare as well as the company's.

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Decatur and Springfield Divisions—

Bro. Ayers, recently agent at Morrisonville, but later out of service, is now back as agent Brisbane. Glad to see Bro. Ayers with us again.

Telegrapher Provencher, a non, was recently let out at Forrest, on account of insubordination. I understand. He could never see any good in the O. R. T., and no doubt he will lay his misfortune at our door.

Bro. Eft, who was off sick at Morrisonville last month, is back at the old stand.

Bro. Stinebarger, of Honey Bend, has been trying for some time to get relief in order to take a vacation. The crop of telegraphers seems to be short this summer.

There are now some good positions vacant, and you should get your bid in if you want one.

A meeting is to be held in Decatur, July 24th. Bro. Quick is to be with us if possible. There should be a good attendance.

Boys, you will have to send in a few notes, or we can not expect to be represented in these pages. "Rox."

Springfield Division—

Bro. S. E. Fouche, the second trick man at Bluff, was on the sick list a few days recently; relieved by C. S. Klinefelter, of Griggsville.

Bro. W. N. Dean, of third trick at Baylis, is taking a month's vacation, which he is spending with home folks at New Salem.

Mr. F. Pennington, the agent at Maysville, is in the hospital, at Decatur, on account of his eyes; an operation is necessary; relieved by Bro. C. H. Claus.

Mr. T. E. Smith, the agent at Pittsfield, is planning on taking the trip to Niagara Falls, in August, when the Wabash runs its annual excursion. This is certainly one of the nicest trips advertised. The writer can speak from experience, having made the trip in 1902.

Several of the brothers attended the "Fair" at Griggsville, in July.

Bro. Geo. East, agent at Naples, has taken his wife to Colorado for her health. Relieved by Mr. McLarty, from Bowen. Bro. East has the best wishes of the boys on this division for the restoration of his wife's health.

Mr. J. E. Blakeman and wife, of Alexander, visited Camp Point recently, but decided not to locate there owing to the salary which was not satisfactory.

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Mr. W. L. Ritchie, of Curran, also visited Camp Point, but declined the position for the same reason.

Hope the brothers will be prompt in remitting dues for the new card. The insurance dues must now be paid six months in advance, instead of monthly as heretofore.

The telegraphers on this division who remember Mr. Fred. Cromwell, formerly agent at New Salem, Griggsville and Chapin, will be pleased to learn of his present location. He is located at Cherry Creek, Ariz., in the employ of the Santa Fe, Pres. & Phoe. R. R.

Our extra men are kept pretty busy and should have no complaint in the way of lack of employment.

Don't forget to send your journal to some non when you have finished reading it. If you are not in a position to know the standing of some one to whom you wish to send the copy, it will take but a few minutes to call up and get the information.

The dispatchers are taking their vacations. Mr. L. Gillmore, first trick, is away at present, and Mr. D. Driscoll, regular second trick man is relieving Mr. Gillmore, while Mr. Sanders, regular third trick, is relieving Mr. Driscoll; Mr. O. C. Little, car distributor, is relieving Mr. Sanders, and C. R. Tomilson, formerly of "JN" office, Springfield, but later a switchman in Springfield yards, is distributing cars.

We received a cordial invitation to the meeting held by the brothers of Decatur Division, in Decatur, July 24th, and hope some of the brothers on this division were able to attend, as much good is sure to come from such meetings.

Mr. N. W. McRoberts, the first trick man at Shops, is away on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. A. Conroy.

A new style seal, called the Tyden automatic seal, will soon be put in use on the Wabash, and as every seal bears a different number, we will be obliged to watch our seal records very closely. Conductors are not now required to keep seal records, and the record rests wholly with the agents.

We have been patiently waiting for some of the boys to "make good" in the way of sending in their applications, but for some reason or other they are not responding as quickly as we expected. The excuse generally offered is the empty pocket-book story, and while in a great many cases this is the true condition of things, if there had been no protective organization in existence the past few years, how many more of us would be in this same plight? To those who are barely making expenses and do not feel able to meet the expense of membership in the Order, will say that it is one of the chief aims of the Order to raise the rates of pay for all telegraphers, as it is a well recognized fact that the men in our line of work have been as a class the poorest paid in the railroad service, when the responsibility, hours of service and seven days each week are taken into consideration.

I believe the nons generally give the Order credit for a great deal of the improvement in our working conditions, as the expression "the Order never got me anything" is not as common as at one time, and there are too many things the Order has secured for them that can be referred to, to make such an excuse plausible and in recognition of these benefits, gratitude to the Order and a conviction that they should assist and help bear the expense of continued effort in behalf of the telegraphers, we feel justified in soliciting their membership and active support.

When our present schedule established the minimum, some of our offices were paying $45.00 or less, and all men now holding these positions are deriving an annual increase of $60.00 or more, and it seems only reasonable to ask them to pay $8.00 per year in dues to maintain benefits already secured and assist in the work of securing further concessions, as our minimum and conditions are below that paid by some roads in this territory.

Notwithstanding the shorter hours some of our brothers work, there was no reduction in pay during the recent financial flurry, and as business continues to grow and conditions approach a normal state, we feel as though we had weathered the storm, and were stronger in consequence.

There have been a few items of interest the past month not chronicled here. I must have some assistance in these write-ups, or miss a great many items. Two hundred and forty miles on this division, and it is impossible to keep tab on everything without some help. Don't wait for a request, but make a note of events as they occur, and send to your local chairman about the 23d or 24th of each month, which will allow time to get them in shape before the 28th, the day on which they must be in Bro. Quick's office.

We notice that the express company will charge for the return of beer empties on and after August 1st, also raise the charge on bread empties returned. Looks like with this increase in revenue they could afford to open their hearts and allow us 10 per cent on prepaid received shipments, as some express companies do.

CERT. 957.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Everything is moving in the same old way on the Mollio—still we have a few nons. They will come in pay-day though, for several of them have promised to do so. Pay-days are a long time apart though. I know several nons who have not had a pay-day in three years. I don't see how they make it, but they are still living and doing well. The reason that I know some of our nons haven't had a pay-day in three years, is because some of them told me they would join "pay-day," three years ago, and they are still nons. You know they would not tell a fellow this and then not come in as they promised. Get after those nons boys, and get them lined up.

Bro. Dancer, of Ruslor, was off a few days recently; relieved by Bro. Stovall, of Bethel.

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Bro. Stovall is on the extra list on account of the bosses discontinuing the third trick at Ruslor and Perry.

Telegrapher Robinson, of Ramer, relieved Bros. Beadles and Fowler, of Cayce and Berkeley, a few days this month.

Bro. Murdaugh, of Clamore, relieved Mr. Carroll, of Oakton. Bro. Murdaugh, was relieved by Mr. Rutledge, of Perry.

Bro. L. H. Roberson, the agent at Moscow, was off one day this month, and was relieved by Telegrapher Franklin.

Mr. Nolan has returned to work after a vacation of several days. Bro. Nelson relieved Mr. Nolan.

Bro. Jones, of Tamms yard, was off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Nelson.

Bro. Snooks, third trick man at Red Bud, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Haynes.

Bro. G. W. Williamson is taking a vacation and enjoying sights in the Western country; relieved by Bro. Nelson.

Bro. M. S. McCord, telegrapher at Oriville, was off a few days this month; relieved by Mr. Grissom.

Bro. Parker, the agent at Ava, is off duty for thirty days; relieved by our former brother and local chairman, Bro. Stearns. We are glad to have Bro. Stearns with us again. He was our local chairman when we secured our present contract. Bro. Stearns worked as agent at Alto Pass a few days.

Bro. Burton is working nights at "WC," Murphysboro. He was relieved at Percy by Bro. D. Underwood.

Bro. Grayboldt, the third trick man at Mountain Glenn, is off a few days; relieved by Mr. Loyd Lawrence.

Bro. Rinhart, the second trick at Jonesboro, and Bro. Bryant, the third trick man at Jonesboro have traded jobs.

This month would be a good time to get new members. Get after those nons and try and get a solid line up on the M. & O. We can very easily do this if the members will get busy. Do your duty and we will yet have our end solid.

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Boston & Maine Ry.

At Fitchburg, Mass., on Sunday, June 13th, was held the second meeting in an effort to make this section solid. Like the first meeting, it was a pronounced success. This meeting was held under the auspices of Divisions Nos. 41, 104 and 139, all of which were well represented. The members of the committee having charge of the affair were O. A. Pitcher, Division 139; L. P. Clifton, Division No. 41, and J. P. Rutledge, Division No. 104. It is safe to say that Northern Massachusetts never witnessed such a large and enthusiastic gathering of telegraphers. The committee had arranged a pleasing program, which included dinner at a local cafe. The music rendered by Prof. Egan was grand, and the tricks he performed, by playing on several musical instruments at one time, caused considerable merriment, as well as admiration for the professor. The committee is to be complimented in having secured the services of Mr. Egan. Cigars were passed around, and while the results of union labor went up in smoke, brothers long in the harness of O. R. T.-ism, gave reasons for the faith that is in them. O. A. Pitcher, of No. 139, was temporary chairman, and made a pleasing address which set everybody present at ease, he then proceeded to introduce everybody, at the conclusion of which he introduced John F. Mullen, of No. 104, as chairman of the day. Bro. Mullen briefly stated the object of the meeting, etc., and introduced Bro. L. P. Clifton, local chairman of the Fitchburg Division, who in a short, snappy and pungent speech outlined the work that had been done, and what also confronted us, "a solid and united front is what we must have in our department. What would you think of a general in the army going into battle with his forces unnecessarily divided?"

Bro. C. K. Potter, of the west end of Fitchburg Division then spoke, incidentally mentioning the necessity of the boys carrying out their part of the contract with the railroad companies if they expected committees to meet with degree of success.

A representative of the United Garment Workers addressed the meeting in behalf of the union label.

Bro. H. L. Jones, of Fremont, N. H., the genial local chairman of the W. N. & P. was introduced as a man who "laid wake o' nites" planning for the O. R. T. Bro. Jones' talk was a surprise to everyone present in that it showed a persistence of effort in his territory truly remarkable. His old New Hampshire home is practically solid. not only solid but fluid as well, as there is always something moving down there.

The chairman then commenced an introduction so lengthy that all eyes were turned toward the door expecting to see Tom Pierson or Bro. Quick enter, but instead it brought erect the towering form of Leonard Jackson Ross of the Old Colony Division general committee. The chairman stated that Bro. Ross was an economist and some other things, but he said Mullen couldn't feaze him, because he was on to his curves (this refers to chairman's base ball proclivities). Bro. Ross started off by saying he came prepared to say something, and no stone was too small for Bro. Ross attention and the fund of information he had gathered proved to be interesting as well as entertaining to every one.

At this juncture two sisters from Division No. 41 arrived and were given seats on the platform.

Bro. T. J. Fogarty, chief telegrapher of Division No. 41, was asked to explain the formula for getting the sisters out to meetings. Tom is one of the oldest O. R. T. men in the East, and a general favorite with all the boys; he proceeded in his witty way to get back at his tormentors.

Vice-Chairman Ross took charge of the meeting at this period, and introduced the following.

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who spoke on general principles: F. H. Willard, of Nashua; F. M. Morgan, secretary of Division No. 41; Jas. D. Ryan, secretary of Fitchburg C. L. U.; S. M. Savage, of Clinton; G. H. Cook, of Groton, and John F. Mullen, of Marlboro, who took occasion to speak of the railroad department of the A. F. of L., and urged those present to give President Perham all the assistance possible in this new and progressive movement. He asked those present to study the new plan, and he said he hoped the time was not far off when the plan would be put into practical operation in this section. "It's up to you, the rank and file. We know no East, we know no West, but we think we know that it is best to stand as one against a common foe."

Bro. Jas. P. Rutledge, for the committee of arrangements thanked those who assisted the committee and complimented the membership on the good attendance.

The meeting opened at 10 a. m. and closed at 5 p. m.

Boston will probably be the scene of the next gathering of this nature. CERT. 14.

Kingston & Pembroke Ry.

What is the matter with the K. & P. Ry. boys? I have been watching for something in THE TELEGRAPHER from our line and only once have I seen anything. It is time some one was waking up and letting other divisions see that we are not dead. Our new schedule, which was the first, took eeffect June 15th, and I think the boys are all well satisfied with it, as I have heard no complaints. We have a good schedule after a hard struggle, but good things come slow. We all keep in line by remitting dues promptly to Bro. Morris Brandon, and assessments to Bro. Quick, 709 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. Campbell, of Verona, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Craig.

Bro. Cameron is on vacation; relieved by Mr. Bertram. We suppose that "Larry" is rusticating around Montreal.

Bro. Boyd is holding down Verona, which was Bro. Crawford's old post.

I hope some one will "come to the front" and write up the K. & P. line regularly.

CERT. 1055.

New York, New Haven & Hartford Ry.

Old Colony Division—

The shortening of the working day of the telegrapher, due to the passage of the nine-hour law, has been of great benefit, and one of the effects is the pleasing spectacle of seeing eighteen telegraphers playing the national game, base ball. Bro. George Clark, of South Framingham, was quick to see the benefit to be derived from this sport both as a means of recreation and of keeping the boys in touch with each other, and organized two teams on the north end of this division, both of which played many games last year. This year he has a first trick team, known as Clark's Pets, captained by Old Eli Beaton, of Cohaug fame, with Tommy Evans and Pat Egan as the battery. The second trick team is led by Darby Sinclair, the active bidder, with 104 Mullen as the twirler and Old Eli behind the bat. This team is called Clark's Superbas.

The Boston and Albany boys have also taken advantage of the nine-hour law and have a team which has been heralded far and wide as invincible.

Words long and loud have been exchanged as to the respective merits of the B. & A. and New Havens. Finally the gladiators met in mortal combat at South Framingham, June 30th. That there might not be favor shown it was agreed to have a rank outsider for umpire, and Jackson Jehovah Ross secured a clog dancer from a local theatre to do the job. The toss of the coin gave the Superbas their outs, and everybody was on his haunches, ready to scoop the ball, should the B. & A. possibly find the delivery of our massive and mighty twirler. The first two men could not find the upshoots and snake curves, and died at the plate; the next one accidentally hit the ball to the pitcher and the Superbas came to bat. And such work was indulged in, that silence reigned in the camp of the "Nyc Lessee." Inning after inning the gruelling contest went on; pitcher after pitcher gave way before the triphammers of the Superbas, until finally the agony ended with N. H. proudly floating to the breeze to the tune of 22 to 12 runs.

George Clark works first trick at South Framingham, and is looking for new worlds to conquer. "O. C."

Midland Division—

We are very glad to note the return of Bro. Stoughton to "XN," after a ten days' lay off on account of sickness. Bro. Gough, of East Hartford, did the honors as agent during Bro. Stoughton's absence.

It looks very much at this writing as though we were going to make the old Air Line solid, and if it is possible to do so it will be a matter to be proud of, for I don't think there is hardly another stretch of fifty-five miles of track on the "New Haven" where every one belongs.

Bro. White, of Westchester, is going to leave the ranks of grief and trouble and try tower work for a change, he having bid in the third trick at Burnside Junction.

"73" Old Pal "T1." The pleasure of the passing of Mr. Turner of Vernon Junction is all ours.

Bro. W. F. Johnson, Jr., is away on a two weeks' vacation, which he is spending at the resorts along the shore.

If any one can give me a good reason why we must continually say Mr. Kenyon and Mr. Hopkins, when speaking of those two telegraphers at the Union Depot, I wish they would hand it to me.

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After eight years of steady night work Bro. Gilbert has bid in the second trick at Vernon Junction.

On July 1st, Bro. T. P. Dowd left us to return to commercial work again, he having accepted a first-class position with the Postal, in Springfield. Bro. Dowd was one of the most expert telegraphers that ever came to this division, besides being a "Good Fellow." We all wish him success in his new field.

It is to be hoped that when Vernon Junction, third trick, goes up for bid, it won't go begging to some newcomer.

Come on some of you eight-hour men who are so interested in our Order, take a trip up to Rockville, it's still Mr. Fanning.

Miss Zeulke is doing the relief work at Vernon Cabin, during the absence of Bro. Johnson.

If you have not paid your dues and assessment in the Mutual Benefit Department before you read this, let it serve as an additional reminder that the only good member is the paid up one.

Bro. Kelly, "M1," third trick, came in and did the town with some of the tender-feet a short while ago, and returned to Willimantic convinced that there is only one Hartford.

Let Bro. Generous take you out to his summer camp on the Willimantic River, he will entertain you for a day.

A flying trip to Portland, Maine, is one of Bro. Murphy's latest stunts.

Bro. Knox was a recent visitor at Woodmont on the Sound.

If any one has the courage to make a trip to East Longmeadow with me, don't be bashful. "Say when."

Business is on the pick up, and soon we will be having more than we want to do.

Regardless of the warm weather you should arrange to attend the meetings each month. Don't stay at home and kick about what is not done, that in your estimation should have been done.

Bro. and Mrs. Kingsland will spend the last two weeks in August at Bro. Kingsland's old home in Vermont, and as he has not been there for the past five years, there will be a warm welcome for them both.

Bro. Swaine just returned from a ten days' vacation spent in New York City, where he did all the resorts from the Bronx to Only Coney.

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Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club.

What is to be known as The Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club has been organized at Freeport, Ill., and the following officers have been elected: Chief telegrapher, Walter Kelly; secretary-treasurer, H. E. Keister, 60 Second St., Freeport, Ill.; first vice-chief telegrapher, Albert Smith; second vice-chief telegrapher, Jerry Sweeney; Marshal, Harry Granger; inside sentinel, F. K. Hunsicker; past chief telegrapher, Chas. Stocks.

Regular meetings will be held on the third Friday of each month in Stien Hall, Freeport, Ill. This is a joint club, the telegraphers located on the C. N. W., C. M. St. P., C. G. W. and I. C. railroads being the founders. All members of the O. R. T. are eligible to membership at no additional expense. Any one desiring to become a member, or wishing information relative to the club, may obtain same by addressing Bro. Kiester at the above address.

W. KELLY,
Chief Telegrapher.



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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 125 is due Aug. 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Sept. 30, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A)	$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B)	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING JULY, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
879	James Gillander	Diabetes Mellitus	131	22920	C	$1,000 00
908	Claude C. Denney	Tuberculous Infection	31	7985	B	500 00
909	Geo. T. Plotner	Exhaustion from Pneumonia	109	26526	A	300 00
910	Chas. Galvani	Paralysis	93	17426	A	300 00
911	T. J. Coan	Appendicitis	12	19717	C	1,000 00
912	Clarence Gregory	Malarial Poisoning	97	27470	A	300 00
913	Joseph C. Nicholas	Injuries (Struck by Automobile).	2	11240	C	1,000 00
914	Clyde D. Carpenter	Electrocuted while taking Bath.	Grand	29937	A	300 00
915	Wharton G. Justice	Drowned	88	9244	C	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to June 30, 1909	$785 867 68
Received on Assessment Account July, 1909	17,740 00
	$803,607 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to June 30, 1909	$535,081 47
Death Claims paid in July	5,700 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,178 45
Assessments transferred to dues	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, July 31, 1909	261.446 23
	$803,607 68

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts. (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

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ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div. Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Elizabethtown, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

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No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16.—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18.—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio, A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20.—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacker, Local Chairman Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Genl S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S, & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 320 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 320 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberger, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. E. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James Place, Brooklyn N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

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No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September. and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39.—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40.—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman. Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

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No. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. B. Homan, Gen'l Chairman, Pando, Colo.; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2513 Pine st., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, Drexel, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. F., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky.

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Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T.. Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman. Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden,

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N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.

No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel.; 1620 West Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Belmond, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

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No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.

No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.

No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.

No. 115, QUEBEC. QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.

No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.; Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov. and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept., and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.

No. 122—WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.

No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabbee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.

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No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Building, Pueblo, Colo.

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No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

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No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

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EDITORIAL

SECRETARY MORRISON URGES GOVERNMENTAL ACTION.

FRANK MORRISON, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor, has requested Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel to publicly investigate the causes that led up to the strike of the employes of the Pressed Steel Car Company, of McKees Rocks, Pa., and which has resulted in so much rioting and loss of life. In support of this request he cites a report made by a newspaper writer of high standing, who investigated the conditions in the car shops and published his observations, showing that the men had just grounds for complaint.

The company seems to have assumed a very arrogant attitude, and it is to be hoped that Secretary Nagel will grant the request of Secretary Morrison and make a governmental investigation through a duly created commission. The best medicine for an arrogant and unfair employer seems to be publicity. Secretary Morrison's letter was as follows:

"WASHINGTON, August 28, 1909.

"Sir: I herewith make a formal request for an investigation into the conditions which caused the strike of the employes of the Pressed Steel Car Company, at McKees Rocks, Pa., and base such request upon section 8 of the act of February 14, 1903, which provides in the last clause of said section that 'he (Secretary of Commerce and Labor) shall also from time to time make such special investigations and reports as he may be required to do by the President, or by either House of Congress, OR WHICH HE HIMSELF MAY DEEM NECESSARY AND URGENT.'

"I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the strikers are composed of several thousand alien and unorganized men, whose wages have been reduced by the officers of the Pressed Steel Car Company to such an extent that in sheer desperation

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they decided to cease work until the many grievances, which they could no longer bear, were remedied and a higher wage-rate was paid.

"While I deplore the rioting and needless sacrifice of human life caused by the struggle of these alien workers for better conditions, yet I submit that because this rioting and loss of life has occurred, it should not be permitted to divert our attention from the fact that the rioting and loss of life are the direct result of the unbearable and unbelievable conditions that have been forced upon these defenseless and helpless wage-workers by the Pressed Steel Car Company.

"In support of the above statement I call your attention to the full report made by Mr. Paul U. Kellogg, published in the August 7 issue of *The Survey*, and quote a small part thereof to give you some idea of the un-American conditions under which the employes of this company have been compelled to work:

"'The charges brought by the men against the way the Pressed Steel Car Company applied this system are many and definite. Since the strike the company has offered to look into and adjust any case of individual grievance brought before it, but has flatly refused to take them up before an impartial board of arbitration.

"'In the first place, the men charge that they have no means of checking up what is coming to them. No piece rates are posted as under the old system. They don't know what the pool is going to get per piece for any of the work it does, nor the lump sum due it at the end of a fortnight. They claim the hourly rating is not a guaranteed minimum; that many of the men have received pay far under what they understood their rating to be, and that foremen and superintendents have refused to tell others what their rating was. Further, it is alleged that where a lump sum is paid for a series of operations done by different gangs in completing a car, no money is paid any of the gangs until the whole series of operations is completed. As some pools have included as many as three hundred men, it is manifestly impossible for the men to keep track. Their pay envelopes show on the outside merely the check number, and the amount inside—neither the man's rating, nor the number of hours he has worked, nor the bonus due him under the piece pool system, nor the amount arbitrarily deducted from his earnings by the company for insurance.

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"'The strikers' committee collected a large number of pay envelopes, showing the amounts received, and taking the men's statements as to the number of hours they had worked. Some of these cases were published, and the company in reply stated that its books showed the men worked less time than they claimed. The men had no books.

"'Let me quote, by way of illustration, a few of the number of cases collected by Alois B. Koukol, Secretary of the National Slavonic Society, who interviewed men of several nationalities:

"'Max Sharp, check 4617, backer-up; pay June 15, 3 days, $1; June 15-30, 13 days, $24. Sharp stated that his master riveter received only $16 during the last-named period, although he worked the same hours and his pay should have been the higher.

"'John Jakubik, check 156, laborer in yard, supposedly at $1.33 per day; 14 days, $15.

"'John Malinak, check 5099, riveter; pay July 10, 4 days, $3.50. Stated five other men working with him on the same job received same pay for same period.

"'Danko Lacik, check 4092, riveter; pay July 10, 10 days, 2 nights, $6.50.

"Stefan Humenuyi, check 3127, puncher; pay Jne 15, 10½ days, $14.50; July 1, 10½ days, $14.95. This man worked in the shops for over seven years and used to make, he says, at least $30 under the old system.

"'Sobek Pelts, check 3462, worked three nights in May, and did not draw any pay for it. He complained to foreman and was sent to office. They referred him back to foreman, and he wound up the affair by saying, 'Well, what do you think, that I am going to pay you from my own pocket?'

"'Andy Comisak, check 4028, backer-up, 14 days, 7 hours, $20.30. Another backer-up in the same gang worked same hours and got $23.65 for his pay. Comisak complained

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his foreman promised to 'fix it up' but did not do anything.

"'This wage trouble was not in any one group. It ran from yard laborer up. A pressman, who had been five years in the works, told me he had earned $50, $55 and $60 a fortnight under the old system. His last few pays ranged from $22 to $28.

"'Under the name of the Fidelity Land Company the Pressed Steel Car Company owns 200 double houses in Schoenville. These rent for $12 a month for four rooms, well ventilated, but without water in the houses. The rent money is taken out of the pay envelope of the boarding boss; and when this is not enough, the claim is made that it has been taken out of his lodger's pay. A laborer can not afford to rent one of these houses unless he fills it with lodgers. That is their purpose—lodging houses.'

"In addition to the above, I would refer you to the Rev. A. F. Tonor, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, McKees Rocks, Pa., who has been repeatedly quoted as having stated in the pulpit and in the public press 'that the conditions under which the employes of the company work and live are such that they are unfit for publication;' and that 'they are a disgrace to our civilization.'

"For additional information regarding this strike, I would refer you to the statements which have been published in the public press.

"If this very brief mention of existing conditions in McKees Rocks is deemed sufficient for you to deem it necessary and urgent to inaugurate an investigation and make a report to the public, I would particularly direct your attention to the fact: That the Pressed Steel Car Company is especially favored by the United States Government; that this company is enabled by a protective tariff to place a much higher price upon their products than it could if they were on the free list; that this company, because of the tariff enjoyed by the iron and steel industry, collects a vast sum of money each year from the American public; that the new tariff law has just been enacted; that the representatives of the great iron and steel companies set up the plea that if the present tariff was continued on their products the benefits would accrue to their employes, and that if the tariff was not enacted they would be forced to reduce the wages of their employes; that because of such information being submitted by representatives of the iron and steel companies who desired a still higher tariff the present law was adopted in good faith by the last Congress.

"I therefore contend that the public has a right to know if the iron and steel companies, who are profiting on account of a protective tariff, are keeping faith with the Government, and are paying their employes a reasonable wage rate, a wage rate in keeping with the protection enjoyed by the companies.

"A careful investigation of all the facts in this case would place you in possession of sufficient information to enable you to inform the public whether the increased prices charged by the Pressed Steel Car Company, as the result of the existing tariff on their products and the materials of which they are composed, are received by their employes, or, on the other hand, if they are diverted in part, or in their entirety, to enlarge the profits of the various companies and to increase the dividends of their stockholders.

"In any event, in the face of the grave and serious charges made and conditions now existing at McKees Rocks, Pa., the public should have a clear-cut report of the facts in the case from the officers of the Government whose duty it is to make an investigation of that character. The public will then have an unbiased report and be in a position to judge whether the fearful and awful conditions alleged to exist in McKees Rocks are true or false.

"I therefore submit this request and express the hope that it will receive your immediate and favorable consideration.

"Very respectfully yours,

"FRANK MORRISON,

"Secretary American Federation of Labor.

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"Secretary Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C."

The American Federationist, in its editorial columns, discusses the lessons to be

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"Judging from recent events it would seem that the Slav workman has imbibed some ideas about personal freedom and the dignity of labor, though where or how he got them would be difficult to discover, considering the conditions under which he works in this country.

"If employers of the steel company and packing house and coal mining type were to go on for years without any sense of their just obligations to their employes and to the public which protects them and gives them an opportunity to do business; if they were able to secure an unlimited amount of foreign labor too timid and ignorant to resent injustice, then, indeed, would the industrial future of this country look dark and we might well doubt if any restraining influences could later be successfully applied once the system of working only to produce profits without regard for any other factor in the situation was strongly entrenched. The strike of the Slav workmen in this instance is only a forerunner of what may be expected from the same type of workmen in other industries where a similar policy is pursued. They will have to be reckoned with in the future. These workmen have already some glimmering of the employers' duty to them and their children in this their adopted country. They are beginning to realize that the 'right to quit' is not a good foundation upon which to educate themselves and to bring up their children as good citizens. They have registered their first serious protest against the sort of exploitation which offers as the only redress the 'right to quit.'

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1900	7,055,622	.474	8,405,980	.565
1901	8,109,637	.510	9,014,144	.567
1902	11,034,686	.639	11,682,756	.676
1903	13,726,508	.722	14,052,123	.739
1904	17,002,602	.861	15,838,179	.802
1905	19,782,692	.946	16,034,727	.770
1906	21,086,219	.907	17,466,864	.751
1907	**25,796,083**	**.996**	**21,462,504**	**.829**

From which it appears that where the payments on account of "Loss and Damage" increased $21,002,940, or 437.9% in ten years, and of "Injuries to Persons" $15,412,615, or 254.7%, the increase relatively to gross earnings was 130.2% and 54.5% respectively. When the millions expended by the railways on safety appliances during the decade are considered, this relative increase on account of injuries to persons staggers belief. But it is established by the facts in the following statement:

COMPARISON OF GROSS EARNINGS AND PAYMENTS FOR "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" IN 1897 AND 1907 WITH PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE.

Item	1897	1907	Increase Per Cent.
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Injuries to persons	6,049,889	21,462,504	254.7
Total last two items	$ 10,843,032	$ 47,258,587	335.8
Proportion of earnings	.966%	1.825%	88.9

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1901	8,109,637	.510	9,014,144	.567
1902	11,034,686	.639	11,682,756	.676
1903	13,726,508	.722	14,052,123	.739
1904	17,002,602	.861	15,838,179	.802
1905	19,782,692	.946	16,034,727	.770
1906	21,086,219	.907	17,466,864	.751
1907	**25,796,083**	**.996**	**21,462,504**	**.829**

From which it appears that where the payments on account of "Loss and Damage" increased $21,002,940, or 437.9% in ten years, and of "Injuries to Persons" $15,412,615, or 254.7%, the increase relatively to gross earnings was 130.2% and 54.5% respectively. When the millions expended by the railways on safety appliances during the decade are considered, this relative increase on account of injuries to persons staggers belief. But it is established by the facts in the following statement:

COMPARISON OF GROSS EARNINGS AND PAYMENTS FOR "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" IN 1897 AND 1907 WITH PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE.

Item	1897	1907	Increase Per Cent.
Gross earnings	$1,122,089,773	$2,589,105,578	130.7
Loss and damage	4,793,143	25,796,083	437.9
Injuries to persons	6,049,889	21,462,504	254.7
Total last two items	$ 10,843,032	$ 47,258,587	335.8
Proportion of earnings	.966%	1.825%	88.9

Words can not add to the story of these remarkable percentages. Where the gross earnings of the railways have a little more than doubled in ten years, their payments, on account of "Injuries to Persons" have more than trebled, and on account of "Loss and Damage" more than quintupled The differences in these percentages cost the

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railway over $22,000,000 last year, without adding one jot to their efficiency or safety.

Nor did the year ending June 30, 1908, which saw the revenues of the railways shrivel in the face of industrial depression, with an accompanying reduction of over $53,000,000 in expenses, see any recession in the tide of these unremunerative expenditures. Official returns for this branch of railway economy for 1908 are lacking, but the reports of 21 systems, representing one-half of the railway business of the United States, supply the following information:

EXPENSES ON ACCOUNT OF "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" ON TWENTY-ONE LEADING RAILWAY SYSTEMS FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1907 AND 1908.

	1907	1908	Increase or Decrease Per Cent.
Miles operated	96,453	99,148	Inc. 2.79
Gross earnings	$1,287,786,466	$1,220,745,655	Dec. 5.20
Loss and damage	14,781,587	20,441,685	Inc. 38.29
Injuries to persons	11,279,169	10,801,207	Dec. 4.23
Total last two items	$ 26,060,756	$ 31,242,882	Inc. 19.88
Proportion to earnings	2.02	2.56	

Great as is the increase shown in this table, absolutely and relatively, it would have been still greater but for a phenomenal decrease of over three-quarters of a million in payments for "Injuries to Persons" by one road. Omitting this road from the calculation, the payments on the account last named for the remaining twenty systems would have shown an increase of nearly 4% instead of the decrease of 4.23% as above.

This summary furnishes the basis for the computation that, during the fiscal year 1907-8, the railways of the United States paid approximately $56,700,000, or more than 2.3% of their gross earnings, in settlement of claims for "Loss and Damage" and "Injuries to Persons."

To appreciate the burden of this unproductive charge, it may be stated that it is more than three times the aggregate salaries of all the general officers of the railways of the United States; it is double the yearly pay of their 35,000 station agents; it exceeds the yearly compensation of their firemen or conductors; it is more than one-third of the annual earnings of all the railways of Canada; it equals the total revenues of the railways of Belgium or of all the railways of Australia, and is largely in excess of those of the railways of Sweden, Norway and Denmark combined. It equals the freight earnings of the railways of Texas—the State in which the "Damage and Injury" industry has outstripped the untiring activity of the tax collector.

An analysis of the reports of individual systems proves that the "Damage and Injury" industry is most successfully prosecuted in the Western States. Where the amount paid by all the railways for "Loss and Damage" between 1897 and 1907 increased 437%, six leading systems operating 37,334 miles of line west of Chicago paid on the same account $5,249,307 in 1908, against only $729,340 in 1898—an increase of 620% in ten years. During the same period, however, four other roads operating 22,969 miles in the Southwest paid on the same account, $6,565,470 in 1908, against only $693,317 in 1898—an increase of over 830% in ten years.

In the matter of payments on account of "Injuries to Persons," the record for the West and South is equally unfavorable. Where the cost on this account to all the railways between 1897 and 1907 increased 254%, on the six western systems referred to, it advanced from $731,028 in 1898 to $3,343,965 in 1908, an increase of over 357%.

On the four Southwestern roads the payments for "Injuries to Persons" increased

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from $612,277 in 1898 to $2,796,673 in 1908, or 356% in ten years.

Naturally the increase on some individual roads was very much greater than these averages—in one case running over 1000% in ten years.

Comparison with the expenditures of British railways for the same accounts, as reported to the British Board of Trade, emphasizes the excessive character of the increases for these items in American railway expenditures. The following statement is taken from the blue book returns for the year ending December 31, 1908:

SUMMARY OF GROSS EARNINGS AND PAYMENTS FOR "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" OF THE RAILWAYS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE YEARS 1899 AND 1908, WITH PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE.

	*1899	1908	Increase in Eight Years Per Cent.
Gross earnings	$489,118,290	$583,885,372	19.3
Loss and damage	2,022,511	2,131,112	5.3
Injuries to persons	1,385,976	1,846,704	33.2
Total last two items	$ 3,408,487	$ 3,977,816	16.6
Percentage of earnings	.696	.681	†2.2

*Items first segregated in 1899.
†Decrease.

Here it will be perceived there was actually a decrease in the ratio of the "Loss and Damage" and "Injuries to Persons" accounts to the gross earnings. The proportionate decrease would have been much greater but for the effect of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" of 1897. The compensation for personal injuries to passengers paid by the railways of the United Kingdom in 1908 was considerably less than in 1899.

But the most startling contrast between these figures and those of the United States is seen in the relative percentage of the two items to earnings. This is so great that the ratio to earnings of either item in the United States is considerably greater than that of the sum of the two combined in Great Britain.

Moreover, this condition has developed most rapidly during the past ten years, as the following summary demonstrates:

PROPORTIONS OF "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" IN THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM.

	United States Ratio to Earnings		United Kingdom Ratio to Earnings	
	1897	1907	1899	1908
Injuries to persons	.427%	.996%	.413%	.365%
Loss and damage	.539	.829	.283	.316
Total	.966%	1.825%	.696%	.681%

This table affords a convincing arraignment of the "Loss and Damage" and "Personal Injury" industry, as it has fattened at the expense of American railways. If there was no satisfactory reason why the ratio of these two accounts to earnings in America in 1897 should have exceeded the British ratio by nearly 40%, by just so much more, its excess of 158% in 1907 establishes the undue growth of the fungus on railway operating expenses.

The State of Texas has had a variegated

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experience with the "Personal Injury" industry. Between 1894 and 1904, the payments by Texas railways on account of "Personal Injuries" increased from $333,338 to $1,873,793, or 462%. In the meantime the earnings of Texas railways increased from $34,197,221 in 1894 to $65,209,215 in 1904, or less than 91%.

This condition was sufficiently grave to attract the attention of the Federal Courts, and in 1903 the grand jury reported certain lawyers of Fort Worth to United States Judge E. H. Meek, for "barratrous practices." He submitted the evidence to a committee of the Bar Association of Fort Worth, which found the parties guilty but pleaded for leniency to them. In accepting the committee's report, Judge Meek administered a rebuke to the committee for its weak-kneed treatment of practices that disgrace the profession, prostitute the law and divert the true course of justice. He also held up the report of the grand jury for future action, if he "found the parties incriminated still prosecuting this character of practice."

The exposure, rebuke and threat effected a temporary depression in the "Personal Injury" industry in Texas. That it was merely suspended and not abandaned, is proved by the following summary of payments by Texas railways in the subsequent years:

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS FOR "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" BY THE RAILWAYS OF TEXAS FOR THE YEARS 1904 TO 1908.

	Loss and Damage	Per Cent of Earnings	Injuries to Persons	Per Cent of Earnings
1904	$1,200,099	1.84	$1,873,793	2.87
1905	1,124,952	1.65	1,368,583	2.01
1906	1,178,608	1.56	1,379,791	1.83
1907	1,307,607	1.36	1,824,208	1.90
1908	2,447,652	2.99	1,803,157	2.20

The last percentages indicate how completely the effect of Judge Meek's rebuke has died away. Combined, they afford the following contrast with similar percentages for the United States and the United Kingdom:

RATIO OF "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" TO EARNINGS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES AND TEXAS.

United Kingdom,	1908	.681 Per Cent.
United States,	1907	1.825 " "
Texas,	1908	5.190 " "

In 1908 the ratio of taxes to the earnings of the railways of Texas was 4.05 per cent. And so these expenses which do not lay a rail or turn a wheel, which the management is powerless to regulate or restrict, absorb over 9 per cent of the earnings of the railways of Texas.

Statistics give no inkling of the causes underlying the startling increases in these unremunerative expenses. But the single fact that in the United States they have been so grossly disproportionate to the increase in the earnings justifies the inference that more than half of them are illegitimate. Beyond question, American railways are more efficiently managed today than they were ten years ago. They were never better organized and equipped for the handling of passenger and freight traffic than they are today. Their accounts were never before subjected to such inquisitorial scrutiny and surveillance.

Certain losses which no foresight or care can avert, are coincident to railway operation. These are due to wrecks, delays and all manner of misadventures and mistakes.

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The difference between an increase of 130% in gross earnings and 437% on account of "Loss and Damage," and 254% on account of "Injuries to Persons" is nothing more or less than the margin of spoliation in which the railways are mulcted through the "pernicious activity" of claim bureaus and attorneys, the careelssness and thoughtlessness of employes and downright thievery to which such an enormous business is exposed.

The nefarious activity on behalf of illegitimate claims, the proceeds of which are divided between the attorneys and their clients, has an unfortunate effect to prejudice meritorious claims, for it forces the railways to defer proper payments until they have been subjected to what is often deemed purely vexatious investigation. And so the good will between the railways and honorable shippers and patrons is imperiled through the exercise of ordinary precaution to circumvent imposition and expose imposters.

So far the railways do not appear to have discovered any means of separating just claims for damages and injuries from the extortionate and fraudulent demands fostered by unscrupulous lawyers and claim bureaus. In the figures presented, it is believed that one-half of the amount has no legitimate claim upon the operating revenues of the railway. In Texas this is certainly true of two-thirds of the claims for personal injuries, of which the following is by no means a singular instance:

"A brakeman in the employ of a Texan road brought suit, alleging that he had suffered a spinal injury and was paralyzed in his legs. He was wheeled about in a chair during the pending of his suit, apparently a helpless cripple. He recovered $5,000.00. A few months later he was found in the employ of a telephone company where his duties as lineman required him to climb poles."

The only remedy appears to lie along the line of educating public sentiment to an appreciation of the fact that the greatest public utility in the republic is entitled to a "fair deal" at the hands of legislatures, courts, juries and all classes of citizens, shippers and periodicals.

HATTERS WIN.

THE United Hatters have won their fight against the boss hatters organization. This has been one of the most stubborn fights of recent years. The boss hatters, a few months ago, announced their intention of discarding the United Hatters' label and of instituting the "open shop," which was an abrogation of existing contracts. This precipitated a fight which was participated in by nearly the entire membership of the United Hatters' organization, and which finally resulted in victory for them. The New York *Call* publishes the following account of the final settlement:

"The temporary agreement between the United Hatters of North America and the Danbury hat manufacturers of three months ago, by which 5,500 striking hatters returned to work at union wages has expired, the officers of the union stated yesterday, and in accordance with the terms of this agreement a permanent agreement, these officers say, is now to be made by which these firms will become again union label concerns.

"National Secretary Martin Lawler, of the hatters, said that the Danbury firm gave ninety days' notice to the Associated Hat Manufacturers of their intention to withdraw from the association, in accordance with its rules, so that at the end of the ninety days, when their resignations went into effect, they would not be liable to be sued for the $25,000 bonds each, which they gave as a guarantee that they would live up to the open shop policy of the association, and could then use the union label.

"'These firms do their business principally through jobbers or middlemen who market their products,' said Secretary Lawlor, 'and we have in the meantime twenty-five women detailed to put the union label in the hats when they reach the hands of the jobbers. This is the concern of the union only, and the firms which have not attached the label have no responsibility for it. We are now waiting to make sure that the Danbury firms are altogether free from responsibility to the association, before we supply the labels to them to be attached to the hats, as usual, at the factories.'

"A circular signed by National President

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Moffit and National Secretary Lawlor, of the hatters, to all the hatters who are still on strike, was issued yesterday, urging them to use every effort to create a demand for union label hats. The circular says that out of fifty-eight members in the association of the hat manufacturers before the strike, nearly forty, including two officers of the association, have resigned from membership."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Five hundred and eighty-two new members were initiated into the Order during the month of August.

The mailing list has been revised and only members with dues paid to December 31, 1909, will receive a copy of this number from the regular mailing list.

The attention of correspondents is again called to the fact that all matter for the journal should be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 28th of the month to insure its insertion in the following issue.

The Mutual Benefit Department Fund continues to grow. A statement of that department is published each month on the Grand Division page of THE TELEGRAPHER, immediately preceding the division directory.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings



can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.

Bro. C. E. Hosler, of Division 33, has been awarded the first prize of $200.00 for having secured the greatest number of new members during the year 1908. Bro. R. R. McInroy, of Division 8, has been awarded the second prize of $150.00. Bro. W. H. Cord, of Division 59, has been awarded the third prize of $100.00. Bro. N. C. Hines, of Division 97, has been awarded the fourth prize of $75.00, and Bro. J. J. Collins, of Division 38, has been awarded fifth prize of $50.00.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name. and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., the notorious anti-labor agitator, has broken loose with another tirade against organized labor, which has been published in certain newspapers in different sections of the country as a paid advertisement. He concludes his tirade by appealing to the people of the country not to buy union label goods. Mr. Post is the manufacturer of Postum, Grape-Nuts and Post Toasties. He proclaims that the workmen in his plants do not belong to labor unions.

"The way of the transgressor is hard." In 1904, when the Order had a strike on the M. K. & T. Railway, some of the telegraphers employed on that line were induced to believe that "the company would always take care of them," if they would remain "loyal" to the company. Since then many of the "faithful" have been turned adrift to seek employment elsewhere with their "scabby" record following them, and as a final climax notice of a 10 per cent reduc-

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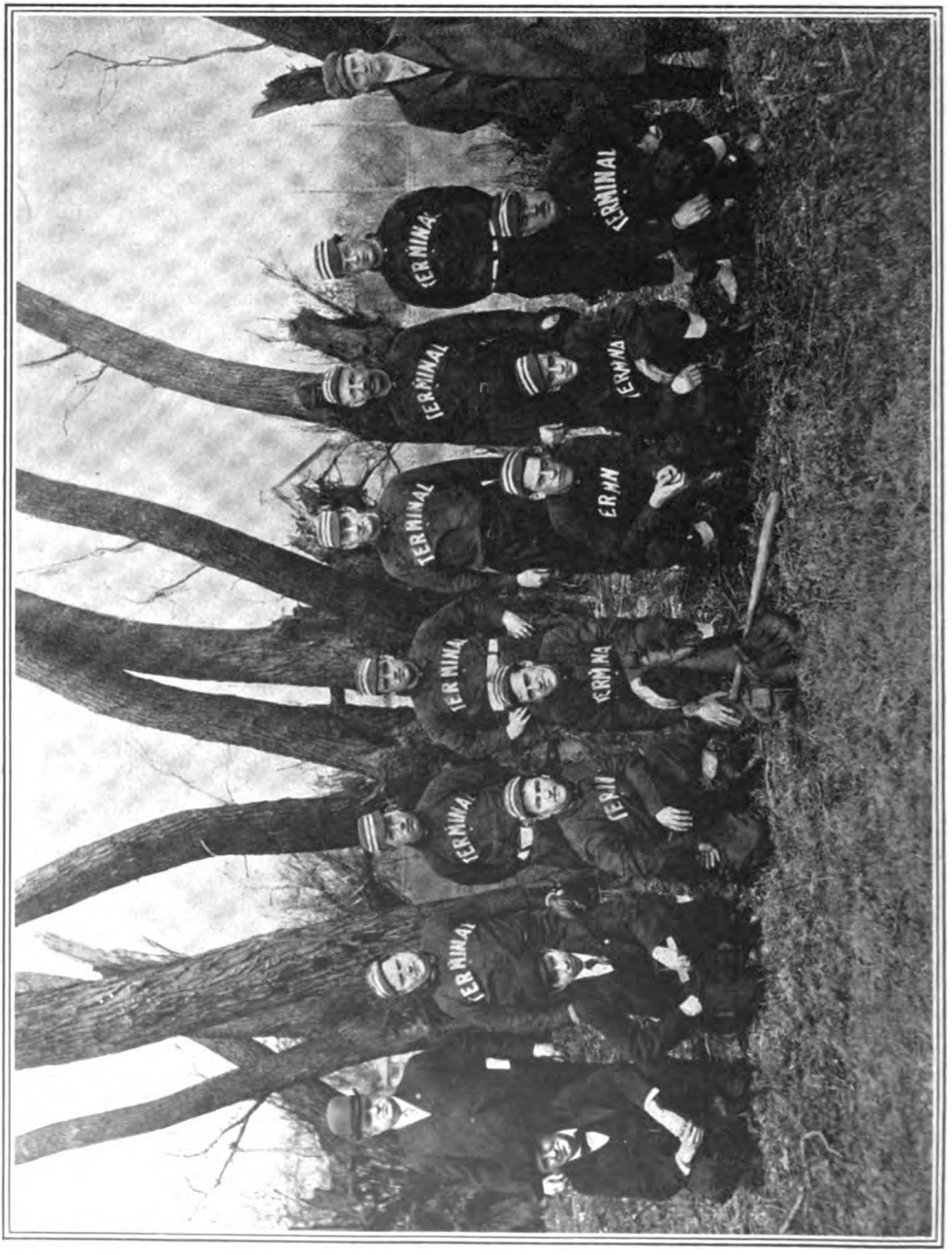
tion in wages has been served on a "certain clan," as expressed in a press dispatch from Sherman, Texas, to the Fort Worth *Record*. The press dispatch states that "notice was served on all agents of a certain class—those agents holding positions at small stations where they have to do the telegraphing as well as the clerical work—that there would be a cut in salaries which amounts to about 10 per cent." The dispatch further says: "Some of the agents whose salaries were cut have quit and declare they will quit railroading altogether and engage in some other business before they get too old to learn a new business. A few of the agents, mainly those who went to work for the company during the strike, are very indignant, and feel that they have not been treated fairly, as the fact that they went in on a strike will make it hard for them to get anything else, and they have nothing to do but to grin and bear any cut which may come their way." It would seem from the experience of scabs in the past that anyone with ordinary intelligence, even though he may be devoid of all sense of honor, would realize that scabbing is not only unwise but unprofitable from a business standpoint.



W. D. Wolfe. E. C. Needham. C. H. Parks.
Mrs. W. D. Wolfe. Mrs. E. C. Needham and Baby.

O. R. T. GROUP—SOUTHERN RAILWAY—WARING, GA.

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N. Y., N. H. & H. RAILWAY—BOSTON TERMINAL BASEBALL TEAM—MEMBERS BOSTON DIVISION, No. 80.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. Clyde Blough, of Forest Park, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Jordan, of Howell Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. D. Barnes, of Round Rock, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. A. Stetson, of Central Village, Conn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. E. Herbert, of Peterson, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Campion, of Jewett, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. C. Taylor, of Stanley, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry Macdona, of Campbell Hall, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. W. Slappey, of Albany, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. E. Staples, of Ringgold, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. S. Stover, of Clearfield, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Hunter, of Curry, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Miller, of Beech Creek, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Frederick, of Valley City, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Pendarvis, of Frederic, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Walter, of Fairfield, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Rhoades, of McCordsville, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. B. Sawyer, of Lena, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Cline, of Winchester, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. V. D. Lucy, of Quincys, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. L. Black, of Fostoria, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Guck, of Wellsburg, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. T. Bradbury, of Tuscola, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Raymond Harte, of Lambertville, N. J., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. L. Paul, of Seneca, S. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. R. Schutte, of Wittenberg, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. H. Girling, of Elroy, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. McDaniels, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. D. Henning, of Sisson, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, of Register, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Thos. Dryden, of Glendale Junction, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Foudray, of Coal Bluff, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. I. Klingenberger, of Newberry, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Vint, of Hornbeck, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. T. Ferguson, of Beaumont, Texas, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. G. Beard, of State Line, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Frederick, of Valley City, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. C. Delamarter, of New Haven, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. F. Klages, of Romulus, Mich, a girl.

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To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Garthwait, of Friendship, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. G. Byers, of Applegate, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Sanders, of San Antonio, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Cummings, of Smithboro, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. E. Wilson, of Conyers, Ga., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. J. B. Alden, of Div. 139, to Sister L. B. Hawkes, of Div. 139.

Bro. G. F. Unangst, of Div. 130, to Miss Laura Beckett.

At Rushville, Mo., Bro. C. F. Wahl, of Div. 130, to Miss Lena Van Hoozer.

Bro. W. M. Pate, of Div. 132, to Miss Nina McKay.

Bro. Carl Martz, of Div. 138, to Miss Roxie Clark.

Bro. J. W. Ford, of Div. 130, to Miss Pope.

Bro. J. C. Gardner, of Div. 82, to Miss Mary E. Weaver.

At Appleton, Wis., Bro. P. H. Noyes, of Div. 76, to Miss Alma Zuehlke.

Bro. J. I. Hardin, of Div. 59, to Miss Peeples.

Bro. G. A. Morrison, of Div. 18, to Miss Wauneta Isgriggs.

Bro. F. E. Wilbur, of Div. 35, to Miss Mary Lillibridge.

Bro. L. V. Vermilyea, of Div. 29, to Miss Rose Young.

Bro. Gus. Tofsen, of Div. 23, to Miss Grace Quiggle.

Bro. J. W. Williams, of Div. 14, to Miss Nannie Hunt.

Bro. E. C. Nelson, of Div. 23, to Miss Amelia Christensen.

Bro. C. E. Pendleton, of Div. 14, to Miss Edna Hatfield.

At Owanka, S. D., Bro. Grover B. Aldrich, of Div. 76, to Miss Ida May Stucker.

At Victor, N. Y., Bro. Geo. W. Wilson, of Div. 8, to Miss Anna Grace Murray.

Bro. Wm. G. Brinton, of Div. 7, to Miss Lillian B. Holcoum.

At Ionia, Mich., Bro. A. L. Warren, of the Grand Division, to Miss Marie P. Rogers.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. Jesse G. Cunningham, of Div. 31.

At Seboois, Me., Irva A. McLeod, daughter of Bro. J. I. McLeod, of Div. 7.

At Kalamazoo, Mich., Patrick H. Malone, father of Bro. G. W. Malone, of Div. 130.

At Hendersonville, N. C., brother of Bro. J. L. Bridges, of Div. 132.

At Warren, Pa., Bro. Frank Signor, of Div. 110.

At Richland Center, Pa., Bro. H. W. Moyer, of Div. 102.

At Dawson Springs, Ky., child of Bro. H. H. Proctor, of Div. 93.

At Calumet Yards, Wis., infant of Bro. T. H. Wellando, of Div. 76.

At Kings Mountain, Ky., Bro. J. A. Engleman, of Div. 62.

At Cohutta, Ga., mother of Bro. H. A. Henderson, of Div. 59.

At Davisville, R. I., infant son of Bro. E. R. Smith, of Div. 35.

At Hoisington, Kans., Bro. D. M. Southwick, of Div. 31.

At Kane, Pa., wife of Bro. L. E. Daugherty, of Div. 110.

At Fombell, Pa., infant son of Bro. J. J. Lanning, of Div. 33.

At Thaxton, Va., mother of Bro. Harry Kyle, of Div. 14.

At Kansas City, Kans., Bro. C. A. Davis, of Div. 6.

At Kansas City, Mo., Bro. J. C. Hodgetts, of Div. 6.

At Laurel, Md., wife of Bro. F. W. Bealer, of Div. 33.

At Missouri Valley, Ia., Jennie Kennedy, daughter of Bro. Nathan Kennedy, of Div. 76.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

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WANTED.

Present address of Dispatcher C. W. Kidd. Any information will be appreciated.
Address, Box 43, DeSoto, Mo.

To hear from some of the boys who were at Smithville, Texas, summer of 1904.
"PFLUGERVILLE" JORDAN,
619 Wood St., Texarkana, Ark.

Present address of H. G. Hartley. "H," if you see this, write me.
W. F. STEHMANN,
Beardstown, Ill.

Present address of James A. Berry, last heard of at El Paso, Texas, December, 1908. Important. MRS. L. L. CLARKE,
Durant, Okla.

To communicate with relatives of Leroy T. Davis, who died near here.
Lock Box 1241,
Muskogee, Okla.

Present address of Otto James. Last heard of in St. Louis in the furniture business. "JA," if you see this, write me.
E. F. GLEASON,
Care of I. C. R. R. Pinckneyville, Ill.

Present address of O. P. Budhal, last heard of working for a mining company at Silverton, Colo. Have very important news for him. R. E. CASEY,
Butterfield, Minn.

Present address of Harry Guest, worked at Hamlet, N. C., in 1904, and at Columbia, S. C., in 1905. Important.
HENRY CHAPMAN,
1802 Blanding St.,
Columbia, S. C.

Present address of Dr. E. A. Geltch, formerly practiced here, moved to Curtis, Wis., then to Stanton, N. D., left there intending to go to Chicago, but have heard nothing since. F. J. KENDRETCH,
Kennan, Wis.

Present address of W. S. Joyner, last heard of about seven years ago; was then at Montgomery, Ala. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated.
T. T. JOYNER,
185 Spring St.,
Charleston, S. C.

Present address of Roy A. Bennett. "Roy," if you see this, write at once. Father's health is failing.
MRS. J. A. BENNETT,
P. O. Box 87, Nordhoff, Cal.

Present address of C. W. Carson, last heard of on his way to Omaha, Neb., to accept employment with Union Pacific. Anyone knowing his whereabouts will confer a favor by giving his address.
Z. R. HOOK, Local Chairman,
Manhattan, Kans.

Present address of Frank E. Holmes, Milton G. Stanhagen and R. O. Miller, old-timers of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army. Drop me a line, boys, at Hadley, Alaska; would like to hear from you.
JOHN D. HENDERSON,
Signal Corps, U. S. A.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

J. W. LeRoy, Nome, Alaska.
A. B. Morton, Famoso, Cal.
E. E. Preston, Cooks Falls, N. Y.
Thos. Mullally, Alvatraz Island, Cal.
Frank Eckels, Jr., 928 N. 9th St., Waco, Tex.
W. F. Smith, 705 G Street, Santa Ana, Cal.
L. B. Dye, 9535 Commercial Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Card 2621, Cert. 488, Div. 16, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 3290, Cert. 154, Div. 25, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 10075, Cert. 1498, Div. 54, for term ending December 31, 1909.

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W. L. BETTIS,

Member Division No. 33, who Promoted the Telegrapher's Eight-Hour Law in West Virginia.

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NOTICE.

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C. F. STRICKLAND,
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All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

WOMEN.

BY MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

ONE of the greatest mistakes made by womankind today, and one of the greatest injuries withstood by womankind at the hands of the sterner sex, is the continual idea that woman must be protected, that she is a weakling, a mere baby of swaddling clothes placed in the lap of Mother Nature, to be fondled and petted by a baby of probably a little more physical strength and no more brain power!

I do not dispute the fact that woman needs protection for yet awhile, for she has been like the hand of a child which has been bound by tightened bandages since its birth! On account of the bindings of woman, by the petty thought that "she must be protected," has made a weakling of her, in both body and mind. What we need is not so much protection, but to be taught to protect ourselves! Woman must place herself in a position to protect herself.

Woman is continually haunted by the ghost of "what will other people say?" To a woman that makes a remark like that to me I feel like replying, "You poor little dwarfed mortal; to be sure you need protection like a child, until you learn to protect yourself!" Woman is gradually losing her superstition concerning what the other party is going to say, but still there is gnawing at the heart and mind of every woman, that ghost of "hear-say," which dwarfs her in every sense of the word and benumbs those faculties which she possesses to such an extent that they are paralyzed and not allowed to grow and expand.

The cause of all this is the idea of the average woman that she is a dependent, a weakling, a necessary protectionable appendage hung to the coat-tails of mankind, for God knows what!

Woman has been bound and cowered down until she has always been just a mere "female," without intelligence of her own, without mind of her own, without even power of knowledge to protect herself. And she remains thus today, with only one stream of light shining in on her beclouded and benumbed faculties and ambitions, and

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that is the beams coming from organization.

She fears the powers of the opinion of others. Men also believe in this ghost which is drowning womankind. Men, instead of showing woman how to protect herself, and being continually haunted with the imagination that the character of woman is going to be injured, should remember that woman must be educated, and when educated in the proper manner to protect herself, she will be a rational and a moral being, and nature will care for the balance.

We talk of the protection of womankind! The protection she most needs is protection for herself! As soon as woman learns that she is no longer a weakling, but a divinely created being the same as man, with a soul in the body of her and a mind to guide and protect her; what woman needs is more independent thought.

When women commence to thinking for themselves, the ghost of "what others say" will vanish, and she will then attend to her business and allow others the same privilege; and when tongues of loafing men go wagging, she will then be able to protect herself, and she will eventually lift herself out of the common soil where she now stands, a subject for vile tongues! What need women fear of vile tongues and slanderous people? 'Tis but the vile and slanderous who would believe. Those who are clean themselves do not listen to the ghost of "what other people say," much less assist in this devil-inspired weakness of humanity.

Another thing woman must learn is what and where her duty lies. Life is full of duty, if we make it thus. One of the greatest duties of womankind today is to lift the sex up to a higher thought and a more independent manner. Woman alone must fight out her salvation; man can assist by encouraging her in launching out into wider fields of thought and broader plains of duty.

Woman must first learn to measure her duty and then to realize that her duty is the demand of the hour. It matters not when duty calls, or where, the mind must close to what others may think and go forward with the face set toward the duty which the present hour orders.

Woman must lay aside petty prejudices of the present day, deeply set customs must be broken and thrown aside. Changes are rapidly being made and woman must fit herself to suit the changes, and the organization of women will go farther toward the consummation of this than anything else.

ORGANIZATION.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

HOW often have we heard the remarks, and oh, how often have we had it thrown in our teeth, "What can a few laboring people do by organization, with all the money powers of earth against them?" How often, oh, how often has ridicule been made of the organized effort of labor, from not only the capitalistic classes and their followers, but from the very ranks of labor! How often an organizer is the recipient of a slur from a prospective applicant, "What good is it all; money talks!"

It matters not from whence a great world-wide subject may spring, or how small the numbers are who advocate its principles or agitate the question, if the subject is brought eventually before the minds of the seeing public, this small movement, as it seems at first, grows into unlimited proportions.

The source of the great Mississippi can be found by a mere child throwing a few stones and pebbles from where the water seaps up through the earth. Yet it goes on and on, making a great river upon whose bosom is transported the mighty commerce of the greatest producing section in the world, and fills up the Gulf which divides a continent and then goes on to make up the mighty ocean!

This organized movement started not a generation ago. At that time there were but a few, but it broadened and lengthened, until now upon its mighty bosom rests millions of tired heads and aching bodies! Many an honest laborer is given the rest of an eight-hour day, and many a laborer and his family are given comforts of life, which were never dreamed of before this mighty bosom grew so large. Upon the lap of

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this organized effort, which in the beginning was so small, is fondled many a lost hope and filled again with an invigorating determination which buoys one up and on to greater things.

And to still broaden this splendid movement for the uplift of humanity, there must come more publicity and a more steadily increasing favorable public opinion.

Great changes are not brought about by great statesmen and determined public men. It is true they help, but in the end they are but the instrument in the hands of the smaller men organized. And if this implement of the people proves to be worthless, the small-men-organized throws him aside and tries another patent and another make! The public man and the public official are but like a small streamlet, which must needs find the larger body before accomplishing great ends.

One of the telegraph officials and a man of the public remarked during the recent great Commercial Telegraphers' strike, when approached by a committee of citizens upon the matter of public opinion, "The public be damned!" Such has been the remark of many public men and many public officials living all along the ages, but eventually the smaller-man-organized, which make up the mighty public, have, by continuous and ever-unceasing agitation, at last brought about the reformation desired. Therefore, the statesman has far less the influence that the smaller man has who in small and obscure places silently mature a regenerated public opinion and eventually brought about a change.

Organized labor is bringing aout a change and bringing it about rapidly. Public opinion is swinging now to the pendulum as the great vibrating body of organized labor moves back and forth through the years, and eventually, like all other great reformations, will win the day. And when won, the winning will be by the smaller-man-organized, and not the public man or the statesman at the helm of any government!

GREAT ACTIVITY IN L. A.

By Mrs. E. B. Smith, President.

WE present here a sample of a few of the letters which reach Secretary-Treasurer Malone and President Smith on every mail. The mail of the Secretary-Treasurer has increased in such a manner that it takes almost her entire time to keep up her correspondence. During the recent illness of her father she was absent five days and returning found two hundred letters awaiting her reply. A few such letters are here copied:

Oakdale, Tenn., May 27th, 1909.

Enclosed please find express money order for $4.20 to pay initiation fees and dues to June 30th in the Ladies' Auxiliary, names given below. There are several others who will join at an early date, and as soon as you get your stationery printed I would be glad if you would send me a supply of application blanks and I will assure you my every effort to help build the Ladies' Auxiliary up. I have fourteen other names who will join as soon as application blanks are furnished. With best wishes for success, I am, ———.

Auburn, R. I., Aug. 10th, 1909.

Div. 35, O. R. T., has invited all of its members to bring their lady relatives to their next meeting for the purpose of starting an Auxiliary in connection with that division. In order that we may be prepared for the occasion will you kindly send me fifteen or twenty application blanks, and if the ladies show as much enthusiasm as the men here have over the Auxiliary, we will surely need that many to supply them all. With best wishes, I remain, ———.

Mt. Olive, Miss., July 20th, 1909.

Please find enclosed $1.20 to pay my wife's and one other applicant's dues to December 31st, 1909. Kindly send me about twenty-five application blanks for membership and oblige.

Confluence, Pa., Aug. 12th, 1909.

Kindly furnish me by return mail about ten application blanks. We hold our August meeting on the 20th, at which time I will drum the brothers up in regards to having

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their wives make application to the Auxiliary.

North Bay, Ont., Can., Aug. 8th, 1909.

Please send me half dozen application blanks and hope to be able to return them before long. Wishing you the best luck, I am, ———.

Austin, Mont., July 31st, 1909.

Will you kindly send me half dozen sets application blanks for membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T.?

Science Hill, Ky., June 25th, 1909.

Received your letter today enclosing obligation, which I have signed and will return same to you. I am certainly glad the L. A. to O. R. T. has been organized; hope it will prove a success. And I am willing and ready to do anything I can to help it along and am anxious to learn more about it. Are we expected to attend any of the O. R. T. meetings? Will be pleased to receive any by-laws or anything concerning the Auxiliary as soon as they are printed.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 6th, 1909.

Kindly let me know if I could join the L. A. to O. R. T. I am a siser of ———; he belongs to the O. R. T. Springfield Division. Send me all particulars, if there is any insurance and how much. I am very much interested, as my brother is a railroad man.

Engle, Texas, July 5th, 1909.

I can use about four hundred application blanks for the Atlantic System of this division. Kindly send about this number to me here at your earliest convenience. Am much pleased with the reports you Grand Officers are giving us. Will go to work in earnest soon as blanks arrive.

Decatur, Ill., June 29th, 1909.

Enclosed please find money order for $1.10. I want to be a member of the L. A. to O. R. T. My husband is a member of the Grand Division. This amount will pay six months' dues and initiation fee. I am glad to learn of the Auxiliary; I have often thought how nice it would be to have one.

Webster, W. Va., Aug. 11th, 1909.

I think I shall like very much to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Would you kindly send me an application blank, as I am very anxious to help boost the union? My husband has been a member of the O. R. T. for seven years and is now up-to-date in the Order.

Leavenworth, Kans., Aug. 1st, 1909.

Please send me a set of application blanks for admission to membership to the "Ladies' Auxiliary" of the O. R. T. My husband is a member of Div. 126. Ever interested in anything that will lead to the betterment of the masses. I remain, ———.

Hamilton, Ia., Aug. 5th, 1909.

Please send me full information regarding the L. A. to O. R. T. What does it represent and what are the duties and obligations of a member? My husband is a member of the O. R. T. and I am always interested in anything pertaining to the Order. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, ——.

Burnetts Creek., Ind., asks for six application blanks, on August 5th.

Denison, Ia., asks for application blanks, and states they can get all kinds of applications there.

Milwaukee, Wis., is doing her duty by sending in members.

Campbell Hall, N. Y., asks for application blanks.

Knoxville, Tenn., wants application blanks and states that they hope to get enough for a charter there.

Letters from every point on the continent are pouring in daily, and ever answered as quickly as is possible.

Among the letters of June appeared one which buoyed up the hearts of the Grand Officers and made them glad. This letter we are sure the splendid gentleman and brother will not care should we here give our membership the copy, for we believe it will go a long ways toward stirring up confidence in the organization:

St. Louis, Mo., June 21st, 1909.

Mrs. G. W. Malone, G. S. T., L. A. to O. R. T., 580 E. Berrien Street, Galesburg, Ill.:

Dear Madam—I happened to see one of your envelopes with your address on it as Grand Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

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and it reminded me that both Mrs. Thurston and myself are interested in anything that pertains to the O. R. T., so I take the liberty of asking that you shall send me an application for membership blank together with a copy of your laws as soon as they are ready for delivery.

I hope that the Auxiliary is started out with good prospects. I am sure that it will succeed under the able leadership of yourself and Sister Smith.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) A. D. THURSTON,
Past President O. R. T.

A few questions President Smith wants the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the telegraphers to answer:

Do you read THE TELEGRAPHER?

Do you ever give serious thought to your husband's membership in the Order?

Do you ever wonder why he don't attend a few of the meetings?

Did you ever ask him to attend the meetings?

Did you ever ask your husband, brother, father or son to get a card?

Do you care whether he attends meetings? If not, have your head examined; don't you think it best?

Do you realize your own financial interest in the Order?

Do you know that if it were not for the Order your husband would be drawing $25 per month, and working fifteen hours per day?

Did your husband ever visit a sick man because he was a member?

Did you ever have a serious thought in your life? If not, now is the time to think.

NEW LOCAL IN PROVIDENCE.

BY MRS. J. F. BRADY.

I take great pleasure in writing a letter to THE TELEGRAPHER this month, and feel sure that the readers will be pleased to learn that through the courtesy of Providence Division, No. 35, we were successful in starting a local Auxiliary in connection with that division on August 21st, 1909.

We met with the brothers at their hall and held an informal meeting, listening to the following brothers: D. M. Callis, Chief Telegrapher, spoke of the object of the meeting; Geo. E. Joslin, Local Chairman, interested us in a brief history of the O. R. T. and the benefits to be derived by organizing locally; E. J. Manion, General Chairman, made a very pleasing address on the good that must be derived from an organization of this kind in general. Mrs. J. F. Brady, in behalf of the ladies, then thanked the brothers for their generosity in helping us. We were then served with a bounteous supply of ice cream and cake.

The ladies then repaired to the anteroom, where a permanent organization was formed with twelve names enrolled, dues and fees all paid, offices filled, and when we adjourned it was with a feeling that we had accomplished quite a little.

While not having as many as we would like, we feel confident that before we meet again we will be able to count a few more, as a request was received to keep the charter open for a few days in order that some who were unable to attend the meeting desired to become charter members. A greater number of ladies would have been present, we are inclined to believe, if some of the brothers had only informed them of this meeting; but we will forgive them this time if they will only tell them that we are going to hold regular meetings and expect to carry them on now as full-fledged union women.

Some few of the brothers have promised that as soon as we could find them a mate, they were perfectly willing to become Benedicts and help the good work along. One brother has guaranteed that before the next meeting night he would surely have a new member for us.

We hope to make our meetings so enthusiastic that each one will be as the first one; so interesting was it that the sisters were surprised when the hour of eleven o'clock arrived, and as time and trains wait for no one, we were compelled to close in order that the sisters might get their trains home.

The following is a list of the officers elected: President, Mrs. J. F. Brady; Sec-

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retary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Welch; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. L. Conant; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. P. Haley; Chaperon, Mrs. H. H. Mehring; Past President, Mrs. Clara A. Wood.

NOTES.

Sister J. F. Brady, of Auburn, R. I., writes they are hustling, and expect great things before very long.

Let us make good the 500 mark by October 1st. See how many new ones can be rushed in by October 1st. Get busy and push!

Let everyone bend to the wheel now and whirl it round to the five hundred mark by October 1st. If every member will bring one more we will have in the fold nearly 1,000. Is it not worth a trial?

Let everyone of the chartered divisions not fail to let their news items and articles for THE TELEGRAPHER reach President Smith not later than the 20th of September. Try it once, and you'll not allow a month to pass but that your division will be represented. Get busy!

Sister S. A. McCormack, of West Haven, Conn., writes they expect to hold a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 1, at her home on August 18th, and are looking for a splendid time. It is to be hoped that they had not only a splendid time, but a successful time. Let us hear from No. 1 next month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Don't sit back and wait on the other fellow. That is what is the matter with the O. R. T. today; too many of the members are sitting back waiting on some one else to make a move. Let the ladies get busy and show the men something. Let them show how things can be done. If you can't land a member for the Auxiliary, land a member for the O. R. T. and then commence hammering on his relations!

Fourth Vice-President Hurr, of Engle, Texas, is starting the move on Div. 53 in splendid shape. Her plan has been to appoint chairmen and organizers, with the signed approval of President Smith, on the different sections of her division, and then getting them all to working on their sections. This is a splendid idea, and is approved and recommended to the membership by President Smith.



MEMBERS DIVISION No. 83.

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GLEANINGS

Short hours. Long wages.

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Live according to your convictions.

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Unionism is the salvation of labor.

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The label is what you want.

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Spend union wages for union wares.

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The labor union is essentially a business organization.

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Get in line. A disorganized army never won a battle.

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If there were fewer slaving children there would also be fewer idling parents.

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Agitate, educate and organize. This trinity will bring us the success we are looking for.

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A living is made by doing one's work in a half-way manner. Success is achieved by doing it well.

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The wise union man will have the good sense to know that success of the union depends upon getting others to join it.

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Be true to your union, and thereby show your loyalty to the great cause of labor and its struggle for justice and freedom.

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The harder you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;
It's how did you fight—and why?

—Edmund Vance Cooke.

A compilation of trades union statistics in the principal countries places the number of members in good standing at 9,000,000.

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Be in earnest! Sincerity wins respect not only for the individual but also for his cause, while hypocrisy breeds contempt.

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Ambition is better than contentment. The man who is contented with his position in life will never advance and is truly an object of pity.

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High wages do not depend so much on the condition of trade as upon the condition of your craft from the standpoint of organization.

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The American Federation of Labor issues an organizing circular entitled, "Why We Unite," which sums up the entire matter in a few words—"we unite because we must."

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Do not hastily condemn organized labor when you find some objectionable features. There is not an organization of any description without imperfections of some kind.

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"Blest be the stitch that binds" the garment workers' union label to your overalls, shirts, working aprons and ready-made clothing. Like the smile that won't come off, it feels good.

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A conservative estimate of the approximate earnings of the members of organized labor annually is placed at $2,000,000,000. This enormous purchasing power, if used in the support of the products of union labor exclusively, would make a few manufacturers we have in mind "sit up and take notice."

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Remember the hatters are fighting for the union label and need your assistance. Read the article in this issue, "The Girl Who Trims Hats," and loosen up. If you expect labor to win don't be a "tight wad."



A. M. GRAY,
Deceased Member Grand Division.

We should preach to the world the sublime faith and aspirations of labor. We should practice its precepts and make them the daily rule of life.—*American Federationist.*

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Through all the years of trade union effort, it has been well known that in solidifying the ranks of labor the lash of the employer has been more potent than the preaching of the organizer.

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The union label is the home defender. It represents that which adds to the comfort and support of the people, and has an influence in providing a few of the one-time luxuries that are now necessities.

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Organized labor has always been in the van in movements for the abolition of child labor. There is not in the statutes of any State in the Union a prohibition against child slavery, that was not the work—initially and finally—of organized labor.

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No strike has ever been lost, and there can be no defeat for the labor movement. However disastrous the day of battle has been, it has been worth its price, and only the scars remain to bear testimony that the movement is invincible and that no mortal wound can be inflicted upon it.—*Eugene V. Debs.*

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All over the world agitation is going on for better conditions for the toilers. Some of them are co-operating with the agitators to improve their own condition, and some are assisting the employers to defeat the agitators and to keep the toilers from getting their just share of what their labor produces.

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The employers of labor who have so foolishly surmised that union labor could be annihilated by the free use of money and other tricks so familiar to greed and avarice, have had an expensive time of it. With all their money and corrupt tactics at work in the past, union labor is still on deck, numerically stronger and more solidified than ever before in its history.

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When the clerk says, "we're unable
On our goods to show the label,"
Then it's time for you to "beat it"
As you never did before.
Don't get weary when you're buying,
For the label keep on trying,
Put your hard-earned union dollars
To the right use evermore.

—*Labor World.*

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Mr. Van Cleave, the champion union-buster, came upon the scene two years ago like a roaring lion, shaking his shaggy mane, lashing himself ferociously, jumped upon the A. F. of L. with both feet. He found a giant not to be tampered with and has now jumped off with both feet and taken to the tall timber. Au revoir, Van.—*Blacksmiths' Journal.*

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I can not forget that the laboring class must, like any other, stand up for its own rights, or be content to see them trampled under foot; and that the strength given it by organization superinduced upon numbers is its only effectual defence against the unchecked tyranny of capital, eager for profit and reckless of others' rights. The power developed by combination may be abused, like any other power, but labor is helpless and a prey without it.—*Horace Greeley.*

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It is estimated that in America 60,000,000 people live in constant toil and poverty (30,000,000 of them able to obtain physical comfort by ceaseless drudgery, 20,000,000 in nerve-straining uncertainty on the verge of want and 10,000,000 actually hungry, while none of the 60,000,000 have a chance to satisfy their hearts with life's richer opportunities) and less than 20,000,000 are rich or well to do, and even tney have to battle fiercely to hold what they have.

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Unionists of Montana, Washington, California and other Western States are again appealing to the workers of the Eastern States to pay no attention to the glowing advertisements of open-shop bosses, railway corporations, land swindlers and the like to lure them westward. It is stated that those who come West without funds will be greatly disappointed, and be compelled to endure severe hardships, as jobs are very scarce and the outlook is not promising.

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No organization will disintegrate so long as those composing it "stick." No union is disrupted because some one outside the organization does not come to its assistance. The reason labor unions become disrupted is because those who make up the membership have not the staying qualities. No organization is going far toward making itself a power that depends on outside assistance as the means to an end. No organization can hope to succeed by having its members stay at home. No organization can succeed unless its members work to help each other member. No organization can grow with its membership knocking. Get together and boost.—*Defense Bee.*

Undoubtedly the greatest danger that threatens labor unions today is the desire of new and inexperienced members for quick and big results. While this may be natural, it is very often disastrous. Some unions may make great gains in wages and hours, but are perhaps not a safe standard for others. A good reserve fund and thorough organization, which will insure permanent strength, should be the aim of all organizations. When this has been accomplished wages and hours are bound to follow. Let us profit by the experience of others.—*Amalgamated Journal.*

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The labor movement is not born only of material hunger, but it helps to satisfy the physical appetite, and thus gives room for better things. Hungry for bread in the beginning; hungry for better food, hungry for shelter our workers become hungry for better homes; for light; for love; for books, for poetry, for music, for the arts; hungry for the affection of our fellow men; hungry for humanity. May the day never come to blunt or stultify the spiritual hunger for better things instilled by the organizations of labor in the hearts and the minds of the working people of our country.—*Gompers.*



H. G. TERRELL,
Deceased Member Division No. 59.

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T. L. Berne. J. C. Grigg. B. W. Justice. B. K. Spiers. Mrs. B. K. Spiers.
O. R. T. GROUP. A. C. L. RAILWAY. JARRETT, VA.

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THE ST. LOUIS CENTENNIAL.

BALLOON, airship and aeroplane races, under the auspices of the Aero Club of St. Louis, host of the Gordon Bennett International Balloon Race of 1907, will be the most spectacular feature of the St. Louis Centennial, October 3 to 9, 1909. The Aero Club of St. Louis has issued a booklet containing the following list of Centennial week aeronautic events and prizes:

October 4, 1909.

Aero Club Grounds, 3:00 P. M.

SPHERICAL BALLOONS.

Distance Race for Small Balloons, Limited to 40,000 Feet Capacity.

First Prize—St. Louis Centennial Cup.
Second Prize—Cup.

Open to pilots of the Aero Club of America or its affiliated clubs. Rules of the International Aeronautic Federation to govern.

4:00 P. M.

Start of Distance Race. For Balloons Limited to 80,000 Feet Capacity.

First Prize —$600.00 or Cup.
Second Prize— 400.00 or Cup.
Third Prize — 300.00 or Cup.
Fourth Prize— 200.00 or Cup.
Fifth Prize — 100.00 or Cup.
Endurance Prize—Cup.

Open to pilots of the Aero Club of America or its affiliated clubs. Rules of the International Aeronautic Federation to govern.

AEROPLANES.

Contest to be held in the West End on Friday, October 8, 2:00 P. M.

First Prize—$1,000.00 and Gold Medal.
Second Prize—$500.00 and Silver Medal.

Conditions of the Race:

The grounds will be laid out with a starting square approximating 200 feet; then a getaway will be laid out a half mile from starting point. Each aeroplane will be given three trials for a getaway, and if the areoplane does not pass the outer square in any of these three trials they are disqualified for the race. If the aeroplane passes the getaway line on the first trial, it must continue its flight, as it will have no more trials. The aeroplanes are to maneuver throughout a given district; for instance, Forest Park, if the Catlin tract is chosen for the starting point, and the plane staying out the longest and returning to the 200-foot starting square wins the first prize. A plane to win a prize must fulfill the following conditions:

Leave the starting point in at least three trials to get outside of the outer getaway line. Maintain a continuous flight and return to the starting square.

Contest to be held Friday, the 8th, at 2:00 P. M.

The First Prize will be awarded to the aeroplane remaining the longest in continuous flight.

COMMERCIAL BALLOON RACE.

October 9th, 2:00 P. M.

Open to the Commercial and Manufacturing Establishments of St. Louis.

Each balloon will hold 3,000 feet of gas, and will be operated by a water bucket which will automatically dispose of the ballast.

Every balloon will be equipped alike except for decorations.

Five prizes are offered for this event.

The balloon landing the longest distance from St. Louis wins the race.

Each balloon is entitled to bear the name of the owner, also to carry samples, etc., and a pledge to reward the finder for the finding and reporting of the same.

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3:00 P. M.

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON RACE.

Aero Club Grounds.

The race course will be triangular, as follows: Aero Club Grounds to Blair's Monument; from there to the Mounted Police Station, and return to the starting point.

Each competitor to have at least three trials, the best time of any trial to count.

First Prize—$1,000.00.

Second Prize—$500.00.

A special prize will be given for the best exhibition of maneuvering.

The St. Louis Centennial Association is a municipal institution, whose president is the Hon. Frederick H. Kreismann, Mayor, and whose purpose is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of St. Louis with the most notable series of great events ever crowded into seven days in any American city.

Via floats, costumed paraders, etc., will be shown the different stages in the development of St. Louis from a wilderness inhabited by pioneers and Indians into a city of towering skyscrapers and beautiful homes, ranking, in point of population, fourth among the cities of America, and in point of many important industries first among the cities of the world.

In addition to the air events already described there will be water and land events as follows:

A water pageant, commemorating the founding of St. Louis.

A municipal pageant, comprising the St. Louis police, fire and other municipal departments, to be reviewed from the grandstand by the mayors of sister cities, the guests of honor, and culminating in the cornerstone-laying of municipal buildings, costing $1,500,000.

An educational, historical and military pageant, in three divisions, with students, historical floats, soldiers, etc., culminating in the cornerstone-laying of the city's new $1,000,000 Public Library.

An industrial pageant, under the auspices of the Million Population Club, with floats depicting the city's industries.

The Veiled Prophet annual pageant, with special Centennial features.

An all-week Centennial festival in the downtown streets, with brilliant illuminations, music and fireworks.

The mayors of 3,000 cities have been invited by Mayor Kreismann of St. Louis to be the guests of honor of St. Louis during Centennial Week. Each mayor accepting will receive an invitation and souvenir of the Veiled Prophet ball, which this year will be held at the new Coliseum instead of the Merchants' Exchange, as heretofore. This change will enable an attendance three times as large as that at any previous Veiled Prophet ball. The decoration scheme will embrace scenes which are a part of the history of St. Louis, and it is prophesied that the Veiled Prophet ball of Centennial Week will overshadow in point of brilliancy and attendance all other balls in the history of America, not excepting that great quadrennial event, the inaugural ball at Washington.

Centennial Week will be the occasion of many notable gatherings in St. Louis, including a national convention of retail merchants for an exchange of ideas on salesmanship, advertising, window and showcase display, store arrangement, and other matters of vital interest to all retailers.

The St. Louis Centennial Association has obtained reduced railroad rates for Centennial Week from practically all parts of the United States, including the Pacific Coast.

WALTER GRAY'S REWARD.

BY ISRAEL ORLANDO.

IT was ninety in the shade, and the little depot at Willowville was sweltering in the sun of that hot August afternoon. A passenger train came dashing up to the station and stopped. The tall elderly gentleman, dressed in the light summer suit, who was sitting by the door in the small waiting-room, remained seated. Presently the agent's face appeared at the ticket window.

"Hey, you," he called, squirting a stream of tobacco juice on the dirty floor almost at the gentleman's feet. "If you're goin' on that train you'd better get a move on; she won't lay here all week."

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"No, thank you," the man replied; "I go the other way."

At that moment the conductor with a little girl, who was weeping bitterly, in his arms, came rushing into the waiting-room. He deposited the sobbing child on a seat and went up to the ticket window.

"I carried a little girl by Lindendale," he shouted to the agent. "You'd better come out here and get her and see that she gets back on the next train. She's only a child, can't be over seven. And here's a message about it; get it to Lindendale right away. Her parents were to meet her and they must certainly be anxious about her. Wonder they haven't wired me already."

"All right, Stokes," the agent drawled.

The train drew away; the child still cried aloud.

"Confound that kid!" the agent remarked. Then he addressed the operator: "Hey, Hoover, there's a message on the ticket window Stokes left there; guess you'd better git it to Lindendale."

The operator arose and dragged his feet across the floor indolently. "Darn Stokes, anyhow; wonder he wouldn't 'tend to his business. I don't give a continental if I git it off or not. Guess that was Lindendale callin' me ever since three went by there. Wonder they wouldn't get a new conductor," he growled.

The little girl's cries now amounted almost to a scream.

The gentleman in the summer suit went to the door, put his head into the office and spoke to the agent: "Can't you do something for this child out here? I fear she will go into a spasm if nothing is done. Perhaps if you explain to her that you have sent a message to her papa and that you will see that she is returned safely, you may be able to calm her."

The agent arose half-angrily. "Darn it!" he said, "I'm not paid to look after other people's kids."

He went into the waiting-room and spoke to the little girl, but his manner was such as to alarm rather than pacify her.

"Well, then, bawl as much as you have a mind to," he said finally; "I'll put you on the train when she comes along if you stay where you are till then."

He went back to his desk and the operator came dragging out for a drink of water. He glanced at the girl in passing and laughed. "Nice lookin' picture to haul on a train," he remarked, half to himself and half to the tall gentleman in the summer suit.

Presently a young man stepped into the waiting-room. His eyes fell on the weeping child in the seat in the corner. He went up to her immediately.

"What seems to be the trouble, my dear?" he said.

Her only answer was a convulsive sob.

The tall gentleman volunteered to explain.

"Oh, I see," said the young man. "Well, you mustn't cry about that; we'll fix you up all right; just you wait one second." He went into the office and returned in a few minutes. "Now," he said, "I've just talked to your papa at Lindendale. He says that you mustn't cry, and that he will be waiting for you there. Your train will be along in a little over an hour, and then you will soon be home. Now, I'll get you a good fresh drink of water and then I'll run over to my house and send my little girl over to keep you company. I have a little girl just about your age, and she has the nicest great big doll you ever saw. I'll send her over and she can bring the doll with her. Now, I'll tell the agent to be sure to put you on the right train."

"Never mind, I'll see that she gets on all right; I take that train myself," the tall man said.

"Just see; this nice gentleman here will see that you get home all safe and sound; now, isn't that fine? You won't cry any more, will you?"

The little girl had ceased to weep; she even smiled through her tears.

The young man turned to leave and had reached the door when a farmer entered.

"Hey, Walt. By golly," he said, "you're just the feller I want to see! You know I told you sometime ago about taking a trip out West? Well, she's settled; we're goin' in a couple of weeks."

"Good for you, Hi," said the young man. "It'll be worth a fortune to your health."

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"Well, I heard that you got let out, Walt. Shame, too! So I told the old woman I'd skip over and see you afore you got away from here. You know a fellow can't find nothing out from that pumpkin head in there; might as well talk to a wooden man. And, you see, I'm goin' to take this trip for fun and I want to go the way I kin see the most, you understand, Walt."

"Sure thing, Hi! Well, here you are." The young man took down a tariff book that hung on the wall and named half a dozen different routes and the most important points taken in by each, also the rates. "Just wait a second, Hi," he said, "and I'll jot these down on paper for you and then you can take them home to your wife and decide on one of them at your leisure."

"Bully for you, Walt., bully for you! I'll throw a stone in your garden one of these days," the farmer exclaimed.

After the young man had gone, the farmer walked to the cooler and took a drink.

"D——n shame!" he said, turning from the cooler; "that young Gray's a goldarned good feller. There ain't another chap in America to take his place. Darn shame he got fired! His wife's been sick, too, and his luck's runnin' tough. But there ain't a brighter feller in these parts, and I guess he won't have no trouble gittin' another job. I hate to lose him, though. You see, he used to be the operator here and"—he dropped his voice to a whisper and came nearer to the tall gentleman, who seemed to be interested—"agent, too; he was the whole show. Why, that pumpkin head agent in there don't know B from bullsfoot!

"I don't know what Walt. was fired for, and I guess he don't neither. Well, the company's goin' to lose on this deal. My produce and grain goes in over the D. & B. hereafter, anyhow, and there's plenty of others will do the same."

Having delivered himself of the above, the honest son of toil gave his trousers a yank and walked away.

A few minutes later a little girl carrying a doll almost as large as herself entered the waiting-room. She smiled shyly and walked slowly toward the little girl on the corner seat.

The little girl's face brightened when she saw the big doll, and she forgot all about her grief until the other little girl spoke about the tear-stains on her cheeks.

"You've been crying," said she softly, stroking the other one's wealth of golden hair. "Your eyes look just like mamma's. She's been crying nearly all the time since papa lost his job. And just think maybe papa will have to go far away to get another place to work. No wonder mamma cries, is it?" And so they talked and played until a minute before the train was due, when the young operator came back for his little daughter.

"Capital idea," said the tall gentleman; "she forgot all about her troubles when she saw the dolly, and now," he continued, "I understand you were formerly the operator at this office and that you have been dismissed. Can you think of no reason for your dismissal?"

"I can not," said the young man, "unless it is because I have positively declined to withdraw my name from the O. R. T."

"I see," said the tall man; "and do you think you could handle the agency here if you were furnished with a good operator?"

"I am positive, but that has nothing to do with the matter."

The stranger drew a blank sheet of paper from his pocket hurriedly, for the train was coming close. He hastily wrote a few words on the paper.

"Take this," he said; "it will pass you to the chief dispatcher's office. I shall speak to that gentleman and to the division superintendent about more things than one, and you may as well prepare to take the agency here in a day or two. Goodbye."

With this he took up the little girl and stepped on to the car.

Walter Gray looked at the sheet of paper; it read:

"Pass Operator Gray, Willowville, to Walton and return.

"L. V. LEWIS, First Vice-Pres."

The little girl with the doll wondered long why her papa pressed her so closely to his bosom as he almost ran home, and why he kissed her mother time and again, and why they both wept silently on one another's

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shoulders for many minutes. She felt very sad until she learned that theirs were tears of real joy, and then they all laughed together like foolish children.

Such was Walter Gray's reward for being accommodating and ever-ready to meet any emergency.

THE SINGING FROGS OF HATCHIE COON.

"HERE'S a story about a scientific chap who trains flies to do acrobatic stunts," said the red-headed man in the corner, as he laid down his paper and struck a match. "Now, if he'd just train 'em to keep out of the butter he'd be the greatest man on earth."

"I read that story," remarked the passenger from Pittsburg, "and was much interested in one feature of the scientist's method of training. He says he just finds out what the flies want to do, and lets them do it. That idea opens up great possibilities in the training of animals of all kinds. If we can just—just—"

"Develop the talents with which nature endowed them," suggested the bishop.

"Er—yes," assented the Pittsburgunian, "that's it. There is music, for instance. Nearly all animals love music and some have knowledge of the principles of harmony. Certain birds have been taught to sing tunes. Why not, then, train cats to warble arias from Italian operas? They have voices of great power and range, as all of us know, and they delight in the exercise of their vocal talents. Caruso himself can not develop the high notes with as great ease as a tomcat of my acquaintance. Fancy what a sensation the sextet from Lucia would make if sung by a company of well-trained felines. Of course, they couldn't bring out the words, but that makes no difference. Nobody ever has discovered what that sextet was about, but it's great, and just imagine—"

"Say," interposed the little man with the squint eye, "you think you're gettin' off something funny, but I want to tell you, my friend, there's more truth than po'try in what you're sayin'. I don't believe a cat could learn to play the fiddle like the one in Mother Goose, but I'd bet any money I could teach one to sing if I wanted to and had the time an' patience."

"I am inclined to think," insinuated the red-headed man in the corner, "that you have had some experience in that line."

"You're guessin' about right," admitted the squint-eyed passenger. "I'm not a performer, but I did a little stunt in the trainin' way once that would 'a made my fortune, but for one thing."

"How was that?" asked the sorrel-topped person.

"Well, I guess I'll have to begin at the beginnin' or you wouldn't understand it, an' maybe you wouldn't believe it. I'm a telegraph operator. Been at the business for thirty years, and expect to be poundin' a key, as we say, for the rest of my life. An operator, especially a railroad operator, gets into queer places sometimes. He's got to go where he's sent, and he can't be sure today where he's going to be tomorrow. Back in the 80's I was workin' in a nice town in Kansas. I had been there three months, and was beginnin' to think I was livin' there, when I got orders to report immediately to Kansas City. When I got there the chief handed me a pass to 'Hatchie Coon.'

"'Where in the dickens is Hatchie Coon?' says I.

"'It's down on the Arkansas Division,' says he. 'Tain't much of a place,' says he, 'but you can't miss it. The conductor'll put you off when you get there.'

"And he certainly did. He had to. I wouldn't 'a stopped if he hadn't. It was down in the sunk lands in the northeast corner o' the State, about sixty miles from Memphis, an' it wasn't any town at all. It was right in the middle of a big swamp, an' the only dry land in sight was under the railroad tracks. On both sides o' the road, close up, stood big cypress trees, hundreds feet high, some o' them. The company had drove down a few posts, laid a platform, an' on top o' that put a tent about 12 feet square. That was the telegraph office. Not a house in ten miles. Straight up I could see a narrow strip o' the sky, below was a narrow strip o' dirt, an' all the rest was black water an' cypress trees. Gee! but it was lonesome! Most o' that country's been

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drained since then, an' they say it's gettin' to be the garden spot o' the world, but this was twenty years ago.

"The only company I had was the water snakes, the frogs an' the mosquitoes. I never did like snakes very much, an' the mosquitoes down there weren't a bit friendly, so for the lack of anything else to pass away the time I got to takin' a great interest in the frogs. There was all kinds there, an' some o' them was as big as my hat. The noise those big fellows could make was somethin' terrific, an' when the big ones an' the little ones an' the middle-size ones go to croakin' at once it was a regular concert. An' that's what put the idea into my head.

"I know a little somethin' about music, an' I had a concertina then that I could play on pretty well, if I do say it myself. Hearin' all those frogs a-croakin', each one with a different note, I got to imaginin' that I was leadin' an orchestra, an' I'd stand up there on the track an' try to beat time like Sousa. Man gets funny notions in his head when he's all alone. But that crazy notion led me to another that looked crazier, but wasn't. Why not, thinks I, why not get a bunch of 'em an' train 'em? It wasn't any trouble at all to catch as many as I wanted, an' after a lot of experimentin' I picked out eight that had voices runnin' right up the scale an' makin' a complete octave, as they call it.

"Now, every frog has just one note. He knows that one by heart, and he likes to play it, but there ain't much use tryin' to get him to sound any others. I didn't try. My scheme was to get them to work as a team. In that way, you see, all I had to do was to train each one to holler at the right time, like a piano key'll sound one note and only one when you hit it. I petted them and fed them until they got so they'd hop right up to me whenever I'd call, an' then I commenced teachin' 'em the first principles of harmony. I'd get 'em in a row an' then sound C on the concertina until I got the bullfrog at the foot of the line to croak. Then I'd take D for the next frog, and so one up the scale. After days and days they began to catch onto the idea, an' would run up an' down the scale as fast as I could play it on the concertina.

"Then I commenced to teach them simple little tunes, and it would a' made your eyes water to see how the poor things enjoyed it. I'd git so interested sometimes that I wouldn't hear my call on the wire an' the train dispatcher 'd crawl all over me he'd be so mad. After a while they learned to sing without the concertina, and every once in a while little snatches of music would come up from the pen I'd fixed up for them down in the swamp beneath the telegraph office. I tell you what, I was proud of 'em.

"A man never knows how big a little thing's goin' to turn out," pursued the operator, after he had paused to relight his cigar. "I trained those frogs just to pass away the time, not knowin' that they was goin' to save my life."

"To save your life!" exclaimed the bishop. "What do you mean?"

"Just what I said, parson. An' not only my life, but maybe a lot of others. One day a couple of niggers dropped off the blind baggage of the Memphis express. I didn't see 'em at first, bein' busy at the wire. I'd just closed my key when I felt somethin' cold stickin' against my head an' somebody said, 'Hands up, boss!' I didn't stop to argue the point. My hands went up. They trussed me up with a rope an' put a gag in my mouth, an' then commenced lookin' for my switch key. From what they said I learned their scheme was to throw the switch and run the Kansas City fast train onto the siding and into a string of flat cars that was standin' there. Whether they was going to rob the wreck or just wanted to do some devilment, I don't know, but as soon as they found the key they commenced to argue as to whether they should kill me at once or wait awhile. They were agreed that I should be put out o' the way, but one o' them hesitated. The other one insisted on immediate action, and my finish seemed to be pretty close, when out of the swamp there came the question, musically rendered:

"'Where did you get that hat?'

"The niggers' eyes widened. They looked at me and then at each other. Out of the depths came another refrain:

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"'Granny will your dog bite-dog bite-dog bite?'

"'Fo' Gawd's sake, Eph', one of 'em gasped, 'what's dat?'

"The other, the one who wanted to make quick work of me, didn't answer. He was scared almost white, but he went outside and looked around. There was, of course, nothing in sight, but Hatchie Coon at any time was enough to worry the superstitious, and it ws growing dark. He came back in, still trembling. Then there came the warning, seeming to be much closer: :

"'Run, nigger, run, pat-er-ol-'ll catch you. Run, nigger, run, you'd better get away.'

"And run they did. For all I know they're runnin' yet. The train dispatcher couldn't get an answer from me, and he had the express stop there to see what was the matter. They untied me and I resigned by wire. I had all of Hatchie Coon I wanted."

"But what became of the frogs?" asked the red-headed man.

"Oh, I took 'em to Chicago," answered the squint-eyed passenger, "expectin' to make a million out of 'em, but the climate was too much for 'em, or they was homesick or somethin'. Anyhow, they never sung a note again."

HIS EXPERIENCE.

THIS is not a ghost story, but the facts leading up to it were sufficient in uncanniness to cause cold chills to agitate the spinal column of one of the principals, and his hair to stand on end "like quills upon the porcupine."

The occurrence here related dates back to 1880—the place, Lock Haven, being the junction point of the Philadelphia & Erie Division of the Pennsylvania, and the Bald Eagle Division, which connects with the main line at Tyrone. Jim Doyle, now a prominent coal man of Baltimore, was the night operator at Lock Haven, known to every man, woman and child in the town, and a boy beloved of all railroad men the length of the division between Renovo and Harrisburg. There was anothter operator who burned the midnight oil at Montandon named Herbert Knowlton, with whom Jim was particularly chummy.

The station at Lock Haven is at the lower end of the town, and at the time of which I write was, after ten o'clock, as lonesome a spot as a mountain tower. The last passenger train due at Lock Haven was No. 10, Erie mail east, at 9:45 p. m., and after her departure the idlers and the station employes went home, the gas was extinguished and, save the lights in the telegraph office and the signal box, everything was wrapped in a mantle of darkness, and Jim was left utterly alone, his sole companion being the office cat, until 5:25 in the morning, when the first train on the Bald Eagle Valley left to make connection with the Pittsburg flyer at Tyrone, save when freights stopped for orders. Doyle and Knowlton had the reputation of never sleeping while on duty, and during the night it was their custom to burn a sidewire with the gossip of the day, or talk about plans for the future.

One night in the latter part of October, 1880, Erie mail had as a passenger a gentleman from "up river," who was conveying the remains of his deceased brother to Altoona for interment. Being obliged to remain at Lock Haven all night he asked Jim if he would care for the corpse till morning. Of course he would, and had the coffin, which was enclosed in a rough box, brought into the men's waiting room and deposited just outside the office door, the furnace fires not yet having been lighted. During the night Jim told Knowlton of his charge and the latter immediately began to entertain him with narration of the most lurid hue. He reeled off ghost stories possessing a nerve-racking quality that was all wool and a yard wide. In the middle of one story that gave promise of being unusually blood-curdling, Jim's quick ear detected a scratching sound just outside the office door. His back was turned to it. The ticking of the sounder was lost upon him immediately; he strained his ears, yet fearful and apprehensive of looking around lest he see he knew not what. His heart thumped like a trip-hammer. What was it? A ghost? Or was the rough box a ruse? Might it not contain a man very much

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alive intent on robbing the station, for the passenger receipts at Lock Haven even then were large. And how easy it would be for two desperate men to overcome a boy of sixteen. Again the scratch, scratch, and then came a low, moaning wail, like the cry of a soul in dire distress. The operator made a single bound that carried him to the door determined to know the worst, and beheld—the cat on top of the rough box. It was she who did the scratching and emitted that long, low, complaining caterwaul which sounded so unnatural and uncanny.

When Jim had come back to earth again he realized that "MO" was calling furiously. "In Heaven's name, what's the matter?" asked Knowlton.

He told him, and for succeeding weeks every fellow on the line would call up along about the hour when "churchyards yawn and graves give up their dead" and disturb Jim's serenity by asking "Any ghost at K tonight?" But the only ghost was purring Tabby on the table.

THE CLUE OF THE CARBON.

By FRANK J. BRADLEY.

"THERE'S a screw loose somewhere, Englewood!"

It was President Grosvenor, of the Dodgers Locomotive Works, who made the remark, thoughtfully, impressively, but by no means accusatively.

"I have here a letter from George Hannahan," he continued, "telling us that the Octopus Locomotive Company has secured the Illinois Central order for fifty Consolidation locomotives. Their bid is $17,250 per engine, against our $17,500."

Englewood, the treasurer of the company, looked seriously distressed. Wheelen, the fat chief of the cost department, sat in Secretary Hannahan's chair, gazing blankly at an oil painting of old man Dodgers, the founder of the works. His air was depressed. Toyner, the purchasing agent, sat at his desk just outside the president's office, listening to the conversation and awaiting a possible summons from the big chief.

"We must go clear to the bottom of this," continued President Grosvenor. "Our bid for this contract was figured down to the lowest notch—you know that, Wheelen."

"I do, Mr. Grosvenor. I don't think that we ever figured so closely or so carefully on anything before."

"And yet," said Mr. Grosvenor, "they under-bid us." "Well," continued the aggressive little president, "I'll wire Hannahan that we received his letter and to go and see Van Alstyne, of the St. Louis Southwestern. I think we stand a good show of landing their order. In the meantime, Wheelen, go over your figures and see if we can not reduce our price in case we are called upon to do so. If we don't secure new business soon, we'll have to shut down this vast establishment."

There was no response or suggestion from the two men. This was not a new matter. For a year past the Baldwynne and the Octopus companies, particularly the latter, had been running them very hard on prices, and they had figured and discussed, and figured again, until they felt that they had reached rock bottom. They had lost several desirable contracts by such narrow margins that a vague suspicion was dawning in the minds of the officials that there must be a "leak" somewhere. Someone was giving out information to their rivals, but who was doing it, no one could guess. Hannahan, Wheelen and Toyner, who made up the proposals, had been with the company for years and were above suspicion.

Wheelen had left the president's office, and Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Englewood were discussing the details of the Walsh failure in Chicago when they were interrupted by Jimmie Hendrie, the extra work order clerk, who handed the president a statement of the extra work orders built during the year 1905, apologizing for his failure to get it out the day before.

Jimmie Hendrie had started with the Dodgers Works as an office boy. Time passed rapidly. Jimmie was now twenty-five years old. Jimmie knew, in a way, that something was wrong; that the president was uneasy, but he was as much at sea as anyone as to who could be the guilty

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party. That someone was guilty of a breach of trust was only too evident.

One afternoon while puzzling over the matter, Jimmie was mentally following out the routine observed in making up and sending out proposals. Toyner, the purchasing agent, would secure any necessary prices; Wheelen, the cost accountant, would figure on the costs, which would be sent to Mr. Hannahan, who would add the proper per cent for profit. The figures were then handed to the president, who would submit his proposition from them, turning over the proposition to his stenographer to be copied and mailed.

Thus it seemed to narrow down to Toyner, Wheelen, Mr. Hannahan, Jimmie, the president and his stenographer, Paul Aloysius Kelly, better known among his associates as "Poker." Jimmie concluded that neither Toyner nor Wheelen did it; Mr. Hannahan wouldn't do it; he, Jimmie, couldn't do it, and of the president or his stenographer, the former was certainly less likely to be guilty than the latter. Jimmie decided to watch Kelly.

A good opportunity soon offered itself, as estimates were then being prepared on thirty Atlantic type engines for the Great Northern. After Mr. Hannahan had approved the costs, Jimmie himself took the papers to the president, who dictated his proposition and attached his signature, which the young man witnessed. As Kelly was in the city on an errand, the president directed Jimmie to see that the bid was mailed at once.

As he returned from the postoffice, it occurred to him that Kelly had not seen these figures and if they were underbid this time, it certainly could not be laid at the stenographer's door. He hoped Kelly was not guilty, though the stenographer had never seemed to like Jimmie, his dislike being more marked since Jimmie's appointment as extra work order clerk. He made it as unpleasant for the young man as he could—found all manner of fault with the stationery supplies which were in Jimmie's charge. The last lot of letterheads were not as good as formerly, or the carbon paper was poor—couldn't get good copies from it. Poor Jimmie had more trouble trying to please Kelly than with all the rest of the plant.

The next morning Kelly came back to the office and asked Jimmie if the bid for the Great Northern Atlantic-type engines had been prepared, and when told that it had, and had been mailed, he seemed (to Jimmie's vigilant eye) disturbed. Instead of giving him a short reply, as Jimmie fully expected, Kelly sat down and chatted pleasantly about various things; the approaching Dodgers-Schenectady baseball game, the weather and what not, remarking as he rose to go that he hoped they would get this contract.

"By the way, Jimmie," he said. "What was our price?"

"I really don't know," said Jimmie, "I didn't notice what it was."

"Well, I hope we will get it," said Kelly from the threshold as he left the room, "We've lost some good work, lately."

Jimmie was more certain now than ever that Kelly was the "leak," for he appeared to be more anxious than the circumstances warranted.

When the bids were opened in St. Paul by the president of the Great Northern, it was found that the Dodgers Locomotive Works were the lowest bidders for the Atlantic-type engines required by the railroad, and the contract was accordingly awarded to them.

Attention was diverted to other things and in a few days Jimmie had about forgotten the matter, though he was firmly of the opinion that Kelly was guilty, yet there was nothing but circumstantial evidence, and that only of the flimsiest nature. The subject would, in all probability, have been dismissed from his mind for good, had it not been again brought to his attention in a startling manner.

Fred Blauvelt, a local stationer, who furnished nearly all the supplies for the plant, came down to see Jimmie, bringing several samples of carbon paper which he was anxious to have tried. Jimmie held the sheets to the light and examined their texture, expressing the opinion that while the samples were fair, he did not think they were as good as some the English Station-

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ery Company had sent down for trial the week before.

"Wait a moment," he said. "I gave that box to Kelly to try. He is always complaining about carbon paper. I'll get a sheet to compare with this."

He returned in a few minutes and compared Blauvelt's sheets with the sample Kelly had just given him. They appeared to be about the same grade, and Jimmie gave Blauvelt an order for several boxes, as his price was lower.

After Blauvelt had gone, Jimmie picked up the sheets and holding them to the window, again compared them. What he saw gave him a case of nervous excitement, for on the sheet just handed him by Kelly, was a clean-cut impression of a letter written to the second vice-president of the Octopus Locomotive Company, marked "personal" in capital letters at the top of the sheet and reading as follows:

February 15, 1906.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Stuyvesant Best Lehigh,
2d Vice-Pres't Octopus Locomotive Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lehigh:

I regret that owing to circumstances beyond by control, I was unable to render you any assistance in the matter of the Atlantic-type engines for the Great Northern. Hope for better luck next time. Your check for $300 was duly received, and beg to thank you for same. This closes up our last deal.

Yours very truly,

Jimmie was astonished. That Kelly was guilty, he never had a doubt, but now with unimpeachable evidence of it, handed him in a thoughtless manner by Kelly himself, he was loth to believe it.

What should he do? Expose Kelly, or should he just hand the carbon over to Mr. Hannahan and let him handle the case? That he ought to do something was certain. But to expose Kelly publicly would be to forever close to him the business offices in the vicinity, and Kelly wasn't such a bad sort after all.

Carefully locking up the sheet until the next day, Jimmie went home and spent the greater part of the night wrestling with the problem. When he reached the office in the morning, his mind was fully made up.

Kelly lived on the old Dodgers farm in Pompton Plains, and came down on the early train. Jimmie met him at the Susquehanna depot and asked him to take a short walk, as he had something of a personal nature to say.

"Kelly," said Jimmie, "I want you to resign your position this morning."

"What!" cried the astonished stenographer. "Resign my position! What for, so you can get it? You seem to think since you were made extra work order clerk that you can run the whole damn shop."

"No, I don't," said Jimmie. "I want you to resign so you can secure another position elsewhere, for if you don't, you'll leave here under such conditions that will bar you from a situation in this State."

Kelly looked startled, but was determined to bluff it out.

"Come now, Hendrie," he said. "What does this mean? You drag me off here before I'm fairly off the train and tell me if I don't resign you'll force me to, and I won't be able to get another position unless I do."

"It won't do, Kelly," said Jimmie. "The jig is up. I know why we were underbid on the Hocking Valley cylinders, and why we didn't get the Illinois Central contract and why the Octopus people did. It's no use, you wrote the Octopus Locomotive Company that you were unable to help them in the matter of the Atlantic-type engines for the Great Northern and thanked them for check covering your previous commissions."

Kelly was thoroughly scared now, but blustered, "You can't prove it."

"I think I can," said Jimmie, "if I have to. You gave yourself away. When I asked you for a sheet of carbon paper the other day, you thoughtlessly gave me a fresh sheet which you had just used in writing these people, and as that letter was the only one which had been written with it, the impression is clear-cut and unmistakable."

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"But that isn't evidence," blustered Kelly. "It isn't signed. How can you prove I wrote it?"

Jimmie shook his head sadly.

"How long do you think it would take the president to discharge you in disgrace if I were to show him that carbon sheet and tell him that you gave it to me, and when I accused you of having written the letter, you didn't deny it, but only said I couldn't prove it? You never liked me, Kelly, and have done all you could to make it unpleasant for me, but I don't bear you any grudge. It must have been uncommon hard luck that has driven you to this, and I am prepared to make a deal with you. If you will give me your word of honor never to again engage in practices of this kind, and will voluntarily resign your position, I will destroy that sheet of carbon paper and will say nothing to anyone about it. To all appearances you will have left of your own accord. If, however, you have not resigned by six o'clock this evening, I can not see that there will be any other course open to me, but to lay the matter before Mr. Hannahan or the president. You may take your choice."

There was no bluster left in Kelly now.

"All right, Hendrie," he said, "I'll do it. I have been hard pressed lately. I owe two hundred hard dollars to various employes around the shop, and to make matters worse I dropped three hundred more at poker in Harry Gilbert's place last week. I yielded to this temptation, but if you'll keep faith with me, I'll swear to keep straight. If this gets out, I'm ruined."

The next morning it was generally known that Kelly had resigned. No one seemed to know why, and considerable surprise was expressed, for the position was known to be a good one.

There was one who knew, but, loyal friend, he said nothing.

Spoke From Experience.

Wife—There goes the tramp I gave a piece of my angel cake to yesterday.

Husband—Impossible, my dear, it must be his ghost.

ON THE WINGS OF THE STORM.

THE manager of the Bear Lake stock farm watched the storm from the window of his bungalow. It was a typical Western hurricane, coming after a dry spell, with pink lightning and tempestuous winds, and the continuous roll of thunder.

To the unaccustomed eye it was terrifying, but Alexander gazed undisturbed. He was young and strong.

But something very like fear gripped him now as he saw between the swaying trees a wraith-like figure running toward the house.

He went to the door and opened it. He dragged her over the threshold—a little, gasping, frightened girl.

"I'm so afraid," was all she could say at first.

"How does it happen that you are out?" He put her in a big chair by the side of the fireplace. "It's so late, and such an awful night."

She looked at him with startled eyes, as she tried to pin up the thick brown locks that had fallen about her shoulders.

"I—I was running away," she confessed.

"Oh," Alexander said, as he sat down opposite her. "You look a bit old for that. I was 9 when I decided to take to a cave dwelling and a man Friday."

A dimple showed in the corner of her mouth. "But—but I wasn't running away to live in a cave—I was running away to get married—"

"But—" Alexander said presently, "you—you don't look quite old enough for that."

"I am 18," was the explanation, "and he is 21."

"He?" murmured Alexander. "Where is he?"

Her lip quivered. "I think the storm must have kept him home—you wouldn't think a storm would matter to a man, would you?"

"Not to a man who was going to marry you—" Alexander found himself saying.

"Oh," the warmth in his tone brought a rosy flush to her face, "of course, something may have kept him—"

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"Where was he to meet you?" Alexander asked.

"Over there by the church. We are stopping at one of the cottages just beyond."

"And when you didn't find him there you ran to the nearest house?"

"I saw your light and ran toward it."

"And now," he told her, "if you are rested a bit, I'll take you home."

"But I can't go back," she cried. "The door locks with a spring, and I haven't a key—"

"Ye gods!" Alexander's brows were knit.

And then, because he could think of nothing else to say, he asked, "Are you hungry?"

"Starved," she said.

He brought out crackers and cheese, and sardines and olives and marmalade, and all the dainties that a bachelor manager who elects to eat at meals the coarse food that is given his men keeps for private consumption.

"If—if I only knew where Bobbie was," she said, "I should be almost happy—"

"So his name is Bobbie?" Alexander asked.

She nodded. "We went to school together, and he is at college now, and he hasn't anything to marry on, and that's why mother objected, and that's why we ran away."

"Do you love him," Alexander asked, slowly.

"Of course," she said, quickly. "Only I'm not so sure right now—it seems as if he couldn't have let me come out in the storm alone—if he had loved me."

"He couldn't," said Alexander, briefly.

And then, after a moment, he said, slowly, "I wonder if you know what love is really like—love for which one suffers; for which one dies, if need be?"

She caught her breath. "No one ever said such things to me of love before," she said. "Bobbie and I just thought of fun—and—of having our own way."

She was such a little, innocent thing, but with such purity in her eyes, such a foreshadowing in her face of the woman that she might be, Alexander said, impulsively, "Dear little girl, wait until love—real love—comes to you, before you marry—"

She held out her hand to him. "I will," she whispered. "I will wait." And even as she promised there came a knock at the door.

Alexander opened it, and Bobbie stumbled over the threshold.

"Why didn't you wait?" he complained at once. "Why didn't you wait, Mollie?"

"It was such an awful storm, and you weren't there, Bobbie."

"You might have known I'd come," he fumed. "I don't see why you came here, Mollie. I looked everywhere for you, and then I saw this light and I came over and looked through the window."

Alexander interposed. "She could not stay out in the night and storm—you were late."

The boy turned on him. "Well, what if I was?" he demanded. "Is it any of your business?"

"Yes"—the older man's tone was quiet—"it is always a man's business to see that a young and helpless girl is protected."

"But I—"

"I think you should take her home at once," Alexander advised, "and wait until you and she are old enough to know your own minds."

"Oh, don't preach," the boy flung out.

But Alexander's eyes were on the girl.

"When a woman loves a man it is such a wonderful thing that we ought to give her all our chivalry. Wait until you are older, Bobbie, and you'll know."

"Oh, come on Mollie," the boy interrupted, rudely, "I've got the horses outside, and we can get away in a minute."

But she stood very still in the middle of the room. "No," she said.

"Why not?"

"Because I know now that I—I don't love you as I ought to marry you, Bobbie," she faltered. "I—I want to go home—"

"Well, you can't go home," Bobbie told her, "not now. You haven't a key."

"She shall go home," Alexander said, suddenly, "if she wishes."

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They faced each other, the boy and the man, and then before the stern glance of the other, Bobbie dropped his eyes.

"Oh, well, how will you manage it?" he said.

"I shall get her mother to the telephone," Alexander said, "and she can open the door for us."

The boy turned to the door. "I'll leave you to arrange it," he said to Alexander. "I don't seem to be in this," and he was gone.

"I'm afraid his feelings are hurt," Alexander said, "but it was best, wasn't it?"

He took Mollie's hand and stood looking down at her, and presently she said, "Yes, it was best. And now, will you call up mother, please?"

When he had given the message over the wire he took Mollie home. On the way they said little, but just before they reached her porch she whispered, "I—I want to thank you for what you said to me about—love. I shall think of it differently—now. I shall never marry Bobbie."

"Perhaps Bobbie will be different," Alexander said.

"No, I couldn't marry him—now." She held out her hand. "Will you come and see us some time? Mother will want to thank you."

"Will I come?" Great joy ran through his veins. "Will I come?" Then he bent down over her. "Are you sure there isn't any chance for Bobbie?"

"Yes," very low.

"Then I'll come," he said, and he knew in his heart that some day he would teach her the things that Bobbie had not known how to teach—things of love and life, and of happiness.— By PHILIP KEAN in *Ex.*

THE TRESPASSER.

THE boat came forward steadily. The man on the shore of the little island shaded his eyes with his hand as he stared across the shining waters. A frown rested on his sun-browned face.

A girl was the only occupant of the boat and she was pulling at the oars with a strong and steady swing. She looked over her shoulder occasionally, and kept the nose of the craft headed toward the watcher on the shore.

The watcher, his frown deepening, suddenly put his hands to his mouth and called to her through the improvised megaphone.

"This is private property," he shouted, and there was a warning note in his clear voice.

The girl looked over her shoulder and smiled again, but the boat did not change its course.

"You must not land here," he shouted.

This time the girl gave no indication that she heard the warning. Her steady pull brought the boat nearer and nearer.

The man took a few steps forward, but before he could utter any further protest the bow of the craft grated on the sands and the girl, lightly leaping out, drew it still further up the beach. Then she leaned back against the boat and looked at him.

She was a handsome girl with thick masses of black hair and a clear olive complexion and big brown eyes. The man, despite his near-sighted eyes, the eyes of the scholar who has read not wisely but too well, knew that she was beautiful, with the added charm of beautiful youth, and then something about the directness of the glance she gave him vaguely troubled his mind. He ran his hand through his gray hair, as he always did when confronted with a bothersome problem, and his frown grew darker.

"Didn't you hear my warning?" he asked.

She smiled, but her eyes did not leave his face.

"I heard you calling," she answered. Her voice was very pleasant. The man ran his hand through his hair again.

"This is private property," he said. "The island is mine. I permit no visitors to land here."

"And you live here all alone?"

"Yes."

"They call you the island hermit. You really are a hermit."

"I suppose I am."

She raised her rounded brown arm and pointed to the nearby clump of trees.

"Is that your bungalow?"

"Yes."

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"I would like to see it."

He stared at her in surprise.

"I have told you that I do not welcome visitors," he said.

She looked away from him and turned and drew the boat a little higher on the sands.

"I rowed across from Millport," she said, with a wave of her hand, "just to see you. It is three miles, they say. I am a little tired and a little hungry."

The man was bothered. He twisted the corner of his short gray moustache. It was another trick that indicated perplexity.

"I would rather you would go away," he said.

She shook her pretty head at him.

"No," she told him. "I am quite sure you don't mean that. Anyway, I can't go. I'm too tired."

He drew a long breath.

"Come," he said.

She was by his side as he turned toward the bungalow. She kept step with him as they moved along. Her hatless head came just above his shoulder. How lightly, yet how firmly she walked, what a beautiful embodiment of grace and strength she was. How proud a father might be of such a daughter. A sudden pain thrilled the man's heart, a sigh broke from his lips.

Then he felt the tender touch of the girl's fingers on his arm, but when he turned she was looking away.

"You do wrong to come here," he sharply said.

She shook her pretty head.

"No," she answered. There was something oddly muffled about her voice, and she did not look at him.

He said no more, but when they reached the door of the bungalow he looked at her again, and now her clear brown eyes met him with a smile of confidence.

"Come in," he said, as he led the way.

She stopped short and made him a little courtesy.

"And am I quite welcome?"

There was something very winning about her smile.

"You are welcome," he gravely said.

She looked at the well-filled shelves that lined the walls of the big sitting room.

"You are not entirely alone," she said.

"No," he answered, "I have many old friends here." And his eyes wore a loving expression as they regarded the long rows of books.

"And here is where you do you're writing," she cried, as she turned to the littered table. "And here is your typewriter. Oh, I'm very clever at typewriting. I'm sure you'd find me useful." She stooped and caught up a page of manuscript. "What a clear hand you write," she said. "It would be delightful to copy it." But he had opened an inner door and disappeared through a hallway. Then the girl impulsively lifted the written page to her lips.

"This way," called the man's voice, and she dropped the sheet and followed him. "Here is where I usually eat," he said, and pointed to a smaller room that was all windows on two sides, with an outlook across the blue waters of the bay to the distant wooded shores.

"It is charming," cried the girl. "But one could scarcely eat and watch the view too."

"I have little to offer you," said the man. "Once a week a boatman rows over from Millport and brings me cooked meats and bread and such other supplies as seem needful. I have my own icehouse, and my wants are not many. I am here only through the warmer months. When the stormy season comes I go back to my rooms in the city."

It was the longest speech he had made. The girl accepted it as a friendly overture.

"I am sure there will be something good for a hungry girl's appetite," she cried. "And now you must let me set the table and find everything all by myself. I am going to prove to you that I can be useful in more ways than one. I want your good opinion. If there was any chance I would be so glad to show you how nicely I can cook. But there, please, you mustn't be here to look on. Go into the study and wait until I call you."

He frowned a little and hesitated.

"This is all wrong," he said.

"You'll find it all right when I call you."

"I know I should have sent you away."

"I'm sure you don't really think so."

He shook his gray head at her and turned away.

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When he reached his study and seated himself and picked up a favorite book his thoughts were still on the girl. Her face smiled at him from printed pages, her words mingled with the text. What a beautiful episode this was in his lonely life.

And he knew he should have sent her away.

Hark! She was singing.

What a tender voice it was. What was the song? Something new to him. But the song was of little account—it was the tender voice.

And then suddenly she darted by the window and he saw her running toward the beach. Was she deserting him? A little pang of regret shot through his heart. No, here she was coming back with a basket swaying from one of those strong, young hands.

Well, he would yield himself to her influence. There was little sunshine in his life; he would bask in these few rays for the few hours before the light obscured them.

"Come, Mr. Hermit," cried the girl from the passageway, "luncheon is served."

He arose and obeyed the summons.

How attractive she had made the table. All that he had that would add to its appearance was there, and a bunch of flowers adorned the center. And there were dainties that were not from his larder. Now he understood the meaning of the mysterious basket.

He nodded approvingly. He felt that she expected some recognition of her efforts to please him.

"You have been to much trouble," he said.

Her eyes danced with pleasure.

"I am very glad it pleases you," she said. She looked at him curiously.

"What is it?" he asked.

Her face flushed.

"It will keep," she answered.

Then she held up her hand.

"Well?" he asked.

Her tone suddenly changed.

"I think I ought to say a little grace," she said. "That is, if you approve."

He gravely bowed his head.

"Dear Lord," she slowly said, "grant us the spirit to accept whatever thou givest, be it joy or be it sorrow, with perfect trust though imperfect understanding, and let us believe that joy will follow sorrow quite as surely as sorrow follows joy. Amen."

The troubled look was in his eyes when he raised his head.

"What do you know of sorrow?" he abruptly asked.

"Very little," she answered. "No doubt I should and shall know more."

"God forbid," he hastily cried. "But you have told me nothing about yourself."

"And you have shown no curiosity."

"What is your name?"

"Ah, what matters names? More especially on a desert island. I'm just a girl who wants to be considered useful."

"How old are you?"

She laughed merrily.

"I'm a woman and quite old enough to conceal my age. But you are not eating. That's a very poor compliment for a girl who has tried to do her feeble best."

"I beg your pardon," he said contritely. "Let me at once make amends."

His mood suddenly changed. His eyes brightened, his wit sparkled. He was no longer the absorbed scholar, he was the delightful raconteur, the charming companion.

And the girl watched and listened with an amazed and admiring gaze.

"How proud those who love you should be of you," she suddenly cried.

His face darkened, his mood changed.

"There is no one," he said.

"No one?"

He shook his head.

"I am quite alone."

Then his sorrowful gaze turned toward the blue waters of the bay. His brow wrinkled.

"What is it?" she asked.

"I do not like the looks of the sky," he said. "You should return at once. If a blow comes up you must be under the shelter of the headland."

She looked at him with her gently smiling eyes.

"But I'm not going back," she said.

He stared at her.

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"No, I came here to stay. I have a right to stay, and there is no other place for me to go."

"Wh-what do you mean?" he stammered.

She arose and came toward him. He drew back a little. He was trembling. He wondered why.

"I—I can't keep this play up any longer," she half sobbed. "Don't you know who I am?"

He stared hard at the trembling lips and the tearful eyes. His memory flashed back along the years.

"Y-you are Mildred," he stammered.

"No-no, not Mildred, but Evelyn," she cried. "I am Evelyn, father."

His arms slowly opened, his eyes were suffused with tears.

"No, no," he murmured brokenly, "not my child!"

"Father!"

Her arms were around him, her head was pillowed against his breast.

Then he suddenly held her away from him and looked into her tear-stained face.

"But the courts gave you to your mother, my child," he harshly muttered.

"I give myself to you, my father. I can make my own choice. I am twenty-one."

"Your mother?"

"I ran away, father. I was tired of it all. She is still at Carlsbad. She would have me marry a man I despised. A wicked old man, father. I could not! And so I ran away, father, and came to you. There was nowhere else to go. You will protect me, father?"

He gently touched her wavy hair. He patted her brown hands. It was as if the little child he had known in happier years had come back to him.

He drew himself up. His eyes sparkled.

"I will protect you against all the world, my daughter."

"And you will let me stay here?"

"Yes, yes."

"And may I live with you?"

"Always."

A smile irradiated her brown face.

"And do I please you, father?"

Then the man smiled, too.

"You are like your mother, my child. And yet I think you are a little like me. I trust it will not make you vain, my daughter, but to my mind you seem a very splendid young woman—and I am a proud and happy father."

"I am so glad," she murmured. "But I had dreamed that perhaps you would know me at once."

The man sighed.

"You were three years old the last time I saw you, my child. It was in the courtroom, and the judge had just given you to the keeping of your mother. Your mother sailed for Europe at once. Heaven forgive me for trying to forget you both. I felt that your mother had spoiled my life. The world was hateful to me. But there—the past is gone. What of the future?"

"The future, father?"

"You are too fine a young woman to be immured with a soured old man."

"Father!"

"You must go back into the world."

"Into the world, father?"

He looked at her lovingly and proudly.

"And I will go with you."—By W. R. ROSE in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

A VERY PRACTICAL JOKE.

FOR the first year or two every man is a "prominent citizen" in your simon-pure boom town, and so it was in Greenough. Men endowed with more than argumentative eloquence and a vote, whose pasts were unknown and whose merits had not been tried, became mayor, aldermen, or what not.

Haskell Talbot, college athlete, during his first two years in Greenough, came within an ace of solving the problem of how not to be prominent in a boom town. He had so much fun on election day that he forgot to vote. In a word, he was such a "good fellow" that nobody took him seriously. And yet he was in love, and, to make matters worse, his sweetheart was the daughter of the richest and most exacting banker in town. To further complicate his chances with her, his rival was a model young man, mayor of the town, ascetic and faultless. Talbot realized that his rival was worthy of his best effort, and flattered his elastic conscience that he was really too

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busy making love to do anything else "serious."

Of course, Catherin Grinstead liked the scapegrace better than the model young man. Pretty, imaginative, warm-hearted girls nearly always do, but Catherin had a common sense heritage from her father, and when at last young Talbot had brought his wooing to what he regarded as the climax of his ingenuity and the limit of her patience, he asked her to be his wife, and she lifted him into the seventh heaven by answering:

"Yes, Haskell, I'll marry you," but as he took her in his arms she disengaged herself, and, tapping his broad chest with her admonitory finger, added: "On one condition—you've got to be mayor of Greenough first."

Talbot thought it was a joke, but he found she meant it, and then he exacted a promise that, while he was "getting busy" with politics, she must not give Mayor Jones the advantage of her society. It was a bit rough on Jones, but she did freeze him after that, and he became the natural and sworn enemy of Talbot. It was almost ridiculous to see the way poor Talbot started his campaign. He had no trouble getting that Independent party to nominate him, for the simple reason that the Regulars had fifty majority, and not even an Independent likes to invite a licking. His candidacy was a town joke, and everybody regarded it as the best he had tried. Jones was quickly chosen by the Regulars to succeed himself, and even his somberly handsome face relaxed into a smile at mention of Talbot's "campaign."

The Independent rented a little, dark back office over the Saddle Rock restaurant, and began to entice the leading citizens, one by one, into his den for a secret chat. Mayor Jones, from his window, began to notice this move, and smiled sardonically as he noticed that as they went into the building with Talbot they were all smiles. But when they came out they looked nervous, worried, even scared. Then Jones got worried. He tried to pump some of the leading Regulars whom he had seen come furtively out of Talbot's office, but they either refused to discuss the matter or put him off with, "Oh, just one of Talbot's little jokes." But the envious Jones, in spite of his almost certain success, was puzzled, and, hating Talbot with all the rancor of a defeated lover, began to court his friendship.

The guileless Independent fell into the trap. One day he met the young mayor coming down Main street, and thus airily accosted him:

"Morning, Jonesy! You're my friend, aren't you? Of course. Well, now I want you to come up to my office for ten minutes' talk. All I ask of you, and I am going to put you on your honor, is that you never breathe a word to any living creature about what you see in my office. Will you promise? Good! Your word is as good as your oath. Now come up."

When they had entered Talbot's office he pulled down the shade and lighted a candle. Then from a closet he pulled out a contrivance that looked exactly like a clothes wringer. Talbot explained that it was a machine for printing money. He picked up a piece of white paper, clipped it the size of a regulation treasury bill, and said:

"Which will I make, a five or a ten?"

"A ten," whispered Mayor Jones, his greedy eyes bulging.

Talbot started the blank paper between the rollers, turned the handle and chuckled as a brand-new $10 note came simultaneously out of the machine. Jones could hardly believe his eyes. He took the note and fingered it. He had been a bank clerk, and he knew it was as perfect as a treasury issue.

"What do you want me to do?" he asked softly, getting pale but fascinated.

"I'll sell you $2,000 of the money for $500," whispered Talbot.

"I'll—would you take $400—it's so easy, Talbot. Besides, I'm—"

"No, no, no, Jonesy; I've only got one price."

"Give me till tomorrow," hesitated the mayor.

"All right, old man. Take the bill with you, and find out if it isn't all right. If it is, and you're willing to trade them, I'll ask you to sign an order for $2,000, or whatever you want, to be delivered in, say, thirty

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days. Here's one of the orders. You see it reads 'noteheads,' and is merely a memo."

"Has anybody else—er—ordered any?"

"Now, see here, Jonesy, that's my secret. And remember you've promised to say nothing. I couldn't squeal if I wanted to, because—well, I don't want to land in the pen."

And Jones promised secrecy, and went away torn by contending emotions of greed, malice and injured pride. He knew there was a standing reward of $5,000 for counterfeiters of $10 bills. To give Talbot up meant revenge, a big profit, and, above all, Catherin. The next day Haskell Talbot was in his office when Mayor Jones and a stranger tip-toed to his door and knocked. He let them in. Jones dramatically pointed to his prey. The secret service man, pistol in hand, let the shade fly up and growled:

"Where's your outfit?"

But when Talbot displayed his "money-maker" the officer got red with rage, and turned upon Mayor Jones, and roared:

"D'you fetch me all the way down here 'count o' that chestnut? You must be a jay for sure. Why, that's one o' them magician things. It don't make no counterfeits."

Then Talbot laughed like a boy and the detective laughed like a horse, but Mayor Jones stood, grinning sickly, till the joker said:

"Never mind, old man, I'll not give you away."

Jones might have gained his self-esteem if he had been elected, but when he knew that Talbot had defeated him he had actually jumped the town and was well on his way before he figured out that even a "prominent" Regular would rather vote for an Independent than be shown up as a dealer in counterfeit money.

As for Talbot, Mayor Talbot, he tore up all those orders for "noteheads," even to the last, Judge Grinstead's, but thereafter his "constituents" knew him and supported him because they knew that he knew them. —By JOHN H. RAFFERTY in *Chicago Record-Herald*.

A POLICY OF SILENCE.

WALTER MERITON put the question boldly to Mr. David Cartwright, even as he had promised the latter's daughter he would, and now he waited, looking straight at the stern, business-like face of the assistant superintendent of the line for his reply, but already reading a decided negative therein.

"See here, Mr. Meriton," he said presently, "some men in my position would have been highly offended at this. But I don't want to treat you in that way. Understand that I am not in the least angry with you for asking the hand of my daughter, though I must confess you have taken me by surprise. But my answer must be no!"

"May I ask your reasons, sir?"

"You may. In the first place you are both very young—my daughter especially. In the second place I intend that my daughter shall marry a man who is able to support her in the manner to which she has been accustomed, which you are certainly unable to do at present. And in the third place, you will pardon me for saying so, I do not see any special indications that you will rise to such a position. The C. M. & St. P. R. R. Company, as you very well know, makes no promotion by favoritism. Every man must win his way up the ladder, as I have had to do myself."

"It is absolutely final as far as the present is concerned," he said, "and unless you progress up the ladder it will be final in the future. The fact of your being what is called a gentleman makes no difference. The question is how do you stand with us from a business point of view? Your chief merit is your knowledge of German. There you are useful to us in our correspondence. But do something smart on the line, my lad," he went on kindly. "Do something smart! That's the way to get on."

"I'll try, sir—for Evie—Miss Cartwright's sake."

"Very likely. But understand me that from this moment you must not say another word to her on the subject. She must be left free. Can I trust you?"

"Certainly."

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"And now to work. I want you to run down to St. Paul tomorrow, and make thorough investigations as to the working of the staff there. I'm not quite satisfied about things, and I want a full report before I go down myself. There's a slack tone about the station and complaints have reached me. We'll go over them now."

He went through a bundle of documents with the young man, and finally dismissed him with the injunction to take the 9:30 express the next morning.

Then he lay back in his chair a minute or two and pondered.

"I like that fellow," he admitted, "and I know Evie's fond of him. But I haven't seen real grit in him yet. Well, time will prove."

Walter Meriton somehow found an opportunity of seeing the assistant superintendent's daughter before the day was over. Possibly the meeting had been arranged beforehand.

"Well," she asked, "did you see him?"

"Yes."

"What did he say?"

Meriton told her.

"Good old dad!" she replied. "I knew he liked you. Then it's all right, Walter."

"I don't see that it's all right at all, dear," said the young man gloomily. "We've got to break off the engagement, and—"

"You silly boy," she interrupted, "just as if it really matters. It's only for a time. I'll wait for you if—if you don't make my wait too long," she added, roguishly.

"Of course I shall try and win you."

There was a resolute look in Walter Meriton's face when he rose next morning. He noticed it himself in the glass. He meant business, did this young man. He had sat up half the night going deeply into the question of the St. Paul station staff, for he intended this report of his to be the first little rung up the ladder before him.

Railway men from guards to superintendent are generally the last to get into a starting train. So, as Walter Meriton walked on to the platform alongside which stood the St. Paul express, the guard was just preparing to wave his green flag. Even then, Meriton did not hurry, but exchanged a word or two with one of the officials.

Then, just as the train began to move, he made a dash at a first-class compartment. It was locked, but the other hastily produced his key and opened it, and Meriton swung himself in. As he looked out of the window to say a last word to the official, he heard a deep voice behind him in German:

"Ach Gott! Curse him, I thought we had the compartment to ourselves!, I gave the guard five dollars to lock us in."

He was on the point of turning to apologize when he heard another voice say in the same language:

"Bad luck! But we must settle with him if he is troublesome."

Now Walter Meriton was a thorough German scholar.

He looked for a moment carelessly at his companions. They were two evil-looking men—one short and sandy-haired, with little gray eyes that never kept still; the other big and sinewy, a very powerful-looking fellow. They, in turn looked at him closely. Evidently their suspicions were aroused. So were his, but he never showed it.

Then the short man leaned over and spoke to him in German, asking whether he objected to smoking. By no hint did he betray himself.

He simply shook his head and remarked in English that he did not understand.

"We want to schmoke," said the German in English."

"Oh, certainly!"

He smiled and nodded. But the other man was not satisfied. Turning to Meriton he let fly a volley of the foulest abuse in German.

Meriton did not turn a hair, though he understood perfectly. He only shrugged his shoulders and looked bewildered.

Then the short man explained, after a pause: "Mine friend shpeaks not English. He ask you for matches!"

"We may speak," said the short man, "he does not understand."

"No, but he will be in the way."

"What shall we do?"

"Don't worry, my friend. We are a match for him, and we can easily tie him up and put him under the seat."

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This cheerful bit of information was duly digested by Walter Meriton, but he appeared quite engrossed in his papers. They glanced at him sideways. It was evident he knew no German.

"And now to business," said the bigger man. "You have brought them?"

"Two of them—in the bag," and he jerked his thumb toward the rack.

"Good! Here is the plan."

He called it *eisenbahn fahrplan* in German, and he pulled a printed paper from his pocket. Meriton gave one little glance toward it, and set himself with a mighty effort to keep his countenance. For he had instantly recognized it as the paper of special working instructions for a train that was to run that morning from St. Paul to Chicago, and which was to carry no less a personage than the Governor of Montana, who, after a visit to the Governor of Minnesota, was on his way to Chicago upon another visit.

He might well recognize it, for he had helped to draw it up himself and had dispatched copies of it to all the principal offices along the line some days before. Somehow or other these men had managed to get hold of a copy, and he guessed it meant mischief.

Just a word or two as to these "special working instructions" which are always issued when any excursions or special trains are run. The train in question is carefully timed from start to finish all along the route, not only the times of running through the stations being put down for the guidance of the driver and station masters, but also the principal signal cabins and other points on the road.

Provision is also made for shunting ordinary trains into "refuge" sidings to allow of the passing of the "special," while instructions are carefully issued as to the number of coaches of which the "special" is to be composed, and in the case of governors, mayors, etc., traveling, the exact position of his *salon* in the train is laid down.

High officials of the line always travel on such a train, and in this case Meriton knew very well that David Cartwright, his own particular "chief," had gone down to St. Paul by an early "special" that morning in order to accompany the governor on his journey to Chicago.

"Now then," said the bigger man, "we must find out the exact time when our train is likely to pass this one," indicating the special. "You see, it is timed to run through Evanston at 10:55. Now, we don't stop at Evanston, but I have found out from the 'Working Timetable' that we are due there at 10:35. So, you see, it will be about ten minutes or so the other side of Evanston. There's a signal cabin called Pine Tree Box that the special passes at 10:42. That will be about the point where we shall cross it."

"We must keep the time carefully."

"Of course. And one of us must be looking out of the window down the line. The Governor travels in the third *salon* from the engine. We must have bombs ready in our hands and throw them in as near as we can guess. It will have to be done in a second. I'll throw from the center window, and you throw from the side one at the same time. We'll have to break it first."

"How about this cursed Englishman?"

"I told you, we must tie him up. As for ourselves, well, we knew the risk when we drew lots at the meeting. If our driver hears the explosion and stops we must make a bolt of it. If not, we'll pull the communication cord before we get to St. Paul—in a tunnel if we can—and get clear as best we may."

Walter Meriton had taken in the whole situation, but his face showed no signs of it. These men were about to make a desperate attempt upon the governor's life by endeavoring to hurl a couple of bombs into his *salon* as the trains passed each other.

Rapidly he reviewed the situation. There was a three-fold reason for action. First, the governor was in danger; secondly, his chief's life was at a like risk, and thirdly, there was the honor of the company at stake.

Suddenly an inspiration struck him. It was more difficult than ever now to appear perfectly oblivious of the other men, but by a great effort he did so. He had his pocket

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case on his knee, and his hands were holding the papers, upon which he was pretending to take notes, apparently. He took a telegraph blank out of his pocket case, taking care, as he did so, that his traveling companions could not see, and quickly wrote these words:

"From St. Paul Express, 3824, C. Dynamitards in compartment. Mean wreck Governor of Montana special. Stop train at Evanston—Meriton."

Carelessly putting his hands in his pocket he took out four or five coppers, wrapped them up in the telegraph form, held it in his left hand, and prepared for action.

Then he looked out of the window. It was a clean run of six miles to the next station, and the train would pass a signal cabin on that side of the line in half a minute.

Then, as the train neared the box, he waved his arm up and down with a peculiar motion, still keeping it out of the sight of the two men, and glancing at the cabin. To his joy, the man was standing at the open window.

Out flew the weighted bit of paper and fell by the side of the line. The signalman put up his hand with a quick jerk. He had seen it, and understood.

The next moment a violent blow struck upon the young man's head from behind, and he fell senseless.

When he came to himself he found that he was lying on the hard floor of the carriage. His hands and feet were firmly tied with string and handkerchiefs, a bandage was over his eyes, and a gag was fastened into his mouth. The train was still rushing along at full speed.

"Better to have given him a few inches of knife," he heard the shorter man growl.

"Oh, it's all right," said the other. "We've no quarrel against him, and he can't do us any harm. Now, then, we're only a few miles off Evanston, and there isn't any time to lose. Better get that window smashed."

There was a crash of glass as his companion struck at the quarterlight with his stick.

"Now, the bombs. Put them on the seat ready. That's right."

"Are we stopping?"

"Yes—no! The man in the signal box is waving a green flag. We are going on. No—no—we're stopping again. Lucky we gagged the fool. Ah, we're going to stop in the station. Curse it! Keep still, my friend!"

Walter Meriton heard, understood and rejoiced. The next moment a voice on the platform exclaimed:

"This is 3824, C!" and the lock clicked.

The villains were completely taken by surprise, as a couple of policemen and a railway official dashed in. They tried to open the other door and escape, but in vain. They were handcuffed before they knew what had happened, and the railway official had opened the bag.

"Bombs!" he exclaimed, "and a broken quarterlight. Going to throw 'em at the special, that's it. Lucky we got the message in time. Where's Mr. Meriton, though? I hope they haven't done for him."

Then a form rolled out from under the seat, and Meriton got his bonds off and his gag out. Directly he had done so he made the captives a mocking speech in excellent German.

"Ach!" shouted the bigger of the two as he shook his handcuffed fists. "I wish I had listened to Heinrich and killed you—you pig!"

Meriton acknowledged the sentiment politely and the train went on, leaving the prisoners behind.

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"Meriton," said the assistant superintendent, "the company won't forget this. Neither shall I, for I owe you something personally over it."

"Which I hope you'll pay, sir," said Meriton demurely.

"Eh? No, I told you the other day I make no personal favoritism and I stick to that. But you've shown yourself a smart man, and I'll give you a promise. When you've got your divisional superintendentship you shall marry Evie. There!"

And meanwhile?"

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"Meanwhile? Oh, well, you're on the way to it. The G. M.'s got a post for you over this affair. So—well—you'd better go and make it all right with Evie, my lad. That's what you want, I suppose, eh?"—By VICTOR L. WHITECHURCH in *Express Gazette*.

GOOD FOR HIM, ANYHOW!

"I have spanked Thomas until I can spank him no more!" exclaimed Miss Hardcastle, the geographical mistress, to Miss Manners, the mathematical mistress. "Really, my arm quite aches from the daily chastisement of that naughty boy!"

"When you want him spanked again send him to me, then," said Miss Manners.

And, sure enough, at 11 o'clock next morning Thomas appeared at the door of the mathematical mistress's classroom.

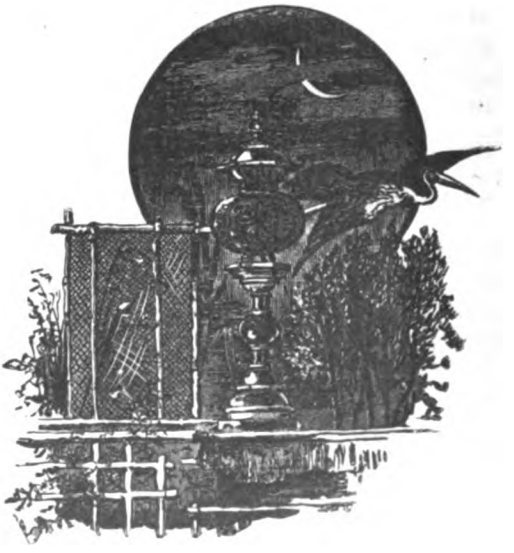
"Where have you come from?" asked Miss Manners.

"Miss Hardcastle," confessed Thomas.

"I thought so!" exclaimed the teacher, and, dropping her book, she adroitly inverted the youngster with a twist, and punished him till the room rang with shrieks and whacks.

"Now, Thomas," said Miss Manners, when she had concluded her duty, "what have you got to say?"

"Please, miss," blubbered the feeling scholar, "Miss Hardcastle wants the scissors."



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POETICAL

Be Careful What You Say.

In speaking of a person's faults,
  Pray don't forget your own;
Remember those with homes of glass
  Should seldom throw a stone.
If we have nothing else to do
  But talk of those who sin,
'Tis better we commence at home,
    And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man
  Until he's fairly tried;
Should we not like his company,
  We know the world is wide.
Some may have faults—and who has not?
  The old as well as young;
Perhaps we may, for aught we know,
  Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan,
  And find it works full well—
To try my own defects to cure,
  Before of others' tell.
And though I sometimes hope to be
  No worse than some I know,
My own shortcomings bid me let
  The faults of others go.

Then let us all, when we commence
  To slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm one word may do
  To those we little know.
Remember curses, sometimes, like
  Our chickens, "roost at home;"
Don't speak of others' faults until
  We have remedied our own.

Mary's Animal Show.

Mary had a little lamb—
  'Twas Persian—on her coat;
She also had a mink or two
  About her dainty throat;
A bird-of-paradise, a fern
  And ermine made the hat
That perched at jaunty angle
  On her coiffure, largely "rat."
Her tiny boots were sable topped,
  Her gloves were muskrat, too.
Her muff had heads and tails of half
  The "critters" in the zoo,
And when she walked abroad, I ween,
  She feared no wintry wind;
At keeping warm, 'twas plain to see,
  She had all nature "skinned."

—*Lippincott's.*

Insulated Bilkins.

Yes, I like a chap like Bilkins; he's the kind that
  don't explain
When affairs go wrong and give him just a little
  touch of pain.
Why, when he was flunked at college, in a by-
  gone freshman class,
When requested to give reasons, he just answered,
  "Couldn't pass!"

When the team was thrashed at football, and
  he lost a pot of cash—
For old Bilkins loved to gamble, and he frequently
  was rash—
When they asked him at the finish why his team
  had met defeat,
He just shrugged his manly shoulders, as he
  answered, "They got beat."

When his best girl frowned upon him and eloped
  with Billy Jones,
There was not a bit of whining, there were no
  heartrending groans.
When they asked him for a reason why the maid
  should treat him ill,
He indulged no explanations, but replied, quite
  simply, "Bill."

When he ran for public office, back in eighteen
  ninety-nine,
And was snowed up like a trolley on a North
  Alaska line,
Some one asked him how it happened that his luck
  had been so tough.
It was chiefly, so he reckoned, that he "hadn't
  votes enough!"

When his uncle died and left him only sixty-seven
  cents,
It may be his inner feelings were unpleasantly
  intense;
But he never showed he felt it, or expected
  greater wealth.
He just "blew" the sixty-seven "to the dear old
  duffer's health!"

Yes, I like a chap like Bilkins; he is such a great
  relief
To the general run of cusses who delight to share
  their grief.
It is nice to find a wight who, when he gets a solar
  pleck.
Leaves explanatory piffle and just takes it in the
  neck!

—*Judge.*

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The "Once-a-Years."

There are men in every union, and it really is a pity—
We have them in the country as well as in the city.
They seldom come to meetings and they hate to pay their dues,
And at every call for charity they grumble and refuse.
Yet we have them on the roster, and they never would be missed
If they took a trip to China and got on the Boxers' list.
They come around 'bout once a year at officers' election,
And they have a deal to say that we make a good selection,
And give us good advice, these noble-hearted gentry,
And they want to choose the officers, from president to sentry.
They find fault with the union and growl at each assessment,
And seem to think they've made a mighty poor investment.
And when they see the death list it almost sets them crying,
Till we feel like giving double if they would do the dying.
Now, brothers, take advice, and try and get to meeting,
And we will give you all a true and royal greeting,
And when you hear of brothers who are sick and in distress,
May your hearts be full of sympathy to aid and cheer and bless;
And when Death's mighty angel at last shall smite you down,
And you lay aside your earthly cross and take up the promised crown,
We all will stand a mighty band of brothers true and kind,
To guard, protect, assist, defend the loved ones left behind.

—C. J. LUNDBERG, in the *Union Leader*.

The Modern Panacea.

The able-bodied hustle is the cure for every ill,
The panacea for worry that too oft our brains doth fill.
It's the chaser of the gloomy, the cure for feelings blue.
When you feel bad, try a hustle; 'twill do lots of good for you.

When you're hustling you're forgetting all the things that don't go right;
It will bring you joy in daytime, make you slumber well at night;
It brings peace and plenty also, and makes glad the heart of man;
It improves the mood of those built on the pessimistic plan.

Hustling shortens up the hours of the workday you must toil;
It drives away your troubles; dark despair doth quickly foil.
It's the greatest medicine on earth—the real kind, not a fake;
It's a popular prescription everybody ought to take.
It marks the growth of nations; it builds progress every day.
If you want to get along, you'll find that it's the only way.
It oils this old world's axis—the truth we must confess,
The hustle is the secret and foundation of success.

—M. DASH.

As You Like It.

To the preacher life's a sermon,
To the joker it's a jest;
To the miser life is money,
To the loafer life is rest.

To the lawyer life's a trial,
To the poet life's a song;
To the doctor life's a patient
That needs treatment right along.

To the soldier life's a battle,
To the teacher life's a school;
Life's a "good thing" to the grafter,
It's a failure to the fool.

To the man upon the engine
Life's a long and heavy grade;
It's a gamble to the gambler,
To the merchant life is trade.

Life's a picture to the artist,
To the rascal life's a fraud;
Life perhaps is but a burden
To the man beneath the hod.

Life is lovely to the lover,
To the player life's a play;
Life may be a load of trouble
To the man upon the dray.

Life is but one long vacation
To the man who loves his work;
Life's an everlasting effort
To shun duty to the shirk.

To the heaven-blest romancer
Life's a story ever new;
Life is what we try to make it—
Brother, what is life to you?

—*Binghamton Republican*.

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FACETIOUS

Leading Question.

Tommy—Pop, a man is a bachelor until he gets married, isn't he?

Tommy's Pop—Yes, my son.

Tommy—And what does he call himself afterward?

Tommy's Pop—I'd hate to tell you, my son.—*Philadelphia Record.*

A Slight Chance.

Dude—Does this train carry animals.

Pat—No, but if you git into a seat and kape your mouth shut, Oi don't think anyone will suspict yer identity.—*Bohemian.*

He Preferred One Girl.

When J. M. Barrie, the author of "Peter Pan," addressed an audience of a thousand girls at Smith College during his American visit of last year, a friend asked him how he had found the experience.

"Well," replied Mr. Barrie, "to tell you the truth, I'd much rather talk a thousand times to one girl than to talk one time to a thousand girls."

No, Not Glad.

The sympathetic woman was visiting the Columbus prison and her heart was almost bursting with pity for the poor prisoners. She passed them one by one and never uttered a word; she was instructed not to speak to the inmates and she had given her word. The temptation soon became too strong, however, as she saw one poor chap listlessly rolling cigars.

"Poor man," began the sympathetic woman, "isn't it terribly monotonous? Won't you be very glad when your sentence has expired?

"No, ma'am," came the doleful reply, "mine's a life sentence."—*Penitentiary News.*

Not Much Difference.

"Say, Maria, where is all that racket I hear?"

"Why, John, they are making that noise over at Bigwad's."

"What's going on, Maria?"

"Why, I thought you knew, John. It's Bigwad's chiffonier building a garbage for their autonewoleans."

"Why, Maria, you mean automobile."

"Mebbe it is, John. I knew it was named after one of them Southern cities."

Sure.

"Tommy," said the fond mother, "isn't it rather extravagant to eat both butter and jam on your bread at the same time?"

"No, ma'am; it's economy," Tommy answered. "The same piece of bread does for both."

His Mean Revenge.

"I've met a great many mean, spiteful men in my time," said Gladys, "but Harry Morton is certainly the spitefulest of them all!"

"What's the matter now?" asked her chum, Marie. "I thought it was all off and done with."

"So it is!" answered Gladys, decisively. "I'm not referring to our broken engagement—broken beyond repair, thank Heaven—but to his subsequent actions."

"What on earth has he done?"

"What has he done? This is what he has done! He's sent me half a dozen boxes of face powder, with a note stating that inas much as we had returned to each other everything that had passed between us he thought it only right that I should have the powder, seeing that he must have taken at least that much home on his coat since the time he first met me!"

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All the Same to Her.

The mistress looked dejectedly at the latest domestic, just over, and willing to begin at only $4 a week.

"What can you do?" she asked, with no hope in her heart.

"Anything at all, sure!" was the encouraging response. The mistress glanced about the room. There was everything to be done.

"Could you fill the lamps?" she ventured. "I can that!" and the lamp was seized in a stout embrace. Then, with the air of one wishing above all else to suit the possible whims of a new employer, she paused to ask:

"And is it gas or wather you do be liking it filled wid?"

A Girl's Way.

It was a sweltering summer afternoon. Algernon sat in the hammock, and Claire occupied a wicker chair. She was very pretty, and Algernon was hopelessly in love with her. He was almost in despair as he sat looking at her playing with his heart, and he knew it.

"Oh, Claire," he pleaded. "Why are you so cold?"

"I'm not, Algie," she protested.

"You are, Claire," he insisted.

"And I say just as positively that I am not."

"Claire, Claire!" he cried. "How can you say that when you know you have treated me like—"

"Oh," she interrupted, fanning herself lazily meanwhile, "I thought you were talking about the weather, Algie."—*Lippincott's.*

Wait a Minute.

A Winimac man who has had no trouble in getting cash from the local banks when he wanted it was in a neighboring town the other day, where the banks are paying only a small amount in currency. While in one of the banks there he overheard two Irish friends greet each other while waiting their turn at the window.

"This reminds me of Finnegan," remarked one.

"What about Finnegan?" inquired the other.

"'Tis a story that Finnegan died, and when he greeted St. Peter he said:

"'It's a fine job you've had here a long time.'

"'Well, Finnegan,' said St. Peter, 'here we count a million years as a minute and a million dollars as a cent.'

"'Ah,' said Finnegan. 'I'm needin' cash; lend me a cent.'

"'Sure,' said St. Peter, 'just wait a minute.'"

What He Wanted To Say.

"Hello!"

"Hello!"

"Hello, confound you! What do you want?"

"Is this 6445?"

"Of course! Why don't you go ahead and talk?"

"Oh, you needn't get mad about nothing."

"Well, my time's worth money! I can't stand here all day jabbering 'hello' to somebody!"

"This is about the first time I ever used a telephone, and—"

"Did you call me up just for practice?"

"No, of course not."

"Did you call me up to tell a funny story?"

"No, I—"

"Well why don't you go ahead then with your business?"

"You don't give me a chance. As I was saying—"

"There you go again! Say, how long are you going to keep me standing here?"

"You can sit down if you want to!"

"I'll sit down on you if this is supposed to be a joke! Who are you, sir?"

"My name is Brown. I moved in directly opposite you a few weeks ago."

"Well Brown, I'm sorry I have spoken so harshly to you, but I'm not feeling just up to the mark today. Hope you will pardon me."

"Oh, certainly."

"What is it you wished to say to me?"

"Why, I wanted to tell you that your house is on fire."—*Success Magazine.*

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Our Correspondents

PROTECTION BY DIVINE LAW.

IN the *Bricklayer and Mason* for July we found a remarkable production by Mr. Ferguson, of New York, one of the members of that labor union. We copy, among his bright thoughts, as follows: "It is quite hard for the ordinary mind to trace effects to causes. We generally stop and begin our thoughts before we strike rock bottom, with the result that nothing comes from our mental efforts. It is hard to realize and mention the fact that all the advantages of civilization go to the holder of property, and all the disadvantages to the landless, those without property."

Those few lines go, no doubt, to the bottom of all human development, provided we try to catch their full meaning. Taken all in all, we hold property in proportion as we hold land, in forms direct or indirect. A farmer with hundreds of acres of land, may be a very insignificant land holder. A man apparently without any land may be a land holder on a colossal scale. Land is often owned, controlled and possessed through the possession of written documents giving to the holder the power to collect tribute from hundreds and thousands of workers through the element of what we call rents, interest, dividends or any similar contrivances.

In this nation today, not far from ninety billions—ninety billions of dollars—are held by two or three per cent of our family groups, through documents carrying the power to collect the tribute in question, from the working millions. The annual sum of that tribute is over five billions of dollars. All that tribute is embodied in higher prices over all we produce and consume, bought by the millions of workers who produce it. And that is not the only item in the grand total of tribute that King Monopoly imposes over the multitude, producing all wealth.

We can now see, if we wish to see anything of any substance, why it is that we have, all over the earth, at least over 85 per cent of the race practically without any property worth talking about.

We may have mentioned it before, but it will not do any harm to repeat the fact, that our ninety billions in bonds, stocks, etc., mean simply a general mortgage amounting to over $5,500 that falls on the average family of the seventy-five millions of our plain people holding mighty little property, if any. The whole atrocity is accomplished through the glorious (?) laws we all see fit to have. We then have no right to complain against anybody. The atrocity is sanctioned, approved, sanctified by all of us.

And please remember that through no violence on the part of those who suffer shall we ever improve social conditions. All violence, all brute force, leads into some new form of social despotism. The new form may be a little less visible than the old one. That only increases the fatal effects of the new social evils, it makes them less subject to a popular reaction against them. Our submission to wrongs increases in proportion as their action is more hidden or indirect. Progress thus far has been the science of making social wrongs as intangible as possible, because covered up with deceitful tints of righteousness. That represents the pharisaical spirit, so dreadfully attacked by Jesus, the great social reformer.

The worst element in the pharisaical spirit is its invisibility to those who suffer from it. The intensified selfishness it evolves, blinds all the mental faculties, when the evolution of high ideals is utterly impossible. The average pharisee is selfish

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by wholesale, so to speak, on a broad scale; that is, a concentrated monopolist; a scientific one, taking the nation and humanity as the field for his operations, and human laws as the instrument through which to make them most effectual and fatal all around in the general activities of the human family. Our age is then essentially pharisaical. Never before in the history of humanity had it been made more easy, than in the last 25 years, for a few men to accumulate, each one of them, from ten to one hundred millions of dollars in a few years. And few of us, if any, educated into destruction, seem to realize the utter absurdity of the process. In the order of nature the process is utterly impossible. Its possibility arises in proportion as we forget that the monopolization of natural resources on a large scale is the worst and vilest social crime of what we call progress or civilization.

Our great abundance of natural resources, in proportion to population, their great natural potentialities in wealth production, our suigeneris and nonpareil geographical situation, for all commercial purposes, and the intense evolution all that has invited along the line of invention in machinery by which to increase our power to rapidly produce wealth; it is through that combination that the monopoly business has attained its wonderful intensity. And the process is bound to increase, as long as we keep repudiating the divine moral order of the universe in the legislation about all industrial activities.

We thus create a cowardly social atmosphere for all of us. And the higher we rise in earthly means over the rest, the greater that moral cowardice envelops our body, mind and soul. We don't even then ever dream of finding fault with any of the barbarisms, by the thousand per annum, that we legalize, for the moral and spiritual destruction of all of us. All we care about is—how to rise, more or less, at the expense and through the sufferings of the multitudes.

Neither in the orbit of natural nor in that of divine adjustments has what we call wealth been promised to anybody. Still less has it been made possible or necessary for the healthy development of any group of men. Just the reverse, since it is antagonistic to all forms of peaceful existence worth having. Something better than foolish wealth has been promised to all, and that is the full life to all, the very thing that wealth *per se* never gives. Wealth *per se* has invariably been the course of all nations, all religions, all generations, all social conditions leaning on sinful human laws. And every social, political, or religious philosophy tending to encourage or failing to condemn and suppress the congestion of wealth anywhere in the panorama of our industrial activities, any such philosophy has invariably acted upon the human mind, in forms conscious or not, as a bribe to blot out divine righteousness in the realm of human life and development.

And it is thus that every generation of supposed good, important men at the head of nations, it is thus that they have failed to long and work for the suppression of sin. We have failed to do that in forms honest, positive, sensible, scientific and direct. We have only done it in forms idiotic and rudimentary, traveling in the moral ocean of human conduct, as a ship without rudder, without compass.

We have talked to each other and worked, we say, about a certain salvation in the beyond. We have declined to work, to begin with, for salvation on earth from sorrow and sin. We have preferred to keep at work, on earth, for the continuation of sin and sorrow, and we all still get that in plenty. Always longing for protection through laws of sin. Never even trying to be protected by divine law.

JOSE GROS.

KEEPING THE SABBATH.

If I may have the privilege of suing a little space in our valued journal, I would like to say a few words in reply to the article under the above heading in the February number signed by Cert. 3399, Division No. 2, in which he maintains the Mosaic law was not superseded by Jesus Christ, and that it "must still be the divine law."

I will pass over that portion of his article where he quotes Exodus 20:8:11 as a

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command for the Jews to keep the Sabbath day holy, as every person who knows anything about the Bible knows it is there in very plain language, and it is also generally conceded that the Jewish Sabbath was the seventh day of the week (Saturday), which closed with the approach of day on the first day of the week (Sunday), as set forth in his article, but I want to differ with him when he says this "must still be the divine law," quoting Matt. 5:17 as his proof.

Let us hesitate just a moment on that passage and see if our brother has not jumped at a conclusion. Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." What was the "law and the prophets" which he came to fulfill? By reading the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi you will note that the law given to Moses on Mt. Sinai and every prophecy of the prophets pointed directly to the coming of a Messiah, one who was to be a saviour of his people.

Now the first four books of the New Testament were written to prove that Jesus Christ was the son of the Living God, and the one who was God appointed to be the Messiah of the Old Testament. See John 20:30, 31.

In this 5th chapter of Matthew referred to by our brother, this Jesus, in teaching his disciples, delivered that wonderful address styled the "Sermon on the Mount," and, as if he was fearful lest his people think that he had come to destroy the law of Moses, he uttered the words found in Matt 5:17. He says: "I came to fulfill."

Now, what becomes of a law when every "jot and tittle" has been fulfilled? Is it any longer binding upon its subjects? To illustrate my meaning, let me reduce it to telegraphic terms. Train order No. 10 reads as follows: "No. five (5) and No. six (6) will meet at Ackley." Now, when numbers five and six meet at Ackley do they destroy order number ten? No; they simply fulfill it and it goes on history's page and may be referred to at any time as proof that such an order existed at one time, and the train sheet will show that it was not destroyed, but fulfilled.

He says that Christ kept the day the Bible calls the Sabbath, and the same may be said of Paul and others. He is partially right. Christ did keep the Jewish Sabbath. and worshiped in the synagogue with the Jews, but Paul did not after he became a Christian, a follower of Jesus.

Our brother seems to forget that Jesus lived and died under the old Jewish dispensation, and under the Mosaic law, and consequently he was duty-bound to keep the Sabbath. This is obvious from the fact that the law was in effect until fulfilled, and it was the ignominious death on the cross, the burial and resurrection of the Christ that fulfilled the law, therefore it was binding upon the Son of God.

He cites Acts 17:2 as proof that Paul kept the Sabbath. When this text is considered in connection with its context, it develops that Paul was on one of his missionary tours proselyting the Jews and preaching Christ to every one he met, and the reason it was his custom to "go in unto them," was because of the fact that the Jews were there worshiping on the Sabbath, and it afforded him a golden opportunity to preach Christ to them.

Now I agree with our brother that there is no express command in the Bible which requires the keeping of the first day of the week, but we have the God-approved precedent of the inspired Apostles, and we are absolutely safe in following their example.

That Christ supplanted the law and the prophets is clear, from Romans 10:4: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Again hear the Apostle: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come we are no longer under the schoolmaster, for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."—Gal. 3:24, 26.

These and numerous kindred passages prove conclusively that Paul and the other Apostles understood that Jesus Christ was to supersede the law and the prophets, and that "All power was given unto Him in Heaven and on earth." This Jesus said to the Apostle Peter: "I will give unto you

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the keys of the kingdom of Heaven and whatsoever you bind upon earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever you loose upon earth will be loosed in Heaven."—Matt. 16:19. In connection with this text, read Matt. 16:13 to 20.

This makes it safe for us to follow the teachings and examples of the Apostles who opened the doors of the Church of Christ on the day of Pentecost, and who banded together the first band of Christ's followers in Jerusalem, and we see from Acts 20:7 that these people came together on the "first day of the week to break bread" (partake of the Lord's supper), and Paul preached to them.

It is not the purpose of this article to accelerate or hinder the passing of a law by Congress regulating the Sunday work among my brother operators, but simply an argument against the position taken by our brother with regard to which day should be kept holy, and in conclusion I will ask him one question.

I note that of the original ten commandments contained in the law of Moses, only nine of them are incorporated into the New Testament. The one that is conspicuously absent is that one that commands the keeping of the Sabbath day. Now here is my question: If it was intended that that command should hold over into the new dispensation and remain binding upon us, why was it not carried over and incorporated in the New Testament scriptures?

CERT 389, DIV. 96.

"SUNDAY REST."

As the Sunday rest agitation continues, it becomes very evident that there is a great difference of opinion as to whether Sunday has any Bible foundation for its present position as a day of rest, and whether, if it had such foundation, we would be justified in trying to enforce its claims by civil law. It does not appear that Christ, the author of every true religious observance, ever appealed to the civil power to enforce his doctrines.

Then why should we, whether we claim to be his followers or not? Surely if this institution were of divine origin, the power that created it is able to sustain it without the aid of the civil power. But in none of the ably-written articles favoring Sunday enforcement by law is it shown that there is one text stating that Sunday is the Sabbath or that it is to be a day of rest.

Is this omission simply an oversight? If it is we shall expect to see it soon corrected. If such very interesting features are omitted because the Bible is silent upon that point then we would do very well to be very careful about forcing people to observe, under great penalties, an institution resting only upon tradition.

I respect the sincerity of Bro. Cert. 5874, as written in the February issue, on page 223. He was true to his conviction when he gave up his position. He was under no obligation to work for any company on Sunday, and he found that he did not need a law to help him stop work on that day. There are many lines of work where man may enjoy his chosen day of rest. Now, Brother, go a little farther and read your Bible through again, and honor the Lord by keeping the seventh day, Sabbath (Saturday), as the Bible teaches.

And let me suggest, Bro. Cert. 178, Division 82, that I agree with him that we should tremble when we reflect that God is just, but I can not see why that should lead us to follow a man's suggestion to get a Sunday law. The connection between Sunday law and trembling at the justice of God is not apparent, and will not be apparent until he shows by the Bible that God requires us to observe the Sunday.

Would it not be well to search the book again and see what God would have us do?

Surely, when the Bible says so plainly in Ex. 20:8, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God," we need make no mistake.

We cannot say that this means Sunday. Every one understands Sunday to be the first day of the week, while it is equally well understood that the seventh day of the week is Saturday.

Was this Sabbath law ever repealed? In Matt. 5:17 the Saviour says, "Think not

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that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." This is not the repeal of the law. And Jesus farther says in Mark 2:27 that "the Sabbath was made for man." That means for every one of us—railway employes, telegraphers and all.

Is it possible to keep the right day? There are many thousand people aside from the Jews in this country that observe the seventh-day Sabbath according to the Bible. And some telegraphers do.

The petitions to the last Congress in behalf of a national Sunday were wisely turned down, as it was clearly shown that Sunday observance is not taught in the Bible, and that as the Government of the United States is a civil and not a religious institution, it should not be required to enforce any merely religious institution or observance. Leave every man free in the matter to choose for himself either Sabbath or Sunday observance.

CERT. 3399, DIV. 2.



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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Our meeting of September 6th was well attended. President Perham arrived in time to make some interesting remarks under the "Good of the Order." While Bro. Perham does not need an incentive to make a speech, his remarks were particularly interesting, owing to his observations of the monstrous Labor Day parade on the day of our meeting, and his coming in contact with so many of the prominent labor leaders of the country.

Bro. Wm. H. Bull, of headquarters, has been confined in a hospital for the past week. He is improving and expects to be around again in a few days.

Bro. P. J. Hiseler, of Division 137, located at Alamagordo, N. M., was a recent caller at headquarters.

Bro. Will C. Long, past president of the C. T. U. of A., and former editor of the C. T. U. of A. journal, is at present assisting the editor.

Bro. G. M. Long, of No. 2, writes us from Willow Brook, Calif., where he went for the benefit of his health, that he is much improved. He seems to be enthused with the golden West, and expects to make his future home there.

A shortage of competent and reliable operators is still noticed on most of the railroads of the country. While the improved business conditions are partly responsible for this condition, it takes but little study on our part to realize that the efforts of the Grand Officers and members of the O. R. T. have been more largely responsible for this condition of affairs than anything else. Of course those of you familiar with the decision of the courts regarding the hours of service law, have noticed that immediately after the decision was handed down, the call came for operators all over the United States.

Over nine hundred members of No. 2 have "made good" until the end of the year. Still a few to hear from. Are you one of them? If so, get busy. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has removed from our midst and from her family, the wife of our esteemed Brother I. W. Campbell, a member of St. Louis Typographical Union, No. 8, who has been employed at O. R. T. headquarters for a number of years; therefore, be it

Resolved, By St. Louis Division No. 2, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the records of this division, a copy sent to our brother and a copy of THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

CHAS. E. DUNCAN,
H. A. BERRY,
P. P. MALLOY,
Committee.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division—

The second regular meeting in the month of July which was scheduled to take place at Tyrone, Pa., through some misunderstanding was not held. The change of headquarters of Harrisburg Division No. 3 was partly the cause of this, as it seems a number of the brothers are as yet not familiar with the present arrangement.

The first regular meeting at Lewiston for the month of August was fairly well attended, but it is evident there were a number of the brothers absent who could have been in attendance. It is to be regretted that every brother who could possibly attend this meeting was not on hand, as Bro. Page, General Chairman of lines east, was on hand and gave a complete outline of the work done during the past two years. He also made the brothers acquainted with the plans for the future. While these plans do not always work out as desired, we know that it will not be the fault of Bro. Page if such should be the case, as he is a hard worker and nothing is left undone by him which promises to bring about the desired result. If the membership does not support its officers and those it selects to do the actual work, the effort is of no avail, and I regret to say that the members of No. 3 have a reputation for this very thing. Cannot we show our sister divisions that we are just as loyal to our officers as they are? What do you suppose your local officers can accomplish with the support you have been giving them in the past? Just so long as you continue to tear down instead of build up, you cannot expect good results. It is the same with your General Committee; they are powerless unless they have the undivided support of the membership to back them up. You are all familiar with what your committees have had to contend with in the past, and for this reason it is very important that you give your committee your most loyal support and encouragement. Tell them what you desire and give them the assurance that you will stand back of them to a man, and then, and then only, can they accomplish your desires. This is what you have not

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been doing, and it does not show up well on your part. With opposition in front and at the rear you must surely know that no results will be forthcoming, but just as soon as you show a desire to build up your organization and support your officers and committees, just that soon you can expect to see a forward movement, and no sooner.

Entirely too many of us have "cold feet." Too much attention is paid to the babbling of a few members who are continually harping about supposed misdeeds of our officers. This is all slush, and you brothers surely have the intelligence to distinguish between the truthful statements of your worthy brothers and those who are forever giving you a string of false statements intended to create a feeling of uncertainty and prejudice in you. Can you not see that this is done for a purpose, and that it is injuring your prospects? Put on your fighting armor and resolve that you will from now on turn a deaf ear to the false statements of those who are trying to tear down and destroy the only defense you have. Wake up and give your committees your support. Take an interest in your organization; show those who are as yet without that you have faith in your officers and your organization; try to secure their membership, instead of driving those out who are in the Order by your weak-kneed go-as-you-please demeanor. Attend the meetings and hear what those who are in a position to know have to say, and if things are not moving as you think they should, there is the place for you to file your protest. Get into the harness before it is too late, for just so sure as you allow yourself to become indifferent conditions will go from bad to worse and finally become unbearable, then you will realize when it is too late that it was your dilatory interest in your organization that brought about the deplorable condition.

Do you not realize that it is the individual members who compose the organization? If it were not for our membership there would not be an O. R. T., the organization only existing by our membership. Therefore the success of the movement lies in the interest we take in the matter, and not in what one or two individual members do. It is the support you give and the work you do, as well as the interest you take, that brings success to the efforts of your several committees; this is also true in the downward course. Remember, the organization is just what we make it.

When you hear of a brother who is "on the fence," who is "shaking in his boots," who is losing his nerve for the want of a little encouragement, make it your business to see him and encourage him; that is, if he has in the past proven to be a good member, a worthy member; but if he is one of the perpetual kickers, and is unworthy our confidence, then leave him strictly alone; let him "flop." Any one who will at this stage of the game deliberately drop his membership, can be put down as a man of poor judgment, and one who possesses no fighting qualities, and he does not deserve our attention. Such men as these you can give a wide berth, and replace them with some one with ability and good common sense, one who will be a benefit to us, and an honor to the craft. A back-slider and cold-footed telegrapher is no good in any association, and our attention must be directeed toward better material.

While it is a fact that the business depression of the past few years has had a tendency to keep on a standstill every enterprise, business is improving, and that at a very rapid rate. It is up to the members to be up and doing and looking after their interests or we will fall behind in this forward movement, and you know that will show a lack of good judgment on the part of the members who compose the telegraphers of the country. We must take advantage of this return of prosperity and move forward with the balance of the interests.

With but one exception, it is impossible for me to give the movements of individual members at this writing, as I have not received any notes from any of the members along the line up to this time. Bro. T. J. Moyer and Bro. Chas. Banks of Lewistown spent a few days in Pittsburg the latter part of July, and report having a fine time on the trip, having met a large number of brothers in the city.

DIV. COR.

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

Our meeting held at Sunbury August 16th was a grand success. It was called to order by Bro. McCracken, the business transacted as quickly as possible, and the floor was then given to our worthy second vice-president, T. M. Pierson. I am sorry all the operators on the division could not have heard Bro. Pierson talk. It would have done them a great deal of good.

I will not attempt to record the many good points Bro. Pierson explained to us. Space will not allow this. There were two questions explained that are of great import to every telegraph operator. The one was the importance of all members attending the meetings held by the Division. There are a number among us who do not realize what effect this has. In order to make our division a success it is absolutely necessary for each member to take an interest in the work of the division. This will be easy, if you will only come to the meetings, find out what is going on, then remain awake and help push forward.

The other question is one we often hear nons talk about; that the O. R. T. never did anything for them, and that it costs too much to belong. Now, in regard to the O. R. T. not doing anything, there is no man with his right senses that would make such a false statement. The O. R. T. has done much good in the past and if you nons would come in and help push, we will do more in the future. You can never lose any money by belonging to the O. R. T., even if you would not gain anything by increased salary and better working conditions.

Most telegraph operators like to be classed as intelligent people. Now, if all were such, it would not be necessary to say more, but for the benefit of those who think they are saving a lot of money when they refuse to pay towards supporting the O. R. T., I would suggest to take a paper and pen-

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cil and figure out what it would cost you to belong to the Order as long as you can expect to live. Then consider the insurance that your wife or family will get when you die. If you will consider this part you can see what intelligence you have. Get wise and then get busy. Death comes often when we least expect it, therefore keep prepared. You do not want to die and have your loved ones in this world unprovided for.

Bro. L. A. Page, our worthy General Chairman of P. R. R. lines east of Pittsburg and Erie, was also with us and gave a very interesting talk, which was appreciated by all present. Space will not permit giving details here, but if those who did not hear Bro. Page speak will attend the next meeting, you will hear what you should know.

Our meeting was well attended, there being about fifty present, including visiting brothers from Division No. 24. There was a flashlight photo taken which we expect to see in THE TELEGRAPHER as soon as the editor can find room for it. As this photo was taken before the meeting was called to order, there were a number of brothers who failed to get in the group. Bro. Joe. Schlotman of Division 24 was one of these. I mention this in order to let his brothers of Division 24 know that even if he is not on the picture, he was with us just the same. After the meeting all proceeded in a body to Stahl's Cafe and were served with an excellent dinner by the division.

Business on the divisions is about as usual, but indications are that it will be greatly increased in the near future.

The Sandwich train-dispatching telephone, which was installed in the offices beetween Sunbury and Nescopeck last April, will be put in service August 30th.

The telegraph office at Creasy has been moved from the passenger station to a tower located a short distance west of the water tank.

Bro. T. C. Phillips, third trick at Bluff, spent two days visiting friends at Brandonville; relieved by Mr. Ed. S. Breisch.

Bro. N. C. Malick, third trick at "AG" tower, was off six days on vacation; relieved by Mr. Ed. S. Breisch.

Bro. W. S. Smith, third trick at Lower St. Clair, spent his relief day with friends in Philadelphia.

Bro. A. R. Nerz has been assigned the third trick at Reed. DIV. COR.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m., August 10th, in Elliott Hall, Williamsport, Pa.

Talking about meetings, this was one of the grandest we have seen, and I think it was very interesting for those who were there.

We were all glad to see Bro. Page with us, and would be glad to see him again.

Bro. H. L. Steiger has returned from his vacation and is back on relief trick.

Bro. R. J. Wilson spent his relief night last month with his brother at Williamsport.

Bro. Jno. Riebendall, who works first trick at tower, is doing extra work in "GO." Bro. Williamson is doing the first trick stunt.

Oh, you! Nons should get in line, as carrying an up-to-date card means more today than ever before.

Bro. T. M. Young was off recently to umpire the game of ball between McElhattan and Avis shops, relieved by Bro. Dugan of Winsport.

Bro. Harry Taylor made a business trip to Renovo recently.

Bro. G. E. McCloskey is making some very successful catches of fish in the Susquehanna River at this writing.

Bro. Chas. C. Bastain is holding down third trick at "SQ" tower.

Bro. Joe Schlotman seems to have a strong attraction at Jersey shore.

Bro. Ed Rughanbaugh, second trick man "GG" tower, has invested in a first-class rabbit hound and expects to have music to burn when rabbit season opens.

We are glad to see our Bro. T. B. Williamsport at our meetings. This worthy Brother has been able to attend owing to the fact that he has been working first trick at "J" tower since Bro. Rubendall's absence. Bro. Rubendall has been doing extra work in "GO."

Bro. W. E. Troutman, wife and daughter, Elnora, spent his relief day visiting his sister, Mrs. H. O. Gardner, at Gleasonton, Pa.

Bro. Edwards from Renova, Division 110, paid us a visit, he being present at our Lock Haven meeting, July 27th. We were very glad to meet this worthy brother, who gave us such an interesting talk, his subject being of great interest.

We enjoyed the cigars that were sent to our Lock Haven meeting by Bro. Hepler, very much. He solved the mystery and found it was not well for man to be alone. Thanks for the smoke, Tommy. Many congratulations to yourself and wife.

Bro. J. C. O'Donnell spent his relief day in Winsport.

Bro. H. T. Cope has been working in "GO" office for some time.

Bro. M. A. Burns contemplates an extended trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City, accompanied by Mr. Bolig from Pittsburg.

Bro. C. I. Snyder is taking a week's vacation at present, visiting Atlantic City and other seashore points. There is some rumor that Bro. Snyder is on his wedding trip.

Bro. W. A. Leister, accompanied by his wife, brother and family, spent a few days at Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel spent a few days in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Bro. Spade spent his relief day at Sunbury taking in the sights.

Bro. A. R. Fenstermacher is on an extended trip to Philadelphia, Washington and Atlantic City. We understand that he took in the game between the Athletics and Detroit.

Bro. C. A. Riland made a business trip to Milton Thursday.

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Extra Telegraphers Strunk, Hartwick and Hill, and Bro. Burns, have been doing the work at Sunbury. Positions vacated by brothers who were spending vacations at the seashore.

The meeting at Sunbury should be well attended, especially by the Sunbury boys. This gives the second and third trick telegraphers a good chance. Excuses should not be accepted. There is to be a general reception, and no doubt a good time can be expected.

There is some unfinished work at Northumberland on third trick. No doubt Bros. Dauberman and Fenstermacher are after it. We are also waiting on some good news from Bros. Yeager and Gurtner.

Boys, get after them; nothing like trying to show the brothers Sunbury is on the job.

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New York Div., No. 26.

The regular monthly meeting of this division was held on Sunday, August 8th, with Chief Telegrapher Ryan in the chair. All officers were present except the First and Second Vice-Chief Telegraphers. The attendance was good. After the reading and approving of the minutes of the last regular meeting, reports of various committees were received and accepted.

It was decided to change the place for holding regular monthly meetings hereafter to No. 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, and the time to the second Thursday of each month, and all members of the division are expected to attend the meetings.

After the transaction of the business noted above, an adjournment was taken until Thursday evening, August 12th. This adjourned meeting was also well-attended, and was called to order at the new meeting place, 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, by Bro. Pickerell, who requested Past Chief Shields of Division 44, to preside, the latter conducting the meeting according to the ritual, through the regular order of business, including the initiation of new members. Among those who were present were Bro. Baum, of Galilee, N. J., who says he is going to attend them all. If Bro. Baum can come to the meetings, it seems as though those who live in the city could come once in awhile.

Bros. Pickerill and Linn took lunch with Bro. Pierson at the Athens, on Forty-second street, one evening recently. Your correspondent was on the outside looking in, but didn't have the nerve to "butt" in.

Bro. Linn reports a pleasant trip through the Catskills, going over the Ulster & Delaware Railroad to visit the General Chairman of that system at Hobart. The membership on W. & S. R. R. is growing fast. He returned via Delaware & Eastern Railroad, meeting several members on that line of about forty miles. Coming in on the N. Y. & W. he couldn't find a non.

Have not heard from Bro. W. T. Collins lately; trust he will find it convenient to drop round to the next meeting.

Bro. H. P. Hallenback, who resides at Bay Side, L. I., says that he will surely welcome the opening of the new station at Thirty-third and Seventh avenue, as he dreads crossing the ferry in the good old New York winter time.

Bro. T. M. Pierson, Second Vice-President, could not be present at our last regular meeting because his time was taken up with the B. & A. General Committee.

We are glad to learn that Bro. P. B. Price, who is at present located in Yampa, Colo., is enjoying good health and that the climate in that State agrees with him better than the climate in New York.

Bro. P. O. O'Brien is working for the city fire alarm system, but like Bro. McGuire, keeps posted on railroad matters.

Bro. Dan Mahoney is still in the typewriter business.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. L. K. Davis was on the right side of the market during the late slump in stocks. When we stop in Chicago, will expect him to give us a ride in his new auto.

We are pleased to state that Bro. W. J. Webster, who has been in the hospital for many weeks, has fully recovered and is about town once more.

Bro. H. F. Braithwaite spends his Sundays on the beach at Freeport, L. I., digging clams, and it is said that this beach has other attractions for him.

Bros. A. L. McBain and F. J. Ryan having accepted positions on the electric division of the New York Central have resigned as members of Division 26 and transferred to Division 8.

Bro. F. Garrison, who is spending the summer at a resort in New Jersey, says the mosquitoes out there are as big as the crows on Long Island.

Bro. J. McGuire, although not in the railroad service, keeps an eye on that branch of the telegraph business.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

On Sunday, August 22d, a large delegation of the boys from Division 29 journeyed to New Rochelle, N. Y., where they were met by the members of Division 37 and escorted to Rye Beach.

Rye Beach is situated on Long Island Sound about twenty-five miles east of New York City. It is noted for two things: First, its splendid clambakes, and secondly the home of Joe Hannan, the genial secretary and treasurer of Division 37.

Two reasons can also be offered for the appearance of the New Haven boys at Rye Beach on the 22nd. First, it was the occasion of the ninth annual clambake of Division 37, which bake is known throughout the eastern section of the United States as the finest affair of its kind held in this part of the county.

The boys of No. 37 do themselves proud once a year, as will be attested to by all who attend the annual clambake. All classes of employes are represented at this affair each year and the demand for tickets exceeded the supply. Two hundred hungry guests of Division 37 sat into the finest of all bakes this year and the way the succulent bivalves disappeared brought joy to the hearts of the energetic clam-digger.

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The New Haveners were not behind in the display of gastronomy, however. In fact, when the hosts of New Rochelle asked us, at the end of the feast if we had satisfied the inner man, a scarcely audible grunt was all we were able to offer. It was a grand affair all through and we congratulate our brothers of the New York Division for their kind hospitality.

Secondly, this was also the occasion of the annual baseball game between the two divisions. No. 29 sent their best players to the front, while Division 37 produced their "finest" for the defense. Enthusiasm ran high and the "rooting" on both sides was "terrific." A large delegation of New York Central boys were present and about evenly divided in their cheering. After a long wrangle between Managers Dodan, of No. 29, and Lyons, of 37, a decision on the umpire was reached, when it was agreed that Mr. Racer, train dispatcher at Harlem River, should be the arbiter on the field.

For nine innings the two teams battled, while the crowd cheered and jeered, great excitement prevailing from start to finish. The New Haven boys, however, proved too much for their rivals this year and avenged the defeat of last year by winning by a score of 13 to 6.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Bill Lore proved his worth in the position of "Hans Wagner" for New Haven. Three hits and five putouts is going some.

Cassidy and Oliver, the battery for New Haven, were the "Candy Kids." Some class, eh?

(Manager) Mike Lyons, Houlihan and Ross for New Rochelle pulled off a nice double play.

Dooley claimed New Haven bought Pequigney, hence Frank's release early in the game.

Jack McNeil, New Haven's second baseman, made three distinct attempts on the life of Umpire Racer.

Rieff, the shortstop for No. 37, was transferred to the field after the third inning. It was proven that his seniority exceeded his ability.

Thomas caught a swell game for No. 37, but had hard luck at the bat. Next time, old boy.

Lakin and Farrel were "on the job" out in the field, as the New Rochelle batters will testify.

Answering P. Q. D.: No, Corrigan did not knock the cover off the ball. The laws of gravity were against him.

"Ted" Gallagher, the strenuous one, howled mightily for the losers. Never mind, Ted, you won't feel half as badly next year.

Remember, All New Rochelle and New York Central brothers, as well as every O. R. T. man within reach of New Haven, are invited to attend our *next big meeting*, at which special inducements are offered, to be held *at New Haven Friday evening, October 1st, at 8 p. m.. Don't fail to come, every one, as a big time is planned, and we want YOU.* E. J. M.

Shore Line, West, Notes—

Although one would have to cover considerable distance to find a more flourishing and better organized section for its miles than the old Shore Line, west, still it has been sadly neglected in the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER. Why, no one seems able to explain? Surely it is not for want of ability or news. For more than two years there has not been chronicled a single line from this territory. Yet it is fortunately evident the boys have remained loyal, encouraged by past concessions though and the undisputed stability and resources of the O. R. T. But let me warn that as time rolls on and never a "local line" appears in the official organ, eventually very naturally it will discourage some.

To cover this work properly requires the efforts of more than one. The writer would suggest a correspondent and two assistants, the assistants to be appointed by the correspondent. Further, if not taking too much liberty, I would like to suggest the name of Bro. W. P. Lippincott, of Madison, for correspondent. If prevailed upon it seems likely we might secure him. Bro. Lippincott is tactful, has the ability and would make an admirable correspondent. If this suggestion meets with favor drop Bro. Lippincott a line soliciting his acceptance. Don't wait and forget it. Do it now.

CARD OF THANKS.

Bro. E. S. Brimmer, of Branford, desires to extend his most sincere thanks to the brothers and friends on the Shore Line who so kindly and generously contributed financially to his relief.

Mr. W. S. Johnson, spare man covering second trick at Branford during the absence of Bro. E. S. Brimmer, is padding his trousers to ride the goat.

During August we had on the sick list: Bro. L. V. Lippincott, first trick, Madison; Bro. W. H. Wilcox, first trick, Saybrook Junction; Bro. F. M. Wilcox, first trick, Lyme, and Bro. H. G. Loring, third trick, South Lyme.

Those present at the July meeting of Division 29 were treated to an interesting talk by Vice President Bro. Pierson, who dropped in while en route to Springfield, Mass., to help the committee of the B. & A. R. R. adjust their first schedule.

Bro. H. E. Conway, formerly first trick man at Guilford, who was obliged to go West for his health a few years ago, is back circling among old friends around Guilford. We are glad to report he has fully recovered and gained much weight.

Bro. John Lippincott, of the New Haven office, recently spent a day with Bro. W. P. Lippincott at Madison, fishing for blackfish, and reports having caught some "corkers."

Bro. W. J. Brennan, third trick, East Haven, purchased a comfortable steed, and, accompanied by his wife, drove to Goshen, Ct., the latter part of July to his old farm home for a few weeks' recreation helping out with the haying and other invigorating pursuits of farm life.

Mr. W. D. Coughlan, spare man, of East River, is now covering a trick at Cromwell.

Bro. Fleming Wall, formerly of Guilford, who has been working his way West for the experience and education, has recently been heard from at

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Seattle, Wash., taking in the Exposition and having a fine time. Some very interesting letters have come from him while en route and those who have Fleming on their correspondence list must appreciate the favor.

Bro. Geo. E. Moody, formerly second trick at Westbrook, but now working second trick at Palmer, Mass., on the C. V. R. R., is visiting old friends at Westbrook. George says he is doing fine and likes his new location. All the Shore Line boys are pleased to hear this and wish him success.

Second and third trick men at Lyme were doubled up during the absence of Bro. F. M. Wilcox on account of shortage of men.

As a side line, Bro. R. R. Morgan, first trick at Westbrook, is trying his hand in the field with a hoe.

Bro. N. R. Wright, first trick, East Haven, covered first trick at Madison, his home town, during the absence of Bro. L. V. Lippincott.

At last reports, Bro. E. A. Roberts, spare man, was covering third trick at South Lyme.

Bro. E. S. Brimmer, second trick, Branford, who has not been able to work since last March, is, we are very sorry to say, still confined and no better. He has our sincere sympathy and we hope he may soon regain his strength and be with us again.

Next meeting of Division No. 29 is September 3rd. Don't forget the date. Bro. Dowd has instituted something quite interesting on debate proceedings. Come, CERT. 373.

New Haven to Springfield Notes—

Bro. Newkirk is a backslider. We wonder why?

Thompsonville is again solid, Bro. J. H. Day having filed his application at the August meeting.

Bro. Reed has departed from Windsor Locks for parts unknown and we will miss him, for besides being a very clever telegrapher, he was a good O. R. T. man, which is a good combination. A later rumor says Bro. Reed is now in Panama.

Miss Prout has bid in the first trick at Windsor Locks, and we hope now that she has returned to the service that she will again fill out the necessary papers.

48 Church street, the first Friday in each month. That's us, Bro. Wallace.

Bro. Soneson, second at Berlin, was off duty for two weeks on account of illness, but we are glad to say he has returned to work feeling much better and sporting a new moustache, too.

There is a new agent at Rocky Hill. We don't envy him his position.

Bro. Guile did the right thing on re-entering the service. That is, he filed the necessary papers that provide him with an up to-date card.

Who would have thunk it? Jerry Merchant is back again. We will be after him, and I guess he will come up with the coin all right.

Bro. Larson from "MD" Middletown to "Easy Street," Cromwell, third trick.

I wish Sister Tyler would write some Valley notes for our journal each month. I know they would be O.K.

Since Bro. Johnson left "AD" Hartford, Bro. Brooks has been working that office twelve hours. It seems no one wants even an eight-hour job there, it is so busy.

Nothing doing yet on the second and third tricks at "WS," Windsor Locks.

Sister Cahill at Windsor is determined to get the first eight-hour trick that comes her way.

If Bro. Mahon works nights, it's certainly up to Bro. Russell to see that "DP" is represented at every meeting.

Bro. Sugenhime, at Berlin, has taken a cottage at the shore for a few weeks for his family.

The secretary has entered five "Brownies" against the record of Bro. Flood for non-attendance at the August meeting. COR.

Midland Div. Notes—

Now that the vacation season is over we should be willing to devote all of our energy to completing the organization on this Division, and see if by January 1, 1910, we cannot have a solid line from Hartford to Readville, Cedar Hill to Providence and from New London to Worcester. It is the intention of your local chairman to supply each member with a list of employes in his particular territory showing who are members and who are not, so that there need be no misunderstanding in regard to the standing of your neighbor, and each individual member should consider it just as much a part of his duty to interview non-members and try to get them to file their applications as it is to keep a paid-up membership. Continual growth is the life of our organization.

Eight positions having been up for bid since the last write-up proves that the telegraphers on the Midland are wideawake and always looking for something better.

"Pop'" Johnston has retired from active railroading and has bid in Vernon Junction third trick.

Mr. Markham having tired of "Dreamland" (Manchester second trick) has come to "AD" office, where he will not need any practice to keep his hand in. We also hope he can find the time and price to provide himself with an up-to-date card, such as the majority of us carry.

Our Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Fogarty, has departed on his vacation of twenty-six days to be spent at his old home in Utica, N. Y., and in the Adirondacks, where he expects to do some mighty hunting and fishing, which we will hear of on his return.

Bro. Manning's old friend (?) rheumatism made a call on him a short while since and laid him up for a few days, but he has returned to work, none the worse for the attack.

If you are interested in "fish stories," make a call on Bro. Kingsland some evening. He can hand them to you by the yard since his return from Lake Champlain, where he and Mrs. Kingsland spent their vacation.

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After six long years of hard work at the Hartford freight house, Sister Foley has bid in Manchester second trick. She certainly deserves the rest and we all wish her well in her new position.

State street has been a very busy station this summer and Bro. Baker will welcome the return of the winter schedule.

Business indications are very bright, and we are looking forward to a very heavy freight business this fall and winter, and to the reopening of many offices that have been closed through the depression.

Bro. Bell, of East Hartford passenger station, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation. He is being relieved by a Mr. Pender of Bolton.

"All's well" along the branch except East Longmeadow, who is still in the same old rut, but he does not refuse to take the nice increase we got for this station in the last schedule.

If any one has an eight-hour position that they do not want, please notify Bro. Gough. He will exchange with you.

Mr. Gilbert has bid in Westchester and expects to go there as soon as he is relieved.

Bro. R. W. Johnstone, Manchester first trick, is looking forward to a vacation, which he expects to spend in the Berkshire Hills.

Miss Zuleke, of Rockvill, is filling in at Manchester while the position is up for bid.

No. 66 always makes connection with the last interurban. Bro. Jim Costello should not forget our meetings.

The "late" Mr. Turner feels aggrieved at the reference to him in the July TELEGRAPHER. We have not noticed any one in Vernon wearing crepe bands on their arms since he left.

Bro. W. F. Johnson, Jr., is working Vernon third trick.

A small portion of the interest on the least number of shares of stock owned by Jim Fanning would buy him an up-to-date card. Why can't he see it in that way?

We expect that before this appears in print Bro. J. H. White, of Westchester, will have taken his new position at Burnside Junction, but at present he is holding his old job on account of the injury to his arm.

The vacancy at East Wallingford caused by the resignation of Bro. Stoughton has been bid in by Bro. Burke from Elliots. We will all miss Bro. Stoughton, as he was one of the best agents and telegraphers that we had on the division. We all join in wishing him success in his new position in Hartford. "EN."

Western Division Notes—

Bro. Percy, agent at New Milford, visited friends in Kent Sunday, July 25th.

Bro. Hogan, of Canaan, had the misfortune to lose his quarterly pass and $16. He reports no trace of it.

Bro. L. H. Dowd, our local chairman, made a trip up the Berkshire July 25th, calling on the brothers. We were all glad to see him, and wish he could come oftener.

Bro. Powell, agent at Sheffield, is enjoying a three weeks' vacation.

Bro. O'Donnell, agent at Brookfield, has been away a few days on account of the illness of his brother. He was relieved by Telegrapher Odell, of Cornwall Bridge.

Bro. VanDeusen, the second trick man at New Milford, has returned from a week's vacation. Bro. Shepherd covered Van's trick and Bros. Smith and McKnight covered Shep's.

Sister Gibbs, of Kent, has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in Bridgeport and other places.

Bro. Sherwood, of Great Barrington, is on a month's vacation visiting in Oxford, N. Y.

Bro. Latour, the agent at Lime Rock, is on a two weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Howard Tuttle, the second trick man at Brewster, is off sick a few days; relieved by Telegrapher J. J. Lynch.

Bro. H. E. Kent, agent and first trick man at West Patterson, is enjoying a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. L. Leonard.

Bro. D. C. Wooden, third trick man at West Patterson, is off for a few days; relieved by Telegrapher J. J. Lynch.

If you wish to see a busy spot, drop in "GY" Bank Street Junction tower, any old time of the day and you will find the men busy on their large "Armstrong" system. The same applies to "BX" Highland Junction.

All brothers want to remember the joint meeting scheduled for October 1st, and as many as possibly can should arrange to turn out, even if they do have to put themselves to a little inconvenience or lose some sleep.

The new freight house at Seymour is quite an addition to the town, even if it is a little out of the way.

Bro. Davids, who was formerly at Shelton, bid in Derby Fort, relieving Russell, who bid in second at Derby Junction.

The new Union station at Waterbury has been completed. At present the telegraph job is filled by Mr. Fay.

Following are the brothers holding down "K" tower, Derby Junction: Bro. Jno. Mills, first trick; Bro. E. A. Russell, second trick; Bro. F. C. Folkey, third trick.

Telegraph Inspector Clark has reached the "Old Naugy," and is certainly changing the appearance of some of the offices, and they were sorely in need of it, too.

We were pleased to see Bro. H. D. Spencer, of "BX" Highland Junction tower, first trick, at the last meeting, and hope to see him oftener. Bro. Flaherty, of "WD" Winsted, says he will arrange to be present at the October meeting.

Bro. Webb, of New Britain, is off for a couple of months; relieved by Mr. Foster.

We understand that "GY" tower, Bank St. Junction, is to be closed for about a month on account of Bro. Gordon's going on his annual vacation through the South.

Bro. L. H. Dowd is enjoying a visit with his people up York State; relieved by Bro. B. H. Dun-

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bar, second, who was in turn relieved by Bro. Halsted.

I wish to thank Brothers VanDeusen, Mills and Porter, of the Western, and Bro. G. H. Foster, of the Shore line, for the many items they furnished this month. If all the brothers followed their example I would require the services of a secretary. But please do not consider my troubles. If you have any news, send it along; I'll see that it goes to St. Louis.

I received two or three items this month that I declined to submit for publication. They were personal knocks, and I do not consider that a good policy, even though the victim be a non. I don't think it ever gained anything for us, and my idea is that the proper way to treat a non, so far as THE TELEGRAPHER is concerned, is to keep his name out as much as possible.

Shore Line Division—

Bro. Reilly, the first trick man at Glenbrook tower, is off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by W. M. Smith, who needs no introduction, as he is an old-timer with us, but has been in the broker business for three or four years.

Bro. White, first trick man at South Norwalk ticket office, is away on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Cody.

Bro. Gould, who works second trick at South Norwalk "SK," is off a couple of days; W. M. Smith on deck.

Sister Reardon, of Westport, is away for several weeks; Mr. Cody is relieving.

Bro. Flagg, the second trick man at tower 55, is taking a two weeks' vacation; Telegrapher McCloskey is filling in.

Bro. J. W. Smith, first trick man at Cabin 56, is off a couple of days; Bro. Wannemaker is relieving.

Bro. Melick, first trick man at Cabin 59, with his family, has been enjoying the sea breeze at Myrtle Beach (Milford) during the hot weather.

Bro. Olmstead, second trick man at Cabin 59, and family, are camping at Fairfield Beach for a month.

Bro. Kennedy bid in third trick at tower 62.

Bro. Knapp, first trick man at tower 63, spent some time at Fairfield Beach recently.

Bro. Sheriden, from third to second trick man at tower 70.

Bro. Caldwell has been transferred from second trick at tower 70, to second at Cabin 56. Bro. Reardon worked second at tower 70 until it was bid in by Sheriden. He then went on third trick at the same tower.

Mr. J. M. Hemmingway, third trick man at tower 54, Fairfield, has bid in third at tower 70. Bro. Reardon relieves him at 54.

Bro. Skibbie, second trick man at West Haven tower 74, is on his vacation; relieved by Bro. Moore.

Bro. Rockefeller, third trick man at tower 74, and Bro. Kennedy, third trick man at tower 62, are working in "BS" New Haven, while Bros. Kelly and Leonard are relieving the dispatchers.

Bro. Rida is working third at tower 74, and Bill Smith third at tower 62, until Rocky and Kennedy return.

Sister Caywood, of Milford, made a flying trip to Newark, N. J., a few Sundays ago.

B. M. Betts is in the harness again after three years' service with the Merwin Oyster Co. of Milford. He is located at Mt. Carmel as agent. We hope to see him with an "up-to-date" in his inside pocket soon. T. A. A.

Providence Div., No. 35.

Auxiliary Night—

The ladies, God bless them, turned out in goodly numbers to inaugurate their new local. The picture they made was certainly an inspiring sight to all lovers of unionism. Eyes sparkling, countenances radiant and all determined to make their local a success and prove to the brothers that their interest in our glorious Order was as deep and sincere as ours. There were present wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, sweethe—no, I don't mean sweethearts, for they as yet are not eligible—but when they do become acquainted with its objects and aims I clearly foresee a great activity in the matrimonial market, and in the language of the day, there will be something doing all down the line, forcing the clergy to work overtime in order that their eligibility may be established, and they, too, will then become imbued with the same love and affection for their union and its objects as their other sisters have shown and by their works prove that their sincerity cannot be questioned.

The remarks of the two old bachelors, Bros. Joslin and Manion, in welcoming the ladies and elucidating the object and aims of our order, were just what could be expected from them, right to the point, and we all hope to soon see the fulfillment of the sentiment expressed in "Ed's" closing remarks.

Sister Brady's happy response clearly proved that the ladies of the auxiliary are going to be onto their jobs right from the word "go," and those brothers who are figuring upon using as an excuse for non-attendance at meeting, "Had to stay and tend to the children while wife went to auxiliary meeting," are doomed to get sadly left, as meeting nights will not conflict. So let's all lift our hats and cry, "Long life to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. T., in general, and of Division 35 in particular.

Bros. Joslin and Brady are qualifying as trappers of a very high order, and we look to see the country in their vicinity very soon entirely denuded of fur-bearing animals.

The sympathy of all is extended to Bro. and Mrs. E. R. Smith, of Davisville, R. I., on the death of their infant son.

Bro. Cook, first trick man at Shannock tower, is visiting at his old home in Canada. C. T. U. of A. Bro. Scott is doing the relief in his absence.

The yard office at Midway yard has been moved into the new building. Bro. Hearn says that nothing more is needed now to make life one grand sweet song but a—

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Since my last letter the following brothers have been off sick: Bro. Burns, "MA" tower, Midway; Bro. Stoddard, "JC" tower, Midway; Bro. Gardiner, Davisville tower, and Bro. Harding, East Junction tower.

Bro. Davis, first trick man, Boston switch tower, took a three-weeks' vacation visiting friends in New York State, and was relieved by Bro. Sooy.

Bro. Rivers, first trick man at Davisville tower, was called home on account of the illness of his mother. We are glad to hear she is much better.

During the past month towers at Davisville, Wood Rivers Junction, and both at Midway, were compelled to go on twelve hours for different periods, on account of sickness of employes and scarcity of spare men.

It is hard to say which gave the most pleasure to the brothers meeting night, the presence of the ladies or that of Bros. R. A. Brown and B. P. Greene, whose return from the valley of the shadow of death was nothing less than miraculous.

Bro. Leets, local chairman of the Midland Division, was on hand and as usual handed in a bunch of applications, seven in all. This habit is, we are very happy to say, becoming "chronic" with "Joe," and we hope that other brothers will become inoculated with the same "bug."

Bro. John Trainor, who was laid off nearly two weeks with rheumatism, is, we are very much pleased to say, again back to work.

Bro. Lobisky, from third trick, Westminster street tower, is back to his old love, C. & O. in Auburn station.

Bro. F. E. Wilbur, third trick man at Apponang tower, has been transferred to third trick at Slocum's tower.

We are very sorry to announce the serious illness of the wife of Bro. Frank Gardiner, first trick man at Slocum's tower, and hope ere this appears in print she will have entirely recovered.

Bro. F. E. Wilbur, first trick man at Opponang tower, and Miss Mary Adelaide Lillibridge, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Stonington, Conn., August 11th, 1909. Division 35 extends its heartiest congratulations to the happy couple.

No. 777 was the lucky number to draw the gold watch, raffled for the benefit of the sick brother, and a good sum was realized.

Miss Venetia Smith, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, while not old enough to become a member of the local, certainly won the hearts of all present at the meeting by her charming manner and sweet disposition.

Master Ernest Mehring, son of Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Mehring, who drew the tickets from the box, says he is going to be an O. R. T. man when he grows up.

To All Members of Div. 35.

Your attention is called to Sec. 1, Article 14, of the Constitution, regarding length of time applicants must be in the railroad service to become eligible to admission to the O. R. T. This rule must be strictly adhered to. DIV. COR.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

The regular monthly meeting of this division was called to order at 8 p. m. by Chief Telegrapher Woodward, with all the officers in their respective chairs and the usual business was transacted.

The twenty-five members present were quite disappointed because of the absence of Bro. Pierson, who was unable to attend this meeting.

An encouraging feature, however, was the news contained in a letter from Bro. Pierson, read by our General Chairman, showing that matters looking to the signing up of a general schedule were progressing very favorably.

Following the reading of this letter, the General Chairman begged every member to do his utmost to bring in the "nons," and also to have the members still back in their dues pay up as soon as possible. Owing to the manner the committee was received at its first hearing, he expressed himself as confident that an understanding would be arrived at in regard to the B. & A. schedule as soon as the proper official returned from his vacation.

Bro. Ross, chairman of Division 89, addressed the meeting and laid particular stress on the good to be accomplished by the members adopting the policy of *kind words timely spoken in all cases* instead of the reprehensible kind of "knocking" too often indulged in. His reference to some of his own personal experiences brought down the house and we were all sorry that he was obliged to cut his address short in order to catch the 9:15, at which time all the east end boys also had to leave.

Bro. Powers, from Worcester, gave us a good talk, and was greeted with hearty applause when he stated that General Chairman Pennoyer was "one of the best that ever crossed the Pike."

Now brothers, we want to remember that our full duty has not been performed by simply having an up-to-date card. Don't sit down and gaze at the horizon expecting some kind fairy to bring you a good fat envelope containing a schedule. We must show our interest in the Order by all trying our best to bring in the nons and line up the delinquents, or we may soon wake up to find ourselves in a worse rut than when we were slaving twelve to forty-eight hours.

East End—

Bro. Powers' delegation, ten strong each meeting, is a good average.

Ex-Bro. Liquire, formerly from Russell, is now in the tower at East Brookfield.

Telegrapher Merritt, from "K" office at Worcester, second trick man, is now at Worcester depot office, days, first trick.

Telegrapher Duscoll, a new man on the road, is on the second trick at "K" office, Worcester.

Towerman S. F. Sarri, formerly N. A. Junction, B. & M. dispatcher's office, and last at tower 22, South Framingham, has been discharged. He did believe in unionism, but never had the money.

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West End—

Bro. Hammond, formerly from Becket, is now at Agawom Junction. Bro. Barry is now arranging to come to us. "Wo" Westfield and Geo. Austin are relieving Bro. Stannard. Bro. Dillon was formerly from Dalton, second trick.

Russell "RN"—Hamilton and Hunt, two new men.

Chester "H"—Harris, third trick; steady; Middlefield, H. C. Parkhurst, from C. V. R. R.

Dalton "G" Barnes, formerly from "MS," East Chatham, West Shore Railroad.

Richmond Furnace "RF"—J. McDonald, formerly telegrapher at East Greenbush "GB"; now agent.

Bro. Mahar at Junction Tunnel, West Portal.

East Chatham "BC"- Bro. Burke, formerly at Becket, and new man, A. Miller.

East Greenbush "GB"—Bro. Kaiser, formerly Chatham "B," and Bro. Diefendorf, and a new man by name of Rock.

Niverville "K"—W. H. Sweet, a new man on the road; tower 72, Demmon and Drane, No. 8.

Rensselaer "JX"—R. Bartle and J. J. Sanders, twelve-hour tricks; T. J. McCoy, formerly from Erie and D. L. & W., on relief work.

Prepare for more money, boys, and be good.

DIV. COR.

Boston Div., No. 41.

Considering that a number of our old standbys are away on their annual vacations, our August meeting showed the presence of quite a large delegation. The routine business was carried on in a systematic manner, and showed the meeting to be composed of intelligent, self-thinking men.

Our Worthy Chief's pet measure, a sick benefit association to be composed of members of this division only, was the important question to be debated. The special committee appointed at the July meeting to investigate and report on the feasibility of forming such an association, presented their report, which was accepted. The division went on record as favoring the forming of the association on general lines, as presented in the committee's report, and a permanent committee of five was appointed to draw up by-laws and present them at our September meeting.

A few words in explanation of the proposed association may not be amiss. To begin with, like all other organizations, we have had in times past, and no doubt always will have, more or less sickness among our members, many of whom have required, and will require, financial aid. Whatever amount the division has seen fit to give has been given in the proper spirit, and I don't think I err in saying that as long as Division 41 has a dollar in its treasury, no worthy case will remain unnoticed.

A steady drain upon our treasury has been the consequent result, and while it has withstood all calls, and still shows a substantial balance, it is of course for the interest of all to preserve its present condition, and to this end the sick benefit association is being formed.

After careful consideration, the committee has recommended that an entrance fee of 50 cents, and thereafter a monthly assessment of 10 or possibly 15 cents, be charged, which should pay a benefit of $5.00 per week, for a period of 10 weeks, for each member in good standing.

Doesn't this proposition look good to you?

Now, brothers, all that remains to make the movement a success is for each one to render all the assistance possible, and we will have added another strong spoke to the mighty wheel of progress of this grand organization.

Don't fail to attend every meeting possible while this association is being formed.

Here are a couple of "cautions" which are well-meant and should receive careful perusal:

Members should bear in mind that any communications received by them from officers of this division are for their own information and not for outside parties. Such communications after being read should not be left lying around where they can be read by any one who happens in their office, but should be placed where they will not be seen except by those for whom they are intended, or by a duly qualified member of the Order. While, as a rule, there is nothing of a very secret nature to such communications, whether it is a circular or postal card notice, still they are not for outside parties, and there have been several cases of late where persons not connected with our Order, or, in fact, any Order at all, have known all about business that was to be transacted, something that could only have been learned by the careless throwing about of communications sent to our members. Treat all such as confidential in future and discuss them only with known members of the Order.

Of the several cases of late where operators have severed their connection with the railroad on account of misconduct, none have been members of our Order in good standing. In a sense, we are glad of this, for while we are always sorry to see a fellow workman go astray and lose a good position, as well as reputation, we feel that it speaks well for the Order that such as these do not belong to it, or if they have formerly been members, have been dropped for good and sufficient reasons.

Every member of the Order should give the very best possible service to the company while they are on duty, whether it be a nine or twelve-hour trick, and whether they are satisfied with their position or not. The company is entitled to this; they can demand it and enforce their demand justly if the service is poor. A member should not slight his work because he is dissatisfied with his place. Do the best you can at all times and when opportunity offers bid in something that suits you better. In the three-trick jobs there is no valid reason why the third trick man should not be onto his job as much as the other two. It may be hard work to give up time to sleep in "The Good Old Summer Time," but that don't excuse him, when the dispatcher has to call longer than is necessary. He has fifteen hours off duty, and there is no reason why part of this could not be given up to rest and not all to play. The third trick man who gets "canned," or at least gets a discipline record

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for sleeping on duty, cannot reasonably expect much sympathy from the Order or from the company. He is not allowed to double! Is not that enough? It is to be hoped that no member of 41 will get caught napping.

One more:

A telegrapher who was anxious to join was put to considerable annoyance by a non-member, who for some reason best known to himself circulated injurious stories about him, which obtained some credence among members, and but for a quick investigation on the part of a local chairman would have resulted unfavorably to the party in question. The telegrapher who did this trick was dropped some time ago from the division, and is always quick to take advantage of any meanness of this kind. Members should not judge until they are sure that such stories as this one are true. It is apt to cause trouble and ill-feeling.

Fitchburg Division Locals—

Bro. Labell and wife, of Athol, are on a short vacation to Saratoga; Mr. Perley, of Athol ticket office, relieving.

Bro. Deshais, Baldwinville, second trick man, has returned from a vacation in the wilds of Canada.

Bro. Porter, of Peperell, days, is enjoying two weeks' outing in the White Mountains, being relieved by Telegrapher Jones.

Telegrapher Brightman, of Erving, third trick man, is back to work; understand he has been on the sick list.

Mr. Neilly, of South Ashburnham, second trick man, is on vacation; Spare Telegrapher Nall relieving.

East Deerfield job, vacated by Mr. Rogers, bid in by Bro. Pelky, formerly third trick man at Winchendon. Mr. Landry, third trick man at Troy, is going to Winchendon. Troy "NH" is now up for bid.

A telegrapher doing spare work has been dropped for unbecoming conduct. (Not a member of our Order).

Bro. Porter, of Royalston, traveled a good many miles to attend the August meeting. He does this frequently, thus showing an active interest in the business meetings. Members within a stone-throw of lodge room don't find time to come. This shows the lethargic side, which should be changed at once. We will try to have more social work this coming winter, but don't wait till then.

DIV. COR.

Fitchburg Division Notes—

Bro. Hollaron, the day telegrapher at Waverly, bid in the agency at Townsend Harbor, Bro. Hammond, of Gardner, taking the job at Waverly. Gardner was superseded by Mr. Conway, of South Ashburnham, and Mr. Warner is holding down South Ashburnham at present.

Mr. Simpson of Gardner, has been on a vacation, relieved by a Mr. Nutt, who is now relieving Bro. Deshais, second trick man, at Baldwinville. Bro. Deshais is on a vacation of three weeks.

East Deerfield, third trick, is up for bid, former Telegrapher Mr. Rogers having been discharged. Mr. Bilodeau is holding it down for the present.

Bro. Coleman, at Holden, is on vacation. Relief Agent Stone, of Erving, is filling in for him. Agent Stone also relieved Bro. Porter, of Royalston, while he was on his vacation.

Mr. Brightman, third trick man, at Erving, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Jones, of South Acton.

COR.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of August was held on the 14th inst., with a fairly good attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read and quite a volume of new business transacted. We wish to impress on the membership that there is important business coming up at every meeting of interest to each and every one working on the L. I. R. R. From now to the close of this year there will be questions coming up that may affect your interests, and unless you are there to give your opinion on these matters and they do not turn out to your satisfaction, do not come around later and kick. We are always glad to have a member come to the meetings and voice his sentiments on each and every question that comes before the division.

At several of our recent meetings there have been some very warm arguments. Now, brothers, if you cannot agree with some of the brothers, don't go away from the lodge room with any ill-feeling against any one who may have expressed a different opinion from yours. What we want and must have is a united circle within and the outside will then take care of itself.

As the summer season is drawing to a close, we are informed the "butt in" committee intends to wake up and do business. Get the habit, boys, and come to each meeting, for you know they never advertise when the good things are due.

Bro. J. A. Burt has resigned the position of night telegrapher and ticket agent, and accepted a day job at Bushwick freight terminal, Brooklyn. Sister M. M. Leonard, of Bay Side, has taken the night agency at Jamaica.

Tom Devoe, second trick man at Rockaway Park, has left the service. Didn't stay with us long enough to get his application. If J. A. Fahr, who took his place, is not a member, will Bro. Tom Walker kindly see that he gets an application blank?

Mr. S. H. Surrell, for many years agent at Hewlett, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence on account of illness. Bro. Geo. J. Ruck is relieving him. Some time ago the committee got a considerable increase in wages at this station and there was considerable talk in regard to getting increases for non-members. It should be borne in mind that there are comparatively few non-members on this road, and they will not always be in their respective positions, and when a member takes such a position he gets the benefit of the increase.

One George Hartman turned off a pretty neat trick, or at least thought he did. Hartman accepted

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the position as agent at Cedarhurst, a position that he nor no one else wanted. He resigned, and after Cedarhurst was filled he hired out again and was assigned to some position on the Port Jefferson branch. The local chairman of the branch says that Hartman did not like that part of the country, either, and took French leave without going through the usual formality of sending in a resignation or saying anything about it to the company.

Bro. M. F. O'Laughlin is away on his vacation. His position as ticket agent at Flatbush Avenue Station, Brooklyn, is being filled by a Mr. Waters.

Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand is at Manhattan Beach for the summer.

Bro. F. W. Edwards has accepted the position as dispatcher at Huntington and Ronkonkoma station is up for bid.

Did you hear that noise the other night? Well, don't be alarmed. It was nothing serious, only Ed Rixon of "GO," Long Island City, walking the floor and singing lullaby songs to the dearest little girl baby which his wife presented him with recently. Oh, yes, Ed bought the cigars and received the congratulations of a host of friends.

And Bro. F. W. Conklin, of Deer Park, was also presented with a fine ten-pound baby by Mrs. Conklin, recently, but we have not seen Conkie since the new arrival came to hand, so there is a cigar coming to us.

Pop Hammond, who has been a conductor on one of the Patchogue runs for many years, has been retired on a pension. Pop has been a conductor for over fifty years and at the time of his retirement was one of the most popular conductors in the service. Dear old Pop has many friends in Division 44. He has shown us all many favors, and his many acts of kindness will never be forgotten. He has always been ready to lend a helping hand to his fellow-worker when in distress, and he is respected by all who happen to have the pleasure of his acquaintance. Recently the members of the Order of Railroad Conductors, of which Mr. Hammond is an old-time member, presented him with a beautiful chain and charm in token of their love, respect and esteem. Bro. George Olen, of the O. R. C., made a very appropriate address at the presentation, which was a complete surprise to Mr. Hammond, who was greatly overcome. The members of Division No. 44 wish him long life, good health and happiness.

For the first time in three years Bro. W. A. Fuller missed a meeting. He was enjoying a much-needed rest, spending his vacation in the western part of the State. The regulars missed a good, hearty hand-shake and a pleasant word. Bro. Leonard read a communication explaining Bro. Fuller's absence.

Bro. O'Laughlin, of Flatbush avenue, is now spending his vacation, and enjoying a much-needed rest. Bro. C. P. Carll is working first trick during Bro. O'Laughlin's absence.

Bro. Chas. Harris has just returned from a flying trip to Baltimore, but says "never again." He didn't have time to see a thing.

Tower Department—

Bro. M. S. Scotten, first trick at Chestnut Junction, on a ten days' vacation at his home in Delaware, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Hopkins.

Bro. H. J. Connel is back at his old stamping ground, third trick, at "EX" office; too much ocean for him at Hammels Junction.

Bro. Hewlett, who was doing the relief stunt at "HX" Cabin, bid in first trick and is now in the new tower erected at that place. Bro. Gaffney is on third trick. Second trick is filled by some good O. R. T. brother, and a new man on the L. I. R. R.

Bro. H. W. Oliver, lately second trick man at Chestnut Street Junction, has changed to the Station Department, and is now located at West Hampton as telegrapher, helping Bro. Johnson hustle baggage and express.

Bro. Thomas Dryden, first trick man at Glendale Junction, is wearing the broadest kind of a smile these days, a little Miss having arrived at his home recently. Congratulations, brother; we don't smoke.

Sunday, August 8th, was a record-breaking day for the number of trains run on the Rockaway Beach Division. There were 458 handled on this date, all without accident or delay. This speaks well for the brothers on this division.

Bro. C. A. Lewis, third trick man at Jamaica Block, has just returned from a vacation to his home in Delaware.

Bro. M. Wooley, second trick man at Queens, has left the service.

Bro. Chas. Curran is still doing relief work at Fresh Pond Junction on account of Bro. P. H. Hayes being on construction work at Whitepot.

Bro. D. H. Powers is relieving Mr. Decker, second trick, at Floral Park, who is on a short vacation.

Bro. Chas. O. Webb, third trick man at Mineola, has bid in first trick at Ozone Park.

Bro. J. S. Shurma spent a few days visiting Bro. Whitman and family at Montana, and was relieved by Bro. P. J. Hopkins.

Bro. Scally's team of ball tossers were defeated by the O. R. T. boys from the New York Central. Score, 8 to 9. A return game played a week later on their grounds resulted in another defeat.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to bear to that eternal home the dearly beloved daughter of Brother and Mrs. F. H. Pike, be it hereby

Resolved, That New York Division No. 44, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved parents our most heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved parents and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. A. FULLER.
A. W. BROOKER.
A. F. HELLER.
Committee.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the all-wise Providence to remove from the home of Brother and Mrs. J. J. Fox their beloved son, be it hereby

Resolved, That New York Division No. 44, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved parents our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this their hour of trouble and bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy be sent to the bereaved parents and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. A. FULLER.
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A. F. HELLER.
Committee.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

Well! We are a division without a local chairman. I wonder if there is another division of this strong Order that can say such a thing and at the same time have as many members as we have. It certainly is strange that after this division has received so many benefits through the Order, there is not a good man that will act in this capacity. It's for lack of interest in the Order, and for no other reason in the world. We cannot expect an increase every year, especially when there has been such a panic as we have experienced during the last two years. Just think, thousands of other employes were laid off and others were cut until their salaries were just enough to keep them alive. Have we experienced anything of this sort? No, we have been working at the same old salary. Our division needs a revival meeting to show some where they stand. Wake up and make hay while the sun shines.

"Patty Cannon," our up-to-date relief agent, was a visitor at Sand Hill camp this month and added another "stranger" to his list.

Bro. T. R. Taylor, of New Castle, was called to the bedside of his mother at Hebron in August. We are glad to report that she is now on the road to recovery.

We are glad to state that a number of the N. Y. P. & N. brothers are doing some good work for the Order. It will pay some of our brothers to take a trip down to Kings Creek or Pocomoke and just mention O. R. T. to the men down there. They will soon "say something."

Our old, faithful Bro. Hopgood has been transferred from Kings Creek to New Church.

Bro. F. P. Vansant, of Delmar, spent his relief day in Crumpton, relieved by Mr. Brasure.

Bro. H. S. Atkinson was in Pocomoke during the Fair. Understand "Shortie" has a "trotter" down there this year.

Bro. W. B. Prettyman, the agent at Stockley, resumed duty August 5th, after having been off thirty days on sick leave. Billy looks much better and we are glad to hear his fist on the wire again. Bro. Megee relieved him.

Bro. Taylor, agent at Snow Hill, was on his annual vacation in August. He spent part of his time at Ocean Grove, N. J.

Mr. Tunnell, freight agent at Georgetown, spent two weeks of August on a trip through the West, visiting his son at Butte, Mont. He also visited other points; relieved by Bro. Smith.

Mr. Corbin, agent at Chincoteague, Va., spent the month of August visiting in the Northern States; relieved by Bro. J. B. Roe.

Bro. Dryden, telegrapher at Franklin City, Va., was on the sick list a few days in August; relieved by Bro. Roe.

Mr. Hill, telegrapher at Lewes, was on the sick list a few days during August.

Mr. Leager, of Millsboro, is getting the idea that his baseball team can't be beaten. He should beware. He may meet his Waterloo before the season is over.

Mr. McCabe, freight clerk at Selbyville, has been transferred to the freight office at Middletown. Mr. Tarr, of Berlin, succeeds him at Selbyville.

Relief men seem to be as scarce as hen's teeth on this division this summer. It is quite a hard matter for the agents to get relieved.

Mr. E. H. Roe, former relief agent, has been appointed chief clerk at Delmar.

Bro. Holmes, the agent at Massey, with his family, spent a week in August visiting his parents in Easton.

That good-natured, smiling brother of ours on the D. & C., who visits the D. M. & V., where he formerly worked at every opportunity, will soon be getting tangled up in the matrimonial line if he does not take a slower gait.

Bros. Taylor and Truitt spent their relief days at Parsonsburg.

Mr. Metz, telegrapher at Snow Hill, recently spent a day in Goldsboro with friends.

Mr. Brasure relieved Bro. Dabson a few days in August.

We understand that Bro. Millman of New Castle, recently purchased a motor cycle and while learning to ride the machine had quite a serious accident. Fortunately he came off with just a few scars on the face, which caused him much uneasiness.

DIV. COR.

Maryland Division—

Bro. R. H. Lipscomb, of Wilmington, has tendered his resignation, effective August 1st. We understand Bob is going in business at Warwick, Del. We wish him success.

Bro. Thos. H. Cassidy bid in "SO" Stanton Block, last trick, but is working extra in Wilmington during the summer months. He is anxiously awaiting the 25th of August, at which time he will receive his annual pass, he having been in the service three years.

Bro. Gibson, of "MO" Moore Block, has been on the sick list for about a month. We hope to see him back soon. Brother Merryman of "HX" Edge-Moor, yardmaster's office, is filling at "MO," last trick, during Brother Gibson's absence.

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Telegrapher L. K. Mills, of "U," bid in "BX" block, 4 o'clock trick, and Bro. Steir is filling in at "U" Bellevue extra while the job is on bulletin.

Telegrapher Andree bid in Seabrook "BO" block, 4 o'clock trick, which was made vacant on account of Mr. Vitek going to Stemmers-Run "RU" block.

Telegrapher W. L. Hall bid in "DX" Lanham block, 4 o'clock trick.

Telegrapher P. W. Boyd bid in "BF" 4 o'clock trick.

Telegrapher Chambers, who has been working the extra message job at "VX" Perryville, has bid in "CA" Chase, 4 o'clock trick.

"SV" Severn block is being filled by extra men; the job is bulletined.

"WI" Columbia is again on the bulletin.

COR.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

We understand the general manager is still standing our committee off, under one pretext and another, as he has been doing for months. Several of the boys who have been drawing less than $50 have had their wages increased $2.50 per month, and the management has advised our committee they have other increases and better conditions in view, but they have not been sighted yet. The committee has grown tired of asking for conferences and the chances are by the time this is in print, things will have been turned over to the organization for further negotiations.

The August meeting was quite well attended. The east end, as usual (?), had the north end skinned a mile. Were glad to see some new faces out, and can't see why this can't happen more often. We north enders would gladly be on hand, but something turns up every time to prevent.

Melvin Gillespie, of McCallsburg, is a new member of Division 71. Bro. E. A. Smith is entitled to the honor of securing this new member.

Bro. W. J. Cleary, formerly of New Sharon, has been transferred to Division Skiddoo—23.

Bro. A. J. Morris, of Brighton, is again on the sick list. Night Telegrapher Bartlett ran things for some time and the night office was closed. Mr. Sweigard, who worked at Little York some time ago, is at present working as agent, and Bartlett is again doing the night stunt. Bro. Morris has gone North, and we hope the change will soon bring him around again.

E. A. Cross, agent at Little York for a short time, has taken the position as day ticket agent at Oskaloosa. Ross Brown, who held the position at Oskaloosa for several years, has resigned on account of poor health. Have not learned who has taken the Little York roast.

Bro. D. J. Kyle writes that he is highly pleased with his position with the National Coal Co. at Middle Grove, and is not going to railroad any more until the minimum goes up to $75.00 per.

Bro. Harry Boughtin is now located at Connell, Wash., on the Northern Pacific, and wants to be remembered to all his old friends.

All our boys who have left the Iowa Central and gone to the Northwest seem to be making good, and they can't seem to understand why the balance of us stay here and work for the wages we do when good positions are to be had there for the asking. The way the boys are pulling out it does not look as though there would be many of us here much longer.

Understand Sister Weldon, of Mason City days, has resigned her position. Sorry to have our only sister leave.

Pixley, the non at Mason City nights, got the "can" for leaving town and leaving the cashier in his place. The cashier did not seem to be on the job, and No. 91 got a delay of an hour and a half.

It is now Bro. Lewis at Ackley nights, he having paid up and got his pasteboard. "Every little bit helps."

Bro. J. A. Holmes, of Steamboat Rock, has left us to engage in business in that city. He was relieved by a Mr. Platts. Of course, Bro. Holmes will still keep up to date, and if Mr. Platts is not already that way here's hoping he soon will be.

Bro. Ralph Mitchell is back at Marshalltown first trick. This displaces one non, and we are glad to get the brother back.

What has become of Bro. Lou Boughtin, of Pickering? Bro. Bruce, who has been doing the owl act, is on days.

Bro. F. R. Arnote is spending his vacation relieving Agent Atkinson at Gilman for three weeks. If the change were permanent, it would be satisfactory to at least part of us.

Agent Frazier, of Grinnell, is off on an extended vacation, and says he does not think he will return, on account of too much business and not enough help to handle it.

Bro. Harry Clawson is back on the road, located at New Sharon days.

General Manager Cutter has resigned his position, effective September 15th, and the duties of G. M. revert to Vice-Pres. Day. Mr. Cutter has been with the company only ten months, and had just got everything started for the better in nice shape.

Two brothers on the branches were asked to send in a few items each month. One of them did so just once. The other did not even condescend to acknowledge receipt of the letter. Each one of you can send something interesting if you will only try, and every item will help out. Try it once.

No card, no favors. DIV. COR.

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Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

The regular monthly meeting was held August 20th. The general routine of business was transacted and one new application was received and acted upon.

Bro. Hoffman, the manager at Coalport, is off on vacation. Bro. Cochram, the first trick man, is working his job.

Mr. Kays, second trick at Coalport, is working first trick same place, and Bro. R. Parker, first trick at Wilburtha, is working in Mr. Kays' place.

Mr. W. H. Wilmot, Jr., bid in the second trick at Wilburtha, but is at present working first trick. Mr. Buckley is working the second trick at Wilburtha.

Bro. Nagle, third trick man at Warren, bid in the third trick at Wilburtha.

It is rumored that a man by the name of Wilson bid in third trick at Washington's Crossing.

Mr. Rapp, the third trick man at Warren, has bid in the second trick at that place.

Martin's Creek has been bid in by Bro. Schaeffer, who is in luck to get the first trick.

Second trick at Hudson Yard has been bid in by Bro. Farley. This puts "DY" third trick open.

Mr. Decker, first trick man at "G," L. & H. Junction, is working nights at Trenton during the time the dispatchers are taking vacations. Bro. Person is filling in at L. & H. Junction first trick.

Bro. Walter Weaver is off a few days on a trip to New York. Mr. F. F. Weaver is working at Belvidere during his absence. Bro. Lerch, of L. V. Division No. 124, is working at Roxburg second trick in Mr. Weaver's place.

Bro. Lilly, second trick man at Dempsey, is on a vacation trip to Maryland, his home. Bro. Lerch worked at Dempsey during his absence.

It is rumored that Bro. Minnich, of L. V. Division No. 124, bid in the second trick at Martins Creek.

A number of the boys took in the "Farmers' picnic" at Belvidere on the 18th. They were. Bros. McKelvey, Farley and Messrs. Dean and Hannon, and all report a fine time.

We understand that Bro. Goddard, who has been sick for two months, is slowly improving, and we hope to soon hear his old familiar fist.

DIV. COR.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The regular night meeting for August was called to order at eight p. m., Aug. 7th, Worthy Chief Ross in the chair, and all other officers present except First Vice-Chief Cushman.

There was a good attendance of the brothers from the Boston and Providence Divisions, while there was quite a few from the Old Colony. It was almost impossible to find a brother from the Midland Division. The writer could name at least five brothers who could get to our meetings without much effort on their part, but for some reason known only to themselves they are content to stay away. This is not the proper spirit. Members who attend regularly do not find it necessary to buttonhole some other brother to find out what was done at the meeting.

Three applicants were voted upon, and one brother transferred from Division No. 35. Two applications were submitted to committees of investigation.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with a similar committee from the B. & M. Division No. 41, in regard to holding a joint open meeting, reports the plan working out in good shape and that the meeting would probably be held about the middle of September.

Among our visitors were Bro. Pierson, second vice-president; Bro. L. H. Pennoyer, general chairman of the B. & A.; Bro. J. A. Cardinal, secretary and treasurer of Springfield, Mass., Division No. 38; also our own general chairman, Bro. E. J. Manion.

This was Bro. Pierson's first appearance at the night meeting since his re-election as second vice-president at the Atlanta convention, and by the reception accorded him he must have felt as though he was at "Home, Sweet Home."

Bro. Pierson favored us with one of his nice, spicy talks for about thirty minutes, telling us of his experiences here in the East since he has been one of the grand officers of our organization, and also of meeting Bros. Pennoyer and Cardinal, who were present, several years ago on the C. P. R. at a time when the O. R. T. in general and himself in particular were about "down and out."

Bro. Manion was next in line and he addressed the boys for a few minutes in regard to the circular that the O. R. S. A. men have sent out lately to some of our agent members, advising them to authorize them (O. R. S. A.) to represent their jobs at New Haven. Bro. Manion called the attention of the brothers to the first rule of our schedule, which says in part: "This agreement covers all employes doing telegraph work of any kind or duration, except train dispatchers, etc."

Bro. Manion said he had been advised by the officials that they could not entertain such a plan from the O. R. S. A. people, and that our committee would represent all telegraph jobs.

Bro. Cardinal was next on the program. He proved to be a very interesting speaker, and held the close attention of the gathering, and wound up by extending a cordial invitation to the brothers of Division No. 89 to attend some of the meetings of Division No. 38, which, no doubt, some of the brothers will do in the near future.

Bro. Pennoyer was last on the list, but proved to be not the least, as he was there with the "goods." He told us of the efforts of the brothers on the Boston & Albany to get a schedule, and thought it safe to say that the road would be scheduled before many more months.

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This is certainly good news, as this road has been an eyesore for some time to the brothers of this part of the country. Now the boys on the Central Vermont ought to wake up and get busy, do a little organizing, get the boys together, talk the thing up out on the road and it wouldn't be long before they could be working under a schedule, and then we would have every road in the whole of these New England States scheduled. Some of the New Haven boys will probably have to go over on the C. V. and start the ball rolling for them, as there don't seem to be anyone there who wants to take hold of the proposition.

Understand our worthy chief, Bro. Ross, paid Division No. 38 a visit at their meeting of Aug. 21st, and spoke to the boys in Springfield for about twenty minutes. The boys of "38" must have enjoyed a treat, as Bro. Ross is somewhat of an orator when he gets started.

The daylight for August was called to order at ten a. m., our worthy chief, Bro. Ross, in the chair.

Two applicants from the Midland Division were added to our membership roll. Two applications were submitted for investigation.

The committee appointed to negotiate with our sister divisions to hold a joint meeting some time in the near future reported progress. Our worthy president will be invited to this meeting, and a large gathering is anticipated, as it will no doubt be held in the evening. The writer would therefore beg to suggest that the committee negotiate for two meetings, one to be held in the morning and the other in the evening of the same day. This would give all the brothers of the three different tricks the opportunity to meet our president and fellow-workers on the Boston & Maine and Boston & Albany railways. This could be accomplished with but little extra expense and effort.

Very little business came up at this meeting, allowing more time for discussion under "Good of the Order." In this the brothers waxed rather warm on the various topics that came up, especially the schedule revisionists, who held the floor for an hour or more. It was good, sound, and sensible talk, more conservative than otherwise, showing that the boys mean business. One hour has been set aside at each daylight meeting for discussion coming under this head.

Notes—

Division No. 89 extends its sympathy to Bro. Cashen, of Dorchester Station, who bereaves the loss of his mother recently.

The O. R. T. was well represented at the picnic of the Trainmen down the Providence River and at the Firemen's outing at Lake Pearl.

The brothers on the Old Colony Division are glad the "war" is over, especially at South Braintree, where the soldiers entrained for home.

Midland Division Notes—

Bro. Murphy, second trick at Franklin Station, has just returned from two weeks' vacation spent on a yachting trip along the Maine coast. He reports a fine time.

Bro. Gerring, third trick at Franklin tower, is back from a two weeks' vacation spent with friends and relatives at New York, Jersey City and Gloucester, Mass.

Bro. Mathewson, agent at East Thompson, is on a three weeks' automobile trip through New England.

We can now spell the word "solid" at Putnam tower, the second and third trick men having come in at the last meeing of Division No. 89. This was accomplished after much hard work on the part of Local Chairman Leete and some of the brothers on the east end.

We now have only three nons between Willimantic and Readville, and two of this number have promised to come in the first of September. They are stationed at Norfolk, Thompson and Douglas Junction. Now boys, get right after these fellows and don't let up until they hand in their papers. We want this division solid and I think such a thing is possible, only don't wait for someone else to do all the work, but take a hold and do a little yourself. I know it is not always convenient for you to call on these nons in person, but you can write, and if each wrote him a line urging him to come in, once in two or three weeks, it wouldn't be many weeks before he would commence to take notice of what is being done. This scheme works the same as all of our telegrams that we flooded in Washington when we wanted the "hours-of-service" law passed. If only a few of us had sent messages, our senators and congressmen would have ignored us, but when they saw them coming by the bushel, they thought it was time to heed our demands.

Local Chairman Leete was over on this end a few days, calling on the boys and punching up the nons. He paid the boys at Franklin quite a visit, taking dinner with Assistant Chairman Jacobs.

Mr. Wickham, chief dispatcher, is unable to relieve all the boys that would like to be away, on account of being short. He has been looking for two or three good telegraphers for the last two months, but is still unable to land any. The same can be said in regard to the other divisions of this road.

Boston Division Notes—

Bro. J. A. Willard, of tower No. 185, is doing the bachelor stunt during Mrs. Willard's absence of several weeks at Hastings-on-the-Hudson.

Bro. Geo. Pierce, who has been a spare towerman on the Boston Division for over a year, was the successful bidder on second trick at Braintree tower.

It is not all of the boys who can take a pleasure trip to the Rockies for a month's duration, but Bro. Francis Riley, of Atlantic tower,

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is one of the lucky ones. Understand he is having the time of his life. He ought to be able to tell us some good stories on his return. Mr. Hodge is filling in during Bro. Riley's absence part of the time, and Bro. Pierce doing the honors the remainder, Mr. Hodge having left the service of this road.

Bro. Regan, who has been working the table job at Chickering tower, has been the successful bidder on second trick at the Transfer. Understand it has been quite hard to keep good men at the Transfer.

Spare Agent Kriss bid in second trick at the Transfer, but finds it more congenial work selling shoes, etc., to the boys along the line, so has resigned.

Telegrapher W. Musgrave, from the M. C. R. R., is filling in the table job at Chickering. Understand he was formerly a member. We will have to get him again.

Bro. Arthur Mitchell, of Castle Square tower, and wife, spent Sunday recently at his old home, Marshfield, Mass. Bro. Mitchell enjoyed himself to the fullest extent, fishing and renewing old acquaintances.

Bro. W. D. Henderson, of Chickering, is quite a sport. He does not believe in working Sundays during the hot weather. Bro. J. Willard relieves him on Sundays. DIV. COR.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

C. & W. I.—

The railroad Employes' Branch of the American Federation of Labor held a meeting at the Kaiserhof Hotel, August 2d, with Bro. Lowe, of the I. B. M. & W. E., presiding. Bro. Newman, first vice-president, was chosen as secretary, and much good was accomplished. About forty members were in attendance, representing the C. R. I. & P., C. T. T., C. & W. I., E. J. & E., C. I. & S., and C. J. railways.

Brothers, whenever there is a change at your station or tower just drop a line to our genial secretary, Bro. McDonald, who is a very busy man, but always willing to work overtime for the interests of our noble Order, and will put in a "write-up" that all will be proud of.

We are glad to see business getting so good, and it is now a fact that telegraphers are not so plenty as they were, for several of the boys on the Belt have asked for a layoff, and were turned down on account of the scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. E. O. Jacobson, third trick at Oakdale, is back to work after two weeks spent in Michigan.

Bro. Hoffman, first trick at Oakdale, is taking a week off, relieved by Extra Telegrapher E. J. Joseph, who also filled in during Bro. Jacobson's absence.

Bro. Banks, formerly with the Belt, is working extra at R. I. Junction, South Chicago, for the C. R. I. & P.

Work seems to agree with Bro. Stanley, agent at Dolton, as he is just as pleasant as ever.

Bro. Crippen, third trick at "CU" tower, South Deering, is getting fat! He says a steady position agrees with him.

Bro. Brown, third trick at Auburn Junction, says he will be with us at every meeting.

Now, brothers who are working first and third tricks, you could all come to meetings once a month and feel at home. Come out once and see.

I will close for this time. Will try and help with a few items each month. Remember, "No cards, no favors."

C. I. & S.—

In reading the July number I saw a few items from the L. S. & M. S. Ry., Western Division, and I am glad to hear that a remark, "Who pays the freight?" has struck the parties so forcibly that the two nons mentioned have come across like men and remitted for cards. Good boys. Hope you will continue to keep your cards up and be two of the most zealous workers on that division. Help your local chairman out, as he is a good one.

On this road we have nons as follows: Three at North Libertyville; three at Knox; three at Walkerton; one at Hamlet; one at North Judson; one at Tefft; one at Wheatfield; four at Shelby; two at Schneider; four at Momence; one at Kankakee, and as many more west of Kankakee. This on the KKK Division. The Danville Division is situated about the same. Out of thirty-three men between South Bend and Kankakee, a distance of 100 miles, there are eleven in good standing. That leaves twenty-two nons. Now "Who pays the freight?" The men carrying the cards or the nons? Look at the percentage. Look at the eleven good men and true who are carrying a burden almost too heavy for their shoulders. Is it any wonder we are getting small salaries? Is it any wonder that the majority of the nons at the end of each payday have no money left, and have to borrow five or ten to help them out, especially when sickness overtakes some of their families? Why not use some of that money you borrow to come into the O. R. T. and work to get higher money? "Who pays the freight?" It's a cinch you nons don't. Who bears the brunt of sorrow and sickness? The wife and children. In the dead of winter the wife and children in most cases are having a hard time keeping warm over a fire at home, and a lunch for the noonday meal, while the husband is at his office enjoying the warmth of all the coal he can burn and occasionally a good cigar that is passed over to him, and he also enjoys good company. This is real truth. When he goes home and don't find much on the table and sputters about it, and wife says "I did not want to get much at the store, as our bill is too big now, and our coal is very low and nearly gone, and with the wages you are getting we can't pay for it all payday, and I and the children must have something to wear. I have got to economize." Think of it, you nons. Think what the

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O. R. T. has done for you. Got you better salaries, shorter working hours, got you better working conditions, and do you appreciate it? The O. R. T. is in the same condition the wife and children are. Got to bear the burden of "Who pays the freight?" keeping you in warmth.

Now a word regarding the Federation. I think it is the grandest movement ever inaugurated. It will show who is who. It will show up every man on a railroad. It will show if he is a man, and it will show if he wishes to help pay the freight. CERT. 243.

Philadelphia Div., No. 102.

It has been some time since Division No. 102 has been represented, because the members fail to send in any notes and your correspondent is not in a position to secure them unaided.

Bro. W. H. Keiser of "JK" is handing out cigars with the utmost liberality on account of the arrival of a strange young man.

Speaking of cigars, Division No. 102 keeps a good supply on hand at all times to be given the brothers who attend the meetings.

It is rumored that Bro. Brendel is thinking of transferring from the New York Division of the P. & R. and going to the Atlantic City R. R. We are sorry to lose the brother from our midst, and we wish him all success.

Mr. Lane, from Lansdale, is to take the place at Shawmont made vacant by Bro. Brendel. We will be compelled to do some missionary work in the near future.

Mr. A. V. Henning has taken the owl job at Wissahickon, vice Mr. Parsons. The two merely exchanged positions, Mr. Parsons taking the second trick at Corsons, out among the farmers.

Former Bro. Rudolph contemplates resigning from the service and accepting a position as assistant draughtsman with the American Bridge Company at Penncoyd.

It is rumored that our competitor, the Schuylkill Division of the Penna. R. R. is desperately short of telegraphers, eight-hour men being compelled to double up and work twelve. When this happens since the nine-hour law went into effect you may be sure that there is something radically wrong. Even the men who were unfortunate enough to be given suspensions were not allowed to leave on account of no relieving operators.

Our secretary reports that the former secretary, Bro. Malstrom, is having quite a success with his garden in his new home at Central Village, Conn. He is to be congratulated, as the most we can raise around here is trouble.

Messrs. Lamb, Allbright, Weidner, McCue, Pugh, Bro. Enterline and Mr. Rudolph, have lately returned to duty. It is rumored that the latter took advantage of his vacation to enjoy a honeymoon.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of one of our oldest members, Bro. H. W. Moyer, of Richland Centre, Pa. Bro. Moyer was one of our best men, attending every meeting possible, and giving us all the support he possibly could. He was seized with apoplexy and died within the course of a few hours, without regaining consciousness.

At the regular meeting of the division the following was adopted:

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother and friend, Mr. Herbert W. Moyer, and

WHEREAS, While we bow to the edicts of the Almighty, still we feel that his family has lost one who, by his word of counsel, his cheerful presence and his untiring devotion, has so endeared himself that his loss will never be forgotten, and that the Division has lost a faithful brother and an esteemed friend; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing family, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and that the charter of the division be draped for a period of sixty days.

J. J. MCLAUGHLIN.
H. A. RAMSAY.
H. O. MENNIG.
Committee.
"SZILOW."

Hagerstown Div., No. 106.

Brother Hyde, formerly of Berkeley tower, is located at Guilford, with the W. M. R. R.

Bro. Cross, New Kingstown, has returned to work after spending several days at his home in Hagerstown.

"CR," Carlisle, is now working eight hours, with a Mr. Moyer on the extra trick.

Our former worthy chief, Bro. Osborne, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., has resigned, and is with the C. & L. at Mt. Gretna, handling the pasteboard in the ticket office. We understand that he was relieved by a Mr. Bentz.

Telegrapher Van Kirk, Carlisle, attended the National Guard encampment at Mt. Gretna; relieved by Mr. Glover.

Bro. Hines, of "BY" tower, Berkeley, spent several days in town.

Bro. Schleicher, of "HN," Hagerstown, tells of a harrowing experience with a large snake, while on a berry hunt near 84-mile siding. While crossing a small ravine, a black snake about seven feet long wrapped itself around his body, with the presumable intention of ending his career, but was effectually stopped by the timely arrival of Bro. Minnich, who killed the reptile. As bona fide proof of this they exhibit the skin, which is fully seven feet in length.

A number of the members have made complaint of a telegrapher located on the north end who is representing himself as a member of

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the O. R. T., and wearing an O. R. T. button. Brothers, beware of him and be careful of your tongue when in his presence. Perhaps he is not aware that there is a penalty for misrepresentation of this kind.

Business is slightly increasing, and we may look for a heavy run as the fall and winter seasons advance.

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Addison Div., No. 108.

Business on the line is again looking up. During the first seven months in 1909 there were 46 per cent more cars of coal and coke handled than during the same period in 1908. This prosperity means full time, and full time means a good pay check.

Bro. Sheldon, of Blasdell, is spending a few days at his old home at Scio, on the Genesee.

Sister Verna Corbett, third trick at Sinnemahoning, is enjoying a vacation, being relieved by Mr. Camfield.

Bro. Mathews, second trick at Hicks Run, is away on two weeks' vacation; being relieved by Mr. Welton.

Bro. Drum and Bro. McCarthy, agents at Sinnemahoning and Medix Run, are doing the second trick stunt in addition to the regular agents' duties.

Bro. Taylor, of Hamburg, is in the stone business. Next will be the fair, then you will hear "AG"—"AG"—"AG"—"AG."

Bro. Cole, of Cowanesque, has been in the Tioga County metropolis for a few days.

Bro. Nichols has more passengers than any other agent on the line. All roads lead to Crystal Lake.

Bro. C. W. Dickerson, of Wellsville, has been enjoying a vacation.

WANTED—Every member of Division No. 108 to attend meetings at Addison on the second Sunday of each month. Inquire if the man next to you has an up-to-date card. If not, why not.

The local chairman of your division will appreciate any news you may furnish him that would be of interest and proper to appear in the journal. DIV. COR.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular August meeting was held in the St. Charles Hotel, Emporium, Wednesday evening, August 18th.

We are glad to say that there was a good attendance, and best of all was the fact that Vice-President T. M. Pierson was with us and gave us a two-hour discourse on the principles of our beloved Order, which was one of the finest efforts it has ever been our pleasure and good fortune to hear. The only regret we have is that more of the members were not present to hear and enjoy this brilliant brother's discourse.

Bro. Pierson predicts that within a year the Marr insurgents will be a thing of the past, and that their efforts to injure the Order will be without avail. It is simply a case of secession by a disgruntled lot who were never good union men at heart and as long as they could use the Order everything was all right, but when they were exposed they rebelled against justice and now are seeking to crush the hand that made them able to be called honest men. Unfortunately we have one or two of them on this line, but anyone who takes notice of the service they give to the company will feel thankful that they do not belong to the Order.

Brothers and sisters, do not let your interest flag at this time! Work tooth and nail to prevent the insurgents from gaining a foothold in our midst. They have stopped at nothing to injure us and self-preservation is the first law of nature.

The best way to be in shape to watch our interests is to attend the meetings and become familiar with what is going on.

Bro. L. Griskey, of "WY" tower, Kane, has returned from his vacation looking hale and hearty.

Sister Geary, of Kane, is on the sick list; relieved by Telegrapher Cupp. We hope for Sister Geary's speedy recovery.

Bro. Woodruff, first trick at "DW" tower, Warren, is off on a vacation, and we understand that he expects to take unto himself a partner of life's joys and sorrows. It has been noticed lately that he has stove and furniture catalogues galore around the tower, and this is an infallible sign of "something doing." We speak from experience. Bro. James of third trick is relieving him.

Bro. Daugherty was relieved at "WY" tower, Kane, by Bro. Stroup, while the former was away on account of his wife's death.

Telegrapher Pierce, of second trick at Garland, is off for ten days, relieved by Telegrapher Johnson, of Wetmore.

Death has entered our ranks again, and has taken one of our most worthy brothers and the beloved wife of another respected brother within a period of a week.

Mrs. L. E. Daugherty, the estimable wife of Bro. L. E. Daugherty, of Kane, died at the family residence in the above city on Tuesday, August 3d, with that most-dreaded disease, consumption. The deceased had been a long and patient sufferer and her worthy husband had spared no effort or expense to relieve her and make her life pleasant. Such devotion between man and wife are seldom seen as was shown in this case. Bro. Daugherty did all in his power to make her days happy and comfortable, but the disease was too deeply seated, and the patient sufferer at last succumbed. The remains were taken to Watsontown, Pa., August 6th. The flowers contributed by the division were beautiful and well chosen. The entire membership ex-

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tends sincere sympathy to Bro. Daugherty in his greatest of earthly afflictions.

Bro. Frank Signor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Signor, of Ridgway, Pa., died at Warren, Pa., July 30th, after a long illness. Bro. Signor was afflicted with a complication of diseases, and while his parents did everything in the way of earthly remedies and medical science, it was all unavailing. Bro. Signor was an exemplary young man, was highly respected by all who knew him. He was born January 27, 1875, and was therefore 34 years of age at the time of his death. The entire membership extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents in this, their time of sorrow.

Death has also claimed our pioneer dispatcher, in the person of Mr. E. K. Stevens, who for many years worked the first trick at Renovo. Mr. Stevens was one of the pioneers of telegraphy, and was apparently in good health up to the day of his death, when he suddenly expired at 11:55 a. m., Thursday, August 19th. He was always friendly to the men with whom he worked, and was held in high regard by all of the employes along the P. R. R. lines. His loss will be deeply felt. A beautiful floral contribution was sent in his honor from the employes of the Renovo Division. We extend our deepest sympathy to his grief-stricken relatives.

These faithful servants' work is done,
They are with us no more;
God beckoned to them with his hand,
To come to Heaven's bright shore.
We would that they could longer stay,
But God above knows best;
And they are happy with him now,
Forevermore "At Rest."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God to call from us our beloved Brother Frank E. Signor, therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 110, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, whilst bowing in humble submission to the will of God, extend their sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the bereaved relatives and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. T. WELLS.
F. J. CONFER.
M. L. VOUGHT.
E. M. THORSTEN.
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the faithful and beloved wife of our worthy Brother L. E. Daugherty; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Division No. 110, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Brother Daugherty our heartfelt sympathy in this, the hour of his great affliction, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the division, a copy forwarded to Bro. Daugherty and a copy given to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. E. O'LEARY.
A. L. GOODWIN.
JOHN F. SULLIVAN.
Committee.

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

Last month we selected a few of the boys from various points to send in the news. This seems to have scared out even those who had been heretofore lending a helping hand. If you desire to see notes from your section in these columns, you will have to furnish them as we are not gifted with mental telepathy.

All the boys have their new cards, or should have them. Remember that Autumn is the very best time of the year to get after the nons. Come, brothers, let us double the membership on this division before 1910. We can do it easily if we only think so.

The question has been frequently put: "What must we do to protect our nine-hour law against the tools of the corporations?" The best remedy, of course, would be to have about ten million working men throughout this nation to learn to vote right at election time, but as it will probably take a few years more of empty stomachs and shabby clothes to educate the working class how to do this, therefore we must not, we dare not, forget the O. R. T. Under the present system of society it is our only weapon. Had it not been for our noble Order the nine-hour law would never have seen the light of day. And at this very moment our organization stands behind that law like the Rock of Gibraltar. The hosts of labor are standing on the threshold of a mighty struggle. Let us not tear down our organizations that are serving us as breastworks, but rather strengthen them. We need the O. R. T. more than we ever did before. Let us close up the ranks and then, shielded by its mighty arm, we can put up a braver fight than ever for labor's complete emancipation.

Bro. Caldwell, of Mountoursville, paid a visit to his mother at Turbotsville a short time since.

Bro. Bower, of Halls, and lady friend, took in the sights at Harveys Lake recently.

Bro. Harris, of West Milton, is again back to work after a long illness.

Bro. Lyons, of N. B. Junction, has about completed a fine new house on West Third street, Williamsport. Now that Howard has the cage he will no doubt be looking for the bird. Widows and old maids need not apply.

Telegrapher Moon, of N. B. Junction, is spending his vacation in Philadelphia.

Telegrapher Reaser, of Montgomery, is relieving Telegrapher Moon.

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Quite a number of the boys became charter members of the Moose, a new order instituted here last week.

The new branch of the Socialist party organized here last week elected telegraphers to every one of the five different offices.

Business is some better than it was a year ago, as we have taken considerable from other lines. When it comes to prompt service the P. & R. is "Johnnie on the spot." Why can't we say the same of the Order on this division? Don't all speak at once.

Now, don't forget our next meeting, and let us have some notes. CERT. 17.

Olean Div., No. 135.

Our last meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by Local Chairman W. J. McCarthy and the time was devoted to general discussion and the adoption of several resolutions. Brothers, you should take more interest and attend meetings. If you had been there to hear President Perham discuss the local situation I assure you that you would take more interest and attend all meetings. Undoubtedly some will say, "Why did not the secretary mention on his monthly meeting card notice that President Perham was to attend our meeting, and I would have attended." Brothers, our secretary and treasurer nor any brother for that matter, knew that President Perham was to be present. You all know the important position President Perham holds, and it is almost impossible to make a date with any local division and always be able to fill it. Unexpected business of much greater importance than would perhaps be transacted at most local division meetings will sometimes turn up, calling him away. While Bro. Perham was passing through Olean en route to a different destination, having a few hours to spare, he stopped off at Olean to visit the brothers. We were very much pleased and thankful, and assured Bro. Perham that we appreciated his visit. We will have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Perham at our meeting again in the near future, but we are unable to say what date. Try attending all meetings and you will not miss seeing Bro. Perham.

Owing to sickness in the family of General Chairman Page, he was unable to attend our last meeting. We were sorry we did not have the pleasure of hearing Bro. Page. Our next meeting will be of interest to all. We will have a brother from some foreign division to give us a lecture on harmony. Make a big effort to attend.

There has been considerable changing around since placing some of the agents working first trick. Last month my write-up failed to show the changes; through an error I failed to put all the correspondence in the letter. Some time has elapsed since the changes took place, and I feel safe in saying that everyone knows the situation, so it will not be necessary to write it up this month.

We were asked the following question by a non: "Why is it customary for telegraphers when reporting trains to dispatchers to place "OS" before the office call?" I suggest the following answer: "Organize solid."

Bro. Granger, the second trick man at Aurora, was visiting friends at Olean last week.

Bros. Plack, Protection and Wilkins, of Chaffee, were in Buffalo, last week, looking at the high buildings.

Bro. Z. C. Burt, the third trick man at Delavan, was in Buffalo last week.

Bro. C. E. Smith, of "CH" office, was off a week last month visiting friends and relatives in Syracuse; relieved by Telegrapher Snell.

Bro. Lindsley, of Cadiz, was off one day last month.

I understand that Bro. Shear, formerly of Ebenezer, has resigned and left the company's service. He is now engaged in the mercantile business at Buffalo. Bro. Shear still carries an up-to-date card. He is one of the many who knows a good thing when he sees it. We wish him success.

If the O. R. T. is no good, why do you read THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER? To enlighten you, of course.

News is scarce from the south end and Sonyea. No contributions have been received. It seems very strange, as have several good brothers on the south end, also on the Sonyea. Try to give us the changes made by the boys for next month. I mean you!

Perhaps if you have not already done so you will receive a letter from—well, no one knows who the bunch is composed of. They are a bunch of "con slingers" seeking information. Instead of giving them any information whatever, forward their letters to your local chairman or secretary and treasurer. The persons, whoever they are, will offer you a big bluff. Do not let them give you the "horse laugh" and say how easy you were to swallow their bait. They may possibly make you a personal visit, misrepresenting themselves for some unknown reason. A couple of the "guys" in the bunch are laboring under the impression that they are about as clever and smooth as are made, but as yet their smoothness has failed to make any appearance around here. "Keep your eye on the gun."

It's not compulsory, of course, for telegraphers who are eligible to join the O. R. T., but Mr. "Non," do you not really feel like a little schoolboy getting on the floor before a large audience to deliver his first little piece when you get with a bunch of O. R. T. boys. I know just how you feel. You sometimes gasp for breath, thinking what excuses you can offer for not being able to show an up-to-date card. To cut the story short and give the other brothers some space in this grand old book and get down to the final point, you nons are unable to offer any reasonable excuse for not being members of the O. R. T. Did you send a committee down to Washington to fight for the nine-hour law? If not, who

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was it had a grand man down there representing the telegraphers, nons as well as good O. R. T. boys? To be square with you, we will meet you more than half way—we challenge you to put up any argument against the O. R. T. you wish. Accept this, please, as a personal invitation to come to our meeting room and thresh the matter out (by tongue, not fist). You may bring along your judge to decide the debate, whether member of the Order or non. We will leave that part to your good judgment. Do not give for an excuse you did not know where or when our meetings were held; it's a cinch you read the journal. Just turn back in THE TELEGRAPHER where it says "Division Directory." When you find that look for Division No. 135. There you will find the desired information, then on the meeting evening take a train to Olean. You will be welcomed by a number of good, loyal brothers. Should you be unable to attend our meetings, just drop us a card. Some of the good brothers will pay you a visit. Stop your knocking; you can not cut wood with a hammer, and do not be yellow. I beg of you to please not give us the following old chestnuts: "I have no money;" "I'll join next payday;" "I will let you know next week;" "I'll see my wife and let you know her answer tomorrow;" "So-and-so says the O. R. T. is no good;" "Have had sickness in the family for years;" "I'm contemplating getting married." Would not the last one give you a pain in the right eye? I believe any sane person would advise any non who contemplates matrimony that should $8.00 (the cost of joining the O. R. T.) be the cause of putting him in bankruptcy he should not get married. Is that the way you nons look at it? We would appreciate something new, Mr. Non. You know how monotonous it gets to hear that old song "Sweet Marie." You can hardly blame us for getting sick of the above songs and several others composed by nons. Now, Mr. Non, although you and I will never see it, suppose for an illustration that every telegrapher in the world were as close as you, and say "I will keep my money and let the other fellow pay the bill. I will receive as many benefits as if I had helped to pay the bill." In less than twenty-four hours you would feel the ill effects. Who would be there to fight for liberty and keep wages going up instead of down? CERT. 23.

Everything is going along nicely.

Bro. Buckley was off the first of the month to attend reunion.

Bro. McGoldrick visited in Oil City this month.

Bro. S. C. Ide was off last Sunday, August 1st, for an outing.

Forty-five-mile Siding has been opened as a day office for the benefit of getting the excursion trains through.

Bro. Car is holding down the ticket agency at Mayville. Mr. Barras takes his place at the key.

Mr. McGonegal reports that he has moved into his new home at Brocton, and does not have to get out so early as he used to.

Mr. Provo, who is holding down the second trick at Titusville, is off for a few days to attend the Silver Creek "Old Home Week."

Bro. White was transferred to Spartansburg a few days since.

Bro. Blakeslee was down to see the old folks at Spartansburg recently.

S. M. Dutton is off for a few days. Mr. Reynolds, who says he will soon be one of us, is relieving her.

Mr. "Rube" Lincoln worked third trick at Farnham for a while so he could attend to his watch business, which was very pressing. Bro. Kuhlman relieved him. CERT 179

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Johnsey, the agent at Shannon, Miss., is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Newsome, the second trick telegrapher. Bro. Johnsey is visiting in Colorado and other places of note.

Bro. Caver, the agent at Wheelers, is off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Hern.

Bro. Armstrong, day telegrapher at Booneville, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Parish.

Bro. Ramer, of Bethel second trick, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Rutledge.

Bro. Reynolds, second trick at Perry, laid off a few days and was relieved by Mr. Rutledge.

Bro. A. S. Johnson, the agent at Henderson, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Parish.

Bro. Murdaugh has gone back to Clamore. He was relieved at Oakton by Bro. Clark.

Bro. Beadles has resumed work at Berkely after being off for several days on account of sickness in his family. He was relieved by Bro. Clark.

Bro. Fowler, the agent at Cayce, was called home a few days on account of the illness of his sister; relieved by Bro. Cunningham.

Bro. Hatley, agent at Laketon, is off battling with chills; relieved by Mr. Jesse Overall, Jr., of Dyer, Tenn.

Mr. H. C. Wilson, our prominent third trick man at Murphysboro, is taking a vacation; relieved by Extra Dispatcher R. O. Burke, who has just returned from a three-months' vacation in the west.

Mr. J. Cook, second trick telegrapher at Sparta, has resigned; relieved by Bro. Nelson.

Bro. Parker, the agent at Ava, has returned to work after spending several weeks in the West. Bro. Sterns, our prominent ex-local chairman, filled the place while Bro. Parker was away. We are glad to have Bro. Sterns with us again, but we will soon lose him, as he returns to school in a short time.

Bro. G. A. Williamson, the third trick telegrapher at Ava, is again at work, after spending thirty days in the West.

Mr. Jernigan, agent at Alto Pass, is off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Sterns.

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Business keeps picking up on the Mollie. We like to see her come.

The movement of trains was delayed very badly for several days on the north end on account of high water and washouts, but all are running as usual again, except local freight trains, which are causing some of the boys extra trouble at one-man stations, keeping them up at night to meet the locals. Local crews say that business is heavier than it has been for a long time.

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Montgomery District, Mobile Division—

J. M. Moss has been installed as agent at Booth, Ala., relieving Miss Verna Mills, who was taken down with typhoid fever several weeks ago and died at St. Margaret's Hospital at Montgomery, Ala., August 22d.

Bro. Fred Colvin has returned to his duties at West End yard, after being away several weeks on a trip out West.

Bro. O. C. Oakles, who has been sick several days, was relieved by W. O. Young. There are still a few runs whom we hope to have lined up soon.

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IN MEMORIAM.

The supreme architect of the universe, in His almighty wisdom, was pleased to call from this terrestrial world a jewel of His own creation. Though it was His divine will to take the soul of Miss Verna Mills to a celestial paradise not built by human hands, the parting was very sad to her many friends.

Miss Mills was born on September 17, 1888, at Shiloh, Denton County, Texas. While still a youth her parents moved with her to Alabama, where she made many friends in her social and business career, and lived a conscientious and sincere Christian life in the environment of the M. E. Church. For the last few years she has been in the continued service of the M. & O. R. R. as agent at Booth, Ala., where she gained the esteem of all. Should her many friends place but a single blossom on her grave, she would be sleeping under a canopy of flowers.

It was her desire to deserve the esteem of parents and friends alike, and she never failed in the full performance of her duty to all.

At six o'clock on the beautiful Sunday morning of the 22d of August, 1909, God called the soul of this perfectly pure, religious girl to her eternal rest. She was kind to her parents, affectionate to friends and true to the one that was to become her companion through life.

(Signed) J. O. DICKINSON.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Division No. 94, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

J. O. DICKINSON.
J. C. HUGHES.
Committee.

Wabash Ry.

Decatur Division—

A very pleasant and profitable meeting was held at Decatur, July 24th. The following brothers were present: J. E. McQuade, J. W. LaFever, J. W. Burch, J. R. Hefner, W. P. Shutt, H. J. Schwartz, P. J. Barny, F. J. Bick, P. D. Roby, W. H. Harte, Jr., and B. F. Stone.

While there was not a very large crowd in attendance, and not nearly so many as were expected, everyone enjoyed the meeting.

Bros. McQuade, Burch, LaFever and Hefner gave us short talks and all the brothers should have been present, as the speeches were very instructive and well worth listening to. It is hoped the boys will get a little more life into themselves than was shown at this meeting by those absent.

What is the matter with the assistant correspondents? I have not received an item from one this month, and the write-up will be small in comparison to what it should be.

Bro. Pucket, of Taylorville, is reported sick. Bros. Lewis and Lovell doubled; can't say who relieved Pucket.

Bro. Stinebarger, of Honey Bend, was relieved for about a week by Telegrapher Sona.

Send your items to Litchneld to Bro. Stone, and they will be taken care of; don't be bashful, but send in one anyway. It will help some.

ROX.

Peru Division—

Bro. Hood, the third trick man at Logansport, has bid in the third trick at Clymers. Telegrapher Todd is doing the extra work at Logansport until it is awarded on bulletin.

Bro. F. M. Temple has resumed work at Maumee after several days' leave of absence.

Dispatcher Test was seen in Logansport recently; he enjoyed a short visit with friends there.

Bro. Chase, of Newell, is working the third trick at Tilton a few nights, vice Bro. Erskine, who bid in first trick at Toledo yard. F. W. Wheatley is doing the extra work at Newell while Bro. Chase is at Tilton.

Bro. Edson has taken third trick at West Peru, and Bro. Gladden is working the second trick at that place.

O. C. Overman has returned to his duties in Peru "Z" office as manager after several days' leave of absence.

Bro. Barcklow was recently called in from his vacation on short notice to work a few nights at Peru "Z" office on account of the sudden illness of Bro. Kennington at Lafayette. Bro. Vangundy, of "Z" office, was sent to Lafayette. Bro. Barcklow finished his vacation after Bro. Kennington returned to work.

Bro. Webber, of Buckcreek, was off duty one week recently, visiting relatives at Attica, and Telegrapher R. F. Davis worked his trick during that time. R. F. Davis comes from the N. Y. C. & H. R.

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Bro. E. W. Patrick has resumed work at Westpoint after several weeks of illness.

Bro. G. W. Patrick, the agent at Williamsport, laid off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife at Westpoint; relieved by Bro. Etnire.

Bro. Shutt, of Delphi, is off for a few days, and is going over the road lining up the nons. We hope he will have success.

Bro. Hinkle, of Clymers, laid off several days to take a trip to Niagara Falls. Bro. Vangundy relieved him.

Bro. G. L. Steel, of Huntington, is off duty on account of a severe attack of typhoid fever and is going to Peru Hospital. His little daughter is also suffering from scarlet fever, and the combined misfortunes of his family have caused much sympathy among his friends. Mrs. D. C. Anderson, wife of the mayor of Huntington, and an old-time telegrapher, is doing the extra work in place of Bro. Steel.

Bro. Jones, of State Line, is enjoying one week's vacation, and K. A. Miller is relieving him for that time.

Bro. Thompson, agent at Buckcreek, was off one day; relieved by Telegrapher Romeick.

Bro. W. E. Spencer, of Westpoint, has been off ten days visiting friends in Logansport and Dupont, Ind.

Mrs. M. B. Weckerly is working at Delphi while Bro. Shutt is away.

Miss Gertrude Mack, telegrapher from the Detroit Division, has left the hospital at Peru after being there for several weeks on account of a siege of pneumonia.

Bro. John Kieff is working the second trick at Williamsport, vice Bro. Etnire, who is working for the agent at that point for a few days.

Bro. Etnire secured a leave of absence for one day and went to South Bend to see a friend.

Bro. Robertson, of Danes, is off duty on account of the severe illness of his wife. A Mrs. Beckley is working there until it is convenient for Bro. Robertson to return to duty.

Bro. Abel, of New Haven, was recently off duty ten days; relieved by Telegrapher Miller. Bro. Abel's wife is down sick with typhoid fever at present. He has bid in third trick at Tilton, and will go there as soon as his wife is able. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Telegrapher Stockstell, of Toledo "GO" office, is laying off two weeks; relieved by Telegrapher Joe D. Coke, a new man over here who is going to New Orleans when Mr. Stockstell returns.

Bro. Ribble, of West Lebanon, is laying off two days; relieved by Bro. Murray.

The second trtick at Logansport is open for bid.

Bro. C. D. Burke, the second trick man at Logansport, has bid in the third trick at that point, and will make the change soon.

Telegrapher K. A. Miller is working the second trick at Hugo for a few days.

Dispatcher Martin, of Peru, is taking his vacation, and his place is being filled by Dispatchers Test and Webb.

Bro. Chase has received a letter from Bro. Kilgore, who formerly worked on the Wabash at Newell. He is located at Balfour, Iowa, on the Burlington, and states that the road is suffering for want of men.

Bro. Beisecker, formerly of Wabash, is here on a visit from Texas, where he is working on the Southern Pacific. He looks fine, and says he likes the South. Cor.

Springfield Division—

When we reverse the sails of our good ship Memory and pause for reflection upon the past, it leads us to think seriously of the changes that have taken place and the cause that wrought them.

As we wander back in memory's halls we behold a glittering array of brass buttons, blue uniforms and a class of poorly-paid telegraphers working all the way from twelve to sixteen hours per day without overtime, making anywhere from twenty-five or thirty to sixty or seventy dollars per month, owing to the work, and nearly all of us trudging up and down the yard twice a day with switch lamps, no seniority rights, no means of handling a grievance, and depending upon what we supposed to be our merits for promotion, having not even the right of appeal when younger men were assigned better posi tions.

We could work all day and stay up half the night to meet belated trains, and the wives at home who kept the lonely vigil with midnight oil can make affidavit to the life of servitude the breadwinner was obliged to live.

Today we are decidedly on a higher plane of living, but far from what we are entitled to. Although the switch-lamp work is eliminated from the duties of many of us, seniority rights are ours, we can wear out a suit of old Sunday clothes and every-day work, and by rigid economy restock our wardrobe with a suit of something better, even if it is not broadcloth.

These and some other benefits must be placed to the credit of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and we cannot understand why some of the nons do not seem to see and appreciate these things and help us support an organization that is daily working in their interest.

After eleven years of railroad service as agent and telegrapher, Bro. H. N. Edom, agent at Baylis, decided to enlist in the civil service, and received the highest marks in a contest with six other applicants at a competitive examination held in Pittsfield for the position of postmaster at Baylis. His average was 93:25. While the salary of the two positions is approximately the same, the Government does not require full time on Sunday and legal holidays, and these are points worthy of consideration. The incessant grind of seven days each week (legal holidays not excepted) is telling on one's powers of endurance, and a few years of it will soon wrinkle a man's brow, even at the prime of life. While we regret losing such a "knight of the key" as Bro. Edom,

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still we cannot but have a feeling of satisfaction at his success in securing a life-time position, as there is little doubt that a man who could hold down an agency so long, cannot manage a postoffice just as well.

Bro. S. E. Fouche, second trick at Bluffs, and Bro. F. V. Stehman, second trick at Jacksonville, spent a few hours recently on the banks of the Illinois at Meredosia, but, unlike most fish stories, a few mosquito bites was all they had.

Mr. J. C. Green is back at his old stand at Jacksonville after a couple of months' rest, but is working first trick at present, relieving Miss Platt, who is taking her vacation.

Bro. Wm. Dean is again on third trick at Baylis, after a month's vacation spent in enjoying country life.

Mr. T. E. Smith, agent at Pittsfield, is taking a two months' vacation; relieved by Bro. P. J. Barry, of Harristown.

Mr. Boone Stead, of Griggsville, is now acting as agent at Maysville, relieving Bro. C. H. Claus, who is now assistant to the agent at Pittsfield. E. Pennington is still in the hospital at Decatur, owing to the condition of his eyes.

Mr. C. A. Doyle has returned from his two months' vacation, visiting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, and we are expecting his application before long. Mr. Doyle works second trick at Barry.

Mr. N. W. McRoberts, first trick at Shops, is laying off, relieved by Bro. Conrey, of the second trick, and Bro. Conrey has been relieved by Mr. E. M. Cunningham, a new man with the Wabash.

Mr. E. F. Hatfield, of the "JN" force, Springfield, who laid off recently on account of an attack of telegraphers' paralysis, was relieved by V. W. McRoberts, of first trick at Shops. Mr. Hatfield did not think he could handle the work at "JV" on his return, and took Mr. McRoberts' trick at the Shops. Mr. Hatfield later returned to "JV" office during the chief's absence, when Telegrapher Mawhinney took first trick at Shops, E. M. Cunningham second, and Bro. Conrey returned to his old stand on third.

Telegrapher Cunningham is working second trick at Riverton, relieving W. B. Milam, who has resigned.

Bro. R. F. Lipcamon is relieving Bro. P. J. Barry at Harristown, the latter holding forth at Pittsfield.

Telegrapher P. S. Klinefelter spent a day in Springfield recently; relieved by Extra Telegrapher L. Hancock.

Bro. C. H. Claus, who has been relieving Agent Pennington at Maysville for the past month, is now assisting Bro. Barry, with the work at Pittsfield.

Bro. S. C. Moats, agent at Lanesville, is off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Ryan, first trick. Bro. Ryan was relieved by Mr. J. A. Raines.

E. M. Cunningham, now working second trick at Shops, was relieved on second trick at Riverton by L. Hancock.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. J. H. Keigh, is taking a fifteen-day vacation; relieved by Dispatcher Geo. Sanders. Extra Dispatcher Little is relieving Mr. Sanders.

Private car "Missouri," with the general officers aboard, passed over the division in No. 9, August 25th.

I am indebted to several of the brothers for interesting items this month. Come again.

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Illinois Division—

Operator Van Gundy, who has been working on the extra list during the summer months, and recently worked first trick at Lafayette, has been sent to Tilton to work the third trick, relieving Bro. C. C. Chase. Bro. Chase returns to his regular trick at Newell, and Bro. H. O. Murray, who has been at Newell in Bro. Chase's place, goes to West Lebanon, relieving Bro. Ribble, who is to be away for an indefinite time.

Telegrapher Miller, "AY," working as agent at State Line in Bro. Jones' place, was relieved by the latter on Thursday, the 19th. Mr. Miller then relieved Bro. Jess Hetrick, who is to be away for some time.

Detroit and Chicago Division—

Telegraphers must be getting very scarce, judging by the number of boys who want to get off and are unable to do so.

Bro. H. J. Jackson, agent and first trick telegrapher at North Liberty, spent a few days with his parents at Bangor, Mich., and reports a good time; relieved by Bro. F. I. Drennan.

Bro. B. F. Stombaugh, third trick at North Liberty, was off on a two weeks' vacation, and took a trip to Kalispell, Mont., to try his hand for one of those prizes in the Flathead reservation. He was relieved by Bro. N. E. Long.

The gravel trains for the last few weeks have made things lively, and, together with the increase in the business the Wabash is doing this year, looks very good.

Bro. C. A. Sutton is filling the agency at Westville. Bro. P. A. Heath, second trick, and Bro. H. E. Dorsey third trick.

Benton and South Milford agencies are bulletined; Bro. D. E. Taylor landed Benton. Second trick at Wakarusa was bid in by Bro. A. Schultz, who has up to this time filled the tower job at Dillon since the closing of that office as a telegraph job.

Sister Jackel, second trick at Adrian, is off on a few weeks' vacation and is taking an extended trip through the Western States, expecting to visit Seattle and many of the coast cities before returning. We wish her a pleasant and safe journey.

Bro. Geo. W. Clark, first trick at Britton, is taking a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. A. N. Chambers, agent at Whittaker, is off for a short vacation; relieved by Sister Katherine May.

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Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Shoup, second at Belleville, were in Milan for a few days and departed for a visit to Bro. Shoup's relatives in Indiana.

Bro. and Mrs. A. F. Klages are the proud parents of a nice 8-pound girl.

Bro. J. M. Seibert, third trick at "BO" tower, who has been sick for some time, is being relieved by Bro. F. M. Barry, regular third trick at Ashley, who just returned from his vacation in the East.

Bro. D. E. Taylor, taking the agency at Benton, opened up the first trick at Milan, which Bro. V. A. Wood landed, Bro. L. A. Yoder getting second. Bro. C. G. Ambrose is working second at Milan until third trick is filled.

Bro. Geo. Hostetter, agent at Kunkle, who has just returned from his vacation, was relieved by Bro. S. E. Turner.

Bro. C. L. Iliff is working the agency at Montpelier. CERT. 146.

St. L. & S. W. Ry.

Illmo Division -

Having been appointed correspondent by our worthy local chairman, Bro. Hervey, I will try my utmost to have a good write-up each month from the Illmo Division of the Cotton Belt and to prepare these write-ups I must have help. Send me all the news you can and I will assure you that we will be represented regularly. Send to the following address: L. I. McConnell, Rockview, Mo.

Bro. A. C. Hervey, our local chairman, has accepted the agency at Piggot, Ark., while Bro. Arnold stepped into his shoes at Kilso. Bro. Arnold was formerly second trick telegrapher.

Bro. Calvert, the agent at Thebes, is taking a month's vacation. A Mr. Daley, from the C. & E. I. R. R., is relieving him.

Bro. Nicks, of Rockview, first trick man, is back to work.

Bro. L. I. McConnell has been transferred from first trick to third trick at Rockview.

Bro. Carlton ("Fatty") is working second trick at Rockview.

Times are getting better every day. Only a few days since the Frisco Railway, Cape Division, was wanting five telegraphers. Telegraphers are a scarcity, after all, at least men that can handle the business. What does this indicate? Simply that if we are closer together in our brotherhood —if we are 100% strong we can get what we want —our rights. Remember our motto and live up to it. "No cards, no favors." Buy union clothes and everything you use, either to eat or wear, made by union people, and in this way we will help other unions to a great extent.

Bro. Tige Nicks, of the third trick at Dexter Junction, is suffering with a large carbuncle on his neck.

Mr. Renfro, of Dexter Junction, first trick, is off for a few days attending court. Telegrapher Brink is relieving him.

Telegrapher Brink is now at Ardeola.

Mr. Flowers, our day dispatcher, seems to get along with the boys fine—and every one likes to work with him.

Let every one of us try to do our duty and get at least one member into the O. R. T., which will make this division solid. MACK.

Colorado & Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

There have been quite a number of changes since our last write-up.

G. L. Webster, third trick at Ludlow, and Chambers second.

A man named Lewis, third at Walsenburg, relieving Bro. Rieks, who has left the service and gone west.

Bro. Shircliffe, cashier at Ludlow, has returned from Seattle, where he spent several weeks at the fair and other points in the Northwest.

Our friend (?) James, formerly first trick dispatcher at Trinidad, has left the service, consequently there is great rejoicing among the telegraphers.

There are two men at "YA" Trinidad; unable to say if up-to-date.

Bro. Pinkston, formerly the "big cheese" at Trinchere, is at present employed by the Cedar Hill Coal and Coke Co., and J. G. Church is agent at Tranchere. Bowns office is open; unable to say who is at the wheel.

Bro. Basey and wife are running the joint at Forbes Junction.

All the telegraphers who were around here asking for "pie cards" recently have departed; must be a shortage all around, which our worthy chief seems unable to supply.

This would seem to be a good time to line up for a schedule. We have worked long enough for a minimum of $55.00 per month, and the dead ones who seem to think the company will come across with the raise, when they get around to it, without the assistance of the Order, will still find they are mistaken. Times are good again, and it is keeping the road "humming" to move the business, so why not us get our share of the dividends? Somebody come to the front with the dope and hand it to the editor. We would like to see a few items from the north end.

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Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

On August 22nd, a very enthusiastic meeting was held at the Steim House, Kittanning, and various questions of moment were discussed. The attendance at the morning meeting was very good, but the afternoon meeting was not so well attended. It does seem as though more of the first trick men might have put in an appearance. However, as long as the boys desire these gatherings and show a disposition to help make them a success they will be held at intervals, because it is believed that much good can be accomplished by mingling with one another, getting new ideas, new hopes and new inspirations. The idea that

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the company does not like these meetings is a mistake. On the contrary, our division officials are glad to see us get together and exchange views, for they believe in this way the service is improved, and naturally anything that tends to the betterment of the service has their hearty approval.

Bro. J. L. McKinnon has resigned and gone to Chicago. He was relieved on third trick "NY" tower by Bro. R. D. Jones.

Mr. W. E. McGee secured third trick at Ford City on bid; relieved at second trick, Dotter, by Bro. J. C. Ramsey.

Mr. H. L. Verner secured third trick at Mosgrove on bid, having been bumped on third trick "SK" tower by Bro. E. C. Green, who was bumped by Bro. G. H. Carson, due to the closing of the East Brady office.

Bro. G. W. Williams was appointed agent at Benezette, being relieved at second trick at Rimerton by Bro. B. S. Hooks, second trick. "MR," vacated by Bro. Hooks, is up for bid.

Bro. S. L. Robinson secured the vacancy at second trick "MD," Bro. Ramsey going to second trick, Dotter.

Bro. F. F. Hilliard secured third trick, East Sandy; second trick at St. George being up for bid.

Bro. C. A. Stover has resigned from third trick, "BO" tower, to go west. Vacancy up for bid.

Bro. J. G. Reese has been transferred from second trick, East Sandy, to first trick "NS" tower; relieving Bro. Gahegan, who has resigned to accept service elsewhere. Bro. C. F. Stewart has been transferred to second trick, East Sandy, from the extra list.

Bro. F. M. Hodge is now the regular second trick man at "VO," and Bro. J. A. Lowry is the regular third trick man at the same place; first trick being taken care of by Bro. J. T. McNaughton.

Bro. R. J. McColgan has been transferred from the extra list, to second trick at Rock Run, regular, relieving Bro. R. D. Jones.

Mr. F. M. Evans was appointed agent at Tyler; relieved at second trick, Summerville, by Bro. F. E. Matthews, from "NS" tower; relieved at the latter place by Bro. A. B. Caldwell, from the extra list.

Bro. H. W. Alexander, acting agent at Medix Run during the absence of Bro. Schaffer, was relieved at Summerville by Bro. M. J. McGarrity from the second trick, St. Charles.

Sister R. L. Reitzel has been transferred from first trick at New Bethlehem, to second trick at Du Bois; third trick at this point, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. R. Fox, is up for bid, also first trick at New Bethlehem.

Bro. L. E. Swinney has resigned at "NX" Du Bois, to accept a better position with the National Transit at Oil City; vacancy filled by Bro. F. A. McKibinney.

Bro. Wm. Rockwell has again entered the service of the company and is at present on the extra list.

Mr. John R. Karns recently "filled in" at "K" office, Oil City. He says it is a "Dickens of a job," which is rather strong language for John. We understand his Oliver ran hot on several occasions and he was compelled to "break" in order to cool it.

Bro. H. D. Hammond, from the second trick at Tyler, was before the "trial board" lately, and the manner in which he acquitted himself deserves special mention. Investigation developed the fact that Bro. Hammond had just completed a "19" order for a freight train when they pulled by his block. He immediately ran out of the office and called the attention of several bystanders to the fact that his block was red and that the train had run past it. This, together with the quiet and gentlemanly manner in which he conducted himself at the investigation, won for him the respect and confidence of all those constituting the so-called "jury" and undoubtedly saved himself a suspension, as the engine crew were prepared to say that his block was not red, which is only too often the case. When there are two to one, there is little hope for the telegrapher, but in this case Bro. Hammond had his wits about him and is to be congratulated on the outcome. It might be well to state at this time that it is always best to be quiet and unassuming when before these investigating commit.ees, as a loud, boisterous and blustering attitude does not carry much weight at such times, and the fine example set by Bro. Hammond might well be emulated by others placed in a similar position.

The Salamanca Branch is now a part of the Allegheny Division, and it would be nice to have some brother on that district send in a few notes. Who will volunteer?

How about securing a charter for a local at Oil City, or some other point more easy of access than Pittsburg or Olean? BRIGHAM.

Louisville & Nashville Ry.

As I haven't seen very much of late from the L. & N., I will endeavor to hand the boys something that will put them next to what we are having to put up with.

There is nothing doing on this division now in the way of student teaching. The agent at Ranger is opening up a telegraph school in an old, dilapidated barn, which I hope will be known as the "Dung Hill Institution."

We are working eleven to twelve hours over here, but are still hopeful.

Mr. Braket is off for a few days, Ellis, a student from Fairmount, doing the relief.

Hill, from Ranger, is off. Mr. Bellamy is in his place. It is supposed that Hill is endeavoring to get his school of telegraphy under way.

Mr. Griffin, night man at Fairmount, has just returned with his wife from a rather prolonged visit to his and the recent bride's people; Mr. Ellis is doing the relief.

We have lost a good man in Mr. Barnett of Chatsworth, Ga., who is now making the daily rounds with Uncle Sam's mail sacks.

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Our friend, Redding, who it is generally supposed was the cause of so many good men losing out last year, seems to be keeping pretty still this season. Guess he's learned that the way of the transgressor is hard.

Mr. Mullin is working first trick at "MI;" Roberson at "XN" days; Redding, second at "MI," Breakfield, third trick in "DS;" Thompson on vacation.

J. D. Garrison, from Fairmount, has left us, and is AKG. with the C. of G. A., in Macon, third trick. We hope he will make goood.

Mr. Lawrence, from Copperhill tried "NS," but only remained a few days, Mr. Canada relieving him.

Mr. Arnold, from Crandall, generally known as "Red," is doing the extra work at "XN" this year. HIRAM.

K. C., M. & O. Ry.

We should have a schedule over here, as we are nearly solid. All we need is for some one to take hold and push it through.

Bro. Chiles has resigned at "TA" and gone to his home in Kentucky. Mr. Davis is relieving him. Mr. Davis says he will line up first pay day.

Bro. Hazen has resigned at "AY," and was relieved by Telegrapher Collier, a Santa Fe man.

Bro. Ferguson has resigned at "CK," and was relieved by Bro. McCready, of Division 126.

Bro. Ferguson is an electrician, and says he will pound brass no more.

Bro. Maner has taken a few days' leave of absence to visit home folks in Texas.

Now, boys, if we want a schedule we will have to get busy and ask for it. This is a coming road. Let's organize it while it is new and bring it all up together. If the man working with you is not lined up, you should write for the proper blanks, and get after him at once.

Bro. Larrick, who has been doing the third trick dispatcher's stunt at Wichita for some time past, will soon return to "FA" on second trick.

I would like to see some of the other boys over here send in some news for our paper. Mc.

Buffalo & Susquehanna Ry.

Business is picking up slowly, but very few engines have been stored.

A third trick man will soon be put on again at Austin.

The second trick man, a non, at "CW," was discharged on account of drinking.

Bro. Botz, of Keating Summit, is on a vacation; relieved by Miss Bevier. She claims the work is too heavy for her, and has asked for a helper.

Telegrapher Ellis, of Cross Fork, has been transferred as agent to Brookland. "RA" is not up for bids yet.

C. S. Judd, of Addison, has been transferred from the agency at that place to the Du Bois "DU" agency, which was filled by a man off the Erie.

Bro. Murray is back to work again at "DU."

There are now two students, or helpers, about ready to go to work.

Telegrapher King has been placed at Bridge street, Galaton, as manager and telegrapher. We will have him soon.

A new office is to be opened at the Gravel Pit, south of Sandusky.

Four new members will be taken in soon, "BU," "JN," "U" and "DU."

Dispatcher Johnson is on a 30 days' vacation; relieved by Dispatcher Scott. CERT. 43.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.

News is very scarce on this division this month, month, but I will send in what is at hand.

The meeting held at Linton on Saturday, Aug. 14, was not very well attended.

Bro. Sherrill, who was working nights at Morgantown, was called to Palestine to work first trick during the last part of July. Bro. Wood went to Willow Hill to relieve Agent Hardwick on account of sickness. Mr. Hardwick is again on duty.

Bro. Sherrill, on being relieved at Palestine, went to Sullivan first trick to relieve Bro. Cummings who is seriously ill. We hope to see Bro. Cummings back at work soon.

Bro. Sherrill spent a few days in June visiting relatives and friends in Lebanon. F. Lanham is filling in during his absence.

Bro. H. N. Wentz, agent, and G. D. Sherrill, telegrapher, at Morgantown, accompanied by their lady friends of Southport and Lebanon, Ind., spent Sunday, July 18th picnicking in Brown County.

Telegrapher Layman, of Palestine, is off a few days; relieved by Chrisman.

Bro. Wentz, the agent at Morgantown, spent Sunday, July 25th, in the vicinity of Indianapolis.

Dispatcher H. E. Stephenson took his vacation the latter part of July. Bro. C. A. Keene took first trick and Bro. A. L. Young, day telegrapher and extra dispatcher, held down second trick. P. G. Evans took the day telegrapher's chair, and Bro. Smith, from the Yard, took the night job. We do not know who took the yard job. On the return of Dispatcher Stephenson, Dispatcher L. E. Weed took several days off and was relieved by Bro. Young.

Bro. Murray, of Unionville, was recently called to Bloomington to work second trick for a while.

Bro. Sherrill was the only one to contribute items this month.

The I. S. must be getting its money's worth of the agents and telegraphers, as they never seem to have time to drop us an item, no matter how many changes take place. I wonder if they will find time to fill out that committee blank.

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Kansas City Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

It is rumored that Mr. J. M. Fishback, who was agent at Vandervoort for seven or eight years, has been appointed agent at Ashdown, and that Agent Strong, of Ashdown, has been promoted to chief dispatcher and trainmaster of the M. P. & G. at Nashville, Ark.

H. R. Brooks has been appointed agent at Vandervoort.

We understand that Mr. Phillips, who has been working at Trigg Street, and also in the Texarkana general office, is now out of the service.

Bro. Young, at Grannis, is taking his vacation, being relieved by his helper, Mr. Frye, who is a new man at the business.

Agent Webb, at Wilton, is off on a vacation, relieved by a beginner, who was formerly agent at Allene, a non-telegraph station.

During the peach rush at Horatio, the company put on the third telegrapher at that point, making eight-hour tricks, but as the peaches were not so plentiful as in former years, the extra man was cut off in a short time.

There was an office opened at Orchard Spur for handling commercial business during the peach rush, a new man from Kansas City doing the stunt. As soon as peaches were gone he went back to Kansas City to work in "GO" office. We did not learn his name.

There is a new man by name of W. C. Corbus, formerly second trick at Horatio, now doing the owl stunt at Trigg Street.

It is rumored that Mr. Stevic, who was doing the second trick stunt at Beaumont, temporarily, has left the service, and has entered the service of the Guffey Oil Co. He was relieved by Mr. Lansing, formerly with the T. & P.

Bro. Brannon, formerly with the T. & P., has been engaged to work in Shreveport dispatchers' office. I am not able to say whom he is relieving at that point.

Bro. W. D. Grisson left us for his home in Terrell, Texas, where he has secured a good position with the T. & P. at that place. He was relieved at Hornbeck by Mr. Glasscock.

Bro. J. S. Gledhill has relieved Wm. Richardson as agent at Singer, La.

Bro. H. J. McBeath, of Juanita, has resumed duty after 15 days' vacation.

Bro. D. M. Davis, formerly agent at Myrtis, is now with the Iron Mountain at Quimly, La.

Bro. Dan Caudle, former agent at Fisher, is now on the Rock Island. We wish Bro. Caudle success in his new position.

Bro. F. G. Hardwick has relieved Mr. T. T. Hughes as agent at Carson, La. We understand that Mr. Hughes went to Panama, Okla., as agent.

Dispatcher Lynn, first trick at Shreveport shops, is taking his summer vacation, and is being relieved by the second trick dispatcher, Mr. Aikers, who, in turn, is being relieved by the third trick dispatcher, Mr. Sullivan. Bro. Goostree, of Texarkana general office, is relieving Dispatcher Sullivan.

The company has put on another man, so I am told, at Ashdown, and also at Gilham.

We should all rejoice greatly on account of the decision of Judge Landis regarding the nine-hour law. Understand it will increase the number of telegraphers on the K. C. S., and I suppose it will have the same effect on other lines. The judge showed wonderfully good judgment.

Bro. Vickers, of Beaumont, is off for a fifteen or twenty day vacation. He will spend most of his time at his home in Louisiana. He was relieved by Mr. Stevic, of Spiro. He in turn was relieved by Mr. Lansing, as stated before.

There are certain telegraphers on the line who have been working for several years, and who have not allied themselves with us, but we are quite sure they have always accepted, gladly, all increases in salary, and do not hesitate in asking favors. They are always going to get an "up-to-date" some time in the future. Surely, if the nons will reflect upon what the Order has done in the last few years they will hide their faces for shame—and after that get in the O. R. T "band wagon," gladly displaying a card, *up to date.*

Bro. Burrows, third trick at DeQuincey, relieved Bro. W. H. Smith, second trick man. Bro. A. C. Newlin, from the Frisco, relieved Bro. Burrows. We are sorry to lose Bro. Smith, our assistant local chairman, but at the same time we cheerfully welcome Bro. Newlin. I do not know where Bro. Smith has gone. Presume Bro. Harkrider, our local chairman, will have to appoint another assistant in Bro. Smith's place.

I am greatly indebted this month to Bro. Ferguson of Beaumont, Bro. Hardwick of Carson, Bro. Owen Pipes of Trigg St., and Bro. Vint of Hornbeck for items. I certainly appreciated the interest they manifested in helping me out, and I hope that the good brethren along the line will drop me a note any time before the 20th of each month. Do not hesitate to send me news. I will gladly dish them up in some style or other, so the Southern Division will be at least reasonably well represented. CERT. 271.

Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division, Second District—

A thousand pardons, brothers, for being so dilatory; but you know since we have been taken into partnership with the Harriman system and share in the dividends, I spend my summer months in my summer grounds among the mountains of Colorado. Shouldn't an excuse like that be much more acceptable than that I had let the press of more urgent matters crowd out the writing? But why should I excuse myself? I have not been threatened by "night riders" or "white caps" for my neglect. Hence, I can offer no excuse for my continuance in these paths of petty journalism, except that I relish the occasional good things said about me by Bro. Hook, from Kansas. But, after reading his articles from time to time, I've con

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cluded that is his method of keeping me coming, in order to show me up against such articles as he put out in July. So, Bro. Hook, I refuse to be inflated by your bait. We thank you for the kind words, but I am too wise to go down to ignominy by starting in a contest with you. But, perhaps, by continuing as we have been, the Hook and (eye) combination may be able to help hold the garment of the O. R. T. on the Nebraska contingency.

Business is at the top notch to what it has been for two years. This month the company has put on a new limited train between Chicago and Seattle—72-hour run—a train of the same class as the Los Angeles limited, and running on a similar schedule. This splits old No. 6, bringing the Denver No. 6 through as a single train, instead of connecting with the Oregon part at North Platte. Prospects are very bright for a good fall business on the Union Pacific. Corn will not make the crop that was expected, but the farmer will get about as much for it, anyway. It is you and me, brother, who are called upon to foot the bill. Its like the game of whip-cracker we used to play. The consumer is the end man and what he generally got, you and I get in this commercial game of whipcracker.

I have recently been asked my opinion by several and the stand the order takes toward the examination car which recently was among us—not only by telegraphers, but by some of the other employes as well. It has never been brought to a showdown and the Order has never taken a stand, but from its principles I am sure that it would not stand against an institution like this. It stands for the highest efficiency and intelligence among the craft. This can only be determined by the accomplishments of the members in railroad work. It is to the interest of the company and employes (union employes) as well, that the standard be as high as possible. Among its old employes the company has men who can hardly read or write. These men were all right for a generation ago, but all desire that new men be of a better average. Complaint was made that older men could not memorize such a set of definitions as they were called upon to do. I admit that, and think allowance has been made for all these things by the company. I believe no old employe has any reason to think but what these things will all be considered, and I believe all should unite in encouraging such an institution and help raise the standard of efficiency required and thereby help ourselves and enable us to work more intelligently. Suppose, too, you are back home visiting, where they have not installed the automatic block system, and you are asked what it is. I suppose most of us could not intelligently explain it. It's the old story of the professor who asked the boy in school to define the word "vacuum," when the boy, after a moment's hard study replied, "I have it in my head, Professor, but I can't define it."

I hope by next month to be able to introduce to you a new writer from the first district, and then we will be able to go ahead as we have always done, for I find it will be impossible for me to keep track of items there, too. I wish to thank some of the boys on the Columbus branch for items and apologize for their non-appearance by saying thaat I got my last items into St. Louis too late for publication. I will advise you when the new correspondent is appointed and you can then assist him. We are so thankful for any assistance we get that we never wish to slight it.

All are thoroughly interested in the final outcome of the recent decision of Judge Landis in Chicago, sustaining our claim that nine-hour period must be continuous. It will now be fought through the Circuit Court of Appeals and thence to the Supreme Court, and after their decision is reached there will be no more quibbling.

Bro. W. O. Clark, of Brady Island, bid in the position of second telegrapher at Columbus, made vacant by Bro. Winkelman bidding in the scheduled job in South Omaha, and Bro. H. B. Dart secures Brady Island agency. Third trick there is not yet bulletined.

Bro. Hans Jensen, at Overton, is taking his vacation out, in visiting his relatives in Iowa; while R. F. Miller, third trick man at Gothenburg, holds down the lid at Overton. G. A. Hood is working the Gothenburg job where Miller usually holds the fort.

Bro. Cook, of Scotia, is assisting in relief work, while Messrs. Frick, of Ord and Clinton, of St. Paul, take vacations. These are both good stations and we are glad to see Bro. Cook keep an eye single to fitting himself for a better job some day. Several others are contemplating vacations in the coming month.

Bro. Rob. Fountaine, of "GE" Grand Island, took a month off and worked the Canada Land deal to a "fare-you-well," so well in fact that he did considerably better than if he had worked the month, and had his vacation besides. You never know what you can do till you try.

J. W. Stepanoski, at Keith, makes his bow this month as a new member and we are glad to have him. I have been approached by several of those who have come up as students, for membership, but must ask you boys to remember that it is a mistaken idea that the Order wants everything that pounds a key. We want to watch these young men and if they make good, both as operators and as men who apply themselves to business, we want them; but if they are no good, no difference whether new operators or old heads, we don't want them. We have a standard which we hope to maintain as nearly as possible. Always keep this in mind when looking for new members.

Telegrapher Moore, of "GD" Grand Island, is now laying off, relieved by Mr. Brehmer, a new man here. We were very sorry to lose Bro. Hennigan in that office, as he was a man always to be relied upon, both by his fellow employes and the company. We hope Mr. Moore will lose no time in showing the same disposition.

We are still climbing toward that solid lineup.

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Kansas Division—

Chief Dispatcher Brownson is being relieved by Mr. C. D. Townsley, Mr. M. L. Chandley working the trick and Telegrapher Cadagan relieving Mr. Chandley.

Bros. Schuchman and Foss are holding down the two extra vacancies in "GN" office, Kansas City, caused by the death of Bro. Hodgetts and the illness of Mr. Hawkins.

Sister M. I. Nixon is back in "FY" office after her Western trip, during which she picked up a farm in one of the drawings.

Supt. of Telegraph J. B. Sheldon and General Chairman Stump attended the funeral of Bro. J. C. Hodgetts in Kansas City.

Mr. E. A. Terry is relieving Bro. Stout at Bonner Springs.

Miss Mable Jette bid in the position of day operator at Bonner Springs, Bro. Shannon going to Menoken.

Bro. Farrell has been transferred from Perry, nights, to Wilson, days, regular; Adams and Lister extra at Perry.

Mr. Lister, Race and Bro. Shannon are relieving at Menoken, owing to the death of Bro. Davis. All applications for the position of agent at that station were withdrawn and Mrs. Davis has taken charge.

Jno. Nedwed, from the L. & W. branch, relieved Bro. A. E. Batchelor at Rossville, Bro. Batchelor spending several weeks in Colorado for his health.

Bro. Jno. Ross is back at Wamego after his trip to the mountains, Bro. Fisher going back on nights and Bro. Kirkpatrick to Junction City.

Bro. Leger is back at Manhattan after his trip North.

Bro. Armstrong, relief agent, is relieving Bro. Wyatt, at Garrison Crossing, while Bro. Wyatt works off his Western fever.

It is reported that Bro. Kendall, of Blue Rapids, now has a partner to share his salary. We will confirm this in next issue.

Bro. Hauer, Barneston returned to work in time for the big reunion, Bro. A. E. Miller going back to his store.

Bro. Deighan, at Junction City, is being relieved by Bro. Kirkpatrick. We suspect it is a honeymoon trip.

Bro. J. W. Robinson is relieving Bro. Herr, at Salina.

The auto agent beat us to both of the Price brothers at Kanapolis this month, and as a result they remain non-airs.

Mr. Shum, at Salina, is another remaining non-air. From a brother Mason we learn that Mr. Shum is taking all of the degrees, and then some. We don't wish to discourage any one from becoming a Mason, nor say one word against any fraternal organization, but we cannot figure out just how Mr. Shum expects to increase his salary by becoming a Mason and remaining out of the O. R. T.

Mr. Price is also taking on a few degrees in addition to automobiles. Here is hoping he will enjoy these necessary luxuries as much as he will the next increase handed him by the Order.

Bro. Crofut, at Minneapolis, found life too much of a burden at Minneapolis, and after paying his respects to Mr. Anderson, bid in a position at Abilene. That's one way of working on the non.

It is now Bro. Parr, at Slyvan Grove, and Bro. Campbell at Lincoln Center. Some of you brothers who have never had the pleasure of rounding up the festive non, take a few lessons from Bro. Nickel at Lucas and see how it feels to know that you have done your duty to your organization.

With Bros. Denison, Nickel and McNeil on board the good ship, O. R. T., we feel "real chesty" over our crew, and are headed for the banner port.

A few weeks ago I had occasion to write several of the brothers in regard to a matter which I considered they were very much interested in. To those who answered I wish to express my gratitude at their promptness. The balance I wish to caution against any frenzied outburst on their part providing the final disposition of the matter does not meet with their entire approval. When your local chairman meets with such support from the membership in a matter directly affecting you, what encouragement has he to secure for you the things that you seem to think should come to you, without effort on your part. Now get in the game and show us that you are really alive and capable of accepting the things that the Order would secure for you.

Mr. George Washington Grover Cleveland Folsome, a brother of the gentleman by the same name who was discharged at Lansing some time ago, was discharged at Emmet recently, owing to a difference of opinion between himself and the auditing department that sounded like $85.00.

Bro. J. O. Ross, from Wamego, is relieving Mr. McElvaine at St. Mary's, while Mr. McElvaine spends his vacation in the West. We have before us a letter written by Mr. McElvaine on the stationery of a certain fraternal organization, several months ago from which we were led to believe that Mr. McElvaine and his family were on the verge of starvation. We notice he took a lower Pullman to Denver, from which we naturally conclude that he does not need a raise in wages.

Mrs. N. A. Delair, a daughter of Bro. F. B. Wade, of Blue Springs, who was agent at Marietta before her marriage, is relieving Bro. F. A. Cantwell, of Holmesville.

Bro. Fisher, Wamego, nights, is relieving Bro. Ross; Telegrapher Ball, from the East, relieving Bro. Fisher.

By the time this in in print, we hope several matters of interest to the membership shall have been made into history. Of course it is far beyond our fondest expectations to please every one, especially the dear non-members. Please bear this in mind, also the fact that we could not possibly be responsible for any of the concessions which you may have or will receive. Consider them as a manifestation of Providence or the charitable gift of a benevolent corporation. By no means admit that the Order is responsible for any part of it and those of you who are so unfortunate as to

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be overlooked, owing to that retiring disposition where money matters are concerned, please continue to make the same kind of a noise that you have made in the past when the Order called upon you to bear your share of the burden.

The local chairman is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. C. A. Davis expressing her appreciation to the members of Division 6 for their words of sympathy and the beautiful floral tribute. COR.

Wyoming Division—

Bro. H. H. Horton, of Lookout, is on his annual vacation. He will be gone ninety days looking after his real estate and other interests in Pennsylvania. His wife, who is also a loyal O. R. T. girl, is acting postmaster and otherwise filling Bro. Horton's place on first trick. This lets "Coyote Bill" in on the second trick at Lookout. Bro. Kline will have to get accustomed to sleeping nights, which is an unusual thing with the "Coyote."

Bro. C. Sumner Hill, the well-known society man of Cheyenne, is now manager of "CY" office in that city.

Bro. J. D. McLachlan, who is equally well known in the Capitol City society circles, has a straight day trick, having relinquished the night chiefship in "N" office that he might thus be enabled to give more attention to his local duties.

Bro. Dodt, after filling a three-months' engagement in the East, has returned to Egbert and will do legitimate in the local stock company this winter.

Bro. Fredrickson "broke" into the agency at Egbert and now he can't get out.

Bro. Virgil Martin, who spent 60 days in Illinois and elsewhere, has just returned to Wolcott with his pretty bride. I told you so! DIV. COR.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Farnham Division—

En vain je regarde depuis des mois dans les colonnes ne notre journal pour y trouver quelques nouvelles de la division. Mais rien, rien. N'y aurait-il donc plus personne qui puisse envoyer quelques lignes de leur prose a notre éditeur de St. Louis? Je ne doute pourtant pas qu'il fut bienvenu.

Quelques notes seulment sur les évenements les plus récents. Tous ont appris avec un reel chagrin la mort prématurе de notre Confr. A. E. Morrissette de Megantic qui fut pour nous un local chairman des plus dévoués: aussi toutes nos sympathies sont acquises a sa famille si cruellement eprouvée. Mr. A. Perrault est entré en fonctions comme agent a Megantic. Nous regrettons que ce dernier ne soit pas dans nos rangs, étant illigible par le fait qu'il n'est pas télégraphiste. Confr. Lessard a Eastman. Heureux de vous voir plus rapproché "L." Il y a déja si longtemps que nous n'avons pas entendu de votre Morse. Confr. A. J. Morrissette a Cowansville; inutile de dire "get busy, old man," for we are always busy in that town. Mr. Barsaloux a St. Hyacinthe; je ne pourrais dire si ce dernier est un confrère, ou non, je l'espere du moins. Succès donc.

Il nous fait plaisir de voir Confr. O. M. Lavoie occuper le fauteuil de dispr. "OS." Tous formulons pour vous des voeux sincères de succes. Pardonnez l'indiscret qui vient ici vous dire: jamais position ne fut mieux meritée. Dimanche dernier nous avons eu a Farnham une assemblee de l'ordre. A mon grand regret, je n'ai pu y assister. Aussi l'écho malin, n'a pas eu pour moi de tendresse. Je l'entends, vengeur, sous-entendu, sarcastique, "Labas—Vas—" et en plus, ne nous sommes-nous pas franchement amusés? Parmi nos officiels: vous parlerais-je des changements quasi accomplis? Tiens non, je serai discret: puisque l'on chuchotte encore tout bas. Mais sachez qu'en haut lieux, l'on se propose de nous fausser compagnie. Trois mois seulement parmi nous, pourtant que de poussiere soulevé! Ton plumeau est bien rude a du s'écrier plus d'un vieux bahût depuis longtemps publié. Mais fi—de vos plaintes: balayant a grands coups; le ménagère aurait-elle par hazard mis son balai sacrilege a travers une relique d'armoire a glaces? Que sais-je—? Si oui le paf! a dû être terrible car si vie l'on songe a fuir; et moi de même: mais non pas sans jeter par derriere un regard furtif afin de revenir vous raconter, si vous me le permettez bien dans vos loisirs, mes émotionantes impressions. Voyez-vous! A. D. JEANRIE.

New York Central Ry.

Buffalo Division—

A day meeting, the first in several years, was held at North Tonawanda, August 4th. The attendance was fully up to expectations. Many members who have not attended a meeting since our local was abolished were present. Local Chairman Groat, who presided, announced the appointment of Michael Donovan and Michael Houlihan as assistant local chairmen. Bro. Groat will call other day meetings whenever conditions appear to warrant it.

The matter of a sick benefit to be established on the Buffalo Division has been before the membership for some time. A committee of five are wrestling with the problem, endeavoring to find a plan that will give some promise of success and permanency.

Many changes have been made along the line during the past two months, and as there are a great many more pending at the time this article is written, there will be little need of listing them now. As it stands now, B.S. 59 is again solid; B.S. 58a has one non who is eligible; B.S. 65 has two; B.S. "LL" has two and there is one at LaSalle station. There are also a few on the Belt Line who would make desirable members. Bro. Groat will furnish information regarding them to any member who will interest himself in the matter.

Members employed on the Buffalo Division appear to be a unit in favoring the "straight seniority" clause. We hope that this subject

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will be discussed at all meetings along the system so that the general committee will be in a position to act in accordance with the wishes of the members. A paid representative for Division No. 8 is also favored by our members.

A matter which is causing serious and needless annoyance to the officials and the various local chairmen is the tendency some men have to bid in positions which they are either not qualified to handle or which, upon reflection, they decide they do not want. We are glad to note that members of the Order seldom offend in this manner. This might be taken as another illustration of the fact that those within the fold have the ability to handle whatever they tackle, and the gray matter not to go beyond their depth. DIV. COR.

Grand Central Terminal and Electric Division—

Bro. McGlasson, assistant at Botanical Gardens, is spending his vacation at Sharon, Conn.; relieved by Mr. DeCamp, Jr. Upon Bro. McGlasson's return he will assume the duties of assistant at Bronxville second trick, having been awarded that position the day after leaving.

Bro. Hubbard, agent at Williamsbridge, left yesterday for a week's sojourn at the seashore; relieved by Assistant Agent Francis, who in turn is relieved by Mr. Farrand, relief man.

Mr. Hance, who so suddenly disappeared while doing the relief stunt at 183d St. station, has not been heard from. The reason for his flight is quite a mystery, as his accounts were found to be correct.

We understand that there is some kind of a deal in the air that will fill the vacancy at 138th St. without putting the job up for bid. Rumors are to the effect that the freight and passenger agency at Claremont Park are to be consolidated under one agent, and the new position will figure in the deal in some manner. The fans want to know what is being pulled off.

Bro. Malone, first assistiant at Mt. Vernon, having put in a bid for a tower position several times and then withdrawn the same, has decided that a raise in salary and stay where he is suits him better than a tower position, so he will not bid on any more tower jobs. He surely earned the raise, as it was a hot job during the races at Empire track.

Bro. Alrutz, assistant at Fordham, spent his vacation in and around Albany; relieved by Bro. Mohrbach for a few days, and a Mr. Blodgett for the rest of the time. Bro. Alrutz relieved Bro. McBain while he in turn relieved the freight agent at Fordham for his vacation.

Mr. Thomas Akers, who has been doing station work in and around University Heights for the past six weeks, has been awarded "MY" third trick.

The only station position up for bid at present is second trick at Botanical Gardens. Presume some new man will be assigned to it, as none of the old men will bid on it.

It is about time that Akers and Sanford, at Bronxville, filed their applications. Sanford carries an up-to-date C. T. U. A. card, but if he intends to stick to railroading he wants one of the other kind. Both have promised.

Bro. McManus is looking for a third trick so that he can study telegraphy during the day. We "13" Mac has a lady teacher, and should experience no difficulty in acquiring the art.

Our next regular night meeting, Sept 22d, promises to be one of unusual importance. Several prominent officials from other divisions have promised to be present, and no member of Division No. 8 should miss this meeting. Refreshments, of course.

On account of Bro. Joe Curran's job being abolished, Bro. Curran bumped Bro. Pollitt, and Bro. Pollitt bumped Bro. Waddell; can't say what Bro. Waddell is going to do.

H. G. Stegman, second trick dispatcher, is on a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Braese is covering the job.

There are several new men on the division who need looking after.

We were sorry to have Bro. Jack Mohrbach leave us. Have not heard where he has located.

Bros. Kneipp, Ray and Jack Smith took a trip to the fishing banks lately. The total catch was one measly little fish, caught by Ray. Bro Kneipp informs us that he had a fish on his line that felt like a whale, but it broke away before he could land it—they always do, those big ones! However, they all report having a good time. Enough said.

Bro. C. A. Dougherty has been on the sick list for several weeks, but expects to be around again soon.

Bro. F. F. Rooney has also been off sick for some time and is now in Massachusetts recuperating.

A number of our boys report having spent a very pleasant vacation around South Cairo, N. Y.

Bro. Dooley and family spent their vacation at Deposit, N. Y.

Bro. J. E. Howe expects to spend his vacation at Bar Harbor, Me.

Bro. H. M. Wright has been telling about some of the large fish he caught while at White Lake, N. Y.

How about getting the ladies interested in the Auxiliary and starting a local division?

Bros. Engle and Myers were seen sitting under a raised umbrella in the Lexington Ave. waiting room. Wonder if Bro. Engle thought he was sitting in the sun at So. Cairo with his friend from Rockaway Park.

Bro. R. W. Sloat spent several days in Montreal, Que., last month.

One of our brothers spent three days fishing last month and only caught cold.

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St. Lawrence Division—

August is almost past and soon the summer trains will be gone. Then we will have a quiet spell, and later snow and storm for ours.

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Telegrapher Shorey is working the third trick Barneveld, taking the place of Telegrapher McConnell, who resigned.

Bro. R. G. Zimmerman, of Holland Patent, calls for a supply of application blanks occasionally. That shows where the push is. Let's all get busy.

The decision of the coroner in the case of the accident at Trenton Falls resulting in the death of one man and terrible injury of another caused by a freight train striking a hand car, was that the man in charge of the hand car was negligent in not protecting his car. The men killed and injured in this accident were brothers who have been in the service of the N. Y. C. at the same place for thirty-five years, and are well known by a very large circle of friends. The accident is the more deplorable on account of the advanced age of the men and their long term of service, which has always been the most faithful.

Bro. Jas. Marron has the first trick at Clayton.

Bro. R. J. Shedleman has second trick at Smith.

As no outside notes have been received, will be unable to make much of a showing this month. Boys, send me items each month. We have our new schedule, and should feel like stirring around and making a noise like business.

DIV. COR.

Mohawk Division—

Mr. Witherstine has left the service of the N. Y. C. He has worked second trick at B. S. 31 since Bro. Lambert's resignation. Witherstine was at one time a member of the O. R. T., but of late years he claimed he could not afford it. He never gave it the thought that he was working for about twelve more per at that block station, which was secured through this organization. He had that terrible color blindness which is too prevalent among the telegraphers on the Mohawk Division. It is reported he left the service through transfer of his pass.

While we are talking of nons, we have a list here which we are asked to publish: Rose second trick 28-a; Prosser, second trick 36; Dockstader, second trick 37; Cleveland, extra Oneida; Howe, extra, Greenway. Note the list in the vicinity of Oneida, and such a beautiful country, too. It is hoped these men will fall in line. If they have any personal feelings toward any member of this organization they should not stay out on that account. They should stop and consider what the Order has already done for the telegraphers of this country.

It is almost impossible to get relief nowadays, so many being sick, etc., and some are getting married. Among the benedicts is Bro. Laraway. We all join in wishing Ralph and his bride a long and happy married life.

Conductor Witherwax, of Schenectady-Hoffmans shifter, won the gold watch raffled at the August meeting. The lucky number was 135.

The arrival of E. H. Harriman from Europe is being watched with interest, as the report that he is endeavoring to establish a through line from coast to coast, the eastern end of which is the New York Central, may affect the business of this division materially, and divert much seaboard freight from the Erie, L. V., Penna., and other trunk lines. Under his control the N. Y. C. might acquire the bulk of business by being routed from his western holdings over the New York Central, instead of the above-named lines of railways. Although business has greatly improved, it is common talk that the New York Central has lost heavily in the past year or two on seaboard freight, especially grain. DIV. COR.

Beech Creek District—

Bro. B. C. Gamble is working "YA" tower, third trick, at present, while the regular man, Bro. C. W. Miller, is working Beech Creek, third trick.

Bro. Fredericks is doing the agent's work at Avis station, while Agent Peters is off with a broken ankle.

All roads lead to Jersey shore this week during the firemen's convention.

Bro. J. D. Roffe and family are taking in the sights in New York City and Coney during Bro Roffe's vacation.

Bro. C. W. Barrow is working first trick at "SR," during Bro. Roffe's absence. Bro. I. C Miller is filling in for Bro. Barrow.

Business is still on the increase, but not yet up to the normal.

Have you all received a copy of the new schedule? It looks good to me. Any not receiving a copy can procure one by addressing our general secretary, Bro. Blim.

The regular August meeting was called to order by Chief Telegrapher G. S. Stover. What's the matter with you River line boys? The first trick men from "WB" tower to Rush are all able to attend. Get out and attend your meetings. You don't know what you are missing.

We are still blessed with twenty-one nons on this district, and the brothers who are working at those offices should get after them. If you have no blanks, write the local chairman or either of the assistant local chairmen, for some.

A few of the members have not yet paid the floral assesment of 30 cents. This money is to be applied to a good cause and should be remitted promptly.

Will some good brother angler kindly land a hook in the jaw of Telegrapher Sherry and tow him to our lodge room?

Bro. Cloos, Arcadia, is attending the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

It would look a whole lot better if the boys would answer their dispatcher as promptly as they do the man who furnishes them with the big league baseball scores.

Sister C. V. Holt, Curry third trick, wished to be off to attend the regular meeting held at Clearfield, August 10th, but all extra telegraphers were busy, and therefore she could not be relieved.

Telegrapher Graham is back on the job at Lumber, after ten days' vacation for spending some time in the office unaware of what was going on in the dispatcher's office.

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Bro. Jno. Heitsenrether, Lumber, second trick, is taking his vacation at present; relieved by Telegrapher Cook.

Bro. B. F. Sterling is doing extra work at Clearfield station during Bro. Robinson's vacation.

Bro. E. L. Crist is working second at Curry at present.

Sister B. H. Seid is filling the vacancy at Panther, first trick, while Bro. Miller is at "SR," Sister Seid being relieved at Stark, second trick, by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. G. S. Stover, agent at Dimeling, was off a few days last month; relieved by Bro. E. L. Crist.

Bro. B. F. Sterling was off one day last month; relieved by Telegrapher G. B. Miller. By the time this is in print we expect to be able to address Telegrapher Miller as brother.

Bro. R. R. Aigler has bid in Deer, third trick, and is now on the job.

Telegrapher J. A. Brilhart is filling the vacancy at Dimeling, third trick, at present. It has been awarded to Bro. J. T. Fisher.

Hooverhurst agency was awarded to Telegrapher L. A. High.

Several N. Y. C. telegraphers were called to Mahaffey recently, to take the P. R. R. examination. It is understood that in the future it will be necessary for all N. Y. C. telegraphers to pass this examination who work in offices where P. R. R. train orders are handled.

Bro. De Hass, Kerrmoor, second trick, was off one day and was relieved by Telegrapher Miller.

Bro. G. L. Darr, agent at Mitchells, relieved for his vacation by Bro. Hoover.

Bro. O. J. Kester, third trick, McGees, was off three days last month; relieved by Telegrapher Cook.

Bros. Musser, of Gillintown, and Remsnyder, of Viaduct, spent a day in Clearfield last month.

Bro. Kyler and wife, of Dimeling, also Bro. Vail and wife, of Gillintown, were also in Clearfield last month.

During a recent storm the house of Bro. H. A. Hunter, agent at Curry, was struck by lightning and set on fire. The fire was extinguished before it made any headway, but considerable damage was done to the furniture. Bro. Hunter was also injured, not seriously, however, and we are glad to see him out, after being laid up a day.

We are glad to say that business has increased wonderfully on the River line.

Bro. Price has bid in Mowry, second trick, and is now on the job.

Bro. Bonner is relieving Telegrapher McQuown, who is taking his vacation, visiting in New York. We are glad to learn that Telegrapher McQuown has seen the light and expects soon to be with us.

Bro. Rougenx, who has been assigned the position of Deer, second trick, is on the sick list; relieved by Telegrapher L. A. High.

Several telegraphers on the River line were relieved to attend the Frenchville picnic. Bro. Foust, Walton, second trick, was relieved by Telegrapher L. A. High; Bro. J. B. Beauseigneur, Walton, first trick, by Telegrapher Brilhart; Bro. Hoover, of Rush, second trick, by Bro. Etters and Bro. Maines, of Cataract, third trick, by Bro. M. O. Work. They had a nice day for the picnic and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur, of Walton, third trick, was off a few days last month fishing; relieved by Bro. Work.

Bro. Foust's Bald Hill baseball team was quite badly defeated at the game played at the Frenchville picnic. The score was 11 to 2 in favor of the opposite team. Bro. Foust has not given up hope and is still practicing.

Bro. Lyman, "DY," third trick, on vacation last month, was relieved by Bro. Price, of Mowry, who was in return relieved by Telegrapher Long.

We wish to thank several of the brothers for items this month. We wish some of the members from the B. C. would send in a few items, as it is impossible for me to keep track of what is going on there.

Attend the meetings. CERT. 2117.

Hudson Division—

Bro. Barrington, at "BS" 54, third trick, is a close competitor for honors with our famous Burbank. Bro. Barrington has some new floral creations that may appear at the leading floral expositions this season.

Bro. Hyatt says New Hamburg is good enough for him. "I would leave my happy home" myself for Bro. Hyatt's New Hamburg attraction.

Bro. E. Miller, wife and son have joined a select few camping out at Old Point Comfort.

Numerous changes in tower service is noticeable the past month. Some dismissed for infractions of the rules, while others gave up the struggle of trying to meet their monetary obligations on their meager salary and have sought other and more remunerative labor. The press proclaims that prosperity is fast returning. I am no Salonin, but from the signs of the times approaching prosperity seems destined to be a "corporation prosperity," and if the laborer hopes to get a small tithe of it, he must be up and doing. Anything labor hopes for must come through organized efforts. The final disposal of the tariff question seems to be more pay for our daily necessaries, and my advice to every man that has a card is to see that his neighbor has one, for only through a solid organization can we consistently demand an increase that will allow us enough to feed and clothe our families.

Bro. Riley, one of our famous "baseballers," has resigned, and is now making good in the carpenter business.

Bro. Turner, "BS" 55, is on his vacation.

Bros. Cable, "BS" 43, and Conklin, "BS" 39, have resigned to go in the hat business. We hope for their success.

Bro. Lowe, "BS" 57, one of the committee of four, is still doing nicely with adventures in the Canaries.

Telegraphers are scarce, and those that do come around claim there is not money enough in the jobs offered. Others holding jobs share the same opinion.

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Bro. Groupe Cook, serving 15 on account of changing tricks without permission. Pretty severe on Bro. Cook for changing as favor to another.

CERT. 1324.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Ruler of the Universe has deemed it wise to remove from the family of Bro. J. Toone his beloved son, Mr. John Toone; and

WHEREAS, We know human sympathy is insufficient, and that we can point the bereaved to Him who promised to be an ever-present helper in the hour of trouble, praying His consolation to be ministered unto them; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Hudson Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, and a copy sent to our official organ for publication.

J. M. MOSS,
F. A. EDIT,
C. F. HEIDEL,
J. A. HAUGHEY,
Committee.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

I want to appeal to the boys on the N. & W. Ry. and all members of Division 14, to give their moral and financial support to the O. R. T. Bond Co.

In the judgment of many of our best men, this will give our members more relief than any step our organization has taken for a long, long time. Many brothers have had their bonds cancelled, and have never been able to find out why such action was taken. Our adjustments on bond grievances have been very unsatisfactory, and, in fact, our sources of information in many cases have been shut off, so as to prevent any investigation, except along certain restricted lines.

Boys, this is purely a business proposition. All of us are anxious to make a small investment that we know is safe and sure, and where we know we will not be literally robbed of our small savings. We now have before us such an opportunity, and let us all strive to take advantage of it. If you can only take one or two shares, take that many, and later you may be able to take another share or two. Anyway, get something in it and help along.

I want to be plain on another point: The O. R. T. Bond Co. will not accept any man simply because he is a member of the organization, but his application will be given a careful investigation and if he has a satisfactory record he will be accepted; otherwise, he will be declined. But, remember, if you are turned down you will be told why, and this very information is what hundreds of our men have been wanting and have never been able to get. Boost the bond company and make it a go.

The panic is fast becoming a matter of history. On every side we hear of and see great improvement in business conditions in every line, especially in the railroad work matters. We are told that we are now entering upon the greatest era of prosperity this country has ever known, and now is the time to get in some good work for our organization.

Get the "individual effort" to working again, take an interest in the bond company and all other departments of our organization, and especially in our own local division. Attend the meetings, keep posted on the labor movement, and when some little two-by-four fellow proceeds to argue the question in order to leave a false impression in the minds of some people as to what the labor movement has accomplished, show him where he stands, and how he is "hogging" up his increased salary at the expense of the union men. Tell him what is necessary for him to do to square himself with the boys, and if he don't do it, impress him with the "No cards, no favors" act.

The division correspondents have covered the point so thoroughly in regard to the pressure brought to bear on the nons that I feel nothing but downright selfishness can prevent them from seeing their true condition and realize the position they are placed in before their fellow workers.

GEN. COR.

Scioto Division—

A rapid improvement in business is noted on our division within the past few weeks. Apparently the airbrakes on the wheels of industry have been unloosed and everything put in motion. Every available engine on the division has been placed in service and several more brought from other divisions, in order to handle the heavy traffic. An average of eight to nine hundred loads daily are said to be moving from Williamson, W. Va., west, east-bound; from Columbus and Cincinnati is also very heavy, and quite a number of promotions in train service have been made necessary.

Eight to ten complete crews have been added to the already goodly number, which is very creditable, and that the N. & W. is coming to the front is unquestioned. At the present time the shop force at Portsmouth is the largest it has been at any time since 1907.

The double tracking force between Kenova, Ava and Portsmouth has been increased and the work is being pushed rapidly without any serious delays to traffic.

Bro. A. V. Osborne, agent at Fort Gay, W. Va., with his family, took in the sights at Norfolk, Va., and other points of interest on the line.

Bro. B. Workmen is doing the extra stunt, third trick, at "KM" Portsmouth.

Bro. O. C. Knight, agent, Peebles, Ohio, has resumed work after a 15-day vacation.

Bro. A. L. Peake, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Hempstead Hospital, Portsmouth, Ohio, July 29, is able to be out and will soon report for duty.

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W. C. Corbin, car dispatcher, Portsmouth, Ohio, is mentioned as a possible candidate for mayor of that city, on the Democratic ticket. We believe "Bill," as he is commonly known among us, has the qualities and if elected would fill the office with credit.

Bro. Jacob Compton and wife have been assigned to second and third tricks, at Haverhill, Ohio.

Bro. Labon Wilson, of Wayne, W. Va., we are creditably informed, has received some very substantial offers on his newly-patented automatic circuit-closing telegraph key, but as yet none have been considered, the conditions not being agreeable to Bro. Wilson, whose proposition is on a lease basis and not on an outright sale. He is now on a trip to Missouri, where he will be in conference with some superintendents of telegraph during this month in regard to it, and to exhibit its advantages. Saying the least for Bro. Wilson's invention, were it in general use, wires being left open by operators would need no attention.

Hayesville, Ohio, was reopened as a three-trick office August 18th, which means employment for some extra men a while, or at least until permanent appointments are made.

A new office at the end of double track west of Wheelersburg, O., was cut in August 20th. Wheelersburg is now a 12-hour position.

Our regular meeting was held at Portsmouth, Ohio, Saturday evening, August 21st. Bro. Layman being with us usual interest was taken in the work. The attendance while not so large as at previous meetings was made up of brothers who have not been able to attend previously. Brothers, we are truly glad to have you with us and you may rest assured it is a step in the right direction. Good acquaintance leads to good service and it is our duty to work together to this end. It is a winner. Come again and bring others next to you; also a petition now and then which will help out. We still have a few nons left to work on who will have to be "shown," and if they wish to know more of the good being done by the Order than they do by standing on the non list, they have secured many times the cost of membership in increases and working conditions. We hope there is not a non member on our division who will stand back longer, as excuses have run out. Our officials and general committeemen are working together most harmoniously and nothing but success can come out of such intimacy. The interest of the company is the concern of employes, whose duty is good service, obedience and activity. Be on the alert, answer calls and stay awake at all times on duty. When you fail in these particulars our interests are neglected as well as of our employers and will most certainly end in broken faith, which is detrimental to all concerned. Get down to business during these busy times and put up a record. We want to be among the foremost in the service and swell the popularity of our railroad system. The opportunity is a worthy one and must have our best efforts. Watchwords, "good service," "successful business" and our duties well performed.

Bro. Chas. H Builing, formerly manager in "KM," Portsmouth, O., late manager of the relay office at El Paso, Texas, is paying Portsmouth friends a visit. Charlie is looking good and holds his weight. He reports favorably on his new position and says he prefers the warm days in Texas to Portsmouth fogs, and will return to his work in a few weeks. Success, "CH."

Bro. W. F. Hoptry, our old division chairman, is spending his vacation with friends at Portsmouth and Ironton. "Happy" is now employed as a Western Union operator and has forsaken railroad telegraph work, but still carries an up-to-date O. R. T. card.

Your correspondent desires to express his thanks for notes donated in August, and hopes every member will be interested sufficiently to keep us posted on happenings of interest on our division.

Boost the new O. R. T. bond company, take a share or more of stock, the investment will net you good interest on your money. It's safe; if sufficient money can not be subscribed now to start it out on a good financial working basis, we are allowing one of the most important matters to us to be disregarded.

Bro. A. M. Cross, agent at Sciotoville, Ohio, is spending his vacation at Sulphur Lick Springs, Ross County, Ohio, intending to visit friends in Columbus and Cleveland before his return to work.

As we have now probably infringed on space will take our "23." CERT. 750.

Pocahontas Division—

Why is it we seldom hear anything from the Pocahontas Division? Is it because we do not care to be represented in our journal, or self-neglect? I have grown weary of seeing the west end, the best business part of our line, left out in the dark. You should display more interest in the welfare of your union and let the rest of the boys know we are yet alive. I have recently returned from a trip home and while away gathered some mighty good and reasonable points regarding our future outlook.

It seems some of the boys on this end are discouraged on account of the telephones, the automatic signals, etc., which they fear will knock them out in days to come. My dear boys, you are looking at these things entirely wrong. The thing you want to do is to keep up your dues and not allow yourself to get behind. If you are expecting help from the O. R. T. you can never realize it unless you get in line and assist us.

Don't let these things worry you. The organization will not let you suffer. Don't feel any uneasiness as long as you stick to the O. R. T. The more confidence you have in it the more it will do for you. I was block-headed enough for several months to let my dues fall behind, not having any idea of again taking up the cross, but my experience in the past three weeks has taught me different, for I am in a position to know these things will not affect us. Mr. Perham has his eyes set upon us, watching every movement for or against our interests. I feel no uneasiness as to the future.

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Now, boys, come across with your dues, or join again. Unless we show a good backing when our committee meets in January, 1910, we can never realize our just benefits. We are aiming at something next year, and you must help us secure it. We need your help and you need ours, and the thing to do is stand firm in the ranks.

At present writing Huger second and third, North Fork first, and Devon agent and operator, are advertised. It is our earnest wish that some good Order men get these positions.

Milmore and Claren have recently been closed on account of extending the double track from these places. This change cut six operators out of positions. Bro. Pippin, recently first at Wilmore, taking first at Huger; other men moving where seniority allowed.

Bro. Bridges, agent and operator at Jaeger, is now off on vacation, relieved by Relief Agent Boyd.

Bro. C. E. Pendleton, second trick at Alnwick, was recently married to Miss Edna Hatfield, of Cedar, W. Va., went on vacation, has returned and is now living at War Eagle, where he has a nicely-furnished home, with one to share his troubles. We all extend to him our heartiest congratulations and wish him a happy and prosperous future with his dear little wife Edna, whom he was indeed lucky in securing for his bride.

Bro. Alvis, agent and operator at Alnwick, was recently offered the agency at Big Stone Gap, Va., with the V. & S. W. Not finding position as represented he returned to Alnwick.

We are told Bro. Conners expects to leave us shortly for the West. We hate very much to see him leave, but our best wishes are with him wherever he may go,

Business on this end is better than for two years and prospects point to an increase. We must all get together and route our freight as far as possible over organized lines, thereby giving them the largest revenue possible.

This is my first attempt at a write-up and I hope the boys will help me out in securing a better showing for next month. "DE."

Radford Division—

The Radford Division made a record to be proud of in July. No suspensions and three credit entries of fifteen days each for operators finding defects in the equipment of cars, possibly saving disastrous wrecks. We often hear it said these credit entries cost the company nothing, that the officials can well afford to give them and that if we were given the time off it would be something worth while. It would be showing a spirit of appreciation if we were to be given the time off as a reward for diligence in looking after the companies' business and an incentive to watch everything with an eye single to all interests, and in time we may hope they will be magnanimous enough to reward us. This is a subject the committee may feel it worth while to take up in the future. However, as the company only seems to appreciate the possible saving of a wreck worth ten days, given as a mere credit entry and then gives one thirty days for the mere breach of a rule frequently caused by some oversight, almost unavoidable, it is hardly probable they will give us anything that will amount to anything substantial.

Business has been booming for some time, and the officials are looking for a very heavy run from now on. Operators have been scarce and all extra men are making good time. Eight or ten new positions have been opened recently. The telephone is being installed in all main line offices, and every one is anxious to know what will be the outcome.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Humphries was obliged to give up the agency at Galax on account of ill health, and hope he will soon be able to resume duty.

Mrs. Cord, wife of Bro. A. B. Cord, has been very sick, but is some better.

Mrs. Vest, wife of our "old-timer," Bro. W. A. Vest, has also been in bad health for some time, and has gone to the hospital in Roanoke for an operation, which we hope will be successful.

There have been a great many changes lately on account of new positions, transfers, etc., but we will not now attempt to give them.

A death that fills all our hearts with sorrow was that of Mrs. Martin Peters in Roanoke recently. Mr. Peters is the oldest engineer on the Radford Division, and is known by every one. He is a prominent member of the B. of L. E. and the sympathy of all who know him goes out to him in his sad affliction.

Bro. J. W. Williams was married at Bristol on August 4th to Miss Nannie Hunt, of Wittens Mills, Va.

Radford Division, River Line—

Bro. F. S. Findley, Jr., agent at Ingleside, W. Va., was off ten days the last of July, being relieved by relief agent, Bro. D. B. Southern.

At Oakvale, W. Va., Bro. P. B. Spangler, agent, was off several days, relieved by Bro. G. H. Spengler.

Quite a number of our boys spent the 7th of this month at Pearisburg, Va., attending the unveiling of the Confederate monument, which was donated by the McComas Chapter U. D. C. of Giles County.

Bro. E. B. Durham, second trick, Ripplemead, Va., attended the "unveiling" at Pearisburg, and incidentally took some snap shots of the "curios" there. He was relieved by Mr. Carson Lemmon, who has filled out his application and will soon be one of the "elect."

Bro. R. S. Fry, agent at Pearisburg, is off on his vacation, and will attend the grand rally of the "Acca Temple Mystic Shrine," which will convene at Luray, Va., August 14th; relieved by Bro. D. B. Southern.

Telegrapher Snead, a new man, is working a few days at Blake, first trick, relieving Mr. Conner, a confirmed non.

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Shenandoah Division—

We will start with the old-time war cry, work on the nons, and from what we see of the Shenandoah Division at this time, some of the men are not doing what they should by a long way. Would you have it said that the Radford Division has gotten ahead of us, when at one time last year the non list on that division looked like a thirty-cent piece with the three rubbed off. Now, nons, let us ask you as a friend, can't you possibly spare the great sum, or is it just negligence? Regardless of what the trouble is, won't you have that name cut off the list by the time the minutes next reach us? We see five of the boys in a certain office, and three in another who don't come to the meetings. If you have a kick coming attend the meetings and make it known, probably you will see things in a different light. Something you may like and just suits you. It is very hard to make laws that suit all conditions, and to please everyone, that is next to an impossibility. Think a little less of self and a little more of your organization and we will all get along better.

Bro. W. L. Burks, agent at Buffalo, was relieved a few days by Bro. J. W. Melton, from second, Glasgow.

Mr. Hyde, second trick, Buchanan, was relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton, who after working one day was relieved by relief agent, Bro. H. H. Burks.

Extra Telegrapher Thompson is relieving on the second trick at Starkey.

Bro. T. B. Dillard, second trick, Grottoes, was relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton for fifteen days.

Bro. R. S. Smylie bid in the third trick at Troutville.

Bro. T. A. Graves, agent at Vesuvius, was on the sick list for several days, being relieved by Bro. S. M. Lane, from Rippon.

Bro. J. E. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, who has been on the sick list for the last six or seven months, is still improving and we expect to see him back at the key shortly.

Bro. Vines, first trick at Basic, is taking a few days off.

Bro. J. S. Gant bid in the second trick at Pine Hall.

Bro. W. H. Shultz, while on his wedding trip, was relieved by Telegrapher Reed. Our congratulations, "H."

Our chief, Mr. C. A. Graves, is taking a few days' vacation, being relieved by Mr. C. B. Lackes, while Mr. J. M. Apple is relieving on the North End, second trick.

Work has been started on the new station at Shepherdstown, something that has been badly needed for some time. It will be a very handsome addition to that historic old town. The station and grounds will be up-to-date, with all modern improvements, waiting rooms for both white and colored, with toilets in each and baggage and express rooms. A very long shed and a walk something like twenty feet wide will also be constructed. It is to be completed by the first of the year. With the new station and the new railroad bridge, which has just lately been completed across the Potomac River on the outskirts of the town, Shepherdstown should consider herself lucky in the way of improvements by the railroad company. There is also some talk of the Morgans Grove sidetrack being extended to Shepherdstown, a distance of about a mile.

Bro. C. P. Harris, third trick at Glasgow, is taking his vacation, being relieved by Bro. Bush. Bro. G. W. Skelton is relieving Bro. J. W. Melton on the second trick there.

Bro. J. N. Shank relieved Bro. W. L. Burks at Buffalo a few days, then Bro. J. M. Wise at Riverside, going from there to Basic, where he relieved the agent, Mr. V. I. Guyer.

Mr. H. A. Fix, from second trick, is relieving Mr. H. M. Davis, second trick at Shenandoah; Bro. McIntosh relieving at Stanley.

Bro. Stockton, agent at Ashby, was relieved by Bro. J. S. Biedler, relief agent for a while.

Our popular third trick dispatcher, Bro. Harry Kyle, North End, was off a few days to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. R. P. Kyle, of Thaxton, Va., who died very suddenly. The bereaved family has our deepest sympathy.

Bro. J. W. Melton is relieving on the second trick (side wires), "UD," Roanoke.

Bro. R. Y. Melton is relieving Bro. C. J. Hughes, second trick, White Post, while Mr. Ned Moffett is relieving the agent, Bro. Bowers.

Relief agent, Bro. H. H. Burks, goes from Buchanan to Glasgow, to relieve the agent, Bro. C. B. Bear; Bro. P. L. McNiel to Buchanan to relieve Bro. Burks, then to the first trick at that point, to relieve Bro. J. O. Dillard.

Mr. H. O. Ringle, first trick, Shenandoah, is on the sick list, being relieved by Bro. C. P. Harris, of Glasgow.

J. H. B.

Norfolk Division—

It is gratifying to see normal business conditions on our line, with as many freight trains and more passenger trains than we have had for several years.

Most of our boys are coming up with their dues beautifully, but there are some who have dropped behind. Brothers, you know this will never do. Send in your dues to Bro. Lankford, and get yourselves in line for better things. Before you can turn around good we will be up against revising our present schedule. It lies within your power to make improvements or remain where you are. You can see the wisdom of thorough organization without my referring further to it. I hope that all of you are enjoying good health, and when your eyes glance down the columns of our magnificent journal, remember that all that we say to you is for your good, and the elevation of our craft. Get in line, boys. With best wishes.

T. O. M., CERT. 110.

Norfolk Division—

There is not much news from this end that would interest the membership or readers of the journal. Everything seems to be working nicely, as we do not hear any complaint from the membership.

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While our general conditions as to standing of the membership is good we have quite a number who have gotten careless and allowed themselves to get in arrears. Boys, you are getting on dangerous ground when you permit this to occur. If we would see the organization progress, we need have the earnest support of every telegrapher, and we can not expect to press onward to higher achievements, and to protect what we have, unless our membership holds up, and furnishes the support essential to the workings of the organization. To any well-thinking telegrapher, it is needless to show the importance of this, and we hope those who have become careless will awaken to a realization of their duty, not only to their craft, but to themselves and family.

We are anxious to hear from the Bluefield meeting. We feel sure the boys started the Ladies' Auxiliary going at this meeting. We could accomplish, in my opinion, no greater thing at this time, than to get this branch of the organization started, and when we once get these ladies interested, results are sure to follow; your wife or your sweetheart will not enter heartily into the work unless she knows that she has a part in the work; in fact, a membership card such as ours.

I think the ladies who become members of the Auxiliary are due to the courtesies generally given telegraphers, and more.

I recall quite a number of courtesies extended to my wife, who was traveling with her sister, visiting friends in Ohio, because she was the wife of a telegrapher who held an up-to-date card, and she brought back several cards showing names of the boys who had been courteous to her. The idea struck me that suppose the wives, sisters, daughters, etc., of the telegraphers were organized, what a protection would be thrown around them when traveling alone, or when under any conditions they should need the courtesy of some one around the stations, or en route. Would you not welcome anything that would improve our conditions? Do you not think this would interest your wife, sister or daughter? Again, if the telegrapher grows careless, he'll find some lady calling on him to know why he does not come across with his dues, or if he's never done "the right thing by becoming a member," some lady will call on him to get his membership.

Time will not permit me to explain the many advantages to our organization; the brothers can figure these out. I hope we can soon establish this branch of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers on this system.

As stated, no news of interest, except that they are now connecting up making ready for automatic signals from Thaxton to Forest, and it is thought the signals will be installed last of the year. As there is great need for communication between offices and dispatcher, and the blocks pretty long as it is, it is not thought any offices will be cut out. In case of wrecks, especially in the loss of life, makes medical aid necessary, it is not hard to see the importance of the telegrapher in the proper handling of life and property.

If the Norfolk Division is not represented in the September journal it will be due to sickness and death in the family of your correspondent at the time the journal work was to have been done.

I hope all telegraphers who have not paid dues and the non-member will feel alike the importance of giving their support to the organization. The organization is just as essential to you as the home that shelters you is to your family, and the word "Protection" is the thing in a nutshell.

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Michigan Central Ry.

While the railroads are talking "telephone," and the W. U. Tel. Co. is installing Barclay machines for the sole purpose of intimidation, why would it not be well for telegraphers as a class to branch out for themselves and boost their own interests.

Ex-Congressman Lentz, of Ohio, has a good article on postal telegraphy in the *National Monthly* for July, advocating the Government control of postal telegraphy. He goes on to show that while rates here have steadily advanced, the use has steadily declined, and that only one per cent of the American people use the telegraph, while in Europe the rates have steadily declined and the number of users steadily increased until now sixty or sixty-five per cent of the people use the telegraph. This goes to show that when the people are served and private gain not sought the service is vastly increased and improved, giving employment to many more people and at living wages. The Government is satisfied to give the people good service at reasonable cost, and is not trying to squeeze out dividends on vast quantities of water. The Western Union at the present time, under pretext of a new agreement with railroads, is depriving telegraphers of the small commission formerly paid them, and expects more from telegraphers than do the people who pay for the service.

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Detroit Yards—

Mr. Maedel, our chief, is taking his vacation in Benmiller, Ont. The last letter received from him states that he is very sick, and is hardly able to get out of bed. Mr. W. A. Jackson, assistant chief, has been taking his place, and Mr. Gregg has taken Jackson's place as assistant chief telegrapher.

During the latter part of August, Dispatcher D. N. Smith is going to take a camping trip to Ontario. He will be relieved by Mr. W. A. Jackson, which will make Mr. R. S. Gregg chief telegrapher, and Bro. Senff assistant chief telegrapher.

Bro. Bitler, of the Grand Division, is working in place of Mr. Rowland, and Bro. Webber, of Car Shops station, is working in place of Bro. Senff nights.

Bro. Broekmiller, of Car Shops station, is taking a long-needed vacation, being away a whole month. He is relieved by Bro. Coyne, of Cen-

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tral Ave. Telegrapher T. J. Murphy, of the west end, is working in Bro. Webber's place nights.

At Central Ave. Bro. Burroughs is working in place of Bro. Coyne. Bro. Graves was working days for about a week on account of Bro. Coyne's being sick, and sickness in his family.

Bro. Moll, at North Yards, was off about a week, recently, and took a trip to Charlotte; relieved by a Mr. Brown, of Dentons.

Bro. Armstrong, of D. T. Switch, is off for a few weeks, taking a trip West for his health.

Toledo Division—

Bro. Cotton, of River Rouge, was off several days recently; relieved by Mr. Brown.

Telegraphers Trozen and Murphy have been working at Ecorse on account of Mr. LeBlanc working third trick at Wyandotte.

Bro. Tinney was unable to keep up the pace at Wyandotte and had to be relieved on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Frantz, from South Rockwood, and Telegrapher Shuttleworth relieved Bro. Frantz.

Bro. Thistlewaite, of Monroe, is figuring on taking a month's layoff.

Bro. Marleau, of Alexis, is at present working at North Toledo in place of Bro. Whitney; unable to state who took his place.

Bros. Prentice and Frestle came back from their vacations and are again at the old hangout.

East Division—

Mr. Leslie, of Denton, who applied for the position at Ann Arbor, was taken very sick, recently, and as yet has been unable to try his hand at Ann Arbor.

Bro. Peters, of Wayne, has taken a trip up in the woods for hay fever cure; relieved by Bro. Brainard. Bro. Allward, of Wiards, got the position of second trick man at Wayne Junction, he in turn being relieved by Tracy Smith.

Mr. Brown is working as agent in place of Mr. Leslie.

Bro. M. Whitman has returned to work at Ypsilanti after having been off about two months. Bro. Burroughs worked while he was away.

Bro. Oliver, second trick man at Ann Arbor, was given the position of ticket agent days, vice Bro. Bunting. A Mr. Slowey, of Battle Creek, is working at Ann Arbor days until a man can be appointed there. H. C. Bell, who worked in Bro. Oliver's place on second trick, has resigned, and a Mr. Decker has the position regular.

Mr. H. C. Bitler, a new man on the line, relieved Bros. Speer and W. C. Smith for a few days.

Bay City Division—

Bro. Marsh, of Warren, has accepted the position of agent at Rochester in place of G. M. Thompson, on account of the latter being transferred to Oxford Freight House, vice W. Rogers, resigned. Relief Agent Watts is working at Warren until the vacancy is filled by bulletin.

Bro. Seavitte was off two weeks recently and took a trip to New York and Niagara Falls. We are unable to say who relieved him.

Bro. G. E. Calkins, of Oxford Freight House, is taking a needed rest, also taking a trip through Michigan.

Bro. G. C. Santee, of Hunters Creek, has resigned on account of being unable to get a satisfactory place to board or any kind of a house to rent. A Mr. Howell has the position now.

Mr. E. E. Schlicht, formerly of Hunters Creek, is now stationed at Vassar regularly.

Bro. I. E. Myre has been off sick for a month or more; he was relieved by Mr. Leet, a young man from Millington.

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N. Y., C. & St. L. Ry.

Third District—

The regular meeting at Leipsic, Ohio, August 18th, was fairly well attended, but not as it should have been.

It appears that some of the boys along the line do not make any effort whatever to attend these meetings, but kick about the business transacted which does not suit their particular ideas of how it should be done. A better feeling would be engendered if such members would attend the meetings themselves and try to have the business done in the way they desire. We would like for each office to be represented at every meeting.

There appears to be some along the line who fail to appreciate what the Order has already done for the railroad telegraphers, and seem to not want to be convinced that it is a good thing to join with the members of their craft in trying to secure greater benefits. The small amount of dues required, even for the social part, should be hardly worth considering, and the additional amount necessary to secure the insurance is so small that we fail to understand what such men are thinking about. No reliable insurance can be carried in any safe company for twice the amount.

We hope, however, that they will come to realize these things before long and consider carefully the injustice they are doing themselves and their families by failing to fill out the papers as soon as they can get them.

On account of not receiving any items except from one or two of the boys along the line, it is impossible to send in the kind of a write-up we would like to see in THE TELEGRAPHER of the happenings on this district. It would require but little effort on the part of each one to drop the undersigned a note as to the changes, etc., at each office. Please try to do this in the future.

Telegrapher Kariger, third trick man at New Haven, is working in "FO," Ft. Wayne office, a few days, relieving the telegrapher there.

Mr. Harner is filling in at New Haven.

Telegrapher Fling, an old case-hardened non, on the first trick at Payne, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Hayslett, who is the regular second trick man. Mr. Hayslett was relieved by E. W. Schille.

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R. Jacobs, second trick man at Continental, is off on vacation; relieved by F. G. O'Neill, who formerly worked the third trick, at Continental. He has been out of the business for some time.

C. H. Bowman, third at Payne, will withdraw from the Order, as he has resigned and is going to school. He is no doubt making a mistake by dropping out of the Order, forfeiting his insurance and other benefits.

Mr. Johnson, second at Leipsic Junction, is laying off at present, visiting in Utah; relieved by Telegrapher Carney.

C. W. Zimmerman, of Maple Grove, made a trip to Detroit recently.

The Sandusky Division of the Big Four, going through Greensprings, is graveling the track and expects before long to run a great many more trains than at present; in fact, almost as many as the Nickel Plate is running at present. This will make an increase of business at "GR" office in wire work on the Big Four side, as two gates will have to be thrown for each train passing over the crossing.. When calling "GR" please consider this fact.

G. A. Morrison, formerly from Chicago, but now working second trick at Colby, was united in marriage to Miss Wauneta Isgriggs, of Frankfort, Ind., August 18th. We extend congratulations to Mr. Morrison and his estimable wife. He advises that upon his return he will have plenty of good cigars, so don't fail to make a special effort to call on him. He is relieved by Telegrapher E. W. Arnold. ZIM.

Fourth District—

Bro. R. J. Demmitt is working second at Argos during the absence of Bro. D. L. Bunner, who is on a month's vacation.

Bro. W. J. Neff, the third trick man at Claypool, is leaving with his family for a trip to California. There is no need of there being long-faced rounders, now, as there are a number of roads asking for telegraphers.

When we think of the nons working on either side of us and reaping the benefit of the O. R. T., we pause to reflect and wonder whether each generation is getting wiser. We fear not.

Bro. Geo. Tulbert (agent at South Whitley) and wife are enjoying a trip to Oregon; relieved by Relief Agent Craig. George expects to visit the exposition at Seattle, and intends to take a bath in the Pacific.

Telegrapher Wilson, third at East End double track, has left the service. We have not learned who relieved him, but hope it was an up to date. CERT. 15.

C., M. & St. P. Ry.

Third District—

Our esteemed local chairman, Bro. Ed R. Derrickson, has been elected general secretary and treasurer of Division No. 23 to succeed Bro. Soyster, who is now our general chairman. We are pleased that one so worthy has been thus honored, but we are sorry that we will not be able to meet him quite so often as has been our pleasure heretofore. Bro. Derrickson will take care of his part of the work, let each of us do our part.

Bro. J. R. Allemon, of Chicago, "CG" office, has taken a few days' vacation and is visiting relatives in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Bro. J. E. Meredith, formerly agent at Shermerville, has been appointed agent at Libertyville. Bro. Meredith is a hard worker, and we wish him success.

Bro. C. M. Reed, of Rondout "RX" office, is now in the Railway Exchange, working in "CG."

Mr. J. G. Tuffley, former agent at Libertyville, has returned to the P. du C. Division, and will work extra out of Boscobel.

Bro. Thos. Cox and wife are on a pleasure trip West, including the fair at Seattle. He is being relieved by Bro. G. C. Brown, of third trick at Walworth, and he in turn by Mr. Rood, a new man on the road.

Bro. J. W. McKay, of Pacific Junction, has been heard from. He has been to the fair at Seattle, and is going on down in California.

Chief Dispatcher Rossiter is on a vacation. He is being relieved by Mr. Babcock.

Bro. W. J. Kreh is getting along very well at his home in Michigan, and hopes to be able for duty some time in September.

The aged mother of Bro. J. J. Hastings, of North Ave. tower, nights, died about a week ago; resolutions of sympathy appear elsewhere.

Bro. C. E. Larson, agent at Fox Lake, has been sick for several days. He is much improved, and has resumed work.

A. H. Lapointe, formerly of the M. C., has lined up with us—this leaves one non in a scheduled position regular, on the C. & M. proper.

We are at a loss to know why men entitled to regular scheduled positions cannot be placed in the positions to which their seniority rights entitle them.

A meeting was held at Friedman's Hall, Western Avenue, August 21st. The attendance was fair. It is the duty of each member to make a special effort to attend meetings. In order for anything to be a success, work and personal attention is required. Do not leave things that should be done for others to do, but be alive to your interests. If you are not interested in your own personal welfare how can you expect anyone else to be. We probably mean well, but let us do well. CERT. 64.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to take from our midst the beloved mother of our friend and brother, James. J. Hastings, be it therefore

Resolved, By the membership of the Third District, Division No. 23, that we extend to Brother

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James J. Hastings our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent Brother James J. Hastings and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. J. SIMEN.
J. R. ALLEMAN.
M. R. CORCORAN.
Committee.

S. M. Division—

A meeting was held at Austin on Sunday, Aug. 22d. Nearly all the men had permission to go; in fact, all that could be spared, so there should have been a good turnout.

Business is picking up on the S. M. once more, but there is no visible increase in the number of night telegraphers.

Dispatchers at Madison and Lax are through vacations, and Extra Dispatcher Bro. T. P. Horton is off on thirty days' leave, visiting his mother at Snohomish, Wash., before returning to Ramsey agency.

Bro. Mathieson, appointed to Houston night job, has not taken charge yet, but is doing relief work at Fulda, at present, relieving Bro. G. B. Turner.

Bro. Sheehy, agent at Grand Meadow, enjoyed a few days off; relieved by Bro. Roy Wood, from Lanesboro.

Bro. Leo Schendel, Ramsey second trick for four months, has left the S. M. and is working third trick at Farmington, on the I. & M. Division.

Bro. Tagland is working second trick at Ramsey until appointment made.

J. W. Tuttle, from Alpha, takes Bro. Tagland's place as clerk at Wells, being relieved at Alpha by T. Thorsen, from Hatfield.

Mr. Spriggs, from Woonsocket, is agent at Hatfield.

Bro. Snyder, at Flandreau, was sick for a few days, but is on the mend again.

Gene Fogarty, at Egan, nights, has come across with the necessary, and now can be called brother.

Bro. M. M. Kellogg, formerly at Colman, who has been on the sick list for the past two years, and is in Chicago taking treatment, we are glad to hear is on the gain. Hope we may soon welcome him back to our midst as active as ever.

Bro. Wendorff, from the M. & St. L., has Colman in charge temporarily.

Bro. Chase was off for thirty days at Bryant. Relief was furnished by Bro. Harmon.

Bro. Taggart is relieving Bro. Phillips at Lake Preston while the latter is sight seeing.

We understand that Bro. Brann at Edgerton is to be spliced, but have not heard if he was relieved or not. Div. Cor.

S. C. & D. Division—

It is a pretty hard matter, boys, to write up anything if you don't send me the items. Now, everyone get busy and see if we cannot have good write-ups from this division every month. There is abundant news if you will only send it in

We still have seven or eight nons on this division, and I am sure if we all do our best we can bring them with us and make our division nearly 100 per cent.

Bro. O. C. Kaatz and wife, of Saranac, have left on an extended visit with relatives and friends in Central Kansas, from whence they will proceed direct to Ganado, Texas, thence to Golden Rod, Texas, at which point Bro. Kaatz has quite a large fruit farm. On his return trip short stops will be made at Galveston, Houston, Austin, Dallas and Denison. We all wish the brother and his estimable wife a pleasant trip.

Bro. John Gibbo recently returning from a two weeks' visit to Pittsburg, Pa., and Wheeling, W. Va., went to Rodney as relief agent for a couple of weeks.

Bro. J. L. Boyer and family, agent at Rodney, are spending a two weeks' vacation at Missoula, Mont.

Mr. Harlan, agent at Kenwood suddenly decided one day last week that he was too light for heavy work, refused to answer his call and that office had to be considered closed until Bro. Strobel, of Elk Point, could get there.

Bro. H. M. Todd has returned to Luton as agent. Wagoner is one of the heaviest stations on this division for the amount of help furnished.

Bro. C. F. Dunham and wife recently returned from a trip to Rapid City, S. D., at which point Bro. "C. F." has quite a bunch of property.

The sand pit at Ethan will probably not be opened until next spring.

Now, boys, get busy with the news, and send your stuff to Bro. F. S. Hudson, telegrapher at Parkston, S. D. "FS," CERT. 2227.

C. & C. B. in Iowa Division—

Bro. B. L. Allen worked the agency at Panama during the illness of Bro. A. K. Fullerton.

Bro. N. J. Edwards, of Toronto, has returned, after an extended trip in the East and West.

Bro. F. N. Rathbun, of Martelle, is enjoying a few days' vacation. Relieved by Bro. Pat Ryan.

Bro. Lee Harned is holding down Council Bluffs yard office, filling the vacancy left by Bro. J. W. Belles.

Several third trick positions have been opened up on the west end on account of gravel and work trains.

Telegrapher Heath, a new arrival, has been working nights at Defiance.

Telegrapher W. L. Downs has been working the third trick at Dawson, but is now working extra at Templeton.

Bro. A. C. Hutton was appointed to the vacancy at Olin. Bro. A. P. Hopkinson has been appointed to the night office at Atkins.

Bro. F. E. Bentley, the agent at Rhodes, is laying off for the present, Bro. C. J. Oleson relieving him.

Bro. Bethurum went to Clinton the night of July 24th, to see that Barnum & Bailey's circus train got through OK.

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Bro. W. C. Bliss, of Portsmouth, sends us a nice bunch of items this month. Says business is booming on the west end.

Agent Tanner, at Tama, is laying off on account of his father's death in Chicago. Bro. Storm, the day man, is relieving him.

W. T. Willant, a new man, has been appointed telegrapher at Clinton, superseding Bro. W. R. Knight, who has been appointed to the agency at Hale.

Agent F. Doyle and daughter, Pearl, of Neola, took a western trip recently, and were relieved respectively by Bro. C. E. Oleson and Telegrapher L. V. Curran.

Telegrapher L. V. Curran worked the third trick at Aspinwall about a week, when the position was abolished, removing him to Bayard, where he is now working nights.

Bro. H. H. White, of Atkins, has taken charge of the Cambridge tower third trick, which he drew on bulletin. Telegrapher Kingsberry, a new arrival, is now working at Atkins.

Bro. S. D. Gillilan gave up the third trick at Oxford Junction, went on the extra list, and was subsequently appointed to the third trick at Paralta, on bulletin.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, of Delmar Junction, is off for a few days visiting his folks at Dundee, Ill. He is being relieved by Bro. Priddy, recently of the B. & O.

Bro. H. F. Storm, of Tama, is taking his vacation, and is being relieved by the night man, Bro. J. H. Genrich, who is in turn relieved by Bro. Pollay, who is a new man here.

Bros. G. N. Whipple and E. C. Rood, of Slater, attended the Ames Chautauqua, Monday, August 16th, and heard Hon. W. J. Bryan deliver a speech entitled "The Price of a Soul."

Bro. Bowles, who has been working the third trick at Cambridge, after relieving Telegrapher Miles at Madrid, went to Keystone to relieve Telegrapher Dunlap, who was discharged for sleeping on duty.

Bro. W. H. Renbarger, of Gladstone, is taking an extended layoff, and is being relieved by Bro. M. J. Coughlin. It is reported that "Mike" has the record for summer whiskers.

Bro. B. E. McConaughey, of Lost Nation first trick, is off a few days visiting relatives in Ohio. Bro. C. R. Rodgers is doing the agent's work at Lost Nation.

Bro. P. H. Alberts, second trick in Green Island tower, is taking his annual layoff, being relieved by Bro. W. E. Rose, who, in turn, is relieved by Telegrapher G. Rowe.

Bro. P. H. Osborne, the second trick man at Cambridge tower, is off on a ten-day vacation, which he will spend at Kellogg and Marion. Telegrapher Mosher is relieving him.

Bro. C. Kassel, of Collins, is back to work after an absence of fifteen days, during which he was relieved by Bro. W. T. Willant, who was subsequently appointed to the day position at Clinton.

Bro. P. H. Curran, nights at Portsmouth, who was off a week or two on account of ill health, was relieved by his son, L. V. Curran, who went from there to Bagley to relieve Telegrapher Doyle.

Bro. C. R. Rodgers, of Lost Nation second trick, took a week's vacation during the first part of August. He was relieved by Bro. J. W. Hart, who was relieved at Rockaway by Telegrapher Ed Warner.

Bro. W. E. Ervin, of Neola, relieved Bro. J. H. Murphy at Underwood during the latter's absence at Herndon on account of sickness, and was relieved again recently by Bro. Ervin on account of a death in the family.

Bro. F. F. Foster, of Dunbar, was off a few days looking over the east end of the Coast Extension. He was relieved by Bro. E. L. Nunn, of Ferguson. Bro. Pollay, a new arrival, relieved Bro. Nunn at Ferguson.

Telegrapher G. Rowe and Bro. J. W. Hart took turns at the third trick at Lost Nation while Bro. W. E. Rose is relieving Bro. H. P. Buswell at Green Island, who is now off on a vacation.

The night office at Atkins was closed one night recently on account of no men being available. It was reopened with some new man in charge, who, after one night's torture, was relieved by Mr. McDonald, another new arrival.

Bro. H. C. VanDyke, of Van Horne, accompanied by his family, is spending his vacation in South Dakota. He is being relieved by Bro. M. P. Richardson, who is again sojourning among us after an absence of several months.

Bro. G. A. Arrasmith, of Bayard, is reported having broken himself in as a fireman during the recent conflagration at that place. The fire was not gotten under control until after the arrival of the Coon Rapids fire department.

A third trick man has been put on at Coon Rapids, relieving Agent Kinser from telegraphing. Telegrapher Geo. Curran got the extra job, but was called to Chicago by sickness of his wife, and Telegrapher Doyle, from Bagley, took his place.

Bro. F. M. Kelly, at "RD," Council Bluffs, is taking a layoff, and it is reported he is not coming back. Bro. F. P. Henry, of the same place, is also rusticating for a few months. Bros. Jeffries and Merkle are relieving them.

Bro. J. W. Reel, of Persia, is off on his vacation, taking in some of the western scenery by way of a northern route to the coast, and back again through Denver. Mr. Arrasmith, of Persia, an old-timer, is relieving him.

Bro. Geo. Madsen, Persia nights, is spending his vacation at Butte, Mont., and is being relieved by Telegrapher Minahan, whom we are glad to have with us once more after an absence of two years. Pat says he will be OK soon.

Since the vacancy left by Bro. F. R. Hoesly, the first trick at Madrid, has been respectively filled by Telegraphers Fowler, Hill and Roley, all new men here. The first and second tricks at Madrid and the agency at Bouton are on bulletin.

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The worthy brothers will notice that some of the items in this issue are old, and should have appeared in the August issue, owing to having been received too late, but better late than never.

Telegrapher Miles has resigned the second trick at Madrid and has gone braking on the Des Moines Division. Bro. Bowles, from Cambridge, is relieving him, who was afterwards relieved by Telegrapher Perryman, a new man here, and the latter was subsequently relieved by Bro. M. P. Richardson.

Bro. G. J. Disburg, of Manilla, took two weeks' layoff to visit relatives in Wisconsin, and was relieved by Bro. F. J. Jackson, who was relieved on the third trick by Telegrapher J. M. Fraser, a newcomer. Bro. C. L. Kinner, on second trick, was undisturbed.

Write to John A. T. Hull, Washington, D. C., and ask him to send you a copy of Senate Document No. 122, which was submitted to the 58th Congress. It is a report covering the labor disturbances in Colorado from 1880 to 1904, inclusive, and will prove both interesting and instructive.

Bro. J. W. Belles, of Council Bluffs yard, has been appointed agent at Newhall. Bro. O. E. Hanssen, the former agent, was compelled to leave on account of the poor health of his wife. He is at present located at Drummond, Mont., on the Pacific Coast Extension.

Bro. E. L. Nunn, of Ferguson, comes forward with a nice bunch of items this month. Good! Do it again. Some of you other fellows should wake up and do likewise. Remembers that a good write-up each month shows a lively interest in everything that pertains to unionism.

Bro. G. D. Brown, of Dawson, was off two weeks and visited friends and relatives in Arkansas. During his absence Telegrapher Geo. Curran and young "Fawncie" Elder relieved him. Elder is a new man, but will join as soon as his age permits.

We are advised of a change in the force at the joint office in Pickering. Bro. Boughton, the former day man, has severed his connections with the Iowa Central, and has gone to work for the C. M. & St. P. Bro. Bruce, the former night man, has landed the day job. A new man is doing the owl act.

We understand that Bro. R. L. Leamon was given the position as second trick dispatcher on the branch at Marion, filling the vacancy left by Bro. J. M. Smith, who accepted a trick at Aberdeen, S. D. The boys wish "Smithy" good luck. Bro. Leamon was relieved at Marion west yard by Bro. James Keenan; Telegrapher Marchant relieved Bro. Keenan at the east yard.

We wish to take off our hat and beg pardon for referring to Bro. C. L. Jeffries as "Telegrapher" Jeffries. Jeffries is an up-to-date man with an up-to-date card. Mistakes of this kind are easily made on a road where so many new men come and go all the time. It is important that all new men should notify us so that we may know if they are OK or not.

Bro. G. E. Soyster has been appointed our general chairman, of which we are all proud, knowing that no other man could fill that position any better. We are sorry to lose Mr. Renshaw, but wish him success at his new vocation. Brothers, remember that Bro. Ed R. Derrickson is our new secretary and treasurer, and that it is our duty to help him make this division complete. Remember the old proverb, "United we stand, divided we fall."

JOHN TILE.

LaCrosse Division—

Never in the history of this division has it done the enormous passenger and freight business that it has enjoyed during the past six months. We have had all the business we could possibly handle, and the officials feel very kindly toward us for the prompt and active service we have rendered.

Brothers, now is the time to get after the nons along the line and make an effort to land them. See what you can do and advise your local chairman of the conditions and what excuses they now have to offer for not joining at once.

It may be possible that many who should be with us are afraid they might be discriminated against if they were to make application showing that they were now willing to connect themselves with others of their craft for their own betterment.

Those who claim that it takes all they can earn to live should be asked "What about the increase the O. R. T. has secured for them time and again, as well as the shorter workday and better working conditions?"

Among the changes are the following:

Bro. Gus Tofsen, of West Salem, has married Miss Grace Quiggle, of that city. They are taking in the fair at Seattle and other points of interest in the West. Bro. Breene relieved Bro. Tofsen, and Bro. H. C. Geitmann relieved Bro. Breene.

Bro. Wolfgram bid in the side wire job in the dispatchers' office, Bro. N. Frank getting second trick at Oconomowoc.

Third trick at Camp Douglas and Bangor are on bulletin and no announcements in regard to appointements have been made.

Bro. W. E. Jones, of Sparta, is relieving in the train dispatchers' office, while the dispatchers are having their vacation.

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R. and S. W. Divisions—

The home guards are sticking to their knitting pretty good.

Bro. Renshaw has been promoted to chief dispatcher on the H. & D. Division. Bro. Renshaw was a good general chairman, and we are all glad to hear of his promotion and wish him good luck in his new location. Bro. Soyster was elected general chairman and Bro. Ed Derrickson general secretary and treasurer.

Bro. Otto Moyer, Savanna depot, is still off duty. The hot weather seems to have put him "on the bum," and had to be taken to Chicago to consult a specialist.

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Bro. Geo. Dupuis, Mont Clare, was off a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Lemaster, of Roselle tower B25, relieved him for a day and then Mr. E. H. Miller took the station until Bro. Dupuis returned to work. Bro. Dupuis was threatened with appendicitis, but fortunately consulted a doctor in time.

Third trick at Freeport was bulletined and then in a few days the bulletin was cancelled.

Bro. Taylor, "MT," did a short stunt at "SY" office.

Wish Bro. Teeter would please keep tab on the Southwestern Division for me and send the items to Bro. Correll, telling him to forward them to me. The boys on the Southwestern all seem to be so very busy (with outside biz). They want that division mentioned when there is something doing over there, but it seems to be too much trouble for any of them to drop me a line. I have written to several of them and they are the ones this little talk is meant for. If I can spare the time to put the items in shape for publication, they surely can spare the time to let me know what is doing over there. I have three times as much biz here as any one on the Southwestern, and I find time without any trouble.

Now, boys, all get together and when you know of any news send it to Bro. Correll as requested above and it will appear in THE TELEGRAPHER, providing I get the dope before the 22d of each month. Come across with the news. 1853.

River Division—

Increased business necessitated the recent putting on of a sixth telegrapher in the relay office at Minneapolis, the lucky number being drawn by a Mr. Kelly, formerly of the Chicago *Tribune*, but in business for himself during the past few years.

Bro. W. G. Kenyon, of Signal tower, is off for a few weeks' vacation, inspecting the new Coast Extension, and incidentally taking in the Seattle fair.

Bro. R. C. Sanborn is back at his old stand, third trick at Merriam Park, and Bro. S. H. Lester went to Signal tower to relieve Bro. Kenyon.

Telegrapher W. J. Putnam, formerly of Dakota, Minn., is now working the third trisk at Signal tower. He relieved Bro. Lester on the second trick a few days while the latter attended the funeral of his father-in-law at Austin, Minn..

Understand F. C. Defield, who has been working side stable on the H. & D. at Minneapolis, has been promoted to trick dispatcher at Montevideo, Minn., and will be relieved by Bro. Chas. D. Galliven, of "C" office. Charley is not a dispatcher now, but "opes" to be some day.

Telegrapher H. A. Caddington is doing the day stunt at Chestnut St., St. Paul, relieving Bro. L. E. Kenyon, who is enjoying a sixty-day leave of absence on the Coast Extension.

Bro. T. C. Haywood, who resigned the third trick at Chestnut Street some time ago to go to the Northern Pacific, is again at his old stand.

Bro. McMahon has been appointed agent at Kings Cooley and Bro. F. G. Maloney third trick at River Junction.

The night offices at Indio and Whitman, the day office at Island Track Switch, and third tricks at Red Wing and Wabasha, are on bulletin.

Dispatchers' vacations are now finished, and H. C. Vogel, who has been relieving at Newport, returned to Hastings first trick, which sends Bro. P. J. Reed back to his old love, Blackbird Junction. There is but one telegrapher there now, on account of the new night office on the island, called Indio. This office was opened on August 14th, with Telegrapher Monson at the bat.

H. C. Vogel was stricken with a serious illness while at Newport, and dispatcher Stoneman had to be called back after having started on his vacation.

Hastings will be able to point with pride to her station surroundings after the work started by the company is finished . A shelter roof has been built on the west-bound platform, and a small room built under it for use in stormy weather. The east-bound track has been trown three feet to the east in front of the ticket-office, and the east-bound platform moved over to it and extended south to below the freight office. Both platforms are well lighted at night, and compare favorably with any station on the division.

An extra gang that is raising track through the plant at St. Croix Crossing, is making plenty of work for the telegraphers there. A few weeks ago the Burlington raised their tracks through this plant also.

The boys down along the Burlington are getting all that's coming to them in the way of work trains. The company has put in several steam shovels and trains are hauling gravel from as far south as Savanna. They are welcome to the work trains, however, as we of the C. M. & St. P. have had our fill of them.

We noticed several trains of Oriental merchandise passing over this division recently from the Pacific Coast. This business looks good to us, and the indications are that there will be considerably more of it, as the road has a freight agreement with a line of Japanese steamships.

On the return of Bro. Reed to Blackbird Junction, Mister P. C. Heuer was displaced. Can't say where he went from there.

We had the pleasure a few days ago of shaking hands with Bro. Shepard, of Bridge Switch, who was returning from a trip over the new extension.

Bro. A. F. Sundermeyer, of Houston, Texas, made a few days' visit with his old friend C. R. Latourelle, of St. Croix Crossing, last month. Bro. Sundermeyer has not been in the telegraph service for some three years, but still carries an up-to-date card in Division No. 54 (Northern Pacific). He is now in the fruit business, and his ad appears in THE TELEGRAPHER every month.

Our committee expects to reach Chicago in a short time to apprise the management that the panic is over. Let us all sell a calf and buy a card so they will know that there is a solid voice

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behind them. The more solid the membership the easier becomes the position of the committee. Telegraphers are very scarce—there is a shortage on very road in the country. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern are advertising for men in the Twin City dailies and sending transportation to telegraphers as far distant as Virginia and Alabama. I was told by a Northern Pacific dispatcher that they were 160 men short, and that a good man could get about any old thing he wanted. So, at what more favorable time could we ask the company for a good schedule. They are making lots of good money and can hardly plead hard times or financial panic.

We are all pleased at the decision of the U. S. District Court in the Santa Fe case, report of which was made in last month's TELEGRAPHER, and if upheld by the Supreme Court, as we hope it will be, it will result in the abolition of the telegrapher's curse, *i. e.*, the split trick.

Bro. Tackaberry has been enjoying a visit from his parents and brother from Fargo, N. D.

Bro. J. P. Leahy, of Riner, Wyo., Division No. 6, after a pleasant 60-day visit with his brother, W. J., at Merriam Park, returned to the sage-brush country.

Our thanks are due Bro. Latourelle, of St. Croix Crossing for his liberal contribution to this letter.

A day office has been opened at a new station called Indio on west-bound track, recently built through the island, Red Wing to Hastings. P. C. Heuer is staying there among the Indians.

Bro. S. F. Fast, the agent at Minneiska, has returned from an extended trip East. He was relieved while absent by Bro. Fiel second trick man from Kellogg.

Bro. John Olsen has departed for some new location on the C. M. & P. S. in Washington to try his fortune.

Bro. C. W. Workman has resumed work at Lake City after a three weeks' vacation. He visited the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle, and also filed on the three reservations on his way out. He was relieved by Telegrapher McCauley, who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. W. J. Martin, second trick man from Frontenac.

The robbery at Red Wing and the outcome should be a lesson to our craft. The deed will no doubt follow the criminal through life and he will find it an obstacle in his path, no matter where he goes.

Bro. Leslie Joest, of Rosedale, Miss., on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railway, who is on three weeks' vacation, recently visited his uncle, W. G. Hanson at Lake City, Minn. He reports the brothers strong in his section of the country.

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Iowa and Dakota Division—

I have volunteered to give this division a general write-up each month, and I would consider it a favor if all the brothers would write me personally and give me such news as they can get together at their respective stations. We will pardon them for not giving any news this month, as but few knew of the arrangements.

Bro. Crumm, our local chairman, has given me quite a list of items, and I wish to thank him for his assistance.

Bro. R. M. Chamberlain, who has been working second trick at Postville, has resigned, and we understand he is now in the machine shops at Racine, Wis.

Bro. W. A. Johnson landed the second trick at Postville on bulletin.

Bro. H. B. Mowers, who was working the third trick at Postville, has been appointed agent at Okoboji on bulletin.

Mr. Mike Dunn, who has been working at different places on the I. & D., is now at home at Jackson Junction, helping his father harvest, but expects to come back on the line again soon.

Bro. H. Miller has returned from an extended trip to the coast, taking in the exposition at Seattle and visiting other points of interest in the West. He is again in harness at Postville. Relieved during his absence by Mr. C. H. Schultz.

Bro. P. R. McGovern, who recently joined our ranks, has landed the third trick at Postville on bulletin.

Bro. A. A. Whiteman, working at New Hampton, was seen going east last week, en route to Chicago for a few days' sight seeing.

We understand that Bro. J. J. Corbett, of Rudd, is enjoying a visit from one of his brothers, who resides in the East.

Mr. Jas. Kelley, second trick at Emmetsburg, has gone to Monona for a few weeks, to relieve Bro. P. F. McNeff, who is taking his vacation.

I would like to see some of the telegraphers at Sanborn come into the fold; we usually have at least two-thirds O. R. T. men at every station, but it seems as if Sanborn is blank.

There have been a number of changes made of which I have not been apprised. If every brother would drop me a line of himself and not be so backward, we could get a very nice write-up every month. Give me just a minute or so of your time each month, and assist us in getting a thorough write-up regularly. Let us make this the banner division.

There are a number of the boys on this division who have faithfully made promises to join the O. R. T., but so far there is "nothing doing." I should think these fellows who are reaping what the O. R. T. has given us would show their appreciation.

Any of the brothers wishing to help us get a good write-up will please send their news for the journal to Bro. L. R. Hume, Hartley, Iowa, who will see that it is properly taken care of.

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Wisconsin Valley Division—

Bro. Lamarchee, of Minocqua, is visiting his parents at Boyd, Wis.; can not say who is relieving him.

Bro. Van Gilder held second trick at Tomahawk while Bro. Ludlam is relieving the agent at Irma.

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Bro. Lynn, of Babcock, is holding down Pittsville station. Cannot say whether he has it permanently.

Business is coming on the Wisconsin Valley. No bulletins have been reported since last write-up. The boys are all stickers.

Mr. Warner, the former side-wire man, is now working a trick in the dispatchers' office, while the dispatchers are taking their vacations.

Get after the nons and try to land them.

A BROTHER.

Vandalia Ry.

East Sub-Division—

Agent Dowling, at Greencastle, is off for four weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. W. A. Vaughan, the first trick telegrapher. Mr. Vaughan relieved by Mr. V. A. Woodward, second trick, and Mr. Woodward by Mr. R. C. Siddons, third trick man from Almeda. Mr. Siddons by Mr. Thad Pickett, from Reelesville.

Bro. C. R. Shortridge, first trick at Coatesville, is off for two weeks' vacation to visit his old home; relieved by Mr. J. Stewart, third trick man, and he by Bro. Horneter, from Brazil.

Bro. Shortridge is attending two county fairs and having a royal good time.

Bro. Jos. McCullough, the second trick man at Ben Davis, drew Vevay Park, first trick on bulletin.

Fred Trancis, an extra man, has been working the second trick at Ben Davis. It is now filled permanently.

Bro. C. J. Benefield first trick man at Reelesville, is off for two weeks; relieved by second trick man, Mr. Perkins, and he by Mr. Fred Trancis.

We are to hold a meeting at Terre Haute September 15th. It is to be hoped that we have a good attendance.

We "13" Mr. C. H. Johnson, of Reelesville, third trick, drew Marksville, first trick, on bulletin. We don't know at this writing who will get Reelesville third.

Freight and passenger business is good and the company is spending money freely on improvements and preparing to spend a great deal more.

What about an increase in telegraphers' salaries? Living has never been so high as at present.

Mr. W. A. Vaughan, first trick at Greencastle, acted as agent at Staunton five days, vice B F. Williams. Mr. Vaughan was relieved at Greencastle by Mr. Siddons and at Staunton by Mr. Brunner, who returned to his old position, not liking his place at St. Jacobs. Mr. Williams went to Tuopolis as agent. Mr. Siddons was relieved at Almeda by Mr. Thad Picket, a new man from Reelesville.

Sorry to say some of the boys still find it necessary to "hay" some while on duty. Cut this out, or you will be sorry.

We hear some of the boys working twelve hours and some awful hams on the wires. Both are a sure signs of a shortage of telegraphers.

Our genial first trick dispatcher, Will Harrold, is off on his annual vacation; "13" he went to old Missouri; relieved by Dispatcher Cotton.

CERT. 278.

West Division—

Bro. H. E. Weaver, second trick "RY," Rose Lake, is working first trick at "F," Effingham, during the absence of Mr. Loer, who is visiting his son in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. V. F. Baughman, first trick at Formosa, is back at work again, having laid off to get married and is serving two weeks additional for carrying his bride-to-be, before her name was changed. He journeyed to Effingham to dodge the rattle of bells and tin cans, but was welcomed just the same on his return.

Bro. S. R. Sweeney, third trick at Formosa, is taking his vacation in New York State.

Agent G. L. Elliott, of Troy, has been confined to his bed with rheumatism, but at this writing is reported better.

Mr. Hurst, extra telegrapher, is back again from a seven-day vacation for stopping three preferred freight runs in one night, while at work at "KF," Oak Leaf. He is now working third trick at Hagarstown.

Mr. A. P. Munie, third trick at Stubblefield, is back at work again after serving seven days as a reward for causing No. 71 to receive a caution card at Greenville.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick at Greenville, is visiting home folks in Indiana.

Bro. G. H. Challis, third trick at Brownstown, was working third trick at Vandalia last week, but is now back to his old stand at Brownstown.

Bro. M. C. Phillips, third trick at "F," Effingham, took in the races at Terre Haute last week. Clyde is considered good in picking out the winners.

Bro. Edmond Munie, third trick at Pocahontas, spent a day in St. Louis visiting friends.

Extra Telegrapher G. F. Culbertson, of Vandalia, who has been working third trick at Vevay Park, was dismissed from the service for displaying a white board to No. 13, while the block was occupied by extra 146 west. He is going to get a card now and start anew.

Bro. H. C. Heck, third trick "WF," Effingham, accompanied by Miss Youny, of Dexter, Sundayed with the former's parents at Troy. Understand the young couple were welcomed with a shower of rice and corn, as the crowd were expecting Mr. Baughman and wife, but were disappointed.

Brakeman Walter Mackey, of the west end local, had the misfortune to get knocked off of the side of a box car by a stock chute, while switching at St. Elmo, receiving a bad wound on the head. He is now improving nicely and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Fireman Chas. Cavanaugh, of the west end local, was seriously injured last Saturday night at Willows, while getting off of No. 7. He is now at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis, and expects to be able to be up in a week or so. We will be glad to see him and Brakeman Walter Mackey back on the west end local again.

Mr. A. G. Godwin, second trick at Formosa, was called upon a few days ago by a very nice-looking man who claimed he was an operator. He did not possess an O. R. T. card, but was welcomed just

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the same. Mr. Godwin left the office for a few minutes and on his return found that the friendly caller and his watch had both disappeared. He has had no trace of the thief nor watch at yet.

Bro. J. C. Shea, second trick at Vandalia, spent a few hours with friends at Ramsey last week.

Bro. Tollie Thomas, first trick at Brownstown, called on friends at Vandalia last week, also at "V" office, shaking hands with old acquaintances.

Bro. E. S. Pasly, first trick at "KR," Terre Haute, has returned from his trip through the West. We are glad to have "NA" back with us again.

Bro. H. Tucker, third trick at "RY," Rose Lake, was off a week visiting home folks.

Bro. D. D. Rule, first trick at "SJ," St. Jacob, was off duty a few days on account of the illness of his wife. We are glad to hear that she has recovered. CERTS. 276, 34.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Business on this division has been very good for some time past. Reports from all over the line indicate that telegraphers are scarce. Especially is this the case of agents able to handle a fair agency. This week I received requests from many different local chairmen. In time we propose to make a sort of an employment bureau out of the G. S. & T. office, where the railroad company can come for good men and where the brothers can get in communication with me and find out just where men are needed. Local Chairman Farlow, of Waterproof, La., says he could use a number of good agents at $60 and commissions, several even better than that. H. Q. Gwinup, Local Chairman Illinois Division, Reily Lake, Ill., postoffice Fort Gage, Ill., wants half a dozen good telegraphers, and this is the case along the line.

We have been so busy at our railroad office and evenings getting our foot in the right direction that it has been impossible to handle the TELEGRAPHER'S items as we should have done. I propose to have a letter in the TELEGRAPHER every issue from now on and tell a few things that may interest you from time to time.

General Chairman Holman has covered almost the entire division since his promotion and has done some very good work. His collections have exceeded his salary, which shows the general chairman on a salary and on the road is a paying proposition. He commenced work on the south end and appointed W. R. Griffith, local chairman for the N. O. N. W., E. & B. and F. & S. He is located at Ferriday, La. His assistant local chairman is J. R. Coulter, El Dorado, Ark. These boys took hold of their territory in fine shape and have cleaned the line up in remarkably short time. I am sure that this territory will from now on be as well lined up as any other.

Bro. J. E. Farlow, local chairman of the Valley Division, has appointed O. K. Mayo, Olla, La., and A. Pace, Galion, La., as assistants. This is the dangerous country, as it has always been very hard to keep the organization in good condition there, but it does one good to look at the "line up" now and find it practically solid.

Bro. W. F. Sawrey being elected city clerk of his home town, found it impossible to longer serve as local chairman on account of being unable to give the necessary time to the work. We hated to lose Bro. Sawrey, but he felt he'd better give it to some good Order man, and Bro. Roy Christel, Pittsburg, Kan., was appointed. He took hold of affairs with much vigor and we believe will make a good local chairman.

Bro. Frank Seal, of the Omaha Division, for many years local chairman of that division, and also a member of the general committee, resigned his office on account of feeling that he had done his duty by giving years to the work. He made a good local chairman and we were at a loss to find a good man to take his place, but convinced Bro. R. C. Fry, Auburn, Neb., he should give us his time again as local chairman, after the rest he had enjoyed. He at last consented and was appointed. T. L. Colborn, Basehor, Kan., is assistant of the K. C. N. W. Division.

We would very much like to have every local chairman appoint some one to look after the items for THE TELEGRAPHER. Let's all get some one, whose duty it will be to get the good work done. On account of the G. S. & T. work requiring every minute of my time and way into the night, I have appointed J. E. Rickenbrode as assistant local chairman of the Southern Kansas Division to look after organization. He is located at Oxford, Kan., as agent.

We were all shocked to hear of the death of Bro. Glenn Cunningham, of Casey, Ill. He was at one time local chairman of the Southern Kansas Division.

Bro. C. C. Denney, Cert. 564, of Healey, Kan., W. L. Hawsey, of Georgetown, La., Cert. 1099, both have died recently, the latter on June 5th. A. J. Phillips, of Hematite, Mo., Cert. 1514, on May 12th; also J. T. Waugh, Valley Park, Mo., Cert. 2234, on July 1st, were among those called away from our division during the past few months. I am sure the friends of the deceased have our heartfelt sympathy.

We have made a great gain for the year, but we are very anxious that each one do some individual work. Send for blanks and we will be glad to assist you in every way possible. We want to clean up the division in as good shape as possible before the committee goes up, which we expect to do at the end of our schedule year. Put your shoulder to the wheel and push all you can for thorough organization.

Write your officials whenever you have anything of interest. Remember we are simply one big family and we should do all we can for the common good.

H. J. MOHLER,
G. S. and T.

Natchez Division—

Our items for July, which were not in that number of the journal, were evidently received too late for publication, which disappointed quite a few of the boys who had recently elected a new correspondent and were looking for a good write-up.

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The "American School of Telegraphy" has been moved from Bastrop to El Dorado, where they are doing a thriving business. The old proverb, "A fool is born every minute" was outdone in the vicinity of El Dorado some fifteen or twenty years back. Recent developments tend to show that more than one per minute was born during that period.

If the present scarcity of operators in this country is not occasioned by the hot Southern weather, business must be as good as it was two years ago, when jobs were very plentiful. Bro. Griffith was about two weeks securing relief and I have recently heard of several vacancies.

"Ole Grif" did not supply the promised notes for this month's write-up, and it is likely several changes will be overlooked. Do not know who relieved "RG" for his month's vacation in Tennessee.

Bro. Todd, from Wisner, relieved Bro. Burke at Bastrop, while Burke is enjoying a mid-summer vacation in parts unknown. Understand "BK's" first act to his big show was a "gander lunch" at "DI," with Dickey and the boys down there.

Our superintendent, Mr. Morse, with his family, in his private car 35, is enjoying a much-needed vacation in Colorado. Mr. Kendall, train master of the Valley Division, has charge of Mr. Morse's territory in his absence. DIV. COR. 985.

Hoisington and Horace District—

Bro. F. A. Thompson, owl at Leoti, is working as agent at Scott City, in Bro. Hartman's place. The latter is on sick list.

Bro. E. E. Windsor, agent at McCracken, and wife, departed for Washington a couple of weeks ago to take in the sights of Seattle and Frisco. Their son, Bro. T. H. Windsor, is holding down the owl trick. They contemplate going to Washington, D. C., where Bro. Windsor, Sr., has a position.

Mr. J. S. Siddorn, our former chief, has been assigned third trick, second trick dispatcher L. A. David being appointed chief in place of Mr. Siddorn. L. O. McMeekin, former third trick man, has taken second trick. Mr. Siddorn has been dispatching trains on this division for a number of years, and has been our chief for nearly a year. He is a first-class man.

Bro. Adam Richards, operator at Scott City, has resigned, and gone to Colorado.

We are all very much grieved over the departure of our friend and beloved Bro. D. M. Southwick, who passed away on the 27th of July, 1909, after a short illness of neuralgia of the heart, being only sick a few days. He leaves a wife and three children, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. A token of brotherly love was contributed by the O. R. T. brothers in the form of a wreath of flowers. A lot of nice flowers was also sent in by the brothers at Pueblo, Colo. The writer wishes to thank all those who contributed towards these tokens of regard and brotherly love, and we all extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of our beloved brother. Bro. Southwick worked third trick at Hoisington.

Another death which occurred recently was that of Bro. Thompson, agent at Otis, who died suddenly August 28th, from typhoid fever. He had worked up to within a couple of days before his death. He was a comparatively new man, coming from Illinois, and the remains were sent back to his home for interment. Although not very well known here the friends and relatives have our fullest sympathy.

Bro. R. H. Conner, formerly agent at Brownell, has been acting agent at Eads, Colo,. in the absence of Bro. Robinson, who has been off on a vacation for the past two weeks, but has just returned, putting Bro. Conner back on third trick at Eads, the third trick man going to North Fowler, to work nights.

Bro. Coughlin, operator at Scott City, who has been off on a vacation for the past three months, traveling through the East, is back again, doing the "owl stunt." He reports having had a good time and we are glad to see him back with us again.

G. W. CURTIS,
Div. Cor.

Joplin Division—

Brothers, I have been appointed local chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the resigning of Bro. Sawery. I find the division in good shape, with but a few nons in evidence. I am now working upon these men and hope to have them lined up soon. I wish to ask all brothers who have not paid dues for current term to do so. The duties of local chairman are new to me, but I think that within a short time I will work myself into the harness all right. I wish the brothers would keep me informed as to all changes made so that I can take the matter up and have the vacancies bulletined. I need the assistance of the boys on the north end, as vacancies may occur of which I will not hear. When a new man lights get his certificate and division number and inform me, so I can transfer him. He will receive benefits from Division 31 and should therefore pay his dues to us.

I do not want the boys to forget that I am ready at any and all times to take up their cases where they are not receiving justice. Write me fully and I will endeavor to get a quick and just settlement.

ROY CHRISTEL,
Local Chairman.

Bro. R. J. Malone, at Adrian, is off on a leave of absence; relieved by Mr. D. C. Jones.

Mr. W. O. Long and Mr. Chas. Perry are doing the stunts at Cornell.

The following positions have been up for bid and assignments made: Cornell, days, Bro. H. Hopper. Cornell, nights, Bro. A. T. Blume. Webb City, nights, Mr. Chas Perry.

I understand a night office has been opened at Adrian, Mo., and suppose I will receive authority to advertise it soon.

Mr. W. F. Brewogel, agent at Cornell, Kan., reports business flourishing around the coal mines. He contemplates a leave of absence soon and will make an extended trip to the South and Southwest.

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Recently I had quite a talk with a certain non. He said, "I have helped make the O. R. T." I suppose he has forgotten the fact that he has received every cent of his money back in the way of increase in salary and pay for overtime. It would have been more appropriate if he had made the statement that the O. R. T. had helped make him.

Bro. J. F. Geiger, of Butler, is off on a vacation. Relieved by Mr. J. T. Deene.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Northern Kansas Division—

We have several new telegraphers on the line and I am glad to see so many cards among them. Those who have been put on and have not joined us no doubt will soon do so. Let us show them that it is to their advantage to join the organization of their craft.

We recently enjoyed a visit from Bro. W. M. Holman, Geenral Chairman, and we can all see the good work he has done along the line. Simply look at the applications turned in during the latter part of July—this talks for itself.

We now have Bro. C. A. Merritt at Muscotah, Bro. F. F. O'Bryan is at Goffs, relieving Bro. J. W. Miner, Bro. C. R. Tolliver is on a vacation. There have been several changes at Corning. Bro. F. A. Moore is still there. Telegrapher G. A. Redmond resigned and Telegrapher C. W. Allen took his place, but left after four nights. He resigned and returned home and was relieved by Telegrapher E. J. Hart, from the Northern Pacific. Telegrapher Allen could not find a place to board at Corning.

Bro. Parsons, of Frankfort, is on vacation and is being relieved by Bro. E. L. Gilworth.

At Blue Rapids we now have Bro. A. V. Sandborn, who just joined us.

Bro. A. V. King, of Linn, is on vacation and Bro. J. A. Milburn is holding that place down.

Jamestown now has Bro. S. A. White and Telegrapher W. Peers, who was just put on.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Burr Oak Branch—

Mr. S. H. Farrer, of Randall, is off while Mr. L. Worley is filling his place.

Prosser Branch—

Mr. D. C. Hinds has returned to work.

Division No. 2—

If we get all the applications that have been promised we will have almost a solid line up and that is what we all should be working for. Some of the boys are not getting fair deals the way things are run at present, but this business of split hours and on all night is being looked into and we all hope the matter will soon be adjusted satisfactorily.

COR.

Eastern District—

Plenty of news in this district if the boys would send it in.

Telegraphers are as scarce as twenty-dollar gold pieces.

Telegrapher Cardin, third trick at "CD," Kansas City, has left the service, being relieved by Telegrapher Buhler, who formerly worked in this office, but is now studying to be a physician. This is a very undesirable position, and I have discontinued issuing bulletins for this trick, as I can not get a bid on it.

Bro. I. N. Underwood, the agent at Greenwood, was called to Ohio on account of the serious illness of his brother. He was relieved by Bro. J. J. Gunn.

Bro. Ben L. Hill, agent at Higginsville, with his family is spending thirty days in the mountains in Colorado. Bro. C. E. Buehner is holding down Higginsville during Hill's absence.

Bro. J. C. Needles, the agent at Wooldridge, has not missed a payday for five years and has been trying for three weeks to get relief for a few days, but on account of the scarcity of telegraphers he is unable to get away.

In the July journal I asked that every member furnish me with a list of the men employed at his station, saying if members or nons, etc., and I received this information from the following brothers: G. S. Kramer, Hermann; G. F. Heinke, Hermann; E. B. Ward, Hermann; J. D. Jones, Kansas City; S. K. Martin, Lupus; F. A. Wilson, Myrick; J. C. Needles, Woolbridge, and S. S. Johnson, Gasconade.

When these brothers, and some of them holding the hardest positions on the district, can spare two minutes' time to mail me this information, I think some of you fellows who have much easier positions should be ashamed of yourselves for not taking at least a little interest in the Order.

I can not understand how you expect the organization to be successful in bettering your conditions if you insist upon lying down and depending upon one man to do all the work of the organization. If you would all jump in and assist with the work you would be surprised how much we could accomplish.

Bro. Clifford, nights at Lamonte, is off on account of sickness and is being relieved by Bro. P. E. Aylesworth.

The writer was off ten days this month taking the Mrs. to Colorado, where she will remain about three months hoping to improve her health. I was relieved by Telegrapher Robinson, who is now relieving Bro. Bair on third trick at Pleasant Hill.

Bro. McBride, the agent at Centerview, is back at work after several weeks' rest, during which time he was relieved by Bro. Phillips a portion of the time, and Bro. Nance a portion.

Now, you fellows, wake up and get busy; take an interest in the organization or some afternoon the undertaker will happen around and, taking you for dead, will have you buried before you wake up.

W. L. W.

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St. L. I. M. & S. Ry.

Illinois Division—

I find in going over my records of this division with Bros. Quick and Mohler, that there still remains a few who have not paid their current term dues, notwithstanding they have received two months' pay since notices were sent them by Bro. Mohler. Men, this is not right. You should be more prompt in matters of this kind, as it is to your interest to keep up to date and assist in bettering your own condition, instead of becoming indifferent and allowing the rest of us to do all work. Remember, it requires a great deal of money to maintain an organization like the O. R. T., and should we all do as you are doing, how long would it be before we would be back to the same conditions existing a few years ago, when you were working for $35.00 and $40.00 per month, sixteen and eighteen hours per day with no overtime. Therefore I say, show your appreciation for what the O. R. T. has done for you by paying your dues, using your influence in securing new members and otherwise helping to build up the Order.

All the news I have has been picked up through conversation on the wire, and there has been a good deal of shifting among the boys during the past month. I am now provided with an up-to-date seniority list, due to the kindness of our worthy chief, Mr. Barker. Anyone desiring to learn his seniority will be advised by calling on me.

Bro. T. L. Donahue, of Murphysboro, has left the service, being relieved by Bro. Drake, who received the position on bulletin.

Bro. Biggersteff is off a few days, visiting his parents in Indiana, having been relieved by Bro. Borah. We hope he had a good time while on his vacation.

Bro. W. B. Parker, after spending a few days with his parents in Thackery, Ill., is back with us, and is now located at Gorham second trick, which position he received on bid.

Bro. R. A. Collier, formerly of the Illinois Southern, is now agent at Gorham, relieving Bro. Moake, who is back at "WX," Chester, working nights.

Bro. Pugh, formerly agent at Bush, has left the service on this division to engage in other business, being relieved by Mr. Taylor Atkinson. Have not learned if Mr. Atkinson is a brother or not.

The "chill" season is about over. Now, boys, let's settle down with a determination to give the company better service each day. We should look forward to something more than the quitting hour of the day and payday. When you meet a man who is going to take a trip, or has some freight to ship, talk "Iron Mountain" to him. Your influence will help wonderfully in securing business for the company.

In a communication from our chief, Bro. Barker, he says: "I am for the boys, and will give them the very best I have, but they must settle down and all work together at all times, as one large family." Could you ask for anything better? I think not. So, let's show him we appreciate his kindness by giving him the best service we possibly can.

I would like to see a better write-up in the journal next month, and will ask that you each send me one news item. If this is done, this division will be pretty well represented. Surely, if I am willing to act as your local chairman without compensation, you should be willing to assist me in the write-up. Call me on the wire any time between 3 p. m. and midnight, or mail news items to me at Fort Gage, Ill., and I assure you they will be sent in for publication. News items should reach me on or before the 25th of the month.

H. Q. GWINUP,
Local Chairman.

Business on the Natchez Division at this season is about double what it was one year ago. If it holds up we will do more this fall than ever before.

Superintendent Morse made a trip over the division in his private car "35," a few days ago, accompanied by his chief clerk, Mr. Mabie, Chief Rogers and a few minor officials.

Bro. Evans, of White, was recently relieved by Bro. Bird, from Archibald. Understand the new man at Archibald is on the outside. Have him under investigation, however, and should have him OK at the proper time. Do not know the reason for Bro. Evans quitting us.

Bro. Brown, from Winnsboro, has accepted the job at Farmerville.

Mangham and White agencies have been bulletined. Do not know who will bid for them.

Bro. West, from Collinston, is relieving Mr. Sumlin, agent at Felsenthal, for a short time.

Non-airs don't stay on our division very long as nons, since our present energetic local chairman assumed office.

We understand that one of our former brothers, E. J. Dugal, has back-slidden to the very limit, and is now professor in a school for hams at Strong.

We regretted very much to hear of the death of Bro. Hawsey at the hospital in St. Louis, July 5th. He was formerly agent at Gilbert, La.

Bro. Coulter, of El Dorado, returned to work June 27th, after a three weeks' vacation. Relieved by the old-timer, Pete Melear.

Nothing will stimulate interest in the Order and the welfare of the division more than a good write-up each month, and if there is a non on the division no one is more anxious to read a write-up of the division on which he works than himself. Our division is as near solid as any on the system, and we can make it solid if everyone will lend assistance to that end. The office of division correspondent is not a very remunerative one, but we know the monthly write-up is appreciated, as the boys are fairly good to send in items occasionally.

DIV. COR.

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Business on the White River Division is getting to be heavy, so many empties moving from northern to southern district via White River, and the maintenance of way people are doing a great deal of ballasting and ditching, which is a great improvement.

Bro. S. Reed, of Aurora superintendent's office, was off during the month of July, visiting relatives in Wichita, Kansas, Kansas City, and St. Louis. He was relieved by Bro. Blassingame.

Bro. Blassingame and Bro. W. G. Mackey took a leave of absence during the first ten days of this month, and is being relieved by Bro. Blassingame.

A telegrapher was put on in Aurora ticket office effective July 1st. W. K. Cottrell, of Galena, bid in the position, and Bro. J. P. Klotz, of Branson, bid in Galena. Branson is now on bulletin, and I don't know who will bid it in, but we hope Walter Pharriss will be the lucky man.

Bro. C. H. Butler, of Sylamore, is taking a leave of absence of sixty days, and is being relieved by Bro. G. W. McVey, of Mt. Olive. A new man named Harris has been hired on the division, and is now relieving the agent at Buffalo.

Bro. A. Ausmus has returned from his vacation and has resumed duty as agent at Clever, Mo.

CERT. 2226.

Central Division—

In order not to disappoint the members, I will give a few items. The changes are so numerous that I am unable to keep tab on them.

Telegrapher Barger has been relieved by Mr. Wyle.

Bro. Berry, the agent at Claremore, has resigned. We are sorry to lose him. Mr. Slight, a new-comer, has been checked in.

Telegrapher Morgan, agent at Inola, has departed for parts unknown.

Bro. Hays, of Wagoner, is now working second trick for the C. R. I. & P. and K. C. S. at Howe. Telegrapher Stevenson is now working third trick at Wagoner.

The gravel pit has been opened with Bro. Evans in charge.

Telegrapher Petree, of Ft. Gibson, is working nights at Ft. Smith, while Bro. Walsh is visiting relatives in Memphis.

Telegrapher Crumbie is working nights at Ft. Gibson while Petree is at Ft. Smith.

Bro. Rozzell has had his resignation in for two months. It does not look as though men were so plentiful.

Bro. Neel, of Sallisaw, is taking his summer vacation in Illinois, being relieved by Telegrapher Anderson.

Mr. Karl Shaver, third trick dispatcher on east end, is acting chief during the construction work. There is where we have a friend. All he asks is that we meet him half way.

Business has picked up on the Central. There are three regular work trains. We trust the night men will stay awake, as there has been some kick by dispatchers on account of their sleeping on duty. We must get after the nons; all the new men showing up here of late are nons. As soon as a new man makes his appearance, find out if he is up to date. If not, write me for set of blanks and go to work on him. If he belongs to some other division, give me his division and cert. number, as Division 31 needs the coin. If he does not transfer, he gets all the benefits from us free of charge and another division gets the money.

When a vacancy occurs or you have a grievance let me know, as it is impossible for me to keep track of all the changes.

If any brother can spare the time to contribute a few items, I would thank him to do so, as they are always appreciated. CERT. 438.

St. L. & S. F. Ry.

Western Division—

Bro. Bobbitt, of Latham, expects to take a leave of absence soon and visit points in the East.

Bro. Welty is back at work at Peckham after some time off on account of falling out of a wagon and breaking his arm; relieved by Mr. Edgar.

J. W. Hall, agent at Blackwell, off on vacation and Bro. C. O. Fritz is handling the station. Mr. Edwards is relieving Bro. Fritz. L. C.

Northern Division—

Bro. G. W. Mills, of Pendleton, has been appointed assistant local chairman.

Bro. Fred Cox is relieving Agent Vincent, off on vacation.

Bro. Reichards, who is working third trick at Ash Grove, was recently transferred to this division.

Bro. Roy Coon, formerly phone operator at Prescott, is now working second trick at Edward, after relieving Bro. Sumner at Fulton for a few nights. Bro. Sumner resigned, being relieved at Fulton permanently by Bro. Messick. Bro. Messick relieved Bro. Mills at Pendleton during the high water trouble, Bro. Mills going to Paola, but is now back at his old position.

Telegrapher Foltz, of Pittsburg, is laying off, being relieved by Bro. Lindsey. Bro. Estus is relieving Bro. Lindsey. Bro. Schlicht is working second trick at Rosedale, relieving Sister Waidelich.

Agent Whelan, of Scammon, who is relieving Mr. Lewis, of Cherokee, while the latter is taking a trip West, is being relieved by Bro. Crawford. Bro. Barrall, who was relieving Telegrapher Hunter, of Cherokee, while he was in Springfield hospital, is relieving Bro. Crawford.

Bro. Joe Hunter, of Olathe, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Callahan.

Traffic has been very heavy on Northern Division, causing considerable increase in telegraphing over entire division. Bro. Estus was put on at Ft. Scott extra on account of increased business after the washouts on Kansas City districts for a week or ten days. After he was taken off it was necessary to put a man on again. Blakesley, who has been trying to relieve third trick wire chief at Memphis, filling in temporarily. L. C.

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Southwestern Division—

Bro. Mattson, the agent at Luther, is laying off and is going to Chicago to have his eyes treated; relieved by Bro. Hicks, of Scullin.

Bro. E. P. Kennedy, formerly agent at Jones, resigned to take charge of his farm near that place.

Bro. Gaither, agent at Jones, Okla., has resigned and contemplates going to Canada for his health and will probably remain; relieved by Bro. Bean.

P. O. Ward has been installed as agent at Spencer, vice Bro. Bean, transferred.

Our old friend, Bro. Nelms, is again at Supulpa and will remain there for the present. L. C.

Third District—

Brooks Junction has been opened as an agency. C. L. Short is agent and J. H. Brown is doing the night work.

Bro. J. C. Pharris, of Sikeston, is laying off thirty days, being relieved by L. C. Harper, off I. C. Division.

S. B. Crain is working the clerkship at Sikeston during Bro. John La Font's absence. La Font is at the hospital with a broken leg, caused by a truck falling across him while he was loading baggage.

Bro. R. K. Finley, at Kewanee, is off duty a few days on account of sickness.

On account of the watermelon rush this month, business has been too good to give all the happenings, but next month I will try to give all the changes, etc. Boys, send me all news items by the 13th of each month. Lend me your assistance. I have appointed two assistant local chairmen and will notify you as to who they are in next issue of TELEGRAPHER. Let's give good service on old Division 32 and let the Hon. O. J. Grimes, chief dispatcher, see that we appreciate he is such a jolly good fellow and let him smile and wish us well. L. C.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Cleveland Division—

Former agent, T. A. Sherridan, of Peninsula, departed from this life August 18th, after a lingering illness of several months. He leaves behind seven children, the youngest of which was only about five years of age. His wife had been dead for several years. His children have the sympathy of all.

Bro. E. F. Harris has returned from a tour of the West and is now doing his old stunt at Belt Line Crossing, Bro. Billings going back on third trick; Bro. W. C. Meese is working second trick at Belt Line.

Bro. J. G. Tope is working nights at Cleveland "CS"; Bro. H. J. Marlowe and Bro. C. W. C. Wright are working days on "sidewire."

Telegrapher C. O. Tuttle received second trick at South Park on bid.

Extra Telegrapher Barnes is working second trick at Peninsula until same is put on bulletin.

Bro. W. E. Kilbow, East Akron, on bid, working at Akron, Howard street, while Bro. Marlow is at "CS."

Bro. Murray has gone to Liverpool on bid.

Mr. James received Strongville on bid.

Bro. C. W. C. Wright, of "CS" office, Cleveland, is off a week visiting friends at Uhrichsville.

Bro. E. M. Holcomb, the second trick man at Belt Line Crossing, pro tem., is working sidewires during Bro. Wright's absence.

Mr. Fidler, who works the third trick at Uhrichsville, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Eaton.

Telegrapher Wilson is working at Lorain, third trick, while Telegrapher Fossen Potter is laying off sick. Did not hear who relieved Mr. Wilson at Elyria.

Telegrapher Van Foster is working the second trick at Lorain while Bro. Holcomb is working at Cleveland in the relay room.

Bro. F. P. Darland, at Canton Scales, resigned and has started West with his family. He had an offer of a better position on the Penna. Co.

Bro. F. X. Lengs, of North Industry, has returned to work after spending his vacation in the wild and woolly mountains around Lake Park, West Virginia.

Bro. C. W. Goodrich, the third trick man at Columbia, after having been off for two months on account of sickness, returned and immediately resigned and accepted a position on the Wheeling & Lake Erie at Canton.

Bro. Jackman is working at Columbia third trick until the place is bulletined and bid in.

Bro. F. S. Hoover, the agent at Sandyville, has returned to duty after being off a few weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. J. M. Hood is at East Akron, extra, while the regular man is filling other vacancies, and Bro. H. M. Brown is still captain of the Valley fence gang.

Mr. A. W. Sayers, of Lester, has resigned and is now working in the W. & L. E. roundhouse at Brewster.

Bro. "Dink" Shafer, of "ND" tower, is taking an extended trip through the West, going as far as the coast. He expects to be gone a month. Bro. Cunningham is relieving him during his absence.

Bro. J. C. Hendricks is working for the W. & L. E. at Justus. He formerly worked on this division of the B. & O.

Bro. Helder, of Lester, and Bro. Wilbur George, of Freeport, were off for a few days, recently.

Quite a number of the boys on this division have asked for leave of absence during the month of September.

We have not heard officially who is to take Bro. Darland's place as assistant local chairman, but we understood on the quiet from a pretty reliable source that it would be offered to Bro. Jack Mulhearne, of Akron, Howard street. "Jack" would make good, I believe, and will have quite a number of nons that are good material to work upon. Bro. Darland made good as an organizer and we hope that his successor will do the same.

Bro. A. F. Blank will be called upon to do the duties of division correspondent, and all those who can scare up any items for THE TELEGRAPHER will please send them in future to Bro. Blank at Massillon or to Bro. McCoy at Massillon.

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Business is booming on the Baltimore & Ohio now, and we are called upon to help keep things moving, and stay wide awake and hustle. Maybe we can get that new schedule before long if we are found attending strictly to business.

Those eight-hour night men must remember that they are paid for working and not for sleeping, for you are now allowed 16 hours in which to sleep, and every minute you are asleep on duty serves to put you farther and farther away from a raise in salary. So, get busy. DIV. COR.

Columbus and Newark Division—

As there has been no changes lately, news is scarce. Business is picking up considerably on this "pike," which is good news to all. With a three-track system, all new rail, limestone ballast, and about 95 per cent Order men, why should there be any delay to trains.

Telegrapher Allbright is working second trick at Black Lick, while Bro. Runnels is taking a vacation.

Bro. Dildine is again working his regular first trick at "BK" tower after a few weeks' visit with his family in St. Louis, Mo. He also visited the States of Indiana and Illinois. Telegrapher C. R. Conley relieved during his absence.

Bro. Fletch is working second trick at "ND" tower, Newark, while Telegrapher Kimball is visiting in Indiana.

Bro. C. R. Wilson, of Outville, is still on vacation in Camp Perris, O. He is a lieutenant of the O. N. G. Telegrapher Pierson is working his trick.

Bro. Danford has his new dwelling completed and has moved in.

Brothers, I will ask you in this write-up to appoint some other brother as division correspondent. I thank the brothers very much for their assistance in gathering news, and wish my successor the best of success. E. A. D.

West End Cumberland Division—

Business is still picking up on this part of the line, and it begins to look like prosperity has returned sure enough.

Bro. D. H. Morarity and wife, of the Newark division, are at Oakland for the benefit of Mrs. Morarity's health.

Bro. J. R. Murphy was off several days last month, and spent the time in visiting around Pittsburg.

A pretty fair crowd turned out for the August meeting, but there is no reason why many more could not have been there. Brothers, I wish you would try and turn out for these meetings. Remember, they only come once a month. Don't let the old regulars do it all. Try to remember the third Thursday of each month hereafter, and don't forget your local dues.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Coglan, of Oakland, is back from the hospital and at work again, looking as well as ever.

It is with much sorrow that we have to chronicle the death of Bro. F. O. Brown, assistant agent and telegrapher at Thornton, W. Va. He was sick but two weeks. Death was due to typhoid fever. He leaves a young widow to mourn his loss, who is a sister of Bro. Haldeman, third trick man at Thornton. Bro. Brown's parents came all the way from their home in Missouri to attend the funeral. The local sent an appropriate wreath with the letters O. R. T. on it.

While Bro. Brown was not with us very long, he was well liked and made many friends who will miss him very much. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to the great beyond our esteemed and worthy brother, F. O. Brown; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of the West End Cumberland District B. & O. System, Division No. 33, that we tender the bereaved wife and relatives our sincere sympathy in their sorrow, which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the relatives of the deceased, a copy be sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and also that a copy be spread on the minutes of this division.

W. C. READY,
C. H. LOVENSTINE,
D. T. RASCHE,
Committee.

New Castle Division—

Bro. Greene, first trick at Ravenna, is off sick for a few days; relieved by "Professor" Russell from T. F. Tower, who was relieved by Telegrapher Krueger.

Bro. Fearer having left the service, Niles Junction, third trick, was bid in by Mr. C. G. Russell, who worked first trick at Haselton while Bro. Faust was away. Bro. Faust has returned from Hot Springs, but we understand has not made the improvement to be desired and will seek treatment elsewhere. Mr. Russell was relieved at Haselton to take Niles Junction, by Mr. Kern, a new man on the division. Unable to say how he stands, but hope on the right side.

Bro. Flory, third trick at Haselton, began a two weeks' vacation July 24th, but was called back on 26th on account of Telegrapher Johnston reporting sick. He was again relieved August 12th, by Brother King, who will, on Bro. Flory's return, go to Ravenna to relieve Brother Quay on second trick and put Bro. King in Ravenna, for "home week." Bro. King doubtless appreciates the favor.

Bro. Carleton, who has been working extra on east end, has resigned to accept a position with N. P. Ry.

Operator Pfeil, who left the side wire in New Castle to try a position with the Santa Fe, is having great success. He was relieved by Bro. Bedell, from N. C. Junction, who was relieved by Bro. Carleton. Bro. Sarff, third trick at N. C. Junction, who is to take an extended vacation, has been relieved by Bro. Kelsey.

Bro. Bedell is again back on his regular job at N. C. Junction, second trick, and Bro. Trussell is working side wire at New Castle.

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Bro. Atkinson, first trick at P. Y. & A. crossing, took a week's vacation and was relieved by Telegrapher Seiring, who also relieved Bro. Maynard at Chardon for a few days.

Brother Carter, agent at Wayland, has been off sick for some time. A Mr. Shaw has been checked in as agent during Bro. Carter's absence.

Bro. G. R. Kistler, who relieved Bro. Alexander as clerk at Cuyahoga Falls, has resigned, being relieved by a Mr. Jump from the Erie, at Warren, whom we understand is not a telegrapher.

East items are rather scarce this month. We thank Bro. Hawk for his assistance.

Bro. E. R. Post is working second trick at Newton Falls and Mr. Steinmetz, the third, while it is being advertised. Understand Bro. Hawk, from Haselton, is the successful applicant for this position, and that Bro. Post landed the second trick at Boughtonville.

Bro. McCannon, of Boughtonville, spent Sunday recently taking in the sights at Cedar Point.

Mr. Milburn, first trick, "OD" tower, Lodi, spent a ten-days' vacation visiting relatives in various Ohio and Pennsylvania towns. He was relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. King relieved Mr. Adams, third trick, Lodi, for one night while he was in New Castle, and from there was sent to Haselton to relieve Bro. Flory for a few days.

Bro. Burch, third trick, Greenwich, is off for a few days on account of death of his father; relieved by Mr. A. H. Richards, who hails from the "Bessy."

Bro. McCannon, third trick, Boughtonville, is taking a trip through the West. He was relieved by Mr. Ferrell, who, after a few nights' service (?) was relieved by Mr. Niland, who comes from the N. & W., and surely ought to be a brother. Telegrapher Mehan worked second trick at this point while it was being advertised.

Mr. A. J. Eggleston, late of the P. Y. & A., is relieving Bro. Elson, of "MR" tower, who is spending his vacation near Lake Erie.

Bro. Gleason, second trick at "MN" tower, was off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife. Mr. Richards did the extra work.

Bro. Meagher, third trick, Nova, has resigned to accept a much better position in Cleveland. We wish him success.

Bro. Breneman, first trick man at Greenwich, finally got his relief, and is now enjoying his vacation with his wife and daughter, on the islands of Lake Erie.

Cedar Point excursion trains will soon be a thing of the past, for the season of 1909, as that famous resort closes in a couple of weeks.

Our write-up is rather small this month, as nothing came in from the Lake branch or from east of Akron. UNCLE BIFF.

Chicago Division—

Bro. Durke is leading a gay life at Wolf Lake yards since he landed first trick.

Bro. L. M. Hontz, second trick at Kimmell, has asked for a six months' leave of absence and will take a course in electrical engineering at Ada, Ohio. There is no doubt of Bro. Hontz making good, judging by his splendid record with the B. & O. We wish him success.

Bro. Fred Thornton, second trick at Alida, is taking his vacation.

Any of our members who are still delinquent should square up now. Remember, it is going to take money to get our schedule revised, and each man should see that he has an up-to-date, at once.

Mr. Alwine, third trick, Cromwell, left his student on the job recently and went out of town on the early morning train, No. 11. Mr. Student proceeded to "ball things up" in grand style in a very short time, and had to send a hurry-up call for Bro. Weaver, who came and straightened up the train orders. "Wonder" why *the professor* did not serve time. Any one else would have been discharged. But, never mind, such scabs will meet their Waterloo in time. Alwine, while running a school at Fostoria and Deshler, lost the job of relief agent. It is needless to say if the higher officials learn of this absence from duty it will put some of the lower officers in a bad light.

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Baltimore Division—

I have not seen a word from this division for several months. However, I am glad to say she is still in the ring.

There is a scarcity of men on account of sickness and telegraphers being off on vacations.

Bro. J. W. Williams, of Boyds, has been off some time visiting "Seattle." We all wish him a pleasant trip. He will be able to tell us all about it when he returns, for he is a great talker.

Bro. Warfel, of Barneysville, Md., was off for 10 days recently, visiting relatives in Pennsylvania, and also spent a few days in New York and at Atlantic City. He is now back at the key.

We are all very sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Sam Rohrer, of "QN" tower, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, August 21st. He has been with the B. & O. as telegrapher for many years. His family has our deepest sympathy.

Bro. Martin, of Dickinson, Md., took a 10 days' vacation September 1st, visiting his home in Virginia.

We would like to see all members working second and third tricks, and as many of the first trick men as possible at our regular meeting, 11 a. m., third Friday of September and December, at Washington Junction. These are two very important meetings and we desire that all the members be present. *Do not forget the dates, Friday, September 17th, and Friday, December 17th.*

Business on the line is quite brisk once more; 73 to all. G. W. C.

Pittsburg Division, P. & W. District—

The regular meeting of this division was held on August 19th. The attendance was mostly from the P. & W. district, the Pike district not being represented at all.

Local Chairman Yeager and Saffard were both present and made some very pointed and interesting remarks on the union label question. It was

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shown that this very important matter is not receiving the attention it deserves from the members of organized labor. If union men and their families would insist on having the label on all their purchases and patronize nothing but strictly union establishments, they would by so doing be placing a powerful lever in the hands of union men for the uplifting of the working class in general and organized labor in particular. The labor exploiters and their sympathizers have nothing to fear from a class of men who are so careless of their own interests that they never stop to ascertain whether the concerns they patronize are fair to union labor or not. Remember, that every time you buy an article which does not bear the union label, you are patronizing the scab and the strike-breaker and his employer.

The familiar face of Bro. J. D. Dunbar was again seen, after an absence of nearly a year from our meetings, owing to his having been working second trick.

Bro. M. W. Fitzpatrick, one of the most expert of our amateur baseball players, is still holding down Willow Grove third trick. We understand "Mike" declined several very tempting offers to enter the professional baseball field and while "RO" is a hot job, he still finds time to keep himself in perfect practice on the diamond.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Baker of Wildwood, who has been laid up with fever, is rapidly recovering.

Bro. T. B. Stoops, formerly clerk at Zelienople, has accepted the agency at Allison Park.

Bro. C. W. Brown has again resumed duty, first trick, at Willow Grove, after a vacation spent in the Northwest.

First Trick Dispatcher Harbison, who was injured in a street car accident several weeks ago, has again returned to the train sheet.

Bro. O. M. Johnson, agent at Callery, was painfully injured while playing baseball by being struck on the forearm with a pitched ball.

Bro. Loose, of Ellwood City, is contemplating an extended trip through the East in the near future.

Quite a number of the members of Divisions 33 and 52 were noticed in attendance at the big Debs' meeting in Old City Hall, onn the 24th inst. Debs was at his best. "Nuf sed."

CERT 66.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the home and taken therefrom the infant son of our brother, J. J. Lanning; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Pittsburg District Division, No. 33, extend to Bro. Lanning and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

OLIVER WETZELL,
W. C. SAFFORD,
C. W. BROWN,
Committee.

Monongah Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has deemed best to remove from our midst the beloved fathers of our worthy brothers, D. I. McCualsky, A. R. Payne, and Worley W. Powell; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the membership of the Monongah District B. & O. R. R. System, Division No. 33, extend to Bros. McCualsky, Payne and Powell and their families our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy forwarded to Bros. McCualsky, Payne and Powell, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. L. LOSEY,
W. P. TURNER,
R. W. BEVANS,
Committee.

C. & E. I. Ry.

Illinois Division—

We have heard no more of the proposed revision of schedule up to time of this writing, but hope there will be something doing in this line before this goes to press. Understand there is to be a meeting held in the near future, probably on this division, to discuss arrangements for the revision. We hope that all brothers will get after the nons in their vicinity before this meeting in order to have a good line-up, which will be necessary to insure a revised schedule which will be satisfactory to all offices. We should have an organizer go over the road as soon as possible. There have been so many changes made in the past few months that it is hard to tell just how we stand.

Telegrapher J. S. Booth, who relieved Bro. E. J. Rice, second trick, Mt. Vernon, a short time ago, has resigned to go into other business. Bro. Rice has also resigned and has gone to his home at Westervelt. Telegrapher C. C. Ham, who has been on extra list, has bid in second trick at Mt. Vernon.

Bro. M. L. Dougherty, agent at Brubaker, has bid in third trick at "SA" tower. It is reported that Telegrapher Clink has bid in the agency at Brubaker.

Bro. G. M. Mitchell, third trick at Ina, is off on vacation, visiting his mother.

An interstate commerce man was at Mt. Vernon some time ago investigating the two twelve-hour tricks the L. & N. have at that place. He found everything satisfactory on our line.

Bro. Hicks, first trick at Mt. Vernon, has bid in second trick at "SX" tower. This leaves first trick at Mt. Vernon open on bulletin. There are quite a number of good positions open yet, and no doubt there will be many changes among the older men on the division.

Have you received any literature about the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor? This is a good movement, worth while investigating. This literature may be had by writing President Perham. A study of the aims of

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this department by the different organizations on all roads will be greatly beneficial, tending to bring the different classes of railroad men closer together, resulting in more harmony and better service, both of which are necessary to accomplish good results and create a better impression in the minds of the officials of the company. This will go a long way in securing better working conditions.

Telegrapher Jones, formerly second trick at St. James, has been doing extra work on this division at Salem Yard and Marion on account of the shortage of operators. He was relieved at St. James by Telegrapher Hanes. We understand he is going to be in line very soon.

Bro. W. H. Wyckoff, agent at Sullivan, is off on a vacation, being relieved by regular relief agent, V. Otey.

In the last write-up we stated that Bro. Hicks, of Mt. Vernon, was the only brother on south end who sent in items. We wish to correct this, as Bro. Stout, first trick, Thebes, also sent in items, but they were received too late for the write-up. Thanks just the same, Bro. Stout, be sure and come again, but send them by the 23d.

Bro. Sands, second trick at Findlay Junction, has resigned his position as operator and has gone to braking. He couldn't stand the hard work and is resting up.

Bro. Beauford, first trick at "VE" tower, also resigned as operator to accept a position as brakeman.

Bro. R. F. Barnett, agent at Buncombe, has bid in the first trick at Mode. He was relieved at Buncombe by J. M. Fitch, who bid in the agency at Buncombe.

Bro. K. Dunn, agent at Benton, is off on a vacation "doing" the West; relieved by his cashier, W. P. Wells.

Bro. A. Christman was compelled to give up second trick at Thebes on account of his health and is at present working first trick at Benton. Hope he will have entirely recovered his good health by the time this appears in the journal.

Will ask the brothers sending in items to have them in by the 23d of each month. Am grateful to those sending in every month, but there are one or two each month that are a few days late and am compelled to omit such items.

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Danville District—

Bro. Knopinski, second trick at Thornton Junction, has resigned and was relieved by Telegrapher Brayton, from the G. T. Mr. Brayton formerly was a brother and says he will be with us again next pay day.

Bro. Holmes, third trick at "HJ" tower, is off for a few days, relieved by Telegrapher Bolla.

Miss Hattendorf, third trick at Sollitt, when asked by a brother if she would like to join our Order and if he might send her the blanks, gave him to understand that when she wanted to join she would ask for them.

Bro. Aultz, first trick at E. J. & E. tower, Chicago Heights, is laying off ten days; relieved by Telegrapher McFadden, who says he can not afford a card.

W. F. Goodwin, agent at Crete, has filled out the necessary papers and will soon have an up-to-date.

It is now Bro. Price, second trick at Sollitt.

Telegrapher Moore, third trick at Momence Junction, resigned and was relieved by Bro. Coyle, second trick.

Mr. Slaybaugh, from "MG" tower, who promises to come across "sometime," relieved Bro. Coyle.

Bro. Hixon, who has been working third trick at St. Anne, and is on his vacation, was relieved by Telegrapher Bolla, who is coming into the fold soon.

Bro. Montgomery, second trick at Watseka, made a flying business trip to Terre Haute on August 20th.

Bro. C. H. Terry is now up-to-date.

Bro. Darnell has returned from his three weeks' vacation and is now busy asking for box cars at Pence, Ind.

Bro. Selson says the hours at "MB," Rossville, were too long for him, so he took to the tall grass.

Telegrapher Muirhead, of Fairmount Junction, has filled out the necessary papers and promises to be with us this month.

One non at Bronson, and a big one, too.

Bro. Thompson, extra man, is holding down third trick at "BX" tower now, relieving Bro. Lanquist, who landed third at Hillsdale on bulletin.

F. C. Romans, formerly of Gessie, is at Royal as agent now.

Bro. Kaneen, second at "BX" tower, has been planning a trip to Seattle, but on account of business picking up and new offices being opened, the chief says no man to relieve him.

Bro. Mickle, agent at Alvin, has been visiting in Chicago and Danville lately.

Bro. P. K. Jeffries, first trick at St. Anne; relieved by Bro. W. B. Frank.

Bro. O. A. Hixon, third trick, is on his vacation; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Bolla. Bro. P. S. Lottenville still doing the second stunt.

Business seems to be picking up rapidly through St. Anne and the brothers at all the interlocking plants are very busy, and nothing easy about it from all appearances.

Understand Bro. Songer and some of the boys are going out West soon to be cowboys.

If you hit the ball with the dispatchers you are it, but if you don't it would be best to move out, as it seems they can not find any excuse for one not doing so.

Lots of grain and coal moving now, causing new offices to be opened as fast as they can get the men to fill them.

All the nons who have not yet filled out the papers had better do so, as there would be a very foolish-looking bunch if a reduction was made where there were no union men.

The local chairman is very busy now and doing lots of good work. Several that have not paid up for the last card should get up to date. We need you and want you to get right again, so we may show a solid front.

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Terre Haute District—

Bro. See is working second trick at Hillsdale, relieving Bro. Bahls while he fills second at "DH" tower.

Bro. Goudy, second at "DH" tower, has resigned and goes to the Mo. Pac. We are losing a good brother and the boys on the Mo. Pac. will be the gainers.

Bro. R. A. Church, second at Hillsdale, took a two weeks' vacation, but was called back to work after being off duty five days on account of men being so scarce and so many of the boys wanting to lay off.

Bro. Rice, third at Jackson, returned to work the 11th. Bro. Thompson, who has been working extra in Bro. Rice's place, has relieved Bro. A. W. Lanquist, at "BX" tower, Bro. Languist taking first trick at Hillsdale.

One of the students from Starr Crossing is doing a stunt at Gessie.

Vaugh, another one of the students from Starr Crossing, is holding third at Block.

Bro. Andrews is on second at O. C. Junction.

Bro. Lee, "DH" tower third trick, resigned.

Brazil District—

Bro. R. E. Cowger, first trick "GR," Burnett, is off on a vacation. Bro. Day, regular second trick, is working first during Bro. Cowger's absence; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Thorp.

Bro. Luckett has bid in third trick at Burnett.

Bro. Gentry, of Wadena, is off for a few days; relieved by relief agent, R. T. Haggerty.

Bro. Dockery, second trick at Swanington, has resigned to take a position at Hammond, Ind. He was relieved by Bro. Clayton. Bro. Frank, third trick, has been transferred to St. Anne; relieved by Telegrapher Broshears.

Sorry to see the boys leaving who are up-to-date.

Tains had to be detoured via the Vandalia via O. C. Junction and Rosedale, one day this week on account of Bridge 173, south of Coalbluff, burning out.

Bro. F. G. Lucas, second trick at Coal Bluff, has resigned to take a position on the Big Four; relieved by extra telegrapher, Bro. F. L. Andrews.

C. B. Dillman, agent at Morocco, is off on vacation, being relieved by relief agent, C. E. Mitten.

Bro. Z. E. Manly, first trick at Coal Bluff, made a flying trip to Green Castle lately.

Telegrapher P. S. Reynolds, second at Brazil Shops, resumed work last week after having enjoyed thirty days' vacation.

Seems there is going to be "something doing" on the "Hack" line from the way they are unloading the ties on this division.

Get up-to-date and stay up-to-date.

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Pere Marquette Ry.

Chicago Division—

The agent at McDonald, J. Rea, has just sent in his papers. Now, if some of those backsliders down that way would pay up, we would have nearly a solid lineup, and we need it. The company is standing the committee off right now, and keeping them in Detroit, and the general superintendent has instructed the trainmasters to call on the agents and telegraphers and ask them what they want. If everybody will keep a stiff upper lip, there is no doubt we can get the raise, as the company has had its troubles getting and keeping telegraphers and agents. There are at least half a dozen vacancies at the present time, and no one has been able to get a vacation. We have no relief telegraphers on this division now, as Bro. Hendricks is holding down the Ottawa Beach agency this summer, and Relief Agent Townsend is now tariff inspector.

Bro. P. H. Walsh, of Stevensville, died at his home at Watervliet after being ill for several weeks. He had been working for this road a good many years, and was well known all over the Chicago and Petoskey Divisions.

Agent Rea, who has been at McDonald for 12 years, has bid in the agency at Stevensville.

Bro. Jackson, telegrapher and clerk at Bangor, has bid in the agency at McDonald. Bro. Jackson's job is now advertised.

O. F. Vollmer, agent at Bravo, has bid in the agency at Wallin.

Telegrapher Yost, of Fennville, is taking a vacation, and also something else, as his passes read "and wife."

Bro. Miller, first trick at Waverly, has bid in the agency at Whitehall.

Agent Becker, of Whitehall, has bid in the Berrien Springs agency. CERT. 376.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

New River District—

Our regular monthly meeting convened jointly with those of the Alleghany and Greenbrier Districts in the Big Four Building at Hinton, W. Va., on August 19th. We conclude, from the good attendance, that Bro. Dennings' comprehensive article in the July number of THE TELEGRAPHER did much good. If any of you failed to read it you have missed a rare treat. I only wish you had as well qualified a correspondent at this time. It is only just to do what our hands find to do, and an injustice to impose upon any one, because of his superior ability; therefore, I am determined to do the best I can, and hope that what I write may be interesting and of some benefit.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p. m., by our worthy brother, J. J. Holt, assisted by our highly-esteemed chairman of the River District. Bro. Holt is an excellent officer, and ready at all times to maintain the dignity of the Order. Sometimes the boys become enthused over some personal matter which they wish to discuss with other members during the hours of assembly, instead of paying attention to the important matters under consideration, much to the discomfort of others and to the detriment of our interests. Such inattention, and any other cases of disorder, Bro. Holt never fails to correct by rapping for order. This is a commendable trait in a presiding officer, and should meet with the hearty approval of all

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who desire to subserve the best interests of the Order. Each member should give the best of attention during convention hours, as matters of the utmost importance are continually up for consideration.

After the meeting was regularly opened for the transaction of business, Bro. Holt called our honorable general chairman, Bro. Hicks, to the chair, who presided over the meeting until we adjourned.

Our meeting calls to mind what I once saw on a show poster which read "something doing every minute." That was certainly the case with us. There was something doing every minute from 9:30 p. m. until 2:30 a. m., and that something was very important.

After the transaction of routine business we initiated two candidates and passed favorably upon eight others whose names were presented by Bro. Holt.

The two new members accepted at this meeting were Bros. E. P. Beasley and E. V. Bleau. The former is agent at Meadow Creek, W. Va., and a capital fellow. He has served the C. & O. Ry. for thirteen years as exclusive agent, but owing to the restrictions excluding this class of men up to a few years ago, he was not eligible to membership. We are glad that this restriction has been abolished, and we can now take in good, loyal fellows like him. He was taken through every degree of the initiation, and stood the ordeal bravely, the ceremony being so impressive, however, that he almost forgot his name when being obligated.

Bro. Bleau was unable to attend the meeting on account of having to work third trick at "XN" cabin, and was therefore initiated by proxy. He is an estimable young man of moral habits, known personally to the writer for four or five years, and I therefore venture the assertion that he will make a good, loyal member.

It is a matter for congratulation to know that we are getting such a fine class of men, and it bespeaks well for the future of our organization. When the initiation ceremony was over, and a short recess had been taken, we again took up the business of the day. The reading of communications showed our division to be in excellent condition, with at least half the membership holding up-to-date semi-annual cards, and very few nons outside the fold. We now have nearly $2,000 in the treasury, and all indebtedness paid. With half the membership yet to pay dues for the current term, this amount will be increased considerably. This does not look so gloomy as it did in the early history of our division, when the membership was less than fifty per cent, and the general committee was forced to negotiate a loan to enable it to meet the management.

The growth of this division not only bespeaks well for the membership, but it is also a living monument to the efficient officers who have sacrificed their own personal interests to place it upon the firm foundation where we find it today. May their names ever be remembered for the diligent and efficient service they have rendered to those of their craft.

While eulogizing those who have served us so faithfully in the past, let us not forget our present officers, for they undoubtedly deserve our attention. Many of them are veterans, but all have served with distinction in their respective districts. Brothers and sisters, we have a general committee whom we can be justly proud of. Time, space and a personal acquaintance prohibits mentioning all, but suffice to say that those of whom no mention is made are equally worthy of commendation.

I shall mention first our big general chairman, Bro. Hicks. I say big because Bro. Hicks is a big man every way you take him. He weighs something like 240 pounds, yet his avoirdupois is the smallest attribute of his being. We have in this big man a fearless leader; an untiring worker; conscientious in his deliberations and efficient from years of experience. I think I can safely assert this to be the opinion of all present at the meeting, for at the close of Bro. Hicks' address he received a glorious ovation.

It is but just to mention Bro. Hicks' tribute to our faithful and ever-zealous general secretary and treasurer, J. W. Kiser, which, to quote as near as possible, was as follows: "Bro. Kiser, I believe, is the incumbent of an office that no other man could fill quite as well. He is simply the right man in the right place." That voices our appreciation of this diligent worker. He always does more than his duty, and we often wonder how he can manage to accomplish so much, remembering, as we do, the great volume of business which he attends to for this division along with his duties to the railway company. This brother gave us the treat of our lives by writing up a comprehensive history of C. & O. System Division No. 40, which was read by Bro. Denning at this meeting. It was simply grand, and made us old-timers feel very like what I imagine an old veteran soldier feels like when he listens to some good story tellers' reminiscence of the war. I regret very much that some of you were so unfortunate as not to be there. Bro. Denning offered a resolution of thanks to Bro. Kiser for this consideration, which was unanimously passed upon by the assembly.

Bro. Hicks also paid quite a tribute to Bros. Holt and Denning, denominating them men of the highest honor and integrity, efficient and willing workers. And I want to say that, in my opinion, he has not misjudged our honored chairman of the Alleghany, Greenbrier and New River Districts.

Now, brothers and sisters, our general committee, some of whom I have briefly characterized, are contemplating meeting with the general management September 20th, or as near that date as possible, to negotiate an agreement to supersede the one now in effect. As I have said above, our division is in splendid working condition, but to accomplish that which we rightfully should, it should be in better. Every member who is not paid up for the current term should remit his dues at once to Bro. Kiser, Wyandotte, W. Va., and

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every member should constitute himself, or herself, a committee of one to line up every available non who is eligible for membership.

There are three things extremely essential to our success. A just cause, an efficient general committee, and a solid and loyal mambership. The first two we certainly have, but in the third we are much like other large bodies of individuals: here we meet the meddler, the ingrate, the scorner, the hypocrite, the envious, the cynic. These men are such because they know not how to discern the difference between good and evil. But you who know the good which our organization has accomplished should not give over to the views of such men, but rather convert them to our nobility of purpose.

As a parting salutation, allow me to suggest that we put forward every effort to do our duty, indifferent to all other considerations, whether they be material things or unreasoning and ignorant people. So long as we are doing our duty, let us heed not warmth nor cold; drowsiness nor wakefulness; life nor impending death; nay, even in the very act of death, which is indeed only one of the acts of life, it suffices to do well what then remains to be done.

Let us press forward to the future with love and harmony, united in purpose, with no strife in our hearts for our fellow man. To be at strife one with another is contrary to our nature; and to be angry with one another, to despise one another, is to be at strife with one another.

Fashion thyself to the circumstances of thy lot. The men whom fate hath made our comrades here, love; and love them in sincerity and in truth.

H. E. MELTON,
Assistant Chairman.

Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions held at Warren, Saturday night August 21st, was well attended by members from both divisions. Our general chairman, Bro. W. H. Husted, of Richwood, Ohio, was present, and gave a very entertaining talk on the organization, its benefits, and what could be accomplished toward thorough organization by individual effort.

Remember the meeting nights. They come on the third Saturday night of each and every month, at Warren U. C. T. Hall, at the corner of Market street and Park avenue. Your scribe was able to gather following news items:

Ward Weiss is working third trick at Mantua.

M. G. Donaldson, of Mahoning, has gone to Seattle; relieved by Telegrapher G. H. Basket.

"MA" tower has been reopened as a twelve hour trick, and bid in by W. V. Saltsman, second trick man at "CB" tower.

Telegraphers at "OB," Youngstown, are again working nine hours.

R. B. Barret is back to work at Grange Lake, on his vacation.

W. H. Owens, first trick at DeForest tower, was off a couple of days. This moved H. B. Cutlip to first trick and F. E. Brooks to second. The third trick was worked by an extra man, C. A. Conant, who has again left the Erie.

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Cincinnati Division—

By the way, the professors at Slicks have another student; he is a rich farmer's boy.

Mr. J. L. Richardson is having his troubles with a motor car he bought from Mr. Gee. He walks about half the time.

C. E. Bombarger turned out a student by the name of Francis. He claims to be able to receive forty words per minute, but failed to make good on the Erie or Big Four, and has accepted a position in a restaurant at Bucyrus.

C. W. Fox was called to Detroit the first of the month on account of the serious illness of his wife's brother. Stalter, from Slicks, worked second trick at "Q." Bender worked first. The extra man was sent to work third at Slicks during his absence.

J. L. Richardson, the first trick man at Slicks, is off duty on account of the death of his mother-in-law. Stone is working first, Stalter second, extra man from North Lewisburg working third.

Wyoming Division—

"HX," "RU," and "HJ" towers have been closed until further notice.

J. W. McGinnis is now working second trick at "MO."

Bro. J. W. Boon has been appointed division correspondent. All brothers are requested to send him any news that may be of interest to the boys. Address him at Wimmers, Pa.

Second trick at "XJ" has been advertised as per rule 5. This is the first in a long time; keep the good thing going.

It has been rumored that Bro. Maver took his lady love over the division recently to see the picturesque scenery.

The West coal is again going over the D. & H. and Jeff Divisions. Nothing doing on the Wyoming Division.

The summer passenger train will be taken off September 11, 1909.

We understand that Geo. Knickerbocker, who is working the second trick at "CM," is wearing an O. R. T. button. We wish to inform the brothers that George has not an up-to-date card. "No card, no favors."

We have quite a number of nons on the line. Something is wrong. Let's get these fellows started right.

Just look what our organization has done for us and then ask yourself the question sincerely, "Do you always expect to share the benefits such as you are now enjoying and not become a part of the whole?" Just think of it! We now work three and four hours less each day and get the same pay practically, get five days off each month, and then a lot of us don't want to help out. If I could not carry my end I would get down and

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out. If the O. R. T. is not a benefit to us, who does it benefit? Now, are we not willing to co-operate? Get in line.

We know fellows who wear a button just to hold you off for bracing them on the subject. Let's ignore the button for a while and take nothing but the original card for proof. It tends to show a lack of manhood. There is no fence on which you can sit. You are a non or an up-to-date man. Let's be men and show our Order that we appreciate what has been done for us. Hereafter all vacancies will be advertised, giving us all a chance for same and an equal show.

We want every member on this division to assist Bro. Boon each month by advising him of what goes on and by so doing we can have a few lines in our journal and let people know that we are doing our best.

Everyone tells us that the phone system on the main line is no good. Boys, there is nothing like the old sounder for doing business, so don't be afraid of the phones. COR.

Susquehanna Division—

We will not be able to make a very good showing in THE TELEGRAPHER this month, owing to the fact that we have not received items from the Tioga Division, or from the west end of the Susquehanna Division. There doesn't seem to be anything of very great importance doing on any part of the division. We should have a write-up each month of all that is of interest on both divisions. We would appreciate it if the brothers all over the divisions would send us items of interest and get them in by the 17th of each month. Send them to Bro. M. G. Beach, R. F. D. No. 2, Elmira, N. Y., or Bro. E. J. Hesser, 364 Wallace Place, Elmira N. Y. We have to depend on the brothers along the line to furnish us notes in order to make any showing at all, and if we do not get any notes we cannot do much in the line of a write-up.

The Elmira & Waverly trolley line is progressing nicely, the work being pushed, now that they have gotten the right of way through to Elmira.

Bro. Thompson, at Wellsburg, says it looks good to him to see the trolley cars running by his tower. It will afford Bro. Thompson an opportunity to attend prayer meetings and O. R. T. meetings in Elmira. Bro. Hill, at Chemung, will also be glad to see this line completed, for then he can attend O. R. T. meetings held in Elmira and bring Bros. Johnson, Welch and Derrig along with him.

At the meeting held in Bingn, July 22d, we discussed the Ladies' Auxiliary. The brothers seemed to be in favor of organizing a lodge on this division, and we will do so in the very near future All the ladies concerned with whom the writer has been able to talk in regard to the auxiliary are very enthusiastic. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. is a fine thing. They can be and will be a great benefit to us, and we can also be a great help to them. It requires but seven members to get a charter. It is not expensive, as it costs but ten cents per month for dues.

The next meeting will be held in Elmira the latter part of the month, and will take place on Sunday morning in order to give our Tioga Division brothers and second and third trick men a chance to attend. The notice of this meeting will bear a request for all brothers to bring their wives, sisters or mothers with them. After our meeting we will invite the ladies in, talk over the auxiliary and arrange to get a charter. We hope that each brother will bring either his wife, sister or motner. They will enjoy the trip. We will have on hand samples of all union labels to show the ladies so that in future they will not buy scab goods with O. R. T. money. A great many ladies do not have the opportunity that we men do of learning what the union label means to us. Bring them along and let's get acquainted with our sisters. DIV. COR.

New York Division—

The reduction of the force in "JC," Jersey City office, caused considerable knocking.

Bro. Gaherin, who had first trick on wire 29, is working last on wire 24. Mr. Harty knocked Bro. Gaherin.

Bro. Slavin is working over in "YA," New York.

Bro. Scott is working last trick on wire 29.

Bro. Corbett is working second on wire 24.

Bro. Holbohn hasn't decided where he will go yet. Bro. Holbohn is working in "JC" extra at present.

Bro. Remsen, first trick at Paterson, was absent a few days last month on account of sickness.

Bro. Westervelt was absent several days last month on a fishing trip, and was relieved by Bro. C. G. Patterson.

Bro. Green, second trick man at "WC," Wardwick, took two weeks' vacation last month. Bro. Green was relieved by Bro. Readdy.

Bros. Whittier and Utter, first and second trick men at "SF," Suffern, have a leverman now, from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Bro. Horion, first trick man at "SJ," took his family and went on a two days' vacation last month, down to Coney Island.

Bro. McGrinn was off duty last month on account of sickness, Mr. Utter relieving him.

Bro. Fitzpatrick, second trick man at "XK," was absent two days last month on account of the death of his uncle.

Looking over the schedule of 1903 and the schedule of today, the other day, I noticed every job between Jersey City and Port Jervis had been raised from there to five dollars. Then again we have the eight-hour day and our division pass. If our committees should ask for the members only, perhaps some of the nons would begin to think it was time to come across.

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Alleghany Division—

I am sorry to note that there are a number of members on this division who have not paid dues. Brother, this is not right. You have had the protection of the Order and you should be loyal to it, although there may be something you do not like. The O. R. T. has accomplished several good things for us. The fact that we are working eight and nine hour tricks ought to be enough to convince any fair-minded person that it is his duty to stand by the Order? How would you like to go back to twelve hours? I think there would be an awful "howl." Let us wake up and see if we cannot induce the nons to join our ranks. We must be up and doing at once Get after them and bring them in. The company has hatched out several nons; look after them. If the company can work them we can take them in to the O. R. T. If you have one working with you or next door to you, get him. If we would make a greater effort to secure members, we would have a much better lineup. It is your duty to get them. Brothers, the old hen don't break the egg that hatches; it's the chick pecking from the inside. There's your cue, it's up to you.

Telegrapher Martin is holding down the first trick at Sumner, which gives him a chance to do considerable work on the farm.

Telegrapher Hannon, third trick at "HR" tower, in place of Mr. Cooney.

Bro. Freamy, the third trick man at "CR" tower, is off a few days, taking in the sights at Bradford during "Old Home Week." He was relieved by Telegrapher Lycett.

Bro. Jess Shaw has bid in the agency at Belvidere, and has been checked in.

We are glad to note that business has been improving rapidly in the last few weeks, and we are in hopes it will still improve. We have several extra telegraphers on the line, and you can seldom find one idle. CERT. 262.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Battleford, Vermilion and Edmonton Sections—

Well, boys, it's hard work to get a respectable looking write-up ready when none of you send me notes.

As usual, a few changes have taken place since last report.

Bro. Bethune has been transferred from Warman days to Humboldt.

Bro. McCulloch from Invermay nights to Warman nights.

Bro. Schwalm, agent at Invermay, has returned from a visit with friends in Ontario.

Bro. J. R. Hinsberger, late of Vermilion, has taken a position as cashier at Humboldt. Our old friend Jake went East last spring and got married. What do you know about that?

Bro. Davidson, of Borden, met with a severe accident a couple of weeks ago. He was out exercising and incidentally showing the young bloods of Borden how to play football when he had the misfortune to break his leg. "13" Jack is getting along well and will soon be back in the traces again. Here's hoping that such is the case.

Mr. McCully is doing the relieving stunt at Borden.

Bro. Chard, of Fort Saskatchewan, is on vacation at present; relieved by relief agent, Bro. Prevost.

Our local chairman, Bro. Matthews, has just returned from committee work at Winnipeg, where he was most successful in getting a number of small grievances straightened out.

There is a new man at Warman days, a Mr. Rivard. He says he will come in "when he gets the funds."

Your correspondent has just returned from an extended visit with friends in Ohio and Ontario, and that's one of the reasons for this short write-up.

Bro. McLaren, of Muenster, bid in the agency at Maidstone, and Muenster station has been bulletined.

The position of night telegrapher at Edmonton has also been advertised.

Bro. Lane, of Veregin, is now "baching" it, on account of his better half having gone for a visit with friends in Ontario.

Bro. Frank Carey has just returned from a six weeks' sojourn in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime provinces, and is back in the harness at "DK" handling 31's and 19's.

Why are the dispatchers so happy since our local chairman returned from Winnipeg?

CERT. 231.

Fifth District—

Congratulations are in order for our local chairman, Bro. R. B. Law, who has taken unto himself a wife, and we all wish them both a prosperous and happy voyage together on the sea of matrimony.

Bro. Blair is back from his vacation looking as fresh as a daisy. Telegrapher McCannon, who relieved him, has taken charge of Condie Station, while Bro. Law is on his honeymoon.

Bro. S. M. Young, of Davidson, has been checked in as agent at Zealondia, replacing Bro. Edgley.

HOW'S THE 'PHONE, SHERRY?

Oh, he's looking and he's longing,
For the time to come along
When the brass he'll be a-pounding
Instead of that 'phone gong.

Relieving agent, Bro. Meraw, is back at his old stand, Davidson, for awhile.

Bro. Learmouth has got an extension of his leave on account of his not being sufficiently recovered to resume duty, meanwhile Bro. Scott grits his teeth and hangs on, determined to do or die.

Bro. J. C. Barber has gone to Rosthern as day operator and Bro. J. Strong, Jr., of that place, has been checked in as agent at Girvin.

Bro. Perkins, of Lumsden, is taking a trip for the benefit of his health, which we trust will have the desired effect. He is being relieved by Telegrapher J. Mullins, day telegrapher from Davidson

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Telegrapher Jacques, night man at Prince Albert, has been replaced by Tidmarsh, a new man. Both he and Telegrapher Mullin have promised to join us as soon as they get the necessary dough.

Taking advantage of the Sunday service from Craik during Winnipeg Exhibition, Bros. Fowler, Strong, Meraw, Young and Oates attended the monthly meeting of the O. R. T. held by the C. P. R. boys of the Central Division, Fifth District, which was held at the Flanagan House, Saskatoon, July 17th. Our C. P. R. brothers made us feel quite at home, and gave us a generous invitation to amalgamate with them, which should be possible if rumor proves correct, that a Sunday passenger service is to be put on this division in the near future.

We can now call our respected dispatcher, J. W. Crane, brother. Here's the glad hand, "Jim." Shake, "old man."

Lineman McIntosh has not been able to make good his promise on account of being under the doctor's care for awhile. He will be with us next pay day.

Everyone on this district seems to be doing his level best to give satisfaction, which shows the true spirit of our Order. Let's keep up the good work, boys.

Credit is due our superintendent, Mr. Foley, for the steps he took when it was pointed out to him that vacancies were not being bulletined on this district. Not many days elapsed before there were no less than six stations bulletined. May the good work continue.

We notice Bro. J. Strong back to work at Hanley after a pleasant sojourn in the land of Stars and Stripes. Bro. Scott, who was relieving there, is relieving at Duck Lake for awhile on account of Bro. Learmonth on sick list.

Bro. Stephens has succeeded Bro. Black at Nutana on account of seniority, and Bro. Black is now doing the honors at Disley.

Bro. Meraw is at present relieving at Chamberlain, Bro. Blair having secured a much-needed leave of absence.

In next write-up we hope to have the pleasure of calling brothers our worthy dispatcher, J. W. Crane and our genial lineman, J. B. McIntosh, both having promised to be with us next pay day. Nons on this district are rapidly being swallowed up, and we hope that the time is not far distant when we will be solid O. R. T.

A much-needed aid is being taken on behalf of our Bro. Piersdorff, who, am sorry to say, is still laid up with inflammatory rheumatism and is not likely to be in shape for work for a few weeks.

Work has been commenced on the new depot at Saskatoon and it is hoped that it will be in readiness for occupation by December. It will be one of the most up-to-date stations in the West.

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Second District—

Bro. J. T. McDougall, of St. Jean, has been kept busy filling orders for fruit now that the harvest has commenced.

Bro. A. H. Forde, of Morris, is relieving Bro. Willis for a few days while he (Willis) is on committee work.

Bro. F. J. Gilbert, of Rosebank, is relieving Bro. Howard at Somerset. We understand that Bro. Howard intends joining the benedicts while away. Bro. Gilbert was relieved at Rosebank by Mr. Graham.

Bro. Harron, lately transferred to Ninette, finds it much more congenial than at Sperling. Sperling agency was filled by Mr. Thompson.

Bro. Clark, of Greenway, is off on vacation; relieved by the assistant from Harting.

Bro. Sterling, of Elgin, is off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Smirle.

Now, boys, be on hand each meeting to give "GM." By so doing things will run much more smoothly and be appreciated by all. Also now that harvest has commenced be on deck to give your yard and "CS" reports, so that the handling of 1909 crop specifically will be benefited.

The good reports from those who attended the convention at Atlanta should convince all the non-members that delay will mean defeat to them eventually. This division, if kept strong by each member getting after the very few remaining nons, will be able to get more of the good things which are beneficial and necessary to each one's welfare.

Bro. Young, of "GS," is receiving many compliments on the artistic appearance and neatness of his station. His flowers are doing fine. Take a hint, boys.

Many of the boys are desirous of spending a few of these pleasant days away from the cares of the station, but relief comes slowly.

This district has been neglected lately by no news appearing in the journal from month to month. Send all the news items you have to Bro. Quick and he will attend to inserting promptly.

"ENTHUSIAST."

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

Bro. H. B. Myers, of Ocomulgee Bridge, first trick, has resumed work after a pleasant visit to the Northwest. Bro. Middlebrooks, of Hillsboro, was relieving him.

Mr. R. L. Winburn, of Ocomulgee Bridge, second trick, is now off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Middlebrooks.

Bro. N. C. Arnett has returned to his old love, M. & A. Junction, third trick, after a pleasant vacation spent among friends and relatives in old Virginia. Mr. F. T. Holloday did the relief act until he made a pay day, then he departed to the tall timber. Mr. J. B. Jarrett filled in the few days intervening.

Sister B. Holland, of Dover, is on vacation visiting relatives in North Carolina; relieved by Bro. H. E. Holland, of Gordon.

Mr. J. B. Jarrett worked second trick at Gordon during Bro. Holland's absence.

Bro. Carrol, of Wadley, was rolled by "ME" Burke, who is an older man in the service. Mr. Burke was relieved at Millen by Mr. Schumper'

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on account of being unable to give satisfaction at that point.

Bro. Carrol is relieving Bro. J. H. Hodges, third trick at Tennille for one week while Bro. Hodges takes a fishing trip on the Oconee.

Bro. C. G. Rogers, of Midville, made a short visit to his relatives at Adrian during this month.

Bro. Middlesbrooks, of Ocomulgee Bridge, is contemplating a visit to the Springs as soon as Mr. Winburn relieves him.

Bro. P. T. Reddick, of Gordon, made a business trip to Macon during the month.

Bro. B. J. Moore, of Midville, is confined to his bed. We hope it is nothing serious.

Bro. E. S. Youmans, of Nunez, is slinging lightning again until a relief man can be found. We understand Bro. W. H. Williams, of Egypt, takes the Nunez agency, relieving Mr. Brown.

Bro. R. B. Griffin relieved Bro. E. M. Strickland at Pooler several days during the month.

Bro. Bradderck, of Pooler, is relieving Bro. Moore, at Midville, during the latter's sickness.

Bro. R. B. Griffin relieved Mr. McLendon at Rocky Ford a few days during the month.

Bro. N. A. Williams has taken charge of Tybee Depot agency at Savannah, which he bid in sometime ago, but didn't care to take charge until after the summer season was over. Bartow is on bulletin.

Bro. S. N. Wood goes to Pulaski agency, vice Bro. A. T. N. Herrington, who leaves the service to study law.

We are indeed glad to welcome Bro. J. H. Hamilton, of Statesboro, back among our ranks. Bro. Hamilton is now agent for the S. A. & N. Ry. at Statesboro, and says he felt lonesome out of the Order.

Several of the boys at "GO" msg. office at Savannah, have been taking their vacations; relieved by Bro. Boone.

We need some organizing among those third trick men. Millen and Wadley are both manned exclusively by nons, who are feasting on the eight-hour trick, raise in pay, and still say they are not able to join. Heretofore when jobs paid $40 and $45 on a twelve-hour trick they were manned by O. R. T. men, but since the jobs have been raised and shorter hours are in vogue it seems the nons are not able to join. They will holler louder than anybody else when the committee goes back to Savannah. The only time we ever hear from Mr. Non is when he is cutting his own throat. If he is getting $50 and the information blanks ask "how much do you think you should receive?" he invariably states very plainly $75. It looks like they would try and help keep up the expense when they are deriving so much benefit from our exertions.

In future, when any of you brothers are relieved, kindly drop your local chairman a postal card, stating who relieves you, etc., to enable him to give a good write up every month. The assistance of Bro. Boyd enabled me to give practically every change during this month. If some of the others would assist me as Bro. Boyd has done we could always have a good write up. CERT. 3.

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B. A. Powell after work[illegible]e in "when he get[illegible] went from there to Raymond.

Bro. Conyers, of Newnan, [illegible] returned from an visiting Tybee, Atlanta and Chi[illegible]io and Ontario, relieved by Mr. Smith. [illegible] for this short

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Edmonton

Denver & Rio Grande R[illegible]

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Salida to Minturn—

Bro. Chambers bid in the second trick [illegible]sit nessee Pass.

Bro. Soderberg landed third trick at Salid[illegible] lieved by a Mr. Greenberg.

Bro. Martin has second trick at Pando d[illegible] the construction work on new double track.

There is a telegrapher at the construction [illegible] He carries a card.

The third trick telegrapher at Malta still [illegible] his breakfast at the regular hour, in spite of [illegible] opposition. His card is invisible.

Bro. Hickey seems to be married to second tri[illegible] at Granite.

Bro. Fulton, of Leadville, is off a few days [illegible] tending court; relieved by a new man whose nam[illegible] we failed to learn.

Have you procured that new card? If not, Br[illegible] Homan will get it for you. It's $4.50.

We are very sorry to report that Bro. Soder[illegible] berg's wife is very sick at this writing.

Bro. Crosno is back to first trick at Minturn, after a few weeks' vacation. "Q."

Ann Arbor Ry.

Not much news this month.

There seems to be a scarcity of telegraphers in this part of the country now. A good many of the men have been trying to get away on vacations, but are unable to get relief.

There are two vacancies at Cadillac yard office, first and second tricks. Bro. Taylor, from Mt. Pleasant, has gone there to fill in for a few days.

The third trick at Durand freight office is vacant. We understand that Bro. J. B. Ide has in a bid for this job.

Bros. West, McCullum and Gumm, of "AX" office, are taking their vacations in turn, being

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Telegrapher Jacques, night man at Perrisy, from Hallet. Bro. Ide has been replaced by Tidmarsh, a new
he and Telegrapher Mallin have gone Vernon, was off a couple of us as soon as they get the necessary . Breckon, of McBain.

Taking advantage of the Sunday ut from Vernon to Oak Grove Craik during Winnipeg Exhibi nt at that point for a couple of Strong, Meraw, Young and
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July 17th. Our C. P. chers are taking their vacations. quite at home, and gav by Mr. Johnson, an extra dispatcher. to amalgamate with the stand that the management has decided if rumor proves corr two men on the third trick in dis- service is to be put ffice. This will make regular work for future. on.

We can now call link, telegrapher in dispatcher's office, is Crane, brother his vacation; relieved by Bro. Mattis, of Shake, "old man d. Can't say who is relieving Bro. Mattis.

Lineman Maness is picking up and I think we ought to good his pro and get every one in line, so that with the doctor's care se in business we can get a little better day. ule. Let us all get after the nons, and get Everyone then we can talk business with the manage- best t. Let me have a little help from each of you the spri coming month so that I can get a good write- for the journal. Don't wait for the other low to do it. You do something. Give me the ews at Vernon, and I will attend to getting it in.

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Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento Division—

Owing to the lack of time and failure to get some notes I expected, this write-up will not be quite as long as usual.

Business continues good, fruit shipments are still very heavy, and, up to date, have broken all previous records, the company having had to put on several extra freight crews over the mountain in order to handle the business.

Many of our brothers have their applications in for leave of absence, but owing to the fact that so many of the boys are off at present, all extra men are working, leaving no available men to relieve them.

Our local chairman, Bro. J. E. Blackford, who is a hustler, took a short run over a part of the division on business, and managed to get two applications while he was resting. Thus the nons are becoming fewer and fewer, and with a little personal work from each brother we can soon have all the desirable material on this division in the ranks.

The following are the successful applicants on Bulletin No. 50:

L. H. Banvard and O. T. Stackpoole, telegraphers in dispatchers' office, Sacramento; Bro. G. B. Hobbs, agent Roseville; Bro. E. F. Stewart, second telegrapher Loomis; Mr. H. C. Gray, second telegrapher Penryn; Bro. C. C. Davison, third at Auburn; Bro. G. A. Rhubesky, second at Caporn; Bro. E. Duffy, agent Dutch Flat; Bro. C. A. Bailey, third at Towle; Mr. H. Van Vleet, second at Midas; Bro. L. L. Locey, second at Cisco; Bro. A. V. Kellar, first at Spruce; Bro. R. W. Scruby, third at Summit; Bro. M. P. Arenz, agent at Truckee; Bro. J. J. Woodbury, second at Verdi; Bro. G. W. Whybark, agent at Arbuckle; Bro. B. G. Coons, clerk and telegrapher at Oroville, and Mr. J. H. Whited, agent at Placerville.

Bro. F. M. Roy, third telegrapher at Reno, who has been sick for the past five months at the Company Hospital, Sacramento, we are pleased to say, is feeling much better and is on the road to recovery. We trust he will soon be able to resume work.

Bro. C. K. Reed, of the Grand, is working third at Tehama, during the absence of Bro. Roth, who is in the East, and Bro. G. L. Cryder is working second during the illness of Sister Sellick, who is expected to be able to return to work soon.

Bro. W. B. Lewis is acting as agent at Durham while Sister M. F. Joy is taking a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. R. H. Loban is working second at Marysville while Bro. Simen is working extra in dispatchers' office at Sacramento. Bro. A. T. Johnson, extra, is relieving Bro. L. B. Deen, third at Marysville, who has taken a trip to Mississippi to visit friends and relatives.

Bro. C. A. Nelson, who has been working extra at Towle, for several months, has resigned and taken a trip to Seattle. Suppose Charley will find a job in the North after he has visited the Exposition.

A new man by the name of Thompson is holding the agency at Yolo until filled by bulletin. Bro. G. W. Whybark, the former agent, has taken his assigned position as agent at Arbuckle.

Bro. H. D. Ernst is relieving Bro. M. C. Gorton as agent at Wheatland. Bro. Gorton is laying off for a while. Bro. Ernst held the agency at Lincoln until the assigned man, Bro. H. E. Hyde, took charge on the first.

Bro. E. L. Sharp, first on "OW" wire, dispatchers' office at Sacramento, has taken an extended trip East, as far as New York. He expects to visit all points of interest en route, and it is rumored he may have a partner on his return.

Bro. A. V. Kellar and wife returned from Los Angeles, where he attended the Elks' convention. He reports having a grand time. He took his assigned position on last bulletin, first at Spruce.

Bro. J. F. Neideffer has been working as first trick dispatcher on the west end Mountain District for a couple of weeks, the regular man taking his vacation. Telegrapher Booth, a new man relieved Neideffer.

Bro. L. L. Brewer, who has been holding agency at Roseville until the regular man, Bro. Hobbs, took charge, worked a few days for Bro. Hackett at yard office, at Roseville, and is now working third at passenger office at Roseville.

Bro. M. P. Arenz, agent at Truckee, has been appointed car distributor at superintendent's office. Mr. French is relieving him.

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Bro. L. Slissmon, agent Oroville, is on a short vacation to San Francisco.

Bro. E. J. Smith, first at Auburn, is laying off on account of sickness. We trust he will soon be able to resume.

Bro. R. S. Cadjew, first at Blue Canon, has resigned and gone to San Francisco to go into business. We wish him all kinds of success in his new venture. Bro. J. J. Woodbury is relieving him.

Mr. W. Frazer, a new man on this district, is working extra at Marysville.

Sister Middlemiss returned to her position at Applegate after spending a few weeks in San Francisco. Bro. C. C. Davison, who was relieving her, then took his assignment as third at Auburn.

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Tucson Division—

At this writing five applications for membership in the O. R. T. have been received. These are from telegraphers who have been members before and know the benefits derived from a membership. "Once a member, always a member," is the motto of everyone I know. One may meet with temporary reverses that cause delinquency, but sooner or later his application is again being acted upon.

The average of membership on the S. P. is always around 98, so no one worries about one or two on a division that do not belong.

Recent assignments to regular positions are as follows:

Agency Wellton, U. S. Ragland; agency Mohawk, J. Moores; Aztec, L. Stice; Sentinel third, C. U. Altig; Sentinel second, L. H. Pritchett; Red Rock second, V. G. Ham; Tucson fourth, C. F. Tanner; Cochise agency, E. L. Witty; Cochise days, J. A. Hibbs; Wilna nights, T. N. McCandless; Deming second, E. J. Tilley.

This leaves all three tricks at Lordsburg up for bid, as well as the agency at Simon, Huachuca, Sibyl, and several other desirable positions.

Bro. W. N. Cone is doing the extra work at Sibyl until assigned.

Bro. W. A. Floyd is filling in at Simon for a month.

Bro. F. E. Black, agent at Pamtano, is reported as being a proud grandpap.

Bro. C. F. Baughman is on first at Lordsburg a month.

A broker's office closed in Tucson and Tommy McMath is with us again.

The night telegrapher's position at Yuma depot is up for bid. This is a hot job, not only because of coupon tickets, but the weather as well.

The El Paso papers state that the National lines of Mexico intend to displace all American labor with native talent. If this be true, we may expect a lot of old-timers to visit us soon from the other side. While the telegraphers in Mexico are almost all train dispatchers, there are hundreds of train men there who no doubt will again seek employment in the U. S.

LOC. COR.

Shasta Division—

Everybody is laying off on account of the hot weather. "No rest for the wicked." There are so many new men on the division of late, it is

Bro. Nichols, of Redding, third trick, who is off

Bro. Nichols, of Redding, third trick, who is off on a vacation near Oakland, is being relieved by Relief Telegrapher F. E. Wright.

Bro. Kyte is at Sims temporarily.

Bro. G. A. Flynn ("Beany") is working as second trick telegrapher at Red Bluff, relieving Bro. Bundy. A new man on the division is relieving Sister Bundy.

Bro. Heffernan is working as a trick dispatcher at Dunsmuir.

Bro. Peek is relieving at Pitt.

Bro. R. C. Weyer, from Tucson Division is relieving Bro. F. A. Reiser, agent at Montague. Bro. Meyers is working second trick, Telegrapher Oren is working as second trick man (second trick opened temporarily), and Bro. West is still on deck doing the owl stunt.

Bro. Pearson is back at his old stand, first trick at Ashland. Mrs. Pearson, who will go to work soon, is being relieved by Bro. Gough.

Second trick at Redding and the agency at Pitt are on bulletin.

DIV. COR.

Oregon District—

Organizer D. W. Koppikus has just completed a trip over this division, and reports nine applications. While this was not as good a showing as he expected to make, yet we believe that much good will come from his efforts among the nons. Now, while the ball is started, if each brother will go after that non he is working with, there is no doubt but many more applications could be secured. Bro. Koppikus advises that with very few exceptions, "poverty" is the only excuse offered, and most of these men are receiving ten to twelve dollars per month increase, which was secured for them through the O. R. T. While we have a very good percentage on this division, yet there are a few nons left, and with a little effort on the part of each member we will have them all in, in a very short time. Let's get busy. Speak to that non you are working with, and don't let up until he has filled out the papers and made good. If you need any assistance or application blanks do not hesitate to call on our local chairman, Bro. T. M. Boyd, who will gladly furnish the necessary papers and any assistance needed.

Bro. J. M. Isham was successful in securing the agency at Grants Pass, and was checked in there some time ago.

P. W. Lemer has bid in second trick at Glendale. This leaves the agency at Myrtle Creek open for bids, A. S. Markee holding it until bids close.

Bro. H. F. McDonald, second trick at Riddle, is off on leave of absence, taking in the A. Y. P. at Seattle; relieved by a new man named Bates

Bro. J. R. Kelly, third trick at Oakland, is off on vacation, relieved by a new man, W. S. Fisk, who promises to make good soon.

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Bro. C. E. Deakins, agent at Yoncalla, is off on vacation, and is now doing relief work at St. Joseph before returning. He is relieved by D. J. Sullivan.

S. M. Wilcox, agent at Drain, is spending a few weeks at the Seattle Fair; relieved by F. W. Cantrell, from third trick, who is relieved by Bro. P. A. Mansfield, from the San Joaquin Division. Geo. Rice was the successful bidder for the second trick.

Bro. L. S. Taylor was the successful bidder for the agency at Cottage Grove, relieving Bro. C. R. Nokes who has gone to take his assigned position, as agent at West Scio. Bro. E. H. Scholes, recently from the Northern Pacific, is doing the second trick extra.

Bro. Twaddle, regular second trick at Oregon City, is doing extra relief work at Roseburg, relieving E. A. Lander. S. M. Crimp has accepted the position of car distributor.

Bro. Morse, of Oregon City, has resigned and left for Frisco.

Bros. Livengood, of Independence, and Livengood of McMinnville, were recently confined to their beds with measles, but understand they are again at work.

Have not learned the name of the new man at Corvallis.

Understand Bro. Spencer, who recently resigned first trick at Medford, is now holding down a desert job in New Mexico. Success to him.

Several of the nons say dues are too high, but they don't think the Sunday overtime and raise in salary too high; others say they don't like the bunch. One of them claimed to be making $150 per, and when asked to join, pleaded poverty. They continue to accept milk from the O. R. T. cow but refuse to help pay for the hay. Will the milk always be forthcoming if we would all treat her in this manner? Wake up, my friend, and get your shoulder to the wheel and help better your own condition.

Below is a list of those who recently sent in their applications:

W. H. Speer, R. D. Jennings, Junction City; H. E. Kennedy, E. E. Bates, Salem; I. C. Cary, LaFayette; B. J. Simpson, Glendale; B. N. Twaddle, Oregon City, and P. G. Vickers, Hillsboro.

Have been unable to furnish any write-up for the last two months on account of the members not helping me out. Hope they can furnish me some items for next issue.

Several mistakes were made in our last bulletin, jobs being bulletined that were not vacant, and vacant jobs not bulletined, which no doubt will be corrected in the near future. Owing to the company declining to bulletin the position of telegrapher in the dispatchers' office at Portland, the matter is now in the hands of our general chairman for adjustment.

WANTED—Applications for membership in S. P. Division No. 53, O. R. T. Any member knowing the whereabouts of a prospective member, please "hold him for orders" and notify Bro. T. M. Boyd, local chairman, Oakland, Oregon.

A certain fat conductor on this division is in the habit of coming into the offices and using the wires. It is needless to say that he does not belong to the B. R. T. or O. R. C. Such men should be kept out of the offices, as you are held responsible.

DIV. COR.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Pasco Division—

Bro. A. J. Johnson, second trick at Toppenish, was accidentally shot in the leg and was relieved for about a week by Mr. Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd is a new man on this end.

Bro. Stevens, second trick at Pomona, spent a vacation in the East and returned with a life partner. We all join in wishing him a long and happy life.

Telegrapher Donlon, second at Yakima City, has quit the N. P. and returned East; relieved by C. V. Trimble, a new man.

Bro. Henry, third at North Yakima, was on the sick list for about a week; relieved by Mr. Noble, a new man.

Bro. Cottle was relieved at Mabton and sent to Waitsburg as agent and later went to Glade.

Telegrapher Simenton, second at Mabton, took a vacation and came back double; did not think that hot climate over that way worked in that manner.

Telegrapher Miller relieved Bro. Josephson, third at Satus.

Bro. McAllister, first at Toppenish, has been promoted to trick dispatcher, Bro. Heflin taking first and Bro. Hollingsworth third trick.

Bro. A. J. Kelley has been transferred from second at Eltopia, to second at Kennewick.

Chief Dispatcher, Mr. E. A. Crooks, is off on leave of absence; relieved by Dispatcher J. W. Blanton.

Sister Cummings, at Umtanun, is trying hard to get a two months' vacation.

We understand that Telegrapher Wickwire, at Pomona, filled out the papers last month.

Dispatcher's division cut at Toppenish again and can now get cards without delay.

Bro. Putnam has been promoted to trick dispatcher, and it is rumored that Bro. Davis, at Pasco, has also been promoted to trick dispatcher.

Bro. Reidel was into Spokane the other day registering for some of the Indian land. A good many of the brothers have registered on the reservations and hope to become farmers instead of hams.

Bro. Bunge has been transferred from Keystone to Coker.

SKINNEY.

Pacific Division, First District—

Bro. G. P. Mounce, of Thorp, is laying off; relieved by Bro. L. C. Wyse, from Nelson's.

Mr. J. A. Butchcoe, of Bristol, is on lay-off; relieved by Mr. M. P. Beveridge. Bro. A. Schweinforth, from third at Bristol, to third at Palmer Junction. His place taken by Bro. Handerson, who was in turn relieved by Mr. J. O. O'Connell.

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Bro. L. W. Powell, of Cle Elum, on sixty days' leave of absence on account of sickness. Bro. V. O. Brunner working first. Bro. L. W. Reilley, an up-to-date man from the wireless service, is working second in place of Bro. Sales, who is on lay-off. Man named D. M. Davis on third; don't know how he stands.

Bro. F. V. Tapley, of Upham, resigned; place filled temporarily by A. F. Cox, later by Bro. C. W. Coburn, from Palmer Junction.

Through an error in last write-up I spoke of H. E. Hudson at Martin as "Mr." This should have read "Bro." In this connection note concluding paragraph of this write-up.

Bro. G. F. Priest, third trick at Borup, has resigned, effective 20th of August, and in company with Bro. Coburn, from Upham, will go to work for the So. Pac. in Southern California. We wish them luck.

Bro. H. A. McKiddy, of Lemolo, has gotten up a very ingenuious arrangement for the delivery of train hoops without the danger of standing in the pulpit. It is not only safer, but surer than hand delivery. It is also better than the device for the same purpose erected by the company on the Pasco Division. We expect to see it adopted by all the boys, as it is not hard to make, and Bro. McK. is glad to explain details to all interested. Postoffice address, Eagle Gorge.

At Palmer Junction, A. F. Cox is working third trick, vice Bro. Coburn transferred.

Sister Nellie G. Wiley, of Ravensdale, is on a sixty days' lay-off. Bro. R. A. Hamilton on first, Bro. A. J. Kimball on second, Bro. W. J. Kelly on third.

Mr. G. T. Ballard, the first trick man at Kent, has resigned. Bro. R. W. Brownson is relieving J. L. Finley, the agent at Kent, who is on vacation. Mr. W. A. Dingledine and two unknowns working the three tricks at the telegraph table.

Bro. Seblist, of Prescott, is back from vacation. We are sorry to report that Bro. Boruff is in the hospital. He came near having typhoid fever, but managed to stave it off. Mr. R. Welch relieving.

At "WR," Tacoma, Bro. E. M. Fuller, from Napavine, is breaking in for the bulletined vacancy.

To guard against errors and help along generally, I would suggest that newcomers on this district go to the by-no-means-prohibitive trouble and expense of dropping postals to Bros. I. N. Holmes, 1015 Tenth street, Olympia, Wash., R. W. Baker, Box 453, Ellensburg, Wash., and Kingsmill Commander, Box 113, Auburn, Wash., advising division and certificate number and road from. They thus put themselves in touch at once with the division secretary, the local chairman and the district correspondent. This would take but a few moments of time and would be a great help to the individuals who have had conferred upon them the somewhat dismal honor of the above-mentioned offices. If this practice were followed, members would not find themselves mentioned as non-members. As it is, they have no one but themselves to blame for it. The First District is carefully canvassed by wire each month for news, and an earnest endeavor made to get all items correct, yet frequently when old-timers are asked in regard to a newcomer in their offices, "Has he a card?" the answer is, "I don't know." This is the limit, an' then some! If you will not take the trouble to ascertain this vital fact when you are working with a man every day, and still further, if the man himself will not take interest and pride enough in his union to wear his button and show his card, he has no kick coming if he finds himself featured in the journal as a non. It would certainly be a joyful day if newcomers here found it as they do on the Canadian Pacific, where it is the man without the little button who is conspicuous, and not the man with one. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the majority of the buttons seen up there are not the celluloid ones that are sent to all new members, but the enameled ones which one has to buy. The feeling is general that, in view of all the benefits that have been won through the Order, the wearing of the cheap button is rather an indication that the wearer is built on penurious lines, or, to use the vernacular, is what is commonly known as a "cheap skate," or a "tin-horn sport." It is the opinion of the writer that beneficial results will follow if this paragraph is cut out and posted up where all telegraphers can not fail to see it. Those who feel so inclined will then always know to whom to write if they wish to be known as Order men. Unionism means working together. Let's do it! K. C.

Pacific Division, Second District—

Bro. W. A. Larkin, third at Woodland, bid in second at Sopenah.

Bro. John Hartl is relieving Mr. Freeman on first trick at Centralia.

Bro. L. H. Keyes, first trick at Roy, is taking a rest after relieving the agent there temporarily.

Bro. T. G. Runyan, second trick at Ridgefield, is back at work after a visit to his people in Iowa.

Bro. L. C. Thornton is holding down first at Winlock.

Bro. W. L. Schofield, from first trick at Kalama, has been appointed agent at Moclips. Wold is doing the stunt on first at Kalama, Robinson second and Ford third, the two latter new to me. Can not say if any of the three have the dope or not.

Bro. Morris, the first trick man at Kelso, is taking a rest; relieved by Bro. John Hicks.

Bro. W. A. Dickenson, first at Castle Rock, is off spending his money. Bro. A. P. MacInnis is relieving him.

Bro. C. C. Starnes has been appointed agent at Littell.

Bro. H. D. Patterson, from second at Sumner, bid in second at Woodland, and landed it.

Bro. G. C. Shinn is back at Felida after a sixty days' lay-off.

Bro. Lemoine, the agent at Doty, is taking a short rest. DIST. COR.

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Relay Division—

Bro. R. C. Nisonger resigned to accept a position with the C. M. & St. P. Ry. in their Tacoma office, being relieved by Mr. O. Larson, a new man in the service and a member of the C. T. U. A.

One new man put on, W. A. McLean, an old-timer, but without the old-timer's standby, a card.

Mr. H. G. Briggs, night chief, is away on two months' leave of absence, being relieved by John Morris, late night chief, he in turn being relieved by C. E. Christy.

Two additional men at Spokane, G. W. Davidson and Robert Sunden; understand they have no cards.

It is reported that Mr. J. Dupbernell has tendered his resignation to take effect August 1. He intends entering the employ of the Remington people as traveling salesman.

Two extra men put on at Helena, Bro. F. Dailey and Mr. J. G. Halloran, of the C. T. U. A.

A. H. Hunter and wife spent a few days seeing the sights at the Seattle Fair, but were compelled to cut their visit short owing to Mrs. Hunter being taken suddenly ill. Hunter says it made him ill also when he paid his hotel bill.

Dickinson: One new man since last month, Bro. P. Sullivan, of the C. T. U. A. He has his application ready for an O. R. T. card also.

Bro. Ferriter went to the Fair and came back broke. He has started a petition to have the nine-hour law repealed so he can get in a little overtime and catch up again.

Bro. Snyder is on the coast spending his money. He has more cash than the average telegrapher and figures that it will last him two months. During his absence Bro. Ferriter officiates as night chief and Bro. Adams as late night chief.

St. Paul: Four new men at St. Paul—Messrs. Woodley, from Mandan; Brown and Powers, new men, and Lentch, from the dining car department.

Bro. Killeen is taking a much-needed vacation.

DIV. COR.

Montana Division—

R. B. Spangler, first at Muir, is off a few days on a trip to Missoula and Spokane; relieved by Frank Harlan, a new man on the road.

O. S. Hoover was relieved at Bozeman by McIntyre. Later McIntyre was transferred to Livingston message office, being relieved at Bozeman by a new man named Prickette. Hoover was sent to the yard at Billings.

Miss Smith, at Chestnut, is on the sick list, and was relieved by E. J. Switzer from the "Q." Switzer was later relieved by Harlan from Muir.

H. B. Chambers is the new man at Greycliff.

W. D. Parks was taken out of the service at Reed Point; relieved by L. A. Gates. Gates was later relieved by McKenzie.

H. H. Hall, at Hoppers, was taken out the service and relieved by L. A. Gates, from Reed Point.

Perkins at Townsend was relieved by D. J. Rood from the Pennsylvania lines.

J. E. Miksch, at Manhattan, is taking in the Fair at Seattle; relieved by M. J. Connell from the Pennsylvania lines.

C. S. Bly and W. W. Lamb, of the Livingston message office, have left the service. L. A. Nott, from Pee Dee, N. C., and Perry from G. N. Junction, are the new faces in Livingston.

A. J. Dahl, has been transferred from Merrill to Laurel passenger depot.

BRUCE.

Dakota and Fargo Divisions—

Bro. Reichord at Crystal Springs, has resigned; relieved by Mr. Johnson.

Bro. Parr at Windsor has resigned; relieved by Bro. Andre. Bro. Andre comes from the Wisconsin Central.

Mr. Guinn, formerly first trick telegrapher in "J" office, Jamestown, has accepted the position of car distributor. Bros. Christensen and Yostie are now working first trick, and Messrs. Livingston and Woods second and third. The two latter are new men on the division.

Bro. Ebert has been transferred to first at Dawson; Bro. Andre from Dawson to Burleigh, second.

Bro. Hopkins was relieved at Steele by a new man on the division.

Prospects of a rushing fall's business is in "high wind" and let us all endeavor to do our best in helping the dispatchers to get trains over the road, answer calls promptly and advise him when any train has a hot box or any other minor accident that is liable to cause delay. Above all things, brothers, cut out the sleeping on duty; get your rest in the fifteen hours you are off duty and do not sleep when your time belongs to the company.

Those brothers who are working with nons in the same office please send me their names, so we can get them in line.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Pasco Division—

Mr. E. R. Cottle, who has been doing the second trick mystery at Tyler for the past two weeks, relieves the regular agent at Eltopia, who is on leave of absence.

Bro. I. E. Hunt is relieving the agent at Lamar for six weeks.

Bro. R. F. Evans, the regular agent at Tyler, is at present enjoying such luxuries as the desert affords; relieved by Bro. P. C. Paulson, formerly cashier at Lind.

Sister R. M. More, of Tyler, relieved Bro. C. C. Henton at Kline for a few days, resuming her regular trick at Tyler at the expiration of that time. She was relieved by Mr. S. D. Douglas, of Ritzville.

Mr. D. H. Shenk, of Eltopia, takes third trick at Tyler, relieving Sister R. M. More, who has been transferred to second trick.

Bro. Johnson, who came from Connell to work second trick at Sprague, has succeeded to first trick. Bro. Lippold, from third, goes to second. Slocumb, who came across the continent from North Carolina, is holding Sprague third trick.

Mr. C. A. Hoye, a former C. T. U. A. man, is doing the all night stunt at Concord.

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the meeting was postponed until 3:30 p. m. We enjoyed a pleasant ride to Indian Springs, took our "lady friends" to see the Big Poplar (claimed to be the largest tree in Georgia), and enjoyed some fine music at the Wigwam, after which all went to Oak Grove, where we enjoyed a good, old-fashioned "dinner on the ground."

After taking a good sulphur bath, we "hams" left the ladies at the springs and went back to Flovilla to hold the meeting in the afternoon. There was a very good attendance, although not as many were present as was expected. Some very important subjects were brought before us, and we hope to see everything on the Atlanta Division on the "boom" in the near future. Brothers, we realize the fact that some of you can't attend these meetings without getting relief, but we want you to ask for relief a week ahead of time, and if you can't be relieved, then ask to close your office long enough to attend the meeting. We feel sure your chief will do this for you if you will do "biz" for him.

If you can't get relief do not violate the nine-hour law in order to come, as that would make the company liable as well as yourselves, even if the other telegrapher worked just a little while to allow you to attend, and no trains were due at your station during the time you were absent. It's a violation of the nine-hour law just the same as if you work more than nine hours in twenty-four.

Remember, regular meetings will be held at Flovilla the fourth Sunday in each month in future, and the meeting will be called to order immediately on arrival of trains Nos. 7 and 16. We regret very much, and was somewhat surprised at not having two of our brothers at Flovilla attend the meeting on the 22d, but trust they will realize the importance of a good meeting, and put in their appearance next time so that we will have a large crowd and a good meeting.

Bro. I. H. McVicker, agent at Ellenwood, has just returned from a pleasant trip to Chattanooga and a fishing frolic to Flint River. Bro. J. A. Pennington relieved him.

Bro. J. E. Guyton broke his wrist some time ago, but has so far improved that he has been able to resume duty.

Telegrapher J. O. Bland, second trick at McDonough, is off on vacation.

Bro. L. L. Pitts, second at Locust Grove, has just returned from a pleasant trip to Washington, and reports having had a very nice time. Telegrapher H. G. Knott relieved him.

We regret very much to learn that our former brother, C. E. Pitts, agent at Locust Grove, has been relieved. Bro. L. L. Pitts, his brother, has been installed as agent.

Agent J. A. Middlebrooks, of Jenkinsburg, is off on a month's vacation to Bordon Springs, Ala., Telegrapher Smathers relieving him.

We are glad to hear Bro. Currie, second at Jackson, again. He has been off about five weeks on account of his brother's sickness. Telegrapher C. M. McGee relieved him.

L. F. Brannan, first trick at Lumber City, has been transferred to North Rome. I feel sure he will soon have his "up-to-date," for the boys at Rome will be sure to get him interested in the good meetings they are having up there.

Our correspondent, Bro. W. O. Needham, and family, also Miss McVicker, of Ellenwood, are off on a pleasure trip to St. Simons Island and Jacksonville, Fla. Bro. Pennington is relieving him. We have about twenty-five extra telegraphers over here now, and they are all at work.

Some of the boys south of Macon are said to be falling delinquent in their dues, because (they say) we boys on the north end are not interested in that part of the division whatever, and don't ever try to do anything for them. Brothers, you are badly mistaken. We are far more interested in you than you are in yourselves. It will be our pleasure to assist you in any way we can, but so long as you sit with your hands and feet tied just that long will you remain in your present condition. Get up and make a start and you will be surprised to see how much good you can do for yourselves and how much help you will get. As to the meetings on the Macon end, just any old time you can get a few of the boys together notify the local chairman and he will be glad to be with you and all the rest that can possibly get off.

Bro. Mallet, from Hazelhurst, was one of our attendants at Flovilla on the 22d. Come again, brother, we are glad to have you with us.

By request of our correspondent, in his absence I have sent in this write-up, and am glad of this opportunity to say a few words to the brothers of the Atlanta Division.

Soon after the last meeting of the general committee in Asheville, N. C., July 15th, I was appointed local chairman of the Atlanta Division to fill the unexpired term of Bro. F. M. Kenney, who was relieved at Jackson some time in May on account of some trouble with the mail. I desire to thank the members of the Atlanta Division and our worthy general chairman for the honor conferred. I feel the responsibility resting upon me, and assure you that I shall keep the interests of the Atlanta Division ever in mind. Let me urge upon each and every member the necessity of earnest action and co-operation in the matter of soliciting others for membership. The result of individual effort will be astonishing and well worthy the slight efforts put forth.

Yours for a good, solid line,

H. L. ALLEN,
Local Chairman.

Coster Division, Midland Branch—

Business is improving on this pike, everything moving nicely, and the few nons left will soon have to come into the fold or go away back and sit down.

W. L. Hickey, our former chief dispatcher, has been put back as train master. C. F. Bittle now fills that position and we are glad to say he is a good chief.

Mr. Johnson, of "JC," first trick, is now working as third trick dispatcher, and we all like him.

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He is a good boy and we hope the boys will give him good service.

C. B. Gray, our worthy brother and local chairman, has resumed his regular position at "CN"; relieved by Mr. McBee. We are all glad to see Mr. McBee back with us again. We haven't learned as yet if he is up to date, but hope he is.

L. D. Baldwin, agent at Tiprell, G. Y. M., is off on a fourteen days' vacation; relieved by H. D. Redmond, telegrapher at Tiprell.

Our division has been undergoing several changes for the past few weeks, which we hope is all for the better.

We would be glad if the boys would wake up on the line, and give us some news, so all concerned would know how things are going. Who is next to show up on the Midland Branch? Don't wait for some one else now, get busy.

D. R.

Atlanta Division, North End—

We would like to see more of your faces at Rome every fourth Sunday. All of you come next time and let's have a good meeting. The chief dispatcher will furnish you transportation if you will write for it.

Would like to see you all land some of these nons. Get after that one at the station next to you.

Our committee will go to Washington pretty soon, so get busy.

I would like to have some of the members send me some news.

Bro. Garner landed the bunch of three at "Z" office. Hurrah for "GR."

Mr. G. D. Hanna, first trick dispatcher, spent a few days at Varnell fishing recently.

The Ku-Klux paid Mr. W. M. McDonald, at Dalton, a friendly visit recently about two "GM."

Bro. H. A. Henderson, third at Cohutta, was off a week recently on account of his mother's death. He has our sympathy; relieved by Telegrapher W. C. Cain.

Bro. J. I. Hardin, second at Oostanaula, was wedded to Miss Peeples, from Vaughn, Ga., July 30, 1909; relieved by Telegrapher Ellis.

Bro. O. G. Davis is back from the wild and woolly West, at his old place, third Oostanaula.

Bro. J. H. Massingill, third at Plainsville, was off two weeks; relieved by Telegrapher Pullen, from Silver Creek.

Bro. E. C. Needham, second at Waring, visited his brother, W. O. Needham, at Ellenwood, recently; relieved by J. L. Parks.

Bro. W. K. Galamore, second at Shannon, was off ten days.

Telegrapher Pat O'Brien, third at Rome, is off sick.

Telegrapher W. J. Bandy, at Howardsville, was off recently; relieved by E. C. Credele, from Norfolk, Va.

Bro. W. E. Dellinger, agent at North Rome, will be off a month or more. Going out West.

Bro. P. O. Parker, agent at Cohutta, spent Sunday at his home recently in Hiram, Ga.

Bro. J. F. Ayers is back to work again at Roseland, third trick.

We can now call Mr. Shelton, Mr. Kennon and Mr. Mayfield, in the dispatcher's office, brothers.

Now let us all pull together and turn out at the meetings. "Love thy enemies as thyself."

ASST. DIV. COR.

St. Louis Division, East End—

Bro. Hoffman, formerly of Johnsburg, is relieving Bro. B. B. Melton at "H," Taswell, for thirty days.

Bro. L. H. Miller is back from a vacation spent in Colorado.

Telegrapher Atkins, who has just finished in one of the offices on this pike, is relieving Mr. Stroud, first trick at "MI," Milltown, for a few days.

Bro. O. J. Bische was off August 1st to attend his grandfather's funeral, but had to return to work the same day, as his relief man left on No. 10, same date. He was relieved by Bro. E. B. Ditto.

The chief dispatcher seems to be short on telegraphers, as I note the boys are all having a terrible time getting vacations.

Bro. H. Helmbock, of Rockport, has been off thirty days, relieving Mr. L. E. Murry as traveling auditor, Rockport being filled by Bro. M. J. Kemp, assisted by Bro. E. B. Ditto.

Bro. M. C. Day, of Troy, was off a few days; relieved by Bro. E. B. Ditto.

Bro L. E. Crandall, of Chrisney, spent Sunday, August 8th, with his parents at Corydon Junction.

Boys, do you know that it is high time we were getting lined up, for we are the worst organized division on the Southern. Let's not have it said that the St. Louis-Louisville lines are in the worst shape any longer. I suppose you are aware that when our schedule is revised it will cover the whole Southern Ry. and we will not be working under two separate contracts as we are at present. To tell the truth we haven't much of a contract at present, and it seems as though most of the boys do not care whether their condition is bettered. We are today in a deplorable condition as regards organization. Can't you help make it better, and will you not try? I am satisfied that with a little effort on the part of the members we can soon have one of the best organized roads in the South, and, besides, have as good a schedule as our competitor, the I. C. Brothers and nons, the thing for us to do is this: When we get thoroughly organized and get a revised contract, instead of lying down like we have been doing we should get busy and endeavor to secure a better contract at the next and each succeeding revision.

No doubt you have heard that there were some questions raised as to a committee representing men who were not members of the organization, so if you want representation you had better get in line. Application blanks can be secured from the local chairman, so do not wait for an organizer to come over here; let's show that we can line up without the aid of an organizer. CERT. 565.

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Knoxville Division, West End—

Bro. J. C. Stanberry, formerly second trick man at Charleston, has resigned his position with the company and has accepted a position as manager of the Cumberland Telephone Co., at Cleveland, Tenn., which is a much better position and places him in line for promotion. Under present conditions there is not much inducement for good men to remain at the key and quite a number are securing positions outside of telegraphing. Bro. Stanberry says he will still swing to the card, as he may need it some day. We predict for him success.

Bro. Cobble, formerly of Greenville, Tenn., relieved Bro. Stanberry at Charleston.

Bro. Wetmore, third at Riceville, has secured leave of absence for several months on account of failing health and gone to Mexico. We hope that he will return much improved.

Telegrapher H. E. McClelland is relieving Bro. Wetmore and says pay day will see him with an up-to-date card.

Bro. Fullen, at Athens, first trick, has returned from a trip to Norfolk, Washington and other cities in the East.

The joint Chattanooga meeting was a success, there being present ninety-four members. If you want to know what is going on you should attend the meetings.

Quite a number of the old men are coming in the ranks now. Watch out for 2,000 strong by November 1st.

We understand that Telegrapher Campbell has gone into the ham factory business. It looks like a man would rather learn almost any other profession than telegraphy at this time, and we predict that if the young man who is receiving instructions under him succeeds he will feel like kicking himself for having learned the business. In after years while sitting out in some lonely two by four dog house with nothing but darkness, hoot owls and the scream of the panther to greet him, and that for starvation wages every day and Sunday, too, he will wonder why he ever learned telegraphy.

The records of the Knoxville Division show that for the past few years every man who has taught a student has been rewarded by the student stepping into the "professor's" position before it was over with, and who is to blame? The man who taught the business, of course. Experience is a dear teacher sometimes, but it takes it to wake some people up. They refuse to be told by those who have been up against it and understand the game.

Telegrapher Witt, from the antagonistic L. & N., has been assigned to the agent telegrapher's position at Tyner, succeeding Mr. Shelton.

It is said that Mr. Witt has made the bold statement that he expects to walk in the tracks of Prof. Shelton, so far as teaching students and opposing O. R. T.ism is concerned. We think that Mr. Witt has been very lucky to stay with the Southern Ry. as long as he has and believe he will make a mistake to put into execution his threat. However, we don't believe there will be many competent men turned out. We would rather see Mr. Witt get down to business and do the right thing, but if he will not listen to advice just let him have all the rope he wants and he will soon hang himself.

I want to impress upon you the importance of good service. Put forth your best efforts. Some of the men are giving rotten service, but it is said that the majority of these men are non-members. Our members are learning that it pays to give service that surpasses that given by the non and that to be a union man should be a recommendation.

Bro. Cord, our local chairman, desires that a meeting be held at Charleston, Tenn., some time in September. He says that there are men between Chattanooga and Knoxville who want this meeting at Charleston, so they can attend, and I think it would be a good move. Bro. Cord advises that if this meeting is gotten up at Charleston he will have the ladies treat the brothers to a feast after the meeting, and will take up the matter with the superintendent, and try to have 36 stop for those who wish to leave and get back home about midnight. This will be a good move, and if you receive notices of this meeting you must be sure and attend it. Bro. Cord will secure accommodations at the hotel for all those who do not wish to leave on 36 at 11:30 p. m.

It might be a good idea to have a series of these meetings along the division, as some of our men can not attend the meetings in Morristown and Knoxville. We will start this one at Charleston and see how it works.

Everything is moving nicely and prospects are bright for better times, and especially is your organization booming. H. C.

Louisville Division—

Big changes. New general chairman and general committee are the result of the meeting of chairmen of Southern Railway Division No. 59, which was held in Asheville, July 15th. The meeting was attended by sixteen local chairmen, including Bro. Watson and Bro. Crandall, of the Louisville-St. Louis Divisions. Vice-President Dermody, of the O. R. T., was also present and rendered some very valuable assistance in the way of suggestions.

The meeting was a success throughout. The telegraphers on the system are so enthusiastic over the bright future that everybody has taken up the work of organizing and the nons on the Southern Railway will soon be a thing of the past. Our G. S. & T., Bro. Doyle, says he received fourteen applications July 30th. Boys, all of you sit up and take notice; that is going after them properly. We can not expect better results than that.

The greatest benefit derived from the meeting for the St. Louis-Louisville lines was their annexation to the system, and from now on, when the system makes a move, we move also. If the committee goes before the railway officials and secures schedules, better conditions or anything else, the St. Louis-Louisville lines will get the benefit, the committee will be working for our

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good as well as for the good of others, and it will not matter whether we have a representative present or not. We want every man to bear this in mind whether O. R. T. or non, it is undoubtedly the greatest day we have had.

There is absolutely nothing that can keep us down now. The Charlotte Division is arranging for a meeting at Corneila on the 8th of August, and they are expecting to sweep every non from the face of the system, which if things continue as they have been lately will not be hard to do. We wish them every success, for their success means our success. We have not much of an opportunity for a meeting over here, but if every one will take hold we will make a big showing.

Bro. Alexander, our general chairman, recently received a leave of absence of one year or longer if he so desires, with transportation over the whole of the Southern Railway system, for the purpose of organizing its lines solid to the man. Bro. Alexander will start on the work of organizing at once, and expects to be on St. Louis-Louisville lines in the near future. I am sure there is not a man on our division who wants this man, who has been so nobly recognized by our railroad officials, to find him without an up-to-date card. If there is any who have not the necessary, he is going to make it his business to see that man individually and point out to him the necessity of his helping us along.

Our membership over here has, no doubt, become somewhat discouraged by past failures, bnt now that everything is in harmony, we have the assurance that ours will soon be one of the largest organized roads in the country. Why not? The Southern operates something like 8,000 miles of track, and employs approximately 22,000 telegraphers and agent-telegraphers. This makes us one of the largest railway systems in the United States, and business is reasonably good at present.

Our dispatchers certainly have all they can attend to just now. They work two separate wires now, the resistance being too great with present battery from west end to make a success of No. 8 and 20 when spliced together. However, an effort is being made and they hope to get more battery from Huntingburg when the wire should work through satisfactorily.

There is a rumor that our block wire will soon be a thing of the past, as they intend making a division message wire of it.

There was talk of opening an exclusive night office at Talmage, it being necessary to relieve Agent Bradley, of Harrodsburg, of his telegraphic duties to comply with the law, but this was eliminated by doing away with the cashier at that point and putting on the three men, the first of whom performs the cashier's duties in addition to telegraphing.

A great many seem to think all they have to do is to wait and "see what is going to be done." The depression of 1907 tied us down considerably, it is true, but now that we are back on our feet it is necessary that we have the assistance of each and every man to make the desired showing.

Now, every one of you nons get up to date, and do it now. Remember we are watching you, and are working for your beenfit as much as our own. If you do not intend to "telegraph long" or "can't afford it" then you don't need the job you have; look-wise now, the roll call comes soon.

DIV. COR.

Danville Division—

I have not seen anything in the journal for some time from the Danville Division, therefore I will endeavor to write a few lines, as I am getting very anxious to see a write-up from this division.

I have been promoted to second trick, which keeps me away from meetings, so I have lost sight of what is going on. I think it necessary that we appoint a good man for correspondence work, with an assistant, in order that we may have a good write-up in the journal each month, thereby keeping us informed, and we will thereby become more acquainted, and more interested in the work.

I understand we are almost solid. There are only a few telegraphers working on the Danville Division who are not in the ranks, and this is on account of their not being old enough to be admitted. They are anxious to come in just as soon as they are eligible to membership, but, my dear brothers, you know that to simply join the Order is not all. We must get together, work together, and I beg of you to go to the meetings. Take interest in the work and assist our local chairman in making the Danville Division what it should be. It is up to us, and what we make it is just what it will be—no more and no less. Don't join and then take a back seat, and expect our local chairman or somebody else to do the rest. Go to the meetings and he will tell you something about what you need to do. There is no reason why we can not have a good attendance at our meetings, which are held at Greensboro every fourth Saturday night. I have always been glad to be at meetings, and I believe if the boys will get started they will not stop going.

Bro. J. F. Skinnell has returned from Chelsea, Mass., where he spent several days with his brother, who has been critically ill with cerebro-spinal meningitis. He left him much improved, with bright prospects for his speedy recovery.

Bro. J. G. Baderhemm, who has been off on a vacation, has just returned from New York. He reports that he had a good time, and he is now visiting his mother at Mount Airy, N. C.

Bro. H. J. Tralinger has been transferred from second to first trick at Thomasville.

Bro. A. F. Perkins is relieving Bro. C. E. Edgerton at Lexington. a few days.

I understand from some of the officials that a number of the boys are not attending to business —sleeping on duty, not reporting trains or answering calls promptly, letting trains in block without setting block properly, and some using bad language on the wire. You understand that such is a violation of the rules, and that no excuse could be given for this kind of work. We have

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to work but eight hours per day, and such actions as the above certainly look bad. In order to accomplish anything we must give good service, get down to business and show the officials of the road that it pays to have union, eight-hour men.

Elect a good correspondent at your next meeting. F. S.

Birmingham Division—

On account of the resignation of our correspondent from the service of the company, our division has failed to be represented in the last few issues of the journal. This leaves the impression that the Birmingham Division has not the interest of the organization at heart, which is the wrong impression to be conveyed to the members elsewhere. Then again, what impression would this have on the nons who see nothing from this division?

On June 28th the division met at 1910½ Third Ave., Birmingham, and was honored with the presence of Fourth Vice-President J. J. Dermody. Bro. Dermody made a very interesting talk, which all members should have heard. Those who failed to attend missed some very important instructions and news that was of vital importance to their interests. While there was a goodly number present from the various roads running into Birmingham, the representation was not what it should have been. As the chief dispatcher, Mr. H. G. Farrar, has kindly consented each month to furnish transportation to all who make request, it is no trouble to attend the meetings. Put your request in early, and let more of you try to be present the first Saturday after the 20th of each month at 1910½ Third Ave., Birmingham, at one o'clock p. m.

In the last few months the men seem to take little interest in their division metings or in reporting their troubles on the road. Now, brothers, you need not expect one man to know about everything that is going on out on the line. And you need not expect to know what is being done for you unless you attend the division meetings.

Pay your dues and keep in touch with the men who are working for your interest, and you will always feel better by having done so. No doubt there are a goodly number of the brothers who feel discouraged while if they should attend the meetings and find out what is being done and what has been done for them, they would see things in quite a different light, and enter into the work with renewed energy and continue the fight with a will for right and justice against wrong and oppression.

On July 15th the writer was called to Asheville, N. C., to assist in electing a general chairman. Considerable business of much importance for the welfare of Division No. 59 was transacted, placing the division on what the general committee believes to be a more solid foundation. We elected as general chairman Bro. H. G. Alexander, of Drexel, N. C., a man who has been tried and tested, whose integrity, uprightness and feeling for justice cannot be questioned. We feel that none can say their grievances were not properly handled, after being entrusted to his care.

There have been but few changes of late. These were at Heflin, Coalburg, Edwardsville and Carroll, by the resignation of Bros. G. S. Griffin, W. H. Cunningham, and the discharge of Telegrapher Thompson, of Carroll, for working in violation of the federal law. This should be an example to all of us, as instructions from time to time from the vice-president and general manager down to the chief dispatcher have repeatedly been issued and posted in the various bulletin books with copy to all employes concerned stating that they would not be permitted to be, or remain on duty for more than nine hours out of a total of each twenty-four at stations continuously operated day and night. The employes have been furnished with copies of this ruling, and the opinion of the interstate commerce commission, and supplements, as they are issued by the commission, will also be furnished.

It is, indeed, very gratifying to note that every managing official of every interstate railroad in the United States has been advised by the commission that the hours of service of agent-telegraphers and telegraphers must be continuous—no split tricks.

Now, brothers, if you expect anything to be done for you by your general committee, you must give them to understand that they have your undivided support. To prove this, you must start at home and keep your offices free from nons and students.

When your commitee is negotiating with the management for more money, better rules and regulations, should the trainmasters or superintendents go over the divisions and question you as to whether you are a member of the organization and as to what your feelings would be in case of a lockout or strike do not hesitate to show him where you stand. Present him with your up-to-date card and tell him at the time that you will support the actions of your general committee.

Nothing has ever been accomplished that is great and good without the individual support of every man. While it is true there are few who are always ready to reverse that portion of the scripture which says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It has been told to the writer of this that there are members who are not pleased with their representative from the Birmingham Division. If such be the case, there is a way provided in the constitution to remedy this. And again if you have these troubles bring them to the division room. Then and there make them known and the writer will guarantee that you will not go away unsatisfied.

Now, in conclusion, let every man make an effort to pay his dues and secure every non-member on the division—giving us a solid division by the first of the year, and I would almost guarantee that we would see the results in less time than it takes to tell it.

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All news of interest to the division should be reported to Bro. E. E. Swafford or A. L. Oden, Aniston, Ala. So that in the future we may have a write-up each month from the division.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

CARD OF THANKS.

To Members of Division No. 59—

I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the members of Division No. 59 for the beautiful floral offering, and for sympathy extended during my recent great bereavement.

Fraternally yours,

J. G. KELLO, Cert. 2123.

Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

A. G. S. Division—

What about the new card? Are you in line? If not, why not? I will not take up space in trying to tell you how important it is that we retain our membership, for we all know how important it is for us to keep an up-to-date card.

The following applications received from telegraphers on the A. G. S. recently: Dr. R. S. Henry, Chattanooga, Tenn., an old-time telegrapher, at present a dentist with office in the James Building. We are glad to have Bro. Henry join our ranks once more. He is the kind of man that we need, and is willing to do anything to help our cause along, though he is not pounding brass. He is now spending his vacation in the mountains of Virginia, and we hope he will be with us at our next meeting.

There have been quite a number of changes on the A. G. S. lately, but owing to the fact that I have not received a word from any of the boys on the line I am unable to give an account of them.

Our local chairman has had a question up with one of our brothers relative to a position being bulletined and awarded to a telegrapher who was not entitled to it. If you have bid on a job within the last sixty or ninety days and think you were entitled to the job, take the matter up with our local chairman, and I am sure he will have it straightened out. The local chairman does not know who bids on these positions, unless you let it be known. I would suggest that in the future when making bids a copy be sent to our local chairman for his information.

Don't make your bid, say nothing about it, and then, if you don't get what you think you should have, go to grumbling about the O. R. T. not doing what it should, for if you do your part the O. R. T. will do what is right. All you have to do is to let your troubles be known to Bro. B. D. Stone, and he will let you know in short order what there is to it.

Several of the members have been anxious that more meetings be held on the line. Two meetings have been held within the last ninety days—one at Birmingham and the other at Chattanooga—and all the members as well as non-members were notified in plenty of time, so that necessary arrangements could be made to get off. I was very much disappointed in the boys not turning out as they should and I hope that all who possibly can will attend the next meeting, which will be held at Chattanooga within the next sixty days. It is very important that we attend these meetings, and if you come once you will be sure to come again.

We are trying to organize a joint local at Chattanooga for members of the following roads which reach Chattanooga: Southern Ry., Knoxville Div., Atlanta Div., Memphis Div., C. N. O. & T. P. Ry., C. of Ga. and A. G. S. We hope to have the brothers in good spirits within the next thirty or sixty days, and then hold a big meeting. These meetings will bring us into close touch with each other, and I feel that we will have great success in organizing our joint local. Every member on these divisions will be notified in plenty of time by his local chairman, and I trust this gathering will be liberally attended.

A meeting was held at Chattanooga, on July 22d, and the following officers were appointed: Bro. B. D. Stone, chief telegrapher; O. A. Harper, secretary and treasurer; W. T. Roush, first vice-chief telegrapher; C. Griffin, second vice-chief telegrapher; J. R. Lewis, marshal; C. P. McCluen, sentry; and R. S. Henry past chief telegrapher. There were several important questions brought before the house and discussed freely, the most important of which was in relation to the "Sick Benefit Club," which was left to a committee appointed by Bro. Stone, consisting of Bros. L. C. Griffin, W. T. Roush and O. A. Harper. They talked over the "Sick Benefit Club" question and decided that it was best not to try to organize at present, as it would take at least one hundred members to support it, and if later on we decide to organize, we can take hold of the matter and do things up in short order.

Bros. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, and A. B. Willison were present, and gave us very interesting talks. CS Division and Knoxville Division turned out well. Let us hope that we will have a larger attendance at our next meeting. Very sorry Bro. Cord, the local chairman of the Knoxville Division, who is located at Charleston, could not be with us on account of illness in his home.

For your information I wish to advise that Bro. J. W. Anderson, of Oakdale, Tenn., has been appointed general secretary and treasurer, vice Bro. Gardner, who resigned. I wish to thank Bro. Gardner through the journal for his services and the interest he has taken in the organization.

A very sad affair occurred on the C. N. O. & T. P. Chattanooga Division, a few days since. Bro. J. E. Ingleman was assassinated by some unknown person while on duty.

I have asked in every communication for some news from the boys on the line, but so far have not received a thing from anyone. I will appreciate any news that the boys will give me.

DIV. COR.

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Chattanooga Division—

Bro. M. Williams has returned to work at Oakdale after a two weeks' vacation, relieving Bro. E. P. Allen, who went to "FR" tower to work a few days on second trick.

Bro. J. E. Krickbaum, who was on sick list a few days, has returned to duty.

Bro. H. O. Rogers is again at work on third trick at "GF" tower.

Agent F. G. Dennis at Junction City, who has been off duty for some time on account of an accident in which he had a few ribs broken, is able to resume duty.

Bro. Price, from Cave Springs, bid in the first trick at "FR" tower made vacant by the resignation of Bro. J. C. Vallandingham, who goes to Science Hill to do extra work, while Bros. Willison and Dungan look after our interests.

Bro. W. S. Leach bid in the third trick at Kings Mountain made vacant by the assassination of Bro. J. E. Ingleman, who was killed by some unknown person on the night of August 12th.

Understand Bro. Oliver goes to Sale Creek to relieve Bro. Leach.

From all information we are able to obtain, it seems that the non is up against it when he lands around Nemo. There seems to be a voice in the air saying, "No card, no feed, no bed." Oh, that we only had a few more Nemos.

Bro. K. C. Gardner has resigned as general secretary and treasurer, and has been succeeded by Bro. J. W. Anderson, of Oakdale. Bro. Gardner was a good man in the right place, and we were sorry to see him go, but glad to see Bro. Anderson land the plum.

Let us all help him out by paying dues on time, so he will not have so much trouble in getting up his reports.

We understand that surveying is being done, preparatory to beginning the extension of double track from Science Hill to Pulaski. We suppose that it will be "movin' day" with Bros. Willison and Dungan as soon as this work is completed.

Extra men are scarce at present, several of the brothers are wanting off, but "Judge" Ellis says he has no relief for them.

Will some brother or brothers between Oakdale and Chattanooga kindly drop me a note each month so I can have something to say in the journal about you? I am unable to hear anyhting from that district. DIV. COR.

THAT PINEAPPLE SPECIAL.

There were twenty cars of apples,
Pines, they call 'em where they grow,
Going through to Cincinnati,
By the famous C. N. O.

R. C. R. had given orders,
That no delay there should be,
And to pick as swift a "hoghead,"
As was on the Q. & C.

Soon they notified the train crew,
And they hurried from their homes,
Picked a man they knew would wheel 'em;
It was the well-known Dad Combs.

Wheelock told old Dad and Daniel,
If the time they did not make,
It would be the last fruit special
O'er the Q. & C. they'd take.

Now, these younger "hogheads"
Had been telling all around,
That if Dad got the fruit special
He would sure as fate fall down.

Daddy crawled upon his engine,
Looking meek as any child,
But the scent of those pineapples,
Soon had Daddy mighty wild.

Then he opened up the throttle,
And the wheels began to turn,
And in less than twenty minutes
He was going through Rathburn.

All was silent in the caboose
Each one offering up a prayer,
And the flagman tightly holding
Danny Thomas by the hair.

Dayton said, "There's something coming,"
Rockwood said, "They're on my block,"
While the chief and J. G. Clements
Both were having nervous shocks;

For they knew the way Dad traveled,
Should that engine leave the rail,
That there was no person living
Who could tell the head from tail.

Up in Danville sat old Farmer,
Who had taken off his coat,
And was getting Dad's OS's
Faster than they could be wrote.

Up through Emory Gap Dad rambled,
And into Oakdale he went,
While the people down in Dayton
Still inhaled pineapple scent.

If old Dad had been working
For that "slop-freight" L. & N.,
Every train load of pineapples
To that road would go from then.

But they could not do the business,
Couldn't make the time, you see;
Now all these pineapple specials,
Go up North by the Q. & C.

Mr. Caldwell now has ordered,
And his orders they are ours,
That from Citico to Oakdale,
Pineapple trains need just three hours.

Daddy's getting old and feeble,
Hair almost as white as snow,
But when he gets on an engine,
Sure that Mogul's going to go.

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Boys, there is on old, old maxim,
Which against we often bump,
That you can not tell by looking
Just how far a toad can jump.

And when these "hogheads" predicted,
Dad would fail without a doubt,
That they did not know exactly,
What they were talking about.

ANONYMOUS.

Queen & Crescent (South).

V. S. & P. Division—

The writer, although a youthful member, having read THE TELEGRAPHER from time to time, cannot recall seeing any items from the V. S. & P. Division. This is probably due to the fact that our road was a bit further south than the other two roads of the Q. & C. system (south) namely: the A. & V. and the N. O. & N. E. So, to follow the old adage, "'Tis better late than never," the appended feeble effort is tendered with a hope that a regular correspondence may be started, thereby keeping our division abreast of the times, as well as keeping our co-workers in closer touch and sympathy with us.

The Order has no doubt established itself on a substantial basis on this road, and is in position to forge to the front and identify ourselves with the interests of the Order.

There have been many, many benefits derived in various ways since the active establishment of our claims. One of the most far-reaching was from the nine-hour law, the results of which has placed the working-hour scale at practically all the stations on such satisfactory basis that the most skeptical could not complain. The salaries, too, have grown to an increase of about ten per cent within the last three years, and much gratitude is felt to all concerned to know that no reductions were made during the past year or so of dull business; and it is hoped and believed that with the approaching good times we may hope to maintain our present schedule with the prospect of even better days ahead.

There has always seemed to be a greater feeling of mutual good-will between employer an employe on this system than most of roads. This is doubtless a most pleasing feature, and one which is readily noticeable and spoken of by even casual observers. It is gratifying to note that this feeling still exists, not having been disturbed by the organizing of our Order, so gradual and gentle has been the establishment of the same. There are probably grounds for revising the present schedule on this line, but in view of the crisis from which the roads are just emerging, I believe that it will be the practical sentiment with all the boys that such revision be held in abeyance until a normal condition of affairs again becomes an actual experience.

In concluding, will say that it is the intention that we shall from this on furnish each month or as often as practical, an item from this neck of the woods, and it is therefore asked that the members on the V. S. & P. Division furnish your correspondent with data in the way of any changes in the forces, personals, in fact anything in the way of news that would be acceptable by our official organ. CERT. 139.

Great Northern Ry.

Marcus Division—

Bro. J. E. Johnson is back on third trick at Marcus. Mr. Bennett, who was relieving him, went to Spokane.

Bro. O. O. Trummell, of Valley, is taking in the sights at Seattle. Bro. E. S. Durkee is relieving him.

Have you noticed the change since Bro. Mayhood was out here? Before he came it was Mr. So and So was doing this. Now it is most of the time Bro. So and So is visiting. This is certainly encouraging, but there is still some missionary work to be done. There is one station that has three nons in it and several one-man stations that need reforming.

Understand that Bro. Votaw, of Laurier, is taking a vacation. Bro. Ketchum, of Waneta, is relieving him.

We have about five members who have not responded to personal requests for information sent them by the local chairman. It seems queer that these brothers do not help the committee out by giving their chairman all the assistance they can. They certainly should know that we all ought to work together and that a local chairman can not do very much unless he can get answers to his communications.

There is one helper on the line who is starting out wrong. One of our brothers was endeavoring to line him up and he said he didn't think it necessary to join, as he would derive the benefits anyway. Here is a good place for the "no card, no favors" plan to be worked. Whenever this man asks for information ask him for the number of his card. His name will be furnished to all who inquire for it.

The members of the local Board of Adjustment have all been notified of their appointments and an effort will be made to get organized soon. A meeting at Marcus would be a fine thing for some evening, and is being talked of. You might write the local chairman at Valley your ideas.

In checking over the general secretary's report I find quite a number listed as paid to June 30, 1909. I am surprised at this, as I surely thought all members of Marcus Division would keep up-to-date. I hope that ere this you have sent the necessary amount to Bro. Abbott to pay up to December 31, 1909. It is impossible to maintain an organization without money and it will cost quite a sum to keep a committee before the management for three weeks or a month. As this is the only way that any concessions can be obtained you can see where we get off at, when we fail to come through. Try to be more prompt next January.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

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Marcus Division—

We have received no news from the north or west ends as yet. Suppose they are all dead up there.

Mr. J. O. Cline returned from his month's vacation the 1st of July.

Bro. Cook, who was relieving Mr. Cline at Springdale, is now located at Keremeos, vice J. Chinn, resigned.

Bro. E. S. Durkee is working relief at Marcus during the absence of Bro. J. Davis.

Quite a number of the boys have registered on the reservation lands. If they all draw good farms there will be openings for quite a bunch of telegraphers. Don't everybody come through until you hear from me again.

Bro. J. E. Johnson is back on the second trick at Marcus.

There is a new man at Salmo. He is from the C. P. R. CERT. 1013.

Cascade Division—

Bro. Bourke, who was formerly second trick man at Wellington, has resigned to accept a position on the Northern Pacific near Snohomish, where his folks reside.

Bro. Ackers, of Cascade Tunnel, went to Spokane to register for some of that new land Uncle Sam is handing out.

Bros. Pake, Swizer and Shoemaker are holding Scenic down.

Bro. Davidson will go to Spokane to register for land.

Mr. J. E. Hill is now agent at Marysville.

Bro. T. C. Buckingham has been transferred from the agency at Chiwaukum to Meadowdale; relieved by J. G. Vickers, from second trick at Index.

Mrs. T. C. Buckingham has resigned as telegrapher at Chiwaukum on account of Bro. Buckingham having been transferred.

Mrs. Buckingham was relieved at Chiwaukum by Mrs. J. C. Vickers, wife of Bro. Vickers, the new agent at that point.

Bro. W. V. Avery, late of the Northern Pacific, who has been doing relief work on this division lately, is now located second trick at Merritt. Bro. Mann is relieving Bro. Wetzel, first trick at that place.

Bro. F. C. Wetzel, the first trick man at Merritt for the last two years, is now working second trick at Pac. Ave.

C. T. U. A. Bro. B. H. Smith, late of the C. P. R., is now located third trick at Merritt, relieving Bro. Bromley, who we understand has left the service.

Bro. Shoemaker, of Scenic, has been away on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. B. H. Smith, of the C. T. U. A.

Bro. R. Jones has been transferred from Burlington to Index in place of Bro. Vickers.

Mr. V. English has left the service after spending some time as telegrapher at Index, being relieved by Mr. Ross M. Donohoe, a recent arrival from the East.

Bro. R. E. Moore, of Richmond Beach, went to Spokane to register for a claim, being relieved by Bro. E. R. Collins, from the Frisco System at Pacific, Mo. Later Bro. Collins went to Wellington, second trick regular, relieving Bro. J. E. Reed, who was transferred to Gold Bar. Bro. Reed has been a constant member of the Order for twenty-five years; that is a record to be proud of.

Mr. R. G. Salisbury, recently of Berne, has left the service, being relieved by Mr. C. G. Wallace, an old-time knight of the key. Mr. Wallace has been a constant member of the Order for years and is delinquent now only through a long spell of sickness. He will again become a member as soon as he can possibly do so.

Bro. N. A. Pearson, agent at Skykomish, has returned to work after a short vacation.

Bro. J. E. Avery, recently from the Northern Pacific, and a brother of Bro. Avery, of Merritt, is located at Bellingham after doing some relief work at Interbay and Mukilteo.

Bear in mind that Bro. H. L. Mann, of Merritt, is always prepared to send out application papers upon request and to forward you regular receipt for remittances for membership by return mail. These receipts answer the purpose of your card until its arrival.

It gives us much grief to learn of the illness of Bro. Filitreault, an old knight of the key and for years a member of the Order, who at present holds membership in the Grand Division. At this writing he is confined in the Providence Hospital at Seattle, having a broken limb and other injuries. We are informed that he will soon be able to be around again. The misfortune has been a hard blow to Bro. Filitreault, as he has a family and had been out of employment for some time prior to the accident. Local chairman Mann has sent out a circular among the telegraphers of this division giving them an opportunity to render what assistance they feel able for our unfortunate brother.

While we are sorry to ask for aid it is perfectly right and proper that we should do so, and it is equally just that those who are able should do what they can in a small way to assist one of our own. We may be in the same circumstances any day, as the life of a railroad telegrapher is very uncertain.

Mr. Putty, of the W. U. at Seattle, has been working a few days at Blaine; can not say where he went to.

Address all correspondence to H. F. Reagan, Box 77, Richmond Beach, Wash., who will appreciate anything in the line of news, requests for blanks or information regarding the Order. COR.

Soo City Division—

It is certainly encouraging to see a few lines from the Sioux City Division, which shows that there is some interest yet.

I agree with "A Member" in the August number, that we are certainly in need of a waking up on this line and think the plan of holding a meeting at Sioux City in the near future a good one,

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as there are certainly a number of subjects that need to be talked over, and this it seems will be our only chance of ever getting together and arriving at any definite conclusion. Conditions under which we are working are far from what they should be, and they will never be any better until we demand fair wages and a change along several lines. Think of a man handling train orders and a hundred other things for $40 per month. The "Dago" on the section gets that, and besides this he is given fair treatment. Otherwise he quits the job, but we work along, take whatever is given us, say nothing and do nothing, apparently blind to every thing that relates to our personal interest. I do not blame the company nor any of the officials. They are working for their interests and we should look after ours. There is the overtime question that we should look after. I know of an instance where overtime was sent in, including several calls made in order to move trains and only about 15 per cent was allowed. We are certainly a bunnch of "easy marks." We have to accept reductions for the simple reason that we don't get together and stop them. Are you going to sit still for the next four years and do nothing, when a great wave of prosperity is rolling over the great Northwest; roads crying for help and organized workmen of other callings enjoying living wages? They are able to save something for a rainy day and we are not making enough to live on. Are you going to continue giving the best part of your lives for salaries that will hardly keep you out of the poor house to a corporation that will kick you out when old age comes on for younger blood?

All the "agents' meetings" in the world will never add one cent to your salaries. They won't cut out switch lighting, depot scrubbing or mail carrying. These subjects, as you well know, are not discussed at any of these agents' meetings. Such meetings would be all right if they were not all one-sided affairs. It is all right to try and learn to be better agents if it meant better conditions and living wages, but it don't mean anything of the kind. It simply means making a better servant of you for the benefit of the officials so they can get more work out of you. If you don't believe this just mention some of the things I have mentioned at one of these meetings and see what kind of a reception you will get. It's cheaper for the company to give us "a little outing" than to pay "schedule wages;" cheaper to have "agents' meetings" than pay overtime; cheaper to "give us a berth in a tourist sleeper" than to pay the Dagos to attend switch lights, scrub depots and carry the mail.

Is there a member on this division who believes differently, let us hear from him in the October number of the journal.

In the meantime let us have a rousing O. R. T. meeting. We have had enough of the other kind to last us for awhile at least. Now let us begin to work for our own interests as well as our employers. Are you with me?

ANOTHER MEMBER.

Sioux City Division—

Day Telegrapher Vasy, at Marshall, who used to hold a card, has resigned to take an agency on the C. R. I. & P. We wish him good luck.

Telegrapher Carlson, present night man at Marshall, will take the day trick. We can't call him brother yet. At present he's broke, been buying a mill. We hope for the best. At present there is no one in sight for the night job.

Telegrapher Miller, an old member, working nights at Pipestone, was sent to "Q," Steuben St., but quit there and went back to Pipestone. It is doubtful if he will be re-employed on this division again.

Ralph Munson, a new man at the business, is working at Pipestone. He will be a brother as soon as he has worked the required length of time.

Day Telegrapher Wakefield, at Pipestone, is a non and one of these wise kind. Says "he don't see what good the Order ever done him." Some day he may want the Order to give him a hand.

Mike Barrett, who has been down sick for some months, went to work at Lorne for a week, and was relieved by the helper, Mr. Anderson, from Granite Falls. Barrett has relieved Mr. Ardolf, of Holland, who takes a month's vacation.

There are no changes in operators on the Yankton line. Bro. Knudsen, at Lennox, is back from a month's vacation. Think he mixed some fishing in while away. Harry Carl done the heavy at Lennox during Knud's absence. Knud's a good live member, and we don't want to lose him.

Bro. Cox, Maurice, resigned at that point and jumped to the Montana Division. Understand he got a good station. We wish him success, though we are sorry to lose him.

Mr. Padden, nights at Sioux Center, landed the agency at Maurice, is nicely settled, happy and contented. We hope he will hit the ball in the near future.

Agent Scholz, of Raymond, is off for a month; relieved by Relief Agent Gleason.

We were misinformed in our former news item in regard to Agent Wilson. He is still at his old stand at Dalton.

Bro. Turner, at Perkins, is curbing the trust. Order your eggs and chickens from him. Quality and quantity guaranteed.

Boys, from the way things look on this pike, I believe we few are scattered among a lot of dead ones. We spend our good money to get the nons a raise and still they can't see anything in organization. Let misfortune happen one of them, pass the hat and you will see that the O. R. T. members will drop in the biggest chunk. You non, come out of it and join the Order that has given you the good things you have today, and then you won't need to back up and take your pay check.

The 'phones are not a howling success. The C. & N. W. out of Soo City made 9 wire jobs out of the 'phones. When there was any business, the 'phones could not fill the bill. One dispatcher said: "When there is nothing doing the 'phones are 'art.'" At such times a letter will also do the

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"biz" as well. So, boys, things look good. All roads are sorely in need of wire men and none to be had. Therefore, let us be charitable and if possible get some more good things for the "mootcher" non.

Butte Division—

Mr. E. B. Smith, of Rinnock, contemplates visiting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle in the near future.

Bro. B. C. McGowan is still working as agent at Broadview.

Bro. E. C. Skinner has resumed duty as agent at Cushman after a vacation spent in Seattle and the East.

Bro. W. L. Bassett, formerly on second trick at Belt, has resigned and gone to the Northern Pacific.

H. W. Boulter, agent at Judith Gap, was off a few days last month to register on the Montana land drawing. He was relieved by Bro. E. C. Skinner, of Cushman, who in turn was relieved by Bro. A. F. Bassett.

At Judith Gap W. X. Krasinsky holds first trick; J. A. Hoyser is second and Bro. Pat Hannan third.

Agent Cary gets the agency at Belt, owing to the illness of Bro. M. M. Englander.

Bro. Farmer, of Belt, gets the agency at Armington.

Bro. W. L. Epperson, of Stockett, is visiting in St. Paul.

Tunnel No. 1, on the Sixth District, burned out a few days ago, and at present trains Nos. 43 and 44 are being detoured over the N. P. to Billings. This trouble will delay the steam shovel work that was planned for the Sixth District.

The brothers of this division are again reminded to be more prompt in sending in notes for our monthly write-up, also to send in their dues promptly and help out the division in every way they can. Although the "fones" are putting us up against it pretty strong, matters will adjust themselves in a short time. So far it has proven a dismal failure. We must act slowly and use our best judgment, striving hard to line up the nons and strengthen the weak places. I am confident that in the near future we will be able to get in a committee and accomplish some good.

E. C. S.

B. & O. S. W. Ry.

Block District—

Everything is about the same on the block district.

Chief Dispatcher M. A. McCarthy is away on his vacation, Dispatchers Brown and Todd having taken theirs earlier in the season. Bro. Penn Stanhope is doing the extra dispatching.

Mrs. C. A. Pollock, first trick telegrapher at Brighton, has been taking her vacation spasmodically, a day or two at a time.

Telegrapher Vicroy, third trick man at "B," has been off for about two weeks. C. H. Blevins, an old-timer, is back again, working for "Mac."

Bro. Huber at "CA" recently took a week's vacation. Understand he went out on a farm where they don't keep any cows. The stock yards noise has been working on his nerves. Bros. McInnes and J. A. Miller are sticking close.

Bro. L. W. Miller at "RH," took a ten-day vacation, visiting relatives in the country. Bro. Dundon is working third trick at "RH" while Bro. Stanhope is at the dispatchers' office.

A. S. Boileau, first trick man at "RH," and erstwhile financier, had a cradle shipped out to his home a few days ago.

Bro. McDaniels, second trick man at "CK," forgot to close the windows at his house one night a few weeks ago and a stork flew in and left a big baby girl. It tickles him to be called "papa."

Bro. Murphy, third trick man at "CK," is to leave in a few days with his father for Philadelphia to take in the sights.

Bro. F. Droege, formerly second trick man at "NA," resigned last month. The job was bulletined, and Bro. E. P. Dundon was the oldest of the two bidders. Bro. Droege's friends hated to see him leave. Bro. Christopher, regular third trick man, worked on second trick for about a month. It reduced his waist measure from 49 to 43 inches. Bro. Howard is still plugging away on first trick. It's about time for him to head for the East again.

F. C. Fisher is working extra on second trick at "NA," while Percival is at "RH" tower.

Bro. Johnny Hair is still holding down the second nine-hour trick at "BH."

Bro. Kelly, at "GK," seems to have his troubles fighting the mosquitoes and keeping the plant working after dark.

Bro. Snyder is at "G" office for a few days.

Bro. C. F. Ogier, agent at "G," dreamed the other night they took the water tank out. When he awoke next morning he found the tub only had enough water in it to fill one tank, and had to pump before breakfast.

Telegrapher Symmons, third trick man at "G," has disappeared, leaving a distracted wife. Nothing heard of him since he left three weeks ago.

Bro. Wires, day man and only man at "U" office, who was off several days on account of his wife being very ill, is back at work again. Walter Ogier, one of our promising youngsters, relieved Bro. Wires.

CALAMITY HAP.,
Dist. Cor.

Ohio Division—

Just a few lines to those who are holding membership but seem to be inactive. Did you ever realize what would be the result to our army or navy if it were not for the efficiency of the privates in the service. No matter how efficient and active the officers of any organization if they do not have the loyal support of each and every private or member the result of every move of the officers in charge would amount to nothing.

Now, brother, be up and doing. What can you do? Get that non who is working with you or who is working at the next station from you to join

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the organization. Talk O. R. T. to him every day, and show him the benefit of solid organization. If at the next station write him and send him your journal, marking the most important items. Order a set of application blanks from your local chairman and each payday place them before the prospective applicant when he can not have the excuse that he is short. Your local chairman will be glad to furnish application blanks and give you any assistance and information he possibly can; we have a loyal corps of officers, consisting of a local chairman for each division, and our general secretary and treasurer, located at 215 West Union St., Athens, Ohio, all ready to give their time and attention to the best interests of the organization.

Do something for the cause that has done so much for you. Are you satisfied with the present conditions? No! Well, then, assist in making the organization stronger that we may improve our schedule by getting better working conditions and more pay.

To the telegraphers who are not members of the O. R. T., why is it that you can not help support the organization that has benefited you so much in the last ten years? Not only help support the organization, but, by becoming members, help secure greater benefits, which can only be accomplished by the membership and the support of every telegrapher employed in railroad service.

Do you realize that you are doing yourself, your family and your neighbor an injustice by staying out of the organization?

Some days since, in talking to a non-member who formerly belonged to the Order, he gave as his reason for dropping out that he disliked a member who was formerly an officer. Now, this is very poor logic, as we can not make right the wrongs and mistakes of the past. Besides, two wrongs do not make one right; the mistakes that were made yesterday can only be remedied by endeavoring to make none tomorrow.

Do not let personal prejudice against some one member keep you from doing you duty. Join the O. R. T. and try to make it better and stronger. Don't be a dead one, but after you come in, put on the armor plate and resolve to do something in return for what has been done for you. Attend the meetings and show that brotherly love so much in evidence in all our fraternal organizations.

Don't say you haven't the money. Just take a part of the increase secured in the 1907 schedule and invest it in an up-to-date card and see how much better you will feel for so doing. And now, in conclusion, we urge every one to do his work well, answer calls promptly, aid the dispatcher to move the trains, and make your reports neat and with promptness. Be courteous to the public and secure all the business for the B. & O. S. W. you possibly can.

Now, a few words to the assistant correspondents. Owing to the fact that our grand secretary and treasurer at the last session of the grand division at Atlanta, Ga., advised putting a limit on matter for the fraternal pages of the journal (see page 36 of the proceedings of the Grand Division), it is hereby requested that items from each division be made as short as possible, say ten or twelve from each division. Make each item short, and confine them as much as possible to the mention of brothers only. Mail them to the division correspondent not later than the 20th of each month, so they can be put in shape and mailed by division correspondent on the 25th of the month. Any brother having an item of interest and wishing same published is requested to mail same to division correspondent, who will see that it is listed.

Let us all unite in making the write-up from Division 74 interesting and instructive.

Bro. J. C. Clinton, of Mineral Days, bid in the third trick at "X" Greenfield.

Bro. C. D. Morrison has returned to Mt. Sterling, nights, from "X" Greenfield.

H. J. Holland, the regular night telegrapher at Highland, is off on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Littlejohn, of Hamden Junction.

Our worthy secretary and treasurer, Bro. Fry Burger, first trick man at Athens, Ohio, has resumed work after a delightful vacation of two weeks. He and his wife spent the time in the East visiting Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York.

Bro. Brooks, of Byers Junction, has returned from his vacation spent at some lake in Minnesota fishing.

Bro. Romine, first trick man at Midland City, is off two weeks on vacation visiting relatives at Coolville and Parkersburg, W. Va.

Bro. Irwin, who is working third trick at Midland City, was off a few weeks running a traction engine for his father, but on account of so much rain he has returned to work.

Bro. Ray Irvin has purchased a fine automobile.

Bro. Keefe, the second trick man at Wilmington, is off on a vacation, spending the time visiting through the West, including the State of Washington.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. C. A. Plumley, is spending his vacation in Atlantic City.

Bro. C. V. Hester, the agent at Mineral, went to Marietta on the excursion Sunday, August 8th.

Bro. W. R. Baker, agent at Coalville, was off one day to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law. Relieved by Telegrapher Figelstahler.

Bro. E. J. Shannon, agent and first trick telegrapher at Marshfield, is off on a vacation of ten days; relieved by Bro. J. P. Emish, who was relieved in turn by Telegrapher E. E. Ray, of Ray, Ohio.

Bro. J. A. Malone, who is working second trick at Athens,, went to Parkersburg Sunday, August 8, on the excursion; relieved by Bro. C. W. Coleman.

R. K. Hall bid in Mineral, days, vice Bro. J. C. Clinton, transferred.

Bro. M. J. Charleton, agent, and Bro. W. G. Brill, telegrapher, at Stewart, have resumed work after spending two weeks at Seattle visiting the Exposition. Both report having had a fine time.

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Bro. J. W. Herwick, the third trick man at "OB" Parkersburg, has accepted a position with the Standard Oil Co. at Marietta. Bro. N. J. Curtis is working third trick in his stead.

We are sorry to announce the untimely death of Mr. Paul Collins, extra telegrapher on Midland district, at his home in Wilmington, Ohio, of typhoid fever, August 6th. Mr. Collins had only been working a few months and had expressed a willingness to join the O. R. T. as soon as eligible, and we desire to express our deepest sympathy to his wife and little child. DIV. COR.

Indiana Division—

It seemed like old times to hear the boys getting "GN" on this district last Sunday. This is something we have not had for almost a year and I want to say it was surely appreciated. I notice the nons appreciate this Sunday liberty as well as the brothers. Knowing how this freedom was secured, is it not strange that they do not "come across" and get up-to-date cards?

Bro. A. F. Huntington, the night telegrapher at Commiskey, has been granted a leave of absence for four months, effective August 1st. After attending the Ripley county fair at Osgood, he will visit his brother, R. O. Huntington, formerly a member of Division 74, now employed on the C. R. I. & P. in Kansas. Bro. Huntington was relieved by Extra Telegrapher R. W. Busic, of Washington, Ind. Bro. J. M. Huffington, the second trick man at Blocher, is now holding down the agency at Holten while his father, Z. V. Huffington, is taking a vacation. Bro. Huffington was relieved by Extra Telegrapher W. E. Kenyon, of Shoals, Ind.

Bro. D. M. Gree, second trick at Watson, was off a few days last month attending the Jennings County Fair at North Vernon and visiting relatives near Lovett; relieved by Telegrapher Jno. McConon, of Watson. CERT. 23.

C. & N. W. Ry.

Ashland Division—

Our general committee met in Chicago July 12, and after spending several days in the preparation of a revised schedule. presented it to the management, who asked for a postponement of sixty days on account of being busy with the machinists' general committee and the hot weather. Negotiations will be resumed about the middle of September. We have no doubt but what the committee will be able to gain some good concessions.

Cedar and Kimball have been opened up with two tricks each; also two men put on at Lac du Flambeau, Bro. M. J. Johnson being assigned one of the positions.

Bro. Semmelbach has taken the agency at Gogebec on bulletin, and Bro. Meredith has taken the cashier and operator's job at Bessemer.

Bro. P. W. Brehmer got Kimberly days on bulletin.

Bro. F. Hunt went to Monico on second trick and Bro. Lethustrom to Pelican days on bulletin.

Bro. J. W. Lacy was married on August 25th and is on a honeymoon trip to Denver. Bro. Rasmussen is taking his place on third trick at Vaukauna. There are rumors that Bro. A. J. Bigford will follow suit next month.

The idea of giving a picnic at Antigo has been given up on account of the time between trains being too short to make anything of this kind worth while, and also on account of not enough enthuslasm being shown for it by the members.

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Dakota Division—

Two new applications this month.

No card, no favors, is the rule from now on.

Bro. F. Smith, who has been relieving at Bruce, is now working at Cavour second, while Bro. Diepolder is acting as agent at Broadland.

Bro. N. C. Nelson, of Balaton, is taking a few weeks off, being relieved by W. A. Schreiter, of Huron office.

Bro. E. A. Rundquist has been on the sick list for some time. Bro. Gordinier, of Arco, was sent to relieve him at Monroe.

Bro. T. C. Connely is now working in the freight office at Brookings, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Sedgwick.

Bro. Nohlgren spent Sunday with relatives in Canova, being relieved at Estelline by John Robinson, of Estelline.

Bro. Joe Miller and Telegrapher Rumball exchanged places, Miller taking Brookings third and Rumball going to Tyler third.

Bro. Zollar, of Northville, has been spending part of his vacation at Seneca.

I understand that Bro. Price, of Lebanon, is "some ball player."

Bro. H. O. Swift is off for a few weeks, taking in the sights in Minneapolis. John Robinson, of Estelline, is relieving him.

Bro. M. B. Pay, of Volga, is camping out on a lake near Volga, trying to escape the hot weather. Mr. Churchill, of the Milwaukee Division, is relleving him.

Bro. L. Kendall, of Brookings, second, is taking a lengthy vacation and inspecting the tall buildings of New York. Washington was not passed up by Len, but I have not heard of Taft making any demonstration on Len's account. Bro. Sullivan relieves him.

Bro. R. S. Stewart, of Arlington, second, returned to work after a trip East. Hobart, who was relieving him, was sent to Burchard when that station was opened. Stewart was later sent to Manchester to relieve Bro. Whaley, Bro. Ollie Harris going to Arlington.

Bro. Anderson, of the Madison division, stopped off in De Smet to visit his brother-in-law, Bro. Christopherson, a few days, and later finishing his trip to the Black Hills. During his stay in De Smet, Bros. H. Y. Stimson and Christopherson attempted to show him a good time on Lake Henry In the form of a fishing trip. The party was successful in securing a large number of the finny tribe, but the occasion was slightly marred by the rocking of the boat.

Business is picking up on the Gettysburg branch and a heavy passenger business is ex-

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pected during the Cheyenne land opening, about October 1st. A second wire is also needed on this branch, especially during the fall, as Gettysburg is getting to be a heavy commercial office.

Bro. Harry McDearmon, of Faulkton, is out with a "Help Wanted" sign, looking for a helper or agent's assistant at forty per. The harvest fields are securing most of the labor at this time of the year and a raise of five dollars over the regular scale is no inducement.

An innovation in the maintaining of equipment was made this summer when work trains were sent over the division, repairing damaged cars and other equipment. The train carried about seven repairers and the division was covered in a comparatiely short time. The plan is undoubtedly a good one from every point of view.

Bro. Paulsen was released from committee work on account of reducing the number to five, and those nearest to Chicago were retained. The management asked for sixty days to consider the matter, and September 10th was set as the final date. No trouble is expected and a satisfactory schedule will undoubtedly be the result.

On Bro. Paulsen's return, Bro. Finnerty took a few days' vacation and visited at various points on the division.

Bro. Carl, of Clark, was called to his claim on account of the illness of his wife. W. H. Kohler, who was relieved for his vacation, was pressed into service until John's return.

Bro. J. A. Dawson, of Salem, is being relieved by W. L. Bougher, lately with the U. P. at Cheyenne, and a former Dakota division boy. Bro. Dawson is looking for a location for a business proposition outside of railroad work.

Bro. Clyde Albright, of Carthage, has been allowed a helper, which will relieve him of the outside work. Carthage needed a helper, and there are others that need a helper just as bad.

Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. T. is being pushed as rapidly as possible and election is being held for officers for this system, which holds charter No. 2. Each member of the O. R. T. should induce his wife, sister or mother to join this movement, as it will be a great benefit to the Order in explaining matters which are not easily understood. The dues are very light and barely cover the expenses of the Auxiliary.

H. A. STIMSON, Cor.,
De Smet, S. D.

Northern Wisconsin Division—

Nothing has appeared in the journal for some time, no doubt, owing to the fact that our correspondent was lucky in drawing a homestead at the opening of the reservation. Bro. Cook will soon emigrate to the wilds of Idaho and start farming on his homestead.

A few important changes have taken place in the past week.

H. J. Zoelle, agent at Neenoh, has been promoted to the agency at Madison.

Mr. F. M. Newton, who was agent at Grand Rapids, succeeds Mr. Zoelle. Mr. Newton was succeeded by Mr. Baring, who was formerly at Ripon. It is understood that Mr. Sare, of Madison, goes to Ripon.

Local Chairman Hackbitt spent a few days on the division previous to the convening of the committee in Chicago, rounding up some of the non-members, and reports that some of the old crusts still wish to remain on the outside and receive the benefits but do not wish to strengthen the organization by becoming members.

De Pere has been made a three-trick station. Telegrapher Restold received the third trick.

Bro. Burr relieved Bro. Zuehlke while the latter was acting as agent in Bro. Hackbitt's place, during the session of the committee in Chicago.

Bro. E. F. Jaehnke was recently compelled to lay off for a week on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Burr.

Bro. H. J. Stuth, who launched into the lumber business at Little Chute, reports he is doing well, a fact that will please the boys on the North End.

Bro. Hackbert advises that application blanks for the Ladies' Auxiliary can be obtained by writing Mrs. P. H. Hackbert, Appleton. Initiation fee, 50 cents; dues, 10 cents per month. Wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of members in good standing are eligible, and every one should fill out blanks at once and help make this organization a success. The cards issued are similar to those of the O. R. T., and each lady should have one.

Our committee will convene again during the early part of September for the purpose of discussing the proposed wage scale and working conditions. Every member should see that he is paid up to date, and let every member make an effort to get one new member before that time.

The committee reports that the usual good feeling exists between the managing officials and the committee, and a schedule satisfactory to all concerned will be agreed upon. Let the membership do their share by giving the company first-class service, and in so doing we will show an appreciation of the concessions granted.

The men at the non-telegraph stations have received a $5.00 increase in salary. Very fine. Let the good work go on.

The first meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held at the home of Local Chairman and Mrs. P. L. Hackbert, Appleton, Wis., June 18th. Officers will be elected at the next meeting, which will be held during September. About fifteen were present and a great deal of enthusiasm was displayed and success is assured. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hackbert, and after explaining the work of the organization, a general discussion followed. A system division will be formed on the C. & N. W., as the charter has been received. The election of officers is now being held, and it is expected that the C. & N. W. will be second to none by January 1st. COR.

Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern—

Bro. O. C. Hunter has been under the weather for a few days, but on account of the shortage of men he was obliged to remain at his post.

Chief Dispatcher Frank Rauch and Miss Beatrice Ware, of Belle Fourche, were recently married

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at the bride's home. Miss Ware was formerly a Pierre girl. After their honeymoon they will take up housekeeping in Pierre. The boys wish them good luck.

Bro. Dennis held down the Ft. Pierre job while Agent Farrel worked the third trick in the dispatcher's office during the chief's absence.

Bro. Edwards, of Capa, has been suffering with neuralgia.

Bro. Aldrich, of Nowlin, is taking a vacation, and from reports, he will need a station with living rooms when he returns.

Bro. Ed Noe is back at Philips as telegrapher.

A rushing business is expected on this pike this fall. About one thousand cars of range stock is expected to be moved.

Our new superintendent, Mr. Doyle, was over the division recently on a tour of inspection. He is a pleasant gentleman to meet and will undoubtedly have the support of those under him.

Just now men are scarce on this line and a number of the boys have been unsuccessful in their attempts to secure vacations.

Looks as though the P. R. C. is to be recognized on that new schedule. Trainmaster Rauch was over the division with blanks for information to be used in the negotiations.

H. A. STIMSON, Cor.,
De Smet, S. D.

Galena Division—

Bro. Hoffman is sporting an auto.

Everybody is paying up. Don't be one of the last to come across.

Bro. Agnew, of Galt, is busy, with the gravel pit running full blast.

Bro. Buss, of Wachusa, is kept busy on account of the building of the cut-off.

"NY" tower is out of service and a lot of changes are going on at Nelson. Bro. Dean is agent at that place.

Bro. Gleason is in Pennsylvania on business.

Bro. Larson and Bro. Murphy, of the Freeport branch, were at the August meeting.

Bro. Boose, of Akron, made the trip to Dixon for the meeting but failed to arrive in time.

Bro. Robinson, of Fulton, was sick and unable to get to the meeting.

Bro. Sheller reports everybody paying local dues very promptly. Are you paid up?

Bro. McElroy has been appointed yardmaster at West Chicago, vice T. L. Slaton, who went to Peoria as Yardmaster.

Some changes are contemplated at Clinton on account of the new bridge and Fulton cut-off.

Bro. Rigby, of Dundee, was off duty a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Borland.

W. H. Fee, the agent at Huntley, recently took a couple of weeks off; relieved by his helper, Mr. Fyfe.

Ground has been broken for a new freight depot at East Elgin. When completed, Bros. Casey and Starks will have the passenger depot all to themselves.

A temporary office was opened at "SK" Lake Shore pit, while gravel trains were hauling dirt and gravel in that locality. We did not learn who held it down.

A washout near Algonquin on the 14th delayed trains and kept F. Rhine brothers busy. Heavy rains.

Bro. J. D. Voltz, Jr., has been promoted from Elgin to dispatcher's office at Savanna, on the C., M. & St. P. Bro. Voltz was formerly a Galena Division telegrapher. CERT. 154.

Madison Division—

Bro. C. N. Schleck, first trick at Madison, and Bro. J. J. Schleck, third trick at tower "PD," spent a few days with their brother, Bro. M. H. Schleck, agent at Wonewoc. From there they went to St. Paul and Minneapolis and took in the sights. John returned from there to resume work after several weeks' vacation, and Carl started on a trip that will take in the exposition at Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore., San Francisco and Los Angeles. Returning he will take in Denver, Ogden, Omaha and Chicago. A very interesting and instructive journey, and a well-earned vacation.

Bro. W. F. Holden, who had been on the second trick at Madison for several months, is working first trick during Carl's absence, and Bro. J. S. Lewis is holding down the second trick.

Bro. Adolph Anderson and wife have just returned from a trip in the West. They spent several days at Deadwood, Leadville, Hot Springs and Rapid City, S. D., taking in the beautiful scenery of the Black Hills. They stopped off at De Smet, S. D., and visited with Bro. Walter Christopherson and family. Walter is working second trick there, and Adolph says that the climate must agree with him, as he has been obliged to get larger-sized trousers every time he purchased a new pair. This was Adolph's first trip West. He is stuck on the country and may try his luck out there in the near future. He also visited with his relatives at Wyeville, Wis. Mr. R. E. Wildt relieved him on second trick at Monona yard, "M."

Bro. C. Hansen and family took in the Dells at Kilbourn, and also went through the new power plant at that place, which is said to be the third largest of its kind in the U. S. It is certainly an immense affair, and is a good example of what man can do in the way of putting harness on what was almost a total waste and make it pull all the electric cars of Milwaukee and its interurban system. The power is transmitted through six heavy copper cables strung on steel towers which look like windmill towers. These towers are built short distances apart, along and parallel with the C. M. & St. P. Ry., and attract lots of attention from the passengers.

Bro. Hansen also took in Chicago, where he had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. A. Newman, our first vice-president, and also Bro. Troy, our general chairman, just as he was leaving for home after his committee work.

He also called at the Wisconsin Division dispatchers' office to see Mr. L. M. Davis, who had

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lately been promoted chief dispatcher, vice Mr. August Syverson, who was promoted to trainmaster on the Iowa Division. Both are former Madison Division boys. It was "Augie" in the days when the double track was put in between Madison and Evansville, at least that is what the young ladies of Brooklyn called him, and L. M. D. held forth at Beloit freight office days. He was offered the agency at Oregon, but did not fancy it, so sought new fields and we are glad that both made good, as all Madison Division boys do when they strike out; and why shouldn't they, with the excellent training that one gets here.

Bro. Ed Welch, third trick at Monona yard, relieved Bro. J. J. Schleck, third trick at tower "PD" for a week and then took charge of the first trick, vice Bro. J. A. Barnes, who, with his family, has gone to Rapid City, S. D., to visit relatives. They will also take in the Black Hills and other points of interest while on their vacation.

Mr. R. E. Wildt, from Dane, relieved Bro. Hensen and Welch at Monona yard "M" for a while, then went to Waunaukee and took charge of the third trick, which is a phone job. This trick was held down by Bro. Thos. V. Hurst, who resigned and went West to the harvest fields.

Bro. G. H. Doering, who worked third trick at Mendota for several weeks, worked a few nights at Waunakee and then went to Leyden to work one of the tricks there. P. C. Wolf is now the man in charge of Mendota third trick and hails from Lodi. His brother, Bro. F. C. Wolf, is on one of the phone tricks ot Wonewoc.

Mr. J. B. Casey, a Southerner from Mississippi and a graduate from the "ham factory" at Janesville, a thing he is ashamed to tell, worked several days at Leyden, Waunakee, and a week relieving Bro. Welch at Monona yard "M," and then went to tower "DO" to relieve J. H. Hahn, an ex-member from Union Center. Mr. Casey says of all the swindles he ever heard of, the one at Janesville, Wis., has them all skinned, which the students realize after they are there a few days. But the "factory" has their money, so they have to grin and do the best they can under the circumstances.

Bro. A. L. Clark is working second and Bro. James Everett third trick at Oregon. The second trick is on bulletin, and Bro. Duprey, the regular third trick man is at West Allis extra. Bro. C. H. Bennett, the regular man at West Allis, who is on a six months' leave of absence, appears to be prospering at farming near Lancaster. Last time your correspondent saw him he was taking a car of stock to Union Stock Yards, Chicago, and hogs and cattle are money these days. We are all glad to see him doing well.

Bro. J. E. Dolbier, agent at Roscoe, is off on a vacation. He went to Onalaska to introduce his youngest daughter to her grandparents. Bro. A. G. Elsner is shouldering the responsibilities as agent at Roscoe, meanwhile.

Bro. F. H. Main, agent at Benton, is off on a vacation. He is relieved by Bro. Cottingham.

Bro. S. W. Stephens, agent Cuba City, has resumed work after his trip to South Dakota, where we understand he added another farm to his real estate holdings. Nothing like Mother Earth for safe investments.

At Ipswich the company is drilling a well to put in a larger pump. Bro. Lang will then have no excuse for not having plenty of water in the tank. This brother is anxiously awaiting his vacation relief, when he will take his "auto" and make the trip to Minnesota he has been planning for a year.

Besides this new well at Ipswich, a 12-inch well has been drilled at Montfort, 277 feet deep and a 12-inch also at Barneveld, but water was struck at this point before going as deep as at Montfort. A new standard-size tank has been built at Dodgeville about thirty feet from the old one and new six-inch pipe put in from the pump instead of two-inch. A tank will probably be erected again near Benton in place of the one formerly filled from a spring on the side of hill near by. All this goes to show that the company is looking for an increase of business on the west end, and intends to be prepared for it.

The mines are again working full force, with an average of about sixty cars a week, weighed at Ipswich. Some pretty good lead mines have been struck on the west end, according to newspaper reports.

Mr. Earl Phinney, who works one of the phone tricks at Fellows, was off for a few days, and Mr. A. F. Newman relieved him.

Mr. J. Mueller is the new phone man at Leyden.

Mr. Reilly, the phone man at Brooklyn, was taken sick and went home. Mr. F. E. Maine, a new man, relieved him.

Mr. Ted Thompson, agent at Magnolia, is acting agent at Helenville during Bro. Westphal's absence.

Bro. A. G. Kreklow, who has been holding down third trick at Afton, is now in charge of Beloit second trick, and Mr. A. F. Newman is working the third trick at Afton while it is on bulletin.

Mr. E. S. Case, who has been freight agent at Madison for a couple of years, has been transferred to Ripon on the N. Wis. Division. Mr. Case leaves a host of friends, as he was well liked by the men that worked under him, as well as those he came in touch with in a business way. glad to welcome him to this division, and wish him success. With due respect for Mr. Zoelle, and old-timer, and they make some of our best members.

Mr. F. J. Zoelle, our new agent at Madison, comes to us from Neenah and Menasha. We are glad to welcome him to this division, and wish him success. With due respect for Mr. Zoelle, and there is no doubt of his capability, but we can not help feeling a little slighted to think that it was necessary for the freight department to go outside the many old and competent Madison Division agents to fill a Madison Division office. These positions, if given to agents who, by their efficiency have proved themselves deserving, would

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be an inducement for us to fit ourselves for such positions in order to round out our career in railroading with honor, even if there was no more compensation.

Mr. Glen A Cole, of the dispatchers' force, has been critically ill with typhoid, but we are glad to learn is convalescing.

Mr. V. R. Harding, of the O. S. & D. office, is also on the sick list.

Bro. W. G. Gerke, a former Madison Division telegrapher now with the D. S. S. & A. at Ewen, Mich., is on a vacation visiting his mother and friends at Madison.

Mr. M. M. Hendrickson, the second trick man at Dane, was at Elroy working second trick for several days on account of Bro. S. C. Potter's illness. Mr. W. Whitman, formerly car clerk at So. Baraboo yard, relieved Hendrickson at Dane, and when Hendrickson resumed work he went to Monona yard "M" third trick.

At our last meeting at Madison, Wis., August 21st, we found the old guard, with the exception of Bro. Christoffer, in full attendance, and also a number of new members.

We listened to Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, as he gave us a talk "for the good of the Order." There's always something to be learned from his talks. If you doubt it, come to our next meeting. We rounded out a very enjoyable evening on watermelons, and hope no one experienced any bad effects from meeting or melons. How is it that when members like Bro. Crump, from Kendalls, Bro. Browne from Norwalk, Bro. Wood from Necedah, Schleck from Wonewoc, Ralph of Cobb, and a lot of others come from a long distance, that those living near Madison cannot attend the meetings. Surely they should be able to devote part of an evening every two or three months to get posted on what is going on. We would get a revised schedule lots easier if 75 to 100 members would attend the meetings instead of thirty to forty.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, is back at his duties as agent at Dousman, after several days spent on committee work in Chicago.

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Northern Iowa Division—

Bro. Gallimore, of Linn Grove, is on his annual vacation.

A Mr. Clark, from Milwaukee, has taken the Havelock agency.

Reports from the various stations indicate a heavy Pacific Coast business. No doubt the Seattle Fair is at the bottom of it.

Bro. Stafford, of Ireton, is on a Western trip.

Indications point to a heavy corn crop and plenty of business for all of us "farmers."

Another dispatcher has been added to the force, which puts Fremaine at work again. He has been temporarily relieving some of the operators during the lull in business.

Bro. Doherty writes from Miles City that he will return September 1st to the relay job at "BU."

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Harry Post, formerly agent for the C. G. W. at Eagle Grove, has been promoted to the position of traveling passenger agent for his line.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Soo City-Hawarden extension. We are sorry that this will put Mr. Blackman, of Alton, out in the "jungles."

The annual fall crop of new brakemen is "ripe."

Mr. Richards, of Webster City, is on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Steffler.

Bro. Watson has returned to Irvington.

Another dispatcher is to be added to the force, making two additional ones. We understand Bro. Hutchinson is scheduled for the position.

We have no returns from our General Committee, which went into session July 12th.

It would look as though we were doomed to a natural death unless we can coax some one to send in a few notes.

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Lake Shore Division—

Our division is never represented to any great length in THE TELEGRAPHER at any time. I hope all the members will try hereafter to send some item of news to our correspondent, Bro. E. A. Sohre. They naturally look for notes each month, and there is no reason why we should not be represented, if all will lend a helping hand in this respect.

How about your dues for the present term? Are they paid up? If not, why not?

Bro. F. C. Shimeck, our local chairman, has been in Chicago recently serving on the general committee, being relieved by Telegrapher Cragmiller. We expect a good new schedule soon. There is not much trouble in getting what you go after if your committee has the right kind of backing.

Bro. Kuhns, of Sheboygan, has taken unto himself a wife, and now wears the smile that won't come off. Congratulations.

Bro. J. S. Ball, of Denmark, enjoying a much-needed vacation at his former home in Indiana, is reported to have also joined the benedicts. Seems that Cupid is working overtime on this division of late. Bro. B. A. Rindt, of Port Washington, is relieving Bro. Ball during his absence.

Another brother who will soon jump over the line is J. H. Van Roy. He is very much interested in a party at Manitowoc, and I understand he has been out at Grimms, which station he won on the "raffle," looking up a house. Looks kind of suspicious.

Bro. E. P. Stallings, formerly agent at Lyndhurst, is now engaged in the grocery and dry goods business at Wann, Okla.

Our last meeting held at Sheboygan on the evening of June 22d, was fairly well attended. Among those present were Bro. L. F. Nelson, local chairman, Ash. Div., and P. L. Hackbert, local chairman Nor. Wis. Div. Bro. E. A. Sohre was elected local secretary and treasurer at this meeting, the election of the balance of the division officers being postponed until the next regular meeting on account of lack of time, as most of the boys were obliged to return on No 11.

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There will be a meeting called up on the north end, presumably at Gillett, in the near future. The secretary will notify all members of the date as soon as the necessary arrangements for this meeting are made.

Death knocked at the door of Bro. T. H. Wellard, of Calumet Yards, and carried away their eight-months old baby, after a lingering illness of several weeks. The family have our deepest sympathy. A floral offering was forwarded by the division.

Lake Shore Division—

The local chairman very much regrets his unability to visit the boys on the north end before going to Chicago, as promised in a personal letter to every member and non-member on the division. He had since written to a number of the boys, giving the reasons for his failure to keep his appointment good. To those who may have been overlooked he wishes to state that the failure was due to some misunderstanding in regard to his transportation, which did not reach in time to make the trip.

As the general committee is to meet again in Chicago, some time in September to complete negotiations, your local chairman will make an effort to visit the boys on the branch, either just before going or after returning from Chicago.

Mr. Melville H. Sell, of Port Washington, has made his application, paid his initiation fees and dues to December 31st, and may now be called brother.

Among the new men who have promised to come in before the 15th are W. H. Egan, Mequon and G. V. Kohls, Port Washington.

Bro. J. W. Stransky, Lakewood, is spending a month's vacation at Sheboygan, being relieved by Bro. Sedlack. Bro. Sedlack is the regular man at Mequon, but has been called upon to do the relief work on the division this summer. This affords "Joe" a chance to see the country and gather material with which to amuse the natives around "MN" during the coming winter.

Bro. Vic Ausloos has withdrawn his resignation and will remain as agent at Pulaski, having now been furnished a helper to assist him with his work. "Vic" certainly had a hard time of it, having to take care of practically three stations without any help whatever, and we were not surprised when we heard of his resignation.

Bro. Tiedka, it seems, is expected to put on the finishing touches on the product of all the local ham factories, as he has been getting a new night man every two weeks for some time past. We can understand why he put in that order for a supply of Morse alphabets and instructions to beginners, but why that case of Horlick's Malted Milk?

We are indebted to Bro. Eimerman, at Port Washington, for his efforts in getting the nons up his way on the right track. If more of the brothers took the same interest in this work he does we would be soon rid of the nons. Let each member remember that the local chairman can not do any great amount of good getting the line in shape, without your co-operation and assistance. Therefore do not lag and hold the work back by waiting to see what someone else does, but go to work yourself and assist in lining up those who are not already in. If you are in need of any application blanks, ask your local chairman or secretary for what is needed, and keep at work until results are accomplished.

Since the last write-up from this division appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER R. C. Vose, South Yards, has become a brother and is up to date.

The positions of second and third trick operators at Port Washington, and the third trick at North Green Bay, have been bulletined, open for bids up to September 7th. Crackermiller, a hopeless non, it is understood, has bid for the North Green Bay job. Have not heard who will try for the other two. Neither of the positions at Port Washington are a snap and not many men would hurt themselves trying to get one of them.

Chief Train Dispatcher Dolan has taken a much-needed rest. First Trick Dispatcher Bowman is doing the stunt in his place. This is one of the positions that is far from being a bed of roses.

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Nebraska & Wyoming Division, Eastern District—

Bro. Nathan Kennedy, telegrapher Mo. Valley Shops, lost his only child August 4th with brain fever. He was off duty four days, but no one relieving him on account of a shortage of men. The deepest sympathy is extended Bro. and Mrs. Kennedy in their bereavement by the brothers of this division.

Chapman relieves Bro. Currah as agent at Davenport August 13th.

Bro. Nelson, cashier at York, drew the agency at Leigh on bid.

We understand Bro. DeFrance, former agent at Leigh, has left the service.

Bro. W. C. Day, the genial agent at Albion, made a pleasant call on his old friends at Battle Creek on his way to Council Bluffs, to attend the agents' meeting on August 21st. He reports the arrival of a twelve-pound boy at his house. Congratulations.

Bro. Anderson, telegrapher at Albion, is relieving at Leigh. He is relieved at Albion by Bro. C. W. Wilson.

Bro. Ralph Hales is doing duty as telegrapher at Neligh during the carnival and race meet. Bro. Recroft could make good use of another man there all the time.

Bro. H. G. Whitney, agent at Battle Creek, was off several days this month on account of death of his wife's mother. He was relieved by Bro. Ralph Hales.

Bro. R. L. Sharp, telegrapher at Bonesteel, drew the agency at Verdigre on bid.

Last year at this time there were extra men put on at most of the main line stations to handle the stock business, but this year there has been no new positions opened, although business shows an increase. This must be owing to the scarcity of telegraphers.

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If there are any brothers on this division who have not paid their dues for the present term, they should do so at once. Our general committee will be back in Chicago on September 10th to finish negotiations with our officials, and they should have solid backing in order to get the best results. If you know of any nons give them no rest until you line them up.

We could have a much better write-up each month, if the brothers would interest themselves enough to send the news to the division correspondent. There are many changes and many other interesting items that we do not hear of, because the brothers do not lend us their assistance.

CERT. 310.

Wisconsin Division—

Brothers, don't forget to remit your local dues to your local secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. B. Boyington, 1925 Darrow Ave., Evanston, Ill., and also your dues for the last half to your grand secretary and treasurer.

The following third tricks are on bulletin for the oldest operator: Harvard, Capron, Cambellsport, Bain Junction and Grayland tower, and second tricks at Racine and Highland Park.

The following changes have taken place recently: E. P. Woodbury, first trick telegrapher, Crystal Lake, is assigned to the agency at that station, vice F. S. Stocking, who has taken the agency at Mayfair, vice G. C. Boomer, made agent at North Ave., vice C. E. Hillyer, promoted.

Telegrapher Jones, a new man on this division, is holding first trick at Crystal Lake until it is taken on bulletin.

G. F. Carle, first trick man at So. Janesville, is taking a fifteen days' rest, being relieved by Bro. Jacobs.

Telegrapher Frusher is working second trick at Crystal Lake until it is assigned by bulletin.

Bro. J. J. Dietrich, agent at Arlington Heights, is taking a two weeks' vacation at Glenwood Springs, being relieved by Telegrapher Campbell.

Bro. L. H. Powers, agent at Barrington, is also taking a month's vacation and is spending some of his time in Duluth calling on friends and relatives. Telegrapher J. B. Shaver, first trick man, is relieving him.

Bro. F. M. Flannery, Rockford, "KD," is taking a vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher W. Pendergast.

Bro. A. B. Curtis, second trick at Central St. tower, was off duty a few days visiting friends and relatives in Antioch, Ill.; he was relieved by Telegrapher J. C. Frusher.

Bro. C. F. O'Connor, agent at Kenilworth, enjoyed a visit recently with relatives from St. Joseph, Mo. Bro. O'Connor is now living in his new home at Kenilworth.

On account of a wreck at Pacific Junction on the C. M. & St. P. Ry. recently, its trains were run over our road from Racine Junction to Chicago.

The telephone is being installed on the Milwaukee Division and will be in service soon. This 'phone is a different style from that now being used and is claimed to be so superior that it will give better satisfaction.

There will be a meeting at Harvard soon and we expect each and every brother who can possibly attend to be present.

Bro. Brown, first trick at Lake Forest, was off on a vacation enjoying the lake breeze and fishing for a few days.

M. E. Wagner, day telegrapher at Winnetka, is relieving Mr. Kilz, agent at North Chicago. Mr. Kilz in turn is relieving Agent Dibley, at Evanston, who is on a six months' leave of absence.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Bro. F. W. Anholt's father on August 5th. The bereaved brother has the sympathy of all the members of this division.

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C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Minnesota & Iowa Division—

From the way the applications are rolling in it is safe to say that there will be very few nons left when the committee goes in. From outward appearances each individual member has delegated himself as a committee of one, and is doing all he can to get the nons in line. That is as it should be; unless we have the percentage we must not expect large returns; on the other hand, if we are able to get the men in line we are bound to reap good results.

Bro. J. H. Gove, of Sibley, is away on his vacation, looking up Washington fruit lands, we understand. He is relieved by Telegrapher C. N. Williams, who has promised to make good soon.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. M. E. Haggerty has resigned. Bro. L. M. Kilberg, who has been relieving Bro. Ray Mann at Mankato, relieves Bro. Hagerty at Lake Crystal. Bro. C. R. Williams is temporarily in charge nights at Menneopa, and at the same time has his eye on his stand at the State Park.

Bro. Mann says he enjoyed his vacation very much, but it seemed good to come into the harness again.

Mr. C. W. Warner, agent at Mountain Lake, is enjoying his vacation. Understand he is relieved by a Mr. Hamblin, of LeMars.

Bro. N. D. Watson, the handy man of Fairmont, is relieving Agent Burdick at that place. Bro. Watson is indeed a handy man. He fills in any old place. If an agent wants to be absent, he is capable of filling his shoes, and the same in regard to a telegrapher's position.

Chief Train Dispatcher J. E. Hickey is taking a two weeks' vacation. During his absence J. W. Pepple wears the official look.

In the neighborhood of fifty station agents attended the agents' meeting at Mankato, the tenth.

The latest names to be enrolled on the membership list are Bros. G. W. Lasseck, relieving at Fairmont, Hugo Bromander, Madiela, and R. C. Harrington, Bigelow. Among the many who have asked for application papers is former brother, J H. Nelson, of Shakopee.

Several very good positions were bulletined in the general office the 17th inst. This will give

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some good telegrapher an opportunity to file into a good job.

Mr. F. W. Stucks, of Savage, is relieving temporarily at St. Paul general office.

Signal Inspector O. A. Nordquist was over the line a few days ago looking after the signal blocking business.

Now that the gravel trains on the east end are a thing of the past, the boys find more time to devote to the interests of the Order, consequently we expect they will put in some of that time in trying to show these noms the advisability of joining our ranks.

Mr. J. H. Johnson still continues to accept the raises the O. R. T. has obtained for him, all the benefits that are coming his way, but can not see his way clear to link his fate with that class of union labor. Don't know if it is because he feels a little above them or not.

Understand Mr. Swiningson, at Le Sueur, has refused the kind offer of a brother who offered to pay his initiation fee if he would join.

There is not much to say about Mr. G. W. Owens at Elmore, further than he continues to remain in his hard shell, takes all we give him, but is shy with the dough.

It's about time some one prodded Mr. E. C. Callan, of Woodstock, up a little; he has been sitting back and taking that extra five for about three years without contributing a cent toward the cause.

Bro. Humble, of Kasota, picnicked at Minneopa the 15th inst.

Bro. D. E. Dean, of Sheldon, was absent several weeks in Washington, looking after his fruit lands. He was relieved by Mr. Hamblin, of Le Mars. Upon Bro. Dean's return, Mr. Hamblin relieved Mr. Cannon, agent at Le Mars, for a short time.

Bro. Pingel, of Bigelow, underwent a successful operation at the Sheldon Hospital the latter part of July. Bro. Watson relieved him. Bro. Pingel is again back at work.

W. H. Young, a Milwaukee man, first trick at Sheldon, is on a two weeks' leave of absence, and will take in the big show at Seattle. He was relieved by a man named Miller. Understand he has the pasteboard, and is also a Milwaukee man.

Many of the boys have had applications in for a vacation for some time past, but have been informed it is impossible to get men to relieve them.

We are in receipt of letters from the following gentlemen stating they would make good August payday: W. A. Ziebarth, of Cliff and J. C. Coehlin, telephoner at Nichols.

We presume before these items gets to you the general committee will be holding conferences with our management. It is to be hoped none of you will do anything that will cause your committee to have any uneasiness while they are in session, and that you will all do what you can to get non-members in line before that committee finishes up negotiations. Unmolested "quack-grass" is bound to ruin the land in time, as it keeps on growing. The best remedy, therefore, is to weed it out thoroughly in its infancy.

It is to be regretted that pressure sufficiently strong cannot be brought to bear upon the members relative to furnishing us with information for the columns of the journal. We have continually asked for items regarding new men coming into your territory, brothers being away, sickness, deaths, weddings, etc. Let us know about it. It will only take you a moment to drop us a line. If the proper amount of enthusiasm, and the desire to practice fraternalism had been followed out on this division a short time ago, we would have not lost one of our good members. When his child took sick and died, his wife laid next to death's door, then the other little child took sick, and no mention of it being made in the columns of the journal and no tokens of sympathy offered, he felt that he had been slighted and the consequences were he dropped his membership. Thus have we lost a good brother from our ranks, just because you fellows that knew about the conditions did not take the pains or interest enough to advise us of the facts. He felt that he did not cut much figure, or some mention of his troubles would have been made. If the proper amount of fraternalism had been shown by the brothers in that neighborhood, we could have helped to make his burden lighter and retained this brother in the Order.

Let us try to practice true fraternalism in the future. Keep me posted on the happenings and I will try to do my part of bringing about a more fraternal feeling. CERT. 251.

Northern District—

Owing to the nine-hour law, the meeting at Eau Claire, Sunday, August 1st, was not as well attended as was hoped for, although there were quite a number present both afternoon and evening.

The meetings were called to order by Local Chairman L. D. Marquette, and after the usual course of business was taken up, General Chairman Liddane gave us a good long talk on our proposed schedule that will soon be placed before the management.

The members present all expressed their willingness to help the local chairman organize and make our division stronger than ever, although we are practically solid now, with the exception of a few unbelievers who only think of themselves. There are also several on the division whom we do not care to call brothers even if they desired to become members.

If we followed out our general chairman's ideas and each member secured a new one during the month of September, we would be more than solid by October 1st. Bro. Liddane also gave us some good advice in regard to obediency, impressing the fact on our minds that nothing would establish us in the good graces of our officials more quickly than loylty. Answer your correspondence, get your reports out with dispatch, answer your calls promptly and keep trains moving.

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That means more business, higher earnings, and bigger wages for the telegraphers.

Bro. Lundberg, of Shell Lake, was taken home to Mankato with typhoid fever, and for several days hovered between life and death, but is now slowly improving, and we hope for his early recovery. He is being relieved by H. A. Thorp.

Bro. Koslik, of Rice Lake, relieved Bro. Scott, of Winter, while Bro. Scott was off on sick leave. Bro. Scott is back at his post again.

Bro. Kanar is relieving Bro. Ruid at Rice Lake, who is taking his vacation.

W. B. Campbell having joined in August at New Richmond, makes it solid O. R. T. G. B. Armstrong, South Range, and Ray Sin and Will Reid, of Clear Lake, have also obtained up-to-date cards, making the latter place solid with the exception of one foner.

The joker from Stanton has another excuse now. He is going to school this winter. He has one student already.

We hope to show Turtle Lake represented in September. There are at least two good men there who would still make good members.

Mr. Harbour, of Rice Lake, requested the O. R. T. to accept his resignation. The request was granted. We are proud that men of loyalty always remain members of the organization.

We desire to thank Bro. Olson at Couderay for the news items he sent in, and we hope some of the others will do likewise.

Bro. J. M. Roelke, agent at Radisson, has returned to his old home in Indiana.

J. H. Kean, of Hammond, is holding down this agency until it is assigned on bulletin.

J. F. Christy, who was relieving at Couderay and Winter for a few days, was taken down with smallpox and sent to the hospital. Frank Kozlik is at Winter now.

Bro. Scott was married to Miss Kate Berry, of Winter, on July 10th, and went to Seattle on his wedding trip.

The gravel pit that the Omaha opened up half a mile south of Couderay, on the bank of the Couderay River, is proving to be the best pit on the Wisconsin Division. They will take out over 7,000 carloads of gravel from there this fall.

Mr. H. McGarrah gave as his reason for not taking out his card last winter that he was going into the jewelry business right away. Ingersolls must have gone down, or he wouldn't be working for $55.00 in a common gravel pit.

The following is the result of the July bulletin: Prince St., E. R. Berry; Boardman, W. E. Neitzel; Minong, agent-telegrapher, A. B. Crowell; Hawthorne third trick, G. A. Norman; Rice Lake first trick, O. P. Ruid. DIV. COR.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. Jones has left Wayne, leaving a few notes on the hook assigning me the position of correspondent for the Nebraska Division this month. He has gone to Chadron, Neb., where he has a position with the C. & N. W. Ry. We wish him success.

Bro. C. C. Hinman, of Hartington, spent a few days in Ashland looking after his share of a small wheat crop.

Bro. Ferber, from Maskell, gets New Castle on bulletin. G. A. Smith, from New Castle, goes to Wynot to relieve Bro. Pinion for ten days.

Mr. L. E. Foster, late of the "Omaha," comes to Jackson, relieving C. J. Lindstrom, who goes to Maskell to relieve Bro. Ferber.

Mr. Haxton, a new man from Kansas City, is now third trick telegrapher at Ferry.

H. H. Hamblin is doing the cashier's stunt at Tekamah while Bro. Ballingee is taking sixty days off, hunting and fishing in the Roosevelt lands Oregon.

Bro. Dean was relieved at Lyons by Mr. Boltz. We understand that Boltz has since returned to the C. G. W. Ry.

Telegrapher Hale relieved L. E. Foster at "WK." Foster went to Jackson.

L. G. Halvisey, of Crofton, relieved by Bro. Arnold for thirty days.

Our local chairman, Bro. Crouch, is on a few days' vacation, which he is spending at Hot Springs, and is relieved by Telegrapher Arnold, who has been working third trick at Ferry.

"CD."

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—

We were delighted to welcome into the ranks of scribes Bro. W. A. Blake, who looms up in the July TELEGRAPHER with an announcement of his appointment and an appeal for news from the boys on the north end. He will make an ideal correspondent, and will keep the Northern District in the front rank every minute while he is on the job.

There have been several temporary changes at Elroy lately. Bro. Kvool, who relieved Bro. Balgord while the latter is on his honeymoon, went to Fall Creek to relieve Bro. Cowing for a short time. Bro. J. P. O'Shaughnessy relieved Bro. Kvool at Elroy during the absence of Bro. Balgord's vacation. Bro. Quinn, of Tunnel, enjoyed a brief vacation recently; relieved by Bro. Zahner, who is one of our new members.

No doubt all members are aware by this time that a ladies' auxiliary to the O. R. T. has been organized and the ladies of Division 76 have the honor of securing the second charter for a division. This is a good thing and should appeal to all members and their ladies. It means an education for the ladies along the lines of what we are trying to accomplish and will be the means of knitting closer together the members and their families, and will also give the ladies an interest in our work. It is expected that the first meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Wisconsin Division will be held at the same time that the next O. R. T. meeting is held, and the ladies expect to have a goodly number on hand by that time. The initiation fee is fifty cents and dues ten cents a month. Mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of members are eligible. Mrs. W. J. Liddane at St. Paul and Mrs. L. D. Marquette of Shell Lake,

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both of whom are charter members of the Auxiliary, will be pleased to furnish application blanks to ladies who wish to join.

The two meetings at Eau Claire August 1st were well attended, considering the fact that the nine-hour law makes it extremely difficult for the men to relieve each other. While the hall was not crowded at either meeting, the total number present during the afternoon and evening was satisfactory. The matter of the revision of the schedule was discussed and a thorough understanding arrived at. The custodian of our local treasury reported $69.00 on hand after the expenses of the meeting were paid. This is the balance left from our last ball, and has been used for the purpose of furnishing flowers in cases of sickness and death instead of calling on the members for donations.

Several of the old guards were on hand at the meeting. General Chairman Liddane presided, and he was ably assisted by Bro. Marquette, local chairman of the Northern District. Bro. Marquette served notice on the Eastern District members that he is going to clear the line of nons before the committee convenes.

Those two veterans, Bros. O'Connell and Stanton, were there, of course, and their wise and conservative counsel was in evidence at both meetings. Merrillan, Wrights and Sheppard were represented by the usual strong delegations. Those boys are always on deck when the interest of the Order is concerned. They know just what they want and they are not afraid to ask for it. It would be fine if some of the stay-at-homes would follow in their footsteps and come to the meetings and explain their troubles. East St. Paul was represented by the entire regular force, Bros. Liddane, Goss and Richards. This was made possible by the fact that Bro. Liddane was laying off. Bro. Kanar relieving him. Bro. Bill Blake, of Itasca, arrived on No. 93 at 9 p. m., and although he was a little late, he made up for lost time by making a two-hour speech after he reached the hall. Bill carries his new honors as correspondent modestly, although an added air of dignity was noticeable in him. It was also observed that despite the high honors heaped upon him, he was as friendly as ever with the boys who had served with him as private in the ranks before his promotion, and he met them all with a kindly smile and a hearty handshake.

Several phoners were on hand and we wish there were more. Those are the boys who are possibly more interested in the new schedule than any other class of employes. The phoners are lining up in grand shape, six applications from phoners on the Eastern District having been received during the month of August up to the 20th. It seems certain that after Bro. Marquette makes a trip over the line the phoners will be in as good shape as the telegraphers, and that means—solid.

The following are the assignments on the July bulletin: Prince St., day telegrapher, E. R. Barry; Boardman, agent-telegrapher, W. E. Neitzel; Minong, agent-telegrapher, A. B. Crowell; Hawthorne, third trick, G. A. Norman; Rice Lake, first trick, O. P. Ruid. DIV. COR.

Gulf & Ship Island Ry.

The meeting held at Wiggins was one of the best this division has ever held. A sumptuous dinner was served at Hotel Clendemin, after which the members all marched to the Masonic lodge room. All business was transacted in time for the brothers to return to their homes on the evening train.

Regular meetings will be held in Hattersby at 1:30 p. m. on the third Sunday of each month. We must all try to be present at the next meeting and make it a record breaker in point of attendance. We are very anxious to organize a lodge of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Bro. Herndly was very much missed, he being unable to attend on account of relieving Mr. Seay, second trick dispatcher, who is absent in North Carolina on a visit to home folks.

Bro. Lamb, at Ava, has returned after several weeks' vacation.

Bro. Clark, at Arbo, is enjoying a well-earned vacation this month.

We missed Bro. Hartzog at Wiggin. We felt very much honored to have with us Bros. Clendemin and Wilkes.

I hope to receive items from the members each month, which will enable us to have a nice write-up in each journal.

There are only a few nons left; let's put forth every effort to land them. DIV. COR.

Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Ry.

Having been appointed by our chairman to act as local correspondent for Division 80 I offer the following, which I hope will be of interest to all members. I have to get the news as best I can and hope all errors will be overlooked. As I am not very well acquainted with the K. C. I will appreciate all news sent me. If you know of any changes on the line or anything that would interest a member let me know and I will be glad to send it in. This will enable us to have a good write-up each month.

Business seems to be gradually getting better on the north end.

All the boys have been trying to take a vacation this summer, keeping the extra men, Bro. Elam and Bro. Carroll, pretty busy.

Bro. T. L. Reid, of Pontotoc, is now on vacation. Bro. Elam is relieving him.

Bro. Goff, from New Haulka, has been off on vacation during the last few weeks; relieved by Bro. Carroll.

Bro. Wallace, of Ingomar, has resigned, going in the mercantile business. Understand Bro. Leigh, of High Point, has bid in Ingomar, and Bro. Carroll, extra man, has bid in High Point. No other changes on the north end.

We understand that Bro. Evans, of Noxapater, has resigned and accepted a position as ticket agent at Meridian, Miss.

Bro. Miller informs us that the man that ate the horse is still living. All who were present at the meeting at K. I. on the 7th will understand.

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Bro. Spivey, formerly of Merrill, has been installed as agent at Decatur; don't know who relieved him at Merrill.

Bro. Young, of Union, is relieving Bro. Longmeyer, of Neshoba. Bro. Longmeyer is off on account of the death of his wife. He has our sympathy.

Miss Ella Tucker, who has been acting as agent at Burnside, has been relieved by Mr. Gordon.

Those present at the meeting at Louisville on the 7th were Bros. Longmeyer, of Union; Spivey, of Merrill; Moffett, of Stallo; Holmes, of Ackerman; Miller, of Mantee, and Gridley, of Philadelphia.

Bro. Gridley has been appointed correspondent.

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Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Southern Division—

Only twenty-four brothers were present at the meeting at Houlton August 15th. You will have to do better than this, boys. Spruce up and talk up some more at different points along the pike.

Telegrapher C. L. Holden is doing spare operating at "CD" office, Bangor.

Bro. Robertson is at Sherman days. "NR" visited Bro. Dunphy at Millinocket over Sunday recently. Bro. Robertson's attraction for California has changed to Marysville, N. B. A good scheme, "NR," use her well.

Telegrapher Tody is at Millinocket, third trick.

Bro. Cutler, of "WB" dispatching office, Bangor, has taken his annual vacation. Hope you had a good time, "CU."

Mr. Herrick, agent at Brownville, recently took a vacation, being relieved by Mr. Mosher, freight clerk.

Bros. Frayton, of Mars Hill, and Currie, of Griswold, took in the camp meeting at Dane recently.

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Western Maryland Ry.

Things seem to be picking up on this road. Freight is getting fairly heavy, of course, making allowance for the fertilizer, which is just beginning to move.

There are no important changes on the road, but as they are about to dissolve the receivership we shall see some soon, and, I hope, in our favor.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank some of the brothers for their kindness in sending me items and request them to repeat the dose.

There has been another trick put on at Union Bridge, relieving Mr. Eichelberger of the wire work. Telegrapher Ogle, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Telegrapher Lewis, 4 p. m. to 12 midnight, and Bro. W. R. Freeze, 12 midnight to 8 a. m.

Bro. W. F. Krichton, third trick at "BY" tower, was off several days; relieved by Telegrapher Blaxten. Bro. Krichton reports having had a great time. "Big doings at Electric Park," he says.

Bro. Tuck, second trick at Walbrook, has resigned and gone to the B. & O. That moved Telegrapher Sterner from first to second trick there, leaving the first trick open, which is now filled by an O. R. T. boy, Bro. Loy, who formerly had third trick at Thurmont.

Telegrapher Angel worked at Baird, W. Va., a few days, but am unable to say who was "off the job" there.

Smithsburg has been abolished as a train order office, but three men have been put on at Chewsville. That cuts out the only twelve-hour job on the road. Looks all right, doesn't it?

Telegrapher Wolf has first trick at Chewsville, Telegrapher Kalman second and Bro. Low third. Now, if Bro. Low does some good missionary work that will help, too. "Bore, brother, bore."

Once again, boys, let me say that those personals were greatly appreciated last month, and will continue to be appreciated in the future by

"SHORTY."

Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

Chicago Division of System Division No. 93, met in regular session at Kankakee, Ill., August 13th. Your scribe not being permitted to be in attendance, I am unable to give a full write-up, but understand there were twenty-four members present. This is good, and looks like old times. Let us all try to be present at Gilman on our next meeting night. Come along, boys, from the south end and the Bloomington line and put a shoulder to the wheel. There is likely to be something doing and you should make a special effort to be present.

Bro. Newman, of Tolono, was off for thirty days last of July and first of August; relieved by Bro. McBratney.

Bro. Frank Crawford has asked for a short vacation beginning September 1st.

Bro. Lorin Cailey bid in Danford on bulletin.

Bro. Grachier bid in Hayes, which was made vacant by Bro. Cailey's promotion.

Understand Bro. R. R. Searl bid in Homewood on bulletin, but as we have not seen where Savoy has been bulletined we can not vouch for the truth of the statement.

Bro. G. H. Searl returns to work at Tucker after fifteen days' absence. We do not know who was relieving him.

Bro. Sam Newton has been reinstated as agent at Weedman.

Now, you luke-warm and nons, do you see any benefit to be derived from being a member of the Order? O, of course, you do, but you haven't the manhood to come across and give the Order your support. You would rather sit back and take the little raise the Order has secured and that without any of your assistance, contented to take gratis what others have worked hard to secure. When asked to join us you put up some hard luck story, and half way promise, but never come across. Some of you are not contented with what we have done for you, but allow hams to hang around and pick up the business. O, no, you don't teach, you just permit "EM" in the office, that is all.

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Bro. Pendergast returned to Merna as agent after thirty days' leave of absence on account of Bro. Newton's reinstatement.

Bro. Wood is in Bro. Rich's place at Farmer City for a short time while Bro. Rich is off on vacation.

Bro. Fitspatric bid in Monee on bulletin; understand this is the night position.

Bro. Munson is relieving Bro. Bradbury at Cullom for a few days.

Brothers, there appeared in the May issue of THE TELEGRAPHER a request that all members of Chicago Division contribute 25 cents each quarter for the purpose of defraying such expenses as might be incurred by reason of funerals, entertainments and such other necessities as belong to this division. Some are not sending in the amount, claiming that they do not know where to send it. The money should be sent to the secretary, Bro. Barr, at Roberts, Ill. This is not compulsory, but those who desire to help in this way, please remit to Bro. Barr.

What has become of my worthy assistants? I have not heard from them this month, so if there is anything of importance left out just please bear in mind that I have received no assistance. Let me hear from any and all who know of any changes or other news. Do not wait and expect it will be reported by someone else. Send in the news; should any two of you report the same thing I will take care of that, and should you send in something and it does not appear in the journal, please bear in mind that the editor lacked the room. All you send goes to the editor and he will print such as he can find space for.

J. F. C.

Louisiana Division—

Our regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Miss., Sunday night, August 15th, with a large attendance, but only one member from McComb proper, which is a mighty poor showing from the six up-to-date members employed there. Bro. Bob Servat claimed to have hunted for forty minutes to find the hall, but gave it up. Owing to so many large sky-scrapers and numerous long streets he must have gotten lost.

Several applications for membership were acted upon and numerous other matters disposed of, of which the new rules and wage scale, which has been presented to the general manager, was the most important. Local chairman Miller was present and explained the proposed new rules, All present unanimously approved the document, and agreed we should be given an increase in wages and better conditions. It is a well-known fact that the cost of living has increased fully 15 per cent since our last revision; the work has also increased.

The company has spent several hundred thousand dollars installing, reinstalling and experimenting with the telephone, and they are not near through with it yet. The whole system is lined with old electrical machinery and telephone junk that cost thousands of dollars. The membership on the entire system feel that if the company has so much cold cash to waste upon a gold brick of this kind they surely can cut a melon for the telegraphers.

On account of our inability to secure a suitable hall at McComb, commencing September 19th, our regular monthly meeting will be held at Hammond, La. Hammond is just as convenient for meetings as McComb, and more so, for the boys on the New Orleans Terminal. Every other month a meeting will be held at Jackson, Miss., for the convenience of the boys on the Canton and Yazoo Districts. Don't forget the third Sunday night in each month at Hammond, 7 o'clock p. m. sharp.

The following new members were admitted since our last report: W. W. Akers, Manchac, La.; H. W. Fitzgerald, Asylum, Miss.; R. H. Odom, Kenner Junction, La.; Guy Weathersby, Hazelhurst, Miss.; C. D. Ross, Yazoo City, Miss.; J. H. Sasser, Nogan, Miss.

The newcomers in our midst during this month are as follows: Bro. L. H. Wright, of the S. P., who is relieving Bro. R. W. Wilson, at Asylum; Bro. J. N. McHugh, of the T. & P., relieving Bro. Moon, at "JD," Jackson, Miss.; Bro. Silverthorne and Bro. Buquoi, working extra at Nogan, and Bro. Hood, "der kid," relieving Sister L. Tatom, at Crystal Springs.

C. Dudenhefer Kleppinger, "KR," and Ed Dunning, "OK-D," at Harahan Junction, who have been kicking for more O. R. T. money, are now kicking because the high license has diminished the size of the schooners. These gentlemen (?) are certainly entitled to the "money takers" leather medal.

Bro. C. Gill, agent at Bogue Chitto, is convalescing from a severe case of malarial fever. He is being relieved by Bro. W. G. Bennett, extra agent.

Bro. B. E. Bee, Jr., second trick at Brookhaven, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence, in order to take his brother West for his health. "BE" is being relieved by C. M. Thompson, a non.

Bro. W. H. Allen, agent at Amite, La., is spending his vacation at his old home on the "Little J," eating water melons and having a good time. It is rumored that Hiram will bring back a helpmate.

Bro. J. F. Brown, formerly chief operator at Kenner Junction, now has a wireless job on the S. S. Heredia, plying between New Orleans and Panama.

Bro. G. N. Arnold, formerly assistant chief operator at Kenner Junction, has resigned as wireless operator on the S. S. Rosina and accepted a sign with the Postal at New Orleans.

Bro. W. I. McFatter has gone back to the W. U. at New Orleans, on a seven-hour night trick, with a top salary and making all kinds of coin. "FA" is always there with the merchandise.

Bro. S. B. Freeman, who has been agent at Hazelhurst for several years, has been promoted to the freight agency at Brookhaven. Sterling is a heavyweight and is bound to make good. Bro. M. F. Freeman, his brother, is filling the vacancy at Hazelhurst temporarily until a regular assignment is made.

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The Rev. C. T. Stepp has accepted the agency at Bentonia, Miss. "CS" is one of our old ex-agents and always displays the "wreath and sounder," whether in the pulpit or office.

Bro. J. G. Hayes, agent at Chatawa, Miss., has returned with his family from an extended visit to relatives in that dear St. Joe, Mo.

The vacancy at "FX," Jackson, Miss., has been awarded to Bro. L. H. Witherspoon, on bulletin; "W" was relieved at Canton, Miss., by Bro. S. R. Twyman.

Bro. V. E. Pinckney, late of the N. O. & N. E., is carrying the hod at Gwin, Miss., third trick, regular. DIV. COR.

Tennessee Division—

Everything seems normal on this division in the way of traffic and the general run of business, though operators seem very scarce. It very often occurs that it is necessary for two of the men to double and work twelve hours each at three-men stations in case of sickness or such like. While of course this is permissible under the nine-hour law act, though it seems funny that the chief dispatcher would let the supply of operators get so short as to necessitate so doing, when it is frequent men apply to him for positions, I can't see but one point in view, *i. e.*, the company wants to make it appear that they have sufficient men to handle the business and that operators are very plentiful, and by installing the telephones they put quite a drawback in front of the rank of railroad telegraphers, though I don't think any one need fear the telephones. Even though they are really working at a number of places, they are not as satisfactory as the old reliable telegraph.

The following are a few of the changes since the last issue:

Bro. Wilson, of Cairo, has been gone several days on account of his sister being very ill. Relieved by Bro. Pearl, first trick operator at ticket office, Bro. Pearl being relieved by Seetcheze.

Telegrapher Reagin is working third trick at Illinois Junction, while Bro. Sowrey is away.

Bro. Ballanger, extra man on Cairo Terminal, has married since the last write-up.

The 'phones on the St. Louis Division seem to be very quiet for the past month or so. While the excursions were on hand Trainmaster Berry refused to copy orders over the "fone" at Mounds, claiming it was too slow and had to fall back on the reliable "telegraph."

Bro. W. D. Scott, extra man, is still holding down the fort at Fulton ticket office during Bro. Wooldridge's absence, Bro. Wooldridge being at the Springs for a recreation.

Bro. B. M. Poynter, of Martin, Tenn., has returned to work after enjoying a few days' rest, being relieved by Bro. O. T. Buffalow, second trick operator of same place, Bro. Buffalow being relieved in turn by Bro. J. E. House, extra man.

Bro. O. T. Buffalow, has asked for sixty days' absence, during which time he expects to visit Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Utah, and other places of interest through that section, accompanied by his father. Bro. House got the temporary appointment during this time.

Bro. E. Cummings, third trick at Greenfield, Tenn., is enjoying his summer vacation, during which time he will visit Chicago and New Orleans, being relieved by Bro. Roy Scott, extra man. Bro. Scott during the hot summer months had a business of his own, which seemingly was small, but proved to be about or more remunerative than telegraphing, which was nothing but running a corn popper in a small place at that.

Bro. C. W. Stockdale, of Jackson Yards, is enjoying a leave of absence, being relieved by an operator from transportation department. Operators must be very scarce.

Bro. Barnett is now working second trick at "JC" office, Jackson, temporarily, relieving Bro. Allen, who is relieving Bro. Shane, first trick same office, who is taking a vacation.

Bro. J. C. Mills, second trick at Greenfield Tenn., has asked for fifteen days' absence, during which time he expects to visit Lookout Mountain, but the chief seems very slow in relieving him. He asked off the 20th, but as yet has not been relieved.

Bro. Chas. Long, of Mayfield, landed third trick at that place on bulletin, but I understand Bro. Gruggett, of Idlewild, made application for the same position, and will likely be given a trial, he being an older man in the service than Bro. Long.

On account of Bro. Boyd, agent at Water Valley, Ky., being sick, Telegrapher J. W. Dodge is working there temporarily. Can't say if he is up to date or not.

Bro. C. S. Chandler, of third trick Mayfield, Ky., is at present working at Dyersburg. Bro. H. A. Shelton landing this on bulletin, will go to work there as soon as he recovers from chills, which he contracted at Woodstock.

Bro. Hight got second trick at Woodstock on bulletin, permanent. Third trick not closed yet.

Bro. Morris, extra man, has been relieving Bro. Carr, who is enjoying a vacation. Previous to this Bro. Morris worked for Bro. W. B. Romine, while Bro. Romine relieved at the clerk's desk in the dispatcher's office a few days.

Understand the man from there went to McComb a few days ago to take a position there handling trains regularly. This only leaves one extra dispatcher at Fulton now.

Morgan Williams, at present working as day operator at Obion, is relieving "Old Man" Phebus, who is sick.

Bro. C. B. Simonton is acting agent at Obion in Bro. Bivens' place, who is taking a vacation.

Bro. C. R. Collins is holding down the agency and first trick because there is no extra man for the first trick at Covington. Bro. Morris has probably gone there now, which will relieve the situation. CERT. 1099.

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St. Louis Division—

The dynamite has about all petered out on the St. Louis Division, judging from the scant interest taken by the old-timers who were once the loudest in their "holler" for recognition by the railroad company. Has the railroad soft-soaped these men into believing that they are going to be shoved to the front? Silly rot, this; don't allow the wool to be pulled over your eyes. The railroad companies are organized to see that they get the most possible work out of you at the least cost. This can be shown to be a fact, noting the conditions at several large stations on this division alone.

I am surprised that some of the men who have since been promoted to large stations have allowed their membership to lapse. You have permitted your memory to become befogged with promises, and have allowed others to do your thinking. I believe in giving the railroad company value received, and endeavoring to carry on their business as you would your own, and with the same interest, but I am tired of doing it all and not getting anything in return.

With this preface I will endeavor to give a small write-up of this division.

Mr. Goe, who has been away from Mounds, Ill., on a six months' leave of absence is expected to resume duty August 31.

Bro. A. M. Winstead, of Wetang, Ill., has been spending his vacation in Washington, incidentally registering for some land.

Bro. D. M. Hartman regularly assigned to Cache, Ill.; relieved Bro. Smith at New Athens, then later relieved the second trick man at East St. Louis.

Bro. C. O. Johnson, of DuQuoin, Ill., has been appointed depot passenger agent at Union Station, St. Louis.

One-time brother Mercer, of Marion, enjoys the distinction of a raise in salary and the appointment of a cashier at this station.

The sub-committee recently met in Anna, Ill., and performed some important work, which I hope will materially benefit this system division.

I shall pass this way again.

GLOOMY GUS.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Divine Ruler, to remove from amidst her family and friends the little daughter of Bro. A. J. Dion, of Homewood, Ill.,

WHEREAS, This family suffers untold loss; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this division extend to Bro. Dion and family their heartfelt sympathy, and recommend that they bow in humble submission to the will of He who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy kept upon the records of this division.

J. R. ESLER.
JAS. CLEARY.
F. A. THOMAS.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 26, 1909. *Committee.*

Dubuque Division—

What is the matter with this division? We have only had about two write-ups this year. Some of the boys around Dubuque or Waterloo who are in touch with everything should be able to give us something. By looking at the Illinois Central items no one would think there was such a place as the Dubuque Division on the system. Come on, boys, give us something. If nothing else, let us know who are not organized and perhaps we could get after them.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Greer, of "MS" yard office, is laying off. He is being relieved by Mr. Tweedy, who has gone back on us.

Bro. East, of Marissa, is on a vacation, relieved by Bro. Ehrhard.

Bro. Humes, who has been absent a few days, is back on the spot again.

Bro. Hartman is doing the stunt at "MS" as third trick man at present.

Bro. Gleason has just returned from a trip to Salt Lake, Utah. We are glad to see old "R" back at his post again. Bro. Clayton did the stunt while Bro. Gleason was away and then went to work on second trick at DuQuoin for a while.

Understand Bro. Snyder, who has been doing extra work at Oakdale, has resigned.

Business is picking up and many of the boys are wanting vacations.

Let us hear from some of the rest.

DIV. COR.

Peoria Division—

We have been absent at roll call for several months, but we are back in the ranks again stronger than ever and still growing.

Bro. Gladville, of Stewartsville, is taking a layoff on account of ill health, and he and Mrs. G. are at the Springs to recruit up.

Bro. Carter is working the telegrapher's trick at Poseyville during the melon season; relieved at Sullivan by Telegrapher Nichols from the extra board.

Bro. C. P. Huering bid in Harwood nights.

Bro. Hoffman, who is on the extra board, is handling the agency at Stewartsville during the absence of Bro. Gladville.

Bro. Calvert, one of the Indianapolis Southern brothers, was a visitor in Newton a few days since, and took time to make the brothers in Newton "NE" office a pleasant call.

We understand that Bro. Endicott, who is on the extra board, met with quite a serious accident, which put him out of the service for a few days.

Now is the time for all true brothers to come to the aid of the Order and be loyal to what we represent. This is certainly the proper time for each and every one of us to put our shoulder to the wheel and go after that man next to us who is not an Order man and line him up for the right and help him to understand that it is for his own good that he join our ranks.

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Bro. Wilson is working as night telegrapher at Mattoon "N" office on account of the dispatchers taking their vacations, and Bro. Bridges is doing extra dispatching.

Our local chairman, Bro. Walker, has been out on the line several times since we last had a space in these columns, shaking hands with the boys. CERT. 1315.

Paducah District—

As there is no regular correspondent on the Louisville Division at present, I have taken the liberty to send in a few of the changes in this district.

Bro. L. F. Woodruff, third trick at Cumberland River, has just returned to work after an absence of two weeks on account of chills. He was relieved by Bro. E. M. Sargent, an old-timer on the division. Bro. C. B. Sullivan, who has been doing extra work at Little Cypress for some two or three months, is now visiting his parents and friends at Princeton, Ky.

Bro. V. Poynter, from second trick at Nortonville, is now doing extra work in "ON" office at Princeton, having been relieved at Nortonville by Bro. Hamby.

Bro. Owen Sisk, extra, is now working second at "SA" office, Paducah.

Bro. R. M. Prather, our genial ticket agent at Union Depot, Paducah, is taking his annual vacation. Relieved by first trick telegrapher, Bro. Watson, and he in turn by second trick telegrapher, Bro. Wooldridge.

Bro. A. P. Cook, agent at La Center, Ky., when attending court at Paducah, recently, was relieved by Bro. C. B. Sullivan.

Bro. W. H. Dye, car distributor at Princeton, is taking a much-needed vacation. Destination unknown.

Our second trick dispatcher, Mr. W. L. Bennett, is taking his annual vacation. He is being relieved by Extra Dispatcher J. W. Taylor, who is also strictly fine "biz."

Bro. H. H. Proctor, first trick telegrapher at Dawson, was off duty a few days recently, on account of the death of his child. Relieved by Mrs. G. C. McAuley, wife of our clever agent at that point. Bro. and Mrs. Proctor have our deepest sympathy in this their sad bereavement.

Bros. Meadows and Nichols, second and third tricks, respectively at Dawson, are still batting the ball without losing any time.

We notice Bros. Gadie and Couch, of Central City, exchanged tricks for a few nights recently.

I am unable to get any "dope" of the happenings on the Louisville districts.

Boys, have you all received that little piece of cardboard yet? If not, you had better get "25" and "cough" up. Get up to date and stay up to date. On this depends our salvation. We should get our shoulders to the wheel and do something. We should not be contented with merely remitting for a card and then sit around like so many knots sticking on a pine log, but go to work and never cease working, for the betterment of our grand and noble Order.

If there is a non working with or near you, get after him. and show him the error of his way. If a brother happens to be a little neglectful about getting in line, speak to him about it, for without a doubt it has merely slipped his memory, and if he is an O. R. T. at heart he will appreciate your kindness very much.

"73" to all. J. N., CERT 1742.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Vicksburg Division—

The writer is a new arrival. I have watched the write-ups of several divisions, but this one seems to have a correspondent that is "lost, strayed or stolen."

A good many changes have taken place lately, but I am unable to give them in full. This hot weather and "skeeters" seem to have the best of the boys, as many of them are trying to get off to take their annual vacation before cotton season opens up.

Our popular chief dispatcher, Mr. W. H. Turner, is in the North for his health. Mr. Chandler is acting chief until Mr. Turner returns, which we hope will be in the near future, and that he will be enjoying the very best of health.

There are several jobs on bulletin now and business is picking up. Cotton season opens next month, which will keep the agents on the "hop."

Bro. J. B. Kelley of Leland, was off several days on account of the sickness of home folks.

Mr. W. B. Burke, clerk at Shaw, has just returned from Kentucky and Tennessee, and reports a grand time.

Bro. Robert B. Cary, better known as "Frisco Bill," who played the "hero" act at Brinkley, Ark., during the cyclone there, and who rescued two men from drowning at Little Rock, Ark., lately, is now night telegrapher and clerk at Shaw. It is rumored that he will go on the road as a shoe drummer after the first of October. We wish him success.

Have you succeeded in securing the application of that non? If not, keep after him. Remember it is sticking to a project that brings success, and it is the same with the nons; they will surprise you some day by filling out the blanks.

There are several new men on the line. Are they up to date? Find out and if so get them transferred. If not, get them to fill out the necessary papers.

If the regular correspondent is not dead, and is found or is ready for duty, let him send in something for next month. Show them that we are still on the map. "FRITZ."

Memphis Division—

Bro. R. Boswell is now acting chief operator "GO" office, while Chief Operator Jarnigan is chasing telephone trouble and trying to regain his health by outdoor exercise.

Bro. J. E. Speed is contemplating a trip to Buffalo, N. Y.

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Bro. A. Mielke is going to St. Paul the last of the month. He also expects to visit cities in Central and Northern Illinois.

Night Chief Bro. Marley and Bro. Townsley have been on the sick list the past month, but are again at work.

Bro. A. A. Hansell is having a $10,000 brown stone front residence erected, which will be completed in the course of several months. Bill says there is no place like "a home."

Bro. W. B. East is also inclined to follow Bro. Hansell's footsteps and will soon be located in a handsome residence recently purchased in the suburbs.

Bro. T. I. Flynn, former night chief, who has been ill for the past two years, is now at St. Joseph's Hospital receiving treatment. Bro. Flynn has a daily stream of callers and sympathizers who cheer him up. The unfortunate brother has the sympathy of the fraternity.

Bro. Mulhall, general chairman of the I. C. Lines, was a recent caller at the general office. The boys are always glad to see the old man.

Bro. Rhyne, of Silver City, has returned to work after an extended trip. A Mr. Sanders did the stunt while he was away.

Bro. McHenry, after visiting in the wilds of Arkansas, has returned to his old standby, Isola. Bro. B. P. Stevens relieved him.

Bro. Cornick is relieving the agent at Marks.

Bro. Bondurant, of Inverness, did not take his intended trip to the Great Lakes and to several of the Northern States, on account of his wife's illness. They will go to some watering place to spend the balance of the summer.

Some of our brothers are laboring under the impression that Bro. Bondurant is teaching his brother-in-law the art of telegraphy. This is the wrong impression. That station is allowed a station helper and his brother-in-law is working as same, and is not being taught telegraphy.

Assistant local chairman, Bro. R. R. Green, is off for a few days going over his territory to see some of the boys, leaving Emmit Moore, a brother of our general chairman, in charge.

Bro. W. P. Moore, our local chairman, is off at present on important business concerning the Order. Can not say just when he will return. Bro. McComas is relieving him at Lula.

Quite a number of the boys are on their vacations, but am sorry to say I am unable to give out who were the lucky ones to get relief. Several were unable to get off at present on account of the shortage of telegraphers.

The new seniority lists are out and if you have no copy write to Bro. Moore, and he will see that you get one.

Now, brothers, I suppose you are all supplied with an up-to-date card. If not, it's about time you were. Get in the swim and don't be behind. Remember we have a few nons on this division and therefore it is our duty not only to ourselves, but to the welfare of the Order to get them in the fold. It behooves each and every one of us to do what we can, so don't leave it all for a certain few to do. A number of the boys on this division seem to care for nothing but to look over the pages of THE TELEGRAPHER until they come to the write-up from the Memphis Division, and let it go at that. We have to do more than this, so put your shoulders to the wheel and help to push the good work along. You know that the time is at hand for a revision of the schedule, and if you do not get what you want don't blame anyone but yourself.

Did you fill out the blanks that were sent you? The outlook for business in the near future is the brightest ever, and we expect that this fall and winter each and every one of us will have our hands full.

Bro. Trull, of Cruger, was called to Memphis Saturday for the investigation of a trivial charge; such small things as this breeds discord and the sooner it is stopped the better for all concerned.

This coming fall will see the worst car shortage experienced in years, so the brothers who are agents should see that all cars are loaded to their full capacity, especially those loaded with cotton. Attend to this matter personally and by doing so, you will relieve the situation to a certain extent.

DIV. COR.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Southwest Division—

A meeting of the members of the Southwest Division was held at St. Joseph, Mo., August 15th. The attendance was good, considering the fact that the meeting was called on short notice, and that the train service is such as to prevent many of the boys on the north end making the return trip without losing time. Bro. W. L. Albrecht, general chairman, was with us and many topics for the betterment and advancement of the Order were discussed. Bro. A. S. Sandmeier, of Leavenworth, Kan., was appointed division correspondent, and with the assistance of the brothers along the line will try and give the division a good write-up each month. The last Sunday in each month was decided on as regular meeting day. Meetings for the south end will be held at St. Joseph, Mo., and for the north end at a point to be determined at the next meeting at St. Joseph, September 26th. A regular meeting place at each end of the division will give every brother an opportunity at least every other month, and every member that can possibly get away should attend.

Would like to see some of the boys get busy on the nons, and also try to furnish a little news for the monthly write-up.

Bro. T. W. Kane, Shops, third trick, has left the service, and is now dispatching trains for the Northern Pacific at Livingston, Mont. Telegrapher Patton relieved him at Shops.

Bro. Rex Redlingshafer, the third trick man at South Des Moines, was off duty a few nights on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. H. C. Huston, new man on this division.

On account of an increase in business Knowlton, Iowa, has been reopened as a telegraph office, with Bro. J. E. Johnson, first trick, Bro. A. S. Dowler second trick and Bro. N. C. Iles third trick.

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Mr. G. C. Chandler has been appointed agent at Faucett, Mo.

Bro. C. S. Liggett, the agent at Blockton, is off a few days taking in the Portland Fair. Bro. G. T. Scott is doing the agent's stunt. Bro. M. G. Smith transferred from third to second, and Bro. A. L. Sharpe, a new man, is doing the owl biz.

Bro. H. H. Hunter, regular first trick man at South Des Moines, is now doing the owl work at "SX," Des Moines. Bro. Reed is doing the extra work at South Des Moines.

Bro. C. V. Falkner, the first trick man at Shops, is taking a ninety days' leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. D. W. Smith, regular second trick. Bro. Smith is being relieved by Telegrapher Hawthorn.

Bro. C. J. Forsyth has left the service and is now located at Calgary, Alberta, with the Canadian Pacific.

Bro. E. E. Pumphrey, formerly first trick man at Leavenworth, has accepted a position as street solicitor for the Kanawha Dispatch Routes at St. Joseph.

Our worthy Sister, Mrs. C. A. Van Sandt, bid in first trick at Leavenworth, Bro. J. E. McDonald going from third to second, and Bro. Sandmeier back with the owls.

Bro. T. E. Waite, second trick man at Afton Junction, is off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Hayes.

Bro. A. D. Brittain, who formerly worked third trick at Reinbeck, is now working for the C. R. I. & P. at Atlantic, Iowa.

If you know of any news that you didn't see in here, please remember that it is impossible for one man to get a line-up on all changes without some help in the way of items from the brothers. Whenever you know of anything in the way of news or anything you think would be interesting, send a card to your correspondent or local chairman.

DIV. COR.

Northwest Division—

During August the dispatcher's office at Red Wing on the W. M. & P. Div., was discontinued and trains on that division are now handled from "X" office, St. Paul.

General Chairman Albrecht was off a few days on fraternal business, and Agent Hine relieved him at Fredericksburg.

Bro. C. Judd, second trick at Hampton, was off for a few weeks, and Mr. Bowie, a new man, relieved him.

Bro. F. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, was detained at home for a few days on account of sickness in the family. Bros. Jenny and Kinne doubled up on the second trick during Bro. Donovan's absence.

Bro. H. R. Grannis is at present in charge of the agency at Dodge Center. Agent Hine relieved him at Westgate.

Bro. J. E. Jenny, first trick at South St. Paul, took a few days off to look after his land in Dakota. Bro. Kinne did the first trick stunt and Mr. Herr, a new man, relieved him on third trick.

Telegrapher Maxfield, second trick at Taopi, has returned from a vacation. Bro. J. E. Lennon went on third there on the return of Mr. Maxfield.

Telegrapher Wallace, of West Concord, has left the service and Bro. Leudke, of Eden, is working the trick he vacated.

Bro. Duvall, second trick at Rich Valley, has left the service and Bro. E. H. Krugmire, of the River Division of the Milwaukee, is working the second trick there.

The Postal Telegraph Company has removed its operator from the Great Western Depot at South St. Paul and established an office in another part of the city.

Telegrapher Christie, second trick at Coates, is taking a vacation and is relieved by Bro. Adams, third trick at Coates. Telegrapher Thompson relieved Mr. Christie for a few days, but later went to Fargo to work for the W. U.

A. Mr. Lewis is working third trick at Coates, while Bro. Adams is on the second trick.

CARD OF THANKS.

TAOPI, MINN., June 7, 1909.

BROTHERS—During the last two months I have lost my two best friends, my father and mother, who were taken away by the Grim Reaper. They passed away within twelve days of each other. I want to take this method of expressing my gratitude to the C. G. W. System No. 96, Order of Railway Telegraphers, for the sympathy tendered me during my dark hour. It is when we are in trouble that we realize we are not alone. It is also consoling to have the privilege of being united with each other.

Fraternally,

ALLEN WHITCRAFT,
CERT. 272.

Seaboard Air Line.

Fifth Division—

Our regular meeting was held in Americus with about the usual attendance, and matters of considerable importance were discussed. The rule requiring that we secure bonded men to relieve us is no doubt preventing several from attending these meetings.

The new schedule recently secured from the Southern Express Co. seems to meet the approval of the membership. Our official members are to be congratulated on securing it for us.

Bro. A. F. Fanning, of Abbeville, has been in South Carolina for about two weeks, spending his vacation with his family.

Bro. J. H. Cantrell, of Ellabelle, has been visiting in Atlanta and North Georgia recently.

Bro. Tidwell, our local chairman, and family, recently paid a visit to relatives in Columbus.

We note that H. Griffin, agent at Hagan, has again dropped out of the Order and is in the "ham" business as usual.

Our next meeting will very likely be held at Tybee.

J. C. SMITH,
CERT. 147.

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Sixth Division—

Let's have better attendance at our meetings.

A joint meeting of Fourth and Sixth Divisions was held at Duvol Hotel, Jacksonville, August 8th. The meeting was called to order by Bro. R. A. McMahan, local chairman Sixth Division, and after a short talk from him and Bro. J. L. Vining, local chairman of the Fourth Division, the meeting was turned over to our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. F. O. Cumming, who gave us a talk such as never had been heard by any on either division. Bro. Cumming never forgets to impress the great benefits of the Order both as a help to the employer as well as the employe. We, as members, should always strive to do our best for our Order and for our employer.

Bro. R. A. McMahan is away on a 35-day leave of absence; relieved by Mr. H. J. Marshall, a non.

Let every member try to secure the application of non-members on the division and get lined up solid. Furnish your local chairman with their names and thereby assist him.

There has been several new applications filed within the last month. Let the good work continue. CERT. 275.

D. S. S. & A. Ry.

Houghton Division & M. R. R. R.—

Telegrapher A. Galby, of Kearsarge, is taking a vacation and seeing the sights in Chicago; relieved by Mr. L. V. Hubon, a new man on this road.

Bro. G. L. Allen, of "CH" office, Calumet, is away on vacation, spending the time down in Ohio; relieved by Mr. McMaster.

Mr. B. W. Davis, telegrapher at Lake Linden, is assisting Agent Hospins. Davis is a new man on this road.

Bro. S. G. Warner, of "HK" office, Hancock, is away on vacation. We are unable to say who relieved him.

Winthrop Junction is now open days and Bagdad has been closed.

First trick dispatcher F. Dushane has been taking a much-needed vacation, he being relieved by Mr. J. E. Splon, from the east end. Later—"FD" made a trip over the division and is again on duty.

A bulletin has been received covering the position of telegrapher at Iron River and second trick at Eagle Mills.

We desire to thank Bro. Warner for the items he sent in and we hope that other brothers will follow his example and send in a few items every month.

Let every brother make a special effort to secure applications and all take a lively interest in the welfare of the Order. Twenty-five new members, at the highest figure, means that a committee will be sent in, and with the percentage which that number will give us, we can be assured of a new and better schedule. Think this over carefully and remember that the sooner we get after the nons and take an interest in the work the sooner we will have better conditions. "RA."

Mackinaw Division—

It has been some time since we had a write-up from the Mack Division, so I will try to get a few words in this time.

Every man on the division should be paid up, and in this way get ready for a new schedule. As we stand now, we are in very poor shape for any such thing. We cannot do anything without we have enough back of the committee to help them out.

Since our last communication we have had several changes on the Mack Division, some of which we may miss, but if we do, please do not mention it, as we try to please every one.

Several changes have been made in St. Mary's transfer office in the way of new telegraphers.

Bro. Slater at "UD" office, Soo, has been given a spring-jack switch to ues in his office, which makes it very handy for all of the wires he has on his table.

Telegrapher Brazeau, of Brimley, has been off on his vacation, which was spent in Oconto, his home. He was relieved by Telegrapher Ammon, who went to L'Anse after relieving Telegrapher Brazeau.

Bro. Clark, of Soo Junction, has just asked for a couple of application blanks, which we are in hopes will come back filled out. Bro. Clark is a hustler for our Order.

Relief Agent Schulz has been busy on this division relieving at Brimley, Newberry and Dollarville.

The blueberry crop has not been as good this year on the Soo Branch as it was last year, but understand there are a good many around Grand Marais which come down to Seney for shipment by express.

Business seems to be pretty good on this division, and everyone seems to be happy.

Will cut out for this time and try again some day when we have more time. A BROTHER.

Ulster & Delaware Ry.

I see some of our dispatchers are giving us a roast. If you don't answer quite as promptly as they think you should they will say "He is a member of the O. R. T." Boys, don't let them get that on us. Answer up as soon as possible and give the best possible service.

You are all aware that we had another nice meeting at Arkville. Bro. T. M. Pierson, vice-president of the O. R. T., was present, and gave us a very interesting talk, which I don't think any member present will forget in some time to come. The talk Bro. Pierson gave us would make anyone feel proud to belong to the same Order of which Bro. Pierson is a member.

After the meeting refreshments were served, of which all partook heartily. We should thank and congratulate Bro. C. M. Sanford for the manner in which he conducted the meeting. We also wish to thank his "seven-eighths," who is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. T., for the cake, which was very nice. What we need mostly is more new members.

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Don't let the nons stay out in the cold. Perhaps they never heard of the O. R. T. Write to them or go and tell them all about it.

Some of our brothers are getting O. R. T. hair cuts; they are all right, too. They sell them at Phoenicia. Bro. Riley has but two men there now. There are several stations handicapped in the same way.

Some of our owl trick men are getting cold feet. Maybe it is the climate, they being so near the river. Don't allow this to happen; it ruins your reputation. Keep paid up.

Don't forget one thing, Bro. C. M. Sanford is not dead, and we should help him out. We should feel proud to have such a general chairman. Show him that you are.

It was not decided at the meeting where we will hold the next one. I hope it will be where we all can attend. DIV. COR.

Hocking Valley Railway.

Toledo Division, North End—

Do you not remember that four years ago we were working twelve hours with no meal hour and no seniority rights? You remember how new men were given good positions over the "old heads?" Compare the above with the conditions now prevailing, which were brought about by the O. R. T.

The first schedule brought increases from the company before it was in effect, and after it became effective we had seniority rights, meal-hour privileges and overtime. Now we have six, seven, eight and nine-hour jobs.

Mr. Non, who got these? Did not the O. R. T. do it? You can not afford to join? Could you have afforded the ten per cent reduction the committee resisted? Come in, "backsliders" and "hard shells," we want you and you ought to be with us. Don't try to spar around for an excuse. You have been benefited and are benefited every day.

If Division No. 118, an up-to-date, progressive division, a division which has made rapid strides for justice and equality, a division abounding with a true fraternal spirit, retrogresses, withers and dies and goes to decay on account of your lack of appreciation of the charity extended to you, you, Mr. Non, will have to bear the blame and thereafter shoulder your load alone and not through collective effort.

We understand that the company has opened the block system on the south end. I hope all the brothers working on the south end will make it their business to see that the nons on that end are induced to secure up-to-date cards.

If every member would put a shoulder to the wheel and push together we could make this one of the strongest divisions in the Order.

"GET BUSY," CERT. 342.

Toledo Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our brother, Albert Yoder, his beloved mother, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Toledo Division of the Hocking Valley Railroad System Division No. 118, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

CHAS. GRIFFIN.
O. L. BLACK.
R. J. SHAW.
Committee.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway.

The meeting held at Camden Place, Sunday August 8th, was a grand success, and if you missed attending it, you certainly missed something. There were 62 present and all enjoyed themselves immensely, and before we left the hall several of the brothers were asking when and where the next meeting would be held. This goes to show that if they once get out to a meeting they want to attend more of them, for they certainly see, once they attend, that the meetings are very instructive in more ways than one. There were four of the boys present from the Chicago Division. There undoubtedly would have been more, could they have been excused, but there was no extra men, and it was hard for the boys over there to get away. The attendance from the east side was quite an improvement over the last effort the boys made to attend a meeting, but there is still room for improvement from this locality, and we trust that next time the east side will send in a still better representation. The main line turned out in fairly good shape; possibly all were present that could be excused. We were well pleased with the turnout, and hope to see more of them at our next meeting. The Winnipeg and Wheat Line was well represented, there being seventeen members from that locality. We are of the opinion that this could have been improved upon somewhat with a little effort. Bro. Turnland was not able to attend on account of the work train, also Bro. Houlotte, of Newfolden, was kept busy for the same reason. We think all the boys east of Adams could have been with us if they had made an extra effort to do so. There were but four of the faithful ones from this locality. We had with us at this meeting our freight claim agent, Mr. A. E. Hodson, who gave the employes present quite an instructive address bearing upon the various duties of the employes along the line in connection with his office. We are sure that if the points he made so plain are carried out, there will be an improvement in the service rendered in his department. Mr. Hodson was very much surprised to see so many of the employes present, also surprised at the interest they manifested in the way of taking hold of anything that was for the betterment of the service. We earnestly request every

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employe present to remember what Mr. Hodson told them at this meeting and request them to put the same in practice at once, for if it is done there is bound to be an improvement in the service. Mr. Hodson has asked permission to attend any of our future meetings, regardless of whether his department has the floor or not, and this will readily be granted. Any of the officials are entirely welcome at our future meetings, as we would be more than pleased to have them come out and meet with the employes, thus creating a more friendly feeling between the employes and their superior officers. Mr. Curtis, superintendent of the east side, kindly granted the request of our local chairman, Bro. Deuel, and stopped the train at one or two points which were not stops for them, in order that the boys might be able to attend the meeting. For this courtesy we are under obligations to him. In fact, every official did all in his power to let the employes get out to the meeting, for which we extend our thanks. This will probably be the last meeting that we are permitted to hold until after the fall grain rush, on account of the difficulty of obtaining relief. There is not much news on the line. Several of the boys desire to lay off, but there appears to be very few extra men at the present time.

Halma has recently been opened again with a regular agent. Bro. J. J. Hoglin, who has been working extra, we "13" drew the position.

We hear it rumored that Bro. Crandell, local chairman on the Wheat Line, has resigned and taken up a claim in Montana, and will soon leave us for his new quarters. If this turns out to be true the boys on the Wheat Line will have to look out for another local chairman.

At the meeting it was decided that each local chairman should see that his locality was represented in the way of news for the journal, so it is now up to them to get some one to write the news each month or get busy themselves. We very much desire to have a good write-up from each division on the entire system, and we trust the boys will see that this is done regularly.

CERT. 212.

W. & P. Division—

For the first time for several months the W. & P. Division items have not been visible in THE TELEGRAPHER. Your correspondent has sent in two good write-ups for January and February, but for some reason they were not published, and since then I have been unable to get a word from any of the brothers along the line. Brothers, this will never do. We must get items in the journal and let others know that we are not dead.

Please bear in mind that your correspondent urges your assistance in securing items. Send them to him not later than the 15th of each month. Please try to remember this.

One of the most enthusiastic and best attended meetings of Soo Line Division No. 119, which now covers the M. St. P. & S. S. M. and W. C. Railways, was held on August 8th in the A. O. U. W. hall at Camden Place, city of Minneapolis. The meeting was called to order by the general chairman, Bro. Lewis. Bro. M. S. Deuel, local chairman of the W. & P. Division, was elected chairman, and Bro. A. V. Seifert, of the W. & P. Division, was elected secretary, with instructions from the general chairman to furnish a write-up of this meeting for the journal.

Bro. Deuel assumed the chair and thanked the brothers for the honor extended, not only to himself but to his division in electing him to the position of chairman of the system division meeting which meant so much to the whole division. General Chairman Lewis then took the floor and in that particularly smooth, easy manner of his, unfolded the position of the division as it stands today—numerically, financially, and as a factor in the labor field of the great Northwest.

Division No. 119 has absorbed Division No. 121, making Division 119 much stronger and increasing the duties of our general officers to a considerable extent. The consolidation of these two divisions can have but one trend, and that is for the betterment of the members of both, but principally Division 121, and should be hailed with much satisfaction by the membership of that division. Our division was never in better condition, both numerically and financially, than it is at the present time.

The boys on the "Soo Line" proper are, with the exception of a very few, enthusiastic members, and if those few had attended the meetings of that date there would have been no keeping them out of the Order.

Many subjects pertaining to the good of the Order were brought up and discussed. Among them was the bond question, the discussion of which brought to light the fact that the members present stood firm in favor of it, and a canvass of the audience showed that 28 shares were wanted and would be ordered as soon as the members returned home. The canvass was to secure an expression from the members present for the benefit of those absent.

Our general chairman recommended that all on his division purchase at least one share, and assist in making sure of our own bond company, where fair treatment is guaranteed to all. Another meeting is to be held in the near future in the general offices of the company, which, on account of its conveniences, will be attended more largely by the railroad officers, and we hope more of the members will turn out, as these meetings are a great assistance to us in our daily duties. We heard nothing but praises from the 65 or 70 members present and all seemed to be in favor of another meeting at an early date, volunteering to be present.

We note several changes along the line, but can not keep tab on all of them.

Bro. Hogan, formerly agent at Hermansville, has accepted the agency at Amery, which was bulletined last month. B. L. Cook, who was acting agent at Amery, has left for parts unknown.

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Bro. McGeary, who was relieved by Bro. Schroer at Nye, is now relieving Bro. C. C. Williams at Bradley. Understand Bro. Williams is taking a trip to his old home in Pennsylvania.

The new depot at Weyerhaeuser was completed July 6th, and the office force moved from their boarding cars to the new quarters, which were appreciated.

Telegrapher Dunbar has left the service of the "Soo," and we have been unable to find out where he is located.

Mr. Coy is relieving Telegrapher Dunbar, and is a new man in the service.

We understand that Bro. Ashcroft, of Catawba, is going to leave our division. Mr. V. Griffith, of Bruce, is relieving him.

I am sorry to see that we still have a few nons on our division. Brothers, get after these boys and tell them to get busy with their applications, as they have the same benefits as we do, but never come across to assist. They always have some poor excuse, but the excuse "biz" should not be tolerated. Get after them for a card. The color is pink, and unless they have one, no favors for them. DIV. COR.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Iowa Division—

The meeting at Des Moines, August 21st, was a very enjoyable and profitable affair for all who attended.

Bro. D. W. Yates, third at Newton, has resigned to accept a position with the Milwaukee out in Montana. Sorry to see Yates go.

Mr. A. J. Sun, second at Colfax, has departed for Butte, Mont., to accept a position with the Milwukee there.

Geo. H. Meier has resigned the local chairmanship on account of the serious illness of his wife, but at this writing she is much improved.

Bro. J. B. Smith has been elected local chairman of the Iowa Division, vice Geo. H. Meier, resigned.

The telephone has been installed on the East Iowa Division and we are just beginning to try to use it. When it gets in good working order it looks as though it might be a good time saver.

Mr. K. C. Marshall, chief, has left us and Mr. T. W. Ward, night chief, has been appointed chief to fill the vacancy. With "J. W. six" in Ward's place.

The yard office at Valley Junction has been moved from the passenger depot back to where it was before.

Bro. Thompson, agent at Metz, has returned from a month's vacation spent in New York State.

Bro. W. F. Cooper, until recently first trick man at West Liberty, has quit telegraphing and gone into the grocery business.

Bro. and Mrs. Smith spent vacation at Spirit Lake and report a very pleasant time, with few mosquitoes.

Bro. R. N. Whitley has left "IC" and gone to Goodland, Kan., as car distributor.

Bro. H. S. Clow has accepted a position as wire chief at Goodland.

Bro. Robert O. Hall has left the service of the company and has accepted a position as wire chief for the American Telegraph and Telephone Company at Fort Des Moines, with a raise in salary over his former position. CERT. 290.

Oklahoma Division—

It has been quite a while since we have had a write-up from the Oklahoma Division, but we wish to assure all the boys that we are not all dead ones, and are still after the nons. We have a few yet, but am sure they are not enjoying life nearly so much as they would if they had a card.

Ben Taylor, from Waurika Yards, has gone to El Reno "NO" relay office; relieved by Bro. Edminston, second trick, who was relieved by J. H. Whitehead, who holds card up to June 30th, 1909.

Bro. Francis Murphy is off on a three months' vacation to Seattle and the Pacific Coast; relieved by J. H. Hill holding card up to June 30, 1909, and has remitted.

C. C. Coleman, from "NA," Duncan, is laying off for a trip to Washington and Pacific Coast points; relieved by Montgomery Tatum days, and Bro. Jno. Harrison, from Chix, doing the night stunt. It's easy to guess why John wanted to go to Duncan. A girl in the case, as usual.

Telegrapher Mitchell relieved Harrison at Chickasha, a new man who lit in from parts unknown.

J. R. Riggan, from Chickasha, has gone to Oklahoma City; relieved by G. G. Porter.

R. H. Hadley, agent Union City, is off on vacation; relieved by Gibson, who has blanks and has promised to do the necessary.

Bro. Howard Martin, first trick El Reno Yards, is off on thirty days' leave of absence. Understand Howard will take a trick in "NO" relay office, El Reno, upon his return.

Bro. J. H. White, Jr., a loyal brother of No. 126, passed over the Oklahoma Division, getting acquainted with the brothers, en route to Colorado Springs on his vacation. His present card is the right color.

Bro. Lee Boyd, second trick Enid, was off ten days the first of the month; relieved by Telegrapher Hoon.

Bro. Lowrey, formerly division agent, is now chief clerk at Enid.

New Horton, ticket agent at Enid, is off for sixty days; relieved by Bro. Harry Rugh, from Kingfisher. Bro. Rugh was relieved by a new man.

Bro. Harry T. Snodgrass, who filled the position of traffic chief in "NO" office, El Reno, has been reduced to the ranks of the common herd, office abolished. For what reason unable to learn, but we hope to see this worthy brother reinstated to his old position.

Bros. Edmiston and Meadows have been doubling at Waurika yards the past few days on account of being unable to get a man for the third trick. Mr. Fred Hamilton going from Waurika yards to El Reno yards to relieve L. R. Cooper, who has resigned.

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Mr. Lyons bid in Rush Springs agency. We say "Mr. Lyons" because he has never lined up yet, although he has promised to come in in a few days.

Telegrapher Connor is relieving Mr. Seiver as agent at Marlow while Mr. Seiver is off on vacation. Frank Upson is working as telegrapher at Marlow, and will line up as soon as he has been in the business long enough, Marlow being his first job.

Don't know where Bro. B. R. Crough, formerly agent at Rush Springs goes, but hope to see "Bert" land a good agency on this division.

Bro. Knapp at "N" has been very sick. His wife has also been sick for a short time. Understand they don't like Ninnekah, but hope they will stay with us.

Bro. R. E. Layman, who has been off for a couple months, sick, has returned to his old stand nights at Kingfisher; glad to have you back "RE."

Boys, those of you who did not attend (and your names are legion), missed a good thing by not coming out to the meeting at El Reno on the 24th of last month. There were only a few present, but those who were, certainly enjoyed and appreciated the address made by our general chairman, W. T. Brown. Short addresses were also made by Local Chairman J. T. Harrison and Brothers Meadows, Harry Snodgrass, W. H. Dunham and C. C. Snodgrass. A vote of thanks was tendered Brother C. C. Snodgrass for the entertainment given the brothers at his dandy new home which he had just completed. COR.

Kansas Division—

Bro. O. R. Keplinger, agent at Clifton, spent about three weeks in Seattle and other Western cities, sightseeing during the month of July.

Bro. G. L. Johnson is unable to be at his post at Keats Quarry on account of sickness. Mr. Lester Johnson, his brother, is holding down the job until he is able to return to work.

Bro. H. W. Avery is acting agent at Manhattan during the absence of Mr. Tucker, who is sepnding his vacation in Seattle taking in the Fair.

Bro. C. J. Weygandt has resigned as night telegrapher at Clay Center, and gone to Utah for the D. & R. G.

E. L. Rhodes is working nights at Clay Center until the regular changes can be made. Mr. Rhodes promises to get an up-to-date card as soon as he can rake up the necessary change.

Bro. M. L. Logan, first trick at Clay Center, spent a couple of weeks the first of July, visiting in Manhattan. Mr. R. G. Lewis relieved him, and then relieved Bro. Avery at Manhattan.

Mr. J. L. Pearson has been appointed agent at Antelope, vice Bro. G. W. Patterson.

Here are some of the changes taking place recently: Bro. C. O. Overby, from Paxico, nights, to second trick at Clay Center; F. D. B. Ochs, second trick at Velland; Bro. J. H. Clayton, third trick at Dwight; Bro. P. C. Stocks, second trick at White City; Mr. E. L. Rhodes goes to third trick at Velland; Mr. J. W. Cullen to Willard, nights.

The general committee is getting in shape to go to Chicago soon, for a revision of the schedule. Here's hoping they meet with good success.

A smooth-tongued gentleman representing himself to be a telegrapher out of employment, has been calling at a few of the stations on this division recently. He carries an up-to-date card and goes by the name of Thompson. He seems to be looking for a "cousin" of his, in most every place he stops. From his conversation it was difficult to learn just what his business might be, but he seemed to want to know the sentiment of the boys about the telephones, and if they were satisfied with their present conditions.

Brother telegraphers, did you ever stop to think that it took you about two years to learn your business; that you worked the first year for almost nothing and probably the second year you only received $20 per month; then you were elevated to the position of telegrapher with the large salary of $50 or $60 per month. The signal maintainer serves an apprenticeship of from two to three months and draws $70 per month. Some of us agents have been hammering away for fifteen years and only get $60 per month. Your local chairman expects to go over this division in the near future and he hopes before he does so to pass upon the application of every non working there. This will be possible if you will all get to work and give them no rest until you secure their applications. Of course there are a few nons that will wait until we secure a raise, when they will rush up to the pie counter, landing there with both feet. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Des Moines Valley Division—

Bro. Dykstra, of Pella, is off for thirty days, taking in the A. Y. P. Exposition and other points on the Pacific Coast. He was relieved by Bro. Myers, Bro. Myers being relieved by O. J. Glaze.

Agent J. H. Muligan, of Mt. Zion, is off on extended leave of absence. We understand that he will visit Portland, Seattle, and other points of interest in the West before returning; relieved by E. J. Hyton, who has promised to sign up soon.

Bro. Brokaw is still attending the Gem City Business College, Quincy, Ill., and is being relieved by Bro. F. C. Walker, of Iowa division. We have not learned what course Bro. Brokaw has chosen, but feel confident that whatever it is, he will make a success of it, as he has always proved himself a hustler.

Bro. Benning, of Somers, is off for thirty days and will enjoy a visit with homefolks at Douds. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Colleon, an Eastern man.

Agent F. L. Joy, of Keosauqua, is off for three weeks to visit Seattle, Tacoma and relatives at Grand Junction, Iowa; relieved by Bro. Benning, of Somers, Ia.

We understand that a change is to be made in Given agency, and that Bro. Hill is to be promoted.

Bro. Shields, the second trick man at Ottumwa, is off on leave of absence; relieved by Telegrapher Glaze.

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How many of you have paid dues for current term? As your committee is to meet the management in the near future, want to see every man in line. Get after the nons, as your committee is powerless to do anything with a broken line.

We are sorry to note that Brokaw has tendered his resignation as division correspondent.

Supt. Kelso has had a wire placed in his office, giving the boys along the line direct communication, which is quite an improvement over the old service.

Bro. G. W. Seigle, of Laurens, has been appointed assistant local chairman of the Sibley line, vice Bro. I. H. Ramsey, resigned.

Your local chairman expects to make a trip over the division in a short time. Any one having grievances or complaints will please have them ready. He wishes to meet all agents and telegraphers and get acquainted.

Any one having news will please send to Bro. Stanley at Douds not later than the 15th. Now, please try to furnish a few items next month, if only a line. If each one will do this, we will guarantee a good write-up from D. M. V. division each month. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. H. C. Jones. In memory of our brother who has been taken away from us, and in sympathy with his bereaved family, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 125, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Jones, Division 125, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, loses a true and faithful member; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. M. GRAHAM,
A. S. PENNYPACKER,
E. A. FOSTER,
Committee.

Fredericksburg, Va., August 9, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from earth the father of our brother and fellow worker, Bro. J. C. Farmer; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Division 125, of the O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brother and family its heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy sent to the brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. M. GRAHAM,
A. S. PENNYPACKER,
E. A. FOSTER,
Committee.

Fredericksburg, Va., August 9, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, to remove from earth the mother of our brother and fellow worker, Bro. C. G. Leary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Division 125, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother of the family its heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy sent to the brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. A. FOSTER,
B. M. GRAHAM,
A. S. PENNYPACKER,
Committee.

Fredericksburg, Va., August 9, 1909.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Eastern Division—

It is quite evident that the telephone will not supersede the telegraph on this road, although the officials have experienced great difficulty in securing telegraphers, being obliged to work several offices twelve hours, then refrain from employing other than skilled telegraphers.. This goes to prove that the telephone is not dependable.

Bro. G. H. McClavin, formerly of North East, has been appointed postmaster at his home town.

Bro. J. H. Madell, former relief man, who is now working North East third trick, was called away recently by the sudden death of his brother. He has the heartfelt sympathy of all the boys in his affliction.

Bro. Stasio was off for two weeks with an abscess on his neck. At present he is handling third trick at Bay View, as Bro. Snyder, of Bay View is on the sick list.

Bro. R. J. O'Brien, agent, also mayor, of Harbor Creek, watched the ponies go at Erie during the Lake Erie Circuit meet recently.

Telegrapher Armstrong has been appointed relief man, succeeding Bro. Madell.

Bro. Kipp, of Seneca tower, is moving his family into a more convenient modern home at Blasdell.

Bro. Frawlew, of Seneca tower third trick is now scribbling the items for THE TELEGRAPHER, succeeding Bro. C. P. Kane.

Bro. J. B. Hough, who is working days at Geneva, is spending his vacation in Buffalo and along the line among his numerous friends.

Bro. Jim Clavin is the "Big Chief" at Perry, days.

Bro. R. J. Welsh, the second trick man at Westfield, has gone into the "garden" business extensively.

Bro. Tom Clancy sent several good items in. I wish the other fellows would get busy and drop me some news. We all like to hear from the boys this side of Cleveland. "J."

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ASLEEP AT THE KEY.

They appointed me correspondent, my heart filled
up with pride;
I vowed to do the best I could to become a skillful
scribe.
I mailed a line to the editor-chief, 'twas a brief
write-up for May;
He glanced over the writing quickly, his eyes
opened wide in dismay.
I wrote of things he never heard, and censured
nons galore;
My sentences wailed with patheticness, I knew
it would hit the core.
A cough escaped his quivering lips, and stood with
gasping breath,
Sweat stood out upon his brow, his face appeared
like death.
"Brilliant! Brilliant!" he murmured, "a genius
ambitious for fame."
Then summoning the chief clerk quietly, inquired
of him my name.
"Why, that guy holds 472, at 'D' down Lake
Shore way;
"129 just gave him the job; he signs himself
plain 'J.'"
Have him come to St. Louis; wire him to hurry
through,
Mention to him secretly, an editorial job's in
view.
I took No. 3 from Buffalo, everything came to me
free,
I slept in a luxurious state-room at the expense of
the O. R. T.
Bright faces were there to meet me, Mr. Perham
and L. W. Quick.
We drove direct to the Planters (Hotel); holy gee,
I was treated slick.
I thought of how quick I had risen, and the boys
of 129
Then arrived at a good decision to drop the old
pals a line.
Abruptly I reached for my pencil and wondered
where it could be,
Just then a shock thrilled my carcass, I had
grabbed the "telegraph" key.
My eyes stared at the ceiling, as I uttered a terri-
ble scream.
Then slowly I climbed from the table with tear-
filled eyes, "'Twas a dream."

CERT. 472.

Geo. H. Clavin has been selected for the position of first assistant postmaster at North East, Pa. Mr. Clavin is a telegrapher and has been employed by the Lake Shore railway for several years. The above announcement, taken from the Erie (Pa.) Herald, will please the many friends of Bro. Clavin, son of J. A. Clavin, one of the old-timers of the Eastern division, and one of our popular "owls," as shown in his appointment out of the large number of applicants. He resigned to accept his new position August 1st, having worked six years. These are the kind of men who will always stick to the little O. R. T. button. North East is a second-class postoffice.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

Wymore Division—

There are several members on this division who have not yet paid dues for the current term. Boys, come across and get in line; don't sit back with folded hands and try to convince yourself that the O. R. T. is not helping you and that it does not make much difference whether you pay or not. You know that the Order has helped you, and is still helping you, and every telegrapher in this land. You would appreciate this still more if you could see and talk to the boys on non-scheduled roads who are carrying cards deep down in their pockets and praying for the day to come when they will be recognized. Although these brothers have received no direct benefit yet, still they know it is a good thing, and are paying out their good money with the expectation that some day in the near future they will reap benefits.

We used to have this same class of men on the Wymore division, and we have them yet, if they would only brace up and come out of their torpid state. Now all who are delinquent please get busy and remit at once; don't wait to be asked for it. While you will not be dropped before January first, your card has expired, so far as receiving benefits from it are concerned, and you will lose out on all the good things in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Mr. C. Coffey, Nebraska City, was recently off one whole day; relieved by Mr. Chas. Hohaus.

Bro. J. H. Mitchell, of Elk Creek, has gone in the automobile business.

Bro. C. B. Beck, Superior, gets the cashier's position at that place. Bro. Jack White goes to his ranch near Peetz, Wyoming. We all join in wishing Jack success.

A Mr. Bailey, from the Union Pacific, has been holding down a trick at Superior temporarily.

Bro. Ford, Rulo, was married recently to a daughter of Mr. Pope, the agent at that place. Now, if Bro. Ford will just convert Mr. Pope and get him to take out a card, why———

E. M. Dormer, nights, Salem, has made good and is now carrying an up-to-date card.

Mr. W. B. Bittner, the non who signs "B" at Dawson nights, thinks the boys should mind their own business and cease bothering him about joining the Order. This would indicate that Bittner still has a little conscience left, but not enough to prevent him allowing you boys to pay his way. We are doing the same thing with several others, and as long as we do so they think what is the use of them spending their money? We have extended the glad hand to fellows of this stripe so long and so often that now when we meet them, they assume we are proud to have them among us. Let's cut them out.

Bro. Hockett, of the Falls City trio, is at work after a fine trip through Colorado and Utah.

Bro. Will Hitchcock, agent at Lawrence, is on a two-months' vacation, taking in New Mexico and other points; relieved by Bro. Butler.

A son of Bro. Diller, agent at Wilber, is holding down Fortescue nights. Trust the "old gent" will see that he takes out a card when the time comes.

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Bro. Harvey Grimes, holding down Bostwick while Bro. Filley takes in the Seattle Exposition, has been made extra agent.

Mr. Cassel, agent at Guide Rock, has been to Seattle spending some of the surplus the O. R. T. earned for him.

Mr. Birch, agent at Rosemont, has been on vacation; relieved by Bro. Butler.

Bro. Frank Tyler, agent at Smartville, was recently called to Sterling on account of the serious illness of his mother; Bro. L. B. Murdock has been holding down Frank's job.

We are advised that we were in error in stating that the telephone on the west end was used for everything excepting W. U. business. The W. U. wire is still cut in, but messages are handled over the phone.

No card, no favor. COR.

Sheridan Division—

Since our last write-up several offices have been opened up and business is better than ever. Everybody is satisfied and no kicks are coming in. This is the way we like to see it. We will have to keep our eyes open now and make the new men line up, as they are coming in mighty fast, and some of them, we are sorry to say, have neglected to get a card. Their hearts are in the right place, however, and the majority are joining as fast as they can. We hope the brothers who know of new men without any cards will use their influence to bring them into the fold as soon as possible. A good talk goes a long ways and is a heap sight better than a letter. Be on the alert, brothers, you are expected to do your duty.

E. E. Brummell, second trick man at Rozet, and W. Reinhart, third trick man at Clearmont, are both worthy of cards.

Mr. J. S. Edge, nights at Ulm, has just filed his application. He's an "old-timer" and has seen some of the interesting parts of the country.

Bro. Stobee, second trick man at Arvada, has handed in his resignation and was relieved by Bro. French, a new man.

A Mr. Muir was sent to Oriva to take the new night office there.

A Mr. Crawford, who went to Dewey nights, from Clifton, was relieved at the latter point by Bro. Powers, who was at Upton a few weeks as relief operator.

A Mr. Shaddell is relieving J. S. Fox, agent at Felix, while the latter is East on a visit.

Bro. M. J. Fox resigned the second trick at Arvada and was relieved by a Mr. Sayers.

A new man named Postwit was put on at Verona nights, Mr. Roode going on first trick.

Mr. O. Thomas has relieved Bro. McLean at Moorcroft on third trick.

Bro. C. E. McMillan has been transferred to Cody as agent, relieving Mr. Watson, resigned. Bro. Lewis relieved Bro. McMillan as agent at Deitz.

Bro. Carl Kugland has resigned his position as county assessor of Weston county, to accept a position as assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Newcastle.

Bro. O. O. Merritt, agent at Toluca, has been transferred to Greybull as agent.

Bro. Vacek is doing the relief stunt at Lovell, while Bro. Seaton is laying off.

Some of the live brothers on the west end should take a little more interest in the work and keep things stirred up; also send in a few notes for the journal. When you hear of any interesting news, write it down on the clip, before you let it slip your mind, then forward all you scrape up to your local chairman, before the 20th of each month.

Mr. Gurley, second east end trick dispatcher, is back again at the key, after several days' compulsory lay-off. He had the misfortune to receive several bad scalds on his hands, caused by an explosion of a gasoline stove. We are glad to hear his old familiar "mit" again.

Dispatchers Smith and Johnson have returned from a mountain scout and fishing trip and resumed the brass pounding. It hasn't been reported yet as to how much game and fish they bagged.

There were eleven positions on the last bulletin.

Echeta has another man added to its large force. G. F. Stritch, a new man, goes on nights, while Bro. Garwood takes the day shift. Hope Mr. Stritch can "stretch" the goods.

Bro. Harry Kling, wool house manager at Clearmont, will take a 30-day vacation now that the wool-shipping season is over.

Dispatcher Phelaman, third east end, is off on a vacation, taking in some of the mountain air. He was relieved by Dispatcher Litty.

J. T. Peckenpaugh, of the Sheridan relay office, has been put on as extra dispatcher, and is making good.

Bro. H. M. Edsall is holding down the telegraph job at Cody, making it a solid station.

Telegraphers Muir and Pope are the new men sent to Oriva. Both will be with us pay day.

M. Beidel, of Oriva, is taking a vacation. Too bad he cannot be convinced.

Bro. Vacek, ex-agent, relieved Mr. Warner at Frannie, while the latter was in Montana looking after his ranch. On his return Bro. Vacek was sent to relieve Bro. Seaton at Lovell, who resigned, going into the show business with the Andy Anardoldus Theatre Co. Give them all the support possible when they come your way, as Bro. Seaton is one of the leading stars.

Bro. Keys is off on a 60-days' leave of absence; relieved by Mr. Fagan.

Bro. S. N. Shaddell, an "old-timer," is holding down the agency at Felix.

The brothers are all paying up nicely and we hope to see every one on the paid-up list before this month is out.

Keep after the nons and get them in line. They are coming in mighty thick and it will take a little work to get things in shape again.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

La Crosse Division—

Nothing has been received from the boys along the line, who seem to be too busy to write. For this reason we are unable to give much of a write-up.

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Bro. Fitz, the second trick man at East Dubuque, has returned to work after taking a trip through the West. Telegrapher Smith, who relieved him, has taken second trick at Lynxville.

Bro. Hartman was called away a few days last week on account of the death of his brother at Prescott, Wis., the second trick at Rutledge being closed during his absence on account of the scarcity of extra men.

Bro. Butsch, of Blonding, is working third trick at Potosi, Bro. Slat, of McCortney, taking Blonding in his place.

Bro. Brown, second trick at Potosi, with his family, was off on vacation the first of the month, which was spent in Iowa, where I understand he bought a farm. Now, that doesn't mean that Bro. Brown is going to turn farmer, or anything like that. He intends to stick to the key and let some one else milk the cows.

Bro. Slat, of Blonding, spent Sunday with his folks at McCortney.

Bro. Willenberger, the agent at East Dubuque, has been on the sick list for the last few days, but is feeling better at this writing.

Bro. W. H. Owen, first trick man at Lytle, was off on a few days' vacation the first of the month, which he spent with friends at De Soto and Veroqus. Telegrapher Mourning relieved him.

Telegrapher Mourning is now working second trick at Cochrane; can't say who is laying off there.

Business is improving, which keeps the boys busy.

We understand that Bro. P. F. Faber, day lever man at Galena Junction, is going to take a month off to hunt big game. Bro. Livingston, the third trick man at Portage, is going with him.

Bro. Unougst, at Glen Haven, is doing good work in the line of chasing in the nons.

The writer is indebted to Bro. Owen for notes this month. Come again. CERT. 1371.

St. Joseph Division—

Mr. Millen, the third trick man at Corning, went to his home at Northboro the first of the month to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Jeffries and Bro. Dobbyus had to work twelve-hour tricks a few days, but a man from Parkeville is now working Millen's trick.

J. Jeffries, Jr., bid in Langdon third trick, but was bumped by J. P. Renfrow, third trick at Watson. Now its Renfrow at Langdon and Jeffries at Watson.

You nons who cannot swim had better be getting one of those O. R. T. life-insurance policies before the water gets any higher, for no good Order man will fish you out of the puddles.

The company has put on third trick men at Craig, Bigelow and Nebraska City Junction. The hours for these points now are: First trick, 7 a. m. to 4 p. m.; second trick, 3 p. m. to midnight, and third trick, midnight to 9 a. m.

The relief at present is Mr. L. N. Brawner at Craig, a new man in the business, and Mr. Pierceson at Bigelow. Pierceson is an old telegrapher, but a new man on this road. Can't say who is holding forth at Nebraska City Junction.

I. W. Davis, the agent at Shambaugh, is off for two weeks' vacation; relieved by L. C. Strohl from Clarinda.

L. C. Strohl has been relieved at Shambaugh by W. F. Seevers, Strohl returning to Clarinda.

Davis returns to Shambaugh, W. F. Seevers goes to "JS" to relieve Ray Stewart, who got hurt while making a flying leap from the top of the depot to a load of cinders.

Hepburn has "shady ways"—a student, and works until 10 p. m. Catch him.

L. C. Strohl left Clarinda for Perkville, Mo., on the 15th inst.

Mound City has a new student. The old one we think gave up the sponge. At any rate, he isn't on this road.

The National Telegraph Institute (ham factory) is trying to rope in a few "suckers" by flooding the country with its literature and a card advertising the Morse code.

Business must be a little dull with them.

Mr. Seevers, a new man at the business, is now holding Corning third trick.

J. P. Renfrow, who bid in Packville last month and didn't keep it, was given Langdon third trick.

Mr. Heminway is holding Nebraska City Junction, second trick. Can't say where Specklemeyer has gone.

Bro. Darion, another new man on the road, is holding Corning third trick. Darion was discharged from the Santa Fe for being a member of the Order. Can't say whether he has been transferred to this division or not. COR.

Aurora Division—

Bro. Swanstrom, third trick at Wataga, was transferred to Buda to work thirty days. McSnow, 'phoner, was sent to Wataga and worked a few days and was then sent to Malden to work third trick at that place, relieving Bro. McInturf for ten days.

Mr. Crossett resigned August 1st and left August 2nd to accept a position with the Colorado & Southern. "Red" Kunkle, of Neponset, is handling the second trick at Zearing until it is filled by bulletin.

Mr. Beaver, the third trick man at Center Point, is working a like trick at Wataga. There is a new man at Center Point, but we are unable to learn his name.

Bro. McInturf returned July 31st, after a ten-days' trip to the Indian reservations in Montana, Idaho and Washington. He reports an enjoyable trip and the pleasure of meeting a large number of Order men.

A. M. Johnson is relieving Mr. Mulligan as agent at Kewanee and Mr. Quigley, of Hazelhurst, is taking Mr. Johnson's place as agent at Zearing.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced by the telegraph men in securing relief.

Mr. Davis, first 'phoner at Maldon, visited his parents at Tampico the last of July.

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There is one thing the Order men should keep close tab on, and that is to see that all places are bulletined where a vacancy occurs. Notify your local chairman, Bro. E. F. Todd, of Sandwich, Ill., who will be pleased to see to it at once. He cannot keep track of all vacancies without your help. Remember, all telephone jobs should be bulletined the same as telegraph jobs. You, no doubt, have the latest bulletin from your superintendent stating that they come under the same schedule as the telegrapher.

Bro. Whiting, former day telegrapher at Tampico, Ill., is now with the C. & A., "The Only Way," at Jacksonville, Ill. DIV. COR.

Alliance Division—

It would be a good plan for some brother working in Alliance to get a few of the relay men into the Order. They are now included in our schedule, so there is no reason why they cannot join us. Let every brother try to land a non this month and we will be up and coming this fall. If some one on the Deadwood line would get after the 'phoners, that end of this division would be a whole lot stronger than it now is.

Telegrapher Riggs, second trick, and Telegrapher Marlatt, third trick, at Whitman, the former a non and the latter a "has-been," should be landed by some one up there pretty soon.

Sister Richards, of Heminford, is reported to have gone to some point on the Northwestern.

Bro. W. E. Herncall, extra agent at Seneca, has gone to Ardmore, to relieve Bro. Hurlbutt, who was called to Kansas on account of the serious illness of his father. Bro. Campbell will soon take a vacation on account of the condition of his eyes.

C. F. Triplett is again doing the extra stunt, and is relieving Bro. Ayer, at Crawford.

There are a number still back in their dues. Pay up, boys and get the new card. It's a dandy, just like all the rest have been.

The company has put in a new copper wire from Seneca to Ravenna and installed the telephones. This will be a good thing for the conductors on night trains, and has given us one more telegraph wire.

Bro. Darrow, of Mason, is going to leave the service and devote his time to raising chickens. There is good money in this business and it would be the right thing for any of the boys wishing to purchase thoroughbred fowls to give him their orders.

The new steel tank, at Broken Bow, is nearing completion and the coal sheds being erected there are under way. This will probably give two more men a chance for a nine-hour trick later on. There is now only one telegrapher and a night agent there. Jerry Davis, who did the night stunt a few days, having been taken off.

The depot at Hyannis burned a few days ago. The agent's loss amounted to about $300, partly covered by insurance. This makes number three for the last three months.

Bro. Broich has been transferred from Crawford to Berwyn agency.

Mr. I. G. Albin, now in Broken Bow, formerly of Litchfield, will soon be one of us.

Division 130—

Bro. Johnson, at McCartney, expects to spend his vacation in Chicago and Lee, Ill.

Bro. Willard, agent at McCartney, who has spent a few weeks at the Exposition in Seattle and visiting friends in Vancouver, resumed work on the 25th. He was relieved by Bro. Swanson, who has been working second trick, he being relieved by Mr. Barth, from Fountain City.

Mr. Parker, who has been working a few days at Potosi, goes to Savanna yard.

Bro. Brown, second trick man at Potosi, is on his vacation in Minnesota.

Bulletins at present, first trick at North Yards.

Bro. Unougst, third trick at Glen Haven, has been on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Tate, of Glen Haven.

Bro. Slaght secured the agency at Blanding on bulletin.

We understand third trick at Dewey is closed.

Sterling Division—

Our "line-up" of news will be a disappointment this month, because I am not being sent the news items I have asked the brothers for.

Your correspondent has made another move and hereafter will be glad to hear from you at Dalton, Neb.

There are several new men on the division at present, and each brother should help out by letting me know how these new men are "lined up." Write me a line on a postal card, or address Bro. W. M. Feary at Mitchell, our assistant local chairman. All this will help. I wish some one would volunteer to act as assistant local chairman on the High line. There are too many good brothers over there to be allowed to go unrepresented.

Since our arrival in this town, we have met some good brothers who are located near here.

Bro. Walleck, who was formerly agent at Dalton for years, has a good kincaid claim near town, and Bro. H. H. Smith, ex-agent at Norman, Neb., also has a good "kincaid" near here, doing well; and still carries an up-to-date, too.

Now, brothers, it is up to you to get interested in your own welfare. Keep up your dues and get others to help us keep things going. Our new general chairman is coming out this way before long, and we want this division to be solid. Why not? Didn't you get more increase on this division in the new schedule than all the rest of the systems put together? Now show us how you appreciate it.

There have been several changes made since the last write-up, but have been so busy moving that I failed to keep a check on them. Ex-Bro. J. D. Newton relieved yours truly at Wellfleet. His parents live there. Now some one get "J." D. to sign his name to an application blank and things will look good to him on the High line.

If Mr. Lawritsen asks you if you belong to the Order, tell him "yes, siree, sure pop." He don't mean to shoot you when he asks you a question. Stand up and be a man. There is always room for a man of principle.

Now, then, let us try and have something doing on our division. Several of the boys are get-

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ting sleepy and only something like an earthquake (or a new schedule) will ever wake them up. Now, boys, this will not do. Our Order stands for too much to be overlooked in this manner. No matter how busy you are, make up your mind to give, say two hours every week just to the Order work. You can't imagine what a change it would make in our advancement. Write some non what you think of our work and get him to help us help himself.

J. T. MADDOX.

Burlington Division—

News very scarce.

D. F. Berry is taking a vacation, seeing the sights in Colorado. Mr. McConehay, assistant from Washington, Ia., is relieving him and Jessie Berry is relieving Mr. McConehay at Washington.

Bro. Harry Theiten has returned from Seattle and is relieving Bro. Haight at Winfield as agent. Bro. Haight went to Michigan for his vacation. R. McNeeley is working in Bro. Theiten's place as assistant at Winfield. Mr. McNeeley promised to be one of the loyals after August pay day, and we will probably soon have him in the fold, as he knows it is his duty to join now if he ever expects to follow his present vocation.

Bro. J. Vanney, at Fremont, has just returned from his two weeks' rest and is now at work. Bro. Dale Ellis, who relieved him, says he is going to quit the business and try something besides operating telephone.

Our chief dispatcher had to send to Kansas some time ago to get a man to relieve Bro. C. E. Butler at Woolson, a few days on account of sickness. This shows that it will only be a short time until the railroads that use the telephone will experience a very hard time in getting men to fill their offices. When an agent or operator quits now he plainly sees that there is nothing promising in railroading any longer.

The boys on the Burlington and Oskaloosa branch are about convinced that they will soon be yelling at the top of their voices in the nozzle end of a telephone. The linemen have just about finished repairs and the wire men will now follow up stringing the wire. And then? We will trouble our journal to tell in print all of the "BIG TROUBLES" we will have using the telephones, but will mention this very important fact that the telephones are not arranged so we can go about our work and tell when the line is not being used, as it is with the old reliable telegraph. Take for example, some of our heavy stations like Brighton, Winfield or Washington, and many others where the agent can only work the wire when he can spare the time or is called. The agent at such stations were cut in the infernal machine in the morning, take down the receiver, when he will probably hear a destination report from Oskaloosa going over the line. He will then proceed to do some sweeping, and about that time here comes a fellow wanting a stock car for No. 92, and another has a rush W. U. message that must go right out. The agent again goes to the phone and taking down the receiver hears Burlington sending a lot of messages to Oskaloosa. He tells these parties that the line is busy, but he will try it in a minute. The next time he takes down the receiver, he finds the train dispatcher is using the line. This will probably be the case twenty-five or thirty times during the first half of the day, because he must do his other work and does not have time to sit down at the table and rubber on the telephone for an hour at a time waiting for others to get through, while with the telegraph we can tell what is going on over the line, and keep on at our other work until there is a chance to use the line and clean up our wire work in a very short time.

When the telephones are installed we will probably be obliged to have a card numbering each letter in the alphabet, so when we are receiving a word that has the letter "e" in it, the sender can show in some manner that it is not either one of the other eight letters that sounds just like it on a telephone. Those other letters are B, C, D, G, P, T, V and Z, and they will have to be verified with the figures that represent them, such as 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 16, 20, 22 and 26. The telephone is all right in its place, and so is a threshing machine engine, and it is just as reasonable to suppose that by putting drive wheels on a threshing machine engine and placing it on the railroad that it will do the work of a locomotive, as it is to expect to replace the old reliable telegraph by installing the telephone system in its stead.

My advice to all is to pay up your dues promptly and get the others in that are out. Then stick together as one man and keep our pay up to the present, or better if possible. We are now exposed to a terrible disease and Dr. O. R. T. is the only sure cure, if taken according to directions.

CERT. 1126.

Ottumwa Division.

Bro. E. A. Gustaveson, of Thayer, bumped Mr. Goeltry, third trick, at Russell, Mr. Goeltry going to Thayer second trick.

Bro. J. E. Gorrell and Agent Russell are taking a trip through the West, being relieved by Mr. Cadogan..

Bro. H. F. Ford, agent at Melrose, is taking a thirty-day layoff, relieved by Bro. A. A. Mc Donald, of second trick, he in turn relieved by Bro. J. M. Carr, of third trick. Bro. Carr was relieved by a new man on this division.

Bro. G. W. Loveless, of Division 32, is doing the third trick stunt at Batavia.

Several offices have been closed at different times on account of shortage of operators. Those wanting vacations are having a hard time getting away.

Bro. F. A. Sense, of second trick, Fairfield, is taking his annual vacation, touring through the West, being relieved by Mr. W. M. Long, a new man here from the C. & E. I.

There are a number who have not paid their dues yet for the current term. Do not put it off any longer.

We have a man on this division who joined last November and has not paid dues since. This man has belonged at least once before, if not twice, and dropped out. He enjoys the benefits of the

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schedule just the same as we do. I wonder if he would have us all drop our membership and conduct ourselves as he has done? We are in hopes that he will again make application, and this time with the intention of staying with it.

This is a very short "write-up." We cannot make a good showing without assistance. Whenever there is a change at your station drop us a line. CERT. 283.

Bro. H. B. Newland has been awarded the agency at Anabel.

Bro. X. Leaton secured the second trick at Hunnewell.

Telegrapher Dobyns secured the second trick at Ely on bulletin.

Bro. Endicott has resigned and gone West.

R. H. Starrett was gone just a week to Nebraska, then asked for his position back.

We have a schedule to protect Order men.

Bro. McIntosh is taking a thirty days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Hoover.

Bro. Leaton is on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Nichols.

O. W. Middleton has cashed in the necessary and will be brother ere this reaches the printer.

The following positions were open August 1st: Third trick, Lentner; second trick, Anabel; second trick, Bevier; first trick, Keystone; second trick, Keystone, and operator, Cream Ridge.

J. E. Dun is on the sick list, being relieved by W. R. Holt.

J. E. Dun and W. R. Holt both promise to hand us their applications soon.

Blockman Smith is doing the first trick and Blockman Thomas is on the second trick, at Keystone as extras, until they are filled.

Understand Bro. Miller has left the service and will go into business at Holt, Mo.

Bro. Rockett relieved Bro. Little at Randolph on account of the latter not being able to stand the climate.

Bro. W. C. Shackelford bid in the third trick at Shelbina.

Bro. C. E. Withers secured the third trick at Breckenridge.

Cy Golden bid in the third trick at Easton.

Lindell avenue, $35.00 three-trick positions have been increased to $50.00 per month and telephone agreement.

The Keystone office has also been raised from $35.00 positions, to $50.00, all tricks.

J. E. Dun has resumed duty at Chandler, after a few weeks' sickness. He has sent us the necessary and will soon be a brother.

Wm. McCue has resumed duty after a 30-day vacation.

W. R. Holt is working extra at Laclede.

We seem to be short on extra telegraphers just now.

We understand Bro. Rice, of Hamilton, will resign to take up the express business there.

Another man has been put on at Hemple during the rush season and it will probably be permanent.

Bro. W. L. Hall, off on vacation, relieved by Bro. Rowell, second trick, who was relieved by Bro. Hughes.

Bro. J. E. Deems is off on a trip to New York and Canada with his family.

Bro. H. Smith is acting as agent; Bro. Pierra is working the second trick, and H. Y. Clark is holding down the third trick.

We hear Bro. McIntosh is thinking of leaving the service. Hope it is not true.

Thos. O'Neill, taking in the Exposition at Seattle, is relieved by Telegrapher Nichols from New Cambria.

Quite a number of the boys on the east end got scared at the 'phone jobs and went West, but have since returned to chance it again.

The call for relief men is heard every day now.

H. L. Humphrey bid in the second trick at Anabel.

J. A. Rees has just returned from a visit to points of interest in the East, and reports having had a very pleasant trip.

E. E. Bracer relieved Mr. Rees during his absence and was relieved by Golden and H. C. Clark.

Bro. E. O. Warnacut just returned from a visit with relatives in Indiana. He was relieved by his brother, Bro. H. B. Warnacut.

Bro. Rowell was awarded the second trick at Bevier and Mr. Windle the second trick at Clarence.

Bro. G. O. Dye is off for a few days visiting his parents at Laclede.

H. L. Humphrey, second trick telegrapher at Anabel, has filled out the application papers and will be a brother ere this reaches the editor.

Bro. E. L. Rightmire is at present working at Gillette, Wyo., on the Sheridan division.

It is indeed gratifying to notice the number who have so readily paid their dues to December 31st, 1909.

The C. B. & Q. officials at Brookfield certainly showed some generosity when they placed an order for all trains to make as little noise as possible near Turney on account of a member of a family there being very ill. This shows that their hearts are right and from all reports, the engine crews are living up to the order.

We have been unable as yet to learn who drew the third trick at Lentner, the first and second trick at Keystone, and the telegrapher's position at Cream Ridge.

Brothers, how does it look to see a prefix minus before the names of some of those who have prospered by our efforts to make pleasant hours, etc.? Try them again and see how they feel when they see their names linked in without a prefix among those of our brothers as they appear in the journal every month.

Bros. Thomason and Saunders change tricks frequently, to allow Bro. Thomason a few hours' time on his farm near town, to which he expects to move in the near future. CERT. 1503.

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Galesburg Division—

Owing to heavy wire work caused by judicial convention held at Macomb, beginning August 17th, and the week before being County Fair week, this write-up will have to suffer.

Mr. A. P. Boyles, the second trick man at "S" office, Quincy, is off on a vacation in Clinton, Mo. Mr. A. H. Robertson is doing the relief act. Mr. Robertson formerly worked in Camp Point, but has not been telegraphing until Boyles found him and pressed him into service.

"Willie" Hyslip, of "GT" Galesburg office, is off a couple of weeks visiting in the country.

Bro. G. C. Maxwell, formerly of Macomb, division tariff inspector, passed through Macomb on the Missouri Limited, August 2nd. He was on his way to Salt Lake, where he is spending his vacation. Bro. Maxwell was joined en route by his sister. Last reports state that they are having a fine time and will return home soon.

Telegrapher Fling, of Augusta, has quit telegraphing and is working in and around that point at other work. A man from another division is holding down that trick.

Bro. G. S. Heron is back on duty at Augusta after a siege of rheumatism. Mr. Nelson, who has been working Bro. Heron's trick at Augusta, has gone to Galesburg to see the chief dispatcher in regard to another position.

Bro. G. E. Moore, the agent at Maquor, has been off duty for several weeks attending camp meeting; relieved by relief agent, Bro. Colville.

Bro. Moore expects to take a short sight-seeing trip before returning to work.

Bro. Guyer, formerly of Briar Bluff, is now working on the Northern Pacific at Springdale, Mont. He likes it very well and will stay there until something better shows up.

Bro. F. H. McDowell made a short visit with telegraphers at Yates City, August 10th. He has been working at Sheridan Wyo., and was on his way home to Yoder, Ind.

Mr. C. O. Abrahamson, from "GT" office, Galesburg, worked at Macomb the evening of August 17th, sending judicial convention reports. As Mr. Abrahamson had made arrangements to leave for Denver, Colo., next morning on his vacation, he was compelled to return to Galesburg on No. 4, leaving the Macomb office snowed under, but they managed to "clear" by about 1 a. m.

The ticket sellers on the C. B. & Q. should inform themselves on the new rates in Missouri before they get "stuck." A few rates change August 15th, most of them on other lines, but our greatest change takes effect September 16th, and effects all stations on our line in Missouri. Look for last supplement of Tariff No. 2, "Missouri and Iowa."

Did you notice who was working at a certain office one Sunday not long ago, when No. 72's engine broke down? After many questions by the dispatcher and chief dispatcher, it was discovered that the agent had left his student to run the office and had gone three miles in the country to visit friends. Wonder how long it will be before this student has the agent's job.

Have any of you read the Ladies' Auxiliary page in the Journal? Please do so and then show it to your wife and get her an "up-to-date" in it. Write to Mrs. G. W. Malone, Galesburg, Ill., for application blanks, etc.

Bro. A. S. Gustus, of Moline, extra, was at Macomb the evening of August 18th, sending judicial reports.

Three new telegraphers were examined for the service on Galesburg division on July 19th.

Our worthy chief dispatcher, Mr. W. E. Fuller, has just returned from a few weeks' vacation through Northern Michigan.

Mr. Fuller was relieved as chief by Mr. Toben, trick dispatcher on the Peoria branch. Toben in turn was relieved on the Peoria branch dispatcher's trick by Extra Dispatcher Elder.

Mr. Dalberg, of "GT" office, Galesburg, was on vacation during July. He spent the greater part of his time in and around Rock Island.

We notice many notes in the different newspapers about the railways' employe department of the American Federation of Labor, of which President Perham is the head. We know that it is bound to progress as has the good old O. R. T. under his supervision.

Bro. Malone, of "YD" office, Galesburg, was called to Michigan the fore part of the month on account of the illness of his father. He was relieved by Mr. Jack Toben.

Telegrapher Chittendon, of "GY" office, Galesburg yard, who is on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Jack Toben one night, by Mr. Carter four nights, and by Mr. Errickson until Mr. Errickson relieved Telegrapher Paugh at "YD" office, Galesburg yards. Mr. Paugh has left the Galesburg division to accept a position in some relay office on the lines west of the river. We have not learned what office he has landed. We regret to lose Paugh from our division, as he was one of our best qualified telegraphers.

We do not know as yet who will land the vacancy at "YD" office, Galesburg yard, but we expect it will be Mr. Errickson, although we 13 that several of the boys are after it.

Bro. Malone was called to Kalamazoo, Mich., on August 9th, on the account of the death of his father; he was relieved by Mr. Errickson and returned to work on August 13th.

At first the delinquent list was a little swelled up, but I note from the reports from Brother Henry that they are all paying up and that new members are coming in from the Galesburg division every week. Everything looks very favorable at the present time, indicating that we will be a solid bunch of O. R. T. men in the immediate future.

I notice that the nons who claim that they are too poor to lend us a little of their support always find plenty of spondulix on which to enjoy a good vacation while the union boys strive for an increase in pay and better working conditions for them.

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Beardstown Division—

Third trick at Concord bulletined and filled by Mr. R. O. Livsey, of Litchfield.

The agency at Wrights, which was on bulletin filled by Bro. Elridge, formerly third trick man at Concord, G. E. Elkinton, agent at Wrights, securing the Medora agency on bulletin.

Mr. G. C. Conlee, the first trick man at Whitehall, quit the service. His position was bid in by C. K. Knapp, formerly doing third trick. The third trick was filled by L. Vermillion, of Chapin.

Bro. F. G. Cline, the third trick man at Winchester, who has been fighting the la grippe for the last two months, made quite an extended visit with relatives in Nebraska, and went from there to Denver for his health; relieved by Mr. A. D. Hale.

We understand that quite a number of the boys have been trying to secure a lay-off, but on account of the company being short of men on this division they have been unable to do so.

Mr. Osborn, the night hawk at Greenfield, is laying off. We understand he is looking after his rubber farm down South; have not heard who is relieving him.

The agency at Barrows is on the bulletin. This is one of the stations that was closed last summer.

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Beardstown Division—

NOTICE.

Bro. W. R. Johnson, of Gerlaw, Ill., has been elected local chairman for the Beardstown division and will assume the duties at once.

W. A. HENRY,
Gen. S. and T.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the McCook division of the O. R. T., for their help and sympathy rendered us in the recent sickness and death of our husband and father, Mr. T. W. Morton, agent at Otis, Colo., and local chairman of the McCook division of the O. R. T.

LAURA E. MORTEN,
BABY MARY E. MORTEN,

McCook Division—

WHEREAS, The Great Creator having been pleased out of His infinite mercy to remove our brother, T. W. Morten, from the cares and troubles of this life to the great beyond, thus severing another link from the chain that binds us together; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the divine will and mourn the loss of Brother Morten, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife, relatives and friends who are most heart-stricken at the loss we have all sustained; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be entered upon the minutes of the division, also a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy forwarded to Mrs. T. W. Morten, Oxford, Neb.

C. L. LAMB, *General Chairman*,
W. A. HENRY, *General Secretary*.

Atlantic Coast Line.

Richmond District, North—

A joint meeting of the S. A. L., A. C. L. and Norfolk & Western members was held in Red Men's Hall, in the city of Petersburg, on Saturday night, August 21st. The meeting was very well attended by N. & W. and A. C. L., and we hope to see a good number out from the S. A. L., and increased numbers from both A. C. L. and N. & W. at the next meeting, which will be on September 18th, at 8 p. m.

The meeting on the 21st was presided over by Bro. J. H. Williams, G. S. & T., of Division 132, acting as chief telegrapher; Bro. Yates, of the N. & W. acting first vice-chief; Bro. West, of the A. C. L., second vice-chief; Bro. Duncan, of the N. & W., past chief, and Bro. Cooper, of the A. C. L., as secretary.

The meeting was of an informal nature and was intended to get the members of the various roads acquainted and to arrange for regular joint meetings at this place. A committee was appointed to see that some light refreshments are served at the next meeting. This will be one of the features of these meetings. It is also proposed to arrange for some special attraction at each meeting, also to try and get the members to enter into a discussion of the various problems that confront the telegraphers in their work.

The telephone came in for its share of consideration at this meeting, and it may figure in others. Bro. Williams advised all the members present not to get it into their heads that the telephone was not coming, for all the signs pointed toward it as an experiment on nearly all lines, and a permanency on many. He also advised them to keep up with the progress being made in things electrical and be prepared for any change that might occur.

The members joined freely in the discussions, which is a little unusual for first meetings, and showed that we are going to have a good, live time, when we get thoroughly down to business here.

The Richmond district, north, has not been standing still since the last write-up, and we hope is again on the upward bound. Seven new members in a month and perhaps others within a few days. This is not a bad record for 119 miles of rail.

Quite a number of changes have occurred on the district within the past month. The Halifax agency was assigned to Bro. R. H. Merchant on bulletin. There were other applicants for this place, but Bro. Merchant was the successful bidder.

Bro. F. A. Truitt goes to Battleboro as agent, succeeding Mr. A. A. Hamilton, who has left the service. Mr. Hamilton goes to Colorado after spending a few weeks with his people in Western North Carolina. He says Battleboro is too much of a job for the money.

Bro. F. W. Mitchell, who has been working relief at Battleboro, now goes to Garysburg to relieve Bro. Brown for his vacation.

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Bro. B. E. McNeely was appointed manager at Weldon, succeeding J. M. Young, who goes to Tar River and relieves Mr. Scott, the W. U. student there. Mr. Young was relieved at Weldon on account of his inability to make O. K. with the bond company.

Emporia third trick is on bulletin at this time, caused by the promotion of Bro. McNeely.

Mr. D. A. Lawrence, third trick at "BG," Petersburg, off on account of sickness, has gone to his home in Enfield, N. C.; relieved by E. M. Coleman.

Bro. Binford, of Dunlop, is also off on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. A. K. Terry, from Collier. Bro. L. Clemmer, at the same office, is off on vacation, with Bro. D. D. Clemmer doing the relief act.

The new seniority list shows that twenty-four of the seventy-five names on the list have been added since August 1, 1908, and that about the same number has been stricken therefrom. This record is certainly not an enviable one from any standpoint. It shows that discharges are too frequent, and upon the very slightest excuse. It also shows that this district of the A. C. L. is not the most desirable territory in the country to work in, and that we have been getting some very inferior material. Why? Because the lines all around us pay better salaries, get the best men and we have to take what is left. This twenty-four new names is just a very small percentage of the men that have been employed on this district for the past year.

Let's all pull together and see if we can't make a better showing for 1909. D. C.

Norfolk District—

We have finally been given a relief agent and our regular members will not be called upon to work relief indefinitely, or get fired for refusing to do this kind of work longer. Bro. Smith was very unjustly discharged, for refusing to work relief unless paid regular relief agent's salary, and would have in all probability have been reinstated had he not secured a position elsewhere and asked that the matter be dropped.

The relief agency is now on bulletin, with three or four applications for it, which shows that when the salary is right, there is no difficulty in getting a man for the job. The relief agent's headquarters will be in Norfolk when not employed on the line. From the way Bro. Allsbrook has been doing relief work the last three months it don't look as if the R. A. will spend much time at his headquarters.

At the time the Scotland Neck agency was made vacant, there was some misunderstanding as to whether this was a place that should be bulletined. We are glad to know that Bro. Parker, the local chairman, has got this straightened out, and notified the membership why the place was not properly bulletined. His claim that Bro. Brown was entitled to and received the appointment before the matter was settled about the bulletining is correct. SOREBACK.

Norfolk District—

There have been quite a number of changes since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Marrow has returned to Tarboro agency and Bro. Brown has been assigned to Scotland Neck agency. Bro. Brown has with him a clerk, Bro. J. B. Edmondson, who promises to have the right colors soon.

Bro. Pender, formerly agent at Scotland Neck, is with the N. & W. Ry.

Bro. Allsbrook is relieving Bro. Flaughler, at Tillery, and Bro. Marquett is relieving Bro. Blow, at Kingsboro, for a few days, and was relieved at Cofield by Bro. Cowan. Bro. Marquett was relieved on third trick at Kelford by Mr. Herring. We hope some of the brothers at Kelford will furnish Mr. Herring with set of application blanks. Your local chairman keeps a full supply on hand at all times.

Bro. G. C. Blow, first trick at Suffolk, is relieving Telegrapher Jones in Norfolk, who is relieving the dispatchers for their annual vacation. Bro. Blow is relieved at Suffolk by Mr. Roberson, who will probably be with us only a short time, as he has recently completed a course in dentistry, and has arranged to practice in Suffolk.

Dispatcher Shular has been reduced to copyist in Norfolk; relieved at Tarboro by Bro. Spruill.

Telegraphers Capps, at Boone, and Darden, at Tarboro, have exchanged places. A. D. C.

Lakeland District—

There has been considerable moving around down here among the "skeeters" and "gaters" this month.

Bro. W. Brantley, local chairman, has been transferred from Dade City to the Crystal agency; Mr. Harnage, the agent at Crystal, going to the bad by checking considerably short in his accounts.

Bro. Brantley reports finding Crystal in very bad shape. This is to be expected when an outgoing agent knows he has nothing more to lose by not keeping up the work.

Student teaching and dropping membership in O. R. T. does not seem to improve some people.

Bro. Brantley was relieved at Dade City by J. W. Hogan, formerly at Fort Myers and later at Hernando.

Bro. J. L. Stewart is now acting agent at Hernando. We would like to see Bro. Stewart the permanent appointee.

Dunnellon agency has been transferred from acting agent, Bro. C. D. Goodwin, to J. B. Neil, Bro. Goodwin going to Inverness as agent and relieving Mr. Selvidge, who has been put on as clerk-operator.

Business is getting better down on this district now, express from the coast points being especially good in the fish line.

A very pathetic letter was received from one of our former members on this district a few days ago, stating he was and had been out of employment for three months, and had just lost his little boy, three and a half years old. The only assistance he asked was help to obtain a position. So far we have not heard whether he has been successful or not, but hope he has.

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Did you read Bro. Williams want ad in the July TELEGRAPHER? Did you get him a new member? If not, why not? It is just as much to your interest to do so as it is to any one else. Every new member adds that much more to your strength. GATER.

Waycross District—

The following are some of the changes which have taken place this month in this district:

Bro. G. L. Youmans has been transferred from Baconton agency to his home at Willacoochee as clerk.

Bro. Bennett, agent at Ochlocknee, has been off for vacation; relieved by a Mr. Cobb. Note the Mr. and give him a talk. We always welcome new men to the district, but they must change the prefix if they wish to have the welcome continued.

There is an extra man working at Live Oak. Will the brothers on that end find out if it is true that he carries an up-to-date card, and if so, furnish Bro. Sasser with the information necessary to have him transferred to Division 132.

Mr. P. E. Taylor bid in Acree, and promises to bid for a card of the proper color next month. Don't let him forget that promise.

Mr. Graddy has left Sylvester and is no longer in the service. Bro. O. L. Dunn, from Pidcock, relieves him. This makes Sylvester solid O. R. T., something never heard of before. The old B. & W. is slowly, but surely, coming and will yet be as solid as any other portion of the system. This is a warning to never give up. You may not be able to land the fellow that holds the job, but may be able to land the job after a while.

When these notes reached me Metcalfe agency and second trick Nahunta were on bulletin. Appointments have since been made, but we are unable to give them at present.

Bro. F. W. Stanley, a new man on the district, goes to Baconton as agent.

Among the new members this month we note the name of Mr. Wise, of Sumner. He is now living up to his name, by showing he is wise. Bros. J. C. Bardy, of Manor, and W. G. Bennett, of Argyle, are also new card holders on this district. You can always count on a few from us, that is as long as the supply lasts. It is now getting limited.

Bro. O. E. Thomas has been transferred from Hildreth nights, to Marion nights, Mr. R. E. Kemp, Jr., holding down the owl trick at Hildreth.

Bro. C. Bradford has been changed from the yard at Albany to a trick at Valdosta, the change being made on bulletin. The Albany position and clerkship at Meigs were bulletined later.

D. C.

Montgomery District—

Another month has rolled around and some of the boys still remain nons. When you make an effort to line them up some of them give you the same old excuse, "I am sorry, but just can't spare the money this month."

Mr. Lawson, the night telegrapher at Dothan, is on a thirty-day leave of absence visiting Western cities. He is relieved by Bro. Brantley.

Bro. Clarke, telegrapher and ticket agent at Bainbridge, was off duty a few days on account of the illness of his father. Bro. Dykes from the second trick acted as ticket agent while Bro. Clarke was absent. Bro. Johnson, an extra telegrapher, relieved Bro. Dykes. On Bro. Clarke's return, Bro. Dykes took a few days off, relieved by Bro. Johnson.

Bro. Mixon, of Ramer agency, is off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher King.

Bro. Thames, of Climax, was relieved a few days by his brother, Mr. J. C. Thames, an extra telegrapher.

Bro. Barfield, first trick at "X," Montgomery, is on a seven-day vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Black from third trick, while Telegrapher Evans is working third.

On August 4th train No. 323 was derailed between Banks and Troy, turning engine 708 and several cars over. Engineer Davidson, Conductor Gissendanner and Fireman Hunter were injured. Mr. Gissendanner received very slight injuries, while both Mr. Davidson and Mr. Hunter were seriously injured, but at this time both are improving nicely. We hope to see these men back to their posts soon. The total damage is estimated to be $1,345. Bro. Barfield worked at the wreck until relieved by Bro. Pouncey from Brundidge.

Bro. W. T. Mathis, relief agent S. O. L. Ry., formerly of A. C. L., is visiting relatives at his old home at Headland, Ala. We are glad to have Bro. Mathis among us again.

Bro. B. H. Evans, who has been working extra for some time, has departed for the West. We wish him success.

Telegrapher Clark, Jakin agency, was relieved a few days by Telegrapher Evans.

Mr. Cook, of Donaldsonville, is taking a leave of absence; relieved by Telegrapher Evans.

Bro. Barwick, of Pinepark agency, is taking a few days off duty, Telegrapher Thames relieving.

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Wilmington District—

Wonders will never cease. Just think of a telegrapher being able to make a trip to Europe! We have one on this district who has actually done so. Bro. B. P. Smith and his wife, from Clinton, have gone for a two months' trip through the British Isles, France and possibly Germany and Holland. We wish them a most pleasant outing and a safe passage home. Bro. C. B. Barrus, our very clever relief agent, is doing all the necessary stunts at Clinton during Bro. Smith's absence.

Vacancies as follows have been bulletined on this district since last month's TELEGRAPHER:

Bolton agency, no applications. Too hot a job for the money it pays. No one cares to have it. Pee Dee agency. Of a different and almost distinct class, Robbins being a close second. No one wants either.

Judging by the number of applicants for Fair Bluff agency, it must be the garden spot of that part of the country. The present agent, Mr.

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Pridgen, has, however, decided to remain for the present. The place was probably bulletined because he intended leaving the service.

Mayesville, N. C. agency, recently bulletined, two applicants but no appointment made.

It has recently come to the writer's attention that an appointment has been made at Chadbourn to succeed Bro. Land even before a bulletin was issued. This kind of business on the Wilmington District is becoming fierce, and will have to be handled without gloves. There is something wrong somewhere. It is up to the committee to locate the trouble, and I think they will make an effort to do so. D. C.

Richmond District South—

The regular Rocky Mount meeting was held on August 14th, and was fairly well attended. All the members present promised to be at the next meeting, which will probably be held in Wilson. The committee on refreshments misunderstood each other and consequently that part of the meeting was not the success it should have been. We propose hereafter to have something at every meeting to keep you from getting hungry.

We want all the members within reach of Rocky Mount to try to come out to these monthly meetings on the second Saturday night in each month. Try to come to the next and all future meetings held there or at Wilson.

Bro. Chas. F. Bolick has returned to work at "CO" after a very pleasant vacation. Bro. Bolick is always "Johnny on the spot" in his office, or speaking a good word for the Order. He is a shining example of what a good Order man should be. No complaint about his services, either for the company or his fellow-members.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Jones, wife of Bro. E. W. Jones, of "YD," Rocky Mount, is ill, and will have to undergo quite a serious operation. We hope she will come out all right.

Mr. Newman, from the Southern near Spencer, who relieved Bro. Bolick at "CO," So. Rocky Mount, is on the extra list. Hope to see him on the roll before very long.

The following positions have been bulletined on this district recently, the first issued for some time:

Wilson first trick, filled temporarily by Bro. P. H. Barfield.

Second trick at Fayetteville. Think Bro. R. B. Smith, formerly at Rennert agency is working there.

Second tricks at Rennert, Rowland, Mars Bluff, Latta, "FY" tower at Florence and "YD" tower at So. Rocky Mount, N. C.

Third tricks at Parkson, Pembroke, Latta and Mars Bluff.

First trick at Elm City, caused by the promotion of Bro. F. A. Truitt to the Battleboro agency. Before going to Battleboro Bro. Truitt relieved Mr. Stanley, agent at Four Oaks for a few days.

Mr. J. B. Farmer, formerly at "YD" tower, is now holding down second at "CO," So. Rocky Mount.

Have just learned that one of our brothers is being used as relief agent at various points over the district without being paid regular relief agent's salary, and that when he is sent off, the first trick man is put on second and the whole office changed around in order that a student can do the agency work. As this has become chronic, something should be done to remedy such conditions.

It is with a great deal of sadness that I learned of the death at Hendersonville, N. C., on August 12th, of the brother of Bro. J. L. Bridgers, our local chairman. Bro. Bridgers met the body at Columbia and accompanied it to the old family burial place in Roberson County, near Elrod, where the interment took place on the 13th inst. The entire membership on the district extend their sympathy to Bro. Bridgers and the bereaved family.

Bro. H. L. Clark, of Dillon, left for his home in Byrdville, Va., on the 22d, sick with the "fever" (Southerners know what it is). He is being relieved by Bro. L. R. Partlow, of Mars Bluff.

There is a new telegrapher on the district who does not appear on the pay rolls. He is under the age limit. He can be found at all hours at the home of Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Lamm, at Elrod. The cigars are on Bro. Lamm.

Bro. Williams, secretary and treasurer, reports Wilson again solid, having landed Bros. Barfield and Smith since last month. Bro. Williams reports having been over the Norfolk and Richmond District North and secured a number of applications; in fact, more than he usually gets on a trip like this. He will probably visit this district during the early part of September.

Will you not help to make an interesting write-up from this district each month by sending any item of interest to the local chairman? D. C.

Jacksonville District—

Bro. T. J. Tedder, local chairman, has been promoted to the Plant City freight agency, effective about Sept. 1st. Have not yet learned where Bro. Rines goes. We are glad to see Bro. Tedder get this deserved promotion.

Seffner agency is now on bulletin.

Bro. L. H. Brockman bid in the Maitland agency, going there from Altoona.

Bro. W. J. Sigler was away during the month of July, therefore we did not have our usual interesting write-up from the district, but hope to see a good article from his fluent pen this month.

We note one new member during the month, Bro. Harold Henschen, of Orange Park. We are looking for others the latter part of the month.

Wonder how many members of the auxiliary there are on this district? Is there one in your family? If not, why? FLORIDA CRACKER.

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Columbia District—

A regular agency has been established at Johns Station, N. C., and Bro. J. H. Johnson, formerly clerk-telegrapher at McColl, is the lucky bidder.

Mr. Vance Tatum is again at Bennettsville as clerk, Bro. Van Sant going to Gibson as temporary agent at that point. Mr. G. Y. Jones has been transferred to the Laurinburg and Southern at Laurinburg, N. C.

We are glad to see Bro. Baltzegar back from the West much improved in health. Bro. B. says you can't stay there for nothing, and that he is glad to get back to old South Carolina once more.

If we are correctly informed there is a ham factory at the freight office in Denmark, S. C. We are certainly surprised that Mr. James should be guilty of such action, after the many letters he has written saying he was just as good an Order man (although not a member) as there was on the road. What do you think of a man who would say this and then turn out students?

I hope some of the brothers on the district will help me with more news next month. D. C.

Savannah District—

Bro. Geo. B. Phillips, formerly at Race Pond, second trick, is now with the Southern Railway at Glass, a tower just south of Charlotte. Bro. Phillips says there's no place like the old tar-heel country.

Bro. T. L. Butler, our very popular local chairman, had the misfortune to get a cinder in his eye some time ago, which may yet cause him to lose the sight. We sincerely hope not.

One of the tricks at Jesup was bulletined in July, and Mr. Brooks was sent there from Callahan. As an older man asked for the place, we understand the matter has been taken up for adjustment. This should be done every time. We have been too lax in asking for the enforcement of the seniority rule on this district.

Bro. E. B. Walden, well known on this district, is with the Southern at Seneca, S. C., working on the extra list.

Bro. W. J. Lewis, agent at Ways, who was on the sick list about ten days in July, has fully recovered and is now back at work.

Bro. Ed F. Hull, formerly agent at Dudowic', has been appointed agent at Blackshear, succeeding Bro. Tillery at that point. Bro. Tillery is now up in South Carolina.

We are glad to report that Boulogne is again solid O. R. T. The new members there this month are. W. L. Woodall, S. C. Skinner and W. T. Collins.

Bro. J. E. R. Stinson, who worked at Newell during the winter, reported gone north, and transferred to the Grand Division.

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Gainesville District

As this district seems to be taking its regular summer nap, I will wake up long enough to say just a word or two and then retire myself. We need a lot of hustle down this way among our members, and just now while business is slack is certainly a good time to get busy with that non next door to you. You have time enough and to spare, now. Every one on the district, with the possible exception of one or two, has time enough to write one letter each day to a non, or to talk with one for five minutes.

Have you ever stopped to consider that persistent and well-directed effort will accomplish almost everything. Try it for one month and see how many new members you can secure on this district, where they are as badly needed as on any in Florida.

Do you believe in your organization? Then let others know you do; let them know you have a good thing and that it is one of those good things that grows better, the more people that have some of it. See if you can't get this through your own gray matter and send it along to the other fellow. All of us have been waiting for someone else to do the work and not even whoop them up. Now, let us get down to business and do some of the work and whooping at the same time.

Bro. J. B. Mixson and wife, from Lake Butler, are spending a month up in Western, N. C., enjoying the delights of that far-famed section. We would not mind having a little of the cool weather here, reported from there.

We welcome to our district Bro. E. L. Pope, from Pavo, Ga., on the G. & F., he being now located at Okahumpka.

Several other changes have taken place on the district, and quite a number of our brothers as well as the nons are off on a vacation, but I am unable to give specific information on account of not having it myself.

Let's hear from the district every month.

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Jacksonville District—

The agency at Astor has been closed, causing Bro. Harper to leave the service, as he did not wish to leave Astor.

Bro. J. G. Dowd has just returned from a two weeks's vacation spent at Jacksonville and Charleston.

The agency at Altoona transferred July 26th from Bro. Brockman to Harold Henschen, who is from Altamonte Springs. Bro. Brockman was the successful applicant for the Maitland agency. Bro. Tedder, acting agent at Maitland, goes to Dover, relieving Mr. W. H. Powers, who is off for a month's vacation to Eastern cities.

Bro. C. J. Woodward, of Traverse, is leaving for a three weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Dowd, of Eustis. Bro. Woodward expects to visit Washington and many other places of interest.

Bro. Sigler, of Winter Park, recently returned from a month's vacation spent in the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky, and reports that he is very much improved in health.

Bro. W. S. Evans, of Orange Park, off on thirty days' vacation visiting points in Illinois. Unable

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to find out who is doing relief act at this place. Bro. Clark went to Orange Park, but was sent to Carters to relieve Bro. Hartley, who is sick.

Our relief agent, Bro. J. W. Powell, Jr., has accepted the agency at Altamonte Springs.

Bro. G. R. Yelvington, agent at Deleon Springs, is off for thirty days' vacation while Mr. Glisson holds down that agency.

Our local chairman says he has managed to get three of the boys to ask for blanks this month, and hopes to get them in before many days.

Three men on the Jacksonville District have told our local chairman that they will be pleased to accept anything in the way of better working conditions, better wages, etc., the Order can get for them, but they will never help by joining because it would cost them a few cents each month for dues. The Coast Line would do well to get rid of such men as these, as I will wager they are a lazy, trifling set. We had better practice the "No card, no favor" rule and beware of those mentioned as "Mr."

Understand the nine-hour law is being violated at Plant City and the case is now under investigation.

I am glad to note that our district is in better shape than it ever has been. Bro. Tedder is doing great work as local chairman. Let us all assist him as much as possible.

CORRESPONDENT.

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway.

Indianapolis Division—

Bro. Frank Thatcher, the third trick man at Fortville, is laying off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher B. D. Olvey.

Bro. R. D. Slagle is working the first trick at Versailles while Telegrapher E. A. Brown is off on a vacation.

Bro. Frank Roberts, first trick at Winchester, is laying off. Bro. H. F. Shoffner is relieving him, while Telegrapher H. O. Coats is relieving Shoffner on second trick at Winchester.

Bro. G. F. King, third trick at Gretna, is back home again after a long vacation and an enjoyable trip through the West.

Dispatchers Carter and McKlroy have changed back to their regular tricks. Carter is now on second trick and McKlroy on third at Bellefontaine. Telegrapher Bean Blossom, first trick at Bellefontaine is again back at work.

Telegrapher J. H. Wert is relieving Bro. E. R. Martz on third trick at McCordsville, while Bro. Martz is relieving Bro. G. B. Clegg on second trick at "BN" yard office at Bellefontaine.

Bro. C. E. Heckerman has been assigned to the third trick at Farmland.

Bro. Carl Martz has been assigned to the second trick at Gretna.

Telegrapher H. O. Coats has been assigned second trick at "CJ," Muncie.

Telegrapher F. G. Shultz is relieving Bro. J. W. McAlhaney on third trick at Gridley for a few days.

Bro. Conrad Ehle, the first trick man at Gridley, is laying off on account of the death of his father; relieved by Telegrapher B. H. Judy.

Bro. Arthur Olvey, the first trick man at "SC," Selma, is laying off on account of sickness. Bro. W. H. Hatcher is relieving him.

Telegrapher J. O. Myers, agent at Parker City, is taking his vacation. Telegrapher Hill is relieving him.

I hear a student on the line at night occasionally. Now, boys, cut out the student business, wake up, get in the Order and help us get a new schedule. Don't start a school because you are not a member of the O. R. T.

Telegrapher W. W. Baker is working third trick at "SC," Selma.

Telegrapher C. W. Long is working third trick at "CJ," Muncie.

Bro. C. L. Grim, third trick at "BN" yard office, Bellefontaine, is off for a few days. Relieved by Bro. E. R. Martz.

Telegrapher Leonard Walters has been assigned second trick at Ansonia.

Bros. S. L. Hutsell and H. D. Kelly have returned home after a thirty-day vacation and an enjoyable trip to Denver, Colo. Bro. Kelly goes on first trick at "SC," Selma, and Bro. Hutsell relieves Bro. L. O. Kirk on first trick at "CJ," Muncie. Bro. Kirk and wife will visit relatives near St. Paul, Minn., while on his vacation.

Telegrapher H. E. Ritter, first trick man at Farmland, is on a flying trip to Cincinnati to have his eyes tested and glasses fitted. Telegrapher N. S. Kindell is relieving him.

Bro. J. W. McAlhaney has resumed his regular third trick at Gridley, after a thirty-day layoff.

Some of those who have been laying off may think they are being slighted if their names are not mentioned in the write-up, but it is impossible for one to keep track of everybody that lays off. I will appreciate it very much if you will make note of any time you lay off, or of anything you think it would be interesting in the write-up to send it to me. By so doing we can have a good write-up every month.

Don't fail to renew your card, because the committee is going before the general management before long for a renewal of our present schedule and we must try to have the division almost solid O. R. T.

We are having monthly meetings at Muncie, and would like to see more of the boys come out and take part in the good work. DIV. COR.

St. Louis Division, West of Mattoon—

Bro. Robbins is laying off; relieved by Bro. Staley, first trick at Lenox.

Bro. Nut, of Lakeview, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Hemker.

Bro. Callahan, of Lake View third trick, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Coyne.

Telegrapher Lyvers bid in Lenox third trick.

Bro. Rowe laid off a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Leech worked first trick during his absence.

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Bro. D. V. Wycoff bid in Twelfth St., Mattoon. Bro. Wycoff was relieved at Witt by Bro. G. Hawkins.

Bro. Roberts is still off on account of sickness. He is certainly having a hard time of it, and surely needs the help of the brothers, as he has a family to support. Charity is what our Order teaches.

Bro. Gibbons is working first trick at Pana during Bro. Roberts' sickness.

Sister Mary Carrol was the successful bidder on third trick at 12th St., Mattoon. Haven't heard who relieved Sister Carrol at Granite City.

Three more new members have been reported to me this month. That's business! Line up, be brothers and work together. That's the only way to climb the ladder to the top.

Bro. Crouch, first trick man at Irving, is laying off. Relieved by J. W. Hardesty, a new man.

Bro. C. E. Scarsdale bid in first trick at "HM" tower some time ago.

Bro. W. W. Glasgow bid in second trick at "HM" tower and has moved to Mitchell.

Bro. H. V. Gillespie, second trick at "SI" tower, bid in third trick at "HM."

Telegrapher Allen has bid in third trick at "GN" tower.

Bro. Chambers, third trick at "WI," is working second trick "WI" while same is on bulletin. Bro. G. Lewis is working third trick at "WI" until second is filled by bulletin.

Bro. B. E. Scott is off a few days. We are unable to say who is relieving him.

Bro. R. A. Martin was recently off a few weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. H. V. Gillespie has been sick and off a few days; relieved by Bro. T. R. Thompson. Bro. Thompson is now at his home in Windsor very ill with fever.

Granite City, first trick, "SI" first trick, Witt and "WO" second trick are on bulletin at this writing. CERT. 668.

Indianapolis Division—

D. B. Olvey, of "SC" first trick, is off duty two or three days on account of business; relieved by Bro. Slagle.

Bro. Clegg, of "BN" yard, off ten days; relieved by Bro. Martz of McCord third trick. Bro. Clegg has returned and Bro. Martz is now relieving Grim, the third trick telegrapher.

Telegrapher Wert is working third trick at McCord. Telegrapher Bean Blossom, of Bellefontaine first trick, is taking a vacation; Hoffman is working first trick and Burkett second trick there.

Olvey, the first trick man at "SC," made a trip to Cincinnati to be examined on colors. Hatcher is relieving him.

Telegrapher Hedges worked the third trick at Mix until Telegrapher Barbee bid it in. He then went to Quincy. Telegrapher Binegar, of Quincy, is laying off.

The second trick at Mix and the second trick at Gretna are open for bids.

Hatcher worked a few days on second trick at "CJ," and was relieved by Telegrapher Zellars.

Telegrapher Baker is doing the work on second trick at Elroy, vice Walters, who is working the second trick at Ansonia.

Telegrapher Coats bid in the second trick at "CJ."

Telegrapher Roberts is off 15 days for getting his speeder hit by a train; relieved by Telegrapher Shoffner.

Bro. Atkinson, of Taft second trick, is taking a vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Olvey.

Brown, of first trick at Versailles, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Slagle.

Bro. Hickerman has bid in the third trick at Farmland, and is playing good baseball in the team there.

Sister F. L. Ireland, of Pendleton, is taking a vacation, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Hardy, of Raleigh first trick. Telegrapher Zellars went to Raleigh first trick.

Telegrapher Shoffner has taken his regular position, second trick at Winchester, and Telegrapher Coats his regular place at "CJ."

Bro. Slagle is working the second trick at Mix, made vacant by Telegrapher Barbee bidding in the third trick at that place.

Telegrapher Judy, of second trick at Chesterfield, is off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Olvey.

Telegrapher Baker, who has been working the second trick at Elroy, has been sent to the third trick at "SC," relieving Telegrapher Hill.

Telegrapher Johnson is relieving Telegrapher Baker at Elroy.

Telegrapher Kendall is working first trick at Farmland, relieving Telegrapher Ritter, who has gone to Cincinnati for color examination.

Telegrapher McAlhaney has returned to third trick at Gridley, after having been off a long time.

Telegrapher Tynan, of Sidney, who has been off two or three days, is back to work. He was relieved by Bro. Hess, of Spafford and Bro. Hatcher relieved Bro. Hess.

Telegrapher Harvey, of Wainwright third trick, is now off, being relieved by Bro. Hatcher.

Bro. White, of Lawrence third trick, is taking his vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Olvey.

Bro. Martz, of Farmland second trick, is off, being relieved by Telegrapher Kendall. "13" he is off to Texas on his wedding tour.

J. W. R.

St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—

Speaking of knocking, I would like to say a few words to you fellows who are so ready to knock. There is a whole lot better way than that. Did you ever stop to think how little good you do the Order and yourself by fault-finding? I have even heard members say something like this: "Oh, the O. R. T. is no good here any more, the company plays favorites and neglects to bulletin positions;" or "the general committee is spending a lot of money and no one knows where it is going; I am going to drop out, and I know

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others who think the same way and are going to let her slide after this term," etc. Now, wouldn't that be a bright thing to do? Suppose all of us were to drop out, do you think conditions would improve in the next three or four years as they have in the past three or four years? Don't you think it would be a better plan to direct a little energy along the line of suggestion and information to your local officers? They can not know everything that takes place if the members lie still and say nothing. They would certainly appreciate it if a little more interest were shown by the members whom they represent. If a member gets the worst of it in some way and makes no complaint to the division officers, not even stating his case or asking for suggestions as to how to proceed, but lays down and says the organization is no good; who is to blame if nothing is done? I know, all this has been said over and over again. This is just to remind you that there is a way to help things along, and that it is up to you to do your share. We are all interested and should be working to the same end. You elect the officers of your division to represent you, and if you never take any further interest in what is to be done, never offer any suggestions or furnish information of any kind, how do you expect to get what is wanted? If no one offers any aid, your local chairman is compelled to use his own judgment in conducting the affairs of the division, and if you do not take enough interest in the welfare of the division to keep in touch with its officers, don't retard the good work by making discouraging remarks, even to members; it works harm. There are a number of good workers on this division and they have accomplished a great deal, but from what I have seen and heard, there are a few who can profit by giving the foregoing a little consideration.

Bro. H. E. Leitch has been transferred from the third trick at Dudley to the third trick at "AW" on bulletin.

Bro. C. S. Turner, the third trick man at Kansas, is off fifteen days; relieved by D. Cornwell.

Bro. W. A. Armstrong, the agent at Dudley, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Jones, the second trick man.

Bro. Hines, who has been working third trick at Embarrass, bid in the second trick at Midland.

Bro. Whalen, the second trick man at Duane, has been off a few days. He was relieved by Mr. Fred Goodwin.

Bro. T. E. Ogle has been transferred from third trick at "JB" to the third trick at Dudley; relieved by C. O. Kessinger.

Bro. E. F. Wade, the third trick man at Carbon office, is on a vacation, visiting friends in Kentucky. He was relieved by E. N. McQuinn.

Bro. C. C. Winters, who works first trick at Carbon, has been off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Harrold.

Mr. C. C. Connett, the second trick man at G. Castle, has been off on two weeks' vacation. We are unable to find out who relieved him.

DIV. COR.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

The regular meeting was held in Springfield, August 17th, with only a fair attendance. The Sandy end was represented by only one member, Bro. Hedges, of Grants. Business was transacted and a general good time followed. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Dayton, to accommodate the west end brothers.

Telegrapher Musgrove, of Mauds, resigned and the position is being filled temporarily by Telegrapher Evans.

Bro. Patmore, of Kyles, is now at Lockland, and Bro. Lang, formerly of Lockland, is now at Edgemont.

Recently the telegraphers' ball club defeated the Dayton police club to the tune of 2 to 8.

Osborn is now an exclusive agency.

Telegrapher Whitlock, of Osborn, is now at Dayton yard, and Bro. Sheppe, of Simms, at Osborn until bids are in.

Bro. L. A. Gardner, of Edgemont, is slightly ill. Louis was not at the meeting, so we may be sure he was not feeling just right.

Bro. R. P. Smith removed his family to Plattsburg from Dover, where he was formerly located.

Bro. F. E. Sidner, of London, has returned to work after a pleasant vacation among the lakes of Michigan. He was relieved by Bro. W. F. Scully.

Bro. S. W. Weiss recently spent an evening in Springfield, investigating a dry town.

Bro. L. D. Stabler, of Brooks, is off for a few days on account of the illness of his father.

Bro. C. A. Slagle spent a Sunday during August at Cedar Point.

We would like to see a brother who could wake up that bunch of nons around Columbus. They keep promising every pay-day, but guess that day never comes. Looks like a case of putting their feet under some one else's table.

Bro. Hickman stopped gathering blackberries long enough to come to the meeting as usual.

Bro. R. M. Carter, who has been acting as extra agent at Marysville, is now located at Kenton, having secured it on the last bulletin.

Mr. J. F. Squires, a new man on this division, succeeded in landing the third trick at "BR" tower, Huntsville, on same bulletin.

Bro. Mack McCune, of West Liberty, off for a couple of weeks at the bedside of his mother, who underwent an operation in Columbus. We are pleased to state she is able to be removed to her home.

Mr. F. B. Roff, of Urbana, is filling in extra at the dispatchers' office, doing extra message work.

A new trick has been established at Belle Center, from 3:00 p. m. until midnight. It is being held at present by a Mr. Matthews, from the D. T. & I.

Mr. Prawl, a new man, is working extra at Urbana. Do not know if he is up-to-date or not, but he comes from the West where they are famous for doing the right thing.

Bro. E. L. Corwin, of Huntsville, spent his vacation in the mountains of the Blue Grass State.

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He was relieved by Mr. T. C. Kellog, who has just entered the service. He has been out of the service for some time.

Bro. H. C. Stokes, of Huntsville, with his family, spent a few days sight-seeing around Cincinnati.

The Sandy Division is now at its best in the excursion business, carrying several thousand people to Cedar Point every Sunday.

There is quite a number of new nons on this line. Now is the time to get busy and show these men the error of their way and find out why they are in opposition to themselves and every one else; why they want to come and enjoy the privileges which we have obtained by sticking together.

The "phones" are still operating on "hot air" only. "CR."

Chicago Division, West—

Bro. R. E. McMahon returned to work after two weeks' absence spent in Canada. He was relieved by Telegrapher R. B. Dean, who has resigned to accept a position on the C. M. & St. P.

Telegrapher Wiley has gone to Kankakee to work as third trick man for about ten days. Being relieved by Bro. Scott, from Sheldon.

Telegrapher McQuaid third trick, off for ten days; relieved by Bro. F. B. Lehey, from the S. C.

We still have the promise of Wiley's application "next payday." Here's hoping the "next" one comes some day. CERT. 632.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. Ed White, of "DK" tower, is off on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Fawcett.

Bro. Slaminka, of Burton St., bid in third trick at Clark Ave. Bro. Case is filling in at Burton Street.

Bro. Fred Winbigler, of Lindale, bid in the second trick at Lagrange. Bro. Fronefield is filling in at Linndale.

Mr. Dutton, of Longville, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Moyer, making Longville solid at present.

Mr. Gallagher, former agent at Mt. Victory, was the lucky bidder on the third trick at Ridgeway.

Bro. L. S. Dickerson bid in the agency at Mt. Victory and Bro. G. W. Fisher bid in agency at Columbia, vice Bro. Dickerson.

By the time this is in print, Bro. L. M. Eberhard, of Rushsylvania, will be enjoying his vacation, taking in the sights at Seattle Fair. Our genial assistant chairman, Bro. W. B. Elliott, is again at work, after a vacation spent in Eastern Maryland.

The summer pony has been put on at Dryer Works, making considerable extra work for the telegraphers at Linndale.

We are pleased to say that several new members have joined us during the past month, but we still have some men on the line who, after enjoying the benefits of the meal hour, eight-hour day and seniority rights, can not see that the O. R. T. has done anything to help them along, but promise to join if we get their wages increased. I suppose these men can not understand that it was the influence of the Order that has increased their salaries from $35 or $40 per month to what they are now, and if we secured them a further increase they would probably give the credit to some other cause. Some people won't see anything that they don't wish to.

There are still a few members who have not remitted for this term, but we hope by the time this notice catches your eye that all will have done so.

Don't forget about writing your chairman and keep him advised how things are getting along.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Maine Central Ry.

Eastern Division—

Say, boys, don't you think our old rules and rates of pay as issued July 1, 1907, can be improved upon, and if so don't you think it high time we were about it? The conductors, enginemen, firemen, trackmen and brakemen have all been before the management and secured advances since July, 1907, while we remain at the bottom. Trackmen get one and one-half time for Sunday work. Telegraphers who get $2.90 per day week days get only $1.80 when they work Sundays, and we are obliged to shovel snow, care for switch lights, carry mail and do the express business.

The C. P. and B. & A. are doing much better than we of the Eastern Division, and as there is a little fighting blood left yet on this end of the road, I, for one, would like to see a meeting called at Vanceboro, where all the telegraphers east of Bangor would have two hours to get into line and understand the feeling that exists.

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S. A. & A. P. Ry.

Division 141 has been organized almost one year. Only a few months after organization we secured a schedule which, while it did not raise our salaries to a point where we could retire from the service and live at ease the rest of our existence, it is a schedule of which any division should be proud as a beginner. Our officials have been untiring in their efforts to promote the welfare of the Order, and most of the boys have shown great interest. And to give everyone due credit, the officials of the company have been very courteous in listening to our demands.

In the last few months some of the boys have begun to lose interest, and some few have been slow to come forward with dues. Now, let's all take the matter in our own hands, look upon it as our own private undertaking, and make Division 141 as solid as the rock of Gibraltar.

Go after the nons. First find out what kind of man you have to deal with and then go after him in the proper way and make his life miserable until he joins in self-defense.

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Bro. M. O. Murphy, of the Rock Island agency, has resigned, and is waiting for relief. We understand that Bro. Murphy is going into business for himself, and wish him success in his new undertaking. He will be relieved by Bro. H. A. Menefe, from Elmendorf.

Bro. B. F. Ober laid off a few days last month, and was relieved by your correspondent. Bro. Ober visited San Antonio, and from appearances had a good time.

Bro. McNutt, of Waring, was relieved a few days last month by your correspondent, while he attended the reunion at Fredericksburg.

Bro. C. D. Grant is relieving E. E. Dimeline. the agent at Kerrville. There have been a number of telegraphers at "KR" lately, owing to undesirable hours. Bro. Hendershot, from Hallettsville, is there now.

Bro. H. E. Gouger, of Gregory, is laying off, relieved by a Mr. Smith. DIV. COR.

Norfolk & Southern Ry.

As news from this pike is seldom seen in the journal, I thought I would try to give an account of ourselves.

The boys over here appear to be somewhat slow in putting their shoulders to the wheel, which needs all the pushing possible at this time.

By the time this is read our meeting of September 5th will be a bit of history, and I hope it will be a meeting of which we can be proud.

It is very hard to get the boys from all divisions together, owing to the way trains are running, without losing too much time, and that we cannot do, as there are no relief telegraphers, and the company will not employ any for our benefit.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Agent Gaither Hertford; we wish him a speedy recovery.

There seems to be several nons with us. What is the trouble? Can nobody land them? I know most of them have been furnished with the necessary blanks, and if they will fill them out and mail them to our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Lane, at Dover, N. C., they will receive the proper attention. Let every one try to help our correspondent out with news items. Endeavor to get the same into his hands by the 20th of each month. Election of officers will take place as soon as the terms of the ones now serving expire, which is on Jan. 1, 1910.

The bridge across the sound between Edenton and Mackeys Ferry is nearing completion, and is expected to be in operation by the first of the year. We will then have through train service and one through wire.

Boys, get to work on the nons. Send them your journals to read, and talk good news to them.

Our good old friend, Bro. Snowden, is certainly a great help to us. Though not in active railroad service, he attends every meeting and encourages us a lot, and we would be at a loss without him.

We have the friendliest set of telegraphers over here to be found on any railroad, and why they will not pull together in organization work is a mystery. To be sure, they are not satisfied with their present salary ($40.00) when other roads are so far ahead of us in salaries and working conditions. It is high time that the men were waking up and realizing that conditions are serious. There is no reason in the world why we should not have 75 members on our roll, and with the telephone operators we should get 100. Let's get to work and get solid by the last of this year.

CERT. 502.



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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Aug. 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A)	$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B)	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING AUGUST, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
840	Albert E. Stares	Uremia	7	10645	C	$1,000 00
903	Julian U. Sineath	Run over by train	56	22876	C	1,000 00
904	Ben. L. Young	Tuberculosis	Grand	1563	B	500 00
916	Elijah K. Watson	Pneumonia	130	24608	C	1,000 00
917	Frank P. Crowley	Inflammatory Rheumatism	23	11110	B	500 00
918	Thomas Eathorne	Valvular Heart Disease	109	23441	C	1,000 00
919	McDonald Garratt	Appendicitis	8	5044	B	500 00
920	Howard H. Hughes	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	45	17713	A	300 00
921	Louis Thaler	Broncho-Pneumonia	8	9701	C	1,000 00
922	William D. Bailey	Gunshot Wounds	6	24421	C	1,000 00
923	Alex. B. Johnson	Suicide	53	5648	C	1,000 00
924	Wm. M. Dodds	Organic Heart Lesion	93	6396	B	500 00
925	Frank M. Smith	General Paresis	Grand	13574	C	1,000 00
926	Charles C. Hedrick	Laryngeal Tuberculosis	53	12962	C	1,000 00
928	Frank Barnum	Chronic Parenchymatous Nephritis.	138	24665	A	300 00
929	W. L. Hawsey	Appendicitis	31	18698	C	1,000 00
931	William H. Armour	Drowned	15	26872	A	300 00
932	Robert E. Harper	Hemorrhage from Stomach and Bowels	Grand	986	C	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to July 31, 1909	$803,607 68
Received on Assessment Account August, 1909	10,943 84
	$814,551 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to July 31, 1909	$540,781 47
Death Claims paid in August	13,900 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,187 55
Assessments transferred to dues	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, August 31, 1909	258,480 97
	$814,551 52

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Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div. Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2nd floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; F. K. Ament, S. & T., Box 205, Malvern, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N. 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

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No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacker, Local Chairman, Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. District meetings held subject to call of Local Chairmen. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberger, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.; J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex.; I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex.; L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Thursday each month at 8 p. m., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. N. Pickerill, Chief Tel., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

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No. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office, Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman; M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35—PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.— Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

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No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman. Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. A. Vannoy, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1173, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2015 Routt av., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Dufty, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, Drexel, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. F., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets

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4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.

No 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., Shriver, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden,

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No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J.; N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel.; 4831 Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Belmond, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Tempe, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; D. R. Dunning, S. & T., 305 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

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No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.

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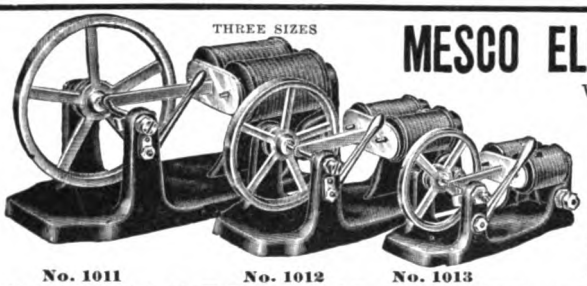
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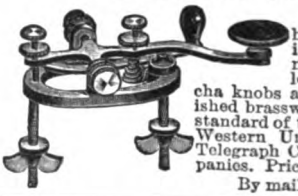
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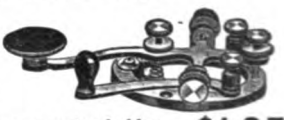


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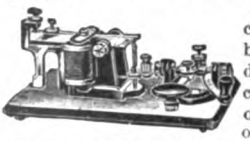
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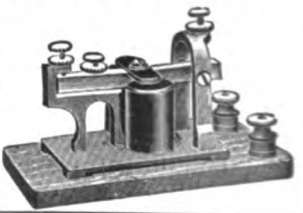
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INVESTIGATION OF TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

IT will be remembered that some months ago, by direction of Congress, the Bureau of Labor made a general investigation of the Commercial Telegraph Companies, and submitted a voluminous report of their findings, extracts from which have appeared in these columns from time to time. The Hon. Wm. J. Cary, an old telegrapher and member of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, who is Congressman from Wisconsin, in a speech delivered in Congress, just prior to its adjournment, took occasion to refer to that report and also to conditions existing in the Commercial Telegraph Service, as observed by him while working as a telegrapher, and his speech makes very interesting reading.

That part of Congressman Cary's speech regarding Commercial Telegraph Companies was as follows:

During the closing hours of the last session the Senate passed a resolution, introduced by La Follette, of Wisconsin, to investigate the telegraph and telephone companies. The scope of the investigation embraced the methods of handling the public business, the wages paid to the operators, the conditions under which they are working, and a statement of receipts and expenditures for the last five years. The investigation was made by the Bureau of Labor, and its report has recently been printed. It is a voluminous and illuminating document. No one can read it without feeling that the work has been done in a careful and judicial manner and with a manifest desire to get at the facts without regard to consequences.

Speaking generally, the report shows that the Western Union Company compels its operators to work for a lower wage scale than they received two years ago, and still less than they received a decade ago. And this, notwithstanding the cost of living has materially increased and the wages of every other branch of skilled labor considerably advanced. It shows fur-

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ther that many operators, in order to maintain themselves and their families in even modest comfort, are compelled to work an equivalent of fifteen days additional each month. An average of all the large city offices shows that two years ago 45 per cent of the operators were earning a monthly wage of $75 or less, while last year more than 75 per cent were earning less than $75. From trustworthy information I have received, it is quite apparent that the average rate of pay to Western Union employees is not more than $55 a month. And it must be remembered, Mr. Speaker, that these men are skilled in their vocation, and that an apprenticeship of four or five years must be served before one is regarded as a strictly first-class operator with ability to handle press and cable dispatches with accuracy and speed. Compared with their wages, a hod carrier becomes a very aristocrat of labor.

Nor am I now reflecting upon the hod carrier, for his work also requires skill and intelligence. Of the two, however, his work is the more healthful, for he labors in the open air and his fatigue is physical. He sleeps soundly and well and rises the next morning entirely refreshed. The telegrapher, on the other hand, sits within closed walls from from eight o'clock in the morning until half past five in the evening, with thirty minutes only for luncheon. For him there is no interval of rest, as there is with the government clerk and with other persons engaged in clerical work. Hour after hour he bends over his desk or his typewriter with scarcely a moment's cessation. Both brain and nerve are steadily employed, and when his day's work is ended he finds himself mentally and physically exhausted.

In this condition of mind and body he is compelled, as I have said, to work "extra" the equivalent of fifteen days in the month to earn a fair living. When one remembers the intelligence required to perform his duties, it can truly be said that of all skilled labor his is the most poorly remunerated. In middle life he is confronted with a physical breakdown, the result of the continuous drafts upon his mental and nervous energy, and when that condition is reached his days of usefulness are ended.

The reason given for the low wages paid by the Western Union and Postal companies—although the Postal average is somewhat higher than that of the Western Union—is that the expense of operating the lines will not permit a higher rate. Yet for many years—until the last year, to be exact—the Western Union has paid annual dividends of $5,000,000 on its capital stock and $1,500,000 additional on its bonds. If its stock were not "watered" to an extent that recalls the days of Noah's flood, the dividends could easily be paid, leaving a sufficient sum in the treasury to give every employee a substantial wage increase.

If the Western Union should cease giving members of Congress, members of state legislatures, railway officials, newspaper publishers and correspondents, and others in authority the privilege of using its lines free, it would measurably increase its receipts. For what purpose does the Western Union—for the Postal has abolished the privilege—issue these franks? Is it to curry favor with state and federal officials and with other gentlemen possessing political influence? And why should it desire the influence of these gentlemen? Is it not to smother any sentiment that may arise in Congress for a telegraph owned and operated by the Government at reasonable rates and in the interest of the public? There is not a gentleman on this floor who does not know that this is the sole purpose of the Western Union, and that but for this privilege the Government would now be operating the telegraph in conjunction with the postal service, where it properly belongs.

The report states that an effort was made to learn from the telegraph companies the exact extent of business done by them on free passes, and what percentage this bore to the total business; the number of annual passes issued, the number of frank books issued, and the number of persons who received such books.

The Postal Company reported that it had abolished its dead-head business and consequently had no figures to give. The

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Western Union which still dispenses these favors, naively reported that it could not give the information desired for past years, as the only record was that supplied by the messages themselves, and that these were destroyed at stated intervals. Asked as to the last six months of 1908, the reply was that this would necessitate going over the files of the messages themselves, and would require an amount of time and labor that would prevent the information being given for a long time!

Does not this answer tax one's credulity? Does any man of ordinary intelligence believe that the Western Union Company's methods are so lax that this information could not be given within thirty minutes? Is it conceivable that this company would issue passes and frank books without a careful record of the persons receiving them? The answer, however, is quite in keeping with all the Western Union's answers when they are the subject of an investigation either by special agents of the Government or by Congress itself. It reminds me of the company's dextrous tumbling and twisting when its representatives appeared two years ago before the House Commerce Committee to oppose my bill requiring telegraph companies to send with dispatches the time they were filed for transmission. I shall refer to this matter later.

Returning now to the subject of wages, I shall describe briefly a rule enforced by both companies that is closely related to it. This rule requires the use of typewriters on all important lines. Instead of supplying the operators with typewriters, the employment of which facilitates the handling of business, the companies require them to furnish their own machines. This is a manifest injustice, though quite in keeping with their usual methods. The cost of a new typewriter is about $100, but second-hand machines can sometimes be bought for $50. The rental price is usually $36 a year. The report shows that the operators regard this as a special hardship, for they contend that the companies equip their offices with machines for less than half the amount paid by themselves.

The report further shows that one machine only would be needed for a wire or for a receiving position. The same machine would do for day and night operators, for relief and extra operators, whereas, as now, each operator must have his own machine, move it from table to table when he changes wires, and put it away when "tricks" change, while the man taking his place must bring with him his own machine. It is plain that four times as many machines are owned by the operators as are ever in actual use at one time in the operating room; that by buying them by wholesale the companies can get them at a relatively lower rate; and, finally, when the companies require their use they become a part of the office equipment which the company and not the employees ought to furnish.

The companies claim that the operators' preferences for certain machines would make their purchase of them unsatisfactory and that the operators would not take reasonable care of the machines if they were owned by the company. They say also that when typewriters were first introduced those having machines were paid $5 more a month than operators without machines.

To this the operators reply that a typewriter enables the receiving operator to take messages from the wire more rapidly than by hand. As messages can be sent with greater speed than they can be received and transcribed, any increase in the speed of the receiving operator results in a larger volume of business each hour, and it is contended, therefore, that the company was compensated for the increase in wages by its ability to handle an increased traffic with the same force of operators.

Moreover the operators say, while it is true that the $5 increase was granted when machines were being introduced, subsequently, when all the operators had machines, they were transferred from position to position, with salary changes, until finally the increases granted were practically withdrawn, and that, on the whole, the wages of those using machines are today less than they were before the typewriters were put in use.

Considerable space is given in the report to the subject of a "black list." Starting with the proposition that nothing is more difficult to establish than the matter of a

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"black list," the agent who made the investigation says that many operators sincerely believe they have been blacklisted by the telegraph company for their activity in the strike of two years ago.

What is usually termed a "blacklist," is an agreement among certain employers not to employ a person objectionable to any of the others. Where the parties to such understandings are limited in number and control only a few of the avenues of employment open to a workman, the agreement is of little consequence to him, since he can readily find work with employers not in the agreement. Where the combination is large, or where, even though small, it controls practically all the opportunities of employment at his trade, it becomes to the wage-earner a serious matter. A commercial telegraph operator, for example, has practically two employers only, the Western Union and the Postal companies. If either company dismissed him for good cause and, for perfectly valid reasons, were unwilling to employ him in one office, it might easily follow that they would not wish to employ him in any of their offices, and all managers, accordingly, would be notified.

The action of a single company, therefore, would close to the operator many opportunities for work. If each company chose to include activity in union matters or participation in a strike as reasons for barring a man from its service, it could by merely notifying its own offices create a condition which, so far as that man was concerned, would result in practically the same thing as a black list in another line of industry. In a word, the commercial-telegraph operator, wherever he goes, finds everywhere practically the same two employers. If these enter into an agreement, the situation is practically hopeless to him.

But, Mr. Speaker, all the results of a black list can be obtained by a purely negative process that practically defies detection. There need be no actual exchange between the representatives of the companies of any name or list of names of those whom either is not to employ. A mere understanding that neither will employ an operator who has worked for the other unless such operator has a recommendation from his last employer would evidently create the precise condition brought about by the positive and cruder form of black list. Further, as the contracts for leased wires with both companies provide that a lessee shall not employ an operator objectionable to the company, the power of the company to prevent discharged men from securing employment as commercial telegraphers extends far beyond their own offices. In the same way, the close relationship between the commercial companies and the railroads using their wires and maintaining joint offices makes the telegraph field one peculiarly open to the operation of an effective and disastrous black list.

I shall now turn, Mr. Speaker, from the relations of the telegraph companies to their operatives to the broader question of their duties to the public. In this connection, I desire to call the attention of the House to a brief but significant paragraph in the report.

In this paragraph the announcement is made that the Western Union Company is the principal owner of leased wires, and one of its officials said that this business was so much more profitable than handling messages that the company had considered a suggestion that it cease entirely to handle messages and turn its attention to the leasing of wires. There you have it. Here is a company that for fifty years has enjoyed every advantage within the gift of state and federal authorities. Forced by an indignant public, upon whom it has fattened for years, to reduce its rates to something like a reasonable figure, it is now considering the suggestion of ignoring the public and devoting its entire energies to the leasing of its lines to the newspapers and to stock brokers for gambling purposes.

A certain New Yorker, formerly well known in the word of finance and transportation once said in answer to the query what the public would say to a railway deal then on the tapis, "The public be damned!" It looks as if the Western Union has reached a point where it purposes to make the same declaration to everybody except the favored few that are able to lease its lines. However, out of this defiant

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attitude some good may come. If the Western Union decides to ignore the rights of the public, it will hasten the day of a government telegraph, with its cheaper rates, better service, and better pay for its operators.

I have reserved until the closing part of my remarks reference to one subject, which the report treats briefly, but which to my mind is the most important of all the subjects it contains. This is the suggestion that the filing time shall be made a part of each telegram. In other words, that the hour and the minute the telegram is filed for transmission shall be forwarded with it, so that the person addressed will know how long it has been in transit. Every person that receives a telegram is entitled to this information.

The Government post mark on a letter, both at the point of origination and receipt, furnishes relatively the same information, and there is no reason why the telegraph companies, with their ample facilities for handling business, should not do likewise. A year ago, however, when my bill was introduced in this House requiring telegraph companies to send the filing time, the Western Union hurried to Washington two of their ablest representatives, and at the hearing upon it before the Commerce Committee they opposed the proposition with such vigor that one would have imagined its enactment into law would force both companies into bankruptcy. Yet in Europe, where the telegraph is operated by the government, this is the invariable rule. In a private letter from the editor of a telegrapher's journal in London, the writer says that "the only message coming into this country (Great Britain) without the filing time marked thereon are those from the American cable companies."

The contention set up by the Western Union officials was that to send the filing time with telegrams would so increase the number of words as to wipe out their narrow margin of profit. The ridiculous argument was advanced that "10 a. m." represented four words; "10:30 a. m." six words, and so on. As a matter of fact the average number of letters in the words of any printed page is five, and at the utmost "10:30 a. m.," which could be reduced to "10:30 a." or "10:30 p.," would be exactly one word. To carry the illustration still further, "1 p. m." would represent two letters, for it would be necessary only to say "1 p.," which would be less than half a word. Yet the Western Union officials stoutly insisted that such a law would work them an irreparable injury.

Now, let us see by a reference to the report just why the telegraph companies so persistently opposed the filing time proposition. I quote from page 17:

"Most of the operators interviewed, or from whom schedules were secured, stated that the messages most seriously discriminated against were those classed as ordinary messages. It was claimed that in the beginning of this investigation these messages were held back and gradually accumulated until the leased wires were released after 3 o'clock p. m., or until messages on certain wires had piled up to such an extent that an extra man would be put on. It was argued by them that if the filing time was compelled to be transmitted and placed on every message delivered, this piling up of ordinary business would be automatically eliminated, as the delay in the transmission of a message would be made evident on the face of the message. The use of the telegraph by a patron is for the purpose of a prompt transmission of his message, and it would seem a perfectly reasonable proposition that the companies themselves should furnish the evidence of their promptness with each message without charge. This appears to be the practice everywhere except in the United States, and it is probable that this requirement would itself be sufficient to insure promptness in the transmission of messages."

There you have the milk in the cocoanut. It is not the extra words the company fears, for every telegrapher knows that that argument is puerile. It is the light let in upon their methods or lack of methods that they fear. If the filing time were made a part of each telegram, and the person addressed saw that it had been delayed beyond all reason he would naturally complain, and these complaints would be so numerous that the company would be compelled to em-

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ploy additional operators to handle their business promptly. And this is what they do not propose to do, if they can avoid it.

What I have said, Mr. Speaker, is not based on insufficient knowledge, for I am thoroughly familiar with this subject. I began life as telegraph messenger and when I became proficient in the art of telegraphy I was employed for many years as operator and manager by the Western Union and Postal companies. I speak therefore by the card and with a thorough insight into the business in all its phases. There is no body of wage-earners more intelligent or worthy of encouragement than those who handle the telegraph business of the country. They are underpaid and overworked to a shameful degree, and their only salvation, in my judgment, will be the taking over of the lines by the Government, thus insuring better pay and treatment for the operators and a greatly improved service for the public.

THE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

PROBABLY the most hostile association to organized labor in the world, is the Manufacturers' Association. In fact, its only apparent reason for existing is to fight organized labor. J. W. Van Cleave of the Buck Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, was for several years its president, one of its chief lieutenants being D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, Ind. It will be remembered that the Buck Stove and Range Company was the concern that secured the injunction against the officers of the American Federation of Labor, which had for its purpose the preventing of a boycott against the products of that company, and for the alleged violation of which injunction, President Gompers, Secretary Morrison, and Member of the Executive Council, John Mitchell, were given jail sentences of one year, six months and three months respectively and which case is still pending on an appeal. Van Cleave resigned as president last April, and John Kirby, Jr., was elected in his stead, and in accepting the position, left no room to doubt his attitude towards organized labor.

In commenting on Kirby's election, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor in an editorial in *The Federationist*, says:

Mr. John Kirby, Jr., the new president of the manufacturers' association, was most bellicose in his attitude toward organized labor in his inaugural address at the time of his recent election. He said among other absurd things. "The way to handle the animal that we have been fighting, is to take him by the horns and shake the cussedness out of him."

That is not exactly a new policy; Mr. Van Cleave has been trying that and Mr. Post and Mr. Parry before him, and yet the Organized Labor "animal" so far from hanging to existence by a mere thread as Mr. Kirby asserts in another part of his speech is really stronger and lustier than ever. It may not be entirely safe to take the "animal" by the horns. Someone else might be thrown.

Mr. Kirby waxed very abusive and, as usual with such attempts, resorted to misrepresentation instead of stating facts. He seemed especially angry that representatives of the American Federation of Labor had accepted invitations to speak before women's clubs and that the Y. M. C. A. even desired information on the labor movement and that men of standing in the community should associate with leaders of organized labor. Such wild abuse might contain possibilities for grave public mischief were it not neutralized by its own vicious stupidity.

Mr. Kirby as the Bombastes Furioso of the manufacturers' association is likely to do more harm to his own class and colleagues than to the hosts of labor. He is likely to complete the revolt which started with an outburst in his convention against Van Cleave's abuse of organized labor. Some employers have been wont to charge labor unions with harboring the fire-eating type of demagogue whose speech savored of recklessness and exaggeration. But if this were ever in a degree true of labor's representatives it might have been accounted for by the burning sense of wrong which conceivably would render a man bitter and violent in his statements; but we

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hear very little nowadays of this type of labor orator. Strangely enough the manufacturers' association adopts the irresponsible, bitter, reckless tone and its hated opponent, the labor union, manages to keep sweet tempered even under remarkable provocation.

Mr. Kirby forgets that under our American institutions the workers are not in a separate class, there is not the old time status of master and servant, but all are in some sense masters of their own destiny and all equally valuable as citizens of our country. None may gainsay the right of the workers to organize for self-improvement and for the uplift of the whole people. Mr. Kirby makes the mistaken assumption that labor has no rights except those accorded by the employers and that the organization of labor is maliciously mischievous.

But the people of our country know better. They know that the labor union is an economic necessity, that it is here to stay and that the mouthings of the Kirbys and Van Cleaves but discredit the cause which they profess to represent.

The labor union was born of the impositions and injustice of employers, who, confident of their strength, treated the workers just as Mr. Kirby would have them treated now. He would have them regarded as slaves and criminals. He would deny them all rights before the law, and then grossly misrepresent their effort to obtain justice.

We fear that Mr. Kirby suffered somewhat from exasperation and trepidation. He finds that the sensible and fair-minded employers of the country are not to be fooled by the bitter, vindictive, and virulent abuse which the Van Cleavites delight in heaping upon the labor unions. There are a good many employers who have met the labor unions at close quarters and who like them. They have dealt with unions for a period of years and find dealing satisfac tory. Such men can not be fooled or coerced into joining the manufacturers' association and contributing money in order that the labor unions may be vilified and hounded out of existence.

While the labor unions much prefer to spend their resources in the constructive work of organization, and regret the expenditures made necessary in court proceedings and unjust injunction cases, yet we can say truthfully that the fierce attacks of the hirelings of manufacturers' association in last two years have but raised up friends for the labor movement on every side. Despite the depression of the past year and a half the unions have held their own and there is no trace of any ill effect from the attacks of the Van Cleavites, and they are now moving forward. Such persecution has always made the persecuted flourish. The result seems to worry Mr. Kirby. It looks as though he were not too cheerful or too hopeful in taking up the bad job where Van Cleave left it off.

If the manufacturers' association had any desire to become a force for good or to range itself with the constructive and progressive organizations of our time it should pray for a president who would evidence a sufficient amount of well-balanced gray matter in his cranium to refrain from such mouthings as those by which Mr. Kirby immensely amused the whole country recently.

We said in our editorial last month:

"It is needless to say that we entertain neither hope nor desire that the National Association of Manufacturers shall elect as its president some supine employer who has neither the courage, intelligence, nor the honesty of his convictions; but he need not be an extremist or a fanatic or centuries behind the times. A man filling so responsible a position should be an employer representative in character, representative in business, and representative of the best conceptions of American manhood and citizenship."

Mr. Kirby is none of those things, we regret to say, but the effect of his time-worn tactics will be to make his own colleagues ridiculous rather than to inflict any great damage on the workers.

Meanwhile the labor movement goes serenely on its way, building up and perfecting its organization, co-operating with every civic, reform and educational force which makes for progress. A comparison of the work achieved by the labor union in its constructive efforts and the destructive tac-

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tics of the Kirbys and Van Cleaves should draw a parallel which no sensible employer can afford to ignore.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, who is one of the most successful labor leaders in the country, in a contributed article to *The Federationist*, under the caption, "Hostility of Manufacturers' Association" sums up the attitude of that association in the following terse manner:

The radical policy adopted at the recent convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, emphasized by the rabid declarations of its newly elected president, has suggested a theme for considerable thought and much discussion, and it is interesting to observe that, with little exception, profound regret is expressed that an association of manufacturers, depending upon the good will and patronage of the public, should countenance or permit the denunciation of millions of American citizens whose loyalty and fidelity to the institutions of our country are acknowledged and proclaimed by all right-thinking, unselfish men.

It is not my purpose to enter into an extended analysis of the unwarranted charges and aspersions which have been cast upon the organized wage-earners, or a defense of the religious, educational, and philanthropic associations which have recognized the organized labor movement as a natural and rational development of the industrial life of our time. Nor is it necessary to defend the really important employers of labor who, in keeping with the spirit of the generation in which they live, recognize the right of workingmen to combine their strength in organizations and through such organizations to contract as to the conditions under which labor shall be performed.

In connection with this subject, however, it may not be uninteresting to contrast the utterances of the president-elect of the National Association of Manufacturers with those of many great and important men from various walks of life, whose words can not fail to carry conviction to the unprejudiced mind.

When his election as president of the National Association of Manufacturers was announced, Mr. Kirby declared:

"My policy is the policy of David M. Parry and J. W. Van Cleave. The question that is uppermost in our minds today is the labor question. I have been selected as your president not on account of my ability; not on account of my national reputation, but because you know where I stand on the labor question."

As an illustration of the methods to be pursued, Mr. Kirby referred to an incident of the civil war in which Governor Seymour, of New York, attempted unsuccessfully to quell with a pacific speech a riot in Troy. "Then," said Mr. Kirby, "a captain wheeled a twelve-pound gun into line and the rioters dispersed in every direction. That's my way of dealing with a criminal! The only way to handle that animal" (the organized wage-earner) "is to take him by the horns and shake the cussedness out of him. The labor question involves a great principle that should not be compromised if America is to stay America. * * * We find men of prominence who ought to be ashamed of themselves, harboring the leaders of that organization" (the American Federation of Labor) "and sending them out over the country to address women's clubs. That is the greatest danger we have. If it had not been for that class of people, organized labor of the militant type would be as dead as a mackerel today."

Contrast the above with the following utterances:

Said William H. Taft, addressing the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, last December:

"Time was when everybody who employed labor was opposed to the labor unions, when it was regarded as a menace. That time, I am glad to say, has largely passed away, and the man today who objects to the organization of labor should be relegated to the last century. It has done marvels for labor and will doubtless do more. It will, I doubt not, avoid the reduction to a dead level of all workingmen."

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Pope Leo XIII., in his Encyclical "On the Condition of the Laboring Classes," advocated the formation of workingmen's unions—

"To better the condition, both of families and individuals; to infuse a spirit of equity in the mutual relations of employers and employed; to keep before the eyes of both classes the precepts of duty and the law of the gospel."

Said Potter Palmer:

"For ten years I made as desperate a fight against organized labor as was ever made by mortal man. It cost me considerable more than a million dollars to learn that there is no labor so skilled, so intelligent, so faithful, as that which is governed by organizations whose officials are well-balanced, level-headed men. I now employ none but organized labor and never have the least trouble, each believing that the one has no right to oppress the other."

Said the late Bishop Potter:

"Organization, co-ordination, co-operation, are the right of every body of men whose aims are worthy and equitable, and must needs be the resource of those who, individually, are unable to persuade their fellow-men to recognize the justice of their claims and principles. If employed within lawful and peaceful limits, it may rightly hope to be a means of educating society in a spirit of fairness and practical brotherhood."

Said Melville E. Ingalls, chairman of the board of directors of the Big Four Railroad:

"For 35 years of my life I have been what you might call a large employer of labor, as a railroad manager. I have seen these modern conditions grow up under my eye. My first experience was in controlling a railroad of 175 miles and three or four hundred employes. I knew every man on the road; I could call him by name and shake hands with him, and we could make all the trade agreements we needed between hours. There was no trouble. If anybody had a grievance he could come in to see the Old Man, and the door was always open. When I left the active management of the road we had some 7,000 miles of railroad and some 30,000 employes, and the man who worked on the railroad would have stood just as much chance to see any one with his grievance as he would to get into the Kingdom of Heaven. His only chance was to join an organization and deal through committees. We were always in favor of that; in fact, it seems to me that your trade agreement is just as much a protection to capital as to labor."

Said Wendell Phillips:

"I rejoice at every effort workmen make to organize; I hail the labor movement; it is the only hope for democracy. Organize and stand together; let the nation hear a united demand from the laboring voice."

Said the late Senator M. A. Hanna:

"Don't organize for any other purpose than mutual benefit to the employer and the employe. Don't organize in the spirit of antagonism; that should be beneath your consideration. If you are the stronger or the abler, much less excuse you have to show resentment, because the other side is simply asking that they have their share. * * * If we can by any method establish a relation of mutual trust between the laborer and the employer, we shall lay the foundation stone of a structure that will endure for all time. * * * It is all wrong to suppose that the laboring element of this country is not ready and willing to join in this movement. I speak from experience. I have found the labor organizations ready and willing to go more than half way."

Said Cardinal Manning:

"Labor is capital. Labor has the same right to protect itself by trade unions as any other form of capital might claim for itself."

Said William E. Gladstone:

"Trade unions are the bulwarks of modern democracies."

One has but to read the reported utterances of the chosen spokesman of the National Association of Manufacturers, to become quite fully convinced that the only truthful and sane declaration made by him was that in which he says: "I have not been selected as your president because of my ability."

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I am sure that I shall not be charged with transgressing the rules of propriety if I suggest that the National Association of Manufacturers should take counsel from and profit by the experiences of the great industrial enterprises of our country, the owners and managers of which work in harmony and co-operation with the organized workmen they employ. On every hand workingmen and employers are seen peacefully at work developing, conducting and expanding the industrial enterprises in which they are both interested and upon the success and prosperity of which their mutual welfare depends. Unless one's mind is distorted by unreasonable prejudice, unless his eyes be blinded by insatiable greed or passion, unless he be incapable of learning the lesson which history teaches, he will understand that a movement which has done so much to improve the conditions of life and labor, to protect the womanhood and childhood of the nation, to elevate the moral and intellectual standards of the people, and to improve the relations between employer and employed, can not be destroyed or impeded permanently by the irrational and intemperate declarations of men who are *in* their generation, but not *of* it.

Paradoxical as it may appear, the representatives of this employers' association in one breath decry and denounce what they term "class divisions" and "class hatreds," and in the next breath malign and berate their fellow-citizens who are workingmen, and all other groups in society in sympathy with the legitimate purposes and high ideals of the labor movement. They claim and proclaim the right and necessity of organization among the employers, yet deny to workingmen the right of organization and combination. They prate about law and order, yet advocate violence and anarchy; they suggest the use of the cannon as a means of dispersing the workingmen; they malign and traduce the great majority of employers of labor who refuse to join them in carrying forward their unholy and un-American designs to destroy the organized labor movement; and to cap the climax of their inconsistensy, they impugn the motives and question the intelligence of the religious, educational and philanthropic institutions of the country, simply because these institutions have opened their doors to the representatives of the organized labor movement and have listened respectfully to the claims made in behalf of the working men and women whose brain and brawn have contributed in no small degree to the commercial, intellectual and moral supremacy of the nation.

How much better would it be for themselves, how much more would it contribute to the honor and glory of our common country if these gentlemen of the National Association of Manufacturers would examine with open minds and intelligent discernment the real purpose, policy and philosophy of the American labor movement.

COURT DECISIONS.

THE decision of the Federal Court for the District of Columbia in the Gompers-Morrison-Mitchell case and the comment thereon, has brought to light many important documents, among the most important of which is excerpts from a speech delivered by Judge Seymour D. Thompson in an address delivered to the State Bar Association in Texas in 1896. Judge Thompson was an eminent jurist and at one time was Judge of the Court of Appeals of Missouri, and later, for many years was editor of *The American Law Review*. He dwelt at considerable length upon the duties of the Court toward the people, and concluded by sounding the following warning:

"There is danger, real danger, that the people will see at one sweeping glance that all the powers of their Government, Federal and State, lie at the feet of us lawyers; that is to say, at the feet of a judicial oligarchy; that those powers are being steadily exercised in behalf of the wealthy and powerful classes, and to the prejudice of the scattered and segregated people; that the power thus seized includes the power of amending the Constitution; the power of superintending the action, not merely of Congress, but also of the State Legislatures; the power of degrading the powers of the two houses of Congress, in making those investigations which they may deem accessory to wise

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legislation, to the powers which an English court has ascribed to British Colonial legislatures; the power of superintending the judiciary of the States, of anulling their judgments and commanding them what judgments to render; the power of denying to Congress the power to raise revenue by a method employed by all governments; making the fundamental sovereign powers of government, such as the power of taxation, the subject of barter between corrupt legislatures and private adventurers; holding that a venal legislature, temporarily invested with power, may corruptly bargain away those essential attributes of sovereignty and for all time; that corporate franchises bought from corrupt legislatures are sanctified and placed forever beyond recall by the people; that great trusts and combinations may place their yokes upon the necks of the people of the United States, who must groan forever under the weight, without remedy and without hope; that trial by jury and the ordinary criminal justice of the States, which ought to be kept near the people, are to be set aside, and Federal Court injunctions substituted therefor; that those injunctions extend to preventing laboring men quitting their employment, although they are liable to be discharged by their employers at any time, thus creating and perpetuating a state of slavery. There is danger that the people will see these things all at once; see their enrobed judges doing their thinking on the side of the rich and powerful; see them look with solemn cynicism upon the sufferings of the masses, nor heed the earthquake when it begins to rock beneath their feet; see them present a spectacle not unlike that of Nero fiddling while Rome burns. There is danger that the people will see all this at one sudden glance, and that the furies will then break loose and that all hell will ride on their wings."

COMPETENT LABOR.

THAT organized labor has not received the support of the great daily newspapers of the country to the extent that they should have received it, is a fact well known to those familiar with existing conditions, but it is an encouraging sign to see that the great dailies are one by one becoming more liberal in their views and are more inclined to appreciate the importance of the laborer and to concede that he at least has some rights. The *Houston Post*, in a recent editorial under the caption "Waste of Incompetent Labor," takes the corporations to task for their miserly policy toward laboring men, and shows the inconsistency of such a course. The *Post's* editorial follows:

"It is a well-known fact that many of the larger corporations have stubbornly resisted one of the most palpable truths of political economy, to-wit, that it pays to employ a superior class of labor and to pay it the best wages such labor can command. It is one of the weaknesses of greed that it is short-sighted in correctly appraising the value of being liberal in the payment of wages to employes, hence it makes no difference how high profits pile up, it rarely invites the latter to share in them through a rising scale of wages. On the contrary, it is a habit with most corporations to resist all demands to that effect, no odds how modest, even to the extent of spending double the amount of such proposed increase in prolonging the needless waste that every strike involves.

"In this connection, the announcement was made in Wednesday's issue of the daily press that the strike of the employes of the Pressed Steel Car Company at McKees Rocks had been settled, and that the workmen, numbering over 5,000, would return to work at the rate of 1,000 a day. This strike was in progress fifty-three days and, besides costing the company a tremendous sum of money, resulted in a conflict in which many lives were needlessly sacrificed. In the settlement, the dispatches state that the workmen won a complete victory, the company agreeing to require no Sunday work hereafter, to a half holiday on Saturday, to an increase in wages, and guaranteeing that better conditions are to prevail throughout the big mill.

"On the face of things, none of these demands which have finally been acceded to were unreasonable, and only short-sighted

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greed prevented their acceptance in the outset, thus avoiding the enormous waste the strike subsequently entailed both upon the company and its 5,000 employes.

"In his recently published book on the 'Principles of Mining,' H. C. Hoover presents some statistics which strongly bear out the contention that the policy which employs pauper or low-priced labor is essentially wasteful. The figures given, since similar results could no doubt be shown in other activities, are well deserving the study of every employer of labor. It is shown that the American white miner can produce ten times the results of the low-priced rice-fed Hindoo, and yet the labor cost of production is only half that of Indian gold. He can produce nearly four times as much as the Kaffir laborer in spite of the latter's expert white supervision. The Australian white man can produce nine times as much as the Indian native at two-thirds of the cost, and three and a half times as much as the Kaffir, and still achieve cheaper results.

"'Here,' says the *Wall Street Journal*, 'is another blow to the old high protection fetich of the "competition of pauper labor." Such labor is paid by results and those results make the labor dear. It might be thought that the German workman was as good a man as the British. But the British shipbuilders can pay higher wages on free trade than the Germans can on protection, and, moreover, the workman is worth the higher wages. He is better fed and housed and his condition is reflected in his greater productivity.'

"As the rising standard of intelligence slowly makes its way into the darkest corners of the earth, the power of greed to monopolize the profits of intelligent, well-directed labor, which should be universally diffused, is gradually being broken, and toward the dawn of the happy era when every man shall enjoy the just returns of his own labor, everyone who loves his fellow man should turn his face hopefully. The world is fast coming into a kuowledge of the truth, and we have the assurance of the Nazarene Teacher that the truth shall make us free."

ROLL OF HONOR.

SINCE the last announcement, the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

S. T. Aiken (3), F. A. Arnold.

H. L. Baker, Chas. Bolick, I. I. Burfield (2).

C. A. Case (2), C. D. Carleton, C. E. Carpenter.

I. P. Diefenderfer, J. F. Denny, C. J. Deidrick (2), H. M. Dykes (2).

G. W. Hagle, I. N. Holmes (3), C. E. Hosler (2), Geo. Hunt.

S. E. Jones.

J. H. King.

Geo. Lavengood (3).

W. S. McCormack (2), D. B. McGinn.

G. B. Newbill, T. F. Noon (2).

W. H. Polsgrove (3). E. E. Pierron

D. M. Rogers (4), D. C. Root, J. C. Resiboro, T. A. Robinson, J. E. Robertson (2), J. H. Rogers, Jr.

W. M. Skinner (2), Thos. Sasser (2). J. H. Smith (2), L. D. Stabler (3).

M. H. Smith (2), A. P. Sundet.

C. A. Tompkins, H. C. Treadwell, T. J. Tedder (2).

L. J. White, D. H. Wilson (7).

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Six hundred and nineteen new members were initiated into the Order during the month of September.

All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 28th day of the month, in order to insure insertion in the following issue.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, which has been in the hands of receivers for the last three or four years, has passed to the control of the Baltimore & Ohio.

President Stillwell is authority for the statement that the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad will soon be completed to San Angelo, Texas, shortening the distance between that point and Kansas City 240 miles.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



Articles of incorporation of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company were recently filed with the Secretary of State of Illinois. This road has been in the hands of a receiver since early in 1908, and the filing of the articles of incorporation is a step toward the reorganization of the company, and the taking of the road out of the hands of the receiver.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is again called to the fact that the last session of the Grand Division changed the laws governing that department so as to make assessments payable six months at a time, in advance, instead of monthly as heretofore. PARTIAL REMITTANCES DO NOT PLACE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

S. J. Egelston, an old-time member of the organization and now a member of System Division No. 8, has embarked in the printing business, being one of the proprietors of the Union Printing Company of Rochester, N. Y. P. E. Ahrig, a member of Division No. 138, has gone into the jewelry business at Sunman, Ind. J. E. Rosseau, of Division No. 43, has embarked in the mercantile business.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last session of the Grand Division, a booklet containing laws enacted in the United States and Canada affecting railroad telegraphers has been compiled and published. It contains about one hundred pages of interesting matter and will be sent to any member remitting 25c to L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

France, Germany and England have for many years maintained bureaus created to look after the welfare of child life in the factories, dangerous occupations, accidents and diseases of children of the industrial classes. A bill to establish a National Children's Bureau was introduced in the Congress of the United States during the winter of 1905-06, at the request of the National Child Labor Committee, but it never came to a vote. The need for such a bureau seems apparent.

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An exchangs says that little gophers and moles are the cause of endless trouble and constant expense to the Southern Pacific Railroad, especially in the Willamette Valley, where the land is rich. They burrow holes under the track, which gradually sinks. During January and February it is stated that the section crews were kept constantly at work on the mushy spots in the track caused by the little pests.

The Editor is "all piled up" with photographs, having something like five hundred on hand at the present time. Members are requested to observe the following rule in regard to sending in photographs for publication in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER: Only photographs of groups of members of the Order, General Committees, deceased members and members who have atttained distinction by being elected to an important office, should be sent in. Group photographs must contain at least three members of the Order, and must not contain others than members of the Order.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of July, 1909, shows that there were 66,218 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 2,330 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded, 19; insane and epileptics, 23; loathesome or dangerous contagious diseases, 181; likely to become public charges, 1,850; contract laborers, 64; mentally or physically defective, 25; accompanying aliens, 20; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 17; assisted aliens, 4; criminals, 35; polygamists, 1; anarchists, 1; prostitutes and procurers, 38; without passport, 3; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 49. The report also shows that there were 218 aliens returned after landing.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of June, 1909, shows that there were 85,470 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during the month; that there were 1,646 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded, 22; insane and epileptics, 29; tuberculosis (non-contagious), 1; loathesome or dangerous contagious diseases, 270; likely to become public charges, 919; mentally or physically defective, 61; contract laborers, 96; accompanying aliens, 43; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 41; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 49; polygamists, 1; prostitutes and procurers, 69; without passport, 8; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 36. The report also shows that there were 252 aliens returned after landing.

The Editor's request for information regarding members of the Order who have been elected or appointed to offices of trust in their respective localities, has developed the fact that many members of the Order have been honored by their fellow-citizens. Hon. A. P. Murphy, a member of the Grand Division, and father of the telegraphers' nine-hour law, is serving a second term as Congressman from the 16th District of Missouri; R. P. Rubin, of Division 49, is a member of the State Legislature of Colorado; L. A. Tanquary, of Division 128, is Superintendent of the Free Employment Bureau of Colorado; W. L. Mead, of Division 74, is postmaster at Bridgeport, Ill.; W. Muzzy, of Division 2, is mayor of Ramsey, Ill.; C. F. Stauffer, of Division 32, is mayor of Winslow, Ark.; L. E. Crandall, of Division 59, is treasurer of the Board of School Trustees of Chrisney, Ind.; W. F. Sawrey, of Division 31, is clerk of the City Board of Bronaugh, Mo.; W. R. Vaughan, of Division 97, is a member of the Warren County, N. C., Board of Education; R. J. O'Brien, of Division 129, is town clerk of Harbor Creek, Pa.; G. H. Clavin, of Division 129, is assistant postmaster at Northeast, Pa.; J. S. Johnson, of Division 76, is justice of the peace in Elroy, Wis.; E. B. Baldwin, of Division 46, is alderman and treasurer of Coffey Springs, Ala.; H. J. Mohler, of Division 31, is a member of the City Council in Kingman, Kan.; G. W. Carter, of Division 40, is justice of the peace in Summers County, W. Va.; C. T. Yates, of Division 124, is town clerk of Groton, N. Y.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. E. D. Thomas, of Paines Falls, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Linton, of Fitzgerald, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. N. Getz, of Oran, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. J. Brouillard, of Moosup, Vt., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. E. Peavy, of Chunky, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. E. Hill, of Ingelow, Man., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs B. H. Arter, of Aurora, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. R. Morlan, of Plymouth, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. V. Arndt, of Ramsey, Ida., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. G. White, of Hartstown, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jno. H. Miller, of Spruce Creek, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Lamm, of Elrod, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Earl Garber, of Diamond Bluff, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Saveria, of Woonsocket, R. I., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Montgomery, of Saint Clair, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. C. Menchio, of Karthans, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell, of Pittsburg, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. N. Williams, of Oakmont, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Berwinkle, of Red Raven, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. B. Kinnard, of Div. 93, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jno. Kelly, of Roxbury, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Destroismaisons, of St. Philippe de Laprairie, Quebec, a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At New York, N. Y., Bro. Jas. A. Stinson, of Div. 8, to Miss Grace A. Deady.

At Somerset, Ky., Bro. H. C. Young, of Div. 138, to Miss Bertha Taylor.

At St. Paris, Ohio, Bro. Carl Martz, of Div. 138, to Miss Roxie Moore.

At Greencastle, Ind., Bro. R. W. Roller, of Div. 138, to Miss Isa Combs.

At Alburnett, Ia., Bro. Bert F Laity, of Div. 76, to Miss Mabel F. Stebbins.

At Bloomburg, Pa., Bro. C. L. Hawbecker, of Div. 12, to Miss Lizzie Lutz.

Bro. C. G. Marshall, of Div. 8, to Miss Olive Graham.

At Cedar Bluff, Ga., Bro. Chas. Neely, of Div. 59, to Miss Eva Daniel.

At Brechin, Ont., Bro. W. L. Black, of Div. 7, to Miss Jessie Turnbull.

Bro. R. A. Snyder, of Div. 1, to Miss Vera Selkirk.

At Abingdon, Ill., Bro. J. H. Botkins, of Div. 130, to Miss Sarah Simmons.

At Utica, N. Y., Bro. Ralph H. Laraway, of Div. 8, to Miss Florence Barber.

At Laclede, Ida., Bro. F. W. Morrison, of Div. 70, to Miss Lillie Busy.

At Eskota, Texas, Bro. W. G. Leach, of Div. 88, to Miss Millie Millicean.

At Hillsboro, Ill., Bro. Andy Leitch, of Div. 138, to Miss Mae Olive.

At McElhattan, Pa., Bro. Harry Taylor, of Div. 24, to Miss Sarah Rochlimer.

At Rockville, Md., Bro. L. O. Moss, of Div. 125, to Miss Edna Fink.

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At Jordan, Ky., Bro. A. W. Polsgrove, of Div. 2, to Miss Linda Harpole.

At Coldwater, Miss., Bro. T. D. Howell, of Div. 93, to Miss Helen Eason.

At Catawba, Ohio, Bro. Frank M. Haines, of Div. 138, to Miss Anna B. Fleming.

At Erlanger, Ky., Bro. G. W. Arnold, of Div. 62, to Miss Lutie Pearl Gardner.

At Birmingham, Pa., Bro. C. R. Banks, of Div. 3, to Miss Blanche Wright.

At Birmingham, Pa., Bro. R. C. Banks, of Div. 3, to Miss Cora Billet.

Bro. H. F. McDowell, of Div. 118, to Miss Verna Arras.

At Gloucester City, N. J., Bro. F. C. Ackroyd, of Div. 84, to Miss Christianson.

At Perry, N. Y., Bro. Jas. T. Nolan, of the Grand Div., to Mrs. Martha Gayton.

At Providence, Maryland, Bro. W. S. Hartman, of Div. 33, to Miss May Carson Densmore.

At Leadville, Colo., Bro. Louis P. Delsole, of Div. 81, to Miss Marguerite Beechner.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

At Warren, R. I., Bro. S. H. Sturtevant, of Div. 35.

At Denver, Colo,. Bro. Percy Price, of Div. 26.

At St. Joseph Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Bro. J. J. Gallagher, of Div. 8.

At Janesville, Wis., wife of Bro. Geo. S. Davey, of Div. 23.

At Erwin, N. Y., mother of Bro. Harry Dunham, of Div. 42.

At Harrisonville, Ind., infant daughter of Bro. G. E. Smith, of Div. 138.

At Toledo, Ohio, Bro. H. Cudaback, of Div. 48.

At Crossett, Ark., wife of Bro. N. C. Cagle, of Div. 126.

At Dodson, La., Bro. W. L. Clark, of Div. 126.

At Houston, Texas, mother of Bro. W. O. Sherwood, of Div. 53.

At Auburn, R. I., infant son of Bro. J. R. Maxwell, of Div. 35.

At Sebois, Maine, Irva A. McLeod, daughter of Bro. J. I. McLeod, of Div. 7.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of Henry A. Davis.
J. A. BERNARD, Covington, Okla.

Present address of G. W. Banister, working on Milwaukee in S. D. last spring. If you see this, write L. E. DOWNEY, Almena, Kansas.

Present address of J. H. Atchison, formerly on the Fort Wayne. Joe, if you see this, please write your old "Bunkie."
STATZ, Nathrop, Colo.

Present address of W. C. Corbus, last heard of in Company Hospital at Springfield, Mo. W. H. BLACKWELL, Ravenden, Ark.

Present address of Julia McGinnis, last worked for Q. & C. Ry. at Richwood, Ky. Sister, if you see this, write.
H. A. HUCKEBY, Sikeston, Mo.

Present address of L. L. James, last heard of on B. & O. S. W. John, if you see this, write me at Colby, Ohio, care Nickel Plate.
DUDDIE MORRISON.

Present address of J. F. Shipton, last heard of was at Bozeman and Belgrade, Mont. Address reply to I. N. HOLMES, 1615 Tenth St., Olympia, Wash.

Present address of R. C. Miller, of Div. 134. "R," if you see this, write me here.
J. S. HOUSTON, JR., East Palatka, Fla.

Present address of J. B. Davis, formerly a member of Div. 130. Have important mail for him. F. A. ANDERSON, Preston, Neb.

Present address of R. B. Sutton, last heard of with the O. R. & N. at Pleasant Valley, Ore. "SN," if you see this, write me. J. G. WYATT, Care Dispatchers' Office, Helper, Utah.

Present address of W. H. Donovan (known as Red Donovan), last heard of working as relief agent at Dawson, N. D., on N. P. R. R. EARL P. SMITH. R. F. D. 1, Billings, Mont.

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Present address of Sister O. G. Wilson, last heard of working for Santa Fe Ry. at Frontenac, Kan., in 1902. "OG," if you see this, write your old friend of Independence, Kansas, now East Palatka, Fla.

Present address of J. L. Sparrow, last heard of was leaving Little Rock, Ark, for Denver, Colo. J. G. WYATT,
Care Dispatchers' Office, Helper, Utah.

Present address of J. J. Wesson, last heard of was at Eagle Mills, Ark., with Cotton Belt Ry. Old Sport, if you see this, write me here. J. G. WYATT,
Care Dispatchers' Office, Helper, Utah.

Present address of Jno. Burrough Davis, last heard of working for C. B. & Q. at Rulo, Neb. Any one knowing his whereabouts will confer a great favor by addressing F. A. ANDERSON,
Preston, Neb.

Present address of Walter Quinn. Any one knowing of his whereabouts will confer a great favor on his mother by writing her at 25 Center St., Saginaw, Mich. Last heard of working at Gold Creek, Mont., for U. P. about three months ago.
J. E. CHAMBERS, Vassar, Mich.

Present address of R. W. Lilly, last heard of was working in or about Little Rock, Ark., eight months ago. Any information leading to his present address will be very much appreciated by his mother, Mrs. G. W. Lilly, Point Rock, Frederick Co., Maryland.
G. C. LILLY.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

C. T. Strouse, Cherry Run, West Vt.

Roy C. Stanford, 656 N. Springfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

B. H. Knoz, 211 S. Carroll St., Natchez, Miss.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 12881, Cert. 1, Div. 34, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 4245, Cert. 1427, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 4800, Cert. 97, Div. 79, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 24854, Cert. 2380, Div. 130, for term ending December 31, 1909.

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Card 20134, Cert. 2278, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 13567, Cert. 1954, Div. 126, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 22071, Cert. 1971, Div. 32, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 1846, Cert. 2515, Div. 53, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 7144, Cert. 582, Div. 29, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 12523, Cert. 2234, Div. 53, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14915, Cert. 143, Div. 38, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 19252, Cert. 1893, Div. 54, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 9364, Cert. 1944, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 10774, Cert. 158, Div. 5, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14126, Cert. 1839, Div. 130, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 19936, Cert. 521, Div. 91, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14056, Cert. 6795, Grand Div., for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14719, Cert. 207, Div. 57, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 9345, Cert. 1618, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14888, Cert. 864, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 2389, Cert. 2446, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 3378, Cert. 4, Div. 134, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 18615, Cert. 2620, Div. 53, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 22865, Cert. 1841, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 19393, Cert. 16, Div. 135, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 23430, Cert. 251, Div. 135, for term ending December 31, 1909.

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Card 26581, Cert. 600, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 2389, Cert. 2446, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 22966, Cert. 208, Div. 33, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 15661, Cert. 1753, Div. 33, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 20566, Cert. 2327, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

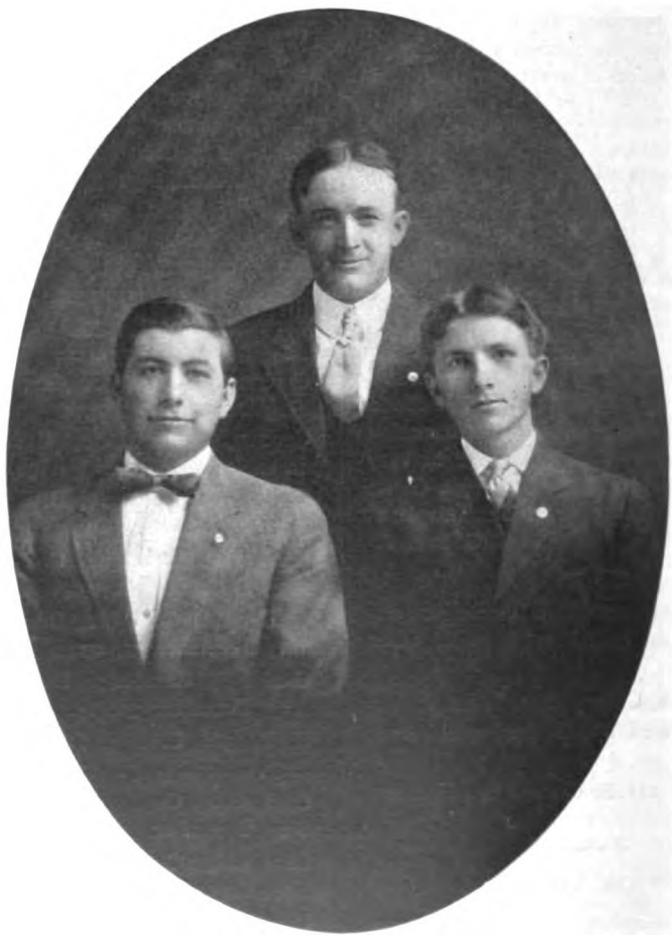
Card 11800, Cert. 1122, Div. 70, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 3938, Cert. 1175, Div. 42, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 5000, Cert. 2107, Div. 126, for term ending December 31, 1909.

NOTICE.

Stolen—Purse on September 21st, in Chicago, Ill., from room, containing express money order for $10.00 and O. R. T. cards dating from December, 1908, to December 31, 1909, issued to Certificate No. 3029, Division 2. O. E. KOEHN,
3940-A St. Louis Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.



G. A. Hinman, Ass't Local Ch'n. W. L. Kesinger, Ass't Local Ch'n. J. P. Meehan, Loc. Chairman.

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All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

GET BUSY.

Notice to All Members of Division 132:

I have been elected Secretary and Treasurer of the A. C. L. Division of the Ladies' Auxiliary. With your assistance I want to make this one of the largest and strongest divisions. The first thing I want to ask you to do is to send me the names of your relatives who are eligible for membership in the Auxiliary. The following is a copy of Section 1, Article VII of our constitution, which shows who are eligible:

"Persons eligible for membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers are mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and lady members of the O. R. T., and also mothers, wives and daughters and sisters of deceased members of the Order."

A member must be in good standing before a card will be issued in the Auxiliary, and when a member of the O. R. T. drops behind in his dues, the card of his relative is cancelled in the Auxiliary.

I want you to talk to the lady members of your family and get them interested in this work. There is a great deal we can do as soon as we get organized. Everything else will have to wait, however, until we get members. Send me the names asked for and we will commence to work on them. Of course, it would be better if you sent their applications, as we would then have a worker.

The cost to become a member and carry a card is small—only 50 cents initiation fee and 10 cents per month dues.

I am especially anxious that you should get the younger members of your family interested and take out a card for the little girls. You can train them up as members and they will be better workers than some of the older members. One brother in Atlanta took a card for a six-weeks-old baby, another for his grandmother, who is ninety years old. You can, therefore, see there is no age limit. You will be surprised to know how much interest and how much good work can be done by a little encour-

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agement from you in your home circle. Try it and give us the benefit of your influence.

MRS. J. H. WILLIAMS,
Secretary and Treasurer, Div. No. 3.



SISTER FANNIE M. PAULSEN,
General Chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary, on the Chicago and North Western Rail-way.

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY.

FOUR months have passed since the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was organized and started out, one hundred and twenty-five strong, to fight for the cause of unionism, and no one is better satisfied with the work it has accomplished than myself. We have already passed the one hundred and seventy-five mark and are nearing the two hundred goal, and since our cards are out things are moving along nicely. Too much praise can not be given Bro. Quick for the work he has done for us, and all he has done has been of the very best. Did you notice your card? It is just as good as the Grand Division furnishes the O. R. T. boys. Does not that prove that our Grand Officers of the O. R. T. are interested in the families of their membership and want them to have the best there is going. Now, let us show our appreciation by bringing some non into the O. R. T., and his wife, mother or sister into the L. A.

Several samples of the emblem pins have been submitted by Bro. Quick, and we have decided on one that I think will meet the approval of the entire membership. The order has been placed with the button house, and by the time this appears in print the pins will be ready to mail to all our members. Now, let us be union from the heart out, and when we are spending the money that has been earned by a union wage scale, demand the union label and help some other union to prosper. This is one of the greatest works we can perform. And, just remember, if coffee hurts your stomach, you don't have to drink a substitute; water will do just as well, and you may rest assured that you are not drinking the product of a non-union shop and helping to pay for a four-column advertisement in some newspaper, telling about the evils of unionism. You should always bear these things in mind and use nothing but union made goods. If your dealer does not carry what you want, do not take a substitute, and the next time you are looking for the article you will find he has it in stock, for they are there to sell the goods and it matters little to them what the label is, so demand the union label and you will get it.

Let me urge every member of the Auxiliary to try and get at least one new member, or if you know of some one that you think would become a member, write me and I will be glad to mail them a set of application blanks. And, remember, that we are making a hard fight for the five hundred mark, and if we grow as rapidly in the next month as we have in the past four, we will not be disappointed.

MRS. G. W. MALONE,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

GREAT INTEREST ON C. & N. W.

IT gives me great pleasure to be able to announce that the Ladies' Auxiliary is making good headway on the North western System. The ladies have taken hold with a great deal of vigor, and the C. & N. W. has the honor of securing Charter No. 2, for the second local division

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of the auxiliary. Mrs. Paulsen, of Centerville, S. D., has been elected President, and Mrs. Hackbert, of Appleton, Wis., has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of Division No. 2, and we are now fairly started on the road to success.

With the fine charter membership which Division No. 2 has, there is no reason why we should not triple or quadruple our membership during the coming winter. The Ladies' Auxiliary is something which should appeal to every wife, sister, daughter or mother of an O. R. T. man, as it gives them an opportunity to assist their brothers in the struggle for better wages and working conditions, and, of course, anything which tends to increase the salary or lighten the burden of the telegrapher is of vital interest to those at home. All the other railroad organizations have had Ladies' Auxiliaries for years, and though the ladies of the O. R. T. have been somewhat slow in getting started, we can all work together to increase our membership, and make up for the valuable time which we have lost in the past. The very small rate of initiation and dues make it possible for every lady to join the auxiliary without any hardship. The initiation fee is 50 cents, and the dues 10 cents per month. As soon as we are fairly started, there is no doubt that we can make ourselves very helpful to our brothers, who are working for better homes and more of the comforts of life for us.

MRS. W. J. LIDDANE,
Second Vice-President.

GREATER INTEREST.

FOR a number of years I have looked for and read THE TELEGRAPHER each month, but not with the interest that I do now, as every issue brings new and helpful ideas that assist in the work of the Auxiliary.

Already I know that for the short time we have been organized, the ladies have a better understanding of what the O. R. T. means to their homes and families. There is one thing the Auxiliary will do, it will enlighten the members in such a way that they will be convinced there is more to the O. R. T. than the members paying their dues and occasionally attending the meetings.

After the Auxiliary movement is thoroughly understood, I feel that we will grow faster, as we have plenty of intelligent ladies who ought to be with us.

In the past I have often wondered why the O. R. T. boys were so choice and proud of their up-to-date cards, but since carrying one myself, I understand what it means to have one. Yet what must it mean to a Brother to feel, should he get into any difficulty, that he has a strong organization behind him, to see justice done.

Now, that the warm weather has passed, let us set to work with a will and show the eligible ladies what being united means. How much pleasanter it is to be greeted by the cheery "Hello, Sister," or "How are



SISTER MRS. PAUL L. HACKBERT,

General Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers on the Chicago and North Western Ry.

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you, Sister," instead of the stiff and formal, "How are you Mrs. So and So."

All this requires is an up-to-date card.

MRS. J. F. BRADY,
Chairman Board of Directors.

HOW THE AUXILIARY BENEFITS.

I THINK it would be well for us to tell the readers of THE TELEGRAPHER how the Auxiliary can and does benefit its members. The best way to do this would be for each member to give her views on the subject.

It has benefited me intellectually by the discussions and talks at the time of organization and by added correspondence.

It has broadened my social circle, not only to include members of our own union, but to every working man and woman on the globe that is trying to better his or her condition in life. Before becoming a member of the Auxiliary I felt that all work tending to raise the condition of the working class was out of my range, now I feel that it is a part of my life-work.

Last, but not least, it has increased my interest in the welfare of the O. R. T. I have been reading THE TELEGRAPHER regularly for about twelve years, and was always glad to hear that the boys had succeeded in getting better schedules, etc., but there my interest ceased. While I never discouraged any one in joining the Order, I never encouraged them.

Now, that I have an up-to-date union card of my own, I deem it my duty and take pleasure in doing every thing in my power to induce them to join, and hasten the day when all operators can spend at least two Sundays in the month with their families; work nine hours per day in pleasant quarters and receive a salary that will enable them to own homes, and be able to lay up funds for a happy, and care-free old age.

Let us all live to be an honor to the Order, and show by our daily lives that we are being benefited morally, intellectually, socially and (probably) financially.

MRS. L. E. CRANDALL,
Director.

PUSH.

BY MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

AS time goes on, my opinion of the Ladies' Auxiliary is still very "bullish," and I am a firm believer that the Auxiliary is going to go up in membership in such a manner as to soon eclipse any Auxiliary of any of the railroad crafts. What we want is business, attention to the Constitution, attention to the rules and the most strict attention paid to the meetings of both O. R. T. and L. A.

There is one thing certain, without O. R. T. members there will be no Auxiliary. By landing a new member for the O. R. T. you stand a chance of landing a new member for the Auxiliary. Let us all get busy now: let us not stand back on formalities. We don't stand back in church affairs, let us not stand back in our Auxiliary affairs, as the Auxiliary affairs means "bread and butter," without which no soul is able to live. Let us band together and help give ourselves bread to give life, and then look to the life! You cannot separate one from the other—without bread there is no life: without life there is no need for bread. To get the bread (that all-important thing) the operators must organize and their wives must organize and help to bear the burden and push along the movement.

Ladies, awake to your duty. The time is now! If you haven't joined, send in your application to Sister Malone. Get your up-to-date card! Get in line! After you get in line—PUSH!

You will hear something drop some of these days, and that will be the countenances of those who say the "women can't organize." Get busy and show them it can be done and then show them what can be accomplished.

A TIMELY ADDRESS.

HURRAH for woman! Hurrah for Sister Smith's address in the July TELEGRAPHER! It was so timely and to the point, laying aside the pretty compliments paid our sex. I do hope all the brothers read it, but still more, I hope it was read by the wives and daughters, sisters and mothers.

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We sorely need education along union lines. Also that the accusation of Sister Smith's that too few of us even know the label is true. We have not gotten our division organized yet, but we don't expect to give up. Things will be easier after a while—at least we are hopeful. Some say all the money comes from the man's pocket and it is enough for him to belong. So does all the money come from the man's pocket which we women have. But could we spend this amount to better advantage than with the Order? Wouldn't it be nice to be a really, truly helpmeet. To know the label and demand it? Ah! Then they would feel the union power ten-fold when the women demand the label. The workingman needs the co-operation of wife, daughter, mother and sister more than any other man.

Let him then enlighten her upon union topics and have her join the Auxiliary, and he may trust her to do her part. Women are very conscientious about performing what they believe to be their duty. It would be an unworthy spirit for one to belong simply to be carried along. The spirit of "Let others do the work while I do the rest," but rather

"Let us be up and doing.
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

MRS E. L. MATHIS,
First Vice-Pres.

SYRACUSE MEETING.

MEETING at Syracuse, September 18, 1909, called to order at 9 p. m. This was a meeting that had been widely advertised for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary. Bro. Morey acted as chairman of the meeting. There were between twenty-five and thirty present. Letters of regret at not being able to attend, and best wishes for the Ladies' Auxiliary were read from Second Vice-President Pierson, General Chairman Woolley, Local Chairman of Signalman Huff and Bro. Hoyt.

The question of the evening was then taken up, and well discussed. Then a recess was held for the signing of application blanks, and refreshments were served. Meeting again called to order and it was announced that the first Ladies' Auxiliary to Division No. 8 was organized with nine charter members. The first application blank was signed by Mrs. E. D. Warner. The names of the charter members are as follows: Mrs. S. J. Egelson, Mrs. B. J. Hart, Mrs. T. J. Joyce, Mrs. H. B. Morey, Mrs. W. F. Naatz, Mrs. A. Warner, Mrs. E. M. Warner, Mrs. E. D. Warner, Sister Gorman. Mrs. F. B. Huff, as organizer, was present. She and Mrs. Egelston came from Churchville, leaving their homes at 1 p. m. Saturday, owing to an accident to the train on which they came to Syracuse, they were delayed until a late hour, and we had given up all hopes of their being with us when they appeared. After the meeting they had to wait until after 2 a. m. for a train, and would not reach their homes until about 8 a. m. Sunday. Who of us would have done as much? That is the true spirit of unionism. It was a matter of general regret that Bros. Egelston and Huff could not be with us, owing to inability to secure relief.

Election of officers for Ladies' Auxiliary resulted as follows: President, Mrs. S. J. Egelston; vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Joyce; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Warner; chaperon, Mrs. F. B. Huff. As the hour was late, meeting adjourned until third Saturday in November, which is regular meeting night of the O. R. T. That will be Nov. 20, and the ball will be Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24. Tickets will be sent out soon as received, and it is desired that remittances be made in money order to the chairman of committee, Miss Gorman, East Syracuse, N. Y. Money order is specified, as it is not safe to send money in an ordinary letter. Letters and post cards have been sent me which I never received. Now, let us all work together for another great success, both financially and socially.

NOTES.

A meeting of Local No. 1, Division No. 29, was held September 3d, 1909. Sister M. F. McCormack was elected General Chairman, and Sister J. J. Dodan, General Secretary and Treasurer; Sister G. H.

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Foster, First Assistant General Chairman; Sister O. F. Culver, Second Assistant General Chairman, and Sister R. Y. Leonard, Third Assistant General Chairman.

Local No. 2, Division No. 76, had an election by mail-ballot. Sister Fannie M. Paulsen, of Centerville, S. D., was elected General Chairman, and Sister Paul Hackbert, of Appleton, Wis., was elected General Secretary and Treasurer. Any one from Division No. 76 wishing to enroll in the Auxiliary will send their applications to Sister Hackbert.

Local No. 3, Division No. 132—Sister J. H. Williams, of Wilson, N. C., is acting as General Secretary and Treasurer, and she is doing a wonderful work, as applications from that division are plentiful.

A rousing meeting was held at Auburn, R. I., Saturday, August 21st, and a local was organized with twelve charter members, to be known as Local No. 4, Division No. 35. Sister J. F. Brady, of Auburn, R. I., who is also Chairman of the Board of Directors, was elected General Chairman; Sister Emma C. Welch was elected General Secretary and Treasurer; Sister A. L. Conant was elected First Assistant General Chairman; Sister H. P. Haley was elected Second Assistant General Chairman, and Sister Bessie Mehring, elected Chaperone.

Sister J. E. Blackford, of Towel, Cal., has been appointed Local Chairman and Organizer of the Sacramento District. She writes she has twenty ladies who will fill application blanks; the blanks have been mailed her, and there will soon be a local on that division.

Sister W. V. Hobbs has just returned home, after spending the summer at Seattle. Bro. Hobbs, of the O. R. T., writes that they are going to organize a local on the Maine Central Railway when they convene their General Committee in October.

Sister A. Houston, of Kleinburg, Ont., writes that shortly after their arrival home from Atlanta, their eldest boy was stricken with scarlet fever, and later the baby contracted the disease, and they were promptly put in quarantine, being liberated only a few days ago.

Our Grand Secretary and Treasurer has just returned home, after a month's stay at Kalamazoo, Mich., being called there on account of the illness of Mr. Malone's father, who died August 8th. Her absence caused some delay in correspondence, as all mail had to be forwarded to that address.

We extend to Brother and Sister E. F. Todd, of Sandwich, Ill., our congratulations on the arrival of a new boy. Sister Todd is one of our charter members. Nor would we forget to extend our congratulations to Brother and Sister W. H. Polsgrove, of Jordan, Ky., the latter being a charter member, on the arrival of a new operator at their house.



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GLEANINGS

Long hours of labor lessen your pay.

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Thorough organization means better conditions.

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A cut in wages is never restored, until demanded.

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In Australia, Great Britain and Germany, labor holds the balance of power.

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The wages of organized labor are steadily advancing and the hours shortening.

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If all wage earners were organized, panics would be less frequent and less severe.

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Wages reduced in times of panic never rise again, among unorganized workers.

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All alien clerical employes of the Panama Canal are to be replaced with Americans.

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Be a ray of sunshine in the life of your fellow-worker. It will do you both good.

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Oklahoma has passed a law prohibiting Pinkerton detectives from working in the State.

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It is a duty you owe your family and your fellow-craftsmen to join the union of your craft.

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The total membership of the unions in Austria in 1892 was 44,606. In 1907 it was 501,094.

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A bill to provide for regulating trade unions has been introduced in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly.

The Federal High Court of Australia, has decided that the union label is not a trade-mark.

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Do you know that today you can purchase every kind of manufactured article that bears the label?

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Organized labor must, in the future, elect its own representatives. Union men are learning the game slowly.

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The Governor of Porto Rico has recommended to the Legislature a law creating a labor bureau on the island.

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The bill-posters of Boston, on strike for an increase in wages and better working conditions, have won a complete victory.

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The laws of New York State forbid newsboys under fourteen years of age from selling papers between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m.

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Employes of all the navy yards and arsenals throughout the country are to be paid weekly hereafter, instead of semi-monthly.

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Some 75,000 employes come under the provisions of the Government Employes' Compensation Act, which Secretary Straus has promulgated rules to put into effect.

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The California State Federation of Labor will present bills to the next Legislature in regard to employment agencies, child labor and the initiative and referendum.

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Seamen's compensation laws, for injuries received in the service of shipowners, are in

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operation in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Russia, Italy and Spain.

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There is no restriction in Spain against the employment of women and children in certain harmful branches of industry.

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Every time you make a demand for the union label you give the labor crusher a knock that he feels. Give him plenty of such knocks and he will soon be down and out.



J. EDWARD ASHER,
Member Division No. 33. Candidate for Legislature in Maryland.

In Italy no children of either sex under twelve years of age can engage in building operations, outside work of any kind, in mines or tunnels, nor in industrial establishments.

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Judge Lanman, in the county court at Victoria, B. C., has decided that a labor union is liable for damages if it calls its men out because a workman is not a member of the union.

You should have the courage of your convictions, and the manhood to express them, regardless of whom it may please, but you need not be a "knocker" or a "croaker."

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The longer you delay joining the union of your craft the longer you will be in bettering your present condition, shortening your hours of labor per day, and increasing your pay.

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About 80 per cent of our exchanges carry the ad of the Douglas Shoe Company, and at the same time tell their readers to buy union label shoes. Consistency!—*Iron City Trades Journal.*

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Now, more than any other time, there is greater need of persistent label agitation. When competition is keen the temptation on the part of the dealer to handle the non-union product is also greater.

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The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, with a membership of over 200,000, now has its permanent headquarters in the $70,000 building owned by that Order in Indianapolis.

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Courts may assume that employers have a property right in the labor or patronage of the wage-earner, but union men will continue to buy goods produced under fair conditions, and refuse to buy goods produced in unfair shops.

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The United Hatters of America Local of Newark, N. J., has induced the police commissioners of that city to hereafter refuse to accept any helmets for the police force which were not made in Essex County union hat factories.

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A new interpretation of the eight-hour law was given by the appellate division of the Supreme Court of New York recently, it having been contended that municipal construction work should be erected from manufactures of firms which recognize that law.

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MISCELLANY

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

A NIGHT DISPATCHER'S LOVE AFFAIR, OR THE WRECK AT RICKETS.

"WHERE have you been? I've been calling you the last half-hour; go ahead, Extra 1038, south."

The immediate answer was only a broken rattle of the key, during which time Harry Norton, night dispatcher on the Highland division of the D. & V. R. R., gave vent to his feelings in a manner that the "Old Man" was wont to call a blue column of white oaths. This was not the first time Norton had paid his respects in this way to the night owl at Rickets.

"Confound his trick knot!" he exclaimed, trying to break in on the rattling wire, only to have the line thrown open entirely.

"Flyer closing in on 1038," he continued aloud to himself; "if Extra isn't by Rickets, I'll have to put a 'lookout' in at Tilburg for her. With no block system, no protection, but these—"

The circuit closed with a metallic click. Instantly grasping the key, he dropped Rickets and called Tilburg. Twice the operator at Rickets attempted to interrupt him, but his efforts were in vain. Finally he tried again.

"Well!" the dispatcher flashed at him.

"Extra 1038 by at 4:23." And again the line became silent.

"You're perfectly sure about that?" Norton asked.

"You heard me," was the brief reply, to which Norton made no answer; he did not think it worth the while.

"Copy a '19' for Flyer," he said.

"Signal displayed—a long pause—Say, can you catch Flver at Tilburg? 1038's coming over the hill now; she's crippled; I can tell it by her exhaust."

"You said that she was by!"

"I didn't see her; I—"

"Yes, I know, you were asleep and made a guess. Get off!" And then he called Tilburg in a frantic effort to catch Flyer there, only to be met with: "Flyer by at 4:31," from the operator at Tilburg.

He took his hand from the key and passed it through his wavy hair, then threw himself forward on the desk. He felt a choking sensation in his throat and his eyes seemed to start from their sockets. Then anger took possession of him.

"Do you know," he clicked, addressing Rickets, "that a wreck is inevitable, and that you will be the cause of it all?"

"In that case you had better order the wreck train, hadn't you?" was the only reply he received.

"You are the most pig-headed man I've ever run across," the dispatcher hurled at him, then he let the key open and rushed over into the chief's room. There was no night chief. The message operator was sitting beside the instrument table, half asleep.

"Jimmie, go over and take the key," he said, "there's going to be a big wreck at Rickets." Then he picked up the 'phone and got the round-house. "Have the wreck train ready immediately to go to Rickets!" he called.

The operator had tarried at the door. "Shall I call the Old Man?" he asked.

"No, I'm going out myself I want to get a smack at that pig headed Dutchman of an operator and then quit." Then he caught up his hat and hurried down to the round-house. When he came back to the dispatcher's office for orders, the operator had already copied the wreck reports.

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"Not one hurt, Harry," he said. "One caboose smashed and an engine and six cars ditched."

"Alright, Jimmie, we're off. You can handle it: Relief will be along in half an hour. Is that Rickets you have there?" Then he reached over to the key. "I'm coming out there on the wreck train to see if I can't pound a little sense into that old block of yours. Look out for me!" he said.

With a clear track it was but a fifty minute run to Rickets, but it seemed an hour and fifty minutes to Norton, and the longer he sat in the cab and thought of the accident, the more angry he became. He was still a young man—barely twenty-eight—and he prided himself as being the best boxer in the dispatcher's office. So when the train drew up at the little depot at Rickets, he was off it with a single bound, determined to carry his threat into execution before his anger would abate. Through the window he saw someone sitting at the instrument table. He rushed into the waiting room and pushed open the office door. Then he stopped short and tried to back out again, but he was too late; already the operator had risen to greet him.

"Mr. Norton, I believe," said a silvery voice.

"I—I beg your pardon, Miss, but I—I didn't—er—know. You musn't mind what I—I said to you on the wire," he stammered, his anger giving way to embarrassment.

Norton was noted for his iron nerves; but there was one thing that could put them to riot, and that one thing was a pretty woman's face.

Harry was handsome. He was twenty-eight, and unmarried. There was a reason—he didn't have the nerve. So he stammered a few more weak apologies to the golden-haired, blue-eyed fairy before him, and then made his exit more crestfallen than had he received a trouncing at the hands of the operator he had meant to humble.

In a few hours the track was cleared and he took the first passenger train home. But all the while he was haunted by a pair of laughing blue eyes that sparkled from a face that was neither pink nor white and yet was both.

He had not yet recovered his usual steady nerve that afternoon when he went up to the Old Man's office, and the next minute he found himself defending the night operator at Rickets. The result of it all was that they both got "thirty days," a very light sentence for an accident of that magnitude. But Norton was a trusted employe, a valuable man, and he had shouldered much of the blame to save the operator at Rickets, for whom the Old Man cared not a tinker's darn.

After that all the owls on the division were envious of the night man at Rickets. He was seldom on hand when wanted and yet the dispatcher gave never a word of reproof. Then some of the wiser heads, who never slept on duty, often heard bits of conversation flashed to and fro between Rickets and the dispatcher's office in the wee, small hours of the morning.

As time wore on these conversations became more frequent and of such an endearing nature that the owls finally concluded that, either, the night operator at Rickets must be a lady or the dispatcher had gone "daffy."

As for Harry Norton, he found it infinitely more easy to make love when thirty broad miles of country intervened than if his lady-love stood before him, and besides he had so much more control over his fingers than he could possibly have over his tongue which always had a habit of clinging to the roof of his mouth on such occasions.

Before long there was a daily letter, too, from Rickets, and when the boys in the dispatcher's office began to hold whispered conversations Harry only chuckled to himself. They had said so often that he was too bashful to enter into a love affair, and now he had them all guessing. He even made no secret of the fact that Harder, the tailor, was burning midnight oil in an effort to complete a forty-dollar outfit before his next relief night, when it was understood he was going out to Rickets to pop the immortal question.

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Norton slept but little on the day preceding his relief night. He spent most of the time, sitting on the edge of his bed, trying to think out a pretty little speech, even going so far as to take notes on an envelope. These notes he studied as he went speeding along on the eight-thirty train to Rickets that night, attired in his new suit, neat fitting shoes and a flashy tie—everything to the queen's taste.

He had not informed the night operator of his coming. No doubt he would surprise her, and perhaps she would be a little confused. He hoped so; that would give him a chance to break the ice.

He was the only passenger for Rickets, and when he alighted, he hurried directly to the rear of the station to brush the dust and wrinkles from his clothing, then he went into the waiting room. Some one was whistling in the adjoining telegraph office. He hated girls who whistled. He hoped she was not in the habit of whistling.

He cleared his throat before opening the door into the office, then he braced himself and entered. The sight that met his gaze made him gasp for breath. Sitting indolently in his chair was a short, fat, ungainly boy perhaps eighteen years of age. He was smoking a cigarette. He looked up long enough to bid good evening to Norton, who was a stranger to him, then he went on smoking and whistling alternately, while the night dispatcher, standing there, became more angry as each second slipped away, to think that he had been making love to a squint-eyed shapeless kid of a boy. Fool that he had been. He felt like bouncing upon the operator as he sat there in his chair. But, what satisfaction could there be in whipping a cripple? So he walked to the table beside the operator.

"My name's Norton, the night dispatcher. I suppose you are 'XR'?" he said.

"Why, hello, Nort!" the operator exclaimed, rising and extending his hand. "Yes, that's me. Glad to see you. Your night off, eh?"

"Yes, and I came down to settle an old score with you, but—well, I don't fight cripples."

"With me, Norton? Why, what in thunder,—oh, I see, the wreck! Well maybe I was the fault of that, but you see I was asleep and sisy was running the job, so you'd better go over to the house and have it out with her. She'd sort o' expecting you anyway; she's all togged up for fair. Yes, I never see a key here after midnight. Sisy runs the job. She's a better operator than I am anyway, but she said she wouldn't be out tonight. I guess because she knew it was your night off." He gave the night dispatcher a knowing look, and Norton, greatly relieved felt like taking the cripple in his arms, but that worthy was going on: "Now don't you get to comparing sisy with me, because she's just the finest girl in America, not because she's my sister, but because it's God's truth. You'll say so yourself after you've married her, which by the way, will be before long, eh? I can't leave the office just now, but you go right over to the house—the first one to your left. Sisy'll be the happiest girl in this town when she sees you."

And the cripple, running trains on his brother-in-law's old trick, since Norton has been promoted to chief dispatcher, still insists that a wreck has its bright side as well as does anything else.

THE GRAY-HAIRED DISPATCHER.

THE ponderous town clock of the lumbering village of L——, had just tolled the hour of ten, and simultaneouly with it my alarm clock, set one hour too early, rang out clear in apparent ecstacy of delight in arousing me at that hour of the night. It was still two hours yet before I went on duty as third trick dispatcher, in which capacity I had been employed by the Q. & R. R. R. for about one year. Knowing that further sleep was now impossible, I arose and looked out upon the dismal street, now made more disagreeable by a drizzling November rain, augmented by a dense fog, the horror of all railroad men both in the office and on the rail. I decided to go down to the office and spend an hour or so chatting with the night chief dispatcher, "Hank," Gormley, who had always been

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rather friendly with me. Sunday night, there is always a dearth of business, even on the largest trunk lines. I found Gormley making himself comfortable in the enjoyment of his meerschaum pipe, which was going at a furious rate, and feet cocked upon the table, evidently lost in meditations over future prospects or past opportunities. "Hello, Mont., you're early tonight," was his kindly greeting as I entered his office and shook the rain from my outer garments.

The second trick man was a mystery to all the office force, and had been ever since he had taken service with the company some two years prior to my coming to L———. Owing to his premature gray hair they had named him "Old Man Bailey." Although his face was rather well preserved, yet his hair was snow white, and this fact coupled with his quiet and retiring disposition and his absolute refusal to discuss his past life made him an object of interest not accorded to all men. However, I have never yet seen a railroad general office in which there was not some eccentric character which aroused special interest by their peculiarities, and in this office "Old Man Bailey" filled the bill. Gormley suggested that we invite Bailey in for a smoke and gradually make an effort to have him tell us the story of his life, which we were burning up with curiosity to learn. It being Sunday night, Bailey had nothing of any consequence on the road, so we had no difficulty in persuading him to accept the invitation to join us.

"Bailey, Montgomery and I are curious to know something of your history as a railroad man," queried Gormley.

"Well, gentlemen," said Bailey, "I have always been adverse to discussing my past life, the recalling of which has a tendency to make me morose and fault-finding with the world in general, although I realize that the world has nothing whatever to do with my past difficulties. I presume you two gentlemen, like myself, were brought up in the east and for some unknown cause have drifted to the great west." To this query, both nodded our assent. "My older brother and I," said Bailey, "were dispatchers in the same office, and worked the first tricks on two districts of a road that was located in a mountainous region. We also had a still older brother, an engineer, on this line who was pulling freight at the time of which I shall relate. About fifty miles west of the division headquarters there was a grade sloping to the west which required pushers to help trains moving east for a distance of five miles. I had three sections of No. 8 that morning, and No. 10, local freight, sandwiched in between second and third No. 8. A day telegraph office was located at G———, the summit where the pushers turned back to the foot of the hill again at V———. One pusher helped second No. 8 to G———, and had received an extra order back to V———, and went in on the passing siding at G——— and drifted down to the west end of the siding to wait on No. 10, which soon showed up. Signals had been put up on second No. 8 after this pusher had gone behind the train at V———, consequently he knew nothing of a third No. 8, and as soon as No. 10 cleared the west end of the siding he 'high balled' west against third No. 8. The operator at G——— told me that he had gone, and I burned the wire up trying to catch third No. 8 at an intermediate station, not much used as a train order office, only to get a report that third No. 8 was by. The pusher backing up struck third No. 8 in a deep cut; the entire crews of both engines jumped off, and the engineer of the light engine reversed his engine before jumping. The impact was not very great, as the loaded train was on a heavy grade. When they struck, however, it derailed the tank, and the pusher engine began to leap and bound in the eastward direction, dragging the now derailed tank with it until the east end of the cut was reached, when it broke the drawbar between tank and engine, and the engine started at a fifty miles per hour gait for the east. Second No. 8 had met first and second No. 3, west-bound empty trains, at a point east of G———, the summit, and our brother was engineer on first No. 3. The operator at G——— reported engine 9 coming back—this was the pusher—and he said he was flying, but

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when he was approaching the west end of the siding at G———, the operator was notified by the conductor of No. 10, which had backed in on the siding, that engine 9 was running away, and you can imagine my feelings when the operator said, 'My God, engine 9 is running away.' I said stop her, but he replied 'she has gone by.' There we were walking the office, brother and I, both firmly convinced that nothing could save our brother from instant death, as the line east of that point was full of curves, and, also, a down grade, which would naturally increase the momentum of the now flying engine. The crew on the local at G——— took their engine and followed the run-away carefully eastward, and we waited for the fatal tidings which we felt were sure to come. The wreck force, with the superintendent and all minor officials aboard, were already called and about ready to start for the scene of the accident. I kept calling the operator at G——— every few minutes asking for any news, while we sweat blood as only a nerve-racked dispatcher does on such occasions, and after an hour or more he called us, saying that first No. 3 had arrived at G———. All there was to first No. 3 was my brother and his fireman, both hatless and begrimed with the exciting experience they had just passed through. Our hearts went up in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the delivery of those men. They were coming west, after having passed second No. 8, and on the only short straight line in that piece of track, when they saw engine 9 coming at a high rate of speed. My brother said, in relating it afterwards, that he whistled brakes, but upon getting no reply he and his fireman both jumped in time to save themselves. Their engine was simply reduced to scrap, and was hauled to the shops on trucks. The runaway suffered less than might have been expected, and aside from the front end, which was knocked in, was in fair shape.

"This shocked my nerves, and for a time I was unfit for duty, but later resumed my old place at the key, although my hair had already begun to turn white from this experience. Two years later my brother was engineer on an east-bound freight at G———, and dropped to sleep and ran by this meet and met the west-bound train not half a mile from the scene of the former accident, killing himself and both engineer and fireman of the opposing train, causing one of the worst accidents that ever occurred on the road. Is it any wonder I changed my name and shook the dust of that line from my feet? My real name is Bennett, not Bailey—however, Bailey is my middle name, and on hiring here I gave it as the former, having had so many unpleasant associations connected with it, yet there is nothing that I ever need be ashamed of."

This narrative had interested me at the beginning, but it now explained one thing which I had never been able to explain, and that was the familiarity of the sending of Bailey. All who are familiar with the telegraph service will understand that once you have become familiar with the sending of an operator you will remember its characteristic for years afterward. I was the operator at G———, and had in mind the triumphant arrival of Bailey's brother when he reported to me the arrival of first No. 3 at G———, with a big bunch of dirty waste in his hand. The picture of that runaway engine with the absence of a tank and fire door open will always remain in my memory as the most thrilling experience in the now nearly a quarter of a century in the railroad service. When I had made the facts known to Bailey, he clasped my hand in silence while tears coursed down his cheek, and we understood why the history of his past was so painful. It was now time for me to take charge of the train sheet, so Bailey bade the chief and I good night—By H. MONTGOMERY.

THE CONVALESCENCE OF JOHN GALE.

THE old phaeton had experienced much rough usage. It had outlasted a half dozen horses of various degrees of speed and energy. But it wasn't to blame for its present awkward predicament. One of the wheels had dropped into a rut so deep that the hub was quite buried. There had been heavy rains and the ground was still soft and

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yielding. The soil seemed to close in on the prisoned wheel and hold it fast.

The driver of the phaeton, a little woman of perhaps, 30, stepped down and surveyed the situation with a lengthening face. The pony looked at her and whinnied. He wanted to get home to his oats. The little woman looked up and down the road. There was no one in sight. The village was two miles away.

She puckered her brows and softly whistled. She had a way of whistling when things bothered her. She was a good deal bothered just at present. There was a sick child in the village who needed her attentions.

She stooped and looked again at the imprisoned wheel.

"In trouble, ma'am?" said a voice at the roadside.

She turned quickly. A man was looking at her from a little distance. As he turned he took off his soft hat. He was a man of a year or two past 30, perhaps, a clean faced man of scarcely middle height, but who held his head up and his shoulders well squared.

"I am in a little trouble," she answered. "Can you suggest any way to help me?"

He came forward briskly and gave a quick glance at the wheel.

"Rather frail," he said.

"Perhaps you could take a rail from the fence and pry it out," she suggested.

He looked at her quickly and smiled.

Then he stooped a little and putting his right hand under the hub slowly drew the wheel from the rut and gently pushed the phaeton a little to one side and let the wheel down on solid ground.

The woman gave a quick gasp. Then she frowned.

"You shouldn't do that?" she said.

He looked at her and then at the wheel.

"Why not?" he asked.

"You might strain yourself," she answered. "There is always a risk in unaccustomed exercises." She saw that he was smiling. "Are you in the habit of lifting weights?"

"Yes, ma'am," he said. Then he suddenly turned away from her. A sharp cough seized him and held him in a brief paroxysm. The woman frowned again.

"That was foolish exhibition of strength," she said.

He turned to her when the paroxysm had passed.

"The cough has nothing to do with the lifting," he smilingly explained. "I have it pretty often now."

She looked at him searchingly.

"Are you going to the village?" she asked.

"I guess so," he answered. "I haven't any very clear idea where I am going."

She stepped into the phaeton and picked up the lines.

"Get in," she said. "I will take you there."

He seemed about to decline and then suddenly accepted.

"Can you wait a moment?" he asked, and hurrying to the roadside picked up some fallen branches and broke them into pieces and crowding them into the rut pressed them down and pushed the earth over them.

"That was well considered," said the woman. "Get in, please." He took the seat beside her and she started the pony. "How long have you had that cough?"

"Six months, I guess."

"Cold?"

"Hurt."

"Your chest?"

"Yes, ma'am. I had a fall from a swing. Trapeze, you know. I'm one of the Colonna Brothers. My right name's John Gale."

"Have you had any treatment?"

"Saw a doctor last week. He told me I must quit the show. I know that. Said it might help me if I went to Arizona. I've been in Arizona and I don't like it."

"And what are you doing now?"

"Just wandering round. Falling into bad ways, I guess. I suppose you notice I've been drinkink? Took more than was good for me in the town back there. Been asleep in a field. First whisky I've touched in a dozen years. Never drank a drop while I was with the show. I was a fool to touch it. Had a letter from my old partner and it made me feel blue." He

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suddenly straightened up. "I don't know why I'm telling you all this," he said. "Guess I'm getting maudlin."

The woman stopped the pony.

"Take a long breath," she commanded, "and exhale slowly."

She bent her head quickly and listened with her ear close to his broad chest.

Then she nodded and started the pony.

"Are—are you a doctor?" the man stammered.

"Yes. Why not?"

"I beg your pardon, ma'am. You see you're the first one I ever met."

The woman faintly smiled.

"I am not as dangerous as the title might imply. My father was a doctor. So was my grandfather." She looked at him with her eyes half closed. "You need treatment," she said. "Your case interests me. I have made a close study of pulmonary troubles. Do you want to let me try my treatment on you?"

"You? But what's the use? That other doctor said there was no hope for me."

"I think I can help you. Will you let me try?" Noting her appeal, the man suddenly felt a flutter of hope in his breast.

"Why, yes," he answered, "I'll be glad to be your patient."

The woman nodded.

"Then you will have to do exactly what I tell you. Do you want employment? It will be better for you to have something to do."

"Very well, ma'am."

"I don't know anything concerning your circumstances, but I am in need of a man to drive me about and to look after the horse."

"That suits me, ma'am."

"You will have a room over my office and my housekeeper will look after your meals. Do you know anything about horses?"

"I was brought up with them, ma'am."

"Good. We will arrange about the financial matters later on. Here is the village. I have a call to make before I return to the office."

She drove down one of the poorer streets and stopped before a shabby cottage. A woman was waiting at the door. She waved her hand to the doctor. The latter gave the lines to John Gale and hurriedly entered the cottage. In a moment or two she came out again and took a black box from the phaeton.

"The child is very ill," she hurriedly said. "An operation is the only hope. I must not be interrupted. The child's father may be here at any moment. Keep him out and keep him quiet."

"Yes, ma'am," said John Gale.

He stepped from the phaeton and stood by the gate. Then he saw a big hulking figure come round the corner. It was the figure of a man and the man was the worse for liquor.

"You can't come in here," said John Gale in a low tone as the man faced him.

"Can't come in?" growled the man "Why, who in the blazes are you?"

He pushed forward, but John Gale caught him by the throat with one hand and by the wrist with the other and so pushed and forced him away from the house and up the street. When they were at a safe distance he released his hold.

"The doctor is in there trying to save your child's life," he explained. "She must not be disturbed."

The big man was still gasping for breath.

"B-but you can't keep me out of my own house," he snarled.

"Oh yes, I can," said John Gale pleasantly. Then his eyes suddenly gleamed. "And another thing," he said; "don't you dare to come back here again until you are sober."

"I'll see you again," the fellow threatened.

"You'll probably have the chance to see me tomorrow morning," said John Gale. "And if I find you've been making trouble I'll hunt you down and break you in pieces. Now go away and sober up."

The fellow slunk around the corner and John Gale went back to the gate.

After what seemed a long time the doctor came out. Her face was pale, but her voice was steady.

"Then the father didn't come back?" she said as she stepped into the phaeton.

"He didn't stay," John Gale answered.

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"Did you have trouble with him?" she quickly asked.

"No," replied John. "He understood he couldn't come in and went away to sober up."

She looked at him curiously.

"He is a degraded brute when he is drunk," she said. "I'm afraid he will come back and annoy them."

John shook his head.

"No," he said. "I don't think there's any danger of that. We have a little understanding to that effect."

She looked at him again in the same curious fashion.

"I think the child will get well," she said.

He felt that this information was an acknowledgment of their new relations.

"Thank you," he said in his simple way.

Three months later John Gale wrote a long letter to his old partner of the trapeze team.

"Jim, old man," he wrote, "I'm getting better. That's right. I wouldn't admit it at first. I know it now. I cough less and the night sweats are a long ways apart. I told you about the little platform outside my window where I sleep on a cot in the open air. Well, I'm still sleeping there, and I'm taking that gas treatment she gives me—though not so often, and I'm eating what she tells me to eat. She's a great woman all right, and she's saved your old pal's life. And there was a time when I thought a woman doctor was a joke. You ask me if I don't want to get back where I can sniff the sawdust again. Yes, I do, sometimes. But, of course, I ain't fit to go back yet, and it's pleasant here—and I'm making myself useful. I'm making friends, too, and I believe most of them think I'm a pretty good fellow. The doctor knows everybody in town, and the doctor's coachman comes pretty near being a public character. I'm something a little better than just a coachman now. I'm getting so I can help the doctor in many ways. The other day a boy was run over by a car and I happened to be near by. Well, I got him out from under the truck and ran with him in my arms back to our office. And we laid him on the book table, and I held him while the doctor did the rest. It was a bad fracture of the skull and it took a long time to fix things. But her hand never trembled—and it's a little hand, at that; but when it was all over what do you think she did? She suddenly put her face against the wall and cried. Just a moment, you know. When she turned round she was as hard as nails again. But she's a woman all right.

"You're wrong about this being a dull place, Jim. We've got a pretty lively lot of people here and can get up a good deal of excitement at times. To illustrate, I was coming home after carrying a package of medicine to one of the doctor's poor patients—she's got a lot of 'em that she never gets a cent out of—when I ran into a little crowd that was watching a house. It seems that some crazy brute of a fellow had cut another fellow with a knife and had then retreated to this particular house and was cavorting around in it threatening to shoot anybody who came near. He was armed with a pair of revolvers and had managed to shoot a small boy in the leg and just missed hitting the priest of the parish—a most excellent old man—who had tried to reason with him. Well, I saw that he was likely to do some serious mischief if he wasn't stopped and so—as soon as I got a good chance—I rushed him. He was so surprised by my suddenness that I nearly nabbed him without getting a scratch. But somehow he managed to get one gun up and raked me across the shoulder—not much more than a big scratch. Then I was on him like a flash and had him down and helpless, and tied his hands behind him—there wasn't any real fight in the fellow—and dragged him outside and turned him over to the police. Then I ran all the way to the doctor's office. 'Patient,' I said to her. 'Where?' she asked. 'Here,' I said as I tried to pull off my coat. Then she helped me, and stitched up the gash and plastered it over. When she had it all in shape she looked at me inquiringly. 'Fighting.' I answered. She didn't say any more then, but the next day when she looked at the hurt she said in her quiet way, 'I heard about the fighting.' And that was all.

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"Write to me soon, old man. I want to hear all about the missus and the wonderful kid, and how the new turn is catching on."

John Gale had been in Minturn nearly a year. He had almost recovered his health, the cough bothered him at rare intervals only. He was still an inmate of the doctor's household and still under treatment, and he was happy and contented.

One day the doctor looked at him sharply.

"If you keep on improving," she said, "I will have to discharge you."

"Discharge me?" he echoed.

"As cured."

He nodded.

"I understand."

"And now," she said, "to talk of your future. Of course you can't continue as a handy man, although you are remarkably handy. What have you thought about doing?"

"There's the old business," said John.

"Yes. But do you really want to go back to it?"

"I would rather stay here," he answered.

She smiled, and the doctor had a very pleasant face when she smiled.

"That's a high compliment to Minturn."

"To you," he corrected.

The doctor flushed.

"Now I have a little surprise for you," she said. "Next Monday evening the selectmen will elect you town marshal. They think you are the very man for the place. Those people across the inlet both admire and fear you. Nobody can control them as you can. It will give you a chance to be still more useful."

He looked at her steadily.

"Do you wish me to take it?"

"Yes."

"Then I will. You know best."

And he abruptly turned away.

But a day later he faced the doctor in her office.

"I can't take that place," he said.

"Why not?"

"It's hard to tell you. But I must go away."

"Why?"

"Don't think me ungrateful. I owe everything to you. This is the dearest place on earth. But I must go."

"Haven't I earned your confidence?" she gently asked.

"Yes, yes. I know I appear like a brute. Wait." He drew himself up. Then he slowly said, "It is presumptuous, I know, but I love you."

There was a little silence. The woman's eyes met him.

"Is there another reason?" she softly asked.

"Yes. I could have kept my secret to myself, but something has happened that makes it impossible for me to stay. You will understand when I tell you I met Henry Martin this morning and he put out his hand. 'You are a doubly lucky man, John Gale,' he said. 'They are going to make you town marshal, and now everybody expects you to marry the doctor."

It hurt him to say this, and he turned and stared through the window.

Again there was a little silence. Presently he looked around at her. She met his gaze with a charming smile.

"Brave men don't run away," she said.

He stared at her. His face suddenly flushed.

He came a little nearer.

"B-but you heard what Henry Martin said," he stammered. "The town expects me to marry you."

Her face was quite radiant. She put out her hands.

"Then why disappoint it, John?" she said.

—W. R. ROSE, in *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER.

SALEM'S bank was the solid financial institution of the Maritime provinces. It was supposed to be next to the Bank of England in its resources, and strong as Gibraltar. Mr. Squaretree, the manager, thought more of it than he did of his lovely wife and five charming daughters. In all its long history there had never been a defaulter among its score of clerks. It was safe from the burglar; at least, they had never attempted to crack its safe, and they were operating in other directions in the near neighborhood.

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One day Ike Beswick, the old watchman for a quarter of a century, sent word that his rheumatism was so bad he could not be at the bank again for some time. The manager was in a dilemma. He felt there must be a trustworthy person around, or in that bank, or farewell to sleep. Walking down to the docks, he met the harbor master who knew everybody and who soon got him a man who could fill the bill to the king's taste. Charlie Lawson, an A. B. on the "Pollux," which had just come in for the winter, was the very man for the place. He was a Hercules in strength, the best living sailor coming into the port, and was slated to be mate next year on the old ship on which he had sailed for three years. Twenty-five years of age, well educated for a sailor, and afraid of nothing under heaven but the fair sex, he was soon engaged as watchman for the bank, and general lookout for the entire dock.

Charlie took quarters in the nearby Golden Quoit Hotel, so as to be near his work. The bank proper faced on the main street, east, and the rear of the large building was the home of the manager, its front doors opening on a street to the north. Between the bank and the residence proper there was a large hallway used by the family, and in this hallway there was a doorway communicating with the manager's office. This door, front doors on the east side, vault and safe were put under the watchful care of the sailor; besides, a lookout had to be kept for suspicious characters, or fire on the whole square, consisting of the largest business houses in the city.

Of the banker's daughters Gertrude was a beautiful specimen of Canadian womanhood; golden haired, with a good figure and a heart large enough to sympathize with the black in Africa, the yellow in Asia, and the white man in the slums of Salem, not forgetting the handsome watchman at her father's bank.

"Poor fellow," she thought, "he must be awfully lonesome all alone every night."

So, one evening after Charlie was getting used to his new task a tasty little lunch was on the table in the hallway near the manager's private door. On the plate was Gerty's card, and on the back of the card just one sentence, "For our watchman."

In the morning when the plate found its way into the kitchen there was "Thanks" written on it.

This went on for a week; then a card was addressed to Mr. Chas. Lawson. A few weeks more and it was "Charlie;" and then it was "Our Charlie." On this day the sailor, in spite of his bashfulness, wrote on the bottom of the plate, "Please make it 'My Charlie.'" Then he was sorry, for after that for some time it was "Chas. Lawson, Esq." However, he wrote his thanks every night, and was extremely sorry he had given offense.

The winter had come with its usual severe weather, and in many towns there had been bank robberies, and the manager asked Charlie to be particularly careful while the hard weather lasted.

The watchman was anxious for a tussle with burglars or anybody else, for two reasons—he wanted the fun and excitement, and he also wanted to stand in with the manager on Gerty's account.

About this time there were two stylishly dressed guests at the Golden Quoit who were supposed to be horse buyers; but they did not buy any; the horses were not good enough or were too dear; but these young fellows spent their money freely over the bar and were exceedingly popular. They tried to ingratiate themselves with the watchman, but did not succeed, for the sailor would drink only very rarely and then just a little, like the grog they had on shipboard.

It so happened these young fellows slept together in the next room to our hero. Their baggage consisted of two valises, and the chambermaid told Charlie they must keep their gold in a carpet bag, for one of them was so heavy she could not move it.

One forenoon shortly after, the door of the next room was standing open and, "accidentally on purpose," the watchman went in and examined the old black suitcase, and no wonder it was heavy,—its contents (which could be felt through its worn sides) consisted of chisels, drills, hammers

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and burglars' tools generally. The watchman went to bed to think. He saw now why they were so kind to him and why they wanted him to drink. So, getting his knife, he cut a small hole in the paper covering a stove-pipe hole in the wall, and then was prepared to watch his would-be friends.

For a day or two he took a little whisky with them, so as to lead them on to whatever action they contemplated. One morning he heard some talk in the next room and getting to his peep-hole he watched and listened to everything. He saw one take out a whisky flask, from which they both took a pull, and then the bigger of the men emptied about 50 drops of a dark liquid into it, shook it well, then put it into the pocket of an old overcoat that hung on the wall.

Charlie heard the whole program, which was to meet the sailor Christmas eve, give him a "swig," take his key, do up the safe, and get out of town before anyone was up. The watchman would be frozen to death, but it did not make any odds about him.

After the burglars got out Charlie went to the bar, purchased a flask of whisky and changed it for the one in the overcoat and went to bed. "Forewarned is forearmed."

On going to his work he called at the drug store and asked how long it would take a man to get to sleep after a drink of the contents of the bottle. The druggist's verdict was that five minutes would close your eyes in spite of your best efforts, and if you would drink a wine glass full of that stuff you would never open them until resurrection morning.

About 10 p. m. Charlie got the town marshal into the bank, showed him the vault, and how everything of value was in the safe; then let him see the drink he had been expected to partake of.

"Now, Mr. Marshal, you and I are going to capture these men and this is my plan: I will leave the vault door open. You must stand behind it. I will be on the street and will be asked to take a drink, and I am supposed to take the front door key with me wherever I go. The side door will be unlocked and after they get me sound asleep, they will take my key, make for the front doors, let themselves in, and will be sure to lock the doors behind them. I will come in the side door, but the moment these fellows enter the vault, swing the big iron door shut; then keep them there until they are half dead for want of air, when we will put on the handcuffs and the sleekest job of the year is done."

All this time Miss Gerty was in trouble. Nobody would go to bed, and she wanted to get the lunch and a Christmas box into the hallway. By and by, though it is the night when the stockings are hung up, the lights go out one by one, and the little autocrat of the home leaves her donation in its accustomed place. On the card was "My Charlie," but altered to "Our Charlie."

There was a lavender neck-tie and a large silk handkerchief with Charlie's name embroidered on it.

About 1 a. m. the watchman locked the front door, took the key under his coat sleeve, and started for his usual walk around the block. There was a howling storm, the wind whistled up from the bay, feeling like ice itself, and the snow was piled in huge mounds on the sidewalks.

About half way around the block the two "popular guests" from the Golden Quoit came into view and, stopping, they made a lot of the watchman, insisted on his having one good big swig to keep out the cold, and to "celebrate the Merry Christmas, my boy." Charlie took a small sip and made as if he would drink more; then bracing himself against a lamp post said he felt so sleepy. In a minute or two he was down on the curbstone, and the key and burglars nearing the bank. Jumping to his feet, he raced around the block and came in at the north entrance and, as he entered the hallway, he saw the lunch and the dear girl's gift, but just at that moment the door of the vault went shut with a bang, and the burglars were captured.

Taking the lunch inside, the captors had their little Christmas feast, while the prisoners kicked and hammered on the door.

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When all was quiet, Charlie opened the vault, and the prisoners were very near "another door," the date of whose opening has never been revealed to men.

Putting on the handcuffs, the marshal brought the patrol sleigh with a couple of policemen—and prisoners, tools and fire-arms were soon safe under lock and key.

Then Charlie opened up his Christmas gifts and saw the mistake on Gerty's card, and he wrote on the china plate, "*My* was all right if you had left it. I wish you the best and happiest year of your life and a Merry, Merry Christmas."

In the morning he left a note for her father asking his presence in the police court at 10 a. m.

There was no banking done on holidays, and the banker got up late and knew nothing of what had happened until he heard the evidence of the watchman before the magistrate.

There was the drugged whisky, the tools, revolvers, and the prisoners, who were weak from their partial suffocation.

The banker trembled when he heard the story. There was more money in that vault than in all the banks of the town.

Charlie was complimented by the magistrate, police and nearly everybody, and taken almost forcibly to the banker's for Christmas dinner.

His debut into "swelldom" was very trying because they made a lion of him. Gerty blushed up to her ears when introduced by her father. As if they needed anything of that sort!

Then at dinner he had to tell the whole story over again, about the peep-hole, bag of tools and the sham slumber on the curb-stone. About 3 p. m. the old folks left the room and the young people paired off, as they always do (when there are pairs), and our young couple landed in a little alcove, when Charlie insisted that a needle and thread was the only thing necessary to bring him sweet content. The thread was required to put the little word "My" on the silk handkerchief, and when the task was finished he pulled out another with "My Gerty" sewn on it, for sailors do their own sewing

Taking farewell, he said:

"I'm coming for my own next Christmas Day." But the little girl would not consent until she had asked her father.

"Never mind asking him. I'll perform that task, and it is going to be all right," was Charlie's answer.

The winter went on, and there were no more burglars around, but many little meetings in the hallway when the lunch was brought down.

A meeting of the directors was held, when a vote of thanks was given the careful watchman, along with a well-filled purse.

In the spring, through the influence of the bank, Charlie took command of a three-master to Europe and South America.

The year was a very successful one, and in the fall the captain, dressed in his natty uniform, approached Mr. Squaretree about the subject so dear to his heart.

The old banker knew what was coming. He thanked the young man for the honorable way he had approached him and promised an early consideration of the question.

Once more navigation is closed and the ships are tied up, but the verdict has been given.

"Put this winter in at college, and take Gerty on a wedding trip to South America in May."

This was agreeable to all concerned. A new ship was coming out of the docks and the manager, who had an interest in her, had her christened "Gertrude," and, of course, Charlie was to be captain.

May Day came. The wedding bells ring a glad peal. The ship is decked out with flags, as are most of the vessels in the harbor. The wind springs up four points abaft the beam, which fills every sail, and away they go on their journey of life.—By GEORGE MARTINDALE in *Locomotive Engineers' Jour.*

LOCATING EVELYN.

JOHN BENNETT looked at his watch and yawned wearily. It was two hours before the eastbound train would leave Chicago. With an expression of boredom he strolled leisurely up the street, his eyes straying listlessly from side to side. He had the air of a man whom life has ceased to interest

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The hurrying crowds met and passed him. A pretty, fair-haired girl brushed by, and he glanced at her with the quickening of sudden interest, then his face settled into its former expression.

Every light-haired woman he had met for the past two months had gained from him that quick look. It had become a habit with the man; but he looked in vain for the face of Evelyn Chester.

They had met in Denver the latter part of the winter, and had become engaged. She was traveling with her mother and father. The latter was in the last stages of an illness.

Finding no relief in the western climate, Mr. Chester had suddenly decided to return East by easy stages. They had no permanent home, and Evelyn, in view of this, had promised to write as soon as she had arrived in New York.

Weeks slipped away, then months, and still no word from Evelyn. Bennett had at last started East in the hope of getting some trace of the Chesters.

The thought of Evelyn and her unaccountable silence was so constantly in his mind that the sight of every fair-haired girl stirred his heart with a forlorn hope.

On his way up the street he had reached one of the moving picture theatoriums, and thinking that he might as well kill time in one way as another he entered.

The performance had begun, and he listened half-heartedly to the illustrated song, his thoughts still on the vanished Evelyn. Had she repented of her promise to him? He could not believe that. Had she been swallowed up by some dreadful trouble? He must find her.

Bennett raised his eyes to the canvas. The song had ended and a panoramic view of the Massachusetts coast followed. He watched the irregular shore line, the boats, the quaint villages and towns, the children enjoying their summer playground by the sea. Then there flashed to view a bit of beach. Two girls sat by an old boat that was half buried in the sand. Their faces were turned toward him, and there, upon the canvas her wistful eyes gazing straight into his own, was the lost Evelyn.

He sprang to his feet, then as hurriedly reseated himself. The view had passed, and he doubted the evidence of his eyes. Had he reached the point where every pretty face loked like the girl? He pulled himself together. He would see the view again.

There was no mistake this time; the girl was Evelyn Chester beyond a doubt. Again he allowed the picture to pass without noticing the face of her companion. Once more he waited through the interim.

When the view flashed out he was rewarded, for the features of the other girl were decidedly familiar. The face was not as clear as Evelyn's, but it was certainly a picture of Claude Aylmer's sister, Eileen, and the Aylmers lived in New York. He had not seen Eileen for two years, but the clue was certainly worth following up. Bennet left the place with hope in his heart.

He made some inquiries of the manager of the theater, but the man could tell him only that the reel was one sent to the regular circuit, and that the picture had probably been taken that summer.

Two days later found Bennett in New York. He would hunt up Eileen Aylmer, and if she were not the girl in the picture he would seek through every town on the Massachusetts coast for news of Evelyn.

The Aylmers were occupying their cottage on the Hudson, and Bennett took the first train for their home.

Their cottage lay on the outskirts of the village, and a few minutes of brisk walking brought Bennett in sight of it. As he mounted the steps of the broad piazza Claude Aylmer pounced upon him.

"Why, Bennett, old man," he cried; "how good of you! I thought you were in the wild and woolly West."

Bennett shook hands.

"I don't want you, Aylmer," he cried, "I want your sister."

"Great snakes, man!" he exclaimed, "don't try any Lochinvar stunt on the banks of the historic Hudson! Besides, Eileen's engaged."

There was an amused laugh from a tall girl in white, who rose from a hammock and came forward with hand cordially outstretched. Bennett regarded her with silent

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anxiety, then his face brightened. She was surely the girl of the picture.

'What nonesense, Claude," she cried; "Mr. Bennett isn't dangerous—at least, he wasn't formerly. He wouldn't carry off a bride-to-be from the midst of her astonished relatives."

"Miss Aylmer," cried Bennett, "do you know Evelyn Chester? For heaven's sake tell me."

Eileen laughed. "Know my college chum!" she exclaimed. "Know the girl who is to be my bridesmaid in two weeks? Well, rather."

"Where is she now?"

"She and her mother are spending the summer in the little village on the Massachusetts coast. They went there to be quiet after her father's death. I spent a week with them two months ago. Why, Mr. Bennett, what in the world is the matter?"

Jack Bennett had sunk down upon a chair, his face very white, and had covered his eyes with his hand.

Then the story came out, and Eileen was greatly interested.

"Isn't it romantic," she cried. "Evelyn has been so unlike herself all summer—she is usually the brightest, most cheerful girl in the world—but of course I laid the change on her father's death. She cried when I asked her to be my bridesmaid. It is all some unfortunate mistake. Well, it will soon be set right. She won't fly away before tomorrow."

It was late in the afternoon of the following day when Bennett walked down the strip of beach that he had first seen pictured on the canvas in Chicago. He had found Evelyn's mother, who had bidden him seek the girl in her favorite haunt on the beach. As he advanced, it seemed to him that every object was fixed forever upon his memory.

Some distance ahead he caught the gleam of a woman's white gown. It was Evelyn. She was seated by the old boat, gazing out to sea with a world of wistful sadness in her eyes. She did not hear him until he spoke.

"Evelyn!"

She sprang to her feet with a little sobbing cry.

"Jack!"

Three days later, in the midst of their wonderment as to what had become of the letter that Evelyn had written and that Jack had never received, the following note arrived, and with it the lost letter:

"Mr. John Bennett," it ran. "Dear sir—Pardon the unintentional delay of your mail. I am John I. Bennett—you are John J. Bennett. By mistake your letter was held for me six weeks in Denver. Very truly yours, J. I. B."

"So, I should have found you, after all," said Jack, thoughtfully.

"Yes," answered Evelyn, "but it would have been three days later, and—the days have been so long."

Jack drew her head against his shoulder and looked down into her eyes.

"Dear," he said, tenderly, "I wish I could shake hands with the man who saw in you a good subject for a moving picture."—By FANNIE MEDBURY PENDLETON, in *Kansas City Journal.*

THEY SHAN'T BLUSH FOR FATHER.

TWO men had entered into an agreement to rob one of their neighbors. Everything was planned. They were to enter his house at midnight, break open his chests and drawers, and carry off all the silver and gold they could find. "He is rich, and we are poor," said they, by way of encouragement in the evil they were about to perform. "He will never miss a little gold, while its possession will make us happy. Besides, what right has one man to all this world's goods?" Thus they talked together. One of these men had a wife and children, but the other none in the world to care for but himself. The man who had children went home and joined his family, after agreeing upon a place of meeting with the other at the darkest hour of the coming night. "Dear father," said one of the children, climbing upon his knee, "I am so glad you have come home." The presence of his child troubled the man, and he tried to push him away; but his arms clung tightly about his neck, and he laid his face against his cheek, and said in a sweet and gentle voice: "I love you, father." Involuntarily the man drew the innocent and

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loving one to his bosom and kissed him. There were two older children in the man's dwelling, a boy and girl. They were poor, and these children worked daily to keep up the supply of bread, made deficient more through idleness in the father than from lack of employment. These children came home soon after their father's return and brought him their earnings for the day. "O Father!" said the boy, "such a dreadful thing has happened. Henry Lee's father was arrested today for robbing. They took him out of our shop when Henry was there, and carried him off to prison. I was so sad when I saw Henry weeping. And he hung his head for shame of his own father." "Only think of that! Ashamed of his father!" thought he. "And will my children hang their heads also in shame? No, no, that never shall be." At the hour of midnight the man who had no children to throw around him a sphere of better influence was waiting at the place of rendezvous for him whose children had saved him. But he waited in vain. Then he said: "I will do the deed myself and take the entire reward." And he did according to his word. When the other man went forth to his labor on the next day he learned that his accomplice had been taken in an act of robbery, and was already in prison. "Thank heaven for virtuous children," said he with fervor. "They have saved me. Never will I do an act that will cause them to blush for their father."—*Railway Times*, Bombay, India.

MISS DARBOY'S SUMMER VACATION TREAT.

"YOUNG ladies, I wish to make an important announcement," said Miss Darboy, teacher of the class in French at the Wellington private school for young ladies.

The fourteen young ladies looked up in expectancy.

"During the summer vacation, beginning two weeks hence, I shall have tents on the shore of the lake, and such of you as can arrange it with your parents may summer there. There will be boating, bathing and fishing. Fresh meats and vegetables will be supplied every day. It is a new departure, and I hope it will be a success."

It was seen that she hadn't quite finished yet, and the applause was withheld.

"It will be a young ladies' camp in the strictest sense of the word," she continued. "No members of the other sex will be permitted near it. Farmer Jackson will see to that. That is all. Hand in your names as soon as possible, please."

"But won't our brothers and cousins be allowed to come and see us?" asked Miss Harden for the rest of the class.

"Impossible," she replied in French. "In your case, Miss Harden, I happen to know that you have neither brothers nor cousins of the male sex."

"But I have a—"

No, she didn't say it. The teacher opened her eyes very wide and drew herself up and frightened her.

Miss Pearl Harden was fatherless, and her widowed mother had only a limited income. There were other pupils who had to consult the matter of income as well, and when Miss Darboy had made up her list for the summer camp it totaled seven names. Six of them had no complaint of the rules to be enforced; the seventh said nothing, but seemed to be thinking a great deal.

Vacation came. The camp was pitched and occupied, and Farmer Jackson took a shotgun into the fields with him and kept an eye on the approaches to the camp

Everything went along quietly for a week, and the enemy was lulled into a sense of security. No pirate craft approached, and Farmer Jackson went to bed with conscience free from killing. Then Miss Darboy took chances. She wanted some things from her room in the village, and she arranged with the driver of the provision wagon to ride up with him.

Half way to town a wheel came off the vehicle, and after gazing at the wreck for five minutes the driver announced that no four-wheeled wagon could continue its mad career on three wheels. This meant that Miss Darboy must walk. She gave up her errand to go back to her charges. The boy showed her a short cut across the fields and went off with the horses, but he did not

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warn her to watch out for a red and white bull pastured in one of the fields.

Miss Darboy soon had use for all her French exclamations. She first heard rumbles like distant thunder, then a savage bellow, then a trembling of the earth and the sight of a creature bearing down upon her. She ran, of course. There were two shade trees standing close together, and she reached one and had gained a perch ten feet high while the bull stopped to sniff at the hat that had blown from her head. Women are not natural climbers, but under stress of peril they have been known to add that feat to their many accomplishments.

"Go away—go right away from here!" commanded Miss Darboy in both French and English as the bull came up and pawed and bellowed. He absolutely refused. Then Miss Darboy called for help, but no help came.

An hour had passed when the bull went to the creek to drink. He didn't forget the lady up the tree, however. He kept looking back, and she realized that to descend would bring him back on the charge. He had satisfied his thirst when he suddenly emitted a bellow of defiance and went dashing across the field. There was another intruder. This time it was a young man. He heard the bellow, saw the bull and at once made for the trees. He came up at a hot pace, made a long spring to catch a branch and escaped a vicious sweep of the horns by inches. He had been settled on a branch for three minutes before he heard a voice asking:

"Sir, what shall we do?"

"Good lands, a lady up a tree!" he gasped. "How did you get there?"

"That creature chased me, and, I—I climbed."

"I can't hand you my card, but my name is Randall Hope."

"And I am Miss Darboy of the school."

"Y-e-s. You are the French teacher. You have charge of the summer camp. You have issued an edict that no man shall approach it within half a mile. That old farmer with a shotgun turned me back yesterday, and I was trying it again today."

"You wanted to see me?" was asked

"Oh, no! I wanted to see Miss Harden. I am in love with her, you know."

"Sir, Miss Harden is under my charge, and the rules I have made must be obeyed."

"Well, all right," replied Mr. Hope as he settled himself more comfortably on his perch. I was honest enough to tell you that I was in love with Miss Harden, but if I'm to be kept out of the camp I'll stay here. Nice afternoon, isn't it? Are you enjoying your vacation?"

Miss Darboy looked across at him in indignation and muttered to herself in French. She was just about to announce that she would descend and go straight to camp when the bovine, who had been quiet for a moment, began pawing and bellowing. She therefore changed her mind and humbly asked:

"Won't he get tired and leave us pretty soon?"

"It will take a week to tire him out," was the reply. "Yes, I expect to be here for at least seven days. You can see how mad and determined he is. You had better tie yourself to a limb, so that when you grow weak from hunger you will not fall to the ground."

"Merci! Merci! But you can't mean it, monsieur!"

"You had started for the village, probably. When you don't return the girls will think you have eloped. This is just the season for elopements, you know. Let me stand up and look for the camp. I see it. The girls are running around in wild excitement. A boat with a man in it is drawing near, and you are not there to shoo him away!"

"Oh, my unhappy self!" moaned Miss Darboy. "I shall be blamed. No one will believe me. I shall be disgraced!"

The teacher shed tears in French and was quiet for a few minutes. Mr. Hope watched her and saw that a mental struggle was going on. He was too wise to interrupt, and presently she said in very humble English:

"Mr. Hope, does Miss Harden's mother know that you love her daughter?"

"I was to have seen her tomorrow to tell her and ask her consent to the marriage."

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"Mr. Hope, can the creature below be driven away?" interrupted Miss Darboy, with hope in her tones.

"Possibly."

"And it needn't get to the young ladies' ears that I was—was up a tree?"

"Not unless you tell the story yourself."

"And you could accompary me to camp the same as if I had met you in the village?"

"Just the same. Yes, I could accompany you to camp, and I could take a stroll with Miss Harden and have a talk, and you could let some of the other fellows pay calls and add to the zest, and—"

"Mr. Hope, proceed to drive the creature hence."

Mr. Hope dropped his handkerchief to the grass, and while the bull was sniffing at it the young man swung down and grabbed him by the tail and twisted and shouted. Away went the frightened bovine on a gallop, and Miss Darboy was assisted down. Two hours later she was saying to her campers:

"Young ladies, I beg to announce that the restrictions against male visitors to this camp have, for good and sufficient reasons, been withdrawn. No applause, please."

NO WEDDING BELLS.

"BUT," urged Mr. Branscombe, the junior partner, after Miss Hawtrey, the beautiful stenographer, had said that she could not become his wife, "I can't understand why you refuse me. I am not an old man—that is, I hope I'm not old. Of course, some men are very old at my age; but I've tried to keep young, and at 35 no man has the right to feel that he is getting old. As for my financial standing, I can say that I am rich enough to insure you not only a comfortable home, but many of the luxuries that are dear to a woman."

"I haven't the least doubt about that," the lady replied. "If I were going to marry I should not wish my husband to be any younger than you are. A man of 35 ought to know his own mind. But, really, I wish you would not urge me any more."

"I—I—perhaps it is rather undignified for me to say so, but I hope I am not altogether unattractive as far as my personal appearance is concerned."

"Indeed, you are not, Mr. Branscombe. You are, if you will excuse me for saying so, a very handsome man."

"Thank you—I thank you with all my heart, my dear Miss Hawtrey. And I hope my treatment of you has always been gentlemanly?"

"If it had not been I should not have remained here."

"If you have any doubts concerning my past, I can assure you that there is nothing in it which I should be ashamed to have you know about."

"That is a great deal for a man to be able to say to a woman."

"Yes. I am glad you take that view of it. May I hope that I shall be able in time to make you change your mind? I do not insist on a hasty marriage. If you will only give me any reason to feel encouraged I will wait and try to convince you that I am worthy of you."

"Really, I must say at once that I do not desire you to go on treasuring any hope. I am sure that I shall not change my mind."

"Have you thought how much it would mean to you to be the mistress of a splendid home? To never have to bother about money? To have servants to do your bidding? To, in short, be the wife of a man of high standing in the community?"

"Yes, I've thought about all that. I prefer to remain as I am."

"I confess that I can't understand you. Your salary here is never likely to be any higher than it is at present, and you must often find it exceedingly difficult to get along on your income—to get the things that a woman naturally wishes to have in the way of clothes and that sort of thing, and then there is the necessity of coming into the city, rain or shine, to work among a lot of men who are not always, I fear, as respectful or as gallant as men ought to be in their dealings with ladies. Think how much better it would be to have a splendid home to preside over; to—"

"That's the very thing I don't want. If I had a home to preside over I should have to stick there day after day, with no chance to get out and be among people—to see the

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world—to be a part of it. Not for me, Willie."

"Miss Hawtrey, will you kindly return to your typewriter and get off the letters I dictated to you this forenoon? And don't forget that they are to be sent out today, even if you have to remain at work till 8 o'clock tonight. I have noticed recently that you have been taking three-quarters of an hour off at luncheon. Remember, you are to be absent only half an hour."

"The horrible old grouch," Miss Hawtrey muttered, as she returned to her work, "he wants the earth for $12 a week."—*Wage Worker.*

QUICK WIT, AND THE PART IT PLAYED IN A STAGE HOLD-UP.

"WHEN the passengers in the old coaching days found themselves in the clutches of 'road agents' they instinctively hurried, during the short time that driver and guard were being put in a proper state of helplessness, to secrete money and valuables in the first safe place that suggested itself," said a veteran Colorado mining man. "But such precautions were useless, for there was small time and smaller opportunity of place to hide anything in a mere shell of a coach. If a man was found without money, they stripped him and searched the stage as well."

"The experience of Pat Clohesy, an old-time mining man of Colorado, is historic. One afternoon he took the stage from Silver Cliff camp, bound for the railroad, sixty miles away. In the coach were a dozen other passengers, none of whom knew him. As they reached the narrowest part of the gorge that leads out of Wet Mountain Valley, a loud command of 'Hold up your hands!' brought the stage to a sudden standstill and every passenger in it to a swift realization that unless quick action was taken he would go broke. One crammed his wad of bills down his boot leg; another thrust his roll down the back of his neck; a third took off his hat, put his wallet inside and set it back on his head. Every man Jack of them attempted to secrete his money except Pat Clohesy, and Pat sat perfectly quiet.

"In a few minutes a rifle barrel appeared at the window, and there came the order, 'Hands up and all out!' Out the passengers tumbled and stood in line with lifted hands, Pat at the far end. When the searching highwayman went through the first man he found nothing. Irritated at this, he started through the second with the same lack of success. Angry at this, the bandit turned to his fellow-robber, who stood covering the line with his Winchester.

"'They have been tryin' to hide their stuff, d—n 'em!' he exclaimed. 'We'll just make 'em strip, and then we'll go through the stage. They'll pay for puttin' us to all this trouble!'

"Then spoke up Pat Clohesy from the far end of the line. 'Gentlemen,' he said, addressing the highwaymen, 'I know you are in a hurry, and I know I'm a poor miner with all my property in the world—just the fifteen dollars I've got—in my pocket. If you'll leave me that little roll, I'll tell you where these other fellows have hidden their swag, so's you can collect it quick and skip out. Is it a bargain?'

"'Sure,' said the man with the guarding rifle. Fifteen dollars meant nothing to the band compared to the risk. 'Well,' said Pat, pointing to the first in line, 'that fellow's money is stuffed down his right boot leg.'

"The holdup investigated and drew forth a plump roll of bills from the boot leg. 'That next man,' went on Pat, 'has got his money hid under the hind seat in the stage.' The bandit found a fat wallet stuffed under the cushion. 'The next has got his money in his hat, and the next crammed his stuff down the back of his neck, and the next—' Pat went down the line of them, while the highwayman drew forth money from all manner of places. Swiftly collecting their booty, they bundled the passengers back into the coach, set driver and guard back on their seats and told them to go ahead, not, however, before they had given Pat a twenty-dollar bill and a hearty slap of thanks.

"The storm that broke over his head inside the coach after it had rolled a safe distance from the bandits threatened his very life before he could get a hearing. Had

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it not been that the robbers had disarmed them all and Pat was a huge man he never would have got away alive.

"'Each of you figure up just how much you've lost,' he said to his fellow-passengers when at last they would listen, 'and I'll pay you back not only what that is, but an equal amount in addition for the bother I've given you,' and he pulled from an inner vest pocket a huge roll of bills. In bewilderment the travelers counted up their losses. Collectively it was about $1,000. Pat peeled off two $1,000 bills from the bulky mass of money and, handing them to a responsible passenger, asked him to make correct division when they reached the railroad.

"'I'm sorry for the unpleasant quarter hour I caused you,' he continued, 'but it was the only thing I could do to save myself. I have just sold a mine back in Silver Cliff for $60,000 cash, and had no other way to bring the money out except in my pocket. Here is the bundle of it,' and he held up the fat roll. 'When I heard the holdup outside I thought it was all up, for you can't hide money from those hounds. But when you fellows pulled out your money to hide it and I saw that none of you had any large amount I thought I would work a game on the road agents and give you away to the villains in order to save myself. I surely did! They've got $1,000, but I've saved my money!'"—*Express Gazette.*

MEETING OF THE FLYERS.

MARWIN, from San Francisco, stepped from the Pullman to the platform of the small station where the eastbound flyer had drawn up to await the passing of the flyer going west. It was barely dawn. The dampness of the night was still upon the sweet prairie air and he threw back his broad shoulders, breathing deeply—once, twice, thrice, before the headlight of the coming train appeared like a star upon the horizon. Then he walked rapidly back and forth, intent upon getting as many of the kinks out of his travel-stiffened legs as possible before his train continued on its flight to the East.

"Exercise without definite object," he told himself, quoting from something he had read while at school, "is worse than none at all. Ergo, have an object. I do. I walked down on one side of this train and back on the other, my object being to —er— walk down on one side and back on the other."

There were faces in the windows of the coaches, and he glanced up at them curiously, wondering what nature of beings they were that they did not get out into the air and kick a bit while they had the chance. He reached the end of the train still wondering. Then his attention was attracted otherwise.

A young woman was sitting within the netting of the rear platform. She was sitting on a camp stool, and she was quite alone. Marwin grasped one of the platform irons and looked at her in bewildered astonishment for a full minute. She flushed to the roots of her hair and her glance fell. Marwin spoke, lifting his hat.

"Good morning, Miss Dartlin," he said.

"Why, Mr. Marwin!" The young woman arose hastily from the campstool and held her hand toward him. "I thought it looked like you, but it didn't seem possible. Where in the world did you drop from?"

"San Francisco," said Marwin, simply. He noted with some interest that the young woman's eyes were full of reproach, and that her manner was constrained. "I am on my way to New York," he added, after a short interval, "my first visit in three years."

"And I am going to San Francisco," said the young woman. "How strange."

"How long are you expecting to stay?" asked Marwin.

"I don't really know. I had arranged to remain indefinitely, but circumstances may—in fact, are quite likely to—alter my plans materially. Are you to be in New York a great while?"

"It is impossible for me to say. I had hoped to transact my business in a very short time, but one can never tell until one finds out, you know. The person I was going to see may be—er—out of town or something, and I have registered a vow not to return without a definite statement from her—his own lips."

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He looked at his watch and stepped to the side of the platform, glancing nervously toward the station.

"You see," he continued, "it is really a most important matter. I undertook the commission only under protest, because it is one involving several extremely delicate considerations, and I am not good at such things. I am a natural blunderer. You know that well enough."

The young woman lowered her eyes again.

"Yes," said she, "I—I have known you to blunder."

Marwin climbed over the railing and seated himself upon the platform steps at her feet. It was an impulse characteristic of him, and the young woman smiled as if pleased.

"We won't talk business any more," said he. "'Business is an abomination. I want you to tell me a little—just a little—about yourself. You are not—er—married yet?"

The young woman winced, but he did not notice it.

"Of course you aren't," he went on, "or you wouldn't be sitting out here at this time in the morning—alone. What have you been doing since that time hundreds of years ago, when you and I last met?"

"Nothing worth mentioning, I believe," replied the young woman. "I have laughed a little and wept a great deal. I have been sick, and have been restored to something which bears a close resemblance to my normal condition of health, although it is not really the same. I am taking this trip with a definite purpose; the doctor thought it might make me feel better."

"Did he recommend California?" asked Marwin, quickly.

"No, he merely recommended a change of air and scene. I chose California of my own accord."

"Why?" Marwin's tone was eager and his hand clutched the platform iron convulsively.

"Because—because I wished to see—California."

"Marion"—Marwin raised his eyes suddenly to hers, and there was supplication in them—"tell me all about it. We may as well understand each other. We are to part in a little while. Perhaps we will not see each other again—ever!"

"About what?"

"About your tears. Why did you weep? You were not much given to weeping once upon a time. About your sickness. You used to be as the trees and the birds and the winds of the prairie. About your determination to visit California. Was it—was it because I was there?"

"Do you think it could be possible?" She spoke reprovingly, and Marwin bowed his head.

"No," he replied gloomily, "it was ridiculously presumptious in me to suggest it. I—I had hoped it might be so, that is all."

The young woman placed her hand lightly upon his shoulder, and he quivered at the touch.

"Russell," said she, "three years ago you honored me by a proposal of marriage. I deferred my answer for one week. I was in doubt regarding my own mind, but I had a good reason. And you did not come back for your answer. Why?"

"Why?" Marwin repeated the query as one dazed.

"Yes, why? I had a right to expect something better of you than I received. I waited for you, but you neither came nor sent word of explanation. There was but one inference to be taken, and I took it. You changed your mind; I could forgive you for that, but it was cowardly not to let me know. It was cruel. It hurt me, Russell, more than I can tell."

"But your letter—"

"I wrote you no letter."

"I received a letter, Marion"—Marwin spoke slowly, after the manner of one who has been stunned—"written by you. It contained one line, and that line was, 'Russell, my answer is no; I can not.' It was delivered to me by your maid. I did not think it necessary to see you after that. I thought you did not wish me to."

The young woman stood up excitedly, then seated herself. She was laughing, but there was a look of pain upon her face, and her eyes swam with tears.

"I understand it now," she said brokenly "I see how it happened. My brother was in trouble. He and father had disagreed

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over the payment of certain debts, and he applied to me for money. I gave it to him—poor boy—until my allowance and my patience were exhausted. He had sent an appeal for money on the day you received that letter. I wrote to him, saying that I could not give him more. I put the message in an envelope, and told the girl to take it to Mr. Russell. You and he have the same name. The stupid creature took it to you. I never knew."

"Oh, my dear!"—Marwin grasped her hand and fondled it.

"After that," she continued, hurriedly, "I seemed to lose my strength. I was attacked one night on the street by a man—a huge, coarse brute, who threw his arms about me and stuffed a handkerchief into my mouth. I was not able to utter a cry, so suddenly did he come upon me. I was saved by sheer chance. A gentleman saw the wretch attack me and rushed to the scene. He did not even take time to call for the police. He was very brave. He was not so large as my assailant, but he grappled him fearlessly, and—and was stabbed with a knife. I knew nothing after that. I fainted. When I returned to consciousness I was in an ambulance rumbling toward home. The police knew nothing of a fight, they said, beyond the fact that the pavement was covered with blood. They seemed quite disgusted when they found I had not been murdered. I told them all I knew, and that ended it, so far as they were concerned; but so far as I was concerned—well, it was weeks before the doctor declared the danger of brain fever passed."

She looked down into Marwin's upturned face tenderly, and something she saw there impelled her to lean forward and touch his forehead with her lips.

"Marion, dear," said Marwin, gently, "I would confess to you. During those days when you were waiting for me I was following you like a dog. I wanted to be near you. I was near you that night."

"Then it was you who—"

In answer he pulled up his sleeve, disclosing a long red scar.

"It was a small price to pay for the opportunity of fighting for the girl I loved," he said. I went away after that quite satisfied. I felt that it had been worth while, after all. I—"

There was a sound of escaping air beneath the Pullman, and the train began to move. Marwin stood up and made a movement as if to jump to the ground. Then he turned to the young woman and put his arm around her.

"I think I'll go with you, dear," he said.

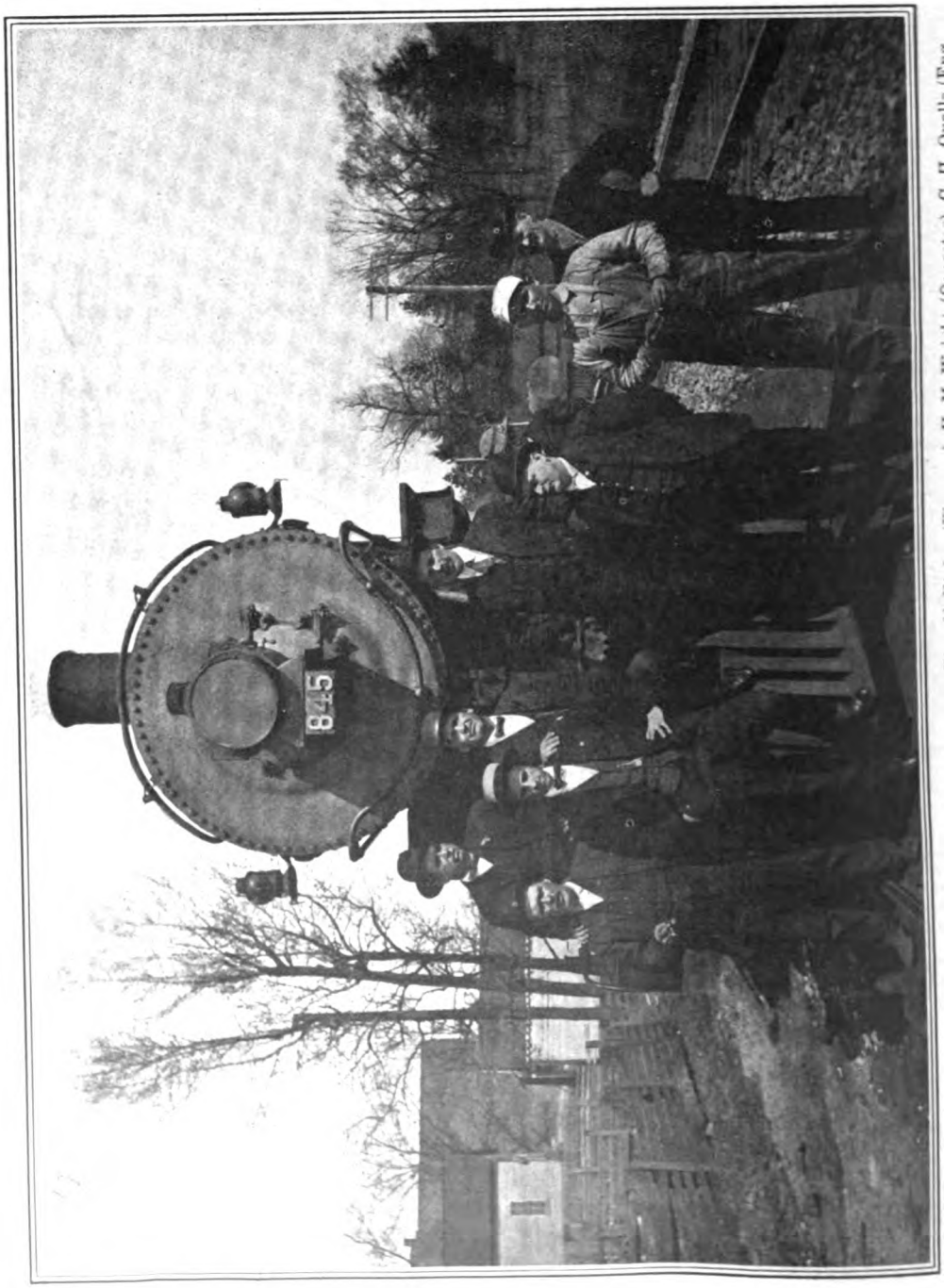
They stood thus, the morning sun bathing them in a radiance akin to that which they felt within them, as they passed the eastbound train. Both were laughing like children.

"I say!" called Marwin, waving his hand at the engineer of the eastbound, "you were right, it was fate; tell the conductor that I proved it to be so!"

"I wonder what's the matter with that lunatic," said the engineer to the fireman. Then he clambered to his place and the eastbound train went on its way.—*Waverly Magazine.*



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N. O. Gray, B. P. Cullom (Conductor), H. Nangle (Conductor), Wm. McKinley (Flagman), H. M. Wright (Operator), C. H. Quaile (Eng. Watchman), T. J. Cundriff (Fireman), L. Moffat (Eng).

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILWAY PUSHER ENGINE AND CREW—KUTTAWA, KY.

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A Boy's Complaint.

I ain't a coward; I kin stand
  A lot of pain, you bet;
I ain't afraid of snakes an' toads
  Nor lickin's that I get.
I ain't like the girls that always has
  A lot of foolish fears;
The only time I quake is when
  Ma goes to wash my ears.

The dentist never frightens me;
  The doctor doesn't scare;
I'll take his nasty medi-sun
  An' all his thumpin's bear.
An' I don't run away an' hide
  Becoz the p'liceman nears,
The only time I yell is when
  Ma goes to wash my ears.

She grabs me around the neck, an' says,
  "You dirty little pig!"
An' with the roughest towel, she
  Begins to dig an' dig.
An' I commence to howl an' shriek,
  An' I shed honest tears;
I'd ruther have a tooth yanked out
  Than have ma wash my ears.

The poets sing of woman's love
  An' tenderness an' grace,
An' rave about her kindly ways
  An' praise her gentle face.
But then I guess they have forgot
  Through all the length of years,
How rough their mothers were at times,
  When washin' out their ears.

—*Detroit Free Press.*

In the Game of Life.

Life is a game, a struggle,
  A frolic, as Fate decrees,
And the only way to meet it
  Is with stiffened spine and knees.
Yield, if you must, for sorrow,
  Give patience her timely due,
But keep your head uplifted,
  No matter what else you do!

Friends may be true or faithless,
  Sunshine may fail or stay,
Grief, like a shadow, linger,
  Happiness fade away.
Fortune may frown or flicker,
  Her smile may be hard to woo;
But keep your head uplifted,
  No matter what else you do!

So shall you conquer always,
  So, though the way be long,
Shall you win success worth having,
  Heart cheery and spirit strong.
Obstacles? Gaily scale them!
  Trouble? Why, just wade through!
But keep your head uplifted,
  No matter what else you do!

The Railway Times, Bombay, India.

Labor Triumphant.

Hail! mighty thing of brain and brawn,
Whose head and hands uphold the world.
Hail, Conqueror! Awake! the dawn
  Of thy day comes apace, and hurled
Into the limbo of the past
  Will be thy wrongs, if thy strong hands
But pull together and hold fast
  Each right when gained. But thy demands
Backed by thy manhood's might must be;
  Thou canst not win with half thy power.
Waken! Unite! Then, like the sea,
  Thou art resistless. Lo! the hour
Is ripe. The hands of Time and Fate
  Point to the dawn; and from its sleep
Of ages, heavy-eyed and late,
  But not too late its tryst to keep—
Great Labor wakes, and, with wide eyes
  Of wonder, sees his giant form,
Begins his force to realize:
  And, looking on the pygmy swarm
Which fattens on him, and with chains
  Of golden tissue binds his brawn
And its colossal strength restrains,
  Laughs, half in rage and half in scorn;
And, breaking, one by one the bands
  Of minted gold his own hand wrought,
Rises triumphant, proudly stands
  Upon the world his toil hath bought
And paid for many times in coin.

—Edmund Depreyne.

Strike Out!

Tread not in paths worn smooth by other men;
He is a slave who keeps the beaten groove—
A slave to custom and his own weak self.
  Strike out! Aim high!
And make your purpose felt from earth to sky.
No vassal, you, to cringe and crawl for pelf.
Creation's king with noble strife should move,
Alone, but not apart; too small our ken.
  We learn by touch—
From all men something, and from some men much.

—Josephine Kulzick.

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She Made Home Happy.

"She made home happy!" These few words I read
Within a churchyard, graven on a stone;
No name, no date, these simple words alone
Told me the story of the unknown dead.

A marble column lifted high its head
Close by, inscribed to one the world had known;
But ah! that lonely grave by moss o'ergrown,
Thrilled me far more than his who armies led.

"She made home happy!" Through the long, sad years
The mother toiled and never stopped to rest
Until they crossed her hands upon her breast,
And closed her eyes no longer dim with tears.
The simple record that she had left behind
Was grander than the soldiers, to my mind.

—ANONYMOUS.

Keep a Stiff Upper Lip.

There has been something gone wrong,
My brave boy, it appears,
For I see your proud struggle
To keep back the tears,
That is right; when you can not
Give trouble the slip,
Then bear it, still keeping
"A stiff upper lip!"

Though you can not escape
Disappointment and care,
There's one thing you can do—
It is, learn how to bear.
If when for life's prizes
You're running, you trip,
Get up, start again,
"Keep a stiff upper lip!"

Let your hands and your conscience
Be honest and clean;
Scorn to touch or to think
Of the thing that is mean,
But hold on to the pure
And the right with firm grip;
And though hard be the task,
"Keep a stiff upper lip!"

Through childhood, through manhood,
Through life to the end,
Struggle bravely and stand
By your colors, my friend;
Only yield when you must,
Never "give up the ship,"
But fight on to the last
"With a stiff upper lip."

—PHOEBE CARY.

Things to Forget.

If you see a tall fellow ahead of a crowd,
A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud
Would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
In a closet, and guarded, and kept from the day
In the dark; and whose showing, whose sudden display
Would cause grief and sorrow and life-long dismay,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out a smile, or the least way annoy
A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

—ANON



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A Wise Woman.

"Will you have a vote or a man?" asked a wag of a suffragette at Dumfries. "Let me see the man," answered the fair one. The questioner was unwillingly pushed to the front, and after the suffragette glanced at him with contempt, she remarked, "I'll have the vote."

At the Matinee.

"I believe we had these same seats when we were at the theater last winter."

"I think we had the two just in front."

"No, we had these seats. Here is my chewing gum."—*Kansas City Journal.*

Consideration.

"You say you once had a home?"

"Dat's what I had," answered Plodding Pete.

"Why didn't you do something to make your folks comfortable and happy?"

"I did. I left."—*Washington Star.*

An Opportunity For Him.

Moses Foreace (ardently)—Tell me, Miss Angie, may I contribute to yo'r future happiness?

Miss Angie—Well, Mr. Foreace, as I accepted Abe Gingerbread last evenin' dere is weddin' presents to be thought ob, to be shuah.—*Judge.*

Very Thin.

Two Irishmen met once, and referred to the illness of a third.

"Poor Michael Hogan! Faith, I'm afraid he's going to die," said one.

"And why would he die?" asked the other.

"Oh, he's got so thin! You're thin enough, and I'm thin—but, my sowl, Michael Hogan is thinner than both of us put together."—*Bulletin Clothing Trades*, New York.

His Funny Look.

"Say, Daisy, did yer see when I took hold of yer hand the funny look yer ma gave me?"

"Go on, Tim, ma didn't give it to yer; you've always had it."—*Life.*

A Blow Below the Belt.

"Young man," said the Successful Old Guy, "I started as a clerk on three dollars a week, and today I own the business."

"I know," answered the Young Chap, "but they have cash registers in all the stores now."

A Bad Spell.

"Poor Jacy! He never could spell, and it ruined him."

"How?"

"He wrote a verse to an heiress he was in love with, and he wrote 'boney' for 'bonny.'"—*New York Journal.*

The Mean Thing.

"Why are you mad at her?"

"I met her on the car today, and she said, 'Oh, let me pay your fare!' and I said, 'Oh, you mustn't,' and she didn't."—*Houston Post.*

She Backed Out.

"What decided her not to get a divorce?"

"There was another woman in the hotel willing to take her husband as soon as the decree was made absolute."

In the Feud Zone.

"May I ask you a question?"

"Sure, stranger."

"Why is everybody in this section mixed up in a feud?"

"Well nobody keers to take chances on bein' an innocent bystander."—*Kansas City Journal*

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Brighter Prospects.

"My dear," said the banker to his only daughter, "I have noticed a young man attired in a dress suit in the drawing room two or three evenings each week of late. What is his occupation?" "He is at present unemployed, father," replied the fair girl, a dreamy, far-away look in her big blue eyes, "but he is thinking seriously of accepting a position of life companion to a young lady of means."

Wouldn't Hang the Jury.

An old negro named Ephraim, having been sworn on the jury in a murder trial, for some time resisted a verdict of guilty for no other apparent reason than his strong aversion to capital punishment in general. Finally the foreman explained to him that it was a question either of hanging the prisoner or hanging the jury and that it all depended on him. "Fo' gracious, sah," replied Uncle Ephraim, "on dem reasonments de pris'ner am sho' guilty."

What Was the Sandwich For?

A stately old professor was approached by a young student one day in one of the Western colleges. Trying hard to keep back a smile the young man asked:

"Professor, you say you are an expert at solving riddles, don't you?"

"I claim that I am, my boy."

"Well, then, can you tell me why a man who has seen London on a foggy day and a man who has not seen London on a foggy day are like a ham sandwich?"

The professor studied for a long time, venturing several answers which proved to be wrong. Finally, at his wit's end, he said:

"I give it up."

"It's easy," said the other.

"Give it up," repeated the professor.

"Why," was the reply, "one has seen the mist and the other has missed the scene. Ha, ha! Catch on?"

"Of course I do, you lunatic! But what has the sandwich to do with it?"

After the youngster had recovered from a spell of laughter he chuckled:

"Oh, that's what you bite on."—*The Circle*.

Expectations More Than Fulfilled.

Lucille, a carefully brought up little girl of five years, returned from her first party in glee. "I was a good girl, mamma," she announced, "and talked nice all the time."

"Did you remember to say something pleasant to Mrs. Appleby just before leaving?" her mother asked.

"Oh, yes, I did," was the enthusiastic reply. "I smiled and said, 'I enjoyed myself very much, Mrs. Appleby. I had lots more to eat than I expected.' "—*Woman's Home Companion.*

Tainted.

"You are in the employ of that millionaire up on the hill, aren't you?" snapped the sharp-faced woman who ran the butter and egg shop.

"Yes, ma'am," responded the man in the white apron, "and I want two pounds of butter for my master's table. He said he'd send to town after it, only the roads are so bad."

"He did, eh? Well, we are not particular about his trade. Did you tell him I said his money was tainted?"

"Indeed I did."

"And what did he say?"

"Said so was your blamed old butter."—*Chicago News.*

Seeing the Sights.

"This," said the guide, who was piloting a bunch of tourists through Egypt, as he pointed to a mummy, "was a high priest, the wisest man of his day. He lived to a great age."

"Was his last illness fatal?" queried the wag of the bunch.

"Of course it was," answered the guide, with a look of pity at the other.

"That's queer," rejoined the waggish person. "His present appearance would seem to indicate that he was permanently cured."—*Chicago News.*

Aunt Crabbe—I think it is my duty to tell you that I have heard from several sources that Mr. Brown is a very fast young man!

Daisy—Fast as he is I shall catch him yet, Auntie!—*New York Tribune*

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Our Correspondents

INDISPENSABLE ELEMENTS FOR SENSIBLE DEVELOPMENT.

ON September 10th the important and business press of the nation was deploring the loss and death of one of our great wealth organizers, what we call financiers. In forms indirect they were glorifying what we call "our advanced, modern humanity." Following our invariable line of conduct, we are not going to indicate that the man in question was not as good a man as any other. It is not through personalities, not by blaming or praising such and such men that we can ever improve the conditions of humanity. Only by conscientiously dealing with the fundamental principles in all human conduct can we talk and work for the healthy development of all of us.

The man we have mentioned managed to have under his direct or indirect control about twenty-five per cent of the railroads of the nation, worth something like three and a half billions of dollars. One of the ways by which he could obtain such a power was by placing himself in close relations with retired wealthy men, inviting them to increase their already enormous annual income through the purchase of the securities, bonds, stocks, etc., that the new enterprises in the railroad business would necessitate, under his management. And thousands, if not millions of good, excellent, intelligent men imagine that it is only through such wealth combinations and congestions that humanity can prosper and be happy on earth first, in the life beyond by and by.

About 200 generations of good people have already gone to the grave with the above materialistic conception of human development. Piles of wealth here and there, poverty and harsh forms of existence almost everywhere, that is all we require, for progress and more progress. The rest shall take care of itself. And the most curious fact in that fantastic progress of ours, over 600 years old, is that even piles of wealth, with some of us, implies a harsh, painful, idiotic and mean existence, in relation to the kind perpetually decreed by all the laws, and forces, and processes of God's universe.

The universe under which we have to live and develop contains but two elements through the proper use of which we can have a sensible life. They are as follows: "First, the quantity and quality of the natural resources within any given area and radius of action adapted to our industrial activities. Second, the faculties of all of us for the proper use and development of that given area." It happens that no social organization or form of progress has ever yet allowed, to the bulk of any group of men, the right and power to scientifically and honestly use any important area of territory anywhere on the face of the earth. We have thus forced most men into healthy conditions of existence, forced them into distorted industrial activities. That has poisoned their mentality and physical machinery. That has imposed upon all men, intelligent or ignorant, saints or sinners, a miserable, unholy disgraceful struggle for existence. Hence, our past and present progress of gambling reprobates. Hence, our initiation of agony and despair, of anguish, sickness, perpetual anxieties, etc. Of course, that we do need financiers, wealth organizers, captains of industry, and all sorts of industrial tricks and absurdities to at least check now and then the chaos we promote through progress in defiance of all natural and divine law.

In forms however indirect, all education, civil and religious, still assumes that most men are sent on earth to pass through life

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as mere fragments of machinery for wealth production and distribution, when not as servants for some of us to satisfy all vanities and conceits. We also assume that the wealth producer can seldom learn how to properly handle the wealth he may see fit or may be able to save, out of what he is allowed to produce. We assume, too, that we must have the legalized land and wealth gambler between the wealth producers and the natural resources by the use of which alone wealth can be produced. Then comes the greatest absurdity of all, which is to claim and assert that only through the greatest legalized injustice possible, can we produce the wealth we need for some to revel in all forms of crazy joys, while the many remain crushed by harsh, dismal forms of existence, allowed to retain but a portion of the very wealth congested among the few.

All our claims about our great production, under our modern intensified monopoly contrivances, are a farce. Do you know why? Simply because about 60 or 70 per cent of all we call wealth are simply inflated land monopoly values, represented by abnormally high prices on all we have to purchase and consume, the beneficiaries of those high prices being a few, about 1 or 2 per cent in each nation, the wholesale monopolies or tribute collectors. About 98 per cent of each nation are tribute payers.

If our modern wealth was at least a little less dishonestly and so not quite as idiotically distributed as it happens to be, then we would have more comfort among the many, less crazy joys among the few, far more manhood and higher joys with all of us. But then, that would not be the mad, dishonest progress we prefer to have. It would not be the distorted civilization we long for.

Humanity has never yet seen fit to test the results of a health industrialism free from laws of monopoly and injustice. Hence, the rank stupidity of our claims about increasing wealth production through mountains of the most criminal injustice in all industrial activities and ramifications.

The most deplorable fact in the march of all centuries is that the multitude of plain, educated people have always been willing and remain willing to swallow, accept, endorse all the industrial and economic fallacies of the important men and classes controlling the adjustments of all national development. That settles the destinies of all of us, and settles them in opposition to all the simple morality of God and His creation. Then we split ourselves into many petty organized groups, each group bent upon retouching this or that secondary absurdity so that to make it a little less simple, while we all, grouped in the mother organization of each social compact, stand tooth and nail in favor of the bottom absurdities and wrongs by which we eternally vitiate and distort our whole development, from that of the top classes to that of the bottom ones in each social organism. And it is that very bottom and top which proves the intense folly of all our human enactments and their final results.

To forever keep curtailing some incidental evils, so as to keep all fundamental wrong alive and growing, that is what we have always called the practical. To attack and suppress all bottom evils so as to establish the kingdom of the truth—that has always been called—the impractical. If the Prince of Darkness was alive anywhere, he could not have any other philosophy of life than the one favored and preached by ourselves, the leading classes of all important nations. JOSE GROS.

THE TOWERMAN.

The writer was much impressed with an article in the *Signal Engineer* on "The Automatic Signal and Its Maintainer," written by W. D. Kavanah, signal inspector of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. In that article the writer dilates at length on the value of the automatic signal and the importance of the maintainer, to the utter exclusion of the towermen at interlocking plants, who, in my opinion, are very necessary in making the signal system and interlocking plants the effective device for the guidance of railway trains that they should be.

Mr. Kavanah's admonition to maintainers is eminently proper and practicable, not only to maintainers in charge of automatic signals, but to interlocking plants as well. The maintainer is to be considered and meas-

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ured at his full worth, as much depends upon him in the successful operation of the interlocking plant, and he is of the utmost assistance to the towerman. If the plant, so far as its operation and care devolves upon the maintainer, is kept in good condition, the towerman has every confidence in him and in the perfectness of the plant. With a reliable maintainer, and feeling certain that his part of the job is carefully looked after, the towerman will not be filled with forebodings and hold the local 15 or 20 minutes for No. 10 with the thought that the switch may fail in the crossing-over process. The towerman will do his part promptly and confidently, certain that the plant is in perfect working order and is to be relied upon up to the last second of time at his disposal.

The essentials of a good towerman are alertness, the ability to think quickly and of the right thing at the right time. By his efficiency and promptness the towerman will soon gain the confidence of the train dispatcher, the yardmaster, engineers, trainmen and switchmen. It is surprising how quick others will come to know the dependable and reliable towerman and how ready they are to give him every assistance by their promptness in heeding his signals, and the concern they will manifest to "clear the plant." The engineer can be of the greatest assistance to the towerman by his promptness in recognizing and obeying the signals. There should be a bond of friendly understanding between the towerman and all employes of the road—a mutual feeling that all are working in fraternal conjunction to perfect the duties of the other. Where such an understanding exists there is never encountered the vexatious delays, the happenings which compel the cutting of street crossings and other troublous incidents which constitute the unpleasant parts of railroading, and bring trainmen and enginemen, and, too often, towermen "upon the carpet" to explain to the trainmaster or others in authority the errors of omission or commission.

It is within the power of towermen to beget this confidence and the faith of his superiors and the men with whom he works —engineers and trainmen who look to him for right guidance by and beyond their plants. If an engineer is now and then encountered who is prone to be what is termed "bull-headed," the towerman play is to soften his wrath and to correct his understanding. It is the learning of a lesson taught in all the textbooks, as well as all other world-old book teaching the way of righteousness. It is, I fondly believe, the lesson we have learned at "XC," in Erie yard. If any of the readers of THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER should happen down that way sometime when they are coming lively, they will observe the readiness of engineers on both roads which cross each other at that point to give heed to the signals of the towerman, and be amazed at the promptness with which they score up and widen on them to get "clear" of the plant. It is a spectacle which will recall to mind the antics of the ponies at Sheepshead Bay.

The emoluments accruing to towermen and the prospect of a rapid road to worldly wealth are not so glittering as they might be. But that should not deter us from giving the best that is in us to the service. Once a towerman always a towerman, is a saying which we are familiar with, but faithfulness must ultimately have its reward, if in no other way, at least in the self-satisfaction of a duty well done. The towerman should not be oppressed with the belief that he is in a rut from which he can not extricate himself, and seek to even up with mankind by a continuous knocking against conditions in which he happens to find himself. Cultivate the disposition of a "Sunny Jim," with the thought ever uppermost that a slice of the good things of the earth will come your way some day. Our lot is not such an utterly hopeless one. For me there is a certain fascination in tower work, and in railroading, and I glory in the thought that the engineers of high-speed trains are looking to me—depending on me and on my fellows of the towers for a clear right of way, rushing away into the black night serenely confident that the towerman has set his signals right and barred all opposing trains from their way. The public will have fast travel—this Twentieth Century people of ours—and is it not a supreme satisfaction to know that you are

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an imporatnt factor in catering to the safe and secure gratification of their desire? When we tire of key pounding we have the diversity of the telephone, which is a pleasant and useful change from the old order of things. The telephone helps out in many ways, and is a medium of familiarity which the telegraph key does not afford. With it you are enabled to talk directly with the train dispatcher and the officials, and there is a sense of intimacy born of telephone conversation which seems to bring you more on a level with those in superior positions and makes you feel that you have stated your case with more clearness and established a better understanding with the man higher up. But in one particular, the telephone fails in a practice which has become dear to the heart of the telegrapher, and that is, it fails to report the progress of passenger trains at different points on the division. It was of interest to the towerman and the operator to know just where a passenger train was at the moment, and gave him due notice as to how far he could trespass upon the time of the passenger in order to make a necessary and urgent shift on the part of a yard engine, or to cross a freight train without breaking in on the train dispatcher to ask for the time. In this particular the telephone is yet to be made to fill a long-felt want.

What I desire to say more than anything else, and which I have clean forgotten in my exuberance of detailing other and academic matters, is that among railroaders, more than any other class, there is necessity for a bond of the closest fellowship. We are all engaged in a service which is the most essential to public convenience and prosperity, and in striving to be of assistance, one class to the other, in performing our respective parts of that service in the most capable and acceptable manner, we are conducing to the best interests of all. The B. of R. T., the B. of L. E., the B. of L. F., the Switchmen's Union, the O. R. C., and the other Orders of railroad employes have the same ultimate objects, the beneficial purposes of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The identity of one is autonomous with the identity of the other, all claiming as objects capability and reliability. The upbuild of the one is the strengthening of the other, and, if all work in amity and full understanding, the final outcome will be the advancement of the best interests of all. We are a class of toilers distinctive and separate, and this distinction should weld us together in an inseparable bond of common interest, ever mindful that "many can always help one, where one can not always help many."

T. J. CLANCY.
Div. 129.



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FRATERNAL

St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Bro. J. W. LaFever and your correspondent were delegates to the Missouri State Federation of Labor, held in Joplin, Mo., September 20th to 23d, inclusive.

If any one thinks there is nothing in unionism, nor the union label, a "look in" on a meeting of delegates to the State Federation, would promptly dispel that idea.

Several lady delegates were in attendance representing the Boot and Shoe Workers, Garment Workers, etc.

Considerable discussion was indulged in and many bills passed, which will, no doubt, be beneficial to the labor interests of Missouri.

Brother LaFever was elected third vice-president.

Brother W. P. Shutt, local chairman of the Wabash, has been going over the line lately and reports it in good shape.

Bro. P. P. Molloy, of the headquarters, wears a broad smile and passed the cigars, all on account of the arrival of a son at his house.

Bro. T. A. Lane is back at his desk, after a two weeks' vacation, spent in the land of pretty women and fast horses.

Bro. W. H. Bull has returned to duty, at headquarters, after an absence of several weeks, most of which time was spent in a hospital. Bro. Bull seems much improved and says he is feeling fine.

In looking over the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER we notice the fraternal notes are crowding out the other matter, taking up about two-thirds of the whole journal.

Believing that the editor can use the space for more interesting news to the membership in general, than notes from No. 2, we will now cut out.

DIV. COR.

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

The following are some of the changes, which have been made since last month's TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. C. E. Bryant, third trick at Wilksbarre, resigned to accept a position with Swift & Co. His ready wit and the familiar "Chug Chug" of his bug wagon are much missed by the boys of "WN" office.

Bro. R. F. Drehner, third trick at South Wilkesbarre, bid in third trick at "WN," Wilkesbarre, and later resigned to accept a position in Wilkesbarre yard office.

Bro. J. F. Betz, third trick at "KO," Wren, bid in third trick at South Wilkesbarre.

D. G. Casem, second trick, Wilkesbarre, resigned, to accept a position as clerk in Wilkesbarre yard office.

J. Forrest, second trick at South Wilkesbarre, bid in second trick at Wilkesbarre.

H. W. Lennon, third trick, "HO" tower, has been dismissed from the service.

Bro. C. L. Hawbecker, third trick at Rupert Tower, was married Sept. 15th, and has taken a wedding tour to Niagara Falls and other places of interest in New York. We wish to extend hearty congratulations to them.

The familiar sound of the block instrument is heard no more; the blocking being done on telephones and, at this writing, the train dispatching is still being done on telephones between Sunbury and Nescopeck. The boys, however, don't seem to appreciate the so-called improvement. Quite a large number of them are planning to leave the service, this includes some of our best men, who for years have given the company first-class service in the telegraph department.

DIV. COR.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

We have been keeping in close touch with our sister organizations; viz., the Engineers, Firemen, Conductors and B. R. T., and for the advancement of all concerned, these five organizations have agreed to meet all grievances as one organization, with two representatives from each brotherhood, representing their respective organizations. This truly is a progressive movement, and while yet in its infancy the prestige of co-operative plans will no doubt bring good results of a permanent character.

Bro. E. T. F. Disney, has recently decided it was not good to be alone, and has taken to himself a "better half." We understand the couple have moved to Baltimore, and that ere long Bro. D. will be located in the superintendent's office at Wilmington, Del. Congratulations to you, Bro. D.

Bro. J. Franklin Miller has been elected Chairman of the L. B. of A. of the Baltimore Division, in place of Brother Rupley, who, on account of the heavy work and living so far from the lower end deemed it prudent that he should take it easier. We were indeed sorry to lose Bro. "FA," for he has done efficient work; and yet we are glad that such a man as Bro. Miller is to fill his place. We bespeak for him the united assistance of all concerned, as we are sure Bro "M" will prove true to the trusts reposed in him.

We have the "glad tidings" from Brother F. B. Stonesifer, formerly of Baltimore, now in Houston, Texas, that he is doing well, and likes the place. He will continue to be one of the boys of "Old 17" and we are glad to have him remain with us.

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Bro. Kramer, while working in place of Bro. (Sheriff) Cole, gained quite a reputation as a fireman. Although fire was leaping from every side and for a time all thought old "AC" would go down, Bro. Kramer proved to be "one of the bravest" and within ten minutes was again back at his post, handling the many trains as usual.

Bro. H. C. Krout has been promoted from Chattolanee Springs to Phoenix. If Howard keeps on moving up he will soon reach home—Glenrock, the "Old Garden Spot" of Pennsylvania.

Bro. J. B. Sebastian, our toast master and dentist, has been spending some time at the home of his mother, but is again at his office, No. 320 North Charles street, where he will always be glad to meet you.

Boys, don't fall asleep and spoil your record. Let's try to make the company we work for the best, and in so doing we help our employers as well as ourselves. Then there will be no cause for suspensions. Our "D. O." will be as proud of such a record as any of you, we are sure.

MAYFIELD.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Bro. Harry Taylor, third trick at "VO" and Miss Sarah Rhoclimer, of Charlton, were united in marriage by the Rev. Rishel, at Williamsport, August 30th, and spent their honeymoon in Atlantic City and Philadelphia. The brothers of this Division wish to extend their congratulations to the happy pair. They are now in their newly furnished home at McElhattan.

The P. R. R. Postal office has been removed from the hotel at Milton to the freight office and Brother H. V. McGee is doing the telegraphing. Telegrapher Geo. Myers, is doing clerical work in the same office.

Bros. A. C. Grieb and W. E. Troutman always seem to be able to attend the meetings. Brothers, try and emulate their good examples. You are missing a treat whenever you stay away, and besides we need your presence.

Bros. W. H. Dauberman and C. C. Fenstermacher are kept very busy at "N" tower, on account of the large yard being erected at that point.

Bro. H. L. Steiger has resigned to enter other business. The brothers of Division No. 25 will miss him, but we all wish him success in his undertaking.

I understand considerable foul language is being used on the wire, mostly on the third trick. I trust that it is none of the brothers that are guilty of such conduct. If the party is located, he should be dealt with severely.

We are glad we can now call C. A. Gresh, of "Q" tower, third trick, brother.

Bro. C. S. Deiffenderfer, second trick at "WD," claims this has been a bad season for the man that tills the soil.

Bros. G. E. Shaffer and H. T. Mitten of "DR" tower, are "in it" again. They are surrounded by watermelon and cantaloupe patches.

Bro. Bob Wilson, third trick at "BS," spent his vacation at his home in Patton and Pittsburg.

Bro. Schlotman, third trick at "J," spent a few days at his home in Zottsville, last month.

Bro. J. G. Young spent his ten-day vacation at Atlantic City.

Mr. Coleman is doing extra clerical work at Mr. Kissinger's office, and Bro. Nelson is working the second trick at "NC" in Coleman's place.

Bro. C. R. Dugan is doing extra work on third trick at "NC."

Operator H. W. Brown is doing extra work on relief schedule No. 2, until a regular man is assigned.

Bro. Rubendall is still doing extra work in "GO." Bro. Williamson, second trick man, is doing the first trick stunt at "J" tower.

Bro. C. C. Bastain, wife and little son, were Sunday Pine visitors recently and Bro. G. E. McCloskey visited there on Labor Day.

Bro. T. M. Young was a Williamsport visitor on his relief day.

Bro. A. C. Grieb was a Sunbury visitor on his relief day.

Bro. J. C. Odonnell was an Avis visitor recently.

Some months, so much matter is received that Bro. Quick finds it necessary to cut it down. If everything was printed that is sent him, THE TELEGRAPHER would no doubt have to be as large as Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s catalogue. We want all the news, brothers, but write it up as briefly as you can.

DIV. COR.

New York Div., No. 26.

The last regular meeting of this Division was well attended, and a pleasant evening passed. A great deal of business was handled, to the satisfaction of all. A communication was read from our Chief Telegrapher, Bro. F. J. Ryan, stating that owing to the fact that he was employed on the New York Central, he had transferred to Division No. 8. We regret the loss of Bro. Ryan, as he served the division long and well as Chief Telegrapher. Bro. E. N. Pickerill, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel station, of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, was elected as Chief Telegrapher to fill Bro. Ryan's place, and we look to a successful administration under his rule. Second Vice Chief Telegrapher, H. F. Braithwaite, was pushed up a point to First Vice Chief, his former position being filled by Bro. H. R. Baum, also of the wireless service, who is located at the station at Galilee, New Jersey, and who is a regular attender of the meetings. If you are looking for office, it is up to you to be on hand, as the regulars are the ones who are considered first.

The appeal of Bro. Lewis Darling was acted on, and a small amount realized for this brother. We trust that Division No. 8 will see this brother through his sickness, as he is one of their members at Camillus, New York.

Bro. Schmitt, of the S. S. Huron, was coming up the harbor during our meeting, as we learned, by wireless, sorry that the ship was not a few hours sooner, so that he could have been with us.

Bro. T. M. Pierson is so busy attending to his innumerable duties, that it is hard for him to be

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with us, but he has promised to attend our next meeting, so those who attend will be assured of a good talk from him as usual.

Bro. Becker is always busy our meeting nights and we don't have the pleasure of his smiling face. We should be glad to see Bro. McGuire attend the meetings, likewise Bro. F. Lippincott.

Now that we are meeting in Brooklyn, it should be an easy matter for Bro. Collins to be with us on the second Thursday evening.

We are pleased to report that Bro. Webster is doing nicely and that he is not having any bad effects from his recent operation.

We understand that Bros. Campbell, Pettit and Hallenbeck have all succeeded in having their salaries raised considerably.

Bro. Garrison is still hard at it in New Jersey. Bro. Keegan says that all is well "up state."

Bro. O'Brien still in the commercial line, likewise Bro. Mahoney, who thinks this hustling division should have a typewriter.

Bro. Pickerill is having his troubles with the wireless, so many battleships in the harbor at present.

Bro. Braithwaite is still enjoying the Long Island climate.

Bro. Davis is still on the right side of the market.

The Secretary and Treasurer has been enjoying himself in Canada, for three weeks, taking in the Thousand Islands, Niagara Falls, the Canadian National Exposition, at Toronto, where he spent a few hours with Bro. D. Campbell, Third Vice President; then proceeding to Montreal, and home via Lake Champlain and the Hudson river.

Our worthy Bro. P. B. Price, who departed this life on the 15th inst., leaves a widow and son about two years old, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the Division as expressed in the resolution below. The funeral was at Smithtown, Long Island, on the 22d inst.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Divine Ruler of the Universe, to take from our midst our beloved Bro. P. B. Price, who died at Denver, Colo., September 15, 1909, and

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. Price, his family have lost a true and loving member, and Division No. 26, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, a true and loyal member, and one who at all times tried to do his full duty as a brother and a member. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 26, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sadness and sorrow; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Division, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. N. PICKERILL,
A. R. LINN,
H. F. BRAITHWAITE,
T. M. PIERSON.
Committee.

This Division desires to express its thanks to Bro. E. L. Stump, of Denver, Colo., and Bro. J. E. Shields, of Div No 44, for their kindness to the family of Bro. Price. We also desire to express our thanks to Div. No. 44 for the splendid floral offering they sent to the funeral. Also to the O. R. T. and C. T. U. A. of Denver, Colo., for the same remembrance.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

The October meeting of Division 29 was an unusually interesting and entertaining one. Invitations were extended to all of the divisions in this part of the country and quite a number of visitors were present from the various railroads throughout the East. The meeting was held at 7 p. m. instead of the usual hour, on the evening of October 1st. The members of Division No. 29 made an unusual effort, and assisted the committee in giving the visitors a royal welcome. Refreshments were served, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Providence Div., No. 35.

Division No. 35 claims the honor of the first installation of a local lodge of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. T. in the history of our glorious Order. The happy event occurred at our September meeting, when Division No. 4 of the L. A. was brought into existence. The following corps of division officials were inducted into office by Past Chief, Bro. Geo. E. Joslin, ably assisted by the Marshal, Bro. W. J. Smith; President, Mrs. J. F. Brady; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Welch; Past President, Mrs. J. Wood; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. Conant; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. P. Haley; Chaperone, Mrs. H. H. Mehring.

Not the least pleasing part of the ceremony by any means, was the presentation of a beautiful gavel to Division No. 4, L. A., through its President by Past Chief Telegraphers, Bros. Joslin and Brady, of Division No. 35.

Now that Division No. 4, L. A., has such an auspicious opening, it is up to the brothers of the Division to see to it that its course will be always onward and upward, and do all in their power to encourage its growth, bearing in mind the stronger it becomes the greater its influence for good in its chosen field. The high personality of its officials is an assurance that the honor and upbuilding of the organization will be their chief aim, and we who have always taken great pride in our noble Order and Division should always endeavor to prove worthy of their aid and see that no act of ours will in any way cause our devoted sisters to regret their efforts in our behalf.

The members should keep in mind that it is absolutely necessary under the new laws to keep up-to-date in both the O. R. T. and M. B. A. within 60 days from June 30 and December 31, if they desire to continue their membership.

A decided improvement has taken place at Dike street station, both inside and out, since Bro.

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Webster acquired the position. We take interest in the spirit shown.

Bro. D. A. MacArthur has bid in one of the spare agent and telegrapher jobs.

Bro. J. R. Maxwell, having resigned his position in the information bureau at the Providence passenger station, has been assigned to one of the newly-acquired spare agent and operator positions.

H. W. Mathewson, an old-time telegrapher, has again been forced to lay off, with an affection of the nerves. He was on spare work and we hope to see him back ere long.

Bro. C. L. Gaffney, agent at Centredale, has bid in third trick at Westminster street tower.

Bro. S. A. Goggins, agent at Barrington, was reported on the sick list at our last meeting.

The Willimantic branch of the Midland Division is showing the effects of the master hand of Local Chairman Leete. Hats off to "Joe."

Bro. H. A. Hopkins is initiating himself in tower service on the owl trick at Apponang. One of the pleasant places on the Providence Division.

The most heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Maxwell over the death of their infant son.

Brothers, and especially those in the station service, your attention is called to the communication of Bro. O'Brien in the N. Y. C. notes on page 1327 of the August TELEGRAPHER. To us upon the N. H. System in the light of past events, this article in question will prove both interesting and instructive.

Sister Kenyon will no doubt offer up a fervent prayer of thanksgiving when the workmen who are remodeling the interior of the passenger station at East Greenwich have finished their labors and departed. It needs such discomforts to make us appreciate and enjoy the real blessings of this life, "AY."

I am advised by a brother that the "want ad" in my August letter is considered rather "hard" by the "sleepy ones" and " all right" by the "wide awakes." It was ever thus. Only those cry who are hurt. At the same time, an improvement is noticed.

Bro. Gerrish, second trick at Shannock tower, started August 22nd on a visit to his mother down in Maine, who is reported very ill. We hope he will find her on the high road to recovery.

Bro. Stoddard, first trick "JC" tower, Midway, we are glad to report, is back again from his sick spell.

Bros. Jack Smith and Tom Ray, with their families, spent the last day of the social season at Narragansett Pier.

Bro. J. J. Callahan, second trick at East Greenwich tower, left September 2nd on a two weeks' visit to his father in New York State; relieved by Bro. J. A. McKnight, an old-timer of years gone by, who recently returned to his old love, the New Haven System.

General Chairman Bro. Manion was an unexpected but none the less a welcome visitor meeting night, and, as usual, gave us a heart-to-heart talk upon the good of the Order, which was appreciated by all present.

Bro. L. F. Ross, chief of Boston Division No. 89, was with us, but owing to being compelled early to catch his train for home, we missed that which he always is ready to give upon all occasions, a good, sound O. R. T. address.

Twenty-five members, including all division officials with one exception present, two applications favorably voted upon and one petition received, is the record for the month.

The sum of $288 was realized for the sick brother on the gold watch.

Bro. Mehring, first trick at Attleboro tower, Park street, visited at his home town, Littlestown, Pa., recently.

Towers doubled up on account of sickness and scarcity of spare men: East Greenwich, R. I.; "JC" tower, Midway, Conn.

On account of heavy travel on the electrics Labor Day, Bro. Sooy was sent to South Swansea and Scott to Touisett to assist on single iron.

Bros. Cook and Gerrish, Shannock tower, are back from their vacations. The latter reports his mother very much improved in health.

Dispatcher Woodward, on an extended leave of absence at Salt Lake City, Utah. Bro. "Si" Haley is keeping 'em going in the meantime.

Bro. Skelton, third trick at Brayton avenue tower, is on vacation. Bro. Brady, second trick helper, is covering third.

Bro. Dunbar, second trick at Kingston tower, has resigned to take a position with the De Forest wireless in New York. We are sorry to lose him.

Bro. "Sid" Boardman has changed from second to third trick at Elmwood tower.

Births: To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Saveria, of Woonsocket, R. I., a daughter.

Deaths: Infant son of Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Maxwell, of Auburn, R. I.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

B. & A. R. R.—

Those who were fortunate enough to get vacations have returned and settled down for another year's work or until something better comes to us. Many were unable to get away, others felt they could not afford it, and therefore only comparatively a few enjoyed vacations, but we are all hopeful that another season we may be more favored.

Tower 28, Worcester, closed September 1st, and a temporary interlocking plant was installed for the four temporary tracks, which are to be used during the next few months, or until the tracks on the old locations are elevated and grade crossings abolished. We understand from Brothers Sullivan, Fogarty and Powers, who are in charge of the new plant, that it requires the strength of a "Jeffries" to handle the machine, but we will risk these boys with it, and hazard a guess that they will make good.

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Everything is going along very nicely these days, trains running on time and everybody looking pleasant. Freight business is heavier than ever before in the history of the road and still we have heard of no blockade, nor do we expect to hear of any.

Undoubtedly before this appears, conditions will be considerably improved. We trust that everybody will appreciate the improvement and show their appreciation by good service. Let us show the company that "there is some class to us."

Bro. Jim Carnes has been transferred from tower 29 to "BD" cabin, Brookfield, in place of Telegrapher Harrington, resigned. This shift brings J. W. Luceyer, of Westboro, to tower 29, whom the organizer expects soon to make brother.

Bro. H. C. Moore, of tower 26, Worcester, resigned, it was understood to accept a position near Utica, N. Y., but later reported that he is going into business in Worcester. The boys all wish him success in his new undertaking, whatever it may be, and wherever he goes.

Sister Agnes Costello, of Worcester depot, has returned after two weeks at Old Orchard Beach and other points. We are glad to have "CO" back among us again.

Bro. F. F. Fuller, of Worcester depot, left recently on a ten days' trip to New York and other places

Bro. J. E. Hanlon, of tower 26, is off for his old home, in good old Vermont; his wife and daughter accompanying him.

Telegraphers Kennelly, East Brookfield; C. B. Daly, Brookfield, and Agent Langlios, Brookfield, will be with us before this appears in print.

Bro. H. S. Elder has been transferred from East Brookfield station to "BD" cabin in place of Telegrapher Gilligan, resigned.

Bro. Geo. Mitchell, of tower 29, has returned from Halifax, N. S., after three months' absence, we are pleased to say much improved in health.

That bunch around Springfield is warm, all right, but they do get the hook sometimes. Understand they got locked out the other night.

We all know that Roy Austin is going to join some time, but who can guess when?

They say Bro. Dick Keefe goes shorter every day. The west end seems unusually quiet, but hope we will learn more of the doings up there by next month.

Am greatly obliged to Bro. Powers for notes this month.

NOTICE.

All members of Division No. 38 are hereby notified that our place of meetings have been changed from 33 Lyman street to 373 1-2 Main street, Springfield, Mass. The hall, situated on the top floor of the Springfield Public Market Building, is only a few minutes' walk from the railroad station and most convenient to members from out of the city who have to take early trains home. The Division meets every third Saturday night of the month at 7:30 sharp, and all members are requested to be governed accordingly.

I. R. CARDINAL, Sec. and Treas.

Boston Div., No. 41.

On Sunday, September 14th, the writer, in company with others, journeyed to West Ossipee, N. H., to attend the clam bake held by Rochester Division No. 65. None were sorry they went, and if this entertainment is a sample of their usual treatment of visitors, we hope for another invitation.

We were met at the station by automobiles and mountain wagons which took us to "Camp Scott," about two miles distant on the shores of Lake Ossipee.

The perfect day permitted us to most thoroughly enjoy the crystal beauties of the lake, which has a clear yellow beach and is wholly surrounded by high hills and woods.

We had no sooner arrived than some baseball "fan" proposed a game and those who felt the spirit move immediately joined in. It was a treat to see how our agents and telegraphers fell to and hit the ball, both old and young mixing in it. Three-baggers and home runs were reeled off in record-breaking time, and Berry, the scorekeeper, cried out for an assistant as fat men and lean men beat it to the home plate. One brother whom I have met several times in Boston had five sons with him in the game, but if these youngsters figured that they had anything on the "old man" that day they made a sad mistake, for the way he ran bases and whacked the ball was a caution, bringing credit to himself and the winning runs for his team.

The game over, we were ready for the bake, and the only way I can describe it and its delicious taste is to tell you that we all ate several times more than we usually do, and as we blew our after-dinner smoke to the winds beneath the shade of tent and tree, moistening our lips occasionally with the real Ossipee dew, we felt indeed grateful to our most generous hosts and hoped that we might reciprocate at some future time.

One of the great benefits of such informal gatherings is the great opportunity of becoming acquainted with one another and exchanging ideas. This seems to be wholly lacking in formal open meetings, but at such gatherings as at Ossipee, where the men touch shoulder to snoulder, friendships are formed and a spirit is awakened which tends to cement us closer together, to cheer us onward in our common cause. Such was my impression, at least, as I watched the men bid one another farewell and turn their faces toward home.

The principal topic at the September meeting was the benefit fund, and judging from the interest taken by those present it is bound to be a success. If we have time enough and crowd enough to start the October meeting early, we can doubtless take up each of the remaining sections and discuss them at length. It is something that cannot be hurried, but must receive careful consideration and it is better to take each article and discuss it carefully, than to find a flaw in it after adoption. The committee have drawn up a very good set of by-laws and it bids fair to

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be a credit to our division as well as provide substantial aid to members when in need. The cost will be so small that every member of Division No. 41 should become a member. The number who have already pledged their assistance is very gratifying, both to the committee and to the members who brought the idea into existence. It is not intended to be a money-making affair, but simply and solely to help disabled members of Division No. 41, and to do this we want the members to aid by joining as soon as it is accepted by the division. Any members, who have not already filled out the coupon attached to the circular sent out by the committee, are requested to do so and mail to Secretary Morgan, if they feel that this matter is to be a benefit and an aid to our disabled members.

The attendance was fair for this time of year, and all present seemed to take a great interest in the proceedings. It is, however, rather a coincidence, that so many members happened to have theatre tickets purchased for the second Saturday of each month.

Bro. True, of Salisbury, who has been on the sick list for some time, is going to the provinces to recuperate. We hope he will return fully recovered. Bros. Rogers and Whipple are slowly recovering. We hope to see both on duty shortly. Bro. Whipple has been especially hard hit and has the sympathy of all.

Bro. Quilty, of West Somerville, has returned to work, after a vacation in New Brunswick. Bro. O'Connor, who relieved him, is now taking a short rest. Bros. Wilson and Landsberg, of "GM" office, have returned from vacations.

Waltham (South Division) which was up for bid, was taken by Bro. Corcoran of Wayland. This latter job is now up for bid.

Vacancies on the East Division at present are Bell Rock, Malden and Beverly.

Query: Who pinched the agent's winter supply of kindling wood while he was on his vacation? He wants to know. DIV. COR.

Our worthy chief and our division correspondent expects to fill the division column each month, by asking different members to contribute thereto. This is a good way to keep up the interest, and show the sisters and brothers who are unable to attend the meetings that this division is still alive and doing business.

The suggestion of our correspondent in the July issue that we have an educational hour at our meetings, should be started right away. I would suggest that our worthy chief appoint an entertainment committee to procure speakers, if we can afford it, or arrange with our members, a number of whom are capable of writing on the leading questions relative to organized labor, and reading such papers at our meetings, inviting discussions of the topic noted therein. We might take up the question of the union label and show the benefit it is to labor, and what it stands for.

Look at the noble struggle the United Hatters are making. A noble struggle, and it is up to every union man to do all in his power to assist them in every way possible. C. W. Post, of Grape-Nuts fame, in a paid advertisement, says: "You have noticed lately that the makers of finest hats and shoes have stopped putting on the union label and the labor trust managers ordered their dupes to strike and fight and destroy property; but for some reason the buying public has been aroused to the insults and oppression behind it and in thousands of cases have refused to buy any article carrying what some one named the 'tag of servitude and oppression.'"

We feel satisfied that none of the members of the O. R. T. can be classed with those who may have been obliged to refuse the union label, at the dictation of Post, Parry, Van Cleave & Co. They know that the union label is one of the strongest assets of organized labor, and are spending thousands of dollars to destroy it, hoping by so doing to kill the labor organizations, or at least retard their growth.

We all know that the union label stands for satisfied workmen, a living wage and a sanitary workroom. We also know that some goods are put on the market by unscrupulous manufacturers and retail buyers, have come from sweatshops and prisons, full of vermin and disease, or have been made by some poor seamstress at a few cents per dozen, to enable a greedy manufacturer to obtain a large profit through her misfortune.

Which should we patronize, the badge of purity, fair wages and a fair profit, or the goods without a badge of any description, except that of large profits to the manufacturers and starvation to the worker?

It is up to the members of organized labor to patronize those who help you and show the fair employer that the union label stands for his benefit, and the unfair employer that the only way he can do business with you is to purchase goods which bear the union label.

The Manufacturers' Association pretend, and will tell you that its members believe in organized labor, managed wisely and peacefully, which means when you have a just grievance, you must settle it with them individually. They claim then you will be free and independent workmen. Then they will tell you they are now doing the best for you that can be done, and if this don't suit, you had better seek another position. Then C. W. Post will boast of his "free and independent workmen, without organization, and 10 per cent above the average wage." This average was probably boosted by the salary of numbers of high-paid officials. How long do you suppose these "independent workers" would receive their 10 per cent if it was not for organized labor, which has raised the standard, forcing such men as Post to pay a living wage?

President Taft said recently: "I think the employer who declines to deal with an organization and recognize it as a proper element in the settlement of wage controversies, is behind the times."

We all know that if labor had remained unorganized, wages would be very much lower, and the President might just as truthfully have

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added, that organization prevents a reduction in wages in time of depressions, when such reduction would retard the resumption of business and would be no one's gain, and that it develops fraternity and is a good investment, because it teaches co-operation and curbs selfishness, besides helping the family; for getting more wages for one body, raises the standard of all the wage-earners.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of September, was called to order on the 11th. inst. Quite a volume of new business was transacted, and two candidates initiated.

The meetings are being better attended now, than during the warm summer months, but there is still room to seat all of those who will make an effort to come out.

The members of Division No. 44 extend sympathy and condolence to the family and friends of Brother Percy Price, late of Division No. 26, who died in Denver, Colo., September 15, 1909. His father went to Denver and brought the remains to Smithtown, N. Y., his old home, where the funeral was held on Wednesday, September 21st. Members of Division No. 44 sent a beautiful floral piece.

Although Bro. Price was not a member of No. 44, he was well and favorably known by many of the members, who remember him as a man of good moral character, a good and true union man, and a good husband and father. His sickness covered a period of many years, but he never complained, and even when near the end of his life's journey, he was more considerate of the welfare and feelings of others than himself.

Second trick at Hammel ticket office having been closed up for the season, Bro. J. J. Murray goes on the relief staff.

Bro. J. F. Moskate closed the season at Manhattan Beach, on the 15th of September.

Aqueduct, Ramblersville, Goose Creek, the Raunt and Steeple Chase, have also closed for the season.

The new station at Vanderveer Park will be opened soon, but none too soon to suit Bro. and Mrs. Ruse.

The new station at Huntington, will also soon be ready for business.

Bro. Kaufman, of Floral Park, is installed in his new quarters, which are modern and thoroughly up-to-date.

Bros. Kremp and Dow, of Hicksville, will be moved into their new office by the time this is in print.

Farmingdale has undergone extensive repairs and is now as good as new.

The management has just reason to feel proud of the stations on the Long Island. The old dry goods box style will soon be a thing of the past.

The Long Island trains expect to run into 33rd street, New York, station by January 1, 1910.

We hear that Inspector of Agents Broughton, has resigned, and his place will soon be filled; presumably by some one from the Pennsylvania Railroad. Well, such is life, officials may come and officials may go, but the O. R. T., Division No. 44, and the railroad goes on forever.

And this reminds us of other officials that have come and gone. The writer has been in the signal department for many years and worked under the administration of "Hagerman," better known as "Bill Nye."

"Bill" had charge of loading race trains and was well known "by sight" to many of the regulars, book makers, etc.

One disagreeable day, on the 15th of April, when the first race train pulled into Aqueduct, "Bill" was standing in his usual place on the cinder platform, when one of the regulars came hustling up and saluted him with:

"Hello, Slim! Have you been standing here all winter?"

"Bill" often told the writer he would not give an O. R. T. man a job and was only going to keep those he had until he could get other men to take their places. "Old Bill" has been out of the service many years, and now holds a minor position in a bank.

The men who worked under him at $45.00 are now getting $75.00 per; "old 44" never was so strong as it is today, financially or otherwise, having nearly 300 members, exclusive of those members who are not in the railroad service; conditions have improved, and the good work still goes on just the same, although officials have a time limit.

We heard the following message from Good Ground, going over the wire recently: "Boy arrived at three p. m., both doing nicely." We offer congratulations. Please don't forget Bro. Rice that we smoke.

Bro. Ed Rowland has bid in third trick at Glendale, Junction, Nacany, caused by Bro. E. W. Nicholson bidding in third at Far Rockaway.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, of recent date contained the announcement by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harrison, of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Flora Harrison to one of our most popular brothers, M. S. Scotton. Miss Harrison is an accomplished musician and choir leader in the First Methodist Church at Ozone Park. Division No. 44 extends its most hearty congratulations to this most popular pair.

Bro. P. C. Lawson, who has been on the farm for some time, says even farming is easier with an up-to-date.

Bro. H. G. Penny and wife, are spending two weeks at Cutchague with his parents. Bro. Hopkins is doing second at Woodhaven Junction.

Bro. J. O'Rourke has bid in third at Mineola, made vacant by Bro. C. O. Webb taking the first trick at Ozone Park.

Bro. M. S. Scotton, first trick at "CN" tower is visiting his home in Delaware, relieved by Bro. P. J. Hopkins.

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Bro. Ed Aston, first trick at "MP," Marle Park, visiting his boyhood home in Pennsylvania.

Bro. E. E. Louis and wife spent two weeks at Frankford, Dela., with his mother, who has been very sick. We are glad to say she is now much improved.

Bro. Hendrickson, third at Valley Stream, was the successful applicant for the first trick at Hammel, Wyo., vacancy caused by Bro. Geo. J. Turner going in to other business.

Bro. Thos. Bennett is relieving Bro. Chas. Curran, at Jamaica, block 2nd. Bro. Curran in turn is relieving Bro. Phil Hayes at Fresh Pond Junction. Bro. Hayes is doing extra work on main line improvement.

Bro. W. B. Adair has bid in the agency at Ronkonkoma.

Bro. Cunningham is working second trick at Huntington.

Jim Jagger has left Bridge street succeeded by J. Buhler.

Mr. W. B. Garney, who has been sick for some months, has returned to duty, and Bro. C. B. Ryder has been assigned to Regular Relief duty.

Sister Ida M. Schuylor, of Woodhaven Junction, has left the service to make some lucky man, unknown to the writer, extremely happy. Members of No. 44 extend congratulations for a long, happy and prosperous life.

L. W. Long has been installed as ticket agent at Woodhaven Junction.

Bro. Tom Walker, of Sea Side, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence, and will spend the coming winter in Old Virginia. Cups Lasher relieves him.

Bro. Jack Lynch, of "HP," Long Island City, has been relieved, on account of ill-health, by Mrs. H. Cammon.

Relief Agent, Bro. C. C. Carey, has been relieving the agent at Oakdale, a few days; the latter being on the sick list.

OLD DR. GOSSIP.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

The first regular meeting in September was held on Sept. 11th. Opened at 8:30 p. m., by Chief Telegrapher, A. A. Kolb. Most of the officers present. One petition for membership, from the Pittsburg Division P. R. R., was favorably acted upon. Bills amounting to $65.53 and sick claims amounting to $25.00, ordered paid. Under "good of the order," subjects of interest to the members employed on the P. R. R., particularly those on the Conemaugh Division, were discussed and action decided upon. Number of members present 16, which was a very poor showing, indeed.

The second meeting was held on Sept. 25th. Chief Telegrapher A. A. Kolb presiding. Officers in the accustomed places. Six petitions for membership were favorably acted upon, including five from the Conemaugh Division P. R. R., and one from the Pittsburg Division P. R. R. One new member was initiated. Bills amounting to $39.50 and sick claims amounting to $30.00 were ordered paid. The attendance was again under the average. Resolutions were adopted in regard to the deaths of Bros. Wm. J. Miller and J. C. Trimble.

Just a word to the members of this Division, located in and near Pittsburg, working first and third tricks. Have you any good excuse for not attending meetings on the second and fourth Saturday evenings, of each month? If you have the interests of the organization at heart you will arrange to become a regular attender from now on, as there will no doubt be questions of almost vital importance to each and every member, come up for discussion from time to time, just as there have been on dozens of other occasions in the past. Don't always remain a silent member, as we already have too many who do nothing towards the upbuilding of the Organization in general, and Division No. 52 in particular.

The course of events in the near future, will no doubt demonstrate the fact, that each member has his or her own part to do, so you might as well begin RIGHT NOW. If you do not know what is expected of you, come to the meetings and you will learn quite rapidly, and it will not cost you anything.

All those who have neglected to pay their dues for the current term, should do so at once and not put it off any longer. We need the assistance of every telegrapher within the jurisdiction of this Division, but we cannot keep your name on the membership roll unless you pay your dues each term.

We have again inaugurated an active campaign against the nons and we expect to secure the application of each and every eligible non-member in our territory, with the exception of a few undesirables. It's up to you to lend your assistance to the movement. Circulars and application blanks will be cheerfully mailed by the Secretary, upon request. Let us all wake up, and, above everything, don't knock.

The congratulations of the Division are herewith extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell, treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa., on the birth of a son.

KLING.

On account of the "Walking Delegate" Kling losing one of their number, we were unable to get in a write-up for the month of September, but we hope the delinquent ex-brother will wake up to the fact that he is greatly injuring himself, and will come back to the fold.

Bro. Boreland was agreeably surprised with a birthday supper on Sept. 13th given by his landlady, Mrs. Handcock. The ladies had quite a time giving him the necessary 24 kisses, and the gents enjoyed themselves by pulling his ears.

There were 22 members present at our last meeting, five from the Conemaugh Division. We would like to see more of our members attend the meetings.

Bro. G. W. Johnston, since being transferred to "AJ" first trick, has been reaping a great harvest among the nons at that point. May he continue with the good work. He was one of the five at the meeting from the Conemaugh Division, hav

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ing with him two applications, and a promise of four more.

Mr. Lewis, second trick, at "XY" accompanied by his wife, spent a week at Atlantic City, relieved by Mr. Cox, a new man. Mr. Lewis has promised to be with us soon.

Extra Telegrapher Grasier is doing the owl stunt at "SA." His application for membership has been received. May he be a leader of many in following suit.

Sister Weinfurther, accompanied by Miss Lesere and Miss James, spent a very pleasant day, taking in the sights at the Exposition in Pittsburg, Sept. 14th. Miss James is at "QN" nights at present.

Telegrapher Butler got "QN" third trick, on bid.

Butler, Arnold, Marshall and Sackett rode "Billy" at the last meeting night, Sept. 25th.

Bros. Stitt and Turner, from "ON" are doing the extra in "AC." Bro. Moore working second trick at "ON."

Relief "D" bid in by Bro. Porter.

Bro. Kurilla, of "ND," had a pleasant trip to Altoona recently.

Bro. Johnson, of "DX," visited old friends in Buffalo for a few days.

Sister Ella Duncan was at Atlantic City for two weeks.

Bro. Hovis is off on a vacation, relieved by Bro. Helfrich, extra.

Telegrapher Gilliland, at "ZA," third, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Johnston.

Bro. King, third "BI," spent ten days visiting his parents near Cambridge Springs, Pa.

The carpenters are putting up a new tower at "BI" which will be considerable larger than the old one and will give the telegraphers much more needed room.

Bolt switches have been put in at "ND" and they are now under control of the telegraphers.

The boys at "DX" were kept hustling during the Indiana fair to take care of the extra trains put on at that time.

Bro. Satterfield, after a two months' leave of absence on account of the injuries he received when falling from the bridge at "XY" tower, is now able to take up his work at that place again. We are all glad to see him back and hope nothing serious will result from his fall. The company has built a new pair of steps at this point, "locked the stable after the horse has been stolen." The brother extends his sincere thanks and best wishes to the brothers and sisters of Division No. 52 for the kindness shown him during his illness.

Boys and girls, don't forget our motto still holds good and always will: "No card, no favors." And give the nons no rest.

"OA" "OC" "GU."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother Wm. J. Miller, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, and

WHEREAS, We feel that the widow has lost her truest friend, and the child, a kind and loving father, whose cheerful presence and unmeasurable love can not be replaced; we feel that their loss is his eternal gain; therefore be it

Resolved, That to the sorrowing family we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation, and pray for the comforter to give them strength and courage to fulfill their mission; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memoriam be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to our official organ for publication.

D. R. ULERY,
JOHN F. DAYMUDE,
JNO. WENTZ,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother, J. C. Trimble, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, and

WHEREAS, We feel that the widow has lost her truest friend, and the children a kind and loving father, whose cheerful presence and unmeasurable love can not be replaced; we feel that their loss is his heavenly gain; therefore, be it

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F. W. ROTH,
R. LONG,
H. E. ADAMS,
Committee

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

We are advised by a brother on the Q. A. & K. branch that they want a man to go down there and line up a few of the boys as they are good prospects but have not had any one to talk to them. How about this brother doing a little talking himself? He should know what the order is.

Does any one ever attend the meetings in Wilmington any more? Let's all turn out next meeting night, and make it a record breaker. Better once than never.

Quite a number of the boys attended Laurel Camp, and report having had a glorious time. Bro. Wright of Greenwood, spent two weeks at the Camp visiting friends of his wife's.

Bro. S. E. Elliott of "RU" is contemplating keeping bachelors' hall this winter, but have not heard whether he is going to keep boarders or not.

The summer offices on the main line and branch roads closed August 25th, and lots of familiar faces are out on the line again.

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Several of the boys did not get any relief days in August, owing to the scarcity of men.

Bro. Oscar Allen of Millington, who worked at Seaford freight office, a few days, is doing extra on main line.

In the August TELEGRAPHER we called Bro. J. B. Roe, lately from Chincoteauge "Mister." He holds an "up to date," and has been visiting his parents in Sudlersville, recently.

We regret that our old "D. M. & V." Bro. Megee, has not been down his pike lately, to gather up any news.

E. F. Brooks, accompanied by Mr. Whitney, Jr., and party of officials, were in Delmar the latter part of September, looking over improvements.

Joch Mahew, of Dover, has been transferred to Cambridge days. R. L. Gus Frazier has been appointed to the position at Dover.

Bro. E. H. Butler, of "DR" was in Kitts Hammock, a few days in the early part of September.

Roy Butler, assistant at Massey, off sick in August, is with us again.

Bro. C. S. Thomas, of Centerville, has been visiting relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia during August; relieved by his assistant Bro. J. Coursey.

Bro. P. C. Holmes, of Massey, was off sick one week in August; relieved by Bro. O. W. Allen, of Millington.

Bro. T. E. Allen is relieving Bro. Scotton at East New Market, after a strenuous summer at Broad Creek.

Bro. Hearne, third trick man at "X" Wilmington, spent his vacation at Laurel, during August; relieved by Bro. Degee.

Bro. J. Clyde Truitt, of Delmar, spent his relief day with his father, at Bowie, Md.

Bro. George Morrison is doing relief work, on the main line again.

Bro. Bartlett is doing extra work in Wilmington, this month.

Maryland Division

We note with regret that Bro. J. J. Gallagher succumbed to typhoid fever in St. Joseph hospital, Baltimore, Md., August 23rd.

Board and houses are extremely hard to get along the B. & P., causing much trouble to applicants for the vacancies.

Bro. J. B. Cosden, of Wilmington office, has been off on sick leave about a month, but is improving and we hope to see him out soon again.

Bro. Holton, our former secretary and treasurer, has taken the agency at Newark-Centre, his home town; causing "N" third to be advertised.

Mr. Vitek, second, at "BO" bid in Stemmer's run "BU" block third and is succeeded by Mr. Andree at "BO."

Mr. Cunningham has taken Stony-Run third, which has been an undesirable point for telegraphers to live. We wish him luck.

Bro. Geo. A. Lynch, bid in Wilmington on advertisement, but has been working extra in dispatcher's office during the vacation period.

Mr. Brahler, of "DX" Lanham, second, has resigned, his place being filled by Mr. Hall.

Mr. Dunbar bid in "DX," third. Mr. Caplan succeeding him at "GA" Glendale, second.

Mr. Simms, second, at "BX" secured the position made vacant by Mr. Grant's resignation at "ND" and Mr. Mills succeeds Mr. Simms at "BX."

Bro. Greenly, third at Seabrook, bid in "U" block, Bellevue. We are glad to have him on this end of the road.

A. P. Rose, first at "NH" Northeast, for years, died several days ago.

Mr. Bealle, of Wilmington, has returned from a trip to Buffalo, N. Y., where he spent his vacation.

Bro. Hoffheinz is filling extra tricks at "WD" while the boys are on their vacations.

Mr. Lacey (B. & P.) has accepted a position with the Western Union, in Chicago, Ill.

Bro. John Quill, bid in "HA" Landlith block, 12 o'clock trick.

Mr. Mayhugh, of Baltimore, has left the road for parts unknown.

DIV. COR.

Camden Div., No. 84.

W. J. & S. R. R.

The most successful season this pike has ever seen is now on the wane. The force in the Camden offices has been augmented by Bros. J. L. Hand, G. E. Nightingale, R. D. Mitchell, C. C. Epplemen, F. G. Patterson and Mr. D. P. Carlin. The summer offices and more or less illness have absorbed the extra men, to the extent that a C. Q. D. signal from a man who wishes to go railbird shooting merely disturbs the atmosphere. It is said that Bro. F. C. Ackroyd, at Gloucester, N. J., was unable to get off the other evening to attend his own wedding, so he called the parson in before supper to tie the knot, and give him a formal introduction to his bride, before he laid aside his purple and fine linen and sallied forth to get orders for the tower car. His estimable helpmeet is Miss Christianson, of Pedricktown, N. J. We wish them a "long, smooth run on double track." They were married on Sept. 15th.

The Division is in very satisfactory condition at present; applications are filed at every meeting, and, while there is still now and then a man working who is willing to grunt without lifting, and more rarely one who lays down: "Crooks the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning," the great majority have wisely concluded that railroad work, monotonous at best, becomes more tolerable, is performed more satisfactorily to both men and officials, and a better feelings exists generally where organization promotes social intercourse, exchange of ideas and experiences, discussion of new rules, etc., and an elected committee of the men meet the Division officials and amicably adjust the differences that are bound to arise in every business concern.

If your neighbor is a non, put it up to him.

"I see be th' paper," as Mr. Dooley says, that Judge Landis has declared the "split trick"

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is a violation of the nine-hour law, and that this decision has been upheld by the Interstate Labor Commission, and Attorney General Wickersham. The abolition of the split trick would be a great boon to many who now spend twelve hours or more to earn eight or nine hours' pay.

Bro. I. C. Shaw is off on account of illness; W. C. Vaughan relieving him at Collinsgwood, and Bro. F. Obergfell relieving the latter at Haddonfield.

Bro. A. S. Ralph, first trick at Minotola, has been grievously afflicted with rheumatism for some weeks; Bro. Waterhouse holding down the job.

Thos. Pancoast, first trick at "FX," is on the sick list; Mr. Archer doing the armstrong.

Bro. H. W. Fox has swapped bosses, leaving the service of President McCrea for that of President Taft, working first trick at Pleasantville in the postoffice. Here's hoping that he soon lands the Postmaster General's job. From Pleasantville to Washington is only a couple of hundred miles.

It is rumored that "KN" Camden office is to have an "all-star cast," sheet men to be eliminated. Should this program materialize, it would entail changes and probably a repetition of the "bumping" which had the younger men making hasty time for the cyclone cellar last winter.

Bro. R. D. Mitchell has the second trick at Glassboro, relieving Bro. F. A. Sykes, who moved to Wenonah. Bro. Libes from that point to Absecon.

Bro. Queen has taken the agency at Kirkwood, Mr. Meredith moving down to Lucaston and Bro. Shaeffer relieving Bro. Patterson at "CH," Woodbury. A number of other changes have taken place, but I am unable to announce them all on account of the brothers not passing the news along.

VERITAS.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Div. Notes—

The regular monthly meeting of Division No. 85, held in Concordia Hall, Trenton, N. J., September 17, was called to order at 9 p. m., and after transacting the regular routine business, adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

The Division was well represented. Since No. 574 has been put on, it makes it pretty handy to get home.

Bro. Nagle, third trick "X," Wilburtha, bid "MS," Coalport, third, and Extra Baird bid in third "X," Wilburtha.

Bro. Wharton, first "MO," Moore, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Ritz, third trick, P. H. Schefler, a commercial telegrapher, filling in second.

Mr. Swift, first at "FH," Lambertville, is working in "FG," Trenton, during vacation. Mr. Vetter, first "FJ," Flemington Junction, relieving. Mr. Ashcroft, third "FJ," relieving on first, and Extra Yeakel working third.

Prof. (?) Hill at "WN," Warren, is still running a "ham factory," but the hams he is trying to turn out are very poorly cured.

Extra Bebler, who bid in third at "WN," Warren, was filling in second at "HV," Hudson yard, until Bro. Farley bid it in and was transferred there.

Bro. Lenhart was the successful bidder for "DY," Dempsey, third.

"K," Martin's Creek, is open for bids.

Extra H. Diehl, a new man from New Bedford, is working on the upper end, has promised to come in as soon as possible, on account of Mr. Decker working in "FG," Trenton.

Bro. Harry Person is filling "G," L. & H. Junction, while M. Decker is at "FG," Trenton.

Brothers, send your news items to Bro. Callahan, who will see that it gets printed.

DIV. COR.

Addison Div., No. 108.

Meetings are held at Addison the second Sunday of each month.

Bro. Geo. Camfield has resigned his position as agent at Tyler, same being filled by Bro. Seeley, formerly second trick at that station. Second trick is being filled by extra operator, Mr. Earl Canfield.

Bro. Stone, second trick at Tyler, is enjoying a vacation, being relieved by Miss Alta Fonner.

The fourth annual clam bake of the B. & S. employes at Camp Dent on Sunday, September 19th, was a grand success, being one of the largest ever held. This shows the united feeling among these employes.

The business during August was the largest done in any month since the line opened through to Buffalo.

We understand on account of the increased business, the first trick operator, who was taken off at Medix Run some time ago, is to be put back again, relieving Bro. McCarty of the duties of telegrapher.

Bro. Graham, third trick at Hicks Run, has resigned, and accepted a position with the P. R. R. Mr. Welton is holding third trick in his place.

Mr. Swisher, second trick dispatcher at Du Bois, has resigned, leaving a vacancy that is now being filled by first trick Dispatcher Hutch. Chief Dispatcher J. A. Evans is working the first trick, in addition to his duties as chief. No appointment has been made to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Cole, of Sowanesque, has been on his annual recreation tour.

Bro. L. R. Brown, of Cross Fork Junction, is seriously ill at Hornell Hospital, with typhoid fever. We all wish for his speedy recovery.

LOST—Somewhere between Addison and Keating Summit, Pa., a blue-eyed, medium-size, fair-complexioned correspondent. He has not been heard from for some time. When at large he is a dangerous character, especially among nons.

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North Adams Div., No. 139.

We have had a very fair attendance at the meetings lately, but they could be made more interesting if every member who could would come. The Division room is the place to settle all arguments. Any who have forgotten the place will be piloted around from the station at "JD." The meeting nights are just the same as heretofore, the second Saturday in the month. There may be important matters before these meetings at any time and if every available member is present there will be no chance for dissatisfaction. We have donated Bro. Darling a liberal amount from the treasury of this Division and this, together with the others he has received, which was badly needed, will no doubt put him "on easy street" for awhile.

Through the courtesy of Bro. Johnson, of Albany Division No. 78, the officers and members of this Division were invited to attend a meeting to be held at Oneonta, N. Y., October 5th, 1909, under the auspices of the B. of R. T., B. of L. E. & F., B. of R. C., and the O. R. T. of the D. & H. road.

Brothers Oliver and Bowers contributed a large portion of the items for this month's correspondence and if the other members will do likewise each month they will be thankfully received.

One of the greatest events on our Division in some time, was the celebration of "old home week" at North Adams. Many thousands of people visited there during the week September 5-11th, and everybody, even to Bro. Powers, had a good time, although he was obliged to retreat from State street on account of the Ladies' Auxiliary and their shower of confetti.

Bro. Adkin, third at "JV," has returned after a few months' leave of absence, playing ball with a Southern league team. He also spent some time on a hunting and fishing trip at Cossayuna Lake.

Bro. Quick is relieving Bro. Daily at "FX," Mechanicville. "13" Bro. Quick has bid in the third at "HA."

Bro. Van Ness at "X," Williamstown, is interested in the moving picture business at Troy.

Bro. Downing, first trick at "X," is on a 30-day vacation, the greater portion of which he will spend with relatives at Portsmouth, N. H. He will also visit points of interest at Portland, Me.; Boston, Mass.; Concord and Weirs, N. H. Miss Smith, of "PN," is relieving Bro. Downing.

Bro. Dowling, third trick at "RO," is away on his vacation, relieved by Mr. Ingraham. Much credit is due Bro. Dowling on account of his success as a baseball manager during the past season.

Bro. Van Weort, formerly third trick at "JV," has accepted a position with the Bossom Leather Board Company, of Boston, as traveling salesman, with headquarters at Johnsonville.

Bro. Streeter is conducting a very successful moving picture business at Greenfield. Brothers, when you are down that way drop in and see him; he will use you good.

Bro. Abbott, agent at "HF," has been appointed traveling freight agent, with headquarters at Troy. Mr. Smalley is covering the agency at "HF" while the job is advertised.

Bro. Johnson, of Albany, attended our meeting August 14th, and in return Bros. Cook, Pitcher and Potter visited Bro. Johnson at Albany some few days ago.

Bro. F. Woodlock, third at "K," has returned from his two weeks' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Henessey. Bro. Henessey has bid in "DK."

Bro. G. Moake, formerly third trick at "HA," is out of the service. Bro. Moake having accepted a position with the N. Y., N. H. & H., we understand.

Bro. Lake, of "DK" office, Mechanicville, has bid in first trick at "K." Mr. Hitchcock is at "DK" while the job is advertised.

Mr. Callahan has bid in the second trick at "JV," but Mr. Henessey is still holding the job on account of Mr. Callahan being laid up with rheumatism.

Bro. C. E. Akin, Jr., second at "DE," Troy, has left the service. Mr. Spears is covering the job while it is advertised.

Bro. Crawford, who was displaced by the closing of "JU," has bid in the second trick at "RO."

Bro. Duncan, agent at "BD," is on the sick list; understand he visited the "old home week" celebration at North Adams, for a few days.

Mr. Murphy, formerly spare, relieving Mr. Wickham, third trick at "XN," is out of the service.

Bro. Burnham, first trick at "PI," has returned from a ten days' vacation; relieved by Mr. Spears.

Bro. Burns has just returned from a five-day visit at Cambridge, N. Y., taking in the fair while there.

Bro. O. R. Brown has been away on a few days' vacation, relieved by Mr. Ingraham.

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South Amboy Div., No. 149.

In accordance with a circular-letter issued by Bro. H. B. Perham, President, a fair crowd of members and telegraphers assembled at Scully's Hall, on Stevens Ave., Saturday evening, August 21st, for the purpose of instituting a local division of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers in South Amboy.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. L. A. Page, of Camden Division, No. 84, who very willingly gave the necessary instructions relative to organizing a new local, and took charge of the installation of officers, all of whom were elected unanimously, viz.:

Chief Telegrapher, T. L. Kiser.
First Vice, M. J. Carroll.
Second Vice, L. L. Sheppard.
Secretary and Treasurer, S. W. Skirm.
Marshal, W. J. Edwards.
Inside Sentinel, J. L. Sheppard.
Outside Sentinel, Geo. E. Yates.

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Bro. Page then made one of his noted addresses, full of facts, and right to the point. We are glad to know that Division No. 149 will have his co-operation, although it has taken several members from his home division (84) which is very dear to him.

Bro. I. E. Ellis also made some very interesting remarks in regard to the growth of our grand Order, which is steadily on the increase. He also compared the working conditions of the telegrapher today with that of twenty years ago, when the operator was a general utility man for the agent.

It is an unexplained mystery how a telegrapher can listen to these facts, and then refuse to endorse the Order.

It was decided, to meet at Scully's hall, on the third Thursday of each month, at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. This arrangement gives the second trick men an opportunity to attend.

Now, boys, don't forget the place and date. You can never realize what you are missing when neglecting to attend the meetings, until some Brother who has been present tells you what transpired.

Let us make up our minds that it is a part of our duty to bring in at least one application for membership to each meeting.

Although "the goat" had two to down last meeting, he is again in "pink condition," and all ready to "eat 'em alive."

This local has one of the best territories in the East to cover; taking in the Amboy Division of the P. R. R. as far as Jamesburg, and from there to Sea Girp. The C. R. R. Co., of N. J., South Amboy, to Jersey City, The N. Y. & L. B. R. R., Raritan River R. R., and the L. V. R. R. in and around Perth Amboy. With the vast and prolific field in which to work, No. 149 should be one of the strongest locals in the Order, but it can only be made so by persistent individual effort.

Every district has been fairly well represented at our meetings, except the southern portion of the New York and Long Branch R. R. Will not some good Brother in that vicinity head them this way?

Bro. M. J. Carroll has just returned from a three days' trip to Atlantic City, where he has been attending the Firemen's Convention, representing the South Amboy "laddies."

Bro. R. B. Sheppard, of Milltown, returning, after a sojourn in South Jersey for a week, reports the pines flourishing, also the "skeeters."

DIV. COR."

Grand Trunk Ry.

Southern Division—

Bro. S. Smith, of Simcoe, is off on his holiday vacation, relieved by "Lou" Winder, from Cayuga. How about that promise, "Lou" and "Joe," at Jarvis, have both promised to do the right thing in the near future and we are waiting patiently for them.

Mr. Coutts, from the "Q" office is working at Gravel Pit, east of Simcoe. We should also like to see him in the line soon.

We have a man on the line, who after admitting he had not used the order right for a long time finally joined. Shortly after joining he turns out a student and then takes on another. Scan the line for yourselves and spot him.

There are some men who never joined, with a better record than that between the Falls, Ft. Erie and Windsor, right here on this Southern Division, but there are also a few not much better.

We hope the day will soon come when they will change their views sufficiently to see that if we would have 90 to 100 per cent pay, we must each count one to that extent. Otherwise we should be content with what's slung at us, not "knock" the order when we ourselves are the only ones to blame.

Just a few questions to those who are in the balance: You never saw better times on "this pike" before, did you? No! And you don't think they will be any better if you don't help, do you? No! And you don't want your salary cut to $46.75 per, instead of $55.00, do you? No! Well, then, why not do the proper thing for yourselves and fellow men and take your places like men in this industrial world of progress. Your employers will be all the more willing to have you help manage the affairs of the company they represent, when they see that you know how to manage your own business properly. Good intentions will never get you anything unless you put them into effect. Get to work and do something.. You have been promising long enough and it is now time to make good. The time is at hand when you must do your part and share the burdens in order that you may have a right to enjoy the good things to come, and therefore get in line and push forward to the goal of success, and then "Push" some more.

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Wabash Ry.

Decatur Division—

Bro. Custer, agent at Raymond, is taking ten days off. Bro. Moore, second trick, relieving.

P. S. Pender, of the B. & O., is working extra at Raymond.

Telegrapher Rowland, second trick at Edwardsville Junction, is taking a few weeks' vacation.

Operators on this Division are very scarce and there are not enough extra men to relieve all who want vacations.

Dan Miller, at Raymond, exceeded the speed limit last week with train orders.

H. A. Culmer, former agent at Staunton, has called for his service card and left the Wabash.

Bro. B. F. Stone, first trick, at Litchfield, took a two weeks' vacation and visited relatives at his home town, Ailen, Okla. He was relieved by E. T. Moody, from Nashville, Tenn., who will soon be up-to-date again.

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We would like to have more news. If the boys at every station would furnish only one item a month, we could have a good write-up. Please send the news to Bro. B. F. Stone, at Litchfield, by the 20th of the month and your kindness will be appreciated.

Bro. Fightmaster and Telegrapher Somers of Forrest, attended a banquet at Strawn given in their favor recently and "13" Pete no longer sings "No Wedding Bells for Me."

Bro. E. O. Browning, a wireless, recently third at Strawn, resigned; relieved by Telegrapher S. Clayton.

Bro. J. T. Marshall, of Wing, looked over the Staunton agency recently.

Through the kindness of the manager of "Monte Cristo," Bros. Hefner and Longworth enjoyed the play recently at Monticello.

Bro. Koehler returned to Sibley after being relieved at Forrest by Bro. Fightmaster, who was an older man.

The general manager's special, handled over the 6th and 7th districts on Sept. 2nd, was accompanied by General Superintendent Cotter, and Division Superintendent Ferritor.

Bro. H. L. Aikman, of Litchfield, left on a trip to Montana and Washington, Sept. 25th.

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Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. C. M. Jonsey has returned to work as agent at Shannon, Miss., after an extensive tour of the western country, and reports having had a very nice time. Bro. Newsome has returned to second trick.

Mr. Rutledge, the successful man for Shannon, third trick, has promised to come in soon. The bunch at "GC" round up the nons about as fast as they appear. Keep it up, boys.

Bro. Paslor, third trick telegrapher at Baldwin, is off for 30 days, relieved by Mr. Roberson, of Ramer. Bro. Paslor is visiting home folks in Ohio.

Mr. Casebere, second trick, Corinth, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Newsome, of Shannon, off a few days, was relieved by Telegrapher Barr, of McNairey.

Bro. Kimball has returned to work again, and is now stationed at Okolona.

Mr. Estes, second trick at Clamore, has been off a few days; relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Clide Dancer, of Ruslor, off for a few days sick, was relieved by Telegrapher Barr.

Bro. C. B. Ramer, second trick at Bethel, off for a few days, was relieved by Telegrapher Rutledge.

Bro. A. S. Johnson, agent at Henderson, was off for a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Parish.

Bro. Rutledge, third trick at Perry, off a few days, was relieved by Telegrapher Parish.

Mr. Keaton, of Dyer, is acting as agent at Oakton, during Mr. Carroll's absence.

Bro. Clark is acting as agent at Berkeley, during Bro. Beadle's absence, on account of sickness.

Bro. Parker has returned to work as agent at Ava. Understand his relief, Bro. Sterns, has gone back to school.

Bro. McMurtrie, agent at Willisville, is off for thirty days; relieved by Mr. Nolan.

Bro. McNellie was assigned as agent at Sparta, relieving Mr. Rendleman, who was assigned as agent at Millstadt, and Bro. McDermont was assigned as agent at Burksville.

Bro. Hatley, agent at Laketon, off for a few days, attending court, was relieved by Mr. Overall, extra telegrapher from Dyer.

We have the promise of several new members this month, and hope they will come up to the requirements.

Let me have the news, boys, so we can get up a good write-up each month.

DIV. COR.

St. L. & S. W. Ry.

Illmo Division—

Since the last write-up we have secured two new members, Bro. W. S. Brink, of Brinkley, Ark., and Bro. York, of Kelso. The "Cotton Belt" is getting stronger every month.

Bro. Calvert, after a fifteen-day vacation, went to Campbell, and did the agent's stunt, for a few days, on account of the regular agent being sick. He is now on the third trick at North Junction.

Bro. L. I. McConnell, third trick at Rockview, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. M. H. Nicks, who says he will join us as soon as possible.

Bro. Hanold, formerly of Kelso, third trick, has been transferred to Ardeola; Mr. Fink returning from the dispatcher's office to Kelso.

Tige Nicks, of third trick, Dexter Junction, is off for two weeks, on account of a dislocated shoulder, caused by getting off a freight train.

Bro. T. C. Long, agent at Ardeola, Mo., is off on a thirty-day vacation.

First Trick Dispatcher E. W. Bissell, Illmo, Mo., is back at his old desk again, after a several days' visit to the "old folks at home."

Members on Illmo and Jonesboro Divisions, please send your news items to Bro. L. I. McConnell, Rockview, Mo., the Division Correspondent.

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Kansas City Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

Bro. Victor Fox, joint agent for the K. C. S. and O. & N. at Mauriceville, has taken unto himself a wife, and we wish to extend him our hearty congratulations.

Bros. Ferguson and Vickers, of Beaumont, had their wages raised about 10 per and are now wearing the smile that don't come off.

Bro. Lindgrau, wire chief at "J" office, Shreveport, is spending his vacation at Chicago and other northern points. Bro. Harkrider, our local chair-

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man, relieved Bro. Lindrau and Bro. Babcock is relieving Bro. Harkrider.

Bro. H. E. Long, who does the "Owl Stunt" at Port Arthur, spent his two weeks' vacation with his parents at Llano and Marble Falls, Texas.

Bro. Vickers is back on the third trick at Beaumont. Extra Lansing, whom he relieved, went to the "Frisco."

Bro. Burrows relieved Jay Holstein on the first trick at DeQuincy.

Boys, please help the local correspondent out by mailing him your news items.

CERT. 271.

New York Central Ry.

NOTICE.

An appeal to all members of N. Y. C. System Division No. 8:

In August Journal, page 1258, appears an appeal for aid from Brother Lewis Darling, of Camillus, N. Y., and last evening I received a similar appeal (through Brother H. B. Perham) from Mrs. F. E. Roffe, wife of Brother F. E. Roffe, of Mill Hall, Pa.

Brother Roffe has been a staunch and charter member of Division No. 98, and is worthy of our assistance, he has been sick and unable to work since July, 1908, and while we have given him temporary relief, by contributing towards his support, at one time we made up a purse of about $1000.00 and have since been chancing off a gun for his benefit, but this money could not be expected to last for a very long time, and it seems to me that these two appeals from worthy brothers should not go unrewarded, and I have been giving it some thought and decided that we should provide some permanent relief for them, but, just how to do it is the question, I have submitted the following plan, and if any one has a better one, pass it along, but I am convinced that my plan is very feasible if every brother will do as suggested. It appeals to me that all would be willing to contribute such a small amount each month out of their monthly salary, for the relief of the two brothers, and oh, what a relief, what a ray of sunshine we could throw into the homes of our two afflicted brothers.

Here is the proposition which I wish to submit to the membership of Division No. 8, and there are more than 1,600 of us.

PROPOSITION.

That we all contribute 10c each month to our respective Local Chairman, and he forward same each month as soon as collected to our General Secretary, Bro. A. E. Blim, who would be glad to act as treasurer of this fund, and let him send to Brothers Darling and Roffe a stipulated sum each month, not to exceed the amount contributed, and let us make it a permanent relief for the two brothers as long as they are in need.

Now don't pass this by with only a sympathetic remark, but let every member send to his local chairman at once 10c, or as much more as he chooses, and we will give you credit for as many months as you have contributed.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. MARTENIS,

Local Chairman, B. C., Vilas, Pa.

Hudson Div.—

Our meeting of September 21st was a "hummer." At least fifty members were present. Among them was our general chairman, Bro. M. G. Woolley, who gave us a very interesting talk concerning the Order, which was appreciated by all.

There is no reason why we cannot have such meetings the year round, and if every brother will take the interest he should in the Order it can be accomplished.

Considerable business was transacted considering our short session. Bro. G. M. Currie was elected our financial secretary.

It should not be necessary to call your attention to the misusage of your passes. It is strictly against the rules of the company, and means dismissal from the service if found out. Do not let any one pat you on the back and say that it will be all right, and that he will take care of your pass.

We are very sorry to note that two of our most esteemed brothers were tried and found wanting. You all know who they are. We are all astonished that these brothers could act so unbecoming to another member of our Order. Every brother should deplore such actions in the ranks of the O. R. T. and shun the society of those that are found wanting.

Do not blame the Order for the individual action taken by any member, in breaking his obligation, but try hard to enroll new members.

Bro. Van-Benscoten has been transferred from "BS" 54 to "BS" 58.

Bro. L. Lowe has resumed work at "BS" 57, after a severe sickness.

Bro. F. M. Smith, our great explorer, anticipates sport with his motor boat during the Hudson-Fulton exercises.

Bro. F. J. Gallagher worked the second trick at "BS" 58, September 21st, relieving Bro. Haughey.

Send some notes to your local chairman, so he may know what is going on. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Ruler of the Universe has deemed it wise to remove from the family of Bro. D. Taylor his beloved baby son; and

WHEREAS, We know human sympathy is insufficient, and that we can point the bereaved to Him who promised to be an ever-present helper in the hour of trouble, praying His consolation to be ministered unto them; therefore be it.

Resolved, That the members of the Hudson Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and family our heart-

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felt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the minutes of our next meeting and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. P. FRALEIGH,
D. J. BURNS,
H. GROUPE,
J. A. HAUGHEY, L. C.

Mohawk Division—

There was a large attendance at the September meeting at Fonda and we were glad to see the boys turn out in such large numbers. Train 28 being over an hour late, the members from the east end were late in getting home. The second and third trick men should attend the day meetings at Schenectady. They wanted these day meetings and we see no reason why they should not attend.

Bros. Lynch, Schenmeyer and Salisburg were at the Fonda meeting as usual. Bro. Morey gave us quite a talk on the good O. R. T. Wish we had more like him. Bro. Rulison, Rotterdam Junction, a new member, and Bro. Carlson from South Schenectady, were also in attendance.

Bros. Harter and Goodermote have resigned and bought out Bro. Lambert's Franklin Lunch, in Utica. We congratulate the brothers and hope they meet with the success Bro. Lambert did there. It is rumored that Bro. Lambert will remove to Seattle, Wash., in the near future to engage in business in that city. May good fortune go with him.

Several of the old timers are quitting and getting out. About 25 have left in the last year or two, some of them being ten and twelve-year men. Something must be wrong with the division, to have so much dissatisfaction among the telegraphers. A man that has worked that length of time on the N. Y. C. has shown the kind of stuff he is made of.

Bro. J. Hart attended the State Fair.

Bro. H. A. Smith has bid in second trick, "BS" 5.

Bros. Walker and DeLong recently had their annual weekly vacations.

Bro. Laraway has bid from third to second trick at "BS" 31, vice Mr. Witherstine.

Bro. J. H. Abbott moves from second at 30-A, to third at 31. Second trick at 30-A is up for bid.

Bro. Dempsey, from the South, has been filling in at Utica depot the last two months.

It is expected that work will begin on the extensive improvements at Utica on October 1st and be carried through the winter.

Press clipping: "There is an opening for a telegraph operator in the Mataba region of the French Congo State. The last one sent out there was a favorite with the natives and they cut him up for a meat stew?" Who wants this job? Where is some good fat man? We can generally spare one.

Freight on this Division is picking up and prospects of a big run this winter are bright.

DIV. COR.

Beech Creek District—

Our regular September meeting was called to order at 8:45 p. m. on the 14th at Lock Haven, with a rather small attendance, considering the fine weather. It was grand to see the boys from Beech Creek and down that way once. Come again. Our local chairman, Bro. Martenis, was present, and among one of the things discussed was a proposed change in our working rules about which you will hear more at future meetings. Owing to the fact that Bros. Hendricks and Martenis had to catch a P. R. R. train for home, the meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

Your chief telegrapher makes the following announcement: Our regular October meeting will be held in Clearfield on October 12th, at 8 p. m., and the regular November meeting will be held in Lock Haven. The meeting in Lock Haven on November 9th will be a night and day meeting, the first one at 8:30 p. m. on the 9th, and the next one at 12:30 p. m. on the 10th. This will give every member a chance to attend one or the other, and we hope the membership will take advantage of the opportunity. You will be advised later in what building the meeting will be held.

Boys, there are fine prospects for your committee going to New York this fall, and you should all attend your meetings and state your wants, and we all have many, instead of waiting for your committee to return and then say that you did not get this, and you did not get that.

And now a word to some of you non-members who are always waiting for a member to go off duty so you can pick up his journal and read it: President Taft, speaking before the Hamilton Club in Orchestral Hall, Chicago, September 16th, said: "There is not the slightest doubt that if labor had remained unorganized, wages would be very, very much lower." What do you think when you see such things and hear them from men who know, and does it not stir you to a sense of your only salvation—ORGANIZATION?

Glad to say we have but 10 or 12 eligible non-members on the Beech Creek District, but even this is unsatisfactory. We want them all. Your local chairman or either of the assistant local chairmen always have a supply of the necessary blanks.

In regard to the Keeler School of Telegraphy, let me say this: I have not seen one of its product that could receive one-fourth as fast as they could send, and you should have very little trouble with any that may be placed in your office in convincing them that they got in wrong, when they started to learn telegraphy. Our agreement does not compel you to post up a student for five or six months. We have a verbal agreement to the effect that we will not be required to allow students in the office if we do not want them, and any one who needs a whole lot of posting up before he or she can handle a trick, is nothing more than a student. Boys, have nothing to do with them.

Bro. S. W. Throne, of McGees, second trick, is on a week's vacation. At present he and his

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family are guests of Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Angery, of Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J.

Bro. L. H. Wilson, Brown's second trick, also enjoyed a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. E. H. Bierly.

Bro. J. W. McCloskey has again bid in Stark second trick. We are glad to see him back on the job.

Bro. R. R. Aigler, of Deer, second trick, enjoyed a week's vacation, recently; relieved by Mr. Rader. "Bob" spent a few happy hours of one day with the "BC" brothers on Nos. 30 and 37.

Bro. C. J. Long, Lock Haven, days, is on a week's vacation; relieved by Telegrapher James Long.

Bro. L. C. Miller, Panther, first trick, is doing a little relief stunt at N. B. Junction; relieved by Miss Emily Schnell.

Bro. G. W. Bierly, Panther, second trick, is off a few days taking in the ball games at McElhattan.

Bro. C. G. Marshall, of "DY," first trick, is on a month's vacation enjoying his honeymoon; relieved by Bro. Murray, of Gray, first trick, who was in return relieved by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. P. A. Graham, of W. B. tower, first trick, was off last month attending the wedding of his sister; relieved by Mr. Sherry, who was relieved by Mr. Cook.

Bro. W. W. Forcey, "WB," third trick, is taking his vacation; relieved by J. A. Brilhart.

Bro. Fisher, who for some time has been working Dimeling, third trick, has resigned to accept a position with the P. R. R. on the Sunbury Division, near his home. We all wish Bro. Fisher success in his new field of labor.

Bro. J. F. Heitsenrether, of Lumber, second trick, is on a week's vacation; relieved by Mr. Cook.

Sister M. V. Murray, Gray second trick, is on her vacation; relieved by Bro. McQuown.

Bro. Bonner, Mowry second trick, sick a couple days last month, was relieved by Bro. M. O. Work.

Bro. Menchio, of Rush, first trick, who was laid up several days from being poisoned with poison ivy, was relieved by Mr. Etters.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur, Walton, third trick, is on a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. McQuown.

Sister C. P. Seid, "SX" tower, third trick, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Brilhart.

Bro. J. B. Beauseigneur, of Walton, first trick, has traded tricks with Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur for awhile and is now doing the owl trick.

Bro. H. E. Shearer, who is at present doing the second trick stunt at Birch, spent a few days in Clearfield, his home town; relieved by Telegrapher J. B. Cook.

Bro. W. E. Lininger, third trick, Birch, spent a few days in Renova; relieved by Mr. Cook, who expects to be with us soon. COR.

Grand Central Terminal & Electric Division—

The members who could, but did not, attend the regular meeting Wednesday night, the 22nd inst., missed a grand treat. We were favored with the presence of our ever-welcome Second Vice-President Pierson, General Chairman from New Haven, Long Island, N. Y. C. and Pensey systems. The speeches were right up-to-date, and any one present who did not go away with a feeling of "it was good to have been there," must have violated the law and worked over-time to have produced a condition of mind unable to imbibe the words of wisdom and instruction given for our guidance.

After speeches by Vice-President Pierson, General Chairman; Manion, Page, Sevino and Wooley, refreshments and cigars were served in order to give the boys working third tricks a chance to become acquainted with our visitors, before leaving to go on duty. After a short recess, the meeting was again called to order, and we were favored with remarks from L. I. Division 44 brothers, Division 26 and N. H. 29 and 37; last, but not least among them, being "Foxy Grandpa" from New Rochelle, No. 37, who spoke straight from the shoulder, and I hope the members present will take to heart some of the many good things he said. Meetings of this kind cannot help but promote a feeling of good fellowship and fraternalism, binding us closer together for our common good, and the steps taken to visit our nearby divisions in a body will tend to make us feel like one large family even though working on different systems. Our hopes and aims, if not, should be one of the same, and, individually, we should each one strive our utmost to reach the highest rung in the ladder of success, doing all, and if possible just a little more, than required of us; ever remembering the words of the great Longfellow, who said:

"What, then, shall we sit idly down and say,
The night has come, it is no longer day?
The night has not yet come, we are not quite cut
off from the failing light.
Something remains for us to do or dare,
Even the oldest tree some fruit may bear."

Jere Carroll, agent at Woodlawn, has been compelled to lay off again with stomach trouble. We hope for his speedy improvement and return to work.

Bro. Wheeler, of Division No. 5, has handed in his card for transfer to Division No. 8. Bro. Wheeler is now working night trick at "YD" office.

Bro. Madigan bid in "MO." Bro. Walters regular extra.

Bro. Jack Smith is at "U" office.

"MJ," "JO" and "NK" also 138th street agency, are now up for bid.

Bro. McGleason, second assistant at Bronxville, is off sick with malaria.

R. L. Sanford resigned as first assistant at Bronxville to re-enter the commercial field, and is now doing a regular stunt for W. U. at Wilkesbarre, Pa., a Mr. Palmer relieving temporarily.

Bro. J. J. Moore, agent at Bronxville, went on his vacation last week; relieved by Mr. Dunn from Mt. Vernon, who in turn was relieved by a new man named McGrath.

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Yardmaster M. J. Lennon, Wakefield yard, has been appointed agent at 128th street station, vice Mr. Rowe, whom we understand went to Colorado for his health.

Bro. Ralph Regar took a day off to take in the festivities at Coney Island. He won the 220-yard dash at Woodland, September 5th.

Several of the brothers attended the clam bake given by Division 37 at Rye Beach last month, and all report a good time, although Bro. Noon complained of indigestion.

Bro. Stradling, a hustling member from the L. V. R. R., is working Bro. Alrutz's trick for a few days, Bro. Alrutz working day trick at Woodlawn Station.

Bro. Murty and Dispatcher Braese are spending their vacations in the wilds of Michigan.

Bro. Perrine spent a few days at Niagara Falls. Joe says he shot everything up but the rapids, and they looked too innocent.

Bro. Dooley has bid in second trick director job at tower "B."

Bro. Curran has given up ball playing for the season, and is training for the shot putting contest at Celtic Park next month.

H. C. Kitchen has bid in the $90 relief in the Terminal. Bro. Pequigney is working Kitchen's job for the present.

Some of our old-timers are a little slow in coming up with the dues for the current term. No use mentioning any names; they have the money and no excuse.

Bro. Geo. Howarth has returned to work after suffering several days, with a bad attack of indigestion.

The boys have missed their vacations very much this season. They have had a big summer's work, and with the Hudson-Fulton rush before them yet, it does seem as if the company should restore us our yearly vacations that we enjoyed so long. CERT. 2222.

Western Division—

Fair time is with us again and business is humming. On account of extra travel the following operators and signal men have been transferred to cover more important positions: Bro. Wheeler, from Ft. Ridge, to Salina, day trick; Bro. Callahan, Salina, to Giddis St.; Bro. Bartheman, from third trick, B. S., 1, to first trick, to assist signal man Holleran; G. A. Hoyt, "RW" tower, from third trick, to second, Mr. Bateman taking third trick.

Bro. Fish from Weedsport, dropped in a few minutes on his way home from the carnival. Office opened temporarily at Jordan, "WS," covered by Telegrapher Pinkney. Some one ought to nail "Jake" and bring him into the fold, he is too good a fellow to remain a non.

With the amount of territory the Western Division covers, we should have a good write-up every month.

While writing up these notes, I was agreeably surprised by a bountiful supply of ice cream and cake, sent over by the brothers and sisters from the lodge room, where they were forming a Ladies' Auxiliary. I understand the movement is proving a success, and will be a strong pillar for the O. R. T. We need the live, energetic ladies to infuse new life into the order. I will have to defer a write-up of the meeting until another time, as I was working the second trick and could not be present. DIV. COR.

St. Lawrence Division—

The summer station at Trenton Falls has closed for the winter, Mr. Tapley returning home to continue in his studies.

Operations have begun on the new station to be built at Boonville. This is a great relief to the employes who have worked so long in the old building, which has been sadly out of repair and altogether too small for years. They, indeed, deserve new and up-to-date building.

Transfer of agents is being made at Evans and Taleeville.

Too much praise cannot be said of the masterful presentation of facts set forth in a letter published from this Division in the August issue, coming as it does from a well known authority, none can doubt its correctness or question its purpose.

R. Redmore, second at Castorland, has an up-to-date and we sincerely welcome him. There are just a few more we would like to welcome to our ranks and convince them that we would.

Telegrapher Lackey, third at Barnevald.

Bro. A. D. Edmonds has bid in first at end of double track at Stittsville.

Telegrapher Smith, who has been working second at Rensen, is out of the service, relieved by Telegrapher Shorey.

We will have a new time table on the 26th, which we all look forward to with interest.

A. S. Haigh has left the service to resume his studies in Troy.

Current rumor has it that the double track work will be resumed on the hill this fall. We will be glad to see this. CERT. 721.

Electric Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has deemed it wise to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. John Gallagher, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Electric Division, of System Division No. 8, extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives in their sad bereavement, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his relatives, a copy spread on the minutes of this Division and a copy sent to the TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. E. HOLBROOK,
M. J. GEOGHEGAN,
H. D. MURTY.
Committee.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from the family of our esteemed Bro. Frank H. Lester, his mother, in manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Electric Division, of System Division No. 8, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this Division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. E. HOLBROOK,
M. J. GEOGHEGAN,
H. D. MURTY,
Committee.

Penna. Division, Fall Brook District–

How about the meetings, brothers? You who have a chance are you attending them? It might be a good plan to get together and hold a daylight meeting at Jersey shore once a month, as there are very few brothers south of "DI" tower, who can go to Corning to attend. By holding a meeting at Jersey shore at 10 a. m., the second and third trick men could all attend and have ample time to go to work. This has been talked of the last two years, let's decide it now. I believe all the brothers would attend. I go to Williamsport meetings frequently because I cannot get to my own Division meetings without losing a day.

Business has been picking up of late. We have a new stock train of 20 to 30 cars per day for a three weeks' trial and if we get it over the road good it will be made regular. We have a good bunch of dispatchers to work with, so we should help them all we can, as they have their hands full at times.

We have very few nons over here now enjoying the good things we have helped them to get at no trouble or expense to them. There is one of these at "NB" Junction, who claims he belonged to the O. R. T. once on the P. R. R., and dropped out because the Order didn't treat him right. Investigation reveals the fact that he don't mind prevaricating and that he was fired off the P. R. R. for giving a passenger train a white block when he should had given a 19 order and a green block. Brothers, you can form your own opinion, but, remember, if you ever meet him, "No cards. No favors."

Our vacancies are being bulletined as regular as clock work, much to our satisfaction. September 1st there were four jobs awarded and thirty-one bids for them.

Cammal, once a thriving lumber village, has been abandoned, as there is not business enough there now to warrant keeping an agent.

The little daughter of Bro. I. G. Missner, of "NB" Junction, has been seriously ill, but is now on the road to recovery.

S. C. Phillips while visiting his brother, Bro. W. J. Phillips, of "NB" Junction at Williamsport, met a few P. & E. and N. C. operators and had quite an enjoyable time. Bro. Phillips hails from the C. S. P. M. & O. He is now working the third trick at Hallon, while the regular man is on leave of absence.

Bro. J. J. Balyn, of "XY" Newberry Junction, is enjoying his vacation, relieved by Bro. C. I. Miller, of the B. C. District.

Bro. M. S. Early, of Jersey Mills, is now working for the New Haven.

Bro. Wedge has returned to "JS" tower after an extended vacation. CERT. 2093, DIV. 8.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

Norfolk Division

The joint meeting of the A. C. L., S. A. L., and N. & W. Railroad was held in Petersburg on the night of Sept. 18th. The meeting was called to order in the Red Men's hall, promptly at 8:00 p. m., Bro. L. E. Cooper, of the A. C. L. acting as Chief Telegrapher, with the following brothers filling the other chairs: M. W. Gates, First Vice Chief Telegrapher; G. E. Dewsbury, Second Vice Chief Telegrapher; W. T. Person, Past Chief; R. J. Dewsbury, Inside Sentinel, and R. C. Hardy Marshal. After the regular opening exercises, an interesting discussion of the telephone was entered into. The annual pass question being the next matter taken up and, lastly, the unsatisfactory attendance at meetings.

A motion was unanimously adopted providing that the meetings be held on the fourth Saturday night in each month hereafter instead of the third. This change was made on account of the N. & W. brothers, who would be unable to attend on their regular quarterly meeting nights.

The S. A. L. were well represented at this meeting. We hope the A. C. L. will show up better next time.

An enjoyable feature of the evening was the delightful cream and cake served.

At the next meeting a full discussion of the nine-hour law is expected. All who come will be sure of something worth hearing.

Come out and help us make it a big success.

SECRETARY.

Michigan Central Ry.

East Toledo and Bay City Division—

Our committee met the General Superintendent at Detroit, Sept. 20th, for the second time. A third meeting will be necessary to come to an agreement. It is expected that this meeting will occur soon.

The regular correspondent has been away on a vacation, and the writer is not in a position to present all the many changes and happenings on the Division, but will give what has come under his observation.

Bro. O. D. Cummings, recently of Ann Arbor, underwent quite a serious operation at Grace Hospital, from which he recovered and left the

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hospital about Sept. 7th. It will be remembered that Bro. Cummings quit railroading to engage in farming in Clare county, but his illness which made necessary the operation, forced him to give it up, and he is expecting to go on the road again. Bro. Cummings has the ability to make good in anything he undertakes.

F. A. Leslie, of Denton, was awarded first trick at Ann Arbor.

Bro. E. C. Schleicht, formerly at Nassar, bid in second hours, at Wayne Junction.

Bro. Hilfrich resigned the agency at Ecorse, to engage in other business. He was a careful employe and a worthy member of this Order. We wish him success.

Bro. G. B. Cotton, of River Rouge, takes Ecorse agency, and Frank Seavette, of "F" District, takes the River Rouge agency.

The loyal members from the Toledo Division were on hand at the last meeting. Some members around town might emulate their example.

Train service is not very good now for the main line and Bay City Division. Some of these brothers, however, do and should attend occasionally.

Bro. L. E. Peters, of Wayne, who went to the D. T. S. & A. hoping the northern climate would benefit his health, was quite sick for a week, but has recovered.

The wife of Bro. A. B. Clark, of "F" Detroit, who has been poorly for a long time, for some weeks, not expected to live, is now very low in St. Mary's hospital, this city. Bro. Clark has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. G. A. Thompson recently took a trip north over the G. R. & I. R. R. IGNORAMUS.

Middle Division—

Bro. Trattles, third, Vandalia, is off on vacation, relieved by Telegrapher Drumm, a new man. Understand he will be with us soon.

Mr. Eagle, Colon third, is working in "SF" at Jackson. Mr. Shoemaker relieving at Colon.

Bro. Avery, third at Fabius, is off a few days; Bro. Kitchen relieving him.

Bro. Burlington, third, Lawton, off account of illness in family, relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. Edgett, days, South Haven, for the past year, has resigned to accept a much better position in Southern California.

Bro. Mark, third trick, at Hill yard office, who was sick a few days, relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. Fitch, formerly second trick, at Hill, has resigned and gone west. Bro. Foy, a new man, is working the trick, until Bro. Butler, from the third, at Barron Lake, who bid the position in, can get moved to Niles.

Bro. Renner, second, at Niles, while off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. Foy, from Hill. Bro. Hamilton relieving at Hill.

Bro. Northrop, third, at Niles, who was off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. Mack from Hill. Bro. Kitchen relieving Bro. Mack.

Bro. Wherle, third trick towerman at Cassopolis, is off a month, enjoying his vacation; Bro. Brewer relieving him.

N. Y., C. & St. L. Ry.

Buffalo Division—

Each member on this Division is to be furnished a list of nons and their applications will soon be secured, or we will be obliged to publish the reasons they give for not joining. It will be "no card, no favors," from now on.

We expect the few members on this Division who are back on their dues to come across this month. We are making a fine record in the matter of collecting dues.

Gather a few news items and forward them to your correspondent before the 8th of each month. The write-up of our division is the first thing we look for, so help it along.

H. J. Emmerling is now installed in first trick at Brocton, getting it on bid.

Lawton, third trick at Brocton, is away for a few days; relieved by L. W. Slee.

C. W. Carlson, first trick at Tifft yard, is back from a 16 days' trip, seeing the sights down at Thousand Islands and attending the convention of Red Men at Binghamton, N. Y. He was relieved by Mr. Bixler.

The West Seneca telegraph office opened September 2nd, with O. F. Pierce on first trick, Misener on second trick and J. W. Feidler on third trick.

It sure sounds good to hear "WS" once more.

Nigh, third trick at Silver Creek, was off September 5th and 6th; relieved by V. H. Weatherup.

A. R. Mulkins, second trick at Silver Creek, was off September 6, attending his family reunion.

C. E. Smith is working third trick at Angola, vice Misener, moved to second trick at West Seneca.

D. G. Dudley is working third trick at North East, while E. H. Todd is at Conneaut yard.

E. H. Dremitt has been doing relief work at "MX," Conneaut; relieved at "XD" by E. H. Todd.

J. F. Now bid in third trick at Wallace Junction. CERT. 89.

Fourth District—

There were only a few members at the meeting on August 20th. Boys, try and do better next time. Bro. Hite was unable to attend on account of his wife's sickness.

Bro. M. Dimick, third trick at South Whitney, is off duty on account of his wife being dangerously ill with typhoid fever; is being relieved by Mr. Martin, an old commercial man, who will join our ranks soon.

Bro. D. L. Bonner is going to Hammond, regular, relieving some non there whose next location is unknown. No doubt, like the rest of them, though, he is willing to take all the snaps coming his way, without any thought of the good our organization has done for the telegraph fraternity as a whole.

Bro. Cushman, a new man on the road, is relieving Bro. Neff, third at Claypool. K.

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Third District—

In the July write-up of this district it was stated that Bro. L. E. Wagner, at Colby, had been relieved by "Telegrapher" C. F. Guzman, a new man on the road. This was an error, as Bro. Guzman is an up-to-date member of Division 18.

Cleveland District—

We still have several nons on this district, and the brothers and sisters working tricks with them should get busy and line them up. Two who promised to join are now beyond reach of me by wire, but hope they will not forget their promise.

Bro. Gifford has returned to "RY" River, second trick, after a month's absence, very much improved by his vacation, having taken unto himself a wife. Congratulations to the brother and Mrs. Gifford.

W. M. Kidd, agent at Dover, off on account of the death of his father; Relief Agent Krinzle substituting.

Bro. Sarr, second trick at Vermillion, was relieved for a short vacation by Mr. Bacheldor. Bro. Minium relieved Bacheldor, who has left the service and gone to Montana.

Third trick man at Euclid bid in second at Woodland; relieved by Mr. Raridan.

Bro. H. L. Minium, agent at Vermillion, has returned to duty after a pleasant two weeks' vacation spent at Detroit, Ft. Wayne and Niagara Falls.

Bro. Pierce has returned to duty at East Lorain.

Please send me the news of the Cleveland district, as I cannot cover it all personally and I have not had a single item from any of you in the past three months. CERT. 183.

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River Division—

The boys who were able to get to the meeting at Red Wing, had the pleasure of meeting our new General Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Derrickson, who gave them an interesting talk. Our new General Chairman, Bro. Soyster, was unable to be present on account of the press of business incident to the meeting of the committee in Chicago. Some 25 of the boys were on hand, notwithstanding the short notice and poor train service and everybody felt well repaid for the trip. The next meeting will probably be held in Minneapolis, at which there will be both day and night sessions, so that those who cannot attend in the day time can come at night, and as we hope to have Bro. Quick with us, the meeting should be an enthusiastic one.

Bro. G. H. Swanberg, first trick, at South Minneapolis, was appointed to the side table in H. & D. dispatchers' office, being relieved temporarily by Bro. S. H. Lester.

Bro. R. E. Kenyon and W. G. Kenyon, who took sixty day vacations and accepted positions on the Coast Extension, are back on their old jobs, first trick at Chestnut street (St. Paul), and third trick at Signal Tower, respectively, somewhat dissatisfied with conditions on the west end.

Our brothers on the Burlington seem to be having considerable trouble getting relief, their Chief claiming he is unable to get the men. Better this condition, however, than to have men so plentiful that jobs are worth nothing.

A few stock trains are running now, just to let us know that there is work ahead of us later on.

Bro. R. H. Cahill, first trick, at Signal Tower, has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in the East, Telegrapher W. G. Kenyon handling first trick during his absence and Bro. W. J. Putnam taking third trick.

Bro. Stegner, of Lake City, participated in the trap-shoot at Hastings and shared in the division of the purse, as well as getting one of the special prizes.

Telegrapher W. H. Angle is holding down the second trick at Signal Tower, but understand Telegrapher R. O. Staley, from Red Wing, goes there on bulletin.

Bro. H. F. Swift, from Lower Yard (St. Paul), is appointed to the first trick at South Minneapolis, and is relieved by Telegrapher O. C. Peed, from Richmond.

Bro. A. B. Enke, of Wabasha, grabbed the owl trick in dispatcher's office on bulletin.

Bro. R. W. Short, third trick, at South Minneapolis, is absent a few days on account of sickness; relieved by W. G. Kenyon, from the Signal Tower.

Bro. W. J. Putnam, who has been doing relief work on the Short Line, for several weeks, has tendered his resignation at the request of his mother, and gone to her home in Milwaukee.

Bro. R. C. Sanborn, third trick, at Merriam Park, is enjoying a sixty-day vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher George Leahy, late of the M. & St. L., whose three brothers are enthusiastic up-to-date members. He will be "with the gang" as soon as his year's service makes him eligible.

Mr. C. R. Lemon, of Langdon, is enjoying a two months' vacation in the East.

W. E. Moore, of Hastings, is on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Reed, of Blackbird Junction. Mr. Carlisle relieving Bro. Reed.

Some very desirable jobs are being bulletined these days and many changes are taking place.

During the present heavy business, first trick dispatcher, Stackpole is filling the position of assistant chief, second trick dispatcher Skewis is doing the first and F. E. Brunner, of Newport, the second trick. The same condition also necessitates a temporary increase of the force in "C" office at Minneapolis, the sixth and seventh positions going to Bros. S. H. Lester and J. P. Myers, respectively, on bulletin.

The six months' vacation of General Manager W. J. Underwood, on account of ill health, has resulted in the shifting of some of our high officials, and former General Superintendent D. L. Bush is promoted to the office of General Manager. Mr. H. B. Earling, General Superin-

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tendent of the Coast Extension at Miles City, Mont., relieves Mr. Bush at Chicago.

A rumor is afloat to the effect that the company is contemplating the erection of an electric block tower at the Lower Yard (St. Paul), that the dispatchers will be moved there from Newport, and operators put in at Newport; also that the Short Line is to be equipped with electric automatic block signals, similar to those now in use on the Great Northern Ry., between the Twin Cities.

Telegraphers selling tickets are now required to give a bond of $500.00 and pay the premium of 35 cents per hundred out of their own pockets. It seems that this should be a good incentive for boys to subscribe for stock in the O. R. T. Bond Co., and get part of this money back in the way of dividends. They would then also be assured of a speedy adjustment in case of trouble, which they do not get now from the chesty, arbitrary, old-line companies. CORRESPONDENT.

I. & D. Division—

We look for a large increase in the membership during the next few months, owing to the generous special offer that has been made to secure new members.

Brothers, please write me a little of the happenings at your respective stations. It's a hard job to get up a good write-up without such assistance. I hope some of you on both the west and east ends will drop me a note so we will be able to have a good big write-up next month.

Among the numerous changes are Mr. Briggs, first, Mr. Smith, second, and Mr. Duell, third, at Sanborn. Mr. Smith was relieved at Spencer by Mr. Anderson, formerly of Sanborn, and Mr. Miller is again back on the second trick at Spencer.

Mr. Slagel (agent of Ruthven and a former brother), has been taking a lay off.

Bro. McNeff is again back at his post at Monona after a few weeks' lay-off.

Mr. Kelley relieved Mr. C. H. Slagel, agent Ruthven, during his absence.

Okoboji station has been closed for the season. CERT. 2248.

Northern Division—

Bro. Nichols, of Waupun, has been married since our last write-up. Best wishes, "Fred." Bro. Sawyer, of the first trick at Harricon, has also taken unto himself a wife.

Bro. Osterheed, of the third trick, at Germantown, and Mr. N. A. Meyer, of the second trick, have gone to Texas for a trip lasting about three weeks. Bro. Seefield is relieving Mr. Meyer, and Telegrapher Snyder, at one time a school teacher, is holding down third trick.

Telegrapher Hoey is working the third trick at Iron Ridge, while Bro. Seefield is at Germantown.

Bro. Dunlap, who has been sick for some time and now in Colorado for his health, is reported much improved and expects to be back in the harness again in a few weeks.

Our committee is now in Chicago talking over present working conditions and a raise in wages.

Extra Dispatcher Brown is working second trick at Hartford in Bro. O'Neil's place, who is holding down the freight agent's job. Bro. Thiele is not improved much in health as yet.

Bro. Holt is reported as improved in health at his home in Rolling Prairie. DIV. COR.

Hastings and Dakota Division—

This is my first attempt to give the Hastings and Dakota Division a write-up, and I want to thank all those who have assisted me by sending in the news and hope they will continue to do so in the future, as we want to have our Division written up every month.

We are hoping our committee will be successful in their negotiations with the management which commenced on Sept. 14th. The only way to help our committee is to make this Division as nearly solid as possible. Membership talks.

I had the pleasure recently of meeting our General Chairman, Bro. Soyster, whom Bro. Jackson of "WA" was escorting over the west end. Bro. Soyster expressed surprise at the change that had taken place on the Hastings and Dakota since he last went over it, and said as far as business was concerned, we had become one of the foremost Divisions of the system. If this is the case, brothers, we are then entitled to the same minimum that the River Division has.

On Sept. 7th our Chairman, Bro. Deming, left his burg on No. 1. to make a trip over the Division and round up the nons. We are glad to hear that he was very successful. Bro. Dunlap relieved him.

Among those whom we may now call brothers—through the efforts of our Chairman, are Operators Spencer and Auginbaugh, of "H," Agent Christianson, of "J," and Agent Richardson of "WS."

Business has been picking up so fast, that on account of lack of motive power the freight office "K" was closed, most likely permanently, on Sept. 4th. Mr. Williams going to "CH"; Mr. Van Noy going to Fargo to the Western Union; Mr. Mann to "DE" to help out the worthy agent there.

Bros. Maile and Baker, who worked the pit in July, went West, to try their fortunes and take in the big fair at Seattle.

Understand that a telegraph office has been installed at James.

Bro. Jubert, formerly agent at Bath, has left the service to take up a homestead in Canada. He was at one time the first O. R. T. member on the "FM" Division.

The past month I had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Olin at "FM," he seemed to be as busy as ever unloading empty cream cans from the West bound passenger.

This Division is flooded with boomer operators, the past few months. Appleton has had in the last three weeks seven men on the second and third tricks, these jobs being held at present by a Mr. Thomas from anywhere, and a Mr.

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Wells, last from the B. & O., Pittsburg Division, who has the record of having lasted sixteen days to date. J. C. Stillman held the second trick for fourteen days, and a Mr. Mills, the first trick, for eleven days; besides several others whose names we do not now remember.

Bro. Hoey landed the Appleton first trick on bulletin.

Bro. Carl of Ortonville, nights, has been laying off for a month. Bro. Manly, nights at Junction Switch, who relieved him, has returned to his old job at "CH."

Bro. Blerchner, of Appleton, days, has resigned to take the side table job at Three Forks, Mont., an extension.

Mr. Ronning, night relay telegrapher, at Watson, relieved our worthy brother at "CR" and upon his return relieved Bro. Baker of "DE." He then relieved Bro. Hutchinson of "HS," of the Fargo line, while the latter took a trip out West to see if he could find anything that suited him--better than "HS." Upon his return Bro. Hutchinson relieved Bro. Coonick at "AO" for a few weeks on account of a death in the family of the latter. When Bro. Coonick returned Bro. Hutchinson relieved Mr. Romney at "HS" and he took charge of "HM." Bro. Stanton at that point having landed both on bulletin.

Bro. Downs, who has been at "Q" all summer, will probably return to "DE" nights.

Bro. Williams, of Buffalo Lake, is visiting relatives in Pennsylvania, relieved by Bro. Dunlap, who was relieved at "HO" by Bro. M. E. Merrick, a new man from the Illinois Central.

Bro. Laplant, nights, at Chanhassen, has resigned and left for Vermont.

News from the East end is somewhat scarce, but we hope to have more next month.

There are a lot of new men over there working nights, mostly boomers. There are now night offices at every station from Stewart, West.

The West Division, with very few exceptions, is solid. Among these exceptions are some very desirable nons—such as Mr. Holloran, days at "RT" and Mr. Holtz of "FA," both having at one time been very strong O. R. T. members.

Bro. Strock relieved Bro. Nobles at "BR," while the latter was off recuperating.

Mr. Waltzer, days, at Webster, has left the service to go into the real estate business. Texas land is his specialty.

We are sorry to state that Bro. Deming has so far been unable to get Miss Sherman, nights, at "J," into the fold, but we have not given up hope yet of her having an "up-to-date" soon.

Sister Norton, of "BK," is visiting relatives at Sioux Falls.

Bro. Plumb, days, at "B," has resumed work, having spent part of the summer in California.

Bro. Strock relieved Hopkins on bulletin. The work is pretty heavy at that station for one man.

St. Louis Park, formerly a joint station, has also been bid in on bulletin.

A third trick telegrapher has been put on at "J."

As I have been appointed correspondent for this division, I hope the boys will send me in all the news items they possibly can. I will greatly appreciate it. My address is "H."

CERT. 1305.

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Our former General Chairman, O. W. Renshaw, has resigned his position with Division No. 23, to accept a position as Chief Train Dispatcher on the C. M. & St. P. Railway, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this General Committee extend to him a vote of thanks in appreciation of the faithful and efficient services rendered this Division, and while regretting the loss of his services, we wish him abundant success in his new position; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread on our minutes, a copy forwarded to Mr. Renshaw and a copy forwarded to Bro. L. W Quick for publication in the TELEGRAPHER.

J. P. DOHERTY,
J. J. CONNELL,
H. E. WILSON,
Committee on Resolution.

Adopted by the unanimous vote of the General Committee, this 17th day of September, 1900, A. D.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to call to the great beyond the beloved wife of our Bro. Geo. S. Davey, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in her death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted wife; and be it further

Resolved, We, your Committee, on behalf of the members of P. D. C. & M. Pt. Div., O. R. T., tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing husband and family, and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our division, a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER and a copy be sent to the bereaved brother.

J. J. CORNELL,
THOS. L. PAGEL,
P. S. THURBER,
Committee.

Vandalia Ry.

West Sub. Division—

No. 7 was very badly delayed at "WF" recently on account of two sections of No. 72 going to Funkhouser for them and the telephone being out of order. The train crew was forced to report "in the clear" to the yardmaster at Effingham by long distance from a farm residence.

Work on the double track is improving so rapidly that it will not be long until nine telegraphers will be out of employment. Only two of them have up-to-date cards.

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Business is picking up. The company has closed a deal for the hauling of enough material to build 20 miles of track in California.

The statement in the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that B. F. Baughman had left the service was an error. He is still working first trick at Formosa.

The extra men are kept very busy at present as so many are wanting their vacations.

Bro. F. H. Matthews, third trick at Mulberry Grove, is off on a few days' vacation; relieved by R. K. Bayles, extra man, of Bluff City.

Bro. S. R. Sweeny is working third trick at Formosa again. He had been relieved by J. E. Pacatte, extra man.

A. G. Godwin, second trick at Formosa, was off sick a few days. Mr. Pacatte did the work during his absence. He also relieved L. E. Munie, second trick at Pocahontas, while he was off sick.

Extra Telegrapher F. B. Kelley, of Bluff City, relieved W. J. Lyerla, first trick at Hagarstown, who was transferred to second trick, "RY," East St. Louis, to enable Bro. H. E. Weaver to take his vacation and visit friends at Brownstown.

Bro. H. C. Heck, who laid off on account of the serious illness of his sister, has returned to the third trick at "WF," Effingham. G. E. Reynolds, extra man, was his relief. Bro. Heck spent Sunday with friends, near Altamont, recently.

A. Hurst, who worked the third trick at Hagarstown for several weeks, has been discharged; understand he stopped seven trains in two weeks.

O. M. Beck, who was transferred from third at Hagarstown to the second trick, was put back on third again after Hurst was let out.

Bro. M. C. Phillips, accompanied by his wife and daughter, spent several days in Indianapolis visiting relatives.

Mr. Fogler was E. C. Tennyson's relief on second at Mulberry Grove.

L. E. Munie is working second at Pocahontas.

Bro. T. Gaston is working the second trick at Hagarstown.

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New Haven Div., No. 29.

Western Division—

Bro. Gallagher is spending a two weeks' vacation at his old home up York State.

Bro. Anson, Townatic, is earning a little loose change, they tell us, picking huckleberries, assisted by a pretty "rural maid."

Bro. Coe, first trick, Canaan, has returned from a two weeks' vacation; Bro. Hogan, second trick, working first, and Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, working second, during his absence.

Bro. Smith has completed his duties at Pine Grove, the station having been closed for the season.

Bro. Powell, agent at Sheffield, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock.

Bro. Hogan, second trick at Canaan, has returned from a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. Kane.

Bro. Percy, agent at New Milford, and wife, spent Sunday, August 29th, visiting friends in New York City.

Bro. Davis, agent at Falls Village, spent a while in Naugatuck; was relieved by his son, Bro. Davis.

Bro. Wheaton, second trick at Hawleyville, is working first trick, and Bro. Besette, of Hawleyville Junction, is covering second trick.

Bro. Bailey, agent at West Cornell, recently made a flying business trip to New Milford, and Bro. Shepherd, New Milford, was off for a day.

Bro. Wheaton, of Botsford second trick, is enjoying four weeks' vacation visiting friends in Canada and other points.

Shore Line Division—

Bro. J. P. McCoy, second trick towerman, at East Lynne, left August 29th for thirty days' vacation, most of which will be spent visiting old friends in Pennsylvania; position covered by Bro. O'Connell, South Lynne; third trick, South Lynne, covered by Mr. Champion, a native of that place.

Bro. H. G. Loring was the successful bidder on second trick, at Saybrook Junction; made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Gordon Smith, who has entered the profession of civil engineering.

Third trick, South Lynne, made vacant by Bro. Loring, was bid in by Bro. O'Connell, who came to this road recently from the Central Vermont.

Third trick, East Lynne tower, was bid in by Mr. Peterson, from the twelve-hour W. U. trick in "DP" office, New London. I understand his application has already been received.

The twelve-hour trick at New London, now bulletined, is covered by Wm. Clark, a native of that town, and an old commercial hand. This being his first railroad job, we hope he will follow Peterson's example and come in where it's warm.

J. R. Bergin, formerly third trick towerman at Waterford, was successful in bidding in second trick, Springfield freight office.

Third trick, Waterford tower, was bid in by Bro. M. J. Fahey, formerly agent at Waterford, the latter being secured by Martin V. Noble, formerly baggage master at Lynne.

John McGarry has resigned as third trick towerman at East Lynne.

Bro. Wilcox, first trick towerman at Lynne, in the hospital at New Haven, operated on for appendicitis, reported getting along nicely. His position is being covered by Telegrapher Brown, regular second trick man; his trick being held by Geo. Shailer, of New York, whom it is understood has already filled out application papers.

Brownell, of Fort yard tower, was recently off for ten days camping with the National Guard. During his absence, his trick was covered by Wannamaker, of New Haven.

Most of our first trick men seem to be pretty good stayers. Lyons at Fort yard, McGovern at Waterford, Stevens at East Lynne, Peck at South Lynne and Wilcox at Lynne.

Some other brother should cover the points west of Saybrook Junction.

CERT. 534.

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Missouri Pacific Ry.

Another busy month has rolled around, Bro. Holman spending most of his time on the Omaha, Colorado and Central Kansas divisions. Much work has been done on these divisions and we hope the local organizations will take hold and do their level best. A local chairman without the support of the members is powerless. Brothers, give him your support, write, talk and act the Order in your every move.

Bro. Holman was a delegate to the first Kansas Federation meeting this Division ever attended. Bro. Rice was unable to get relief in time to go.

Rice, Wilmarth and Holman also attended the Missouri State Federation meeting, at Joplin, and report a splendid time.

The boys have not returned the blanks as they should. Remember, we will be in session ere this is read, and we need the information of your station.

Note the change in address of Bro. S. Nelson, local chairman, to Newport, Ark. He bid in second trick there.

My letter will be short this month on account of the very heavy correspondence at this time. With all best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,
H. J. MOHLER,
G. S. & T.

Southern Kansas Division—

Bro. W. S. Brown has returned from his sixty-day vacation and is back at his old stand in the Coffeyville yard office. Brown says it's fine business to "put your feet under pa's table."

Bro. Gibson, who was working extra at "RD," has resigned and gone back to Illinois. We were sorry to see Bro. Gibson leave, as he was a No. 1 man.

Our first trick dispatcher, "Daddy" Stewart, is spending his vacation at the fair in Seattle.

Bro. Sherman, of the Coffeyville ticket office, is taking a trip through the West, and expects to visit the Seattle fair before he returns.

Bro. C. B. Davidson and wife have returned from their Ohio trip and "Danny" is back at "RB" first trick.

Mr. Bennett is agent at Greeley until the bids close. We presume he has the "up-to-date" now.

The new man at Leroy, nights, hails from the "Katy," but he has the "required."

Bro. Hanna, who was working nights at Lane, has resigned and departed for the $87.50 minimum. Good luck to you, "H." Bro. Howard is back there.

Bro. Wise, manager at "GO," is taking an extended trip through the West. Our old standby, Bro. Howell, is the "captain" now.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to His eternal home little Gladys, the 5-year-old daughter of our worthy Bro. W. D. Brewer; and

WHEREAS, We, with our brother, deeply mourn his sad loss; be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of Division No. 31, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Brewer and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER, a copy to our esteemed Bro. Brewer and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

S. NELSON.
T. MAHONEY,
J. A. WALL.

Committee.

St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.

Natchez Division—

We are proud to state that we have a solid membership on the Windy and not a single non in sight. The boys have all showed a very enthusiastic spirit in bringing this about.

Bro. Bird, at White, has resigned to engage in other and more profitable business.

Bro. Brown, formerly of "CD," has asked for return to main line. He went to "MS," and has regained his health and grip. We'll be glad to hear his familiar old "OK JR" again.

Bro. Frazier, of Collinston, one of the faithful, is off on a vacation.

Bro. "MC," at Clayton, now has a junior "MC" to add to his force.

Bro. R. B. Todd, of Wisner, is off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. R. P. Duncan.

Bro. W. E. Curtis, from St Louis, relieved Bro. "RG" at Ferriday for 15 days while he went to Tennessee on his vacation. COR.

White River Division—

F. C. Mansfield, telegrapher in Cotter dispatcher's office, laying off on account of the sickness of his wife; is being relieved by Bro. T. T. Blassingame.

Bro. J. P. Klotz is off on a 30-day leave of absence; being relieved by Bro. W. Pharriss. Bro. Pharriss having bid in Branson, Mr. Klotz goes to Galena on his return to duty. Haven't heard who bid in Sylamore, but presume W. W. Hoyt, extra at Galena.

Chief Dispatcher H. E. Masters has been off on a 30-day leave of absence, being relieved by second trick dispatcher, A. C. Nye; extra dispatcher, W. H. Duey, doing the stunt on second trick.

Our general superintendent, Mr. McKee, has been transferred to the Northern district at Kansas City, to succeed E. A. Gould, recently resigned to accept a position on the C. H. & D. Ry., under President Cotter. M. M. Richey, division superintendent, Little Rock, has been promoted to general superintendent to succeed Mr. McKee, being relieved by Supt. J. F. Murphy, from Van Buren.

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Bro. E. B. McNeill, agent at Calico, Ark., is off on leave of absence, being relieved by Mr. Z. H. Dodd. He has not answered our last letter in regard to being up-to-date.

Bro. A. G. DeGroff, second trick man, at Batesville, Ark., is off for two weeks and will visit his old home in New Jersey before returning to work. Relieved by H. S. Ligon, who promised to come in soon. CERT. 2226, CERT. 1183.

Central Division--

I wish the boys would all get busy after the "nons." We have several along the line yet and you all know who they are. Drop them a line and it will only be a short while until this division will be solid. Our committee will wait on the general manager for increases in salaries before long, and they should have a solid backing. We can easily have this if each and every brother will help and do his part.

Telegrapher Wylie, agent at Lenapah, has resigned.

Bro. Westmoreland, of Claremore, has returned to Spadra and there is a new man at Claremore. "WD" will no doubt get "25."

Bro. Rozzell has bid it in, Wagoner, nights, but at present is in the hospital.

Bro. McKnight, second at Gravel Pit, says it's "easy money."

Bro. Goodwin, agent at Illinois, has resigned and the position in bulletin.

Bro. Walsh, Ft. Smith, nights, has been relieved by Telegrapher Petree, a beginner, who can no doubt be landed as soon as qualified.

Bro. Bidwell, Ozark nights, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Conway, who also relieved Bro. Ridenour, of Mulberry.

Bro. McCallum, agent at Denning yard, relieved during few days' sickness by Bro. McCartt. Telegrapher Teal worked first trick.

Bro. McKee, Conway, has been relieved or has quit.

Bro. J. Davidson, second trick, Russellville, was relieved for a few days by Telegrapher Teal.

Telegrapher Barger, Palarm, nights, and Mr. Conway, nights, Mulberry, will be full-fledged brothers by the time this is in print.

I am very thankful to Bro. Hattendorf, of Denning yard, for the items contributed in this write-up. CERT. 438.

Bro. Goodbar, formerly day telegrapher at "YD," Pine Bluff, is now working for the Rock Island at "RK" office, Little Rock. He was relieved on September 7th by J. R. Barnette. Mr. Barnette hails from Sydney, Australia, where he was employd in the government telegraph service.

Telegrapher F. V. Dickey, Noble Lake, Ark., has been down with fever for several days. He was relieved by Mr. T. H. Willett, night man at Moscow, Mr. Willett being relieved by R. Richmond, agent at Moscow.

St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Eastern Division—

Everybody working hard and been too busy to furnish much news recently. The following are some of the changes that have occurred lately:

Bros. Ellis and Ashby have been assigned to regular positions at Newburg. Bro. Sally has returned to work there, after 30 days' vacation.

Bro. Leak has returned from his vacation and resumed work at Jerome.

Bro. Wall has been transferred from Verona to Dixon, relieving Bro. Carney.

Bro. Roop is acting as agent at Billings in the absence of the regular agent, on vacation.

Bro. R. O. Roop has been put on third trick at Republic and Bro. D. Brockerman on second trick, while Bro. G. C. Roop does the agent act at Billings.

Bro. Duncan has been moved to Helm and Bro. Johnson to third trick at Crocker.

Bro. Hathway has resumed work at East Richmond, after a fifteen days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. D. R. Stevens.

Bro. Johnson has been relieving the regular agent at Stoutland, who has been away for a western trip.

Bro. Alderman was installed as permanent agent at Stanton recently.

Bro. R. P. Martin is working as agent at Sullivan for thirty days.

Bro. Vanloon has been transferred from Jerome to third trick at Robertsville.

Bro. Raymond French has moved to second trick at Pacific.

Another man has been added to the force at "QN" at St. Louis. Bro. Logsdon is working the job.

Business is good, from all indications, at present.

The force at "S" at Springfield has been increased three men during the past month.

Fanning is to be opened as a block soon, understand Bro. Roach, from Knobview, will go there.

Bros. Reed and Worth have moved to Dillon permanently.

Bro. Devault, who resigned at St. James, and went to the Western Union at Chicago, was relieved by Bro. T. H. Vaughn. Sorry to lose Bro. DeVault from our midst.

Bro. Gilgore is now working third trick at Cuba, vice Bro. Pace, transferred to end of double track.

Bro. Ellis, from Newburg, is relieving Bro. Campbell, at Rolla, who is on a vacation.

Bro. "Boy" Thurmond has returned after twenty years' absence from the railroad service and is now located at Leasburg.

Bro. Stewart has resumed work at Lebanon after a fifteen days' vacation.

Bro. E. L. Robinson, a new arrival, is an extra on the Eastern Division.

Southern Junction at Springfield has been opened recently, with Bros. Haymes and Bolander first and second tricks.

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Southwestern Division—

Bro. Shedlebar has returned from a thirty days' trip to Texas and resumed work as agent at Dawson.

Bro. Vaughn, formerly agent at Davidson, Okla., has accepted a position as cashier at Claremore, Okla.

Bro. C. E. Conner, from the auditor's office at St. Louis, is now on third trick at Claremore.

Bro. Wilson has been transferred from Afton to A. V. & W. Junction, first trick.

Bro. Bula has returned to work at Chelsea, after a spell of sickness.

Bro. Roy Weeks, a new man, is working second trick at Claremore.

S. A. Roberts, a non, has resigned his position as cashier at Chelsea to accept a position as professor (?) in the telegraph department of the State Normal at Claremore. The telegraph school that Roberts was connected with at Chelsea closed after a two months' term, as only three scholars had enrolled during that time, and one of them was a dead-head.

Bro. Simmons has transferred from White Oak to Mustang.

Bro. J. T. Woods, from Neosho, is now working the third trick at Catoosa, and Bro. T. E. Dean, a new man, is working the second trick there.

Bro. V. E. Martin, another new man, is on second trick at Vinita.

Bro. Brubaker, another new man, is at Afton on third trick.

Bro. Arnold, formerly agent at Fletcher, is now on second trick at Afton.

Bro. Pennebaker, at Stround, serves iced watermelon to all operators passing his way, with the necessary.

Bro. J. H. D. Smith has resigned the local chairmanship for the Southeastern, and Bro. B. M. Cheney has been appointed to fill the vacancy until the election is held. Bro. Cheney is located at Cordova.

Bro. A. C. Holt, from Birmingham, is sick at the Frisco Hospital in Springfield. We hope he will soon recover.

Bro. Donahue from the Chief Dispatchers' office is now in "X" office at Sapulpa. Bro. Burch has been assigned to the position of late night chief in Sapulpa "X" office. Bro. Harper has moved from Keifer to Sapulpa "X" office. This office will soon cease to be a boomer's job if our own good men from along the line continue to go there, and we are certainly glad to see it.

There are three new men, all brothers, at Bristow, but have not learned their names.

Bro. Smith was transferred from Wheatland to Fletcher as agent.

Kansas Division—

Bro. Roper is working third trick at Carl Junction.

Bro. Young has been changed from third to first trick at Carthage.

Bro. Earls, formerly a Northern Division man, is now working third trick at Carthage.

Bro. Leach, the only artist on the Frisco, has contributed some of his work to "The Frisco-Man," which he perfected during his spare moments while doing the agent's work at Mound Valley.

Bro. Spindler, a late arrival, is working first trick at Beaumont, and Bro. Marks from Springfield is working the third trick.

Bro. Sigler is relieving Bro. Crane, of Beaumont, while Bro. Crane gets married. Frank has the well wishes of all.

Bro. Coleman, from the city office at Joplin, is now on the third trick at the passenger station.

Bro. Blake has been assigned to the first trick at Fredonia.

Bro. Magrudes, from Pocahontas, Ark., is working the third trick at Fredonia.

Bro. Maben, formerly operator, has been given the cashier's job at Fredonia.

Bro. J. E. Smith, a new man at Severy, first trick, and Bro. C. T. Beach, of Iowa, is on second.

Bro. Miller opened up third trick at Cherryvale.

Ozark Division—

Bro. C. G. Taylor is now at Tower No. 2, first trick. Bro. Mohler has gone to the same tower, third trick, while Bro. Reed sets in on the second.

Bro. Rhodes advises that work on the West Marion yards is progressing nicely.

Bro. McWhorter an ex-line man, is working as agent and operator at Deckerville.

C. A. Bashe, agent at Jonesboro, has just returned from his delayed honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls.

Bro. T. D. Daniels, of Jonesboro, has gone to Thayer for a few days. Bro. Riddle is working the second trick during Bro. Daniels' absence, with an unknown man on third.

Bro. Peck, at Imboden, reports some improvements under way at his station, a new team and house track being among them.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENT.

Third District

O. J. Grimes, formerly chief dispatcher at Chaffee, Mo., is being relieved by W. T. Donnelly. It is reported that Mr. Grimes does not expect to return. We regret very much to have Mr. Grimes leave us, as there is not a member on the Third District who does not speak in the highest of terms regarding him. We welcome Mr. Donnelly into our midst and trust that we will be able to render him such service as will enable us to make good with him.

Bro. W. F. Harris, of Osceola, Ark., transferred to Sikeston.

Bro. Armstrong, after a few weeks in the hospital, resumes duty at Brooks Junction.

Bro. H. C. Emerson returns to Oran after a short vacation.

Bro. Blocker, of Bainbridge, was at Sikeston a few days ago. Bro. Harris showed him the sights.

Bro. Elkins, of "GM," Chaffee, goes to Hayti, relieving Bro. Moran. Bro. Moran goes to Osceola as agent.

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Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Pittsburg Division—

The new system of running trains by signal indications was put into effect on Sept. 14th. Trains no longer carry classification signals and are now moved entirely by signals and instructions from the towermen and telegraphers. This relieves the train crews of a great deal of responsibility and shifts it upon the dispatchers and telegraphers.

It is hoped now that normal business conditions again prevail and prosperity has returned (to the prosperous), that our management will offer no serious objections to the wage increase, which our committee is going after. Our existing agreement was made three years ago, at a time when prices for all the necessaries of life were much lower than at present. These prices and the duties and responsibilities of the telegraphers are constantly increasing. We should not be expected to maintain ourselves and families at the same standard, as the foreign-speaking element are willing or forced to do; and we know that we do not receive a fair compensation for the work required of us, as compared with the employes of the other branches of the transportation service.

The necessity is obvious, therefore, of our making every effort toward securing an increase in wages and improving our condition.

In order to attain this end, all the brothers are requested to make a special effort to get the non-members into the organization.

Elwood City block office has been closed, and Bryant, Marshall, Frisco and Rock Point reopened. Zeno, on the Butler branch, has also been reopened.

We can now call R. S. Fagan, agent at Petrolia, brother. Bro. Sybert, of Kane, is responsible therefor.

Bro. J. D. Dunbar was the successful bidder for the first trick at Sharpsburg.

Bros. Baker, of Wildwood, and Long, of Callery, have their towers ornamented with a fine display of potted plants and flowers.

We understand that Bro. C. W. Brown is also seriously thinking of devoting some of his spare time to the cultivation of flowers in "RO" tower. Better watch "Davy," Bro. Brown, or your flower pots are liable to come to grief some day when the yard is blocked. CERT. 66.

Main Line, West End—

I want to say to all the chumps on the west end of Baltimore Division, if they do not affiliate themselves with the Organization before Thanksgiving they will have very little to be thankful for.

I have always felt proud that I was a native of Maryland's soil, and especially since she was the first State in the Union to come to the rescue of the poor railroad operator in enacting a law which made life more pleasant.

I was not, however, benefited by this law until after one of the greatest human sacrifices known in the history of railroads. When that dreadful and rigid investigation was about to be made by the District Commissioners and the Interstate Commerce Commission, an awful fear arose in the bosom of some one in authority, and an absolute block on all freight trains following passenger was ordered.

This brought me under the ban of the law, and I was, therefore, instructed to work eight hours as an operator, and twelve hours as agent, although my salary was reduced $5.00 per month.

I was fortunate, however, in being able to have this money restored, when after every effort had been made to find a man to take my job, no one would have it.

This was at a time when operators were scarce throughout the country, and better wages were being paid elsewhere than in this State.

Shortly after this the Federal Law went into effect, and with it the operators stood pat on the salary and won, leaving the operators in this dear old State to be patient during times of depression which were then on, with fond hopes that it would be of short duration, and they would then be able to adjust the salaries on an equal basis with those on the system outside this State.

The time is now ripe. The railroad is taxed to its ability to handle the business. The numberless telegraph operators that were available have all left for better paying jobs. Today, in this State, the situation is fast becoming what it was in 1907, and before another sixty days rolls around we will not be granted leave of absence for a single day, and in case of sickness, or the like, there will be a doubling to the twelve hours, with the plea of emergency, again in spite of the law. This condition has actually occurred during the past month, and the operators make it appear as if they are contented by their indifference.

I think as much of the welfare of the railroad for which I work, as any man in its service, and it is for this reason that I am anxious each and every operator in this dear old State, on the B. & O., interest themselves in the Organization, and see to it that there will be no violations of the Federal Law, and help the company to keep at all times a sufficient number of telegraphers to supply their wants. This can be done by a revision of our agreement with a higher rate of pay, which will not be done unless we ask for it. CERTIFICATE 182.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. F. P. Darland, who has been at Canton Scales, several years, has gone to Walton, Ind. Unable to say what he is doing, but he may locate there permanently. He was acting as assistant chairman, and taking care of Valley boys. He is to be congratulated on the good work done on that side of the division. Bro. Mulhearn, Howard St., Akron, will take up the duties of Bro. Darland.

Bro. C. H. Wood, of Strasburg, after accepting the position at Canton Scales and working one day, failed to show up again.

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Bro. Jess Rodgers, Tippecanoe, has been trying to get off for some time. Last reports are "no relief in sight."

Relief Agent Hill is off on account of poor health. We hope he will be able to resume duty soon.

Mr. Sheridan, agent at Peninsula, died August 18th. His relatives have the sympathy of all the Cleveland Division.

Bro. and Mrs. F. R. Landis, Columbia, first trick, spent ten days at Buckeye Lake, O., recently, fishing and visiting relatives; Bro. Baumgardner, second trick man, Columbia, relieving.

Bro. Harry Leith, third trick at Bridge 80, was in Pittsburg for a few days on personal business.

Bros. Dink Shafer, "ND" Tower, and Weaver, of New Philadelphia, just returned from an extended trip to the A-Y Exposition, Frisco, Pike's Peak and other Western points of interest.

Bro. Billings, third trick at Belt Line Crossing, made a flying trip home to Peninsula recently.

Bro. Meese, second trick, Belt Line Crossing, is on six days' leave of absence, taking in sights around Berea, O.; Bro. Eaton relieving.

Bro. Baumgardner, second trick, Columbia, intends going to Florida shortly, to size up a farming proposition.

Bro. A. C. Myers, of Berea, is sending the boys mailing cards from Salt Lake City and other Western points. He expects to be on vacation some time.

The regular correspondent of this division has left the service. Hereafter kindly send items for THE TELEGRAPHER to J. G. Mulhearn, 504 West Market St., Akron, O., not later than the 19th of each month. Our local chairman is working hard to get better working conditions for us, and we should all try to assist him in every possible manner. Our meetings are held the third Monday of each month. CERT. 163.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved Bro. William H. Baker, and

WHEREAS, The members of B. & O. System, Division No. 33, Chicago Division, feel that they have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Bro. Baker, be it

Resolved, That we extend to the aged mother of Bro. Baker our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy mailed to Mrs. Baker, and also to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. P. WEBSTER,
W. H. COOK,
B. A. MILLER,
Committee.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Ludington Division—

When reading this, please stop and consider how many items you contributed. If you would, I think probably we would have a great deal more news in the future. Send Bro. Johnson all the happenings from your office, as the Brothers of Division No. 39, and Brothers from other roads who know you would be glad to hear where you are, and what you are doing.

Boys, let's take a little more interest in each other's welfare; all we ask of you is to help yourself and look out for your own interest. If a man is not willing to do this, he certainly can not expect others to look out for him.

I would like to see more interest displayed among the members on this as well as other divisions. The writer intends to spend every minute of his spare time hammering away at the nons, and do what he can to drive a few words home to them that will not be easily forgotten. If the other members will devote a part of their spare time to this work, I am satisfied that at the end of three months we will see a large change.

The motto, "No Cards, No Favors," should apply. Treat the man who is just entering the service like a Brother, and after a reasonable length of time if he does not come into our Order, make the rule apply to him.

Some of the nons have the mistaken idea that the O. R. T. is an enemy to the railroads, and that our only aim is to get members for some selfish purpose of our own. They seem to think if they join the Order they will lose the respect of the officials, and maybe get "canned" in the end. This is a mistake. Organized labor today wants nothing but justice, and does not want to make trouble for any company. It is the only way that the man who must work for a living can keep his wages up to a living point. Look at it right, boys, and get into the game.

Bro. Haugh just returned from a thirty days' vacation; was relieved by Bro. Brown, of Walhalla.

Bro. Zook, of Hersey, on a few days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Brown.

Bro. Dickey, third trick at Ludington Yard, resigned, and was relieved by Bro. P. G. Durphy.

Bro. Stevenson is relieving Bro. Brown, at Walhalla, while he is doing extra agent's work at Olivers and Hersey.

Bro. J. E. Clark, formerly second trick at Baldwin tower, now has charge of the United Wireless Telegraph Company's station at Lundington.

Bro. Fritz tried his hand at the wireless for two or three weeks, but has returned to the third trick at Baldwin tower.

J. E. Avery relieved Bro. Clark, second trick at Baldwin tower, when he resigned to take the wireless position.

R. Jacobas, agent at Scottville, is now a "Brother." Bro. Brown reports his application has been received.

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Telegraphers are in demand again. Bro. Moulton, at Reed City, is asking for operators for the G. R. & I. Ry.

First and third trick men at Clare were obliged to double over one night last week, on account of the second trick man being taken sick.

New man working third trick at Lake, is said to have the goods.

Get busy, boys, give the company the very best service in you, and get "an application" from that non working with you. "BO. OP."

Erie Ry.

Erie & Susquehanna Divisions--

Brothers, it is with deep regret that we notice such a large number on the discipline list of last month, quite a few of whom were disciplined for sleeping on duty. We sincerely trust that none of these are members of the Order. Whether members or not, however, I am very sorry to see it. Now, brothers, we work only eight hours and should be able to keep awake that long and attend to business. Go home when you get off duty and get the proper amount of sleep, before you do anything else; so that you will be prepared to attend to your business in the right way. There is no excuse for any one working only eight hours sleeping on duty. It looks bad to see such a long list on the discipline list for one month. I hope all of you will read this and have a heart-to-heart talk with those whom you know are guilty of any of these offenses, and give them some good advice. Let us all try our best, so that when this list comes out next time, there will not be one on it for discipline. Get on the "Merit" side if you can, but, above all things, keep off the discipline side.

F. M. D. Watkins, for nearly fifteen years agent at Wellsburg, passed away August 19th, after a short illness. Mr. Watkins was of a cheerful disposition and always had a kind word for everyone, and was a faithful and valued employe. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and his son, Frank, who is an agent on the B. R. & P. His remains were taken to Canadaigua, his old home, for burial. His family has our sincere sympathy. Extra Agent Decker is filling the vacancy at Wellsburg.

Our General Chairman, Bro. Husted, stopped off a short time at Elmira, with our local chairman, Bro. Hesser, August 28th. He was on his way to Deposit, to attend a meeting of the Delaware Division.

A telephone system has been established on the west end, from Hornell to Elmira, with offices in Corning and Addison yard offices. This is being done to relieve the heavy work on No. 1 wire.

New 90 pound rail is being laid on the east track from Waverly to Elmira, with rock ballast, nearly the whole distance. This puts the track in fine shape.

Bro. Harry Dunham, of "Erwins," was off a few days, on account of the death of his mother. Bro. Dunham has our deepest sympathy in his bereavement.

Our chief dispatcher has had his hands full lately, trying to keep vacancies filled. So many of the boys are off sick and taking vacations that, in some cases, he has been compelled to have some offices double up.

Bro. Vincent, of Waverly, off a few days on a vacation. Bro. Harry Blizard worked first trick during Bro. Vincent's absence. Abe Moseson filled Bro. Blizard's trick, later Bro. Shultz, of "XY," took Bro. Blizard's place, while Abe Moseson took Bro. Schultz's place at "XY."

Bro. Thompson, of first trick at Wellsburg, attended the Elks' outing at Elmira, August 25th. He was relieved by Abe Moseson. Bro. Thompson also visited his old home in Freeville, N. Y. Geo. O'Neil, of Great Bend, did the relief work.

"Joe" Ambrose, of "RA," and Dispatcher Calkins, of the Tioga Division, were off on a few days' vacation. Bro. "Dan" O'Brien filled "Joe's" place, while S. C. Moseson, extra, filled Bro. O'Brien's place.

We are glad to announce that J. H. Wilson, of Owego, can now be addressed as "Bro. Wilson."

Bro. Peach, of "MJ" tower, off a few days to visit his old home, also to visit friends in Geneva and other adjoining points.

Our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. Williams, was off a few days; relieved by Dispatcher Fahey, of the east end, who in turn was relieved by Mr. Dickey.

Bro. J. T. Conroy, third trick at Waverly, has resigned. We wish him the best of success in whatever he undertakes.

J. H. Connors, of Adrian, bid in Bro. Conroy's trick, leaving first trick at Adrian open. Bro. J. H. Wilson, of Owego, filled the vacancy until Connors bid it in.

Bro. T. Hemstrough, of "JB," was off on a few days' vacation; relieved by J. J. White, of Binghampton.

Mr. Hanna, who worked a while on this division, has headed for Mexico. Div. Cor.

Tioga Division-

The attendance at the last meeting, held in Elmira, was not very strong from the Tioga Division; the rain probably scared them out. We needed the rain so badly that we should not be frightened by a little shower, like we had the morning of the meeting. This meeting was held on Sunday morning, to give the Tioga Brothers and the second and third trick men on the main line a chance to attend, and they should have turned out better, as the main line Brothers showed up in pretty good shape. We should attend every meeting we possibly can, as there is always something likely to come up that you ought to have a say so in. Monthly meetings will be held in the future, and some of them on Sunday morning so that all can attend.

Our extra man, E. F. Ferguson, who has lately taken unto himself a wife, is now right in line for membership in the O. R. T., as is also Bro.

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wife for the Auxiliary. Mr. Ferguson's bride would feel proud of him, if he carried an up-to-date card, for then she would know he was traveling in the right path.

Bro. Wilcox, of "MN," who has been laid up for some time with an attack of rheumatism, is being relieved by E. F. Ferguson, extra man, who we hope to be able to call Brother in the very near future. We hope that Bro. Wilcox will soon be enjoying good health again.

Bro. G. L. Ferguson, of Arnot, was off a few days recently, to attend the wedding of his brother at Verona, N. J.

Bro. Moshier, of Seely Creek, took a trip to Geneva recently, via trolley and boat, and reports having had a fine time.

We are very sorry to learn of the serious illness of Bro. Bush's mother, and hope she will soon recover.

Bro. Palmer continues making daily trips from his home in Arnot to Tioga Junction.

CERT. 222.

N. J. & N. Y. R. R. Branch

One new member was brought into the fold last week, and three more are expected to be landed very soon.

Bro. Weitman, first trick man at "NF," has taken up a side line selling newspapers.

Bro. Ritter is adding a new dormitory to his house at "SV."

Bro. Blauvelt bid in third trick at "ZY," and "the old man" is just as much at home there as he was at "DA."

Bro. Greenip is waiting for another vacancy. He is getting tired of doing first trick at "DA."

Bro. Kociemba was given a two days' vacation recently, which he needed very much.

Bro. Romaine, at "PY," one of the oldest members on this division, devotes his spare time to raising fancy chickens.

Bro. Hering, doing second trick at "ZY," puts out the neatest and plainest 31's on the division. One of his copies is now framed, and hanging in the dispatcher's office at "JY."

Mr. "Eat-em-up," at "FM," has an idea no job is too hot for him, but we don't see any blue ribbons on him.

Let us all join hands at once and weed out the nons on this division, remembering the old motto, "No card, no favors."

Congratulations to Bro. Hering. The stork recently visited his home and left a bouncing baby boy.

We also desire to congratulate Bro. Weitmann on the arrival of a young son at his home a short time ago. DIV. COR.

Meadville and Mahoning Divisions—

Arrangements have been completed by the telegraphers of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions for their second dancing party, which will be held in Excelsior Parlors, Youngstown, O., on the evening of Thursday, November 18, 1909. Bayle's Orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and a jolly good time is assured all the telegraphers and their friends.

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, September 19th, was well attended by members from both divisions.

W. J. Holbrook, third trick at Leavittsburg, is off for two weeks; relieved by A. L. Taylor, third trick, Warren.

R. A. Straup, first trick at Phalanx, is off on a vacation; relieved by Miss Dorothy Dean.

C. W. Morse, second trick "BR" tower, has resigned and accepted a position with the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown.

D. G. Button, first trick "NK," has resigned and gone to Cincinnati.

Ed. Hagan goes from Girard to second trick "YO" office; J. E. Mohr, from third trick "CB" tower, to Girard and W. H. Owens, of De Forest tower, was the successful bidder for second trick "CB" tower.

S. H. Ridinger is back to first trick "YO" office, after a ten days' vacation, spent at Cottageville, W. V.

F. E. Brooks has given up the third trick at De Forest tower to return to school at Cleveland. R. G. Kistler is relieving him.

Don't forget the meeting nights, the third Saturday night of each and every month at Warren Hall, over the Union National Bank, corner Market street and Park avenue. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Almighty Father to summon our worthy friend and brother, M. D. McMahan to eternal rest; therefore be it

Resolved, That we submit in silence and sorrow, knowing that He of infinite wisdom had a purpose in so doing, that his mission on earth was fulfilled and that his appointed time had come; therefore be it

Resolved, That his genial and affable presence will be missed among his many associates, especially those of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions of the Erie Railway; and be it further

Resolved, That System Division No. 42, O. R. T., through these resolutions extend and convey our sympathy and condolence to his widow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions and a copy sent THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. BROWN,
E. J. MOYER,
W. H. OWENS.
Committee.

Wyoming Division

D. O. Emery has been appointed agent at Wimmers, vice L. D. Edwards, resigned. We understand Mr. Edwards has taken the agency on the O. & W., at Forest City.

Bro. L. D. Brown, agent at "MA," has been laying off a few days, relieved by our old friend Jake.

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Bro. F. W. Farley has been spending a few days at West Point and other points of interest on the Hudson.

W. C. Duncklee is back at his old stand as agent at "MO." We are glad to see Mr. Duncklee with us again.

"XJ," "HS" and "TR" at this writing are solid O. R. T. Bro. E. M. Kelley is working second trick at "XJ" and Bro. D. M. Solverson is working second trick at "HS."

S. D. Bishop, formerly dispatcher, has been appointed relief agent.

Telegrapher Oscar Bisbing is working second trick at "KO."

Telegrapher W. N. Norris is working third trick at "WN."

We understand congratulations will soon be in order for Bro. E. F. Smith.

"WJ" at this writing is being operated as a day office.

Summer passenger trains were taken off September 25th.

Boys, gather up a little news and send it to Bro. Correll. Other divisions have a "write-up" each month, why not the Wyoming division.

Remember, "No cards, no favors."

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to take this method of thanking the brothers who so kindly sent beautiful floral offerings, and the expression of sympathy during our recent bereavement in the death of our mother.

J. S. COLLIER.

Ann Arbor Ry.

Bro. H. H. Cudaback, Cert. 151, Division 48, died at the home of his sister in Vernon, Mich., September 13, 1909, at 7 a. m., aged 35 years, 1 month and 9 days.

Bro. Cudaback was born at Kansas City, August 2, 1874, and was a telegrapher from his 16th year, belonging to the O. R. T. for the last 12 years, and always carrying an up-to-date card. He served in the late Spanish-American war, and was made a non-commissioned officer for meritorious service under General Lawton in the Philippine Islands. In Bro. Cudaback the Order has lost a good member and a faithful worker. He was one of the best operators that have ever handled a key. His loss is mourned by all his friends, members of the A. A. and the D. T. & I., which was demonstrated by the numerous floral offerings. He leaves a wife, from whom he was separated a short time ago; two brothers, one, P. R. Cudabeck, of Toledo, and another somewhere in the West, and one married sister, Mrs. Ada Cudabeck, of Vernon, Mich.

The funeral was held from the home of his sister at Vernon, Mich. The pall bearers were all members of the O. R. T., Bros. Berryman and West of Toledo, Bro. Kerwin of Owosso, Bro. Taylor of Cadillac, Bro. Kappler of Thompsonville, and Bro. Lanham of Vernon, acting in that capacity.

Bro. B. L. Axford, who has for a number of years been agent at Clare, has resigned and will go to Owosso, where he will engage in business. Bro. Axford has been a worker ever since Ann Arbor was organized and we lose a good brother by his leaving the service.

Bro. E. C. Acompaugh has been awarded the Clare agency on bulletin, and Byron, Mich., the agency held by Bro. Acompaugh, is bulletined.

Bro. L. R. Taylor, our worthy chairman, has been transferred to Cadillac, "CY" office getting first trick on bid.

Bro. Kerwin, formerly of Durand "RA" office, is now on days at Owosso depot.

Third trick at Hallet tower was bulletined August 23d, but Bro. J. W. McNamee is back there at work again, although not in very good health.

Dispatcher "Tom" Lehy is taking a much needed vacation, visiting friends and relatives in Springfield, O.; relieved by Mr. Johnson.

G. E. L.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty in his supreme wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved Brother H. H. Cudaback, and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of our Brother we have lost an honored member, and the parents a dutiful son; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the D. T. & I. and A. A. System, Division No. 48, of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy in the hour of their affliction, and most earnestly commend them to our Heavenly Father for comfort, ever remembering that He doeth all things well and wisely; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the bereaved family, a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon our minutes.

L. R. TAYLOR,
F. W. KAPPLER,
W. F. KERWIN,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the members of the O. R. T., Division No. 48, for their kind sympathy and assistance in this our time of sorrow and trouble, when God has seen fit to take from us our beloved son and brother, Homer H. Cudaback. We wish to especially thank the brothers who so kindly asisted at the funeral; also the dispatchers of the A. A. Ry. System for their many kindnesses. We wish also to express our appreciation of the beautiful flowers sent by brother telegraphers.

MRS. MARY F. CUDABACK.
MR. AND MRS. P. R. CUDABACK,
MR. AND MRS. R. E. HOISINGTON.

Vernon, Mich., September 16, 1909.

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Central of Georgia Ry.

Chattanooga Division—

An interesting meeting was held at Lafayette the third Sunday in September. The attendance was not as large as it should have been, but considerable important business was handled. We wish we could get you all more interested, so you would attend regularly. We need you at these meetings and the interests of the Order, which are your interests, require attendance. Won't you try harder to attend, do your part and not expect just a few of us to do it all?

Bro. Murphy, of Whitesburg, took a few days off and was married to Miss Pearl Hogan, of Carrollton, on September 12th. We extend to them our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Bro. Stewart, of Lafayette, whom we understand is a great fan, took in the ball game at Chattanooga recently.

Bro. Witcher, of Raymond, who was off a few days, was elected a director of the new bank at that place. Relief Agent Powell substituted.

Bro. Carmichael, of Senia, has taken his vacation.

Bro. Cochran, of yard office, Chattanooga, has been off a few days; relieved by a new man.

C. J. Logan, of Durham, can now be called brother. He is a comparatively new man in the service, but is making a good start and we are glad to welcome him.

How long does it take a member who doesn't pay his dues to become a non? Some seem to think always.

"No card, no favors," and stick to it.

CERT. 265.

Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

Brothers, don't be afraid to tackle a "non" when you find one and a little encouragement goes a long way. When application blanks are wanted you can get them for the asking.

Huston Junction was discontinued on October 1st on account of the double track being installed between there and Cool Springs.

Berwinkle is working the first trick at Red Raven, during Bro. Fitzmarten's vacation.

A new man is at "HK" tower, first trick; unable to learn his name, but understand he is up-to-date.

H. A. Brooks, from Woods, bid in the second trick at "XB" tower; being relieved by Mr. Etter, and W. D. Gregory bid in the second trick at Woods.

Mr. Lassinger, from "CT" tower, is now working at Hartnett. SOUTH END KNOCKER.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Salt Lake Division—

It doesn't look good to look for S. P. items and not see a line from one of the most solid divisions on the entire system. Bro. Tavelle is kept too busy lining up the new arrivals, to hunt news, and then he bills a train of sheep out of Deeth every few days.

Business here has been good all summer. Orange train No. 230 passed over the road recently. It looks something like two years ago. Several new men have been hired the past month and all are making full time.

Track laying on the cut off from Wells to Deeth is being rushed. When it is finished the S. P. will parallel the W. P. from Wells to Winnemucca.

The following appointments have been made on the last bulletin: Thorne, agency, C. L. Scruby; Wabuska, agency, A. D. Peek; Mt. Whitney, agency, P. O. Moraska; Winnemucca, agency, P. E. Born; Imlay, agency, G. B. Nunamaker; Imlay, first trick operator, G. S. Collins; Imlay, second trick operator, D. L. Tribe; Imlay, third trick operator, C. P. Maule; Clark, night operator, F. Woodruff.

By the way, reader, have you the new card. If not, you mail O. P. Bates, Orland, Cal., the six dollars and he will do the rest. The telegraphers' condition is fast improving, so don't be without a card. Remember, "no card, no favors."

Now, about the ladies' auxiliary, write Mrs. Henry Hurr, Engle, Texas, for a supply of application blanks. Here's a chance for the sisters to boost for the O. R. T. Our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters can become members; initiation fee but 50c, and monthly dues 10c.

How many shares of the bond stock do you own? Five shares would be an ideal investment.

R. A. Carroll, day operator at Elko, sick a couple of weeks; recuperated with his parents in Salt Lake; relieved by Telegrapher Scurbby, a recent arrival.

E. J. Jellico, agent, Mill City, returned the 1st from a two months' vacation in Southern California.

Dispatcher E. A. Leahy and wife spent a couple of weeks' vacation back East. "Ed" sure had a rest coming, as he is one of the hardest working men in the Ogden office. A. A. Willison, who has been relieving dispatchers all summer, had Leahy's chair.

W. W. Brownson relieved N. C. Christian, agent at Montello, while "Chris" took a little vacation back East.

W. L. Moffitt, who has been on second trick at Wells, Nev., the past year, recently resigned to accept an agency at Boulder, Colo., on the Colorado Southern. C. B. Norton relieved Moffitt.

E. J. Ineck and wife, day and night operators at Lemay, are making an extended visit with relatives and friends, at Ames, Iowa.

Telegrapher Ford, a new one, filled in a few days at Carlin, Nev., third trick, and then relieved W. M. Bub at Deeth.

A. M. Peters has been re-installed at Montello again, with the Southern Pacific. "Pete" has been all over since leaving here last spring. He's a "cracker jack" and we are glad to see him back.

J. L. Kosta and wife have returned after a three months' visit, with the old folks, back on the farm, in Iowa.

C. A. Ditbrick, on Salt Lake Division, since 1906, the past year working first trick, at Cabre,

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Nev., has resigned to take a course in dentistry at St. Louis. We wish him success in his new vocation. Telegrapher Enstram, from the C., B. & Q. relieved him.

Wm. Henry, a non from "all over," opened up Fenelon and held it just a month, when he was discharged for sleeping on duty. Mr. Flynn, who worked at Lake Side a couple of years ago, relieved him.

J. W. Carroll, who has been in the Ogden hospital since early in the spring, has returned to his agency, at Promontory Point, looking as strong and healthy as ever.

The writer has 21 cards without a break and in those 10 years, this is the first attempt at hustling news. I am only butting in now because I am always disappointed when there are no items in THE TELEGRAPHER from our Division.

CERT. 2624.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst and from her family, the beloved mother of our worthy Brother W. O. Sherwood; and

WHEREAS, We realize that while the promise of her future in this world was exceptionally bright, the realization of the great beyond is exceptionally brighter, and while our hearts are overflowing with sympathy for our brother and his family, in this, their sad bereavement; be it

Resolved, That while expressing our sympathy and sorrow, we commend them to Him, that doeth all things well, and while their loss and sorrow is great, their mother's gain is infinitely greater; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our bereaved brother and his family, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of Division 53.

T. C. LESTER,
R. GILLMORE,
D. A. NERTON,
E. M. BUSH.
Committee.

Southern Ry.

Asheville Division—

As your new local chairman I wish the co-operation of every brother in helping me to work the division up. A good many have dropped out, and there are a few who have never joined us yet. We must get organized before we can expect to accomplish anything more, and every brother can help if he will only talk to non-members when he can, and has the time to spare. If every one will help, we will get an interest started and then it will be lots easier.

We are trying to arrange to have a joint meeting as soon as we can decide on a place, and I would like very much to see every brother and non who can attend. Please do so. We will also arrange for monthly meetings as soon as possible.

Now, everyone get to work, as you know it is for better conditions, and you owe it to yourself and family to see that your condition is bettered. Without organization where would we be? So get busy, every member, and see what you can do.

Everyone should carefully read "An Appreciative Member," by Cert. 22, Division No. 41, in August journal.

At this writing everything seems to be quiet on our division. I don't think there is enough energy taken to make things lively. Let let us look at this matter from the right standpoint and put more life and energy into our work for the Order.

I notice a bulletin from Superintendent Pelter recently in which he states that business is increasing and that it looks as if it would come up to what it was before the panic. He also requested every one to do their best. This will help all concerned, and I hope all of you will give him the best service you can.

I am unable to give many of the changes on our division this issue, but hope to be able hereafter to give them all, so each brother will have any information he desires.

I notice Bro. Miller, of "Q," has been off sick for several weeks. We hope he will soon be able to resume his duties. Telegrapher Moss, of "J," is relieving him, and Bro. Sigman, of "WD" second trick, who relieved Moss, says he will join us next pay day.

Bro. Sigman, of "WD" second trick, has secured "J" third trick on bulletin. Bro. Mingus is relieving Bro. Sigman.

Bros. Abernethy, of "GN" first and third tricks, have just returned from an extended trip out West, lasting six weeks.

Bro. Bumgarner, of "CD" first trick, is off on vacation.

We are glad to see Bro. Waddle on second trick at "BI."

We are all glad to learn of Mr. Alexander's promotion. He can and will make us a good general chairman.

Extra men have been rather scarce for the past month with us, but I hope every one will get a vacation who is anticipating one.

Have just returned from canvassing my division, and find the Toxaway solid, with the exception of one man, and he will join us this month. The A. & S. Division is also in very good shape. The W. N. C. Division needs a good deal of work and I sincerely hope all of the members will help me work it up as fast as possible.

It is up to us to make it solid, and all we need is a little assistance from each member to bring it up to the standard.

I find there is some hard feelings existing. Boys, we must not have this. There can be no brotherhood shown that way.

I have promise of a good many new members this payday, and hope I'll not be disappointed.

Will appreciate any news or changes made on the division from any of you.

I was not installed soon enough to get a write-up in the last TELEGRAPHER.

Better times coming, boys. Cheer up and help me.

A. E. HUFFMAN,
Local Chairman

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An open meeting was held in the Odd Fellows Hall at Charlotte, N. C., August 25th, with about forty present, both members and non-members. The meeting was called to order by Bro. A. C. Pool, who stated in a few well-chosen words the object of the meeting, which was somewhat of a social affair, to give the nons an opportunity to meet the members and to see and learn the workings and intentions of the Order and the benefits accruing therefrom. He then called on Bro. Duncan, our assistant general chairman, to take charge of the meeting. Bro. Duncan took the chair and stated that he wished to line us up on the matter of being organized. By organized he meant to come to a better understanding as to the duties of telegraphers to the railroads on which they were employed, as well as to themselves in the matter of support and loyalty to the Order, morally as well as financially, and the promotion of that fraternal feeling which is necessary for the success of any organization. He called special attention to the strength that lies in organized labor, to better service given employers, and the respect and recognition given such organizations by corporations such as railroad companies, etc., when the officials understand that the recognition of organized labor means better service by the employes.

We were honored at this meeting by the presence of our general chairman, Bro. Alexander, whom Bro. Duncan then called upon to speak. Bro. Alexander gave a short and interesting talk, in which he demonstrated the fact that the O. R. T. on the Southern System is making a good showing. He urged all members to support the Bond Company by subscribing for shares, thereby helping to put it in effect. He stated that there was already about $75,000 subscribed, and that as soon as the amount reaches $250,000, the company will then be organized. He assured his hearers that the stock would be a good investment for any man. Bro. Alexander paid a high tribute to the Ladies' Auxiliary which, he said, was making fine progress. He expressed his pleasure at the large attendance, and then called upon Bro. Duncan to entertain the gathering. The eloquent and forceful manner in which Bro. Duncan discussed the various questions pertaining to the general good of the Order, was certainly a treat. He especially emphasized the necessity of good service and co operation with the railroad officials, and an interchange of courtesies among members as the best means to promote a fraternal feeling and strengthen the Order.

He suggested in cases where members habitually neglect their work that they be told about it in a brotherly way, then, if they continue to be neglectful and show a "don't care" disposition, they should be expelled from the Order and the railroad company notified that they were of no account. His talk was very interesting and encouraging.

Mr. C. W. Fox, our block inspector, who was among the visitors, was then called upon, and in a very frank and friendly manner explained his position toward the Order and the company. His presence at the meeting verified his statement that he wished to see the Order prosper, and all the men belong to it. He heartily approved the remarks of Bro. Duncan in regard to those who would not give good service, and promised his co operation with the Order in weeding out the objectionables. His remarks were full of good advice and encouragement, and all were well pleased that heard him.

The meeting was both helpful and enjoyable to all present, and the outlook for the Order on the north end of Charlotte Division is particularly good. The few nons on this end will, I hope, when they read these few lines and see what the Order is and what it stands for, come in with us and see how nice it will seem to be in the ranks and feel like men, instead of remaining in a position where the finger of derision can be pointed at them. You may not have thought of it, but when we go before the management with a solid front of honest, trustworthy men with a good record, it will be better for you to be with us. Try it, and I know you will not be disappointed. The company wants good men, and Order men at that if they are good. B. F. DARST

Knoxville Division, East End

We had a good meeting at the usual hour at Morristown, on August 28th.

Brothers, there are more of you who should attend and take an interest in these meetings. Ours, like every other organization, needs our attention, and one of the best and most successful ways to do this is to attend the meetings. There must be an interest taken in everything before success will come. We must first become interested ourselves before we can expect to have others interested in us. We must not forget the interest and welfare of the company for which we are working, for the company's interest is our interest, and we must make it so. Come out to the meetings, boys, where we can swap ideas and combine thought and effort.

Bro. W. M. Cutshaw worked a few days at Utico, relieving Bro. W. T. Roush. On Bro. Roush's return to duty, Bro. Cutshaw went to "KY" office, Knoxville, and relieved Bro. Vaughn. Bro. Cutshaw is a young operator, but is making good on the heavy "OS" jobs with an up-to-date, and wanted to join the Order before he had worked three weeks. That is the kind of men who help, and the kind who are best for both the company and the O. R. T.

Bro. L. H. Corbett bid in second trick at Morristown, leaving New Line third trick open.

Ex-telegrapher A. S. Corbett is filling New Line third trick for the present, and you can call him brother very shortly.

Block offices at Witt, Wolf Creek, Nocona and Baley were closed, September 8th, from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m., saving for the company $7.00.

Bro. Stafford, first trick man at Rankin, was in Knoxville, September 8th, his office being closed on that date.

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Block offices at Baily, Nocona, Sandy Bottom, Paint Rock, Del Rio Rankin and Witt were closed for one day on September 12th.

Bro. Johnston, agent at Bulls Gap, made a flying trip to Inman, S. C.

Telegrapher F. F. Remine, agent-operator at Russellville, is off a few days attending court, being relieved by Bro. Lenard.

We are glad to welcome our old friend Mr. Huntsman back in the service. We hope he will roll up his sleeves and put his shoulder to the wheel as he did in the days of old.

CERT. 1567.

Memphis Division—

We had a very extensive gathering at the meeting held at Tuscumbia, on September 19th in the Conductors' Hall. Bros. Dermody and Alexander were present and gave very interesting and instructive talks, which were very much enjoyed, and we believe all who heard them will profit by the advice given. Those who were not present don't know what they missed. After the meeting adjourned the boys were invited into the reception room, where delightful refreshments were served and very much enjoyed by all.

Let us all now put our shoulders to the wheel and push. Our division is coming to the front fast. A little more persistent effort and the race is ours.

If you don't get an answer from your first letter to a non, don't give up in despair, but write him another, and don't let him forget that we are after him and don't intend to let up until he gets a card.

Now, boys, your local chairman can't do it all by himself. It takes an effort on your part to help this cause along and hold it up on top. The great trouble has been that some of you on this division lack interest. Throw off this old dead drag and get a move on you. Put on your button and don't be afraid to wear it. Get after the student teachers and let's show them that they are raising hams and keeping themselves down in the lowest ditch, and the sooner they cut out the teaching the better it will be for them and the rest of their fellow-slaves.

Our former brother, Agent Enoch, at Stevenson, has just returned after a couple of weeks' vacation. Bro. Grant did the agent's stunt while he was away, Mr. Guy did the second trick, and Bro. Gossett the third. Enoch and Guy both say they will do the necessary soon.

Sorry Bros. Monk and Hardcastle could not get up to Tuscumbia, Sunday, on account of being indisposed. Hope they will be able to attend the next meeting in the near future. Mr. Smith, at Lagrange, who has just returned from his vacation of a couple of months, has promised to do the right thing at once.

I will now again ask you all to get in behind the non and don't let up on him until you land him on the safe side. CERT. 910.

Several of the boys on the Norfolk Division are still in the "non" column. We would be glad to welcome each one of them in the O. R. T., and will continue to urge them to "come over" as long as there is one of them out of the fold. Most of them have had personal letters from several of our members asking them to join, and we know each one of them would feel much better to have an "up-to-date" in their possession.

A meeting was called by Bro. Thornton, our local chairman, at Port Norfolk, Sunday, September 19th on the arrival of No. 2. We hope some of the brothers who attended will write up an account of it for THE TELEGRAPHER, as I was not able to be present on account of being on "The Branch." I hope to be with you, however, at the next meeting.

Mr. Virgil Walker, our long time chief, having accepted service elsewhere, places Mr. L. W. Hanberry, formerly first trick dispatcher in the chief's chair. Mr. J. Chaplin, from second trick, has been promoted to the first trick; Mr. E. D. Barham, from the third to the second trick, and Mr. Sweeney from extra dispatcher to the third trick.

We all in one voice thank Mr. Walker for his courtesy and kindness, and while we regret to lose him, we wish him well and bespeak success for him in his new field. To Bro. Hanberry, our new chief and his force we offer our congratulations on the upward step, and hope every man on the division who handles the key will lend his hearty co-operation toward making their work with us as pleasant as possible.

Mr. Morgan has been promoted from telegrapher to extra dispatcher, and Bro. Harding, from Emporia, goes to the dispatcher's office as telegrapher.

Bros. W. W. Magee, of Claremont, and Geo. A. Magee, of West Norfolk, were called home recently on account of death in the family. We extend them and the family our sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

Bro. Baptist, at Boydton, absent several days on account of sickness; was relieved by Mr. Williams, from Ach. We are glad to see "B" out again.

Bro. R. B. Neal, agent at Baskerville, is home again after a pleasant trip of several days to Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities.

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Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

The meeting held by Division No. 62, at Williamstown, Ky., on September 2, 1909, was called to order at 11 o'clock a. m., Bro. Boutwell in the chair. We were disappointed at the absence of Bro. Willison, he being unable to attend.

Two of Williamstown members were present; several items of interest were discussed, and the meeting was a success, notwithstanding the small attendance.

Bro. M. W. Witt, of Sadieville, Ky., was appointed division correspondent, with headquarters at Sadieville.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

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After a delightful dinner, for which we are indebted to Bro. Boutwell, we proceeded to the ball park for exercise, the day passed off pleasantly and all had a good time.

Bro. C. H. McNeill, second trick at Sadieville, is relieving Bro J. T. Hurt, agent at Walton, who is on the sick list. Bro. Owen is relieving Bro. McNeill at Sadieville.

Bro. Brewsaugh, of Blanchet, nights, was off for a few days; relieved by Operator Dean.

Bro. Tripletts, of Georgetown, days, is working in "SG" office, Cincinnati.

Bro. McGuirk, "DI," nights, is off sick.

DIV. COR.

A RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Our former General Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. K. C. Gardner has resigned, and

WHEREAS, We realize the faithful and valuable services he has rendered Division No. 62, during his official career; therefore be it

Resolved, That Division No. 62, of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, herewith, tender its sincere thanks to Bro. Gardner for his valuable services, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Gardner, a copy be spread on our minutes, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. H. BOUTWELL, *L. C.*,
C. R. FAULSTICH,
M. J. KELLEY,
M. W. WITT,
Committee.

Great Northern Ry.

Cascade Division—

Some of the nons are saying: "I can not get away to join the O. R. T. today, my wife won't let me." Peace and domestic harmony in the home should be maintained at all costs, but if your wife objects to your joining the union, it is probably because she does not understand it, most women's knowledge of unionism being confined to the headlines of the newspapers, and they would, no doubt, be anxious to have you join when you explained that you did not desire to join for your benefit alone, but for theirs and their children also.

Such an excuse is a mighty poor one, get busy and write for blanks.

Telegrapher W. E. Flannery has returned from a leave of absence, which was taken to undergo an operation; he was relieved by Telegrapher W. C. Hopkins, a new arrival, who later quit the service.

Bro. J. E. Reed relieved B. J. Sherlock at Gold Bar, who relieved Philip Morgan at Wellington. Mr. Sherlock is an ex-member and promises to rejoin shortly.

Bro. W. V. Avery resigned at Wellington; relieved by Bro. Pat M. Farrell from the H. & T. C. in Texas. Bro. Avery expects to go to the C. P. R. We wish him success. He will find the C. P. R. an A-1 road, strongly organized from the trackmen up. Bro. Mann, our local chairman, here, served on the C. P., and was also local chairman there for some time, and no one realizes the difference between that road and this one, more than he can.

Bro. J. E. Avery has resigned at Cascade Tunnel, being relieved by Bro. A. H. Schultz, from Berne, and Bro. Schultz was relieved by Bro. John Taber, late from the S. P., and a member of Division No. 53.

Bro. H. I. Mann returned from a ten-day vacation; was relieved by Bro. H. W. Fish, from Marritt, a new arrival, and a member of Division No. 100.

Bro. L. G. Waggoner has resigned at Monroe to accept a position with a lumber company there; was also relieved by Bro. Fish. We wish Bro. Waggoner unlimited good fortune in his new work.

Bro. John J. Swizer resigned at Scenic; relieved by J. E. Bucklow from Mosher.

Bro. F. A. Sherman, who has resumed work as agent at Index, after a month's vacation, was relieved by Bro. Fred Misner, lately of Stanwood.

Bro. H. P. Christensen, agent, Wooley, is away on vacation, being relieved by Bro. Fred Misner.

Bro. W. S. Seward, at Gold Bar, is from the N. P., and a member of Division No. 54.

Bro. Steve J. Mayhood, Grand Division Organizer, looking over the rank and file in the interest of the Organization, reports the Great Northern in better shape than ever before, especially the Cascade Division, of which fact your local chairman has assured you from time to time.

Mr. J. H. Donnally, Bellingham, will probably join on next pay-day.

The reason that "pay-day" is "the slogan of the telegrapher," is due to the fact that they need more money.

Applications are coming in right along, and we have the promise of the few left on the division who are eligible to membership.

Bro. Frank C. Wetzel, who recently went to Pac. Ave., Everett, from Merritt, has had almost his entire family sick all the time he has been there. We assure Bro. Wetzel that he has our united sympathy, and we hope for a quick betterment of such distressing conditions.

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Spokane Division—

Bro. Morrison was recently joined in marriage with Miss Lillie Busy, of the same city. They visited the Exposition during their honeymoon.

Bro. Fitzgerald, of Leavenworth, is being relieved by Bro. Taylor, from Wenatchee, while enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

C. A. Prather, of Wenatchee, is now numbered among the brothers.

A. L. Yeager, lately of the signal corps, relieved Bro. Honsinger, at Columbia River, the latter going to Naples as agent. "CM" has always been "solid." Let us hope Mr. Yeager will do the necessary and keep it that way.

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Bro. Easterly is the only man of any stability at Adrian. The others there are all nearly all nons.

Bro. R. E. Smith, of Division No. 33, is working third trick at Quincy. It requires "grit" to hold a third district position down there.

Bro. Kott, lately of Wilson Creek, is working at Edwall. Bro. Beisel being there, also, makes "WH" three strong. Logan and Davis are working second and third tricks there, respectively. We regret to see a point that has been "solid" for months thus weakened.

Six or seven ex-dispatchers are working as operators on this division, and from a union point of view they are of no value to us; because they enjoy the fruits of our organized effort, and then, without exception, refuse to give us any assistance at all.

Do not overlook Bro. Abbott's suggestion, that all members mail their copy of THE TELEGRAPHER to some non. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Dakota Division—

Two new members this month.

Bro. A. W. Price has returned to work at Athol, relieving Mr. Cross, who was sent to Elkton, nights.

Bro. Allen, of the C. M. & St. P., and a Mr. Miller, are the two operators at Sioux Valley Junction now.

Bro. R. J. Holmes is now working as third trick dispatcher on the east end. Bob is climbing right up, and there is room for a few more good ones to do the same.

Mr. Rumball, of Tyler, third trick, failed to show up one morning, and Bro. Roy Markusen was transferred from Elkton, nights, to Tyler, to relieve him.

Balaton is now a three-trick station. A new man being put on as third trick there recently. Understand he has the necessary.

The Northwestern is extending north from Blunt, through Onida to Gettysburg. Grading is now being done, and it is reported that the work will be completed this fall. Surveying has been done for another extension from Hitchcock to Onida, but actual work on this will not be started until next year.

The regular fall call for extra telegraphers seem to have been made in vain. There are plenty men, but nothing but good wages can tempt the ex-railroaders into the service again.

Bro. Zollar, of Northville, is having a big time in Seattle. Mountain scenery and fishing has taken most of his time, but the navy yard was not overlooked. He expects to return to Dakota soon, but may not take his old position, as he is thinking of traveling.

Bro. Guy Smith, of Conde, is now buying grain for a firm there, but strolls in often enough to keep in practice by sending a few Western Union's. Bro. A. N. Spradling, of Iroquois, relieved Bro. Smith. Bro. H. R. Nelson, of Iroquois, third trick, relieved Spradling, and P. E. Long, formerly of this division, relieved Nelson.

A number of telegraphers on this division received circulars from the so-called Order of Railroad Station Agents, about a year ago, which caused considerable commotion, but failed to secure any members. Those interested should read Bro. J. H. O'Brien's letter, under N. Y. C. items, page 1327, of the August TELEGRAPHER. It fully covers the subject.

The cause for the temporary change at Arlington during the forepart of September, has been explained by the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mabel F. Stebbins, of Alburnett, Ia., to Bro. Bert F. Laity, of Arlington, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Laity will be at home after October 1st.

A recent check of the membership list shows that we have the customary number of delinquents for this time of the year. One dollar has already been spent to prompt those in arrears on this division, and this must be paid by the member-ship in the form of dues. Undoubtedly, two or three dollars more will be spent for this purpose with the usual result that ninety-five per cent of the delinquents will pay us. Brothers, I believe this is more of a habit than anything else, as the list is the same from year to year, with few exceptions, and the majority of them are far from being dependent.

Application blanks for the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. have been received, and are ready for distribution. I am to assist Mrs. Paulsen in organizing a local on the Dakota Division, and will gladly furnish blanks on request. We hope to secure members enough to form a local at our next meeting, which will undoubtedly be held soon after the return of the committee. The initiation fee is 50 cents, and the dues are 10 cents per month. Mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of members are eligible for membership. Mrs. Paulsen, of Centerville, was honored by being elected President of Division No. 2, which covers the C. & N. W. System. Regarding her election, and that of the secretary and treasurer, the Centerville *Journal*, of September 2d, has the following to say:

"Mrs. Fannie M. Paulsen, of this city, was last week elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 2, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers System, Division No. 76. This auxiliary extends over the entire Northwestern system of railways, which covers some nine States of the Union. Mrs. Paulsen is a member of the grand body which originated at Atlanta, Georgia, where the last General Convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was held in May, this year. Mrs. Paulsen became at once very popular among the ladies at that meeting, which finally resulted in a unanimous vote for her as President of Auxiliary No. 2.

"Mrs. P. Hackbert, wife of the station agent at Appleton Junction, Wis., another popular lady, was elected Secretary and Treasurer of this organization."

Mrs. Paulsen is undoubtedly the right person in the right place, as she has had considerable experience in lodge and similar work, which will insure the proper management of the new Order on this division.

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DE SMET, S. D., September 21, 1909.

To the Members:

On receipt of this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, please let me know of any position you wish bulletined, that is not held by a regular assigned telegrapher, who received the station or trick on a bulletin. A number of jobs are being held by new men that older men should have a chance at, and if you wish any particular one bulletined let me know, and we can have them all put on one. H. A. STIMSON, *Cor.*

Pierre, Rapid City and Northwestern Ry.—

The P. R. C. is right in the midst of the fall cattle shipments, and it keeps things humming trying to keep orders filled with cars. One station shipped eighteen cars for one days' business, which gave it a total of over fifty for the month, and some of them have shipped as high as one hundred.

Chief Dispatcher Rauch was forced to work a trick, when Dispatcher Steadman was traded to the D. C. Later Mr. Rauch was relieved by Dispatcher Christensen, who was relieved by Jack Farrell, of Ft. Pierre. Later on Farrell was relieved by Bro. G. A. Dennis, who was then relieved by Telegrapher Albrich, of Midland. Bro. Dennis also relieved Agent Johnson, at Midland, for a short time.

Bro. John Cannon, of Ft. Pierre, days, has resigned to accept a position, as bookkeeper, with a local firm. "CN" has been at Ft. Pierre ever since the road was built, and it seems like losing one of the family to see him go.

R. L. Geist, a new man on this division, showed himself to be the right kind, and has remitted for an up-to-date.

Bro. Ed. Noe has been relieved as day telegrapher at Philip. H. A. STIMSON, *Cor.*,

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Iowa Division—

Bro. Geo. E. Long, former agent at Low Moor, but now an up-to-date merchant of that place, is taking a trip, visiting El Paso and Southern Texas points for a couple of weeks.

Bro. C. F. Morford has returned from a trip over on the C. & A. to his old home.

Bro. P. D. Hall, agent at Dewitt, is being kept on the jump this week, taking care of the Clinton County Fair crowd.

Bro. Wayckoff, of Beverly, was off a few days on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. Klahn, second trick at Beverly, took a two weeks' vacation, visiting relatives at Wheatland, and camping along the Wapsil.

Both Bros. Wayckoff and Klahn were relieved by Mr. Rohr, of Magnoheta, Ia.

Bro. Getz, of Beverly, lost his new straw hat recently in the Cedar River.

Bro. C. R. Williams, agent at Clarence, while in the hospital for two weeks lately, was relieved by brother from Dewitt.

The third trick man recently put on at Marshallton is working a split trick as telegrapher at the passenger depot and clerk at the freight house.

Bro. J. H. Wise, Cedar Rapids passenger station, days, is off on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Lowe, of Otis. Bro. Thoman relieved Bro. Lowe at Otis.

Mr. Watkins is working the message wire, nights, in "ON" office.

Bro. H. A. Caldwell, operator at Stanwood, recently enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in Colorado. He reports plenty of positions open in the West for railroad and all kinds of work. He was relieved by Bro. Norris, Stanwood, nights, who was relieved by Mr. Acott.

Bro. C. A. Schetz, formerly of Norway, bid in the agency at Stanwood, and is settled there now.

Bro. C. W. Beck, regular third trick man at Otis, but who has been doing the relief agent stunt for the past six months, has taken a trip to Seattle.

Bro. Hauptoman, agent at Mechanicsville, enjoyed the services of a helper for about two months. He was taken off September 1st. There should be helpers the year round at Mechanicsville, where there is work for at least three men, and also at Norway.

We have the promise of Mr. F. G. Tomer, agent at Grand Mound, to come across next payday, and hope he will not disappoint us.

There are a few others along the line, including several new men without cards. Brothers, see that they brace up and get in line.

Bro. O'Neil, day telegrapher at "GX," Clinton, has returned from a two months' sojourn in California. He was relieved by Mr. Stocker, regular night man at "GX," a former member. There are several others at Clinton with cold feet, who don't know what they are missing by not being in the ranks. Come out to our monthly meetings, boys, and you will see that things are still doing on the C. & N. W.

The correspondent wishes to thank Bros. F. E. Conover and R. R. Brown for their items, and requests the other boys along the line to follow their example and help out a little in the same way; then we will be able to have a good write-up every month. DIV. COR.

Nor. Wis. Division—

The meeting at Appleton, September 14th, was one of the largest ever held on the division, about thirty members being present. A great deal of interest was shown in the work of the committee on their propositions. A number of applications were voted on, and the following initiated: Edw. Stillmacher, agent at Van Dyne; M. J. Burns, agent at Glenbeulah; L. G. Kestol, third trick at De Pere; Thos. Pauletts, agent at Little Chute, and R. W. Schuler, telegrapher at Plymouth. Such a good showing as this is very gratifying. Let the good work go on.

The following is a list of those who have been granted relief, and the points at which their vacations are being spent: Bro. J. H. Gilbert and family, visiting Seattle and other

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Western points; Bro. Joe. Vellirsis and family, at the Exposition at Seattle; Bro. E. F. Jaehnke, in Chicago; Bro. R. G. Zuehlke and family, in the mining district, Northern Minnesota; Bro. R. V. Luther and family, at Milwaukee, attending State Fair, and shaking hands with "Bill Taft;" Bro. Schultz and family, at Appleton.

Bro. P. H. Noyes and wife have returned from their honeymoon, and he is still handing out the cigars.

The election of Mrs. Paulsen, President, and Mrs. Hackbert, General Secretary and Treasurer, of the Ladies' Auxiliary of No. 76, is a great compliment to the Nor. Wis. Division. Every member should take an interest in the Ladies' Organization, and have those related to him, who are eligible, make application at once. The initiation fee is only 50 cents, and the dues 10 cents per month. We should have at least a membership of thirty on this division. Necessary blanks and information will be furnished by addressing Mrs. P. L. Hackbert, 740 North Division St., Appleton, Wis.

We have but four delinquents on this division, but we can make this showing better. Get after these, boys, and see that they remit their semi-annual dues at once. We will need the money, when the committee is in Chicago, to carry on the work of bettering our condition.

Nons are located at the following points. Each member should use his influence and get after them, so we can put this division on a solid footing: Milton Junction, Calvary, Johnsons Creek, Malone, Juneau, Sheboygan Falls, Minnesota Junction, Tower, W. F., Oak Center, Tower, S. F., Oakfield, Neenah, Chester and Rosendale.

Let every member furnish the local chairman with such information as would be beneficial in securing better concessions for the membership on this, as well as all the other divisions.

The committee expected to meet with Mr. Moise, Tuesday, October 5th. Let the membership give the best possible services, so we will not be told our services have not been up to standard, but, on the other hand, that we are entitled to better conditions and increased salaries, because we have done the business and hit the ball at all times.

Show your appreciation of the work of the committee, and do not kick because some one may have fared a little better than you have. Keep after the nons, and keep paid up-to-date.

CORRESPONDENT.

Wisconsin Division—

We have as good a lot of officials as can be found anywhere, and consequently in return they get the very best of service.

Track elevating, etc., makes this a very busy division.

Among the changes in agents and operators, recently, are the following: Theo. Davis, formerly agent at Woodstock, transferred to agency, Crystal Lake; Thos. F. Nolan, formerly agent, Capron, transferred to Woodstock; Bro. H. S. Bixby, of Shopiere, transferred to Capron, and P. W. Woodbury, second trick telegrapher, Shopiere, made acting agent at Shopiere, until assigned by bulletin; E. H. Woodbury, acting agent, Crystal Lake, has resumed his duties on first trick there, vice J. C. Frusher, transferred to second trick, Shopiere.

Chas. L. Hartstook, agent, Desplaines, vice C. A. Frisbie.

Bro. R. D. Stone, first trick at Janesville, was off on a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Jacobs.

Tod Nolan, third trick, Capron, off a few days, on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Woldweiler.

Bro. Herrick, first trick, Harvard, is dispatching at Desplaines, the laying of new steel and elevating causing trains in both directions to use single track. He is handling the traffic in first-class shape.

Bro. Regan, of Capron, was off a few days to attend his sister's wedding, in Milwaukee; relieved by Bro. Briggs, of Caledonia.

Charles H. Lee, of Capron, is now at Campbellsport. Our local chairman will probably soon get him in line.

Bro. O. Houser, Agent, Chemung, is in Michigan on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Woldweiler.

The boys find it very difficult to get vacations, and some of the minor night offices have been closed on account of a scarcity of telegraphers.

One of the new extra men could not take an order on telephone, and the superintendent discharged him.

Pleasant Prairie and Bristol second tricks have been discontinued.

Bro. Dempsy has secured third trick at Bain Junction, on bulletin.

Bro. Bothlemy, of Bristol, took a three weeks' vacation, and visited friends in Ohio and at Niagara Falls; relieved by Mr. Monor.

Bro. Ray Stanford, third trick, Ohio St., on vacation; relieved by Mr. Wilcox.

Bro. C. R. Wightman, operator and ticket agent, Evanston, relieved by Mr. Shaver; while on vacation traveled from West Virginia to North Dakota.

Bro. J. W. Rhinesmith, agent, Highland Park, on vacation in September; relieved by Mr. Bucholze, freight inspector on this division.

Bro. Charles Brown, days, Lake Forest, visited the sights in northern Wisconsin, and other points. He was relieved by Bro. Radke, second trick at that station.

Bro. C. E. Pennington has returned after a two months' vacation through the West, visiting Seattle and the Exposition. He is now relieving Bro. Hogsett, agent, Maplewood, who is spending a few weeks in Missouri.

A policeman has been added to the staff of employes at Wilmette.

Bro. Ratke, of Lake Forest, was called home on account of the sudden death of his father, on August 29th. He has the sympathy of our Fraternity.

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Bro. C. A. Stevenson, of Capron, who has been West for two months, has resumed work on third trick at Capron.

The Air Line has been very busy for the past two months, as we have three gravel trains and one unloading crew between Barton Gravel Pit and Lindwerm.

We do not hear a murmur from the men on account of the additional work, which is due to having the best officials on the system, who use the boys right and do their share in return.

Bro C. R. Smallwood, third trick, Rockfield, has returned from his six months' leave of absence.

West Bend has three operators during the gravel rush: Bro. Herman works first; Bro. Taplin, second, until bulletined, and Ex-Bro. Trinwith, third.

The local chairman desires the members who have not paid their monthly local dues of 10 cents per month to do so at once. This money is used for flowers or wreaths in case of death in the family of members, and for hall rent. Remit to R. B. Boyington, 1922 Darrow Ave., Evanston, Ill., who is the local secretary and treasurer. This information is for the members that can not attend the meetings.

Bro. Caldwell, second trick at Granville, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Bush.

C. H. Litcher, an old-timer on this division, is holding first trick at Barton Gravel Pit. He will be with us again before long.

Mr. Caveney, from second trick at "Z," Milwaukee, is working a trick on the W. & W. Ry.; being relieved by Mr. Quinn, formerly at Hunting Ave.

Bro. Bernent, of Allis, has gone to switching in the Milwaukee yards. DIV. COR.

Colorado Midland Ry.

As there seems to be no regular correspondent on this division, I am going to volunteer, and send in a write-up. The value of these monthly articles giving the news of the divisions can hardly be estimated, and it is invariably the case that the division regularly appearing with good write-ups in THE TELEGRAPHER are the best organized. Just so long, however, as there is no one regularly appointed to do this work it will be neglected, and we will continue to drift along in the present half-hearted way.

Our chairman should appoint a division correspondent at once, and we should all put forth every effort in our power to bring this division up to the proper standard, and as it is practically impossible for one man to keep in touch with the men on the other tricks, it would no doubt be a good plan to appoint three men on each district (one on each trick) to watch the newcomers and keep them lined up, sending a list each month to the division correspondent. In this way we would all know what was going on and every one would take more interest.

The Midland employs about fifty telegraphers, and I doubt if twenty-five of them belong to this division, and we have some nons with us, also. We cannot afford to allow affairs to remain in such a condition as this indefinitely.

It has been suggested that we take in the Short Line, which I think is a splendid idea if we could arrange it, as the Short Line employs about 25 telegraphers, and, I understand, they have no organized division. We could easily take them in and have a good division.

There are a number of important questions we can discuss later. I have talked to a number of the boys and all are in favor of doing something on the lines suggested above.

Bro. Fipps, agent at Cardiff, is attending the fair at Seattle, being relieved by Bro. Shaffer.

Bro. Delsole resigned third trick at Leadville. Bro. Hock, of Division 79, is relieving him. Bro. Delsole expects to locate in California.

Bro. Evans is working third trick at Arkansas Junction. I understand the Junction is a pretty "hot job" since dispatchers have been put in at Cardiff.

It is to be hoped the boys will now each put forth a personal effort to get things working systematically. CERT. 40.

Texas & Pacific Ry.

Ft. Worth District—

W. G. (Fatty) Leach, old-time third trick man at Eskota, was married to Miss Millician, of that place, on Sunday, September 5th. They are now off spending their honeymoon. The boys all extend congratulations to the happy couple. Mr. Collins, from "SW," and Bro. Paylor, from "RH," went over Sunday to attend the wedding. "Fatty" thinks a second trick is about what the doctor ordered for him now. "Nuff said."

D. C. Hamilton, third trick at Colorado, who recently resigned, was relieved by H. C. Rollins, an old-timer, who was in turn relieved by Bro. T. E. Paylor for a few days.

Bro. Bird, third trick at Midland, is taking 15 days' vacation, relieved by Mr. Johnson, an extra man.

Mr. J. Skipper, first trick at Midland, has returned from a 30 days' vacation, Bro. Florence working first, and Bro. Bird working second during his absence.

Telegrapher Wood, first trick at Colorado, has been off considerable this month, on account of the death of his sister. Extra Telegrapher Rollins relieved him.

Mr. Saunderson, first trick man at Abilene, is off a few days, relieved by Bro. Paylor.

Mr. Griffin, second trick at Roscoe, has resigned to accept a telegraph position with the "Orient."

Mr. Batts, second trick at Toyah, has been transferred to Addis, La. He was relieved by Telegrapher Runyan.

Bro. Smith, regular third trick at Toyah, has been doing extra agents' relief at Westbrook, Odessa, Monahans and Allamore. He is now going to El Paso "FD" to work a while extra.

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Extra Telegrapher Lindsay, at Toyah, was sick for about 30 days. An extra man from Ranger named Nolen relieved him.

Mr. Allen, extra agent, is relieving Bro. Perry at Millsap.

Understand Bro. Laster, at Merkel, will leave for his old home about the 15th, to be off about 45 days.

Mr. J. E. Pitzer, agent at Merkel, was off a few days on account of sickness, and Bro. Allan, the cashier, wore the cap during his absence. The office force at Colorado have been taking their vacations this month. Mr. Frank Harbison, bill clerk, has just returned from Mineral Wells, where he spent most of his time.

First trick dispatcher Sisk is laying off, relieved by Dispatcher Davis. We all are glad to see Mr. Taylor back on this district again, dispatching.

Sweetwater has some new faces around the office now. Mr. Harrison has left the service, also Cashier McNutt and Bill Clerk Smith.

Mr. J. C. Meyers, cashier from Terrell, is relieving Agent Harrison.

Bro. Bird is relieving Bro. Dowdy, agent for a few weeks. CERTS. 273 and 206.

Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

Our regular meetmg was held at Gilman, Ill., September 11th, and a goodly number of the brethren were present. The attendance at these meetings, however, can be greatly improved upon if those brethren who live close to the meetmg place will only come out. Those who live at a distance are, of course, not expected to attend as regularly as those who live nearer.

Bros. Bash, Newman and Searl were present from the south end, also quite a number from the north end and the Gilman line.

We are going to have a hot time at one of these meetings, boys, just as soon as arrangements can be made. There will be something to eat, and maybe something to talk about, so you had better come out to that meeting and enjoy yourselves.

Bro. E. C. Philps secured Savoy on bulletin, Bro. Searl being transferred to Homewood.

Bro. Fitzpatrick, of Manteno, nights, off on 15 days' vacation, visiting friends in Cincinnati, Ohio.

We just learned that Bro. C. T. Happ, of Ashkum, is very sick. How seriously we have not heard. We hope for his speedy recovery.

I wonder what has become of my friends who have been sending in items. I have not received a single item for this month's publication. Brothers, is there anything wrong, or have you become tired or neglectful? Please let me have your news and let's keep up the Chicago Division.

J. F. C.

St. Louis Division—

As Gloomy Gus in his September epistle appeared swathed up in the sea of despondency in regard to the conditions on the Chicago Division, I will try to put before the St. Louis Division a few items of possible interest. As the picture painted by Gloomy Gus is true also of conditions existing on the St. Louis Division, it is time for us to halt, take stock, and consider the forces that made it possible for us to follow, with some degree of pleasure, our chosen occupation, without the constant fear of demanding our rights as wage-earners. We must not lose sight of the importance of this condition, brought about solely through the effort of our organization. Some few of the agents on this division appear to have forgotten what our organization has done for them, and are loath to stand by their "Redeemer."

Among the temporary changes which have occurred as a result of some of the boys taking their vacations (without pay, however), we find Bro. J. Dunn at Villa Ridge being relieved by Bro. J. S. Breeze.

Bro. Winstead, of Wetang, has resigned the position he has held for several years to take up farming in the West.

Bro. Johnson, of Irvington, was off on a "haymg it" vacatjon during September; relieved by Bro. W. H. Nation, a former employe of this division, who until recently was located in Oklahoma in newspaper work. While in that "woolly" country he found an "Indian" (sympathizer) for a helpmeet.

Bro. Jag Green relieved Bro. Van Buskirk at Cobden, while Bro. Van was out confiscating some of life's pleasures, "resting up."

Bro. Avett, third trick at Anna, took advantage of the fair and also assisted in furnishing some excellent music, being relieved by Bro. Hartman, regularly of Cache. "DELICATE JOE."

Mississippi Division—

Hello, boys! here I come again. Was detained at home by business and could not be with you at the last meeting.

Bro. Thos. Cooper keeps right after the nons on the Aberdeen District. Let's all get after them in his energetic fashion, and it won't be long until the "old Mississippi" will be the banner Division.

It is now "Brother" J. G. Passailaque at Aberdeen Junction. We are certainly glad to see all the good ones comming in.

The depot as Sardis is being overhauled, and the hammering bothers "S." every time he comes in on the line.

Bro. M. S. Terry, agent at Batesville, Miss., after returning from Colorado and other Western points of interest from his honeymoon, was taken seriously ill with small-pox and quarantined outside of Batesville for thirty days, but is now improving rapidly.

Bro. J. S. Crow, of West, Miss., is acting agent during Bro. Terry's illness.

Bro. J. E. West, agent at Duck Hill, has just returned from a pleasant westward trip. He was relieved by Bro. J. E. Winborn, first trick at "RH," during his absence.

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Bro. J. M. Bryant being the oldest man asking for second trick at "UC," is now handling the telephones, block and telegraphing at Grenada. Bro. Ross having resigned.

Bro. W. B. Wright bid in the third trick at Winona, J. M. Ezell going to Pickens, and Bro. Calhoun to Aberdeen Junction. Mr. Ezell promises to line up in the near future.

Bro. Thos. Cooper acting agent at Enid, has returned to Ackerman, Bro. Durley again taking charge at Enid.

J. W. Davis, who was on the sick list for several months, is back at Coffeyville. Come in, now, "J. W.," "the water is fine."

Bro. W. Jones, who relieved Mr. Davis, is at home again at Tillatoba, doing the "hello" stunt.

Bro. W. P. Lawton, who was off a few days last month, is now back in the "anxious chair," acting as "hello" girl.

Bro. Geo. Franklin, of Aberdeen, was obliged to double some last month on account of his brother, Ike (the cashier), being ill, but "HN" is back at his post again.

Understand there is now a thick carpet on the dispatchers' floor. Wonder when the telegraph offices will be thus favored?

Bro. A. M. Weir is back at Weir after a 60 days' vacation, which we understand was also a honeymoon, too. Congratulations.

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Y. & M. V. R. R.

Vicksburg Division

We don't see very much about the bonding company in THE TELEGRAPHER recently. Now, I think that stock in such an enterprise would be a very profitable investment, and the Order would be made much stronger by bonding its own members. Besides this, it would give many a good man a show who has heretofore lost his bond on account of some trivial matter.

The depots at Cleveland, Leland, Hollandale, Rolling Fork and Greenville will be in deep mourning for thirty days owing to the death of Mr. E. H. Harriman.

I understand that we are to have several new offices opened up soon for the winter rush.

I don't think we have a single non on this division now. If anybody knows of one, write him up and we will call on the gentleman and see if he won't get right.

The correspondent who has been sending in the news of this division recently has so much to do now that he is unable to make the rounds any more. On that account we have not had a write-up for several months, but if the boys will send me a little "dope" at Leland every month, I will be glad to put it together and send it in. By so doing we will be enabled to keep up with what is going on.

Bros. W. M. McNeily and R. A. Lansdals, first and second trick telegraphers at "CV," have both returned after a month's rest in Kentucky.

Bro. Walt has also returned with his family after a pleasant stay in Kentucky.

Bro. Lloyd has been at Benoit helping Bro. Wollum out on account of Mrs. Wollum's sickness. I am glad to note that Mrs. Wollum is much better.

Bros. Walt, Mitchell, and Burke attended the agent's meeting at Leland, recently. We have not heard of anything important that transpired at the meeting.

Bro. Frier, who has been away for several months, has been checked in as agent at Helm, vice Bro. McKalpin, who resigned.

Miss Mary McCray, "CV," is spending a while in Mexico, this month, relieved by Bro. Edgar Dover.

Bro. Happy Campbell, "AC," second trick man at "NY," has returned after a thirty days' vacation.

Bro. Calloway, agent at Rosedale, is off for a few days, relieved by Bro. Kinard.

Bro. White, former agent at Percy, has accepted the agency at Cary. Bro. Owens has resigned.

We don't hear very much of Bro. J. S. Weeks, agent at Sherard, since his marriage last month.

Bro. B. B. Kinard is the father of another girl baby.

Bro. Thomas, of Boyle, don't seem to be able to get out to meetings, although he is a benedict.

Bro. Childress, at "GR," spent a few days at home this month.

Bro. Gilley, of Boyle, still holds out days there.

Bro. W. B. Burke is working nights at Shaw now.

I hope to be able to give a good write-up next month, and will appreciate any news you can send me.

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Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division

We have just learned of the death of one of our good and faithful brothers, W. C. Smith, of Division 96, former agent at Coates on the Northwest Division, and a former assistant local chairman, death taking place at Santa Ana, Calif., where he went to regain health. It has been only a few months since we received the sad news that this brother had been afflicted with total blindness. We were hopeful of his recovery and to have him with us again. Through his demise this division has lost one of its most faithful and earnest workers, one who was a great help in keeping up our membership and in securing new members. His untimely death calls forth our sympathy, and leaves a feeling of regret with each one of us. His memory will remain with us always.

C. E. N.

The boys that attended the September meeting, at Byron, enjoyed a good time. We had an enthusiastic meeting, and will have another one at the same place this month. All that can should try and be there.

We only have a few nons left on this division. Let's get after them, boys, and line them up.

The members of Division No. 96 wish to express their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. W. F.

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Caustin, and relatives, for the loss of his dear mother.

Bro. C. E. Kyle, of Bolton, is away on a vacation, taking in the sights around Portland and San Francisco; relieved by Bro. J. A. Phipps.

Bro. T. F. Buckley, of Kent, enjoyed his vacation in the Sunny South; was relieved by Bro. Norris.

Ingalton—Bro. Halsted away on ten days' vacation; second trick telegrapher relieving. Telegrapher Marshall, second trick, has left the service, for parts unknown.

St. Charles—Bro. "SI" away on ten days' vacation; Bro. "C." relieving. Bro. Hanna now working second trick. Telegrapher Chinn from west end to third trick.

Sycamore—Telegrapher Howe, non, has returned to work on second trick, and Bro. Mason has gone back to third trick, Telegrapher Donnelly going to De Kalb.

De Kalb—Bro. Willard is away on an extended trip through the East, Bro. Love relieving; and Telegrapher Donnelly relieving Bro. Love.

Clare—Second trick at Clare was opened August 8th. Telegrapher Harvey was the lucky applicant. Bro. Cosgrove now says the nine-hour law is O. K.

Esmond—New man on third trick, unable to learn his name.

Stillman Valley—Now a two-man station; Bro. Scott being the night owl.

Byron—Bro. Tillison has returned from a vacation spent at his home in Michigan.

German Valley—Bro. Chevalier is enjoying his annual vacation.

South Freeport—Telegrapher Ladd is away on an extended vacation; Bros. Sheckler and Myers relieving.

Winston—Bro. Sherrard was the successful applicant for the agency at Aurora, and Telegrapher Fitzgerald for Winston agency.

Rice—Bro. Markham bid in second trick at "RH," and Telegrapher Larkin is the new agent at Rice.

Farley—Agent Kretz lands the third trick at Dubuque. Farley agency is now open for bids.

Aurora—Agent Hacheak has left the service, to take a position on the M. & St. L.; Bro. Sherrard relieving.

DIV. COR.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

All Members of Division No 97—

Your general committee met in Savannah and secured a contract with the Southern Express Company, effective July 1st, 1909, a copy of which has been mailed to each member and to the nons as well. To the nons because we wish to show the good work accomplished and what it means to them, hoping they would see that it was not to their interest to stand on the wrong side any longer and would get into the band wagon, while it was passing.

One non who could not stand it any longer sent for a set of blanks, and said, "I hope you boys will have me." This brother is now making us a good worker. There are other nons who should do likewise at once. We need you and you need us.

The contract is a very good one, and many congratulations have already been received. There's the two minimums (something not heard of before) handling of unjust claims (this means when you think you are unjustly asked to pay such), and the duplicate vouchers, when the messenger hands you your commission.

If there is anything you wish to know, write your local chairman. He will be ready and glad to enlighten you. Don't be a croaker, but become a personal hustler.

At the meeting in Savannah it was decided to select some one to go over the system for the "Good of the Order." This fell to my lot, and I started out during July and returned in September. Much good was accomplished, lining up a large number of nons, and getting up the few delinquent members, and now we are in good shape, with large percentage. The newcomers I came across were put up to the good, and they have gotten down to hard work.

I will ask that each of you keep after the few nons left, and it will be only a question of a short time before you will safely land them. If you wish to know who they are, write me.

During my trip, numbers of the brethren were very kind to me, and I wish to take this open method of thanking each one of them.

A few who promised to line up this payday, I am glad to report, are making their word good.

To the few nons who are looking at a certain chair supposed to be vacant for them, I again ask to do the right thing and share with the Order some of the good things it is getting for you. Do you think it is right to take the increase in your monthly pay checks we have paid out our hard-earned money to gain and then remain unwilling to share your success and advantages with the Order? Be reasonable, won't you?

What does the good book say about giving? All of us are making sacrifices in your behalf. Will you forever be a taker only? By the time this is in print the good work of the committee will have been completed, which will again mean more for you.

There are about 133 railroads in an organization that compels them to install the ghost system to a certain extent, and on the roads where they are installed, trains are being continually delayed, because business cannot be handled as quickly by that system as it can be by telegraph. Railroads that are not in the organization will have nothing to do with the ghost system.

Now is the time for all to give us good words of cheer and encouragement. Speak to the very few nons and show them the right pathway in order that they may repent of being on the outside, and come over the wall. Show them that they are on the wrong side.

Let me remind each of you that it is your duty to render to your employers the best of service, allowing no room for complaint and show them our appreciation.

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I can assure you, without mentioning names, that the committee joins me in thanking you all for your kindness. We have some good friends, and it is up to us to make good.

Don't be a knocker. Hide your little hammer, try to speak well of the Order. When a worker drops in, jolly him. Tell him we have the best Order on earth—and it is. Don't dis ourage him by speaking ill of it, for that won't mean success. Let him try to show you your errors. Nobody gets stuck on a knocker, and you gain nothing by being one. Remember, the percentage. There is still a little work to be done, so boys, get to work and line up the few yet out.

We extend to our loyal general chairman, Bro. May, and wife, our congratulations. May the little lady live to be a great blessing and comfort in their old days.

F. O. CUMMING,
G. S. & T.

First Division—

All members are requested to read under the Norfolk & Western items, an account of the joint meeting held in Petersburg on the 18th of September. Note the change of meetings from the third to the fourth Saturday night.

Special talks will be made at each meeting and refreshments served. We would like to see a good crowd out from the S. A. L., at future meetings.

SEC'Y.

Second Division—

Dan Hamilton has been relieved as agent at Apex by J. R. Norris. This shows how much a corporation cares for the scabs—men without principle—who turn traitors to their own cause. Hamilton's career as professor (?) of the Cheraw telegraph school will be remembered; how it failed, and the way he rooted a good man, Mr. Birmingham, out of the agency at Lumberton; also about the scrape he got into there and had to leave; how he kept up his dirty work after he came to Apex; the trouble he gave the traffic department, etc., soliciting orders for a Richmond whisky house, which also got him into trouble with business men in Apex.

After the Seaboard relieved him he hung around until his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith, at Pinners Point, gave him a clerical job of some kind at that place.

Hamilton, it will be remembered, charged a negro barber with selling whisky, and when the negro was on trial before United States Commissioner Nichols, at Raleigh, Dan was a witness against him. We have not forgotten "the grilling" he got then, during his testimony. He was asked by Attorney Sims if he had not been expelled from the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for conduct unbecoming a member. He replied that he had not; that he had never belonged to the Order; that he had made application for membership at one time, but was turned down on account of the insurance.

The members in the South will remember how this man scabbed; that he was offered a trial, and the reply he made to the committee. They will also remember the notice in THE TELEGRAPHER of his expulsion for conduct unbecoming a member. A man who will turn traitor, however, and violate his obligation, is always ashamed of the truth.

Now that this scab has gotten his just deserts, our members are glad; the conductors are proud; the citizens of Apex rejoice that they are rid of a pest, and the Seaboard will undoubtedly get its share of the business from that place. Some of the members on the north end of the R. & A. should now get after Cunningham and Renfrow. Hamilton cannot "exert any further influence over them, and the disgraceful finale of his career will be a lesson that no "cold-footed" member can ever forget.

The R. & A. is all right now, with the exception of a few old miserly individuals, who always put up some kind of an excuse when asked to join, but we have them spotted. Some of them raise tobacco, and work in other lines of business during the eight-hour rest. They wear the best clothes, dress their wives like millionaires, and enjoy the raise and short hours secured for them by the committee; but they never have enough money to join the Order.

Brother Cumming has been on the C. & K. and organized that end thoroughly. Hurrah for Bro. Cumming. He has done some wonderful work and I for one am in favor of keeping him on the line all the time. He is a good worker, a deep thinker, and a broad-minded man.

Mr. Smith, agent at Cheraw, is now a member.

At Hamlet conditions are about the same, except one or two new members. The boys should not forget the regular meeting night there and all that can possibly get off should attend each one of them. They are very enjoyable, socially and beneficial financially. Little Messenger Page is doing a great deal of telegraphing and at the same time depriving himself of a much-needed education.

Bro. Hines, our correspondent at Cary, has left the service, to accept a position with the Bank of Cary, as cashier; relieved by J. E. Foster.

The second division being the most important of the Seaboard, there ought to be plenty of news available, for the journal, yet we see nothing but a short article about every three months. Unless the members take enough interest in this department to furnish the news the correspondent certainly cannot be expected to send in a newsy report each month. He, like the rest of us, is tied up to his job, unable to get changes much further than three stations on each side of him. Realizing the importance, therefore, of a report from this division, I have gathered up and am sending what news I could for this issue.

HAMLET.

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Ulster & Delaware Ry.

The meeting at Oneonta on September 14th was well attended and very enthusiastic. The one previously held at Arkville, was also a good meeting.

A number of changes on the road are expected shortly, on account of the change in the time table, which took place September 21.

We "main liners" would like to hear from Stony Clove. Brothers, please drop me a line.

"The Stork" visited Bro. Kelly's home at Roxbury recently and presented him with a son. We all desire to congratulate him and his good wife and hope that John will tell the boy all about the O. R. T. as soon as possible.

Bro. John Garret, third trick man at the Grand Hotel station, is thinking of going South, for the winter.

Bro. Peter D. Leming went back to the first trick at Oneonta September 21st. That leaves Bro. Morgan alone with his favorite dog, "Bill."

Bro. Potter is now working second trick at Big Indian; he formerly worked second trick at Haines Falls. Bro. Thomas working first.

DIV. COR.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

Bulletins are out, covering positions as agent at Moran, Wellsburg, Au Train and Lake Nebagamon; also positions as operator at St. Ignace and Calumet yards.

Mr. D. Herbert, agent at Humboldt, has resumed work after a three weeks' vacation, being first relieved by Relief Agent Dygert and later by H. McMaster.

G. L. Maker, agent at Michigamme, on vacation, relieved by Bro. J. H. McLean for about ten days, pending the arrival of regular Relief Agent Schulze. Understand the boys at "MY" are looking for the smokes when "M" returns.

Second trick, at Humboldt, has been opened, commencing 1:30 a. m., and closing at 10:30 a. m. This will be a decided lift to Agent Herbert, as he has had his hands full taking care of the ore trains in addition to his regular station work.

Regret that I am unable to get out a better write-up this month, but it is simply impossible to keep in touch with all that is going on.

We wish the brothers would take more interest in these write-ups and send in all the items of interest to be obtained. You may be assured that it will be appreciated by the brothers and myself, as we are all glad to know what is going on around us. Did you get after that non yet? We need him.

DIV. COR.

Hocking Valley Ry.

Hocking Division—

The block signal system is again in our midst and although we are not inclined to knock, we are constrained to state that a better bunch of "hams" were never before authorized to delay trains than were installed at some of the blocks reopened, and we are inclined to doubt that "Uncle Sammy's" inspectors were on the job when this particular consignment was billed. We do not mean all block men, but what we do mean is that it was downright cruelty to remove some of these "kids" from under the sheltering parental roof and from that immensely successful educational institution, known as the "ham college."

What a vast difference between what the beloved professor told them and the actual realities of the craft, can be left to the imagination of the old heads, who were once mulcted as these "tender lambs" are now being stung. Seriously, it begins to appear as though the employment of such material was intended to discredit the Order. If so, the damage done to rolling stock and further articles of equipment, which must eventually be destroyed through the efforts of these alleged telegraphers, not to speak of the possible loss of life or limbs, will not be borne by the O. R. T., but must figure on the loss side of the company ledger.

Unless the members on this pike get busy, we will soon have a non list as large as the membership, a good thing for a division seeking to commit suicide, which I don't think we feel inclined to do. Time was when operators on the H. V. were discharged from the service for holding membership in the O. R. T., and when at last we did organize, there was no one discharged and the officials have shown every indication of being favorable to the organization. Still there are a few timid souls, dead beats and would-be scabs, if the test came, who handicap their more manly brothers. These kind of men are more contemptible than a mangy cur roaming the streets and alleys, seeking what they can devour from the hard-earned pittance of their fellow-craftsmen.

We have been called some pretty hard names at divers times, but do not know of any we would not prefer to that of "non," because we believe it belongs in the same class with thief, liar, blackguard and moral pervert, and indicates a state of utter depravity seldom witnessed in the modern commercial life, where organization is ram pant among the mighty as well as the weak.

"Postie" has had another brain storm, which he publishes in a number of newspapers in the shape of a four-column advertisement. We quote from it in the Columbus (O.) *Dispatch*, which is also "scabby," as follows: "You've often been importuned and many have been commanded by various means to refuse to buy anything unless it bears the union label. Looks harmless on the face of it, doesn't it? It is really a demand that you boycott the products made by over 80 per cent of our American workingmen and women, who decline to pay fees to and obey the dictates of union leaders. It demands that you take away the living of this 80 per cent."

We have often wondered if this man Post enjoyed good health, or was in his right mind. Such utterances are an insult to the intelligence of the ordinary citizen and are intended to delude a class of people who are not in a position to judge the merits of labor unionism except from newspapers, which content themselves with sensational reports

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of strikes and alleged violence whether true or otherwise, and do not publish the acts of kindness done by labor unions amongst the poor, needy, jobless and hopeless individuals, thrust from their positions because of their sympathy for unionism. "Postie" is "sore" because labor unionism guarantees a full dinner pail, by the help of the union label, filled with palatable food instead of the "scab" substitutes made in "Postie's" scab establishment. His hypocritical anxiety for the maimed and bleeding "scabs" is very touching, and entirely in keeping with his calling to Almighty God to know when it is going to cease. It will all cease when men of "Postie" ilk discontinue their efforts to keep free men in slavery and stop taking from them 99 cents out of every hundred they earn, and not till then. It will never cease as long as men like him continue using all the means at their command to have us labor long and unceasingly for a mere pittance, as the only reward for our toil.

J. F. S., CERT. 251, DIV. COR.

St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

W. & P. Division—

We are in pretty good shape on this division, but there are still a few of the brothers who have not paid up their dues and of course do not yet enjoy the pleasing sensation that the possession of an up-to-date card always gives. Hurry up, boys, and get in line.

Conductor D. Kelly, of Minneapolis, who was operated on for cancer of the stomach, died from the effects of the operation, on August 29th. His wife, one daughter and two sons survive him. He has been in the service of the "Soo" for 16 years, the last five or six as a passenger conductor. He was a brother of Bro. "Jake" Kelly, second trick telegrapher at Weyerhawn. The bereaved family have our heartfelt sympathy.

The wife of our genial traveling freight agent, Bro. A. G. Belanger, is convalescing, after having undergone a severe operation at St. Paul.

Business on the east side is beginning to pick up again and we should all do our best to give our officials "the best of service."

The brothers who have been sending us in some items recently have our sincere thanks, and we only hope that more will follow their good example, so that we may have a nice write-up each month.

Bro. Smith, of Pennington, has resigned, and gone West, where he drew a homestead, being relieved by Bro. Shigly, from Prentin.

Bro. Griffith has been relieved at Bruce by Bro. McCorker, formerly on nights at Goodeman.

Bro. G. K. Farr, of Rapid River, has resigned and gone West; relieved by J. C. Nelson, relief agent, until a regular man is assigned.

Understand the D. S. S. & A., are pretty "hard up" for telegraphers. The third trick men at St. Mary's are said to be only beginners.

Agent Engadim was in town last Sunday, seeing the "Bloomer Girls" from the city play fast ball.

Bro. Starime, formerly of "AN" office, Harvey, N. D., is on a vacation at "The Soo," but seems to be spending most of his time on the Canadian side.

Bro. L. R. Wallan, from Trout Lake, spent Sunday in town seeing "the game." He reports Trout Lake as a "solid O. R. T. station," with O. E. Strand on second trick and A. Pollard on third.

A little girl arrived at Bro. T. E. Slater's home a few days ago.

Bro. Hogan has been transferred from Hermansville to Amory; Bro. Guslin from North Escanaba to Hermansville; Bro. Brown from North Crandon to North Escanaba, and Bro. Louk from Arm strong Creek to North Crandon.

We understand Bro. Tillman, formerly telegrapher at Ladysmith, is at present working the side wire in the dispatcher's office at Brooten and will take a trick there soon.

Bro. Betts, at Faithorn Junction, is back from his vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Carlson from Hermansville, who we understand is on the sick list at present.

A. V. S., COR.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry.

Bro. Foster took a flying trip to Roanoke and says that the N. & W. boys evidently know a good thing when they see it, for they are nearly all in line, and the non has a very hard road to travel on that pike. We certainly ought to follow suit and improve on it some by having no nons at all. Boys, we will need all our strength before many years, and then the truth of the old saying, "In union there is strength" and "United we stand, divided we fall." Let's prove this by standing undivided, getting into line and staying there. And above all, get that non and send in his application. Don't let him say, "I will next 11th, but make him do it now." The more men we have in line the more respect we will command when we go up for a schedule. Remember, an army is not powerful owing to the number of brass buttons on the uniforms, but because, like a machine, it moves as one man, and obeys orders. So get in line with an up-to-date, if you haven't one already, and then keep up-to-date. Then we will be able to prove that we are standing together. Come to the next meeting, and bring the applicant's name to the following one.

As the "Pennsy" has declined to come across with its share of the expense of the train known as "The Annex," between Washington and Alexandria, that train was discontinued October 1st. This puts nearly every man who works at Potomac yard to the inconvenience of having to use the electric line from Mt. Vernon to Washington, and these cars are not to be depended upon during the winter months. Many who live in Washington will often have to walk out. Not a very pleasant prospect, to say the least.

"DK" block office, Potomac yard, was closed from 12:01 a. m., to 8:00 a. m., on the night of the 27th, on account of Bro. Merchant being sick, and no one available to take his place. Was it Mr. R. F. Flowers, of Philadelphia, who said the new Barclay automatic system would soon displace the present corps of operators?

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We understand the grading has commenced for a new freight station at Fredericksburg. This will doubtless be a cnange for the better, when it is completed.

Bro. Moss, of Quantice, was married in July to Miss Mary Edna Fink, of Rockville, Md. Our genial chairman did not know of it until too late to get it in last month's TELEGRAPHER. We now offer congratulations.

Bro. Eubanks, of Guinea, has our sympathy; his little child has been very sick, but we hope the little one will be O. K. by the time this is in print.

Bro. Swift, of "K," Richmond, is doing the third trick, the regular dispatcher being off on his vacation. Bro. Binford is working in Bro. Swift's place. Bro. Binford was relieved a while by Bro. Riney, of Clopton, and later by Bro. Herndon, of "JR," Richmond, Bro. Ryketts doing the blocking at "JR" in Bro. Herndon's place.

Bro. A. S. Pennypacker, first trick at "YD," Potomac yard, spent several days at Colonial Beach, last month, and reports a swell time.

Bro. T. P. Bray paid a short visit to his old home at Winnsboro, S. C., recently.

Bro. McInteer, first trick, at Quantico, did the "RJ" stunt at "PY," Potomac yard, in Bro. Graham's place for a few days, Bro. Graham doing a little housework.

Agent at "F" has been on a short vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Dent. Was unable to connect the name of Mr. Agent, so will have to leave it out.

Bro. Abele is doing a little relief work at "X" block office, on second trick.

I was asked by Bro. Graham to try and get in a little write-up this month. If this gets past Bro. Quick's waste basket block, with a white board, may try it again next month. Will all the brothers on the line kindly send us any and all things of note. A. L. PIXLEY.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Missouri Division, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts—

We are gratified to find that our new local chairman, Mr. C. A. Jackson, is taking so much interest. He seems to be the man we have so long needed, and no doubt with the proper assistance from the brothers he will do us good work We want to see that he gets all the help possible from every one of us in Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts. It is for our own welfare to do so. Now let us all get busy and show him what good support we can give him. It will only take a few spare moments each month to make these districts what they should be. Speak an encouraging word to every non you meet and see if you cannot bring him in. This will help the Order. Make a showing for 126 and show our local chairman that we are doing what we can to make our division look like it should.

We have only a few nons left on our division. and if every one keeps working as he should, it will not be long until things will be solid from Davenport to St. Joe.

The O. R. T. meetings were held at Col's Junction, Seymour, Altamont and St. Joseph this year. Local Chairman Jackson was present at all the meetings, making the boys nice and appreciated talks. The only regret was that all the boys could not be present. We should have better attendance in the future.

At Seymour, Wednesday night, September 15th, there were present Local Chairman C. A. Jackson, G E. Hughes, H. O. Sawyers, S. E. Miller, H. Briggs, A. L. Haines, C. C. Wallingsford, C. F. Cochern and Mr. Hoover, and Bros. Cochern and Hoover, from the C., M. & St. P. The Commercial Club of Seymour arranged its hall for the occasion and we certainly appreciated this kindness and thank the members very much therefor.

Bro. Ivan. Newlin has left Princeton and accepted a position in the dispatcher's office as one of the relay telegraphers. Ivan was wire chief and first trick man at Princeton for about three years. We are glad to see him doing good work at "RN."

We have not learned yet whether the lady working at Paris is a member or not, but understand she is from the C., M. & St. P., where they believe the same as the "Rockey," in solid "O. R. T.-ism.

Sister Madison has been off for three weeks sight-seeing in Denver and Colorado Springs. She reports having had a nice time, and we are glad to see her back at "Q" again doing good work, as usual.

Sister Lottie Fox and her sister, Maud, have also been taking in the sights of Colorado, Miss Lottie being relieved by Telegrapher Ferrell.

Bro. Rouch has left Altamont and accepted the agency at Unionville.

Bro. Nash Logue, first trick telegrapher at Eldon, Iowa, who has been laid up several weeks on account of a severe fall, is now able to be out, but not able for duty yet. John Hawn, regular second trick telegrapher at Centerville, is holding down the trick until Bro. Logue fully recovers.

E. E. Sperry fell and hurt his ankle, just after being operated on for appendicitis, but is back at work again.

Bro. A. B. Waits, agent for County Line, has returned from Denison and desires to thank the brothers there for the sympathy shown him in his hour of trouble.

Bro. Roll Carter, agent at Libertyville, spent a very pleasant evening with Bro. Waits recently at County Line.

O. C. Ferrill, who relieved Bro. Waits, was recently married to a young lady at Clio. The boys join in congratulations, as we are all expecting to soon call him brother.

Bro. G. C. Wallingsford took a flying trip to "PR" recently, having just returned from his vacation a week or so ago down in Missouri, visiting home folks.

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Bro. H. O. Sawyers made a flying trip to Unionville recently on account of his mother being ill.

The manual block system has now been dispensed with from Elden to Davenport, superseded by the automatic block. It will no doubt be an improvement as soon as we get onto the ropes.

We understand Bro. John Allen, of Cameron Junction, has resigned. We hate very much to see Bro. Allen leave us.

Bro. Cox, of Rushville, goes to Eldon as second trick man, regular. We all wish him good luck.

Bro. Igoe, regular second trick man at Centerville, has resigned and accepted a good position with the Swift Packing Company, at St. Joseph. We wish him success in his new work.

Bro. G. C. Wallingford bids in the job at Seymour, leaving the extra work at Eldon.

Cameron Junction, Columbus Junction and second trick at Fairchild, have been bulletined. There still seems to be a chance for all.

Bro. Hughes left his regular job and did the extra stunt at Eldon for five or six days on account of Bro. Sperry taking suddenly ill.

McCartney and Bruce are doing the extra work at Centerville, until filled by bulletin. We must find out whether these boys are in line, for we want to call them all brothers.

Bro. Caswell bid in the job at Princeton, third trick, from the west end. We hear he is a good worker.

Bro. Fox, from the "Q," is doing the extra work at Princeton on second trick, until it can be filled by a regular man.

Bro. Miller, from Col's Junction, had a nice visit with the Seymour people Wednesday between trains Nos 1 and 2.

Bro. Abernathey, from Clarksdale, bid in second trick at Cameron Junction.

Charles Robinson bid in Stillings Junction. We hope to soon address him as brother.

Business is good on this end. It seems to me that it would be the proper thing for the brothers to give our dispatchers the accurate figures on all trains doing work at their stations. I am quite sure the dispatchers would appreciate this, and it is as much to their interest to get trains over the road as it is for the dispatchers.

Some of the boys on nine-hour jobs should certainly know that it would be better to consider their calls a little more promptly. Dispatchers, trainmasters and superintendents would not doubt appreciate this, as showing more interest in trying to improve the service.

Bro. D. M. Boose, agent, and Telegrapher McCullum, are working second trick at Kenmoor.

Mr. Moss, at Stillings Junction, is on the sick list.

Bro. L. L. Stuart was relieved at Donovan by C. H. Turner for a few days on account of sickness.

Mr. Pilcher, of Winthrop, has gone to Gallatin, nights; relieved by G. E. Wells.

Understand C. H. Turner has bid in Rushville, second trick.

We are all wondering why Whalen, at Winthrop, and Stiff, at De Kalb, do not come through with the proper papers.

Be careful and avoid second copying of train orders. One of the boys left the service recently on the "dark line" on account of lapping an order on a second copy.

W. B. Stone has relieved Mr. Gillis, at Gay. The latter is not in the service any longer. Mr. Hawkins also resigned at Gay after working a short time.

The following have been taking a vacation: Agent Parker, Plattsburg; Bro. Plum, Edgerton Junction; Bro. Oliver, Dearborn; Bro. Harrah, Kenmoor, and Bro. Harrah, who went West for a few weeks.

Bro. W. Freeman has resigned at Rushville to go to the R. I. in Oklahoma.

Bro. D. M. Boose, E. C. Tays, W. H. Stone and F. Mauley, who did relief work at Rushville the past two weeks, claim there is too much work there for the money.

Bro. Cook is back at "DG," St. Joseph office, after a month's vacation. Mr. Stannon worked the second trick during Bro. Cook's absence.

We would like to see the boys on Sub. Divisions 8-A and 8-D help out in yard office at St. Joseph as much as possible. Keeping the train sheets and other work going is a stiff proposition and they deserve all the favors that can be extended them. G. E. Wells promises to do the right thing payday.

Missouri Division—

Business still increases as the months roll by.

Some of the agents and operators were very slow in getting their information blanks filled out and returned to the local chairman this month. This is a very important matter and should always be attended to immediately. Never neglect an information blank or a time roll.

W. H. Plum has just returned to Edgerton Junction after enjoying a month with his wife and family on his annual hunting and fishing trip in the mountains of Colorado. He was relieved by Bro. R. A. Dean while away.

Bro. Roy E. Freeman, of Rushville, assistant local chairman, has been showing the boys that he means business. "Every bit helps a little."

Telegrapher F. O. Gold is working the third trick at Cameron Junction while that position is on bulletin. We would like to see some good member draw it and bring Cameron Junction from darkness to light.

Bro. I. L. Newlin, formerly of Princeton, is working in the dispatcher's office at Trenton.

T. N. O'Neil, of Gallatin, while attending a funeral at Lineville some time ago, visited friends and relatives at Seymour before returning.

Bro. Arthur Ham, of Platte City; Bro. L. M. Girdner, of Camden Point, and Bro. J. T. Hanley and wife of Edgerton, attended the Plattsburg Chautauqua on Sunday.

There remains a few nons along the line. Like candidates, they are friendly fellows, sometimes.

Telegrapher V. A. Hank, of Leavenworth, promises to get in line soon.

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Altamont & St. Joe Line—

Mr. Wertenberger, third trick, Clarksdale, who spent his vacation in Oklahoma and Kansas, was relieved by Bro. McCullum, of Division 96, who says he is going to get a transfer to 126 at once. Mr. Carrier, who is working second trick, has been out of the business for a couple of years, but promises to send in that remittance on pay day. We have been unable so far to get either Mr. Strong, the agent, or Mr. Wertenberger to fill out those blanks. We understand Mr. Wertenberger has bid in the second, and Mr. Carrier the third trick.

Bros. Orcutt, at Amity, and Johnson are at Maysville.

Bro. Wagoner, at Watherby, will no doubt remit soon.

Bro. Lowe, third trick, Altamont, on his vacation during August, missing the hot weather, was relieved by Mr. Fulmer, who after a few days at "SY," went to Plattsburg as agent.

Bro. Gregg, agent and first trick at Altamont, is off on a trip to his old home in Ohio.

Mr. Edwards, from the M. K. & T., went to Hickory Creek, nights, but not understanding the block system, was sent to Altamont to be educated, but he only stayed a couple days.

I wish the boys would send their items promptly to the local chairman or Division correspondent. Let one of us know what is going on. We want to make a good showing in the future, and can do this if every one will lend a helping hand.

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Arkansas Division, West End—

Our local chairman is working hard now to get a solid line-up and all the members should lend a helping hand. Whenever he hears of a non on the division he goes after him with a letter and a set of application blanks, so boys you should keep him thoroughly posted as to the new men that come on your district.

These efforts on the part of our local chairman should bring some good results as his assistants are all in positions where they can reach most of the employes in a short time and can nail the nons as soon as they light.

Bro. R. R. Wright, our old reliable, covers the west end, Boonville to Little Rock, and is making it warm for the nons, although he has some old sumers on his district, who are hard to handle.

Bro. T. N. Kimmel has bid in Brinkley, first trick, and is assisting the local chairman on the White and Black River line and also on the main line. Bro. S. S. Scudder has bid in second trick at Forrest City, and is assistant local chairman, Memphis to Forrest City. Bro. J. E. Jones, DeValls Bluffs, is assistant local chairman and handles the Searcy & Des Arc line, as well as the main line, Argenta to Brinkley. These men all have heavy tricks to work, but give their time when off duty, helping keep a line up on the division, something which all the members should do.

Telegrapher A. C. Myers, relieved Operator Elston at Butterfield, both promise to get up to date soon. Telegrapher McCreanor, is in the hospital at Little Rock. Bro. W. H. Scott is working third trick at Haskell now.

Bro. W. S. Mauney has returned to work after an extended vacation, Bro. R. R. Maloan, relieved Bro. Mauney as agent at Blue Mountain.

Bro. W. H. Scott has returned to work at Hasawell, after a trip to Colorado, for his health. We are glad to have Bro. Scott back with us.

Germania has been made a continuous office. Bro. H. Ethridge, from the Cotton Belt, is working third trick.

L. A. Yearger is serving as agent at Griffithville, now, Bro. Baxter has resigned to enter more remunerative employment.

Bro. C. A. Rosenbaum has been sick for a few days, we are glad to note he is able to work his trick and fight mosquitoes at Argenta again.

Bro. E. Kisner relieved Bro. Rosenbaum on second trick at Argenta, during the illness of Bro. Rosenbaum.

Bro. E. R. Weiss got Carlisle on bid, he is at home now and has a day job.

Several other changes have been made, that I am unable to get the particulars of.

There have been two men put on at Benton, Bro. S. S. Mitchell, from the I. C., is working second trick and Bro. Speers, delinquent, working second trick.

Telegrapher McBride is relieving Agent T. C. Jameson at Ola, Bro. F. W. Mitchell, is holding Palestine down.

Telegrapher J. I. Eliston relieved Bro. F. W. Mitchell, at Butterfield.

DIV. COR.

Arkansas Division, East End—

We are glad to see Bro. J. W. Allen back at Des Arc, after a few days' absence on account of the illness and death of his baby. He and Mrs. Allen have our deepest sympathy in this their great bereavement. Bro. Allen of Des Arc was relieved by a Mr. Meek, who promises to get the necessary in the near future. He is to go to Heth on the return of Bro. Allen.

Bro. L. R. Cotney, formerly days at DeValls Bluff, is now holding down the agency at Hazen, during the absence of Bro. Johnson, who is spending his summer vacation in the north and northwest.

Mr. J. M. Holmes, formerly night man, at DeValls Bluff, is now working days at Hopefield. He was relieved by J. M. Ashley, a new man, who promises to "make good" soon.

Bro. J. F. Gillespie, agent at Carlisle, is on his summer vacation, being relieved by his Bro. M. J. Gillespie, formerly employed on this division.

Bro. T. N. Kimmel, formerly agent at Edmondson, is now holding down first trick, at Brinkley.

Mr. W. P. Powell, now has the necessary blanks, in his possession, and will probably be up to date before this goes to press.

Louisiana Division—

We had our General Chairman, Bro. Brown, with us a few days. He reports business rapidly improving, as well as better conditions all along the line.

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The way our new local chairman, Bro. Hugg, has taken hold, looks like there could be something doing all the time.

The better conditions and increased salaries so long needed and waited for, on this division, can only be secured by sending our representative in fully prepared.

Bro. J. G. Wyatt, our former local chairman, is now doing the stunt in "CD" office, and Helper, Utah, has gone to the D. & P. G. His name is no indication that he believes in Mormonism.

We regret very much to learn of the death of our good Bro. W. L. Clark, agent at Dodson, who died of Bright's disease after a short illness, leaving a wife and two small children, to mourn his loss. We all tender our sympathy to Mrs. Clark and her two fatherless children, and also to Bro. N. C. Cagle our energetic agent at Crossett on the death of his estimable wife. May the Lord help and comfort these afflicted ones in these dark hours of grief.

Agent Wainwright, at Fenter, has just resumed work after a prolonged spell of chills and fever.

Bro. D. W. McQuiddy has just returned from a 30-day vacation.

Bro. Lim Perrine, who has just returned from a 60-day fishing and hunting trip was relieved at the yards by Bro. McQuiddy.

Bro. Joe Atker, Alexandria freight house, has also returned from his vacation.

Bro. Shelton, of Mamen, resigned and relieved by Bro. W. H. Simpson, whom we are glad to welcome in our midst.

Bro. Eleman, of the Missouri Pacific, is doing the shift at Harrell.

Bro. Barnard is fighting chills and mosquitoes and calling "LR" on the banks of Oachita "way down South, in Arkansas," at Calion.

The bunch at "DO" should get together and make it unanimous before the pay car comes again.

Bro. R. E. Stratford, from Mo. P., is at Randolph.

Bro. L. J. Jones, at Lillie, was relieved for sixty days by W. H. Crackett, who has the papers started.

Bro. M. L. Ganes, of Wyatt, is off on a sixty-day vacation.

Bro. McKnight is at Quitman, and Bro. F. V. Campfield, from the I. C., is at Dodson.

Bro. C. W. Bridges, Cornfield yard, is off for 30 days, on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. H. Woffered.

Bro. N. C. Cagle, C. E. H., is at Crossett, and Bro. W. L. McCormick, is at Banks.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Being, in His infinite wisdom, to call to the great beyond Mrs. N. C. Cagle, wife of our esteemed Bro. N. C. Cagle; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 126, Louisiana Division of the C. R. I. & P. Ry., that we extend our sincere sympathy to husband and relatives in their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Cagle, a copy spread on the minutes of this division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. E. HENRY,
J. E. MORRISSEY,
WM. A. HUGG.
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. W. L. Clark, who was agent at Dodson, La.

Resolved, By the members of No. 126, that we extend to the wife and family our heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy be sent to the wife and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. E. HENRY,
J. E. MORRISSEY,
WM. A. HUGG.
Committee.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Toledo Division

The "ham factory" at Oberlin, Ohio, has "busted," and the students are suing for their money because the professor (?) did not secure them the positions promised. The manager has gone to Detroit, Mich., where he is doing a wireless stunt.

A new office has been opened days at Olmsted Falls, while they are putting the four track through. They have the arch over Rocky River nearly finished.

Bro. Longee got the job.

It will only be a short time until the L. S. & M. S. Ry. will have a four-track road.

Business is fine here and we expect to see a few more new offices opened this winter.

The students are getting scarce. They seem to have become discouraged lately.

Those who have not got an up-to-date card should get it as soon after pay day as possible. Talk to the men on the other tricks, and let us see if we cannot have a good per cent of O. R. T. men on this division.

Bro. Wells got Gypsum, days, during peach season. Too much work for Bro. Si Gerlan to do alone.

Bro. Sleckner has resigned and "13"; he is on B. & O. at Hammond, Ind.

Bro. Geo. Goschke is doing third trick at Sandusky.

Bro. Bears is still at "FT" days during the rush at Camp Perry.

Bro. Jump subbed a few nights at Wakeman recently.

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Eastern Division—

Hurrah! hurrah! The "nons" must fight for existence,
And fight with a royal vim;
For Kipp, with the "Order's" assistance,
Is out to have them in.

Two more applications in thirty days. Now, if you three or four delinquents will brace up and slip over those dues, we'll be able to show a strong front when the committee get together.

We are not able to announce definitely what arrangements are contemplated at present, but Chairman Kipp expects to announce a general committee's meeting shortly.

It was very encouraging, indeed, to note the increased attendance at the meeting held at Erie on September 16th. The Order members must certainly be congratulated upon the visible showing made. Bros. Diffenbach and Barrett were conspicuous in bringing up interesting questions.

Bro. Geo. Clavin, now postmaster at North East, attended the meeting and reported big business in the postal department at that town.

The boys will be glad to know of the success of Jim Sennett, formerly agent at State Line, N. Y. He is now chief clerk for Trainmaster E. V. Brogan at Erie, Pa.

Bro. Hank Nemeoyer, of Seneca yard office, was conceded his correct seniority standing recently. The mistake made in his record several years ago, was remedied by Mr. Tompkins. This makes Bro. Nemeoyer, one of our oldest members, and a pioneer of the Lake Shore Railway.

Bro. Garnow reports Dunkirk tower solid, Bro. A. C. Will being the latest recruit to the ranks.

A. A. Cobb may now be addressed as brother. He now proudly displays the coveted card.

We presume Bro. Lin McIntyre is quite fatigued with the extra traveling necessary to do the extra work at Bufo depot. Bro. McIntyre is a very efficient man for that position, and we hope to see him situated there permanently in the near future. CERT. 472.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

La Crosse Division—

We are glad to see the La Crosse Division have such a nice write-up in the "journal" every month, and that so many of the brothers have been prompt in paying dues. This is what counts. There are some yet, however, who let them drag along before paying until the habit becomes chronic.

Quite a number of the boys want to lay off before cold weather, but, owing to telegraphers being so scarce, they are unable to get relief. We understand 19 more operators could be used on this division.

Business is still picking up all along the line, and we are all kept busy getting the trains over the road.

Bro. M. Duffy, agent at De Soto, on a month's vacation with his wife, making a tour of the West, during which he attended the annual meeting of the coupon ticket agents at Colorado Springs, Colo. Bro. Duffy is being relieved by Bro. G. M. Marks of the second trick there. Bro. Marks and Telegrapher Mourning, of Cochrane, are relieving.

Should any of the brothers happen to stop off at Victory, Bro. G. L. Dederick would no doubt be pleased to take them a spin on the river in his new launch, which is a dandy.

Bro. L. White, second trick operator at Lytle, was down the line one day recently soliciting aid for the section foreman who lost his wife by death. Assisting the afflicted and unfortunate in such a manner is certainly commendable.

Agent M. J. Burns, of Prescott, is laying off and Bro. J. C. Wittenberger of East Dubuque, Ill., is doing the extra work. Bro. Wittenberger let Telegrapher Groff take his place, and went on as extra agent so that Mr. Burns could get away.

Bro. C. E. Bright is doing the extra work as third man at Lynxville during the absence of Bros. Wm. Bright and Otis Berger, who have been taking in the sights at Chicago and Michigan.

Bro. C. E. Dodge, days, East Dubuque (also our assistant local chairman), passing down the line recently, dropped off and shook hands with the boys. We are always glad to meet such a jolly fellow.

Bro. C. E. Dyer, second trick at Grand Crossing, on vacation visiting friends in the southern part of the State, was relieved by Telegrapher Kincaid.

Bro. Si. Johnson is holding down the third trick, extra at Grand Crossing depot.

Bro. Owen, day operator at Lytle, spent a few days at De Soto visiting home folks.

Bro. M. A. Griffith, of Fountain City, who was under the weather for a few days, is feeling better again.

Telegrapher Risser, of "H" office, Minneapolis, has gone to La Crosse, taking a trick as side wire man in "CX" office.

Bro. J. E. Hornby, agent at Bagley, secured the application of R. M., of Alma, who is working third at Bagley.

Now, brothers, get after the rest of the nons. There is no reason why they should not lend a helping hand after what we have done for them in the way of better hours, pay and other things.

"HARD WORKER."

La Crosse Division—

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Thos. Artery, of Alma, Wis. "Tom" was at one time one of our best workers, joining the Order when it meant to lose your job, if the company found it out. He remained a member until about two years ago, when he resigned and went West for his health, taking a job in a coal mine near Butte, Mont., where he was killed by an explosion while at work. The remains were shipped home for burial Sunday, September 19.

No. 52 struck and killed a flagman for an extra gang two miles north of McCortney, on September 21st. The engineer says he was sitting on the rail, apparently asleep, and he did not see him

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in time to stop. The poor fellow was cut all to pieces.

Bro. Wittenberger, agent at East Dubuque, was transferred to Prescott to relieve Agent Burns for a few weeks. Telegrapher J. P. Groff, of La Crosse, taking the agency at East Dubuque during Wittenberger's absence. We understand Burns will take in the fair at Parthom.

Telegrapher and Ticket Clerk O. Groff, of the city ticket office, Dubuque, is off on a 30-day vacation; relieved by Bro. A. A. Fitz, second trick at East Dubuque; Telegrapher Shyur, of Winona, relieving Fitz. Understand Bro. Fitz makes a fine ticket agent.

Bro. Willard, of McCortney, has just resumed duty after an extensive trip through the West.

Bro. A. E. Griffin, first trick at Losey, intends to hit for the wild West in the near future.

Bro. M. L. Betzel has taken first trick at Curry. This puts Bro. G. E. Leavett on third trick at Prescott. Understand Bro. Betzel sent in his resignation to take effect September 30th, and will accompany Bro. Griffin in his search for big game in the "wild and woolly West."

T. O. Buan, agent at Hastings, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Ray Garber, of Diamond Bluff.

Telegrapher Smith, of Dubuque, who has been relieving Bro. Parr, at Alma, made a jump across the State and is now located at Marcus, Ill.

Telegrapher Fuller, who was taking Bro. Brown's place, second trick at Potosi, left on short notice, leaving that place without a man. On account of the scarcity of telegraphers the station there was closed three or four nights.

Bro. Dodge, first trick at East Dubuque, took a run up to Prescott and Bay City the first of the month.

Understand Bro. Earl Gorber, second trick, Diamond Bluff, is the proud father of a nine-pound boy.

Bro. Cooper, first trick, Savanna, is off on a vacation to Denver and the West.

Telegrapher Glubha, of Savanna yard, just returned from a 15-day vacation visiting friends at Winona, Minn.

Mr. McCann, cashier and telegrapher at Galena, took in the "home-coming" at Winona the first of the month.

Telegrapher Risser, from the "H," Minneapolis, has been transferred to a side-table job at La Crosse.

Telegrapher Paul, sidewise, La Crosse, has just returned from a 30-day vacation. Walter Holms, also sidewise, La Crosse, is spending his vacation in New York.

Telegrapher J. B. Groff, acting agent at "DN," has just returned from his wedding trip.

Agent Milton, at Hager, is off on a vacation; relieved by a man named Sperry.

I am indebted to Bros. Wittenberger and Cooper for notes this month. CERT. 1371.

Beardstown Division—

On account of the heavy shipments of grain, Barrows Station has been opened up, but the wires have not yet been cut in.

Hagener Station has been doing a rushing business in watermelons this summer, having shipped out about 80,000.

Quite a bunch of the boys are trying to lay off, but are unable to do so on account of the shortage of men.

J. B. Chambers, agent at Centralia, being successful in securing a leave of absence for ten days, visited home folks at Lowell, Mich.

R. M. Hendrickson, agent at Sesser, spent a few days visiting his mother at Galesburg, Ill., Bro. O. C. Welch looking after the station affairs while he was away.

Telegrapher E. C. Garnier, second trick at Centralia, promoted to first trick in "B" office, Beardstown, was relieved by Operator Hale.

A. D. Hale, second trick at Centralia, transferred to Winchester, Ill., was relieved by Mr. Wilgus, an "old timer" from the Illinois Central. Seems as though the boys are all afraid of Centralia, as no one bid for that position when it was bulletined.

Understand a few changes have been made in the station force at Litchfield.

E. H. Berry, of East Alton, who took quite an extended lay off, was relieved by Mr. Bergen, formerly a fireman for the "Q."

R. V. Haney, agent at Arenzville, off several days, was relieved by Mr. A. D. Hale, of Winchester.

W. K. Mosier, second trick yard office, off several days, was relieved by A. D. Hale. John Riley, third trick, has gone up stairs to the relay office; relieved by Earl Bowman, of Alsey.

J. O. Guyer, of Riggstown, is back from the "woolies" of Montana to civilization. "Jim" says no more batching for him. He goes to work in the yard office at Quincy. We are glad to have him with us again.

C. E. Brown, first trick at Chapin, off several days on account of the serious illness and death of his wife, was relieved by some Wabash man.

W. E. Osborne, of Greenfield, spent several days at home this month.

R. E. Livesey, third trick at Concord, promises to be with us this month. "Red" says he has been thinking of getting married was the reason he hasn't gone in sooner. L. C.

Q. O. & K. C. Division—

If all the brothers on the Q. O. & K. C., will work hand in hand it won't take us long to make a showing. So let us be up and doing and see how many new members we can get lined up this next month.

We will appreciate any assistance in gathering and sending in the news each month. Send in all the items you can, boys, and make the Q. O. & K. C. as newsy as possible.

All the men are working, and there are few changes or vacancies.

Mr. Birg, after several weeks' vacation, is back on second trick at Smithville.

Bro. Beardon, from Coffey, is working as extra agent at La Belle.

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Mr. Harding, agent at Braley, was off a month; relieved by Mr. Zerby.

Miss V. S. Bates, agent at Santa Rosa, was off a few days visiting in St. Joe.

After several weeks off, Mr. Steinhauser is back on second trick at Plattsburg.

A. D. Baker, telegrapher at "HE," Kansas City, was off a few days; relieved by E. Alexander, of Novinger.

D. C. Horn, "CD," and "TM," at Milan, has resigned. R.

Creston Division No. 30—

The Creston division telegraphers and agents held a meeting at Villisca on Sunday, August 21st which was the first one for some time. Quite a number were present and a rattling good time was enjoyed by all. It is safe to say that Creston Division never witnessed as enthusiastic a bunch of members at any meeting as attended this one. Bro. Burton, of Villisca, was elected local chairman for the division, and will personally call on every one in the near future. General Chairman C. L. Lamb was with us and gave us an outline of the work that had been done, on not only this but every division on the system, and gave us an interesting talk on O. R. T., telling us of its early struggles for existence. We only wish that every member of the Order could have heard him, as we feel that they would more fully realize what the Order is doing for them. Bro. Byarly, of Villisca, was present and also told us of his experience with the O. R. T. during its infancy. Bro. Byarly was personally acquainted with several of the "old time" organizers of the O. R. T. and his talk was interesting from start to finish. Under the head "for the good of the order" every one discussed the various questions arising each day, the aroma from the good cigars bringing out the oratorical powers of the boys, who told of their troubles and suggested helpful thoughts for the others.

Plans were made to hold monthly meetings hereafter at Creston, and Chief Dispatcher J. R. Young has kindly consented to relieve every man he possibly can to attend these meetings.

We were disappointed in not seeing Bro. Henry, of Fairfield, who had promised to be with us, but was unavoidably detained.

The meeting adjourned at six p. m., and after a banquet at a local cafe, all departed for their various homes, feeling glad that they belonged to such an Order.

Announcement of the next meeting will be mailed every one in sufficient time to arrange so that one or two men can attend from every station, and we want to see you all there.

At our next meeting to be held in Creston, a school on time card and blocking rules will be held. Let's all get 100 per cent.

Think of our conditions five years ago and then at the present time. If your card is not up to date get it that way, as you owe it to yourself and the Order to do so. Remember that a union card does not make you a union man and that there is considerable more to do than to carry a card. Boost your Order. Talk it over with your neighbor, if he is a non, and convince him that we need his help. Too many say "I'm with you all right, but I can't come in now." The worst men we have, are the fellows that always are with us but never help us.

While our line up is good on this division, yet there are quite a number of "Misters" and they should all be "Bros." Get after them and let every member land a non.

Simpson, Atkins, Murphy, Daniels, Robins and Cherry are the next victims for the goat. All have promised to line-up with us.

Business has been rushing in all departments for the last two months, and no signs for a falling off as yet. That's the way we like it. Means more money for us.

Everybody and his brother (and the dog, too) are clamoring for their vacations now, but the scarcity of telegraphers and agents makes it almost impossible to get away, as good relief men are very scarce, so many having entered other different lines of work.

Two steam shovels have been working this summer between Villisca and Red Oak, with an average of 8 and 10 dirt trains. Trainmaster W. F. Shiffer and Roadmaster Wm. Peterson have had personal charge of this work and it has progressed very rapidly. When completed Creston Division will have one of the best pieces of track on the Burlington system. There have been no delays to regular trains while the work was being done, showing that telegraphers and dispatchers were wide awake and attending to business all the time.

The new time cards just out, September 12th, announces some new idea on trains Nos. 1 and 6, and all agents should familiarize themselves with these changes, as they are very important and make these two trains the best that are run on any line west of Chicago, including reduction of time and all the modern conveniences to be found on any system.

We are sorry to learn of Bro. Camp's resignation at Yard office, Creston. He has been with us some time and has always been an active worker. As he leaves railroad work, we lose a valuable brother. He will probably locate in Creston.

Bro. Bollman, formerly agent at Stanton, has located in Montana, and is now proprietor of a cafe, some place along the line of the Milwaukee Here's wishing him success.

Bro. J. Connett, third trick at Red Oak, is spending his vacation in Colorado, being relieved by Bro. B. C. Mierretto.

Bro. Nixon, agent at Macedonia, has been waiting on the relief to take his vacation for several weeks.

Bro. H. L. Huntsman is doing the stunt of "general agent" at Masseli, half way between Stanton and Villisca. He is also agent for the "Twin Lot Site Co.," and will be glad to give any brother wishing to invest in real estate a good bargain.

Bro. F. A. Yarger, agent at Emerson, who has returned from a visit with relatives in the West, was relieved by Bro. F. A. Rose, second trick at

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Emerson, the latter being relieved by Mr. Camp, of Corning. It's up to Bros. Yarger and Rose to change that from Mr. Camp cognomen to brother.

Bro. C. E. Sandall, second trick at McPherson, is off on a thirty-day vacation to Chicago, and elsewhere; relieved by Bro. Mingledorff, from the Y. & M. Ry., recently transferred to this division.

F. E. Bellus, of Stanton, has been assigned to the agency at Henderson, relieving Bro. L. J. White, who bid in the agency at McPherson, relieving Bro. C. H. McReynolds; resigned to attend school.

T. B. Sawyer, third trick at McPherson, resigned, relieved by F. M. Cox, who promises to line up in the near future. Keep after him.

Bro. T. R. Gurwell has resigned the agency at Coburg, going West for his wife's health. We are sorry to see Bro. Gurwell leave us, as he has been a very faithful member and was always found with an up-to-date card in his pocket. We hope the change will be beneficial to Mrs. Gurwell's health.

Bro. Phillips, second trick at Brooks, resigned; relieved by L. H. Jarred, from the Illinois Central, whom we hope to see in the right pew in a short time.

Mr. Atkins (Bro. soon), second trick at No! away, returned recently from taking in the sights at Seattle and other points, and says he had a splendid time.

Dispatcher Jarvis and Jeffries have been taking their vacations; relieved by Extra Dispatcher Chas. Connett.

Remember your local chairman cannot do all the work alone. He needs your assistance. Send him a list of the changes and happenings at you, station each week, and you will help to make a good write-up.

We are indebted to Bro. White, of McPherson, for a nice bunch of news. Let every one send in a few lines. L. C.

Galesburg Division--

The C., B. & Q. is painting the Quincy branch and putting things in fine shape for years to come, including stations, outbuildings, mile posts, etc., as they come up with them. There's nothing like a nice clean station to work in.

D. Van Meter, agent at Macomb, is off two weeks, attending the Ticket Agents' Convention at Denver, and attending to private business in North Dakota. He is Third Vice-President of the International Association of Ticket Agents. Extra Agent L. W. Colville is doing the relief act during his absence and will then go to Norris for a few days.

J. A. Atherton, Western Union Messenger, of Macomb, Ill., is ill with typhoid fever.

Bro. "Jack" Flack, of Colchester, is at Macomb frequently now looking after his interests in the new glove factory there. The output has already been put on the market. Here's wishing him success in his new venture.

Some complaints have been made lately in regard to some of the operators being late, some having to be called as often as two or three times a night. This should be discontinued. Make it your motto to be there on time.

The telegraphers of Quincy don't seem to realize that they are enjoying nine hour tricks and better pay, as a result of the efforts of the O. R. T. That place is sadly in need of a few more union operators. Bros. G. E. Long and Clyde Clayton, being the only members we have in that beautiful city. Bro. Long has been off for several weeks suffering from a bad stomach. He was relieved temporarily by Mr. Lashmet, who was relieved later on by Bro. Guyer.

Mr. Sherman, of Colmar, is working at Saluda now.

Supt. S. H. Shults and Chief Dispatcher W. F. Fuller, of Galesburg, were in Chicago in the early part of the month, helping arrange a new time card, effective September 12th. Another new one takes effect September 19th, owing to the bad connection at Galesburg with No. 6.

Bro. L. A. Ansteth, of Alpha, was off a week the latter part of August on account of his wife being very sick; F. D. Baker, extra, working for him.

Bro. W. P. Vincent, of Warner, has returned after a three weeks' vacation visiting in North Dakota and Missouri, with his wife and little daughter; W. L. Eiker, extra, relieved him.

Bro. Meara, of "SY," Peoria, who resigned to accept a position with the Corn Products Co., of Pekin, Ill., as operator and stenographer, was relieved September 1st by Mr. Carter, formerly of "GY" office at Galesburg, and Mr. Carter was relieved by Mr. Knight the following day.

Bro. W. A. Harris, of Bardolph, has resigned at Abingdon, and left for Cincinnati, Ohio, to fill the position as treasurer of the Y. M. C. A., there. We are glad to hear of Bro. Harris' good luck, but sorry to lose such a good and friendly brother from our vicinity.

Bro. F. J. Graves, of Abingdon, has returned from a two weeks' vacation, visiting his old home in Wyoming, Ill., and friends in Wichita, Kans. He was relieved by Bro. Harris. Mr. Lashmet, extra, taking second trick, formerly held by Bro. Harris.

Bro. J. O. Guyer, who relieved Bro. Long at Quincy, has just returned from the Northern Pacific, in Montana.

W. A. Work, of Macomb, off on business in North Dakota, was relieved by A. H. Robertson, of Camp Point, who went from "S" office, Quincy, to relieve him.

Bro. C. E. Smith, of Bardolph, has resigned as agent and operator there to take up another line of work.

Telegrapher Chittendon, third trick, Prospect street, Galesburg yards, while on a 60-day vacation was relieved by Telegrapher Carter, from Bushnell.

Bro. Mercer, "YD" Galesburg yards, off on sick leave the latter part of last month, was relieved by Telegrapher Carter from "GY" office, Galesburg, and Jack Tobin. The former was relieved at "GY" office by Telegrapher Knight, formerly an organizer of the B. of R. C., and Ca-

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ter was then sent back to "GY" office, and Knight to Peoria yard office. Mr. Knight will no doubt soon be carrying an up-to-date in the O. R. T., as well as the B. of R. C. On return of Bro. Mercer, Telegrapher Tobin relieved Mr. Carter at "GY," Galesburg, and was then sent to Golden.

A. S. Slater, of Golden, who has been visiting in Missouri, several weeks, was relieved by Mr. Carter, who then returned to Galesburg.

Many of the boys who want to take their vacations are unable to get away, on account of a shortage of relief men.

Mr. Jolly, of Graham Tower, bid in third trick at Galesburg yards "YD" office, and his position at Graham, first trick, has been bulletined. We hope he will be lined up there, and we can again report "YD" solid O. R. T. He promised over two years ago, and should now make good.

Bro. G. E. Long, of "S" office, Quincy, visited his Bro. John, in Galesburg, the early part of September, and also called on Bros. Malone and Mercer at "YD."

Mr. Boyles, of "S," Quincy, will "probably" line up with the O. R. T. and "stay with the brass work."

Bro. "Joe" Weekly took a short vacation the latter part of August, visiting friends and relatives on the Quincy branch. Mr. Carter relieving. "Joe" is one of our best members.

Trainmaster Brown was down to Yates City, not long ago, trying to figure out a way to make the train register large enough to accommodate the increasing business. Good showing for the Burlington, when a train register isn't large enough.

Bro. Walker, of Maquon, laid off with a very sore foot, recently, relieved by Mr. Sherman, of Colmar.

Night offices were opened at Oak Hill, Edwards, Pottstown and Peoria yard, in charge of Bros. Walker and Ogle A. H. Robertson, and Assistant Superintendent F. G. Robbins, on August 27th, owing to Barnum & Bailey's circus traveling from Peoria to Galesburg.

F. P. Mayberry worked at Knoxville during the Knox county fair, August 27th and 28th.

Bro. Ben. Ramp, wife and daughter, of Knoxville, visited friends in Canton, on Sunday, August 29th.

Mr. Seffens, agent at Brimfield, while off on a 60-day vacation, was relieved by Mr. H. C. Eyman, former helper, at Bradford.

Roy Kemper, third trick, at Canton, champion motor-cyclist, on his end of the line, went to La Salle recently and won second place in a race there. He also won first place at the Lewistown county fair, and second prize in another race there the same day. Some of this easy money might buy a nice new pink up-to-date. Try it, Roy and see.

Bro. J. H. Botkins and Miss Sarah Simmons, of Abingdon, Ill., were married on September 18th.

E. G. A.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

First Division, Wilmington District—

Complaint that the seniority rule is not being observed on this district seems to be made with good cause. What is our committee going to do about it? When such places as Chadbourn, Marion and Newbern are filled, without even the appearance of trying to observe the seniority rule, it seems as if it was time something was doing. No one knows of any bulletin having been issued for the Chadbourn agency. Mr. Womble, the new agent there, is all right, but not entitled to the place, as he has been out of that department for some time. It is reported that Bro. T. M. Jaudon was discharged at this point last week, for refusing to go off duty a few minutes before 1 a. m. and return at 3:30 a. m. to meet a late train. If this is true, it is the rankest kind of injustice, as Chadbourn is a nine-hour office, and to force a second-trick telegrapher to go off duty after working eight hours and fifty-five minutes and return two and a half hours later even for five minutes is not in accordance with the nine-hour law. The trick made vacant by this discharge has not been bulletined, either.

Understand that Bro. Land is going into the stock business in South Carolina.

Mr. W. D. Pridgen has resigned the Fair Bluff agency and is succeeded by Bro. A. C. Martin, of Cerro Gordo.

Bro. M. C. Harper, of Clarendon, bids in the Cerro Gordo agency.

Clarendon is now on bulletin, with three applicants for the place.

W. T. Penny, Smith Creek yard, has left the service, and is succeeded by M. G. Norman, whom we expect to see with a new card ere long.

Some changes have recently taken place in "D," but as we never hear of any of them until we catch a new man on the wire, it looks as though it will be necessary to break into that office with an axe if any of the men out on the line are ever to get into it. There certainly is something for the committee to do on this district. Let's hear from them.

KICKER.

Second Division—Waycross District—

Bro. Ed. B. Lary, of the Waycross dispatcher's office, is off on vacation in Asheville, N. C.

Bro. U. G. Swearingen, of Thomasville, has returned after a delightful trip in Western, N. C., and Virginia.

Bro. F. B. Powell, of Thomasville, who was off on account of sickness, is back at work.

Bros. Swearingen and Powell were both relieved by Bro. Burkhalter, of the time-keeper's office, Thomasville shops.

Bro. A. C. Bennett, of Ochlocknee, recently returned from a trip to Atlanta, where his wife is in the hospital; will remain at Meigs until the traveling auditor has time to transfer Bro. R. L. Hall, the regular man at Meigs, from Albany, where he was sent to relieve Bro. C. T. Strickland, so he could go to Waycross to be near his father, who is quite sick. Bro. Strickland is

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working in the Waycross dispatcher's office while there.

Bro. F. W. Stanley, agent at Baconton, who has been in the Waycross hospital quite sick, is convalescing and will soon be able to resume his duties. He was relieved by Bro. H. E. Harrell, who was also on sick leave, but who was considerate enough to relieve a brother who was worse than himself.

Bro. T. H. Matthews, McDonalds, who has been away from his station for over a month on account of the sickness of his wife, will soon return to work, as Mrs. Matthews has sufficiently recovered so he can leave her. We all deeply sympathize with Bro. Matthews in his afflictions.

L. A. Vestal has been let out at Nahunta. As he was no longer a member, we were unable to take up his case and learn the cause. Understand he filed new application with Bro. Sasser before leaving and is now at work on the A. B. & A. We trust the next time he has trouble, he will be able to have it adjusted in the proper way.

Bro. C. A. Welch, of Bakers Mill, is rusticating down in "Alabam" for a few weeks. Bro. J. G. Kirkland, of Tarver, has also taken a vacation to his old home, where "hog and hominy" is always in plenty. Brothers W. R. Corbett, Homerville, and J. L. Fuller, Ousley, have also been away a few days on vacation.

Bro. G. J. Dryden bids in Nahunta and thereby gets back nearer home. The agency at Argyle has been bulletined on account of Bro. Dryden's transfer to Nahunta.

The clerk-telegrapher position at Live Oak and the third trick at Nahunta have been bulletined since last month.

Bro. J. G. Rice has been transferred from Sylvester to the agency at Pinebloom, relieving Brother Mills, who was promoted to Albany yard.

Bro. M. Potter has been transferred from O'Brien to Metcalfe, the change being made on account of his health.

It may be of interest to the members to know that Bro. R. G. Bullock, formerly dispatcher in Waycross and Albany, is now with the Q. & C. at Birmingham and is well pleased with the Iron City. We all wish Bro. Bullock great success.

Third Division, Lakeland District—

We don't hear enough O. R. T. talk down this way. "For out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaketh," is a scriptural quotation, which would seem applicable to the situation here. The reason we hear so little O. R. T. talk on the line must be that your hearts are not full enough of the enthusiasm of organization.

Have you asked the man working side by side with you if he is a member? Have you seen his card? Have you asked him to join the O. R. T.?

If you can not answer all of these questions in the affirmative, then you have fallen short of your duty as a member. If all the men working at your station are members in good standing, then the same will apply to your immediate neighbors on either side of you.

It is not the officers of an organization that make it strong, but the individual work of the members at large that makes of it a force, that can not be resisted, instead of simply an organization that moves with the tide, up and down (mostly down) with regularity.

Get busy, show the nons and the weak members that you are in earnest, that you have faith in your organization. Nothing impresses outsiders so much as the earnestness of the members themselves. Our local chairman is doing good work, but he needs the help of each individual member.

I want to ask each member: Have you ever written, or asked him, if there was anything you could do to help him with the work? You know that all the remuneration he gets, is his dues free, 75 cents per month. Just think of the amount of time and work he gives to your interest. Instead of abusing the committee for not doing things, don't you think it would be a very good idea to find out what help they need and lend a hand? I honestly believe, if we can get the membership thoroughly aroused along this line, we will soon have the strongest organized road in the country. Just now, when the "gators" are looking for winter quarters, and the tourists are turning their eyes from the bleak shores of the North to the "Land of Flowers," and all business is taking an upward turn, is the time for us to all move as one man and see that every telegrapher in Florida carries a card. The rate to join in October is only $6.75. There are very few men who can not raise that amount, if they try.

I am in a position to know that there has not been an application filed on the Lakeland District this month.

We can make it ten by October first.

Will you try it?

I will. D. C.

Norfolk Division—

There are still some nons over here who need our attention. Let's get after them, brothers, good and strong. Our new local chairman has been working faithfully on them, and has been very successful in landing quite a number of them on this side of the river. He should receive better encouragement and more help. Let us take a little more interest in our own welfare from now on. We are not doing our full duty by simply keeping up our dues.

There have been lots of changes in this district since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, and business is picking up all the time.

Telegrapher J. L. Watson has been working third trick at "CV," South Tunis, while Mr. Haynes was relieving J. H. Robertson, of "AH," Ahoskey.

We are all very sorry to hear that Bro. J. P. Harrell, of "KD," Kelford, has lost out over here. We hope he will get a better job at some other place.

Telegrapher Herring is working third trick at Kelford until it is bulletined.

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Bro. C. H. Roberson, of "MY," Palmyra, was off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Williams. Bro. Roberson spent his vacation at Washington, D. C., and had a fine time. Lots to be seen there.

Telegrapher Copps, Western Union scab, is now working first trick at "RA," Tarboro.

Bro. A. R. Blow, of "BG," Kingsboro, was suspended for thirty days, on account of not checking a train order.

The "ham factories" at Bethel, Robersonville and Williamston, are still trying to teach telegraphy.

The following is a list of places bulletined since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Relief agent's job, paying $65.00. Bro. W. L. Bailey succeeded in getting this.

Conetor agency, paying $50.00. Bro. B. T. Alkbrooks was the lucky man.

Third trick at Wholey. Unable to learn lucky one's name.

Cofield agency, Bro. Cowen now holding it. Do not know who will get the place. It is a small agency, and only pays $45.00 per month.

Bro. Bailey, regular relief agent, is now working at Port Norfolk, while Mr. Rainey, the agent, is off for several weeks, on account of his health.

Bro. Epp L. Brown has been appointed agent at Scotland Neck, vice Bro. R. C. Pender.

Bro. Storey, of "KU," Bruce, off a few days; was relieved by Telegrapher Buttler, a new man over here. Do not know his color.

Mr. Darden succeeded in getting third trick at "B," Boone.

W. E. Robertson is now on first trick at "SU," Suffolk, relieving Bro. G. C. Blow, who is doing the copying in "KN," Norfolk dispatcher's office.

Bro. J. B. Winborne, third trick man at "W," Wholey, is now on second trick, relieving Bro. Monquette, who has been doing some relief work.

Bro. J. M. Taft, of "GS," Gotes, was off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Monquette.

Bro. N. E. White, of "WN," Eure, is now off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Monquette.

Bro. G. V. Turner, of "C," Tunis, was off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Haynes.

STONEWALL JACKSON.

Richmond District, North—

There were not as many members from A. C. L., at the joint meeting held at Petersburg on September 18th as should have been there. This looks bad for us, as we first started these meetings. We are trying to make them attractive, and with your help we will succeed. Come out next month (fourth Saturday night) and all have a good time.

Bro. Cooper, local chairman, has been off on ten days' vacation, visiting Norfolk, Ocean View, and his old home, at Wellon.

Bulletins have been issued for first and third tricks at Jarratts, and there are two applications for each of them.

Pleasant Hill agency is also bulletined. We understand Bro. W. L. Alsson is the only applicant, and will probably receive the appointment.

Bro. S. B. Binford, of Dunlop, who has been off for some time, on account of sickness, is again at work. Bro. D. D. Clemmer, who relieved Bro. Binford and also relieved Bro. L. Clemmer, is now on the waiting list.

Bro. J. K. McCotter is off on a ten days' vacation.

Bro. B. E. McNeely goes to Weldon permanently on the first trick, relieving Mr. Young, turned down by bond company. This is another reason why we should have the O. R. T. bond company.

Every member is requested to read the account of the joint meeting held in Petersburg on September 18th (see Norfolk and Western Railway, Norfolk Division).

Each member on the A. C. L., who can possibly attend these meetings is requested to be present at every one of them. Note the change in the date from the third Saturday night to the fourth Saturday night in each month.

L. E. COOPER, *L. C.*

Jacksonville District—

Brothers I wish you all would advise your local chairman whenever a change takes place at your station, and then we could have a complete write-up each month. Changes are taking place right along, but are not mentioned in our write ups because no one reports them.

It was reported in last month's TELEGRAPHER that Bro. Evans of Orange Pk., was off on leave of absence, but this was an error, as he has just left for his vacation, being relieved by Harold Henschen, whom we understand can be called brother next write-up.

Bro. Sigler, of Winter Park, advises that a packing house there, one of the largest in the State, is being equipped with all modern machinery for handling oranges. This will greatly increase the work at that already busy station, especially during the winter months. The company has erected a new baggage room at this station and repaired the buildings in general.

The agency at Thonotosassa has been transferred from D. E. Hazen to R. C. Jones, on account of Mr. Hazen having been granted leave of absence.

Bro. T. N. Tedder, of Seffner, our efficient local chairman, has been given the freight agency at Plant City. We all are glad to see Bro. Tedder get this position, as we understand it is a good job, but regret very much to lose him from the telegraph service. Bro. W. W. Tedder relieves Bro. T. J. Tedder and Bro. J. C. Vick gets the Seffner agency.

Bro. Powell, of Altamonte Springs, reports he is well pleased with that station and that he is going into the poultry business as a side line. He has the best wishes of us all.

The agency at Altoona has been transferred from Bro. Hinson to Bro. Clark. It is quite lonely over there in the woods, as the wires have not yet been cut in.

The agency at Deleon Springs has been transferred from Bro. Glisson to Bro. Yelvington.

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There are several ways of breaking up a telegraph school, but we understand one of our members is going about it in a different way from that which has usually been pursued.

In this case the teacher happens to be a very nice looking young lady. Let's us all wish him the best of good luck.

Now let's all do as outlined in August write-up; devote one or two hours each day for the benefit of the O. R. T., writing letters to the nons and see if we do not note some improvement with in a month or so. It is your duty to do this for your own benefit, for whatever benefits the Order also helps you. CORRESPONDENT.

Montgomery District—

Bro. Strain, third trick at Bainbridge, was relieved for a few days by Bro. Dykes, from second trick. Bro. Dykes was relieved by Bro. Johnson, extra telegrapher.

Bro. Thames, Climax, is taking an extended vacation, visiting Chicago, Ill., Hot Springs, Ark., and other points; relieved by J. C. Thames.

Bro. Carter, nights at Grady, was relieved a few days by Bro. Johnson.

Understand V. A. Wilkerson, of Luverne, has been discharged, reason unknown. Mr. Robinson, Bainbridge, has been appointed agent at Luverne.

Bro. Mathis, of Waterford, was relieved for a few days by Bro. Evans.

Mrs. Ashton, superintendent's office, "MO," Montgomery, is taking a vacation and will visit Seattle, Wash., and other cities. Telegrapher Lawson, nights at Dothan, relieving her, and Bro. Brantley is relieving Lawson.

Bro. Davis, of Brinson, has returned to work. He was relieved during his vacation by Bro. Evans.

Bro. Mixon, of Ramer, was relieved a few days by Bro. Johnson on account of the death of his brother.

H. H. Hodges, Jr., of Cowarts, can now be called "brother."

We have several more applications about ready to be acted upon, and hope to soon see this district solid and not a non-member on it.

Bro. Strain, third trick at Bainbridge, has resigned, we understand, to attend college. Bro. Jones, second at "X," Montgomery, has bid it in. Bro. Dykes, from second, is working it for a few days until Bro. Jones gets a little more familiar with the ticket rates, etc. Mr. Mullins, extra at "X," Montgomery, until vacancy is bid in.

How many applications have you sent in this month?

Have you made any effort to secure any?

If not, won't you get busy and see if we can't make a good showing on this district?

Have you paid your dues for the term ending December 31st, 1909? If not, you should do so at once. "73" to all. CERT. 1247.

To Members Montgomery District, Atlantic Coast Line

BROTHERS: I acknowledge with many, many thanks the receipt of the beautiful little gift you boys gave me as showing your appreciation toward my good service while local chairman of Montgomery District.

While I did not expect anything whatever, yet I must say it was very kind of you boys to think of me, and I assure you the gift is very much appreciated by me, and I take this method of thanking each and all of you who took part in same.

Again thanking you, I am with best wishes,

Fraternally,

D. A. WALKER,

Cert. 10.

C., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

At the meeting held in Union Labor Hall, in Anthony Block, at Muncie, Ind., August 24th, a local lodge was organized and the following officers elected:

Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Soloman, of Wainwright; Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Kelly, of Selma; First Vice-Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Melvin, of Muncie; Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Hutsell, of Muncie; Marshal, Bro. Roberts, of Winchester; Inside Sentinel, Bro. Arbuckle, of Harrisville; Past Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Jenkins, of Muncie; Outside Sentinel, Bro. Thatcher, of Fortville.

Fourth Vice-President J. J. Dermody was with us, and rendered valuable assistance. Music was furnished by Bro. Roberts, of Winchester. A good many turned out at this meeting, but a better attendance is expected from now on.

At our next meeting Bro. Roberts will preside at the piano, and Bro. Kelly will assist him with his cornet in furnishing the music to entertain us. Come out, boys, and join in the good fellowship.

A regular meeting night will be selected at that time. Those who may not be able to attend will be informed of this by letter, and also through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER.

We regret to report the death of Bro. Smith's infant daughter, and extend to him the sympathy of the entire division.

The work of putting in the new signals at "SC," Selma, has been completed. This gives the brothers three more levers to warm up on.

Bro. Young has returned from a 30 days' vacation in the "blue-grass" country, bringing back with him a bride. Everybody wishes him happiness through life.

Bro. Martz, second at Farmland, is off on vacation to Texas for 30 days, Bro. Kindell relieving him.

Bro. B. A. Olvey, first at "SC," Selma, is back to work after several days layoff, account of sickness.

Bro. Young, third at "MU," Muncie, while on his vacation in Kentucky, was relieved by Bro. DeBoben, of second at "MU," Muncie. Telegrapher Schultz relieved Bro. DeBoben.

Telegrapher Baker relieved Telegrapher Long, second trick extra, at "CJ," Muncie.

Bro. Hatcher is relieving Telegrapher Harvey, third at Wainwright, for 30 days.

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Bro. Hodges relieved Bro. Fouts, first at Fortville, for fifteen days.

Bro. Hatcher has been assigned to first trick at Gretna.

Extra Telegrapher Schultz, second at "MU," Muncie, is off on account of sickness. This caused Bros. Jenkins and De Boben to work twelve hours on August 27th, their relief coming next day.

Bro. G. E. Smith is back to work on second trick at Harrisville.

Telegrapher Frier relieved Telegrapher Sheppard, second at Raleigh, who was off on account of sickness.

Telegrapher A. M. Smith has taken the second trick at Union City, relieving Bro. Hegadorn, who will lay off for two or three weeks.

Bro. Slagle relieved Bro. Hess, first trick at Spafford, for a few days.

Bro. Connelly has been assigned second trick at Elroy, Telegrapher Long relieving Bro. Connelly at "SC."

Telegrapher A. M. Smith, working extra second at "MU," Muncie, was called home account of the sickness of his brother, Telegrapher Hill relieving him.

Bro. Jenkins, first at "MU," Muncie, attending committee meeting at Indianapolis, Telegrapher Sellers relieving him.

Telegrapher D. B. Olvey relieved Telegrapher Hardy, first trick at Raleigh, for a few days.

Bro. Young has resumed work on third trick at "MU," Muncie. Bro. DeBoben now goes to second trick, and Telegrapher Hill to his assignment on second at "SC," Selma.

Bro. Martz is back to work, after a 30-day layoff.

One of our worthy brothers sent us in some good items for this issue. Wake up, boys, and get busy.

"THE RUNT,"
DIV. COR.

Here's to Old Jack Trindle,
And Blaine Pitsenbarger, too;
If we can just keep going,
The nons will soon be few.

Rhodes is now among us,
This surely makes us glad;
But the way some guys are acting,
Surely makes us mad.

Let's all now pray for Chesterfield,
We've got some nons down there;
We'll hope if gas keeps coming,
They'll have the dough to spare.

"BLONDIE."

St. Louis Division West—

It is quite likely before this is in print that we will be working under a new schedule, as our committee has already been in consultation with the general superintendent in regard to it.

As we have a general chairman whom we should all feel proud of, and he is striving to better our working conditions, it is the duty of every man on the Big Four Lines to equip himself with a brand new card and help secure a better schedule, or in maintaining the one we now have.

These hard-luck stories some of the nons are putting up won't pass muster much longer. As long as you allow your saloon bill to run up bigger than your grocery bill and spend your money in other ways just as reprehensible, you are not doing your duty to the men who got you a schedule and a raise once before from $45 to $55 per month.

It's time you men woke up to a sense of your own interests and responsibility in this matter. Some of you ought to be ashamed to look a good O. R. T. man in the face. The amount required to put the right kind of a card in your pocket and show that you are really a man is just $7.00. beginning with the month of October, and you can if you want to send it by P. O. money order to Bro. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the O. R. T., located in the Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.

The following are some of the changes on this division:

Bro. Andy Leitch, formerly third trick at Hillsboro, who recently bid in "SI" tower first trick, was married to Miss Mae Olive, of near Livingston, on August 29. We all extend congratulations and wish them all the success that the world affords.

Telegrapher Keefe was at Tower Hill relieving Bro. Shanks, Bro. Bradish, Telegrapher Davis, Bro. Tinnions and Telegrapher McLean while all were taking their vacations recently.

Bro. Cook, at Irving, is spending his vacation in St. Louis and vicinity, and Bro. Bradish is relieving him.

Bro. Glassgow, of "HM" tower, who resigned, went with the Illinois Southern at Coulterville, Ill. He was relieved by Telegrapher Fitzgerald.

Bro. Hall, from the "Van," has been working extra third trick at "DK," Lakeview.

Bro. Supan, late of C. & E. I., Division 34, is working second trick at Hillsboro, Bro. Leitch having bid in "SI" first trick, and Bro. Whalen third at Hillsboro.

Bro. Bandy, formerly of the Big Four, now of the Mo. Pac., has returned home for a visit with his relatives at Irving.

Bro. Scaresdale, of "HM" tower, on Short Line, bid in Witt second trick; Bro. Gillespie bid in second. Man named Hall is working third at "HM."

Bro. Hankins, of Witt, has been filling the vacancy caused by Bro. D. V. Wycoff bidding in 12th st. at Mattoon, is working third trick at Witt, while Bro. Hart is off on vacation.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

These items are going in too soon to report the meeting to be held in Dayton, the 21st. Hope it was a success.

Telegrapher Downs has been transferred from Tiffin to Marysville, and Bro. Sweeney from Cincinnati to Tiffin.

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Telegrapher Matthews, second, Belle Center, relieved by Telegrapher J. C. Maynes, and has gone to Carey, taking the position vacated by Telegrapher Stienmetz, who left the service.

Bro. C. B. Lary, of Marysville, has taken the agency at Plattsburg; relieving Bro. R. P. Smith, who has taken third trick at Tiffin.

J. McFarland, from Grants, has third trick at Dover, relieving Bro. Columbus, promoted to the second trick. McFarland promises his application soon.

Bro. Rogers, of "YK," was so badly burned in an oil explosion, while starting a fire at the tower, that he had to be taken to the hospital. He is now able to be up, and we hope he will soon be at work again. Gasoline was mixed with the oil, which caused the explosion.

Mr. McKean is working at "YK," in Bro. Rogers' absence.

Bro. Slagle off on a two weeks' vacation; was relieved by Bro. C. M. Stabler, of the B. & O.

Bro. Weber, of "YK," was off for two weeks.

Telegrapher Evans, of "WD," and Dick Schwartz, second trick at Meyers, have paid in the necessary, and are now up-to-date. It is, indeed, a pleasure to send in news like this. Come on in boys, the feeling of being a real man is fine. Try it.

Bro. Furgeson promises to be paid up by October pay-day. More good news.

Bro. Edwards, of Ivorydale, off a couple of weeks, was relieved by Jack O'Connor.

"Dewey" Burhisel, of Lockland, has had a slight attack of "cold feet."

Bro. Lang, of "RH," off several days on business; relieved by Telegrapher Evans, of Springfield.

Bro. L. A. Gardner, of "RH," has gone to the country for a few weeks to recuperate.

Bros. Foley, of Franklin and Houser, of "FA," are taking their vacations; relieved by Bro. McMahon.

Bro. Stevick has just returned from a western trip.

Thanks for the above items, brothers; come again. SIG. "CR."

St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon

Business seems to be on the increase, and most of the boys, who have been off on vacation, are back to work again.

Mr. Hauersfield recently made a trip over this end of the division with his examination car, and all passed as far as can be learned.

Understand the general committee are at present in session at Indianapolis, working on a new schedule. We hope before this appears in print, they will have met the officials, and a satisfactory schedule been agreed upon.

Brothers, get to work at once on the nons in your vicinity, and we may be able to say next month as we are at this time: Several new members are reported for this month. When you hear a man say that he has belonged to the O. R. T. for any length of time, and that he can not see any good it has ever done him or any one else, you can just make up your mind that he either hasn't good sense, and that he properly belongs in the Ananias Club. The old adage: "A rolling stone gathers no moss," will probably fit his case very nicely.

Bro. Roller, agent at Lena, and Miss Isa Combs, of that place, were married in Green Castle, August 13th. Bro. E. E. Evans, of "JB," relieved Bro. Roller, and Bro. Evans was relieved at "JB" by Bro. Kessinger.

Bro. E. F. Wade has resumed work on third trick at Carbon. E. N. McQuinn, who was relieving him, went to Midland, second trick.

Bro. Lucas, of the C. & E. I., at "CB," resigned, and went to the "Big 4." Bro. Andrews relieved him. .

Bro. Tincker, agent at Hadlen, off on short vacation; was relieved by Bro. C. S. Byrd, second trick, Reno, and Byrd was relieved by Mr. Hunt, who promises to join as soon, as he gets the coin.

Bro. G. W. Sims, agent at Delmar, while on vacation was relieved by J. T. Sacra, second trick, who was relieved by Bro. Moorehead.

DIV. COR.

Cleveland Division—

How can a non work his eight or nine-hour trick, step out of the office and say that the Government did a wise thing for him? Please bear this fact in mind, Mr. Non: If the O. R. T. men of the United States had not flooded the halls of Congress with telegrams and letters, when the hours of Service Bill was under consideration, and the prospects were it would be killed, and demanding its passage in no uncertain manner, you would still be on your little twelve-hour beat. So come in, Mr. Non, with the men who have done so much for you in the past. With the increase in numbers your membership will make us better able to do much more for you in the future.

Relieving the agent at Rushsylvania of the wire work, has made a vacancy on first trick. These vacancies are rather slow being advertised, and if some of our brother members will please wake up and keep the local chairman posted on these affairs, he will endeavor to have a better observance of our schedule by the officials.

Bro. Eberhard is visiting Seattle, San Francisco and other Western points of interest, during his vacation. He reports that the possession of an O. R. T. card has made his trip all the more pleasant. During Bro. Eberhard's absence from Rushsylvania, Mr. Fawcett is working first; Bro. Elliott, second, and Mr. Nelson, third trick. As the old saying is, "A rose between two thorns."

Bro. Gallagher, of Ridgeway, is the proud owner of a new card. If a few more nons would look at the bright side of life, as Bro. Gallagher did, when joining, we would soon become a solid body, working as one man. Awake! Ye sleepers.

By the time this is under cover, we can call J. H. Nelson and G. E. Dodd, of Harper, brothers. We are increasing in membership on the west end, and would like to see the men between Galion and New London take more interest in the Order.

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Bro. Ed. White, of "DK" tower, is back to work, after a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. J. F. Gambo bid in Burton St., leaving a vacancy at "F" tower

Mr. Le Valley, "the kid" extra man, is making quite a hit, tackling some very stiff lever and wire jobs. At present he is working at Linndale, in place of Bro. Bogan, who is sick. He is to be one of our future brothers, so treat him courteously. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Florida East Coast Ry.

This road is almost solid now, with the exception of a few agents who have been here for so many years that they imagine they have "a snap," and don't seem to want anything better. There are some of these, however, who could be induced to join, if the boys would only talk up the Order, and show them what it has already done for us.

Send them your RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS to read, and try to get the dispatchers interested also. I know of at least one up-to-date chief who says he would keep up his card even if he went to farming.

I remember a road on which I applied for a position not long ago, where the chief had a sign placed over his door, "No card, no favors." Now, we can put this road in the same position if we will only all go at it right.

Get after the W. U. boys, too, brothers. It won't be much trouble, the way they are all being treated now, to get them on our side.

Fruit and vegetable growers are beginning to ship oranges and grape fruit from several points along this line now. The tomato, celery and bean crops are fine and the agents will now likely be able to make up on their express shipments for the short catch of fish the past summer.

Ball games have been "the go" down this way the past summer, and a team of Indians from Oklahoma just about "eat up" the ball players "alive" nearly every place they tackled them, till it came to Palatka, where they were beaten by a score to 3 to 0, by the boys at that place. Hastings caught the fever and rushed out a team to Titusville, Cocoa, Eau Gallie and Ft. Pierce. Hastings put it over the Cocoa boys 5 to 0, showing they were good for something else besides "diggin' 'taters," but they met their Waterloo at Titusville, being beaten by the team at that point, 7 to 3. Bro. J. L. St. Clair, of the Eau Gallie team, went up to Cocoa and helped the boys out with the game there.

W. E. Stephens, our trainmaster, who fell from the coal chute at St. Augustine, recently, only survived the shock a few hours. We were all sorry to lose him, especially by such a fatal accident. He had been with this road only about two years, starting as a third trick dispatcher.

There have been very few changes on this road lately, and probably won't be before next summer. We can only all hang on this coming winter, perhaps, when business gets dull again, we may be able to get off on vacations and let the "relief boys" cuss the bugs, mosquitoes and poor express.

Several new offices will probably be opened up soon on the Key West extension between Knight's Key Dock and Key West, making a few more places for our boys.

Bro. R. S. Snell has been transferred from Titusville second trick to Eau Gallie third, Bro. A. B. Whilden relieving him.

Bro. R. L. Everndek, agent at Ft. Pierce, checked out for a few weeks' vacation, and has been relieved by Bro. Colder.

Bro. E. L. Cline, chief dispatcher at Miami, has returned from a few weeks' vacation in North Carolina. SINGLE SHOT.

Mineral Range Ry.

Business still continues as good as during the past summer months, but navigation will soon close, and that will do away with the most of our coal traffic.

There are no new faces along the line; the whole bunch appear to be stickers.

Quite a few have been off enjoying vacations, although it was hard to find extra men to relieve them.

The depot at Gay burned down recently, destroying all the records. The loss of the depot did not amount to much, as it simply consisted of two box cars placed end to end. It is to be replaced by a new stone or cement structure, which will no doubt look good to the people at Gay.

Telegrapher Cohen still hangs out at Mohawk. We have been unable so far to get him over into our lines.

Bro. Olsen has returned to Ahmeek after enjoying a two weeks' vacation around the copper country.

Bro. Galby has returned to Kearsarge after a two weeks' vacation, visiting down around Chicago and through Illinois. A Frenchman, from Montreal, who relieved him, was unable to speak English and the dispatchers no doubt had their troubles with him.

Bro. Cates holds forth at Calumet passenger depot, "UX," nights.

Bro. G. L. Allen has returned to Calumet yard after a three-week vacation with relatives down through Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. He was relieved by Bro. H. F. McMaster, who, on Bro. Allen's arrival, left on a three-week vacation down in the Southern part of the State on a fishing excursion.

Telegraphers Owen and Davis have traded places, Davis being now at Upper Mills and Owen at Lake Linden.

Bro. Warner is back at Hancock after enjoying a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Sims.

Telegrapher Wideman holds down Keweenaw Bay.

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Bro. Guthrie, at Moss, and Agent Housen, at the latter point, has also been enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

Mr. Boylan holds down Alston.

I hope that in the next write-up we can call more of our co-workers "brothers." The showing is not so bad, but it could be better. So long, 73's

"A."

Kingston & Pembroke Ry.

Although our road may not be as long as some of the others, it is just as wide, and our schedule practically the same as the Canadian Pacific has, with the exception that we receive overtime for any portion of an hour, after working twelve hours. We also received a 10 per cent increase in monthly pay. This is a very good start for our first schedule, and everyone on the line feels grateful to our committee, which assisted by Bro. D. Campbell, our worthy Third Vice President, and Bro. G. D. Robertson, Local Chairman, C. P. System, put up such a hard fight to secure it for us.

Bro. Cameron Parham has returned to duty, looking hale and hearty, after rusticating on the old home farm.

Our worthy chief, Bro. Clarke, spent his holidays with friends on Dalhousie Lake; relieved by Bro. Wells, of Godfrey, who was relieved by Relief Agent Bertram.

Bro. Walker, Mississippi, gave the ballast trains the "23," and took advantage of their absence to secure his holidays. Burleigh, Folger, will go next, and Sister Appleby, of Flower, will then take a trip out West for several months.

Business is picking up on the line, making overtime for our brother trainmen.

We are glad to see that Bro. Campbell, at Verona, has fully recovered.

Now, boys, keep the ball rolling, and let the old K. & P. be represented each month in our journal.

CERT. 1008.

New Orleans Great Northern Ry.

There has never been anything published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER heretofore, to my knowledge, about "N. O. G. N.," and I think it is about time we were getting into the limelight. I wish to let all the brothers on connecting roads know that we are working hard for the Order, and have secured quite a few new members in a short while. At present we have a petition up for signatures of members to get up a system division on this road. We have struck several hard cases, but will soon find a way to handle these men, who have a supposed grievance against our Order, or who won't join through indifference and lack of union spirit; but who wish to reap all the benefit that they can, without paying anything for it. Such moral cowards have no thought of the future. Men who have been railroading for a number of years, and have no card of any kind, usually have few friends. Many of these seem never to have given true unionism a thought, and when you talk to them they say, "I believe in unionism all right," but ask one of them to get a card, and nine times out of ten they will give some poor excuse, and will not join unless they are compelled to in order to get a job. These men find out sooner or later that the best way is the only way, and some of them want to come across when it is too late. Take, for instance, the commercial telegraphers. There has been no discrimination shown by the companies betwen the strikers and the scabs, since the strike was called off. Both having been treated very badly, and working conditions are worse, and salaries smaller than ever before. This treatment of the scabs is a sample of what corporations do for those remaining "loyal" to them. I should think it was about time men were waking up to the fact that they will have to protect themselves and stand together, or they will never get anything like decent treatment.

We soon expect to get our charter, and hope our brothers on the I. C. and N. O. and N. E., with whom we work, will take a little interest, and find out who is who over here, and help us along with the good work. Get busy, brothers. We can accomplish much in a short time if we will only work hard.

"XI."

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Allegheny Division

The latest discipline bulletin shows quite a number of cases of sleeping on duty, which is to be regretted, because many persons argue that the reduction in the number of hours of service has not been of material benefit to the telegrapher, and that it has not increased the efficiency of that department. The difficulty seems to be that the operator, having been accustomed for so many years, to working twelve and more hours a day, seems to be utterly unable to make a good use of the surplus time, and it hangs heavy on his hands. He seems to lack ambition to study, or in other ways improve the three or four hours added to his leisure each day. If some one could only point out a way for him to employ his spare time profitably, the result would be a blessing to society in general and to the telegrapher in particular.

It may be that we are worse off now than when we were confined to our offices for twelve hours a day, as it kept us out of mischief that much longer. Most people are benefited when they are restrained from carrying out the fancies of their idle hours, the telegrapher being no exception. It is clearly the duty of our leaders to devise some means, by which we can put to better use the extra time which has been thrust upon us. We believe this is a subject worthy of attention, and trust some one will be able to suggest something of value along these lines.

Once more I would urge upon every one of you to be ever watchful of the company's interests, and when any irregularity comes to your notice send a statement to the division operator. It is not intended that you should report every trifling thing that transpires, but matters of a serious nature that will be investigated anyway, and

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which affects this department, should be promptly reported in order that the head of our department may be fully aware of what is going on, and in case he is called upon for an explanation he may be prepared to properly defend himself and those within his jurisdiction. If you, at any time, perform some useful act, not exactly within your prescribed duties, do not fail to make a written report of it, with a view toward securing a commendation, which will be of material benefit to you, should you subsequently become subject to discipline.

Sister Mercer has resigned as agent as Sabula, we understand to embark upon the sea of matrimony. We extend to her and her husband our very best wishes for a long and untroubled journey through life. She was a loyal, worthy and consistent member, and we trust she will always carry a card.

Sister Snyder, at Oil City, recently, attending the investigation of the accident at Kennerdell, when the pay-train ran into another train on the main track. She was not to blame for the accident, her testimony was required to fix the responsibility.

The new office recently established at Bell, where the L. S. & M. S. connects with the Low Grade, is manned as follows: Bro. E. J. Stanley, first; V. E. Cable, second, and Bro. M. L. Stanley, third. It will probably be solid O. R. T. before this is in print.

Bro. J. A. Bever has returned to second at Ford City, after a 30-day leave of absence spent in the West, including a visit to headquarters in St. Louis.

Bro. J. B. Reynolds has returned to Kittanning after an extended trip South and West. He was relieved by Bro. Canfield, extra telegrapher.

Bro. W. W. McCollum has returned to third trick at Red Bank, after quite a lengthy vacation. He was exonerated from any blame in the recent yards accident.

Bro. R. D. Jones, third trick "NY," injured while playing ball recently was relieved by Extra Telegrapher S. Q. Hull.

Bro. J. E. Landis has secured third trick at Falls Creek on bid.

Bro. A. M. Fuller, of "K" office, Oil City, has returned to duty after spending a two weeks' vacation at Corry and Spartansburg.

Bro. J. C. Lamb has returned to duty at Riverside Junction after a few weeks leave of absence.

If there is a non working near you, invite him to join our ranks and help us to complete organization. Our "Star of Hope" is in the ascendancy, and if every member will call himself an organization committee and secure at least one new member, or induce a delinquent member to pay up, that for which we are striving will be assured.

Every member get a member.

"BRIGHAM."

P. & N. W. Division—

I regret that I am unable to secure any information as to what is taking place on our division. I have asked the boys for a helping hand, but have failed to receive any news from them. They do not seem to care whether the news of this division is published or not. It is time we were waking up and showing our sincerity as members by doing all in our power to make our division solid. If we will all work together we will soon succeed in making our road solid. Try and give me a little news from your offices for the coming month, and I will do all I possibly can to have the P. & N. W. properly noticed in every issue of our official publication. We must show to those who are not yet with us, by example as well as by precept, the great necessity of becoming members of our Order. To the knockers we say: "If you can't boost, don't knock!" Think this over, boys, and try to realize what you are to the O. R. T.

DIV. COR.

Susquehanna Division—

Sister H. I. Williams, second trick at "D," had leave of absence, September 13th. If she could only have had the 14th off also, and attended the meeting at Williamsport with her brothers, she would no doubt have enjoyed the meeting as well as the company.

Bro. E. F. Holmes, third trick at "GD," went to Center Hall to work on the L. & T. R. R. several days, on account of the Grangers' Picnic. Bro. Strunk went to Rising Springs for the same purpose.

Bros. T. A. Minnier, second, and A. Wetzel, third trick at "HU," were relieved for several days recently by Telegrapher F. W. Wetzel on second and Telegrapher Walborn on third.

Telegrapher E. I. Leister, third trick at "FY," was relieved by Mr. Fenstermacher, September 4th.

Telegrapher F. W. Wetzel worked second trick at "VN," September 6th in place of Relief Telegrapher Strunk.

Bro. H. T. Derrick, with his wife, enjoyed a week's vacation recently, taking in Niagara Falls.

W. H. Kebach worked first trick at "RV" while Bro. Riland was clerking at Herndon Station during Agent Wagner's vacation.

Bro. N. A. Steffen, of "CF," attended the Sunday school picnic at Edgewood Park, Shamokin, on August 28th.

Bro. M. A. Burns and W. H. Kebach worked relief trick No. 4 during Bro. Derrick's absence.

Bro. A. Wetzel, third trick at "HU," was relieved by his brother, F. W., during a short leave of absence.

Fred expects to carry an up-to-date card in the near future.

Kauffman and Putt, of Halifax, took in the sights at the seashore on their vacation, F. W. Wetzel working second trick at "UR."

Bro. E. F. Bailets, first trick at "D," was relieved by W. H. Kebach, of Dalmatia.

Bro. Strunk worked for Bro. Bourne, first trick at "RF," September 18.

Bro. M. A. Burns worked for Bro. Lontz, of "GD," September 11th.

Bro. J. E. Rubendall, extra operator in "GO," visited his parents, Sunday, September 12th.

Bro. M. A. Burns is working third trick at "GD," in Bro. Holmes' place.

DIV. COR.

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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Aug. 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A)	$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B)	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING SEPTEMBER, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
930	Ernest L. Amley	Tuberculosis	16	12290	C	$1,000 00
933	Douglas G. McLearen	Cerebral Spinal Meningitis	59	12266	B	500 00
934	Jesse Roy Greene	Appendicitis	54	18622	B	500 00
935	Martin F. Boehmer	Malarial Pernicious	Grand	16946	B	500 00
936	Nelson H. Hileman	Paresis	2	15464	B	500 00
937	Charles E. Crawford	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	32	19689	B	500 00
938	Millard F. Brown	Sun Stroke	31	9033	B	500 00
939	Arthur Leon Wyatt	Otitis Media	38	24456	C	1,000 00
940	Joseph Cronin	Heat Prostration Causing Heart Failure	38	29949	A	300 00
941	Nicholas E Lacy	Accidentally Killed by Train	8	11331	B	500 00
942	Floyd H. Campbell	Struck by Fast Freight Train	7	6439	C	1,000 00
943	Otto C Franke	Typhoid Fever	123	19130	B	500 00
944	Archie P. Brake	Accidental Drowning	93	24816	C	1,000 00
945	L. P. Pelletier	Consumption	7	5662	C	1,000 00
946	Chas. A. Davis	Hemorrhage from Bowels	6	11213	C	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to August 31, 1909	$814,551 52
Received on Assessment Account September, 1909	2 841 69
	$817,393 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to August 31, 1909	$554,681 47
Death Claims paid in September	10,300 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,198 15
Assessments transferred to dues	205 13
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, September 30, 1909	251,008 46
	$817,393 21

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No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div.—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2nd floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; F. K. Ament, S. & T., Box 205, Malvern, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N. 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

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No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System, 1st, 2nd and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch N. Y.; W. F. Persbacker, Local Chairman, Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Dumas, Ark.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. District meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberger, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.; J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex.; I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex.; L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Thursday each month at 8 p. m., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. N. Pickerill, Chief Tel., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

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No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office, Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman; M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio, G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35—PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton, Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

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No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. B. C. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. W. Aiken, Gen'l Chairman, Cotopaxi, Colo., A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2015 Routt ave., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. A. A. Kolb, Chief Tel., 570 Duquesne ave., Swissvale, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, Drexel, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets

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4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road. St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S. W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss.; J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., Shriver, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Decatur, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden,

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N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.

No. 85 TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J.; N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m. and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S & T. Carbondale, Pa.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 4831 Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18th South Catherin st. Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Belmond, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Tempe, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Englehart, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; D. R. Dunning, S. & T., 103 Smith st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105 CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

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No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.

No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.

No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.

No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.

No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov., and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept. and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.

No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and of place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edwards, N. Y.

No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets second Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, third floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E. Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A. South End, Penola, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., fourth Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W T Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.

No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.

No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman, Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

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No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bilodeau, Chief Tel., Beauce, Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saurday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on second Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets third Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Bldg., Olean, N. Y.; D. F. Cashman, Chief Tel, Machias Junction, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman. Indinapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; I. A. Schlosser, 111 N. Lynn st., Urbana, Ill., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlemoir, Local Chairman, Carrier Mills, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. V. W. Hobbs, Gen'l Chairman, Mattawamkeag, Maine; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Centre Point, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.

No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. W. M. English, Gen'l Chairman, Talladega, Ala.; J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.

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No. 149, PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—T. L. Kiser, Chief Tel., Old Bridge, N. J. S. W. Skirm, S. & T., Perth Amboy, N. J.

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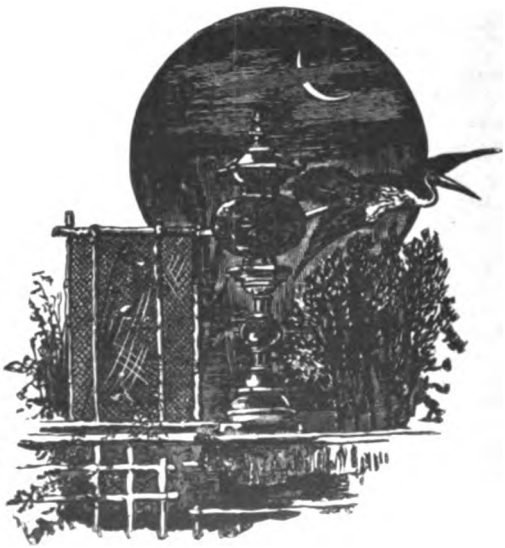
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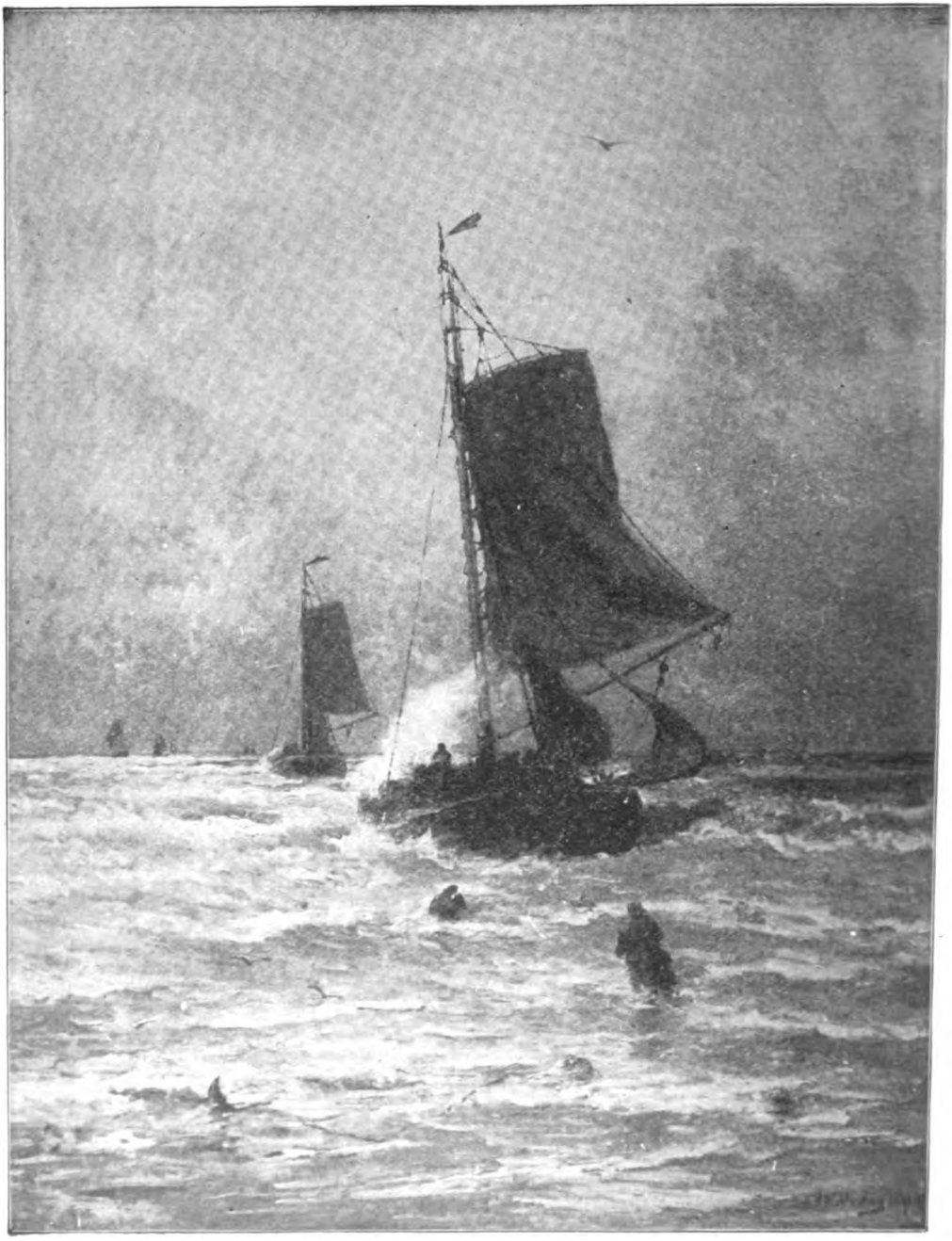
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The A. F. of L. Convention.

THE Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor convened in Massey Music Hall, Toronto, Ont., on Monday morning, November 8th, with the usual large attendance of delegates, President Gompers presiding.

The opening session was devoted to addresses of welcome and replies thereto.

The principal address of welcome was delivered by His Worship, Mayor Oliver, of Toronto, who spoke as follows:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the American Federation of Labor:

"It was prior to the advent of the white man on the northern half of this continent that Toronto earned the sobriquet 'Convention City.' Indeed, the assertion is made that the name 'Toronto' is a corruption of the Indian word 'Taranta,' signifying 'place of meeting.' Legend tells us it was here, on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, that the children of the forest foregathered. It was here they held their Great Council. It was here they met to plan raids, to take the war path, or perchance to smoke the calumet of peace. The red man has long since given place to his white brother. The wigwam has vanished and in its stead stands the monumental brick and granite of a mighty metropolis. Out of the wilderness of those times has arisen this beautiful city, the home of a loyal, progressive and God-fearing people. Nor have the years that have passed in the evolution of an Indian village bedimmed the lustre of our city's fair fame as a place of meeting. It has grown brighter and brighter with the gradual development until Toronto stands today, in fact as in name, the premier Convention City of Canada.

"We are from time to time favored with the presence of delegates to conventions

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from the United States, whose aims and objects are perhaps as diversified as it is possible to conceive. It is our invariable custom to welcome them with open arms and to do our utmost to contribute to the pleasure and interest of their visit. But it is seldom indeed that any city is honored with a convention in whose proceedings the great mass of the people—those we are pleased to term 'the working classes'—are so intimately concerned. Never before in the history of our city have we been favored with the presence of a delegation representing so vast an army of workers. It is a source of gratification to us that on this occasion we not only welcome our fellow-citizens from every part of this broad dominion and our kinsmen from the neighboring republic, but also two honored representatives from the motherland beyond the sea. As the representatives of five millions of English-speaking people, it is with more than ordinary pleasure that I bid you welcome to Toronto. It is with more than ordinary warmth I greet you.

"The American Federation of Labor, as I understand it, is an open organization whose purpose is to maintain the rights and advance the cause of the wage-worker—a commendable purpose surely. And when the present status of the wage-earner is compared with that of the past, the necessity for the existence of such an organization is evident. A hundred years since and the position of the wage-earner was little better than deplorable. Evil as was his social condition, his industrial plight was even worse. A little earlier, a century and a half ago, and we find no less a personage than the distinguished Samuel Johnson protesting against the raising of wages as wrong in principle. 'Raising the wages of day laborers is wrong,' said he, 'for it does not make them live better, but only makes them idler.' I can not believe the great lexicographer's view to be just, even as applied to the laborer of this time, and it would certainly be most cruel and unjust if pronounced today. I am happy to say that his is not the prevailing opinion of the present age.

"When one considers the gigantic strides that have been made since Johnson's time toward the wage-earner's industrial and social amelioration—due in some measure to a higher plane of civilization, but primarily to organizations such as yours—one can not but feel great admiration for those who have contributed so largely to the toilers' present-day status. Thanks to them, and, as I have said, to an advanced civilization, the poorest laborer of today is enabled to live a life of luxury and affluence in comparison with his prototype of that age.

"But the struggle of the ware-worker for that meed of recognition which is his has proved a never-ending task. It has continued for centuries, and must still continue. His condition is steadily improving, but the end is not yet. He must fight on. Let his leaders find comfort and consolation in the fact that the odds against which they are pitted have steadily decreased from century to century, from decade to decade, and from year to year.

"Despite the laws that have been enacted to protect it, labor continues to be the only commodity, if such it may be termed, that may be stolen with impunity. If the product of labor be pilfered, the act is termed 'theft,' and he who is guilty of it is committed to the common jail. But if labor be stolen by the payment of an unfair wage, it is possible only to exact redress by means of perfectly organized labor bodies. This, unfortunately, involves great financial loss and hardship and not infrequently the sacrifice of human life. It remained for Abraham Lincoln, foremost of Americans, dead or living, to amend the old commandment. He made it read: 'Neither shalt thou steal the product of labor, nor shalt thou steal labor itself.' It was Lincoln, too, who said that 'to secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, or as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any good government.'

"It may be of interest to you to know that in Toronto the municipality regards the laborer as worthy of his hire. Not only does he receive the prevailing union wage for an eight-hour day, when employed by the city directly, but all city contractors must engage to mete out to him the same liberal treatment.

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"It may also interest you to learn that the employes of the Toronto Railway Company are amply protected under the terms of agreement entered into in 1891 between the Corporation of the City of Toronto and the company. The company is neither permitted to pay any adult employe a less wage than fifteen cents per hour, nor to compel him to work for a longer period than ten hours per day, or on more than six days per week.

"I venture the assertion, without fear of successful contradiction, that as a result of the fair wage rate paid the artisan and laborer in Toronto, our city contains a greater percentage of wage-earning home-owners than any other city of equal population in America. It follows as a matter of course that you will find also a greater contentment, a higher average of intelligence, a better-read people, and consequently a more law-abiding and useful citizenship than commonly prevails elsewhere. Where the wage-earner has a material interest in a community, that community is infinitely better for his presence than if he were a mere, perhaps transient, wage-earner.

"And now, gentlemen, I desire to say a word to you concerning what you, on your part, as representing the true interests of labor, owe—not to capital—but to good citizenship. It would be wisdom on your part to refrain from countenancing the demagogue. The domination of the demagogue does more to create an unfavorable impression of the conscientious trades and labor advocate than all other causes combined. I allude to the blatant work-dodging agitator, who delights in beguiling and parading those unfortunates, chiefly recent importations, who are to be found in every large center of population. While I am free to admit that there are always in evidence many cases of actual hardship, especially during the winter season, I am satisfied that if such unfortunates—and I fear we shall ever have them with us despite our best endeavors to remedy their condition—were to divorce themselves from the self-appointed leaders under whose banner they are led to enroll themselves, their interests would be better served. The true leader of labor is remiss in his plain duty when he lends countenance to the self-chosen misrepresentative of labor whose office is to incite the unemployed by impassioned appeals to demand what he is pleased to term 'their rights.' Advocating the doctrine of anarchy, too—and by anarchy I mean the utter disregard of properly constituted government—to those among whom are many human derelicts who have become embittered against society and who are therefore prone to yield all too readily to such influence, is to propagate an evil that is destructive alike to the true principles of labor, to the individual and to the community at large. Who among you can calculate, can even estimate the mischief that must inevitably result from the continued pursuit of such a course? Intelligent organization, education, agitation, and the ballot box are the true correctives for such evils as exist. It is by these means and by these means alone that you can hope to achieve success in the advancement of your cause. It is not my intention to dictate to you. You are undoubtedly more capable of safeguarding your own interests than I am of advising you. Nevertheless, it does seem to me that some means should be adopted by organized labor to discourage those acts which tend to lower its dignity in the eyes of the people, to whom after all you must appeal for that moral and tangible support without which you can hope to accomplish very little.

"Let me once more assure you, gentlemen, that it is a pleasure to welcome to Toronto a gathering so thoroughly representative of labor as that which is assembled here today. The five millions of wage-earners identified with your organization, in every conceivable branch of labor, will watch with deep interest the reports of your proceedings, and will discuss with no little animation the results of your deliberations. Let us hope that they will be such as will meet with their entire approbation and that they make for the continued and increasing success of your Federation.

"It is my earnest desire that your stay among us may prove a most interesting and profitable one. I trust that when your visit draws to a close you may feel that nothing

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has been left undone to contribute to your enjoyment; that our people are not unlike their cousins of the great republic to the south of us in their warmth of welcome and the generosity of their hospitality, and that each and every one of you will look forward to a repetition of your visit to Toronto in the not distant future."

Dr. J. O. Reaume, representing the Premier and the Government of the Province of Ontario, and President Glockling, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, also delivered addresses of welcome.

President Gompers responded on behalf of the convention.

After the Committee on Credentials had rendered its report, President Gompers read his report, which treated exhaustively upon the most important matters now before the labor world.

As an introductory to his report, President Gompers said:

"Permit me in the name of the great cause of labor and humanity in which we have the honor to be enlisted, to welcome you to this twenty-ninth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor. In this labor movement we gather as the representatives and by direction of our organized fellow-workers, and it is upon the labor movement that the toilers and the lovers of human freedom have set their hearts and hopes. They realize that the trade union movement of America is the historically developed potential force which bears the brunt and scars of battle and which makes sacrifices for right and justice for all, for all time. There is not a wrong against which we fail to protest or seek to remedy; there is not a right to which any of our fellows are entitled which it is not our duty, mission, and work and struggle to attain. So long as there shall remain a wrong unrighted or a right denied, there will be ample work for the labor movement to do. The struggle through the ages has always been attended with brutal tyranny and cruel injustice. Some have always had to suffer that the people might obtain some modicum of freedom. The times in which we now live are no exception to that rule. They who are true to their fellows, true to themselves, can not and dare not evade the duties and responsibilities which may come from their advocacy of the cause of the people.

"Tyranny, exercised by no matter whom or from what source, must be resisted at all hazards. The labor movement which is the defender, protector and promoter of the rights and interests of the people must be carried forward, its rapacious, ignorant opponents to the contrary notwithstanding. We should not, and we must not, surrender the rights which we have achieved for the toilers, we dare not permit the workers to become the victims of the tender mercies of their exploiters.

"The higher manhood, womanhood and childhood, a better standard of life which we have achieved for America's toilers, the better concept of human rights and liberties which have been secured at such great sacrifices are too precious heritages even to permit them to become debatable topics. They are the result of conquests in the struggle; they are ours to maintain and perpetuate for unborn generations.

"Meeting in convention as we do for the first time in our history on Canadian soil, may we not indulge the hope that there will be brought to the consideration, discussion and action of the work of our convention the very best that is in us, and so shape the course of our movement that it will prove of still greater advantage to our fellow-workers and the people generally, that we may win not only their respect and confidence, but their full association and co-operation?

"The attention of friends and foes is equally attracted to this convention. Let us bring hope, comfort and encouragement to the one; disappointment and dismay to the other.

"Again, in the name of the toilers of our continent and for the success of the aspirations of the great cause of humanity and liberty, I bid you welcome.

"The laws and practice of our Federation require that your president shall report to you annually, and it has been and is my desire to submit to conventions the matters

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which are most important, requiring attention and action.

"The year which is just closed has been fraught with events of transcendent importance, and yet I feel that by reason of the many questions with which this convention must deal, as well as my absence from America for some considerable period, the report which I have the honor to submit falls far short of that which I hoped I could present.

"There is no limit to the lines of activity in which our movement is engaged for the betterment of the condition of the workers, to attain all rights, and to work for the attainment of justice. The interest and the right of anyone of our fellows is the concern of the labor movement. To bring light into the homes, hope to the hearts, aspirations to the minds of the workers, is the duty and mission of our movement. To make mankind truly free has been the dream of philosophers, song of the poets, and the struggle of the workers.

"It is a source of great gratification to be able to report the growth in the trade union movement during the past year. From the time of the panic, October, 1907, there were myriads of our fellow-workers unemployed, and this necessarily had an injurious influence upon them. As a consequence, there was a falling off in membership in many of our organizations. These, however, have been regained and additional members enrolled. There can be no doubt but that our experience before, during and since the last panic has fully justified the attitude of the American Federation of Labor so stoutly maintained by nearly all workers. The declared position of America's workers that wage reductions would be resisted at all hazards, not only prevented reductions to any appreciable extent, but also gave courage to the workers to maintain their membership and stand true by organized labor.

"Previous industrial crises were not only prolonged and made acute, but the organizations were crushed out of existence or they emerged from these periods with ranks decimated and unions disbanded. The period of our last panic was not only shortened, but the wage standard practically maintained, and the organizations of labor emerged from them better organized and better prepared to defend and promote the rights and interests of the workers.

"It is impossible here to enter into detailed statements. Some other opportunity through our official magazine may present itself.

"The present average membership of our affiliated organizations for the year is nearly up to the highest standard in the history of the Federation. The officers of one-third of international unions affiliated to our Federation, have made report of an increase over previous years. Thirty-four of them reported a net increase of over 80,000 for the past year, while there has been a substantial increase in the membership of the local unions formed or revived, attached to the international unions or directly affiliated to the American Federation of Labor. The reports of the one-third of the organization may be taken as a fair indication of the general growth.

"We issued during the fiscal year 176 certificates of affiliation. Of this number 3 were to international unions; the Operative Plasterers' International Association of the United States and Canada, the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, and the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers of the United States and Canada; 2 to departments, as follows: Railway Employes' Department and Union Label Trades Department; 40 to central labor unions; 2 to State federations, Nebraska and Wyoming; 52 federal labor unions, and 77 local trade unions.

"I strongly recommend that every effort be made to organize the yet unorganized workers of America. We must not cease our efforts to bring every wage-earner within the beneficent fold of unionism, to cultivate the spirit of fraternity and solidarity, that we may go onward and forward to a higher, better standard of life for all."

The report then goes into detail on the subject of "Summary of Injunction, Contempt and Appeals," and gives full particulars regarding the injunction case of the Buck Stove and Range Company against the American Federation of Labor and the

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contempt proceedings against himself, Secretary Morrison and Vice-President John Mitchell, which grew out of the injunction proceedings.

After reciting at considerable length the details of the injunction proceedings, President Gompers, in his report, deals with the contempt proceedings. In connection with that matter the report says:

"Upon the authority of the Norfolk Convention of the American Federation of Labor an appeal from the injunction was taken to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, our main contention being that the terms of the injunction were in violation of fundamental constitutional rights and guarantees, and that it was, therefore, invalid and void. While this appeal was pending before the court, so hasty and vindictive was Mr. James W. Van Cleave, of the Buck's Stove and Range Company, that he petitioned the court which issued the injunction to adjudge Vice-President John Mitchell, Secretary Morrison and myself guilty of contempt of court, and to require us to show cause why we should not be punished therefor. We were harassed for months, our counsel and witnesses being required to travel throughout large sections of the country to take testimony. Days upon days were consumed in the examination of Messrs. Mitchell, Morrison and myself at Washington. Practically the history of the American Federation of Labor, printed, written or unpublished, was made part of the testimony.

"The court heard argument of counsel on both sides as to whether the defendants, Mitchell, Morrison and I, were guilty of contempt of court. And while the appeal on the original injunction was pending, Justice Wright, on December 23, 1908, adjudged us guilty of contempt of court and imposed a sentence of six months, nine months and one year's imprisonment respectively upon 'Morrison, Mitchell and Gompers.'

"This passing comment appears apropos. It is that an unprejudiced, impartial judge might well have deferred a decision in a contempt case alleging violation of an injunction while an appeal upon the validity of the injunction itself was pending and was being considered for decision by a higher court, and further, that the unprecedented sentences imposed were entirely in conflict with the spirit and plain provision of the constitution as being cruel and unusual.

"What are the offenses for which Mitchell, Morrison and I are sentenced to long months of imprisonment, and the ignominy of being classified as criminals? We have dared to defend our constitutional rights as men and as citizens, despite the injunction of a court which sought to invade the rights of free speech and free press secured to the Anglo-Saxon people centuries ago by Magna Charta and clinched by the adoption of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

"And what, after all, are the grounds upon which Justice Wright held the defendants guilty of violation of the terms of the injunction? When the injunction was issued and went into effect, both temporary and permanent, we proposed to test the principles involved before the established legal tribunals.

"Vice-President Mitchell, it was alleged, violated the injunction by allowing certain acts to be performed by the officers of the American Federation of Labor, and also, that while presiding at a convention of the United Mine Workers of America, a resolution, regularly introduced by a delegate, calling upon the members of that organization not to bestow their patronage upon the product of the Buck's Stove and Range Company was submitted by Mr. Mitchell to the delegates for a vote.

"Secretary Morrison was charged substantially with having violated the terms of the injunction in so far as that he sent, or caused to be sent out copies of the printed official proceedings of the previous convention of the American Federation of Labor containing officers' and committee reports and resolutions of the convention relative to the Buck's Stove and Range Company's injunction and copies of the *American Federationist* containing similar references, circulars, appeals for funds and editorials written by me on the injunction abuse

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"The allegations charging me with violating the terms of the injunction were that I did, or authorized, or directed to be done, these things; because, by authority of the convention and of the Executive Council I sent to our fellow-workers and friends an appeal for funds in order that we might be in a position to defend ourselves before the courts in the very injunction case involved; because in lectures and on the public platform, during the Presidential campaign I made addresses to the people, giving the reasons for the vote as a citizen I was to cast at the then pending Presidential election, and because I dared editorially to discuss the fundamental principles involved, not only in the injunction pending but the entire abuse of the injunction writ. Aye, because I published in the *American Federationist* the order of the court to show cause why we should not be punished for contempt of the injunction was made part of the testimony upon which Justice Wright deemed it important to hold me guilty.

"Immediately after Justice Wright declared us guilty of contempt of the injunction and imposed the sentences, notice of appeal was given and bonds furnished in the following sums: Gompers, $5,000; Mitchell, $4,000, and Morrison, $3,000, for our appearance before the court at any time when called upon.

"On March 11, 1909—that is, nearly four months after Justice Wright imposed these sentences for alleged contempt of the injunction—the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia handed down its decision upon our appeal in the original injunction. That court greatly modified the terms of the injunction, holding that no publication could be forbidden except in furtherance of a 'conspiracy' to boycott.

"The injunction as modified and affirmed by the court is as follows:

"'It is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the defendants, Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison, John B. Lennon, James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell, Max Morris, Denis A. Hayes, Daniel J. Keefe, William D. Huber, Joseph F. Valentine, Rodney L. Thixton, Clinton O. Buckingham, Herman C. Poppe, Arthur J. Williams, Samuel R. Cooper and Edward L. Hickman, individually and as representatives of the American Federation of Labor, their and each of their agents, servants and confederates, be, and they hereby are, perpetually restrained and enjoined from conspiring or combining to boycott the business or product of complainant, and from threatening or declaring any boycott against said business or product, and from abetting, aiding or assisting in any such boycott, and from directly or indirectly threatening, coercing or intimidating any person or persons whomsoever from buying, selling or otherwise dealing in complainant's product, and from printing the complainant, its business or product in the 'We Don't Patronize' or 'Unfair' list of defendants in furtherance of any boycott against complainant's business or product, and from referring, either in print or otherwise, to complainant, its business or product, as in said 'We Don't Patronize' or 'Unfair' list in furtherance of any such boycott.

"'The costs of this appeal are equally divided between appellants and appellee.

"'Modified and affirmed.'

"The court which handed down this 'modified and affirmed' decision is composed of three judges, each of whom delivered different opinions. One justice, who concurred in the conclusion, gave different reasons. It is difficult to read Justice Van Orsdel's concurring opinion and reconcile it with his conclusion to affirm the injunction even in modified form. Chief Justice Shepard dissented from the conclusion of the court.

"I urge upon every wage-earner and every one interested in the discussion of great rights and principles involved to read the decision and opinions of the justices rendered in this case. The opinions and decision were published in the April, 1909, issue of the *American Federationist*.

"The Court of Appeals did not take any original testimony in the case, and I am justified in saying that the judges were somewhat in error in their estimate of the actual facts in relation to the boycott of the Buck's Stove and Range Company. This is understandable from the fact that the American Federation of Labor at no time entered a detailed defense to the alle-

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gations of the Buck's Stove and Range Company, although the charges were untrue in many important particulars.

"On account of the fundamental issues of free press and free speech, which were involved in the original injunction, we preferred to stand upon the *unconstitutionality of the injunction* rather than obscure this great issue by going into the details of the original trouble with the Buck's Stove and Range Company.

"The Court of Appeals said, that the only reason the publication of the Buck's Stove and Range Company was enjoined from appearing on the 'We Don't Patronize' list was because they believed that a 'conspiracy' to boycott had been entered into and that 'threats,' intimidation and coercion had been used on innocent third parties. On this wrong assumption the modified injunction was affirmed.

"It was regrettable that the court should have been so in error as to the facts of the boycott.

"Even if we had been guilty of unlawful conspiracy and coercion and intimidation—which we were not—surely there should be some more adequate punishment than by a process of injunction. In fact, existing laws do provide greater punishments for these offenses, and we respectfully submit that if we are guilty of them we should be tried by the due process of law before a jury of our peers, and if found guilty punished as the law provides, rather than be subjected to the caprice of a judge who solely determines the sufficiency of the charge, the guilt of the defendant and who imposes punishment as his whim may prompt.

"It was to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, the personnel of which has undergone no change since the rendering of the opinion modifying the injunction, that the appeal in the contempt proceedings was made. The argument upon the appeal against the sentences imposed by Justice Wright was made April 19-20, 1909, Hon. Alton B. Parker and Hon. J. H. Ralston making the arguments in labor's behalf.

"It may be interesting to know that Justice Wright assessed 'Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison' in the sum of $1,500 as costs of the injunction proceedings against them. From this decree an appeal is also pending."

The report then deals with the question of "Free Speech and Free Press." On this subject it says:

"In the whole history of our movement no greater struggle has taken place than that for the preservation and the maintenance of the right of free press and free speech. As you well know, this arose under the injunction proceedings and court decisions in the case of the Buck's Stove and Range Company against the American Federation of Labor, December, 1907.

"The technicalities of the case were soon lost sight of in the battle to preserve the great principles of human liberty which were involved.

"The people of our country have with the men of labor made it clear to the whole world that no curtailment of the rights of free press and free speech will be tolerated.

"The herculean efforts of the men of labor to arouse the people of the country to a realization of the danger which threatens our constitutional liberties will go down in the annals of history as one of the great crusades for the maintenance and advancement of human rights.

"At the time I wrote my report to the convention last year, John Mitchell, Frank Morrison and I had been cited to appear before the court and show cause why we should not be punished for contempt of the injunction because we had continued to exercise the rights of free press and free speech after they had been enjoined and forbidden by the Buck's Stove and Range Company's injunction issued by Justice Gould of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

"It is a matter of history and of common knowledge that on December 23, 1908, Justice Wright sentenced 'Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison' to one year, nine months and six months imprisonment, respectively, for alleged violation of the injunction.

"It is also a matter of the history of this year that the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, in May, 1909, upon our

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appeal, rendered a decision modifying the terms of the original injunction.

"This decision was fully discussed in the *American Federationist*, April, 1909, and as the limits of this report will not permit a full review of the editorial opinions there expressed, it is to be hoped that all those who are interested in the preservation of our liberties will familiarize themselves with this and other editorial matter in relation to this case which has been published in the *American Federationist* since the injunction was obtained by the Buck's Stove and Range Company.

"Through efforts of our officers and members, through our magazine, the *American Federationist*, and through the labor press, through the great mass meetings and public speeches which voiced our protest, there was kindled throughout the country among all the people the spirit of liberty, the spirit of patriotism, the spirit of protest which demands that there shall be no tampering with our constitutional liberties by the courts, whether under the guise of injunction order, or of prejudiced judicial decree and sentence.

"I say advisedly that the whole people of our country are aroused to the seriousness of the situation. They realize that this attack upon free press and free speech among the workers is only the insidious beginning of the entire withdrawal of those rights from the whole people whenever it might suit the plans of those who desire to profit by injustice and tyranny.

"The response of the masses of the people to the campaign of the American Federation of Labor for the preservation of constitutional rights show how thoroughly our labor movement is in harmony with the spirit of liberty and the love of justice and right which makes a nation great.

"The struggle is far from ended. Eternal vigilance ever was and always will be the price of the liberties of a people.

"Let no one doubt my great respect for the judiciary of our country; I have confidence in their integrity, no matter what their decision, still they are human beings, and as such liable to err. I say this with respect not only to the three justices of the District Court of Appeals, but with reference to the judiciary generally.

"It was generally expected that the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia would hand down its decision early in October, 1909. Indeed, it was to meet the issue, whatever it might be, that I was careful to be within the jurisdiction of the court when the decision would be handed down. The decision was rendered Tuesday, November 2d—that is, on election day throughout the country. The court stood two to one in affirming Justice Wright's decision, and sentences of one year, nine months and six months imprisonment for 'Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison,' respectively, on the ground that they had violated the terms of Justice Gould's injunction. Chief Justice Shepard dissented from the decision and opinion of the court, and declared that Justice Wright's decision and sentences should be reversed, on the ground that he issued an order entirely beyond the power vested in him, and that the order was therefore void.

"Concretely stated, the decision of the court declares that no matter whether the injunction of Justice Gould was right or wrong, valid or void, we were compelled to obey. Against that concept, at least for myself, I enter a most emphatic protest.

"It is common knowledge that a judge has issued an injunction against municipal officers enjoining them from performing their duties in the enactment of laws. Assume that a judge will so far forget himself as to issue an injunction prohibiting a legislature or Congress itself, from enacting laws. Will it be contended that obedience must follow? Let a judge issue an injunction enjoining the President of the United States from performing the duties of his office. Does it follow that the chief executive of our nation must yield obedience, and perhaps thereby fail to perform the duties of his great office, to the injury of the people of the country? Were the matter involved merely material, or of such a character that time would not destroy, the situation would be vastly different. All realize that for the orderly continuance and development of civilized society, obedience to

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the orders of the court is necessary, and to that there would be no dissenting voice.

"I repeat and emphasize this fact, that the doctrine that the citizen must yield obedience to every order of the court, notwithstanding that order transcends inherent, natural, human rights guaranteed by the constitution of our country, is vicious and repugnant to liberty and human freedom, and that it is the duty, the imperative duty, to protest.

"The history of the human race has been full of tyranny, and the denial to the people of the right of expressing freely by speech or in the press their opinions. After our people established a government they recalled that they had omitted to safeguard this vital right in framing our constitution. Therefore, the first amendment to that instrument was that guaranteeing the right of freedom of speech and press.

"That means something. We do not need this right to please those entrusted with the authority of government. Free press and free speech were guaranteed that men might feel free to say things that *displeased*. Demand for reform coming from the people is generally distasteful to those entrenched in power and privilege.

"It was not necessary that we be given the privilege for the purpose of singing the praises of the powers that be. No Russian needs constitutional guarantee of the right to sing the praises of the Czar.

"We must have the right to freely speak and print for the wrongs that need resistance and the cause that needs assistance.

"There is no persecution, no injustice, to a great movement but if met in the right spirit bears its harvest of good. In this case the tremendous popular indignation at the attempt to abolish the right of free press and free speech brings our union members into closer relations and more in sympathy with each other throughout the country, and, more than that, it brings to the attention of the people as a whole the noble aspirations and the splendid achievements of the labor movement in behalf of right, justice and humanity.

"Out of this attempt to seal the lips of the [illegible] of labor I believe will come good.

"We know that the people of our country and the labor movement will be found united in patriotic protest against any curtailment of the liberties for which our forefathers struggled in order that we might be free.

"We have come too far in the march of human progress for any set of influences to drive us back into slavery.

"I see a silver lining to the clouds and a bright star of hope in the heavens, and I see ultimately the spirit of humanity, justice, and the brotherhood of man obtaining in the minds and hearts of the people of the country. Like Jefferson, I am willing to trust the people, and I have a certainty of their final triumph."

President Gompers, in his report, then deals with the questions of "Legislation, Anti-Trust Law, Injunctions, Federal Eight-Hour Law, Department of Labor, Ship Subsidy Bill, Asiatic Exclusion, Census Bill, Convict Labor, Child Labor, Immigration, Litigation, Industrial Education, Porto Rican Affairs," and other important subjects.

The report also contains a detailed account of President Gompers' European trip, and his observations of the conditions of the wage earners in the different countries of Europe.

The following excerpts are taken from that part of his report:

"In the course of the tour of Europe taken in obedience to your mandate, I made studies of the labor movement and the conditions of the wageworkers in the following places:

"United Kingdom — Liverpool, Dublin, Blackpool, Manchester, London and Ipswich; France—Calais and Paris; Belgium—Brussels and Antwerp; Holland—Amsterdam; Germany—Hamburg, Berlin, Munich and Cologne; Bohemia—Prague and Pilsen; Austria — Vienna; Hungary — Budapest; Italy—Milan, Rome, Naples, Genoa and Turin; Switzerland—Berne and Basle. Brief visits were made to other cities—The Hague, Bremen, Dresden, Verona, Venice, Mayence—sufficient to widen to some extent the general field of observation.

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"The more important of the gatherings attended were (1) the tenth annual general meeting of the General Federation of British Trade Unions held at Blackpool, July 1-2; (2) the sixth conference of the International Secretariat of Trade Unions held at Paris, August 30-31 and September 1; (3) the forty-second annual British Trade Union Congress held at Ipswich, England, September 6-11. Special central labor committee meetings were attended in a number of cities visited, besides labor addresses which were made on a number of occasions. In all the places visited both the labor and the general news press gave much space to the action of the American unions in sending a delegate on a general mission to Europe, the reporters interviewing me with regard to our trade-union organization, the sphere of its action and its achievements.

"The British General Federation of Trades reported this year at Blackpool as having a membership of 695,998. From March 31, 1908, to March 31, 1909, it dealt with 638 disputes, involving 54,962 persons, the total outlay in the resultant benefits being, in American money, more than $600,000. In the dispute in the Lancashire cotton industry, more than 45,000 claimed benefits. The year had brought a strain on the Federation through unemployment. The chairman, in his annual address, said that not one of the disputes had been caused by demands made upon the employers by unions. The decrease in the reserve fund of the year was $470,000; there remained $370,000. The number of organizations affiliated in the Federation is now 131. All are also represented in the Trade Union Congress.

"The president of the Trade Union Congress at Ipswich, announced that 495 delegates were present, representing a membership of 1,701,000. Among the delegates were 33 members of Parliament, 29 justices of the peace, 1 mayor, 6 aldermen and 18 councillors. The subjects before this year's congress creating the most interest were government labor exchanges, which have now become an established fact; propositions affecting Great Britain's scourge of unemployment; amendments to the old-age pension and compensation acts, and proposed changes in the national school system. The congress expressed the accepted trade unions views or made definite recommendations in regard to such questions as the employment of women and children; overtime; the extra unrequited work and long hours of government employes; land taxation; international blacklegging; freedom of the press; evictions during labor disputes, and the factory acts. A proposal to advocate proportional representation was lost by a large majority. As usual, compulsory arbitration was overwhelmingly rejected. A tailors' union label was indorsed —the hatters having already a label.

"During congress week as Ipswich well-attended demonstrations, various in character, took place nightly in the public halls and on Sunday in some of the churches. Among the movements thus promoted were those for women's trade union leagues; co-operation; temperance; the Catholic federation; poor law reform; Ruskin College; reform in Salvation Army industrial methods; abolition of insurance evils, and several ideals of socialism.

"It is to be observed that while the single organization of the American Federation of Labor administers the funds contributed by the international unions in cases of trade disputes, decides at its conventions upon the policy relative to any proposed acts of Congress or the legislatures, and takes advisory notice of elections involving rights essential to the wageworkers or citizens, in Great Britain these several features of working-class achievements are performed by three separate agencies.

"The General Federation of Trades was called into existence 10 years ago because the function of national financial assistance to unions suffering from the stress of self-protection against employing class aggressors could not be assured by the one central organization already existing.

"The Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, as its name implies, has for its purpose the work carried on in America by the State federations of labor and federation legislative committees—namely, the promotion of laws protective to labor. The Trade Union Congress seldom

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takes cognizance of any resolutions except such as contain instructions to its Parliamentary Committee, whose chairman is president of the congress.

"The political sentiments of the 1,701,000 members sending delegates to the congress are by no means in agreement. Fifty-two union-card holders are in the House of Commons, of whom 34 are in the 'block' which has subscribed to a compact on a working platform on labor affairs. The rest are, in cases, in line with the Liberal party, and in others independent. Within the 'block' there are strongly-marked partisan differences. The labor bills passed in the House of Commons have, of course, been those accepted by the Liberal party.

"The various labor representatives in the United Kingdom doubtless represent, on the whole, a movement necessary to its working people at the present time. The Taff-Vale decision evoked a spirited political protest from the wageworkers. Whatever dissensions, uncertainties of purpose and lack of cohesion among the political representatives of labor may exist in the House of Commons must bar adverse judgment in America. The difficulties with which the wageworkers in politics in the kingdom contend are many and various. The State pays no salaries to legislators. Forty per cent of the wageworkers in some cities are excluded from franchise, while property qualifies its holders for multiple voting. The hereditary lords and the partisans of the crown are interested enemies of democracy; the aristocracy, buttressed by vested rights, nurtures an unprogressive public sentiment; real estate taxation, as compared with our American methods, is grossly partial to unused-land holders; the working classes are only beginning to make their voting power tell on the old party organizations.

"At the Paris conference of the International Secretariat the principle which was brought out above all others, and emphasized on every possible occasion, was that the working classes of all countries today oppose war. They are systematically arraying themselves against present military establishments and other preparations that in themselves constitute a warfare which bears most heavily on the working classes whose sons must fill the ranks, and which heaps up national debts that must be paid from the proceeds of toil. At the close of the conference a mass meeting was held in one of the large halls of Paris, attended by thousands of wageworkers, who listened to the delegates representing not only all the larger countries of Europe, but America, condemning the attitude of the privileged classes toward war and denouncing them as standing apart from the mass of the people, ready to perpetuate their powers through the interruption of social progress due to war.

"It must be admitted, however, that the conferences of the International Secretariat as yet find but little practical work to look after except the promotion of peace, the interchange of amenities, and the publication of labor statistics. The representation is not purely trade union. Professor Huysmans, of Brussels, international secretary of the Socialist party, was one of the two delegates representing Belgium, where trade unionism is about at the lowest ebb reached in Europe. The delegates from Austria and Holland confined their many speeches to wholly socialistic propaganda and denunciations of true trade unionism. The two delegates from France, leaders of the General Confederation of Labor, were classed in the French press and by the socialist delegates as anarchists. Upon explaining that the American Federation of Labor had not yet decided to become affiliated to the International Secretariat, and that it was beyond my power, without your authority, to become affiliated, I was accorded a seat in the conference with a voice and, of course, without a vote.

"Discussion on the very few propositions introduced at the conference, such as those condemning the importation of non-unionists from one country to another during labor disputes, the action of the Prussian police in imposing excessive restrictions on wage-earners at the frontier; assistance for the Swedish strike; the promotion of the eight-hour day, were over-shadowed by somewhat heated criticisms in turn of the French, the English, and especially the

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American trade union movements, by delegates from the countries whose unions have hardly emerged from crude beginnings, and are yet in large masses led by partisan, non-wage working class politicians. In these debates the delegates from Germany, France and England maintained a wholly fair and honorable attitude toward the trade union movements in the countries criticised.

"The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor adopted two resolutions to be presented to the International Conference at Paris in the form of suggestions. They are as follows:

"'The International Trade Union Congress recommends to the trade union centers (General Federations or Congresses) of all countries the discussion of the proposition of establishing an International Federation of Labor, the autonomy of the trade union movement of each country being ordained and guaranteed, the purpose of the federation being for the protection and the advancement of the rights, interests and justice of the wage-workers of all countries and the establishment of international fraternity and solidarity.

"'It shall be the purpose of the labor movement of all countries to endeavor to the fullest extent to prevent the workers from one country being induced to emigrate to other countries during periods of industrial depression or when trade disputes exists or are in contemplation; that it shall be the duty of the recognized representatives of the labor movement of the country affected to notify the International Secretary, who in turn shall at once communicate the situation to the representatives of the trade union movement of each country.'

"These I submitted for such consideration as the conference could give, and I entered into a detailed statement in support of their favorable consideration. Of course, it was entirely out of the question for the conference to vote upon them, inasmuch as they were not on the agenda of business and were not presented in the form of propositions by a duly accredited delegate, but the conference decided that both questions shall be printed upon the program or agenda of the next International Conference, which is to be held at Budapest, August, 1911.

"On the whole, the conference served to clear the field for a possible deliberative international body, democratically organized, leaving to the labor movement in each country its autonomous rights, and excluding questions not within the sphere of trade unionism.

"I am fully persuaded, and have no hesitancy in recommending, that though the International Secretariat leaves much to be desired, yet the best interests of the workers of America will be served by our adherence thereto. Financially the cost would be but small, the substantial benefits would of necessity be exceedingly meagre, yet the spirit of international fraternity which it would foster would be immeasurable. I feel assured also that our adherence to the International Secretariat would hasten the establishment of an International Federation of Labor.

"Well worthy of our study in America are the legal methods of establishing employers' liability in case of accidents that are now in force in Germany and Great Britain. Among the subjects which at present engage the attention of the working classes abroad are old age pensions, municipal labor exchanges, and government industrial insurances, to the establishment of which in this country are difficulties that do not exist under European governments.

"There is much to report to you and our fellow-workers of vast interest, but which can not be included here, but it remains to be said now that in no country in Europe does there exist a national labor organization of any form better adapted to obtain directly successful results in the interests of the workers than the American Federation of Labor. Nowhere is there equal national or international unity in trade unionism, free from entangling alliances. Nowhere are the unions of the various trades organized on a better basis—that of but one general union for the entire industrially united area, national or international. Nowhere is the just idea of trade autonomy better maintained. Nowhere have there been greater achievements in advancing wages, shortening the workday, generally

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improving workshop conditions, or in convincing all ranks of society that the organization of labor is the great contributory and potent power to social peace and general prosperity."

In conclusion the report says:

"In conclusion let me reaffirm my conviction that the labor movement of our country will emerge triumphantly from the persecutions of those who would hamper its beneficent activities. Our work for the uplift of humanity goes steadily on through gloom and through sunshine. Defeat is not possibile to those who toil for humanity. Our brief summary of the events of the past year gives us every reason to hope for even greater victories in the future. We are progressing toward the day of real fredom and brotherhood for all humanity. In our labor movement lies the hope and promise of the future. Let us be of good cheer and make this convention the instrument of even greater achievements for the future.

"The year has been full of constant work and duties which I have endeavored to perform to the best of whatever ability I may possess. It is true that for four months the work varied from previous years, but it was only different in place, and partly in character, for wherever I happened to be it appears that my greatest desire and pleasure are to be of service to my fellows in the great work for the common uplift, and to me there is no line of activity so potent to accomplish this as in the labor movement of our time."

The report of Secretary Morrison shows the Federation to be in a most healthy condition financially.

The convention will probably last about two weeks.

MORSE SYSTEM PREVAILS.

A Postal Telegraph official, having noted the evident satisfaction displayed by Morse operators all over the country, owing to the discontinuance of the Rowland Printing Telegraph (automatic system), publishes an article in a recent edition of the *Telegraph Age*, explaining the action of the company.

These printing machines, which have been operated about two years upon six important circuits, three in octoplex, two in quadruplex and one in duplex, he claims, can be increased to 2,500 telegrams of thirty words per day, should the operators be called upon to make such an effort; but he admits, with repeaters midway on these circuits, between New York and Chicago, that the system conflicts with prompt service, and is subject to frequent interruptions, without reserve installations.

He also admits that the machine can not be promptly placed in operation upon a wire not previously used for such service, without delay in starting.

Delays to the traffic owing to such interruptions reached such a stage, in the operation of such an intricate page printer, that it became necessary to either greatly increase reserve apparatus or provide Morse operators and equipment to supplement the work of this printing machine; that these reserves were too expensive to permit of economical operation, and for that reason it was abandoned.

He adds that the system has always been experimental, but with modification of the apparatus, which has been suggested, it is possible other experiments may be made.

The only excuse given for having experimented with this machine so long, is, in effect, that it has at times resulted in considerable "wire-saving" and "economy in the cost of labor" by employing young women as operators at meager salaries, inexperienced in Morse telegraphy, who, under favorable conditions, could handle 300 to 500 messages per day.

ACCIDENTS.

THE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of April, May and June, 1909, as shown in reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission, was 99, and 2,116 were injured. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on or off cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 15,895, of which 588 were killed and 15,307 injured. The number shown to have been killed in

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this report is the lowest shown for many years. The financial loss to the railways through these accidents, in damage to cars, engines and roadways, aggregate $1,703,642. The total number of collisions during this quarter was 817, and of derailment 1,283. Of the collisions 10 affected passenger trains and of the derailment 172 affected passenger trains.

From the accidents reported in detail the following is taken:

One person was injured in a collision between two freight trains caused by "signalman failing to deliver order." Of this accident the report says:

"This collision was due to the neglect of a block signalman to display a stop signal. This signalman, at B, on receiving word from A that Engine No. 5 was approaching, called the signalman at C, and having received proper authority from him displayed his signal in the position to permit No. 5 to proceed to C. Immediately after doing this he received from the dispatcher an order to be delivered to Engine No. 5. In receiving this order he gave to the dispatcher the regulation symbol indicating that he had displayed his signal in the stop position to stop Engine No. 5; but in point of fact he had not displayed it, and did not. In a case of this kind he should also have displayed a red flag in addition to the fixed signal, but this also was neglected. The collision was due to the non-delivery of the order. This signalman was thirty-four years old and had had a number of years' experience as a telegrapher, but he had been in the service of this company at this place only one day."

Six persons were injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, the cause for which is given as "operator failed to deliver meeting order."

Of this accident the report says:

"The collision was due to forgetfulness of a telegraph operator and occurred at 6 p. m. The operator had received an order for a certain train, and had set his signal in the proper position to stop the train. The train, however, did not arrive for about twenty minutes, and when it approached the operator changed the signal to indicate 'proceed,' in entire forgetfulness of the presence of the order. Of this forgetfulness the operator can give no explanation. In this case the office was provided with a 'telltale device' intended to prevent just such forgetfulness, but this the operator did not use. The device consists of a metal disk, having the appearance of a flag, which, when there is an order on hand to be delivered, is fastened across the rope which holds the signal in a stop position. The disk is colored red and is intended as a reminder to the operator in case he shall attempt to pull the signal to the proceed position without thinking of the order. When there are no orders on hand the disk is turned to a different position, and shows white instead of red."

Three persons were injured in a collision betwen two freight trains, the cause for which is given as "mistake in dispatcher's order." Of this accident the report says:

"This was a butting collision of freight trains caused by an error in issuing an order from the dispatcher's office. At the time the dispatcher began the preparation of the order for the meeting of these trains, westbound extra No. 9 was proceeding from A to B, with orders giving it the right of road to B and no farther. Eastbound extra No. 7 was at B without orders to proceed farther. The dispatcher, in issuing his order, intended to provide that the two trains should meet at B, but in some manner, which is reported as unexplainable, he named A instead of B. The order was sent only to B. It was repeated by the operator there, but even after the repetition the dispatcher did not discover his error. He had not written out the order before transmitting it. Extra No. 7, on receiving the order, started eastward and met extra No. 9 after proceeding a short distance. This dispatcher had been employed on this road about five years and on other roads eleven years. His record up to the time of this accident was absolutely clear."

One person was killed and fifty-seven injured in a collision between passenger trains, the cause for which is given as "operator made mistake in name of meeting point in writing dispatcher's order."

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One person was killed and thirteen injured in a collision between two passenger trains, due to "error of dispatcher." Of this accident the report says:

"The collision was due to an error on the part of the train dispatcher in issuing meeting orders, and it occurred between the switches at the appointed meeting station. The operators who delivered the meeting orders to the trains were also held responsible, as they should have detected the dispatcher's error. The dispatcher sent an order to the eastbound train at B to run to T, the next telegraph station, 'except hold main line and meet' the westbound at D, which is an intermediate non-telegraph station. He then sent an order to the westbound at T to run to B, 'except hold main line and meet' the eastbound at D. The dispatcher's error was in directing both trains to hold the main line, his intention being to require the westbound to enter the side track. The operators at B and T are required to control the movements of trains between these stations by the telegraph block system, and in cases like this, where trains are to meet at the intermediate non-telegraph station, to give suitable directions as to which train shall take the siding and which shall continue on the main line, doing this in accordance with the instructions in the dispatcher's orders, which go through the station operators' hands. It appears that both operators simply copied the dispatcher's wording without noting the inconsistency of the two orders. The accident happened at 5 a. m., and all three of these men had been on duty about five hours. The operator at T had been in the service on that division about four years. and the operator at B seven years. The dispatcher had been in the service on that division about eight months and had had several years' experience as dispatcher, with good records, on other roads."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Eight hundred and fifty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of October.

Several managers of telegraph offices have recently been arrested, charged with violating the Child Labor Law, for employing messengers under the prohibitive age.

All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 28th day of the month, in order to insure insertion in the following issue.

An exchange states that the Union Pacific Railway is contemplating the testing of the feasibility of moving trains by wireless telegraphy.

It is stated that the Postal Telegraph Co., after several years' trial of automatic telegraphy, has thrown out the Rowland machine. Thus another bugaboo held up before the commercial telegraphers (that machine telegraphy would soon displace key operator) has been swept away.

Seventeen persons were killed and ten severely injured in a collision between a freight train and a construction train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. near Topeka, Kan., October 9.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' Union announces that the controversy between that organization and the W. L. Douglas Shoe Co. has been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last session of the Grand Division, a booklet containing laws enacted in the United States and Canada affecting railroad telegraphers has been compiled and

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published. It contains about one hundred pages of interesting matter and will be sent to any member remitting 25c to L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

Trespassing on railroad property, in violation of the law, has been responsible for the deaths of 47,416 people in the United States in the last ten years, and in the same period more than 50,000 trespassers were injured.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for $4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is again called to the fact that the last session of the Grand Division changed the laws governing that department so as to make assessments payable six months at a time, in advance, instead of monthly as heretofore. PARTIAL REMITTANCES DO NOT PLACE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

The New York City Board of Health has compelled the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies to give their telegraphers forty-five instead of thirty minutes for lunch. The Western Union granted the increase of time without reduction of pay, but the Postal Company requires its telegraphers to make up the additional fifteen minutes by lengthening the tricks accordingly.—*C. T. U. Journal.*

The Editor is "all piled up" with photographs, having something like five hundred on hand at the present time. Members are requested to observe the following rule in regard to sending in photographs for publication in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER: Only photographs of groups of members of the Order, General Committees, deceased members and members who have attained distinction by being elected to an important office, should be sent in. Group photographs must contain at least three members of the Order, and must not contain others than members of the Order.

The annual statement of the Western Union Telegraph Co. for the fiscal year ending June 30th shows a net revenue of $7,347,106, as compared with $3,402,996 the preceding year. The report also shows that 5,682,152 more messages were handled during the last fiscal year than in the preceding one. Disbursements on account of constructing work aggregated $947,295.77, or $191,210.97 less than last year. The increase in wire mileage for the year is 23,070, of which 14,200 is copper wire.

The Editor is requested to make known the fact that some unscrupulous person, evidently a telegrapher going by the name of T. L. Allen, has been contracting debts in the Southwest, including El Paso, Texas, Amarillo, Texas, and Albuquerque, N. M., bills for which have been sent to T. L. Allen, member of Division 93, located at Fulton, Ky. Bro. Allen, of Fulton, has never been employed in the Southwest, and knows nothing of the party traveling under that name.

New York University, one of the leading institutions of learning in the United States along the line of practical education, has recognized the growing importance of the labor movement by instituting a special course, running throughout the year, dealing with this problem. The announcement of the course in the university curriculum is stated to be "an exposition of the topics which the daily progress of the labor movement brings to public attention, such as industrial accidents, employers' liability, introduction of machinery, strikes and lockouts; mediation, conciliation and arbitration; immigration, old-age pensions, distribution of labor, the labor markets, injunctions, wages, trade agreements, the trade union, etc." Frank Julian Warne, well known in labor circles as the author of numerous magazine articles, pamphlets and books dealing with

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labor and industrial problems, has been selected to take charge of the course and give lectures.

The *Daily State Gazette,* of Trenton, N. J., in its issue of October 16th, publishes a four-column 5½x8½ picture, taken by its staff photographer, of the railway telegraphers' reception and banquet tendered President H. B. Perham in that city the previous night by the members of Trenton Division, No. 85.

The picture of the banquet, which was held in the "Red Rambler" room of the Hildebrecht Cafe, preceded a half-column write-up of the affair.

Neill T. Bryson, of the New York Division, acted as toastmaster, the committee having the matter in charge, which included Mr. Bryson, being T. J. Callahan, chairman; C. D. Shepherd, W. A. Doyle and C. Parker.

President Perham gave some interesting facts and figures in regard to the organization during his "after-dinner" speech, and others who responded to the toasts told of the good things the Order still had in store for those who faithfully adhere to its precepts.



K. L. Canning. J. G. Ruff.
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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of the TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. E. M. Lilly, of Waverly, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. M. Kerr, of Elmore, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Van Lew, of Freeport, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. J. Thrill, of Portal, N. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, of Lexington, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Graham Myers, of Burrwood, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. Q. Gwinup, of Reily Lake, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Nelson, of Shakopee, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. M. Eppinger, of Harmarville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. James, of Warren, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. C. Owens, of Clarksburg, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Claude E. Ogden, of Clarksburg, W. Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. G. Koelz, of Cottonwood, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. G. Meck, of Garretson, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Rudolph, of Harrison, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. Guilshan, of Port Chester, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, of Spruce Creek, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. G. Mackey, of Crane, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. L. Kindig, of Marion, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Marcum, of Dunlow, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. Crosby, of Kaufman, Texas, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Gilmore, of Cottonwood, Calif., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. F. Fulton, of Folk Station, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. Phelps, of Lennon, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Robbins, of Mohawk, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. T. Turner, Pulaski, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Husted, of Hays, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Gardner, of Abbott, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. Jones, of Rapid City, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Travis, of Jamaica, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. F. Horner, of Mays Landing, N. J., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Huges, of Rimsen, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. A. Jepson, of Barneveld, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. M. Geer, of Chicago Jct., Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. D. Smith, of Harrison, Nebr., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Ellingson, of Carney, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. J. Harpold, of Black River Falls, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Miner, of Goffs, Kans., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. B. Boyington, of Evanston, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. E. Fouche, of Bluffs, Ill., a boy.

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The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of the TELEGRAPHER.

At Morehead, Ky., Bro. Mat Rice, of Div. 40, to Miss Mattye Spencer.

At New Orleans, La., Bro. C. A. Head, of Div. 93, to Miss A. Simpson.

At Newton Falls, Ohio, Bro. E. R. Post, of Div. 33, to Miss Blanche Farley.

At Elizabethtown, Pa., Bro. H. C. Wormley, of Div. 9, to Miss Stella R. Brinser.

At Watseka, Ill., Bro. C. R. Montgomery, of Div. 34, to Miss Ethel Heacox.

At Sacramento, Calif., Bro. F. F. Konrad, of Div. 53, to Miss Hazel U. Cavitt.

At Bloomington, Ill., Bro. R. C. Keeran, of Div. 138, to Miss Florence Moyer.

At Youngdale, Pa., Bro. J. B. Bierly, of Div. 8, to Miss Helen Snyder.

At Kankakee, Ill., Bro. C. J. McCauly, of Div. 93, to Miss Grill.

At Hartford, Conn., Bro. James T. O'Day, of Div. 29, to Miss Nellie Condron.

At Vineland, N. J., Bro. P. Delafrange, of Div. 84, to Miss Corson.

At Grantville, Kans., Bro. I. B. Enochs, of Div. 6, to Miss Cox.

At Flushing, N. Y., Bro. H. H. Oldfield, of Div. 44, to Miss Charlotte C. Schultz.

At Menomonie, Wis., Bro. A. B. Clock, of Div. 76, to Miss B. Sorenson.

At Falmouth, Fla., Bro. Alex. S. Page, of Div. 97, to Miss Emma Buchanan.

At Hortonville, Wis., to Bro. A. J. Bigford, of Div. 76, to Miss Lewis.

At Warren, Pa., Bro. B. H. Woodruff, of Div. 110, to Miss Edith Kurtey.

At Stateline, Ind., Bro. E. R. Harding, of Div. 34, to Miss Edith Werden.

At Hillsdale, Ind., Bro. A. W. Lanquist, of Div. 34, to Miss Clara Brown.

At Elmore, Minn., Bro. F. E. Stolte, of Div. 76, to Miss Bessie Engler.

At Kasota, Minn., Bro. P. S. Zimmerman, of Div. 76, to Miss Edith Humble.

At Brunswick, Mo., Bro. A. C. Lampe, of Div. 33, to Miss Rose Mart.

At Washington, Nebr., Bro. B. G. Kline, of Div. 76, to Miss Rose Arff.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Bro. John R. Murphy, of Div. 33, to Miss Stella Rowan.

At Walton, Iowa, Bro. W. R. Knight, of Div. 23, to Miss Anna Gohlman.

At Washington, D. C., Bro. E. T. McGehee, of Div. 40, to Miss Fannie S. Mills.

At Erlanger, Ky., Bro. G. W. Arnold, of Div. 62, to Miss Lutie Pearl Gardner.

At Byers Junction, Ohio, Bro. W. J. Harris, of Div. 74, to Miss Norma Graves.

At Plattsburg, Ohio, Bro. R. D. Slagle, of Div. 138, to Miss Ernestine Teach.

At Kansas City, Mo., Bro. Edmund Teich, of Div. 130, to Miss Pauline E. Rudolph.

At Charlotteville, P. E. I., Bro. Peter Power, of Div. 47, to Miss Margaret McPherson.

At North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Bro. W. A. Fallow, of Div. 43, to Miss Ruth Taylor.

The TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

Notice of the marriage of Bro. Louis P. Delsole to Miss Marguerite Meechinor, appearing in last month's journal was an error.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of the TELEGRAPHER:

At Loydminster, Alta, Canada, wife of Bro. W. F. Munsey, of Div. 43.

At Millwood, Ky., Bro. G. Weedman, of Div. 93.

At Temple, Texas, mother of Bro. W. O. Sherwood, of Div. 53.

At Buena Vista, Va., Bro. G. Z. Abrahims, of Div. 14.

At Coaldale, W. Va., Bro. J. T. Woody, of Div. 14.

At Tupelo, Miss., mother of Bro. E. S. Moon, of Div. 93.

At Cascade, N. Y., wife of Bro. W. J. Jones, of Div. 18.

At Little Blue, Mo., Bro. I. W. Davis, of Div. 31.

At Baraboo, Wis., father of Bro. W. J. and G. H. Doering, of Div. 76.

Bro. W. C. Riley, of the Grand Division.

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At Otis, Colo., Bro. T. W. Morton, of Div. 130.

At Evanston, Ill., brother of Bro. E. R. Voltz, of Div. 23.

At Stayner, Ont., wife of Bro. F. J. Murray, of Div. 99.

At Eggleston, Va., Mrs. Katsinger, sister of Bro. F. E. Stafford, of Div. 14.

At Port Royal, Pa., Bro. J. H. Underwood, of Div. 3.

At Laredo, Mo., David R. Flagg, father of Bro. H. G. Flagg, of Div. 31.

At Princeton, Nebr., wife of Bro. W. D. Fink, of Div. 6.

At Princeton, Nebr., mother of Bro. W. D. Fink, and Sister N. I. Fink, of Div. 6.

At Hornell, N. Y., Bro. L. R. Brown, of Div. 108.

At Chicago Heights, Ill., wife of Bro. R. S. McGlashan, of Div. 34.

At Pymatuning, Pa., Bro. Norman C. Watson, of Div. 42.

At Walnut Grove, Ill., H. S. Raymond, father of Bro. H. S. Raymond, of Div. 130.

At Wilkinsonville, Mass., Axel Carleen, father of Bro. F. G. Carleen, of Div. 35.

At Providence, R. I., Bro. Stanley Sturtevant, of Div. 35.

At Agra, Okla., father of Bro. F. Johnson, of Div. 76.

At Black River Falls, Wis., mother of Bro. C. W. Wahlquist, of Div. 76.

At Roberts, Wis., infant son of Bro. J. A. Kovarik, of Div. 76.

At Van Buren, Ark., Bro. V. C. Walker, of Div. 31.

At Waycross, Ga., father of Bro. C. T. Strickland, of Div. 132.

At Belt, Mont., Bro. M. M. Englander, of Div. 70.

At Bakersfield Calif., wife of Bro. Clyde E. Mallachowitz, of Div. 53.

At Chesterton, Ind., infant daughter of Bro. G. B. Smetzer, of Div. 129.

At Chesterton, Ind., son of Bro. H. J. Thomas, of Div. 129.

At New York, son of Bro. E. W. Lewis, of Div. 8.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of J. M. Whiting, and S. G. House. L. E. DOWNEY,
Almena, Kans.

Present address of T. H. Cauley. Write me at once. JAMES J. JONES,
923 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.

Present address of W. J. James, last heard of in El Reno, Okla.
J. F. HOOVER,
Tucumcari, N. M.

Present address of R. C. Lawler, last heard of in Houston, Texas. "R.O." if you see this write me at No. 1213 East 5th St., Winfield, Kans. R. B. WOODSIDE.

Present address of L. F. Gorrell, last heard of at Portal, N. D.
MRS. IDA E. GORRELL,
Gordon, Texas.

Present address of H. K. Tucker, last heard of working for Y. & M. V., at Tutwiler, Miss. "Tuck," if you see this write me. R. R. JONES,
Dunnellon, Fla.

Present address of E. E. Myers, last heard of in Fresno, Calif., last October going to Tacoma. If you see this "Stuffy," write me. W. E. BLUME,
Caliente, Calif.

Present address of Clayton Soule, last heard of working in eastern Canada. "Suke," if you see this write me.
E. C. BARRINGER,
26 Cazenove St., Boston, Mass.

Present address of Fred Spindler, last heard of working for D. & R. G. Ry., at Salt Lake. "F. S." write me a line.
R. B. WOODSIDE.
1213 East 5th St., Winfield, Kans.

Present address of Chas. E. Hart, last heard of in Deadwood, S. D. Wire me at once, important news you must know.
F. H. BAKER,
Wall Lake, Ia.

Present address of Dave Drohan, left home about a year ago and has not been heard of since.
MISS VERENA DROHAN.
1108 West Wash St., Centerville, Ia.

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Present address of Henry Martin, or any of his family. Last heard of in Salem, Tenn., 1892, came north later. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated.

C. B. RICHARDS,
78 Lilly St., Mansfield, Ohio.

Present address of Fred G. Robbins, left Boston about three years ago and went west. Last heard of was conductor on train running out of San Bernardino, Calif.

E. C. BARRINGER,
26 Cazenove St., Boston, Mass.

Present address of Henry Mills, worked for Rock Island summer 1904 at Lineville, Ia. Originally for, Le Roy, N. Y. "Hank," if you see this write to "Henny's friend" and your pal.

EDW. W. HILL.
Boswell, Alberta, Can.
Care Canadian Pac. Ry.

Present address of Harry Chlossey, last heard of working for Pennsylvania division N. Y. & H. Ry., Newberry Junction, Pa., 1902. Information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated.

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The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

A. J. HOFFMAN,
97 Ouelette Ave., Windsor, Ont.

W. D. BUTLER,
39 Craig St., London, Ont.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 21634, Cert. 1384, Div. 132, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 23746, Cert. 65½, Div. 70, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 24327, Cert. 1433, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 22390, Cert. 1529, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28355, Cert. 24, Div. 84, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 23758, Cert. 775, Div. 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 23981, Cert. 48, Div. 111, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 16229, Cert. 91, Div. 141, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 14534, Cert. 156, Div. 16, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 10196, Cert. 1609, Div. 76, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 8925, Cert. 375, Div. 8, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 11416, Cert. 5290, Grand Division, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 20128, Cert. 11, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 20081, Cert. 2532, Div. 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 14257, Cert. 1127, Div. 138, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 2601, Cert. 1224, Div. 14, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 295, Cert. 2207, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28820, Cert. 205, Div. 135, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

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Card 13099, Cert. 157, Div. 18, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 29837, Cert. 63, Div. 56, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 235, Cert. 1094, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28314, Cert. 626, Div. 8, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28232, Cert. 2422, Div. 23, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28994, Cert. 203, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 27396, Cert. 2300, Div. 59, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 20894, Cert. 1433, Div. 93, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 27906, Cert. 2017, Div. 32, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 1995, Cert. 3286, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28717, Cert. 297, Div. 40, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

NOTICE.

STOLEN—Card No. 28282, issued to H. L. Stone, Cert. 3098, Div. 93. If presented take up, and forward to the undersigned.

H. L. STONE,
218 Madison St., Memphis, Tenn.

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DEMANDS THE BUTTON.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

WHILE touring South Georgia and other parts of the State last month, I found a new feature of the O. R. T.: The farmers down there that are members of the Farmers' Union are demanding that their agents wear the O. R. T. button. It came about something in this manner: Just as I walked out of the little depot I noticed three gentlemen standing on the platform talking. Each of these men I noticed immediately had on the farmers' button, and I at once spoke to them and commenced to ask them regarding the strength of their organization in that locality.

In the course of conversation the matter of a working agreement between the farmer and the tradesman was spoken of. The union label and the Farmers' Union card as a topic was next touched on. One gentleman spied my O. R. T. button, and asked if I was a member of the "Operators' Union." I told him I was, and then he began telling me how the farmers in that locality was asking all up and down the line for the operators' button when they delivered them freight, etc., saying that the operators had no union label and they thought the operators' button was still better.

This opened up the conversation where I immediately became vitally interested. Another of the trio stated that he had "a many 'a time went on that thar train without a buyin' a ticket 'cause the operator didn't have a button on, and paid the conductor, 'cause I knew he was a union feller!"

Now, that's goin' some. It strikes a new tone that I have never thought of before, and there comes in a point where our Ladies' Auxiliary members as well as the O. R. T. members can get in their work in the little stations as well as the large ones. Every time you see a farmer and find he is a union farmer, show him the button and tell him next time he goes to the depot to get after the operator until he puts that

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button on and gets an up-to-date card. If you are living out at a little station, when you go to a gathering of any kind preach this to every farmer you meet and tell him the reason for this request. You L. A. members get after the wives of the farmers and get them to do likewise.

And then return one favor for another and demand that the farmers you buy produce of show the Farmers' Union card. The farmers are showing their cards all over the country now and becoming stronger and stronger. They are demanding our union labels and our union buttons. Now, let us turn the tables and go to demanding the Farmers' Union card.

Think along this line and look into the future a little and see what it will eventually terminate into. It looks good to me, sure as the world.

SOUND ADVICE.

ENGLE, TEXAS, Oct. 10, 1909.

Mrs. E. B. Smith, Pres. L. A. to O. R. T., Atlanta, Ga.:

DEAR SISTER—In compliance with your request for suggestions on best methods of increasing the membership of our Auxiliary, it is not necessary for me to delay the reply for any further consideration of this subject, since this has been an almost daily thought with me for some time.

I am of the opinion that there is no better way to build up our membership than by individual effort on the part of those who are now members and of the members of our Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

While it is the duty of every officer and member of our Auxiliary to exert every effort to secure desirable members, we must realize that the balance of power lies in the hands of the individual members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and by the execution of this power and its influence is our own destiny largely controlled.

This assertion is not made with intent to shift the blame of failure upon the shoulders of our big brother, for there is no blame of failure coming. Our Auxiliary is doing nicely and growing steadily, and is certain of success. Based upon principles of justice and fairness, and having a grown-up brother who has been brought to maturity by the simple life, as it were, a big brother whose entire past life is a continuous story of unselfish endeavor and accomplishment, without spot or blemish, with here and there a fight, a removal of playthings from certain backyards, perhaps, but always for the right and standing by his convictions with might and main; there can be no failure.

Figuratively, as in real life, it is our province to be supported and protected, that we may in turn strengthen and help. As to the bow, the string is—, etc., is not an inappropriate simile.

Our interests are mutual and in perfect sympathy, and it remains only for the individual members of that big brother organization to come to a full realization and appreciation of the importance of the Auxiliary. The time is not far distant when this will come to pass, for our big brother is far above the average in intelligence.

It is for us to curb our impatience, not to the extent of ceasing our endeavors, but in so far as it approaches discouragement.

To bring the existence of our Auxiliary forcibly to the attention of the individual members of the Order should be our watchword at present. A kindly word in our favor from them in their homes will swamp our Grand Secretary and Treasurer with applications. Let us ask Bro. Quick to insert at the heading of every "write-up" from the divisions this one line: "Speak well of the Ladies' Auxiliary in your home today."

With best wishes for the success of our Auxiliary, I am, Fraternally,

MRS. HENRY HURR,
Fourth Vice-Pres.

THE UNION LABEL.

I notice in the August number of our magazine that Mrs. Smith, in the Auxiliary Department was advocating educating women to the union label and unionism in general. But no one seems to have suggested a practical way of doing this, so that we may know the union label when we see it. I am a charter member of the Auxiliary myself, on my own card, so hope no one will think I am criticising

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President Smith. But an incident occurred today that has put me to thinking. There is hardly a home in the whole country but what subscribes for one or more magazines or papers for the women and little folks. In the immediate family where I live there is seven monthly magazines for the women, and none of us could tell you to save our lives whether the papers we are supporting with our money are employing union labor in publishing them or not.

Now, I realize that it is a great undertaking to put the union label before all of us, but would it be so hard to let us know which of the women's magazines were "union made?" I think that the most popular ones could be ascertained with a little help from the members themselves, and even a limited list would be a great help and a step in the right direction, and I am sure that from the list obtained in this way we could get at least one magazine that would please our particular taste, and with our journal we could make out with just this many rather than give support to a non-union paper of any kind. CERT. 88.

NOTES.

Put your shoulder to the wheel and push!

"1911 and Our Home!" What does it mean? Let us keep the battle-cry going!

Oh, you pessimist! Go hide! The "L. A." will claim you as a member if you don't watch out!

Join the L. A. and get busy! Go after the non-union operators in your town and line them up, then get after their women folks!

"So you think it waste of money when your husband pays his dues?" Let all the husbands stop their union dues and see how quick you will be living in one room and trying to live on $25 per!"

Reports from Canada show some earnest agitation going on there among the O. R. T. and the L. A. members in getting new recruits for the Ladies' Auxiliary. Get a Canadian after a thing, it is just as well as done when he starts, for he has a tenacity of purpose which brings his desires to a successful ending, by-the-by. Success to you all!

Sister Henry Hurr, of Engle, Texas, Fourth Vice-President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, writes some splendid suggestions for the membership. Let all the O. R. T. members take especial note of what she suggests as their duty as well as the duty of the L. A. membership. Let everyone get busy as she suggests.

President Smith was in Macon, Ga., for the two weeks, while she had charge of the Union Label Exhibit at the Georgia State Fair. She was made Chairman of the Committee on Union Labels of the Georgia Federation of Labor last June, and has since been doing active work for the label and is making strenuous efforts to get the farmers' unions of the State to demand the union label.

The farmers down in South Georgia, where the Farmers' Union is so strong, have commenced an agitation among themselves to demand the O. R. T. button on their agents and operators. They say they can get the label on everything they wear, but they now must have the operators' label on his coat before he will deal with him! How is that, boys? Start your farmers on this track in every direction. We haven't a union label, but we have the union button; make the farmers and other union people demand the button on the operators!

The sudden death of Bro. T. W. Morton, at Otis, Colo., was a shock to his numerous friends and brothers everywhere, having long been an active member of the O. R. T. Sister Morton has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire membership of the Auxiliary, and trust that she will find some comfort in the knowledge that he was known and loved by myriads of friends; even those who had never seen him or met him personally

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knew him to love him with that strong brotherly devotion which is so natural to spring up among the membership for the true blue.

Secretary Malone has been compelled to rent a larger office space on account of the enormous influx of business. She is "doubling" with herself night and day; every "trick" is hers and all the work is "never done." Overtime never comes to her, for all the "time" is hers. To see her office about the time of the arrival of the postman would convince the hardest pessimist that the Ladies' Auxiliary has come to stay, and has come to bring about some new lines of thought and successful endings of heartfelt desires and ambitions.



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MISCELLANY

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

A LITTLE CHILD LED THEM.

BY F. REDWING.

THE tall, young fireman, with feet set wide apart, balanced himself to the swaying cab and swung the shovel steadily for a moment, scattering the coal over the fiery bed with careless ease. When he straightened himself after banging the fire box door shut, there was a frown on his face, and as his eyes glanced up at the steam gauge above, his lips moved. "Hang this business," he muttered.

Henry Redwood had graduated at a State university six months previous. Railroad life had always appealed to him and he had, figuratively speaking, stepped from the recitation room to the left side of an engine cab.

As the days progressed he began to doubt the wisdom of the move. In the first place, it was mighty monotonous, this thing of swinging back and forth from the fire box to that mass of coal classed "Run of the mine" day in and day out—or, as it had been so far, night after night—with only a breathing space between fires. And in the second place the boarding houses at either end of the divisions were not attractive by any means. And, further more, what was in it anyway?—three to five years of drudgery at the shovel and then more tiresome years at the throttle. He was sick and tired of it all. Hang it, the railroad is no place for a college-bred man to land anyway, he decided.

In fact he was to the point where he believed himself just a little bit tired of life. What was life any way? If it was anything like that which he had been experiencing in the past few months, it was eat, work, sleep, eat, work, sleep, over and over again. And it seemed that it could be nothing else to at least seventy-five per cent of the people in the country, no matter what happened.

The night was dark. The moon had long since slipped behind a mass of dark, heavy clouds which had come up from the west. And the flickering headlight refused to show up more than four rail lengths of track ahead. A few drops of rain splashed against the cab windows.

Sixty loads and a good stiff grade. He had learned part of the trials of a railroader. They were nearing the top and just beyond he meant to snatch a few moments of rest as they rolled down toward FA tower. The hoarse pounding of the exhaust smote the air loudly and shook the engine from pilot to cab.

The top was reached. He threw one more shovelful into her, then climbed up on the seat and hung far out of the cab window allowing the damp summer breeze to fan his hot head. A bug shot hard against his ear. Flashes of lightning lit up the sky from time to time, but in the west the clouds were breaking.

As they began the descent, they gathered momentum. And still the engine kept pounding hard.

Suddenly a light shot by. He wondered why Ben had not shut off. He glanced at his watch. It was one fifty-five and number eight was due at two at the very point which they were now passing.

He glanced across the cab. A flash of lightning made things light. With a sudden spring, he gained the other side. In a moment he had closed the throttle and had lifted the engineer to the floor. They were rolling down grade and had already passed the siding where they should have gone for number eight.

He threw himself hard against the reverse lever and wormed it over. Then,

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opening wide the sand pipes, he opened the throttle and began bucking the jumbling, bumping cars behind as those nearest slowed up and those behind began crowding down upon them.

Screeching, roaring, fire flying from steel hoofs, the battling engine threw itself back and surely, steadily, checked the pushing mass.

Redwood grasped a torch and placed it upon the floor. His right arm about the limp form of the engineer, he leaped to the ground before the train had come to a full stop. Climbing to the top of the embankment, he laid his burden down. And without a second glance at the still form in the grass, he leaped down and ran for his torch. The train had stopped.

Out on the track he rushed, off toward the—

Then they came. A sudden turn in the track had hid number eight's dim headlight until she was nearly upon him. The torch waved wildly for a moment, then sailed straight for the oncoming train.

With a leap, he was up the side of the hill and going over the fence. He was a flying form as the fireman on eight jumped. He saw the fire flying from the wheels as the brakes set. Then a half minute afterward came the crash.

He felt stunned. But only for a moment. Those cries were too awful. He dashed forward and began hauling wild, distracted passengers from a coach which was on its side against the embankment.

An hour later, just as day dawned, one of the doctors came upon him walking about with a child in his arms.

The child, a two year old baby girl had been the last he had rescued. He found her near the front of the car, that part which had suffered most damage. She had refused to unclasp her little arms from around his neck when he had brought her out and he had allowed her to stay. Her little form had at first shaken with nervous fright and a piteous sob had won its way into his heart.

"I've just left her," the doctor said. "She's gone."

"Who's gone?"

"The baby's mother. She died a moment ago. She—"

"This baby's mother dead?" Redwood exclaimed. "Poor child." And he glanced down into two blue eyes which were fixed wonderingly on his face. Even as he looked the red lips opened in a baby smile and she lisped, "Gwace like oo."

"She's a foreigner—French," continued the doctor. "Her husband died a week ago and she was on her way home. Poor woman! She has reached home but not the one to which she was ticketed."

"And she has no friends here to take the little one. Then I'll take her. My aunt will welcome her," replied Redwood.

"Good," exclaimed the doctor. "I promised her before she died that I'd find a home for her. You relieve me of an unwelcome duty." Then as he turned away, he exclaimed, "Fate is a queer God. There is another mother lying over there unconscious but not dangerously injured whose child was killed."

Redwood, with the rear-end crew went back to the eastern terminal. The engineer had been taken home, or rather, had taken himself home. He had experienced a fainting spell, the doctors claimed.

Poor fellow, it was to be his last run likely, even though he should never experience another. The risk was too great.

It was two days later that Redwood climbed aboard number nine with the baby. He was going to take the child to his aunt who lived at the other end of the division.

The station platform at Fort Wayne was crowded. At the west side stood a hearse and behind this in regular order, waited a line of cabs. Number nine was nearly due. It was a funeral party and Mrs. Sellers, pretty, twenty-three, and a widow was waiting for her dead. Her eyes were heavy with weeping. Her face was marble white. Unfortunate, indeed, had the past few years of her life proven. Mr. Sellers, not exactly young, wealthy, well liked, had died in the first year of their marriage. And now the baby, her very life, had been taken away the night of the wreck and she was left alone. They had told her of the other mother and she wondered bitterly why her child had been spared instead of hers. Surely, God was not good.

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A rumble filled the air. The ringing of a bell was heard. Number nine came steaming into the station.

She glanced toward the baggage car, then turned away with a groan. Her friends gathered around her in sympathy.

A tall, broad shouldered young man stepped carefully from the second coach and started toward the street.

Suddenly a loud scream was heard and a woman fell nearly at the man's feet. He stopped and glanced down.

"Back, people," he shouted as they gathered closely about the fallen woman. "Give her air. Get water quick."

She was unconscious only a moment.

Suddenly her eyelids trembled and she glanced up into the face of the man above her. "My baby. Where is she?"

Redwood had given the child to a woman nearby while working with the fainted woman and now he turned toward her.

The child held out her arms eagerly and he took her to his arms thanking the woman with a smile.

As he turned again, the baby glanced downward.

"Mama," she cried, and scrambled from the man's arms.

There was a glad cry and the woman clasped the child to her breast.

In a moment, her face flushed, her eyes dancing, she was on her feet. "Where did you get my baby? I thought—" Then a question appeared in the deep, blue depths of her eyes. She turned toward the baggage car.

A rough box was being carried to the hearse. She shuddered and turned weakly to the man. "I do not understand."

A flash of understanding shot across Redwood's mind. "The babies have been confused. That one, nodding toward the hearse, belongs to the mother who was killed."

And they followed the hearse to the cemetery as solemnly and as devoutly as though it had been hers.

A year had passed. Redwood was in the general offices now and headed for the top. He had met the woman and the babe a dozen times. It was after the second time he passed them on the street that he began thinking. Each time afterward he thought more and more. Just three evenings previous, he had met the woman at an informal social gathering and had talked a great deal with her.

And now he was thinking. He had been thinking all day. He was thinking as he was walking down toward the club. The clear, laughing blue eyes, the tempting red lips, the dark, wavy hair, the intoxication of the perfume she used and of her presence, her—it was too much. He wondered —no! She would want nothing to do with him. She knew men pretty well and he thought she would care nothing for him.

And the woman. She had thought of him also. How brown his eyes were. She loved that trick he had of smiling with the eyes alone. And he was so straight, so tall, so tender, so—Ah! She dare not think of him. What could he possibly think of a widow. His ideal must surely be a pure, sweet maiden as innocent as the smiling spring daisies.

There was some one else who thought. The baby. Often when the mother rocked her or wheeled her in the carriage, the little one would talk of her "Henry" and of how she wanted him to "tum."

The man walked slowly onward, his head slightly bent. Suddenly he stopped.

"Hewwo Henwy. Oo bad man. Oo don't come see Gwacie. Pweese tum an stay wif us. We dit so lonesome."

Redwood heard and glanced quickly at the woman. A warm flush had mounted to her face and had even reached the tip of her ears. She tried to turn her head, but his eyes held hers.

Something in them—what was it? He felt his pulses quicken. A sudden gladness filled his heart.

"May I come and stay with—with Gracie?" he asked, a tender pleading in his tone.

She flushed still more. "Do you think you'd care to—to—to."

He drew nearer. She stepped back in dismay. "Oh, be careful. Someone will see."

"I'm so glad," he whispered.

And a tear of happiness peeped out between her dark lashes before it danced away from the smile which answered him.

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MARK TWAIN AND THE TYPEWRITER OPERATOR.

By ALBERT, H. MODRICKER.

NOT all stenographers, however, intelligent, are gifted with a sense of humor, and professional humorists sometimes suffer severely at their hands. Mark Twain once had a trying experience with a stenographer—one of those conscientious stenographers who not only know, but know that they know. Mr. Clemens had received the typewritten sheets of a story which he considered as funny as anything he had ever written, but on reading the sheets he dismally discovered that the fun had been eliminated. Mr. Clemens returned the sheets congratulating the stenographer upon having consumed "only one week in making sense of a story which he himself had required two weeks to make nonsense of."

Speaking about Mark Twain, he recently went into the sales department of a publishing house, and, being attracted by a particular book, asked the price; he was informed the price was $4.00, whereupon Mr. Twain remarked that, inasmuch as he was a newspaper writer, a discount was due him.

"Do I get a discount on that score?" he asked.

"Certainly," replied the polite clerk.

"I am also a magazine writer. Do I get something off for that?"

"Yes," said the clerk, "you get a discount for that."

"I am also an author. Don't I come in on the author's discount?"

"Yes, sir; you get the author's discount."

"In addition," said Mr. Clemens, "I am a stockholder in this house. Does that entitle me to something off?"

"Yes, sir," the clerk returned.

"Now," continued Mr. Clemens, "I would like to state that I am Mr. Clemens. Does that fact enable me to get another rake-off?"

"It does," said the clerk, after a moment's hesitation.

"That's good," replied the author, "now how much do I owe you?"

"We owe you 80 cents!" said the clerk.

Another story about Mark Twain that has not "made the rounds of the press" entirely, is one in which the story might appropriately be entitled, "It Might Have Been Worse," but, as to that, the reader must be his own judge. Condensed, the story is as follows:

Mark Twain, during one of his lecture tours, was waiting at a station for a delayed train. Several Mark Twain stories start out in this way, but, we'll let it go at that. The lecture committee and several townsmen were with him and talking their best to pass the time away. One man told about a frightfully unhealthy town he had read about, and it was a grewsome tale of dying and burials and that sort.

"It might have been worse," Twain followed, in his slow and direct manner. "I lived in that town—that same town—for two years, and I never died once—not a single time."

The way he said it seemed to daze the crowd, and not a man said a word in response.

"Of course you may think I am lying," the humorist continued, "and I'm sorry, for I can't get any witnesses to testify that I didn't, because everybody else that lived there is dead."

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FIRST EXPERIENCE IN THE WEST.

By ARTY.

THE incident which I am about to relate, occurred on the N. P. several years ago, at an "OS" station just west of B. The night operator was a young man, only recently from the East. He had been at this particular station but a few nights, but as yet had seen no redskins shooting up the town and the long drawn out howls of the coyotes made him seriously think of going back to his staid old East, where some kindred souls on the wire knew how to play checkers, thus keeping him awake during the latter half of his 12-hour stunt, and enabling him to answer the despatcher promptly every half hour. It must be understood that the despatcher called the roll of his night "ops" every 30

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minutes, and if some satisfactory excuse for a failure to answer was not forthcoming, he was handed a package by the next mail. But, however, this was the west, and no roll call had to be answered out here, so he was going to stick it out, at least, until he had his photograph taken in a wide sombrero, leather chaps, etc., with a 45 Colt's looking out from its holster, belted around his waist. He was thinking what a great sensation this photo would make, reproduced in the Pumpkinville Weekly "Bugle" when an extra coming east brought him out of his reverie and he got busy with his hoop and "supe ticket."

But the extra stopped and the "con" hopped off the engine with a message for the Supt. The message read as follows: "Found, a man, evidently a tramp, frozen to death in a box car. Have placed body in care of opr. here."

The poor scissor-bill after reading this message wished more than ever that he had stayed back on his $35 per month job, but he was going to make the best of the situation anyway. This would surely make him a person of importance back home, when the news reached there. Oh, this was the West, all right.

So they unloaded the corpse. It was frozen stiff. They placed it in a chair near the stove, which was red-hot with a coal fire. After "joshing" the kid about what good company a dead man was, the train crew retired, leaving him, like Robinson Crusoe, "Monarch of all he surveyed," as fas as the office was concerned.

To make matters worse, when he "os'ed" the extra, some of the night ops up the line started to kid him about his unwelcome guest. Asked him if the corpse had a card, etc. When one would get through, the others would start on him. At last, the despatcher put a stop to it, and told him that the coroner would be on No. 2 to view the remains and take it off his hands.

The kid was thankful that the stove was in one end of the office and the instrument table in the opposite end. He was also thankful that he had replenished the fire only a short time before, and that No. 2 would be there in a little over an hour. He tried to compose himself, but every once in a while, some os'r would call him and say "Better look out for that 'corpse,' see if he has any guns on him" or some such remark as that. This so worked on the poor boy's nerves that try as he would he could not keep his eyes away from the "corpse." About this time, the waiting room was invaded by a couple of hobos who asked him if they could warm themselves for a few minutes. They were quite surprised at the relief their presence seemed to give to the boy. They were more than ever surprised when he handed out his lunch basket to them, telling them to feed up as he didn't feel hungry and to stay there as long as they wanted to. He was wise enough to keep the presence of his dead friend from becoming known to them. At any rate, he didn't want to be the only mourner at this "wake." Now he could rest in comparative ease, if they would only stay.

The door leading from the waiting room to the office was sawed in two. The upper half was always open, so as to allow conductors to sign orders without intruding into the agent's private sanctum. There was a sort of a shelf placed on the bottom half and the bottom half was always locked. The kid settled himself down in a chair, took the copy of the "Bugle" he had received that day from home, and prepared to read the news of the old town. For a few minutes he kept one eye playing on the corpse, but soliloquizing thus: "Well, that man is dead, and the dead don't bother anyone and I'm not alone here, so I'm all right" he straightaway forgot about the "corpse" and became absorbed in the current events of Pumpkinville. He was so interested in reading the thrilling story of how the Red-Jacket hand tub brigade of Pumpkinville had won first prize at the annual firemen's muster, that he did not notice the exit of the two tramps from the waiting room. Suddenly a most unearthly groan came from the other end of the office. The kid had his feet on the telegraph table while reading and as he looked up with a face as white as a negro's teeth he got a brace with his feet on the edge of the telegraph table, and with his hands giving him a good grip on the chair, he

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made a flying leap for the waiting room, through the upper half of the door, which was open. He landed on all fours in the waiting room, then made a run for the outside door.

Although it was bitter cold, outside, he started to do a Marathon stunt down the track, hatless, coatless, and speechless. He didn't notice the cold, he only wanted to get away from that "corpse." After running about a mile the other side of the switch he could see the rays of the electric headlight on No. 2 six or seven miles away, and just figured that he would be able to get back in time to prevent a delay to them and also see the coroner "scared stiff" as he thought. So he beat it back, and the cold was just beginning to tell on him. Several times, he stopped, almost frightened to death at some skulking coyote, thinking it was the corpse after him, but he at last made the near end of the station platform just ahead of the train. Then, pulling himself together, he walked up to the station and peered into the office. All he saw, was a crumpled up heap on the floor, near the stove. The train stopped and when the coroner alighted the kid said, brave as a lion: "Say, doc, I've got a corpse for you." The coroner and conductor entered the office, conductor got his "supe ticket" and the train departed. Coroner viewed the remains and said, "A plain case of death by freezing; a case for the meds, at the college to dissect if they wish to." The kid then told him about the corpse collapsing in a heap and the coroner said the effect of the heat from the stove on the stiff body caused it.

Next day, the chief despatcher received a letter from the kid saying that his mother was seriously ill, and requesting relief "at once." He never asked him for a pass or half fare. He just wanted to beat it back home.

The kid is older now and laughs when he tells the story, but he never does attend an "Irish wake" and will cross the street and enter a store or any old place he can enter, when he sees a funeral coming toward him.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

SLEEP RESULTED IN CATASTROPHE.

By H. LEROY JENKINS.

A DRIVING wind was howling without. The night was so intensely cold that the diminutive office stove, although heated to its full capacity had difficulty in keeping the office heated to a comfortable temperature.

I had blown in a few days previous from Pocatello to Ogden and was in quest of a betterment of my financial position. Having met with no degree of success I braced the "Espee" for a position as telegrapher.

The high and mighty chief informed me, upon application, that if my record was right up to the "snuff" and if I could pass the "Espees" system of Bertillion examinations, in addition to consenting to have my countenance photographed (presumably for the rogue's gallery) he could use me in a little "OS" job on the desert honored by the name of Hogup. So I had the alternative of either accepting the position or "beating" it back east via the side door Pullman and scanty feed route.

Being rich to the extent of two dollars and twenty-three cents (to be exact), I made no hesitation in accepting the former. Consequently in due time I was safely installed in my new berth.

Those who have had the misfortune of spending a winter in the Great American desert, that vast expanse of sand and mosquito bush, can more fully appreciate the awfulness of that veritable hades.

The "boomer" who was not so fortunate (if it may be so termed) in securing a position, sat with his feet elevated upon the desk and chair tilted back.

He had blown in, in the early part of the evening on No. 98. After the fraternal handshake, I welcomed him with that fellowship instinctive only among brother telegraphers.

After he had gotten upon the outside of a meal, created by my cullinary ability, (which, by the way, if I do say it myself, is no mean ability after long association with *myself* in the west) and had shaved himself with my razor, with the aid of a

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broken mirror which graced the office, became more at ease and communicative.

"Fierce night, isn't it?" he ventured, but before I had time to reply he asked.

"Would you mind rolling me a white one? My nerves are so bad tonight that I am afraid I wouldn't be very successful."

I reached for my papers and makings and rolling one handed it to him.

"Thank you, old timer," he said, receiving the proffered cigarette. "How long have you been out in this God-shunned country?"

I replied that I had been in the west a few months.

"How long have you been booming the west?" I inquired.

"My boy," he responded," it has been more than ten years since I first came to this country. Let me see, yes, I came west in —97." I noticed as he imparted this information, that he had a faraway look in his fine gray eyes.

I surmised that he was thinking of things far pleasanter than our present surroundings. But, ah! as I afterward discovered, that pleasant thoughts were rarely known to him.

It was some seconds before either of us spoke again. The cigarette glowed between his fingers, the glow died down and went out unnoticed. A tiny curl of smoke curled upward like a spirit departing from a dying body. The wind howled more wickedly than before as if trying to vent its fury upon the little station in which we were seated.

Can I ever forget that look of pain that he gave me when at last I inquired why he had ever began to roam?

He shifted his feet to the floor and relit the cigarette, and replied brokenly.

"Yes, pal, I shall tell you why I started this miserable way of existence. It is a long story but I feel as though I should like to talk tonight.

"It was in September, —97. I was a young man then of twenty-two, not fully awakened to the responsibilities of life. I was working a night trick in a small town for an eastern road, I shall not mention the place. My prospects seemed bright, as I was soon to be promoted to a better paying position in the despatcher's office a few miles distant, and I was in love."

I caught again that faraway look return to his eyes.

"I can see her dear sweet face as plainly as if it were here before me now," he continued as if more to himself than to me, "Oh, how I suffered that awful night. Yes," he said again addressing me, "I was in love with the sweetest girl that God ever gave life."

"I had been courting her in the afternoons, as I did not have much time to be with her in the evenings, and sometimes the day man would work for me on Sunday evenings so that we could go to church together.

"I am afraid I was a little wild before I met her, but her sweet compelling influence made a better man of me and caused me to look upon life more seriously.

"Her parents objected at first to my attentions to their only daughter, they being quite wealthy, and me with nothing but my salary and prospects, but we finally became engaged and with some difficulty we received her parents' consent to our marriage.

"We were to have been united in October, I had asked for two weeks' leave of absence, and we were rapturously happy in our love.

"It was on the twenty-eighth of September that she went to the city to purchase her trousseau. I went to the train with her, and she seemed reluctant to be parted from me for even so short a time.

"Ah, I can see her yet, as she stood on the station platform, her beautiful blue eyes light with the light of love.

"She was to return the same evening on the limited No. fifteen. I was to take her home from the station, as generally after No. fifteen had passed I could get relieved for an hour or so from the office.

"I came on duty that night on time. I had slept only an hour or so that day for I had had a severe headache and could not rest well. Consequently, I was in no condition to work.

"Number fifteen was three hours late, she was due at my station at nine-forty-five p. m.

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"The despatcher put out the three hours time to the various trains on his division to help them along. I was kept rather busy until about eleven forty-five p. m., then there was a lull in business. I was almost overcome from the loss of sleep and I fell asleep. I had only slept about thirty minutes, but, ah! those disastrous few moments caused me a life time of misery and pain. I was awakened by the despatcher calling me like mad. I hastened to answer him. Why don't you answer he snapped and then he asked me if Extra east 2231 had passed. I had slept with a white board, but I thought nothing could get by me without awakening me, so I answered him nt et (not yet). Copy three for em he clicked, then he called A—— the next station east and told him to take an order for Number fifteen, the limited. He made a positive meet for the two trains to meet at B—— a blind siding between my station and A——.

"I glanced out of the window to see if the extra was coming but could see nothing of them. I then heard A—— report Number fifteen out of his station.

"I settled back in my chair to await the coming of the extra, I presently went outside to see if I could see or hear them coming, but everything was stillness with the exception of an occasional chirp of a sleepy sparrow under the eaves.

"When I returned to the office the despatcher was again calling me.

"'Is that extra there yet,' he inquired. I answered in the negative. 'They should be there he said, they have only eight cars of stock and are making passenger time, that's why I made a meet for 'em with No. 15. Are you sure they are not by?'

"Then I was struck almost dumb with doubt, what if they had passed when I was asleep and that I had slept so soundly that I had not heard them.

The boomer relapsed once more into silence and a great sob shook his wasted frame.

"I held the key open," he continued. "Oh, God, was it possible that they were by and I should be the cause of sending them on into the limited, and my darling was on that train?

"While I was trying to collect my thoughts enough to make an intelligent answer to the despatcher, the telephone bell rang.

"'Who could be calling at this time of night,' I thought, and as I reached to answer I had a strange feeling that its ringing boded no good.

"I managed to articulate a husky 'hello' into the transmitter, an excited voice replied in the other end, 'this is the infirmary.' I was wild with apprehension for the infirmary was near the tracks of the railroad and a short distance east from B—— where the two trains had an order to meet, cold drops of sweat stood out on my brow as I listened.

"'There's an awful wreck out here,' the voice said, 'the limited had a head-on with a freight train. Order all the available doctors and nurses out here at once and—!'

"I waited to hear no more. I rushed out of the office. I ran over to the hotel where the day man stayed and smashed in the door with one kick, after I had awakened him I told him of the awful catastrophe. I then started for the scene of the wreck. Terror lent wings to me; it was about six miles from the station, but I made it in an incredibly short time. The two trains were a mass of twisted steel and iron and some of the coaches were afire. Oh, the horror of it; strong men cursed and raved, women and children screamed and wept, men, women and children were dying all about me, and I had done it all.

"I rushed through the flames in a vain endeavor of finding my darling, but it was not until what seemed an eternity until I found her.

"My clothes were burned off from me, and I was burned and singed badly. There, I found her apart from the others in the arms of an uninjured woman, dying. She saw me, but, despite my blackened appearance, she recognized me with a sweet smile and died before I could kneel beside her.

"They tried me at court, but I was eventually cleared and set free. Oh, how I prayed for them to hang me as I so richly deserved and put me out of my misery."

He shook violently. The wind had died down to a deathly stillness. The little

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brass tongue sounders were quiet as if afraid to disturb the unfortunate man in his great sorrow. No. 93 was whistling for the signal unheeded. I saw him through misty eyes and reached over to shake his hand in sympathy but started back. He had passed into the great beyond where sorrow is no more and to his darling.

LABOR'S PURCHASING POWER.

THE Labor Journal is not always in accord with Robert Hunter, but that gentleman is eminently correct in the following statement:

If trade unionists only understood the *full* meaning of unity and solidarity, their power would be invincible.

Today union men often spend forty dollars a month to destroy unionism, where they give up one dollar a month to build up unionism.

Union men as a body spend no less than $1,500,000,000 a year to purchase the necessities of life.

Every dollar of that immense sum spent for non-union goods is spent to break down unionism.

If a strike is on in a shoe factory, union men all over the country send their contributions to support the strike. If the strike fails, and scabs are employed, union men often buy the product of that scab labor.

What with one hand they try to build up, with the other they try to tear down.

If a union man gives a dollar a month to support his union he thinks he has done a great deal. By paying these dues he expects to build up a powerful trade union movement. At the same time he often uses his immensely more powerful *purchasing* power to defeat the aims of unionism.

Suppose every one of the three million trade unionists in this country considered it a crime to buy non-union products. Suppose the merchants and employers knew that and were trying to attract union buyers. Suppose they knew that every penny of this billion and a half dollars would be *spent only for union made goods.* What would you see?

Every store patronized by working men would have a union label sign at its door. The merchants themselves would *advertise* the union label; the employers would *advertise* that their shop is *a closed shop.* All the industries that produce products for working class consumption *would employ union labor or go bankrupt.*

This great lesson is constantly preached by union leaders. It is the lesson of unity and solidarity. It means instead of a few million dollars going to the support of unionism that over a billion dollars every year would go to the support of unionism.

Back of every union fighter, back of every strike, back of every industrial battle, would be the power of this billion and a half.

The dues paid to your union are nothing compared with this immense purchasing power—power now often frittered away and wasted when it is not *actually used* to break down unionism itself.—*Rochester Labor Journal.*

THE RUN OF NO. 71

"DURING the course of my railroad career, some twenty years ago," said Engineer Tom Mehaffy, "I have had at least one experience which I will never forget."

The boys were all attention in a moment, for they knew when Tom started in to spin a yarn it was generally calculated to be a "hair raiser."

"It was back in '86," he continued, knocking the ashes from his pipe and refilling it. "I was firing on the old M. & T. road then, for an engineer named Hood—Bud Hood. I knew all along that he had a slight inclination to strong drink, although I had never seen him intoxicated before—but that is getting to the point too quick.

"Bud was what was known among the men as a 'time-maker.'

"We went out on No. 71, the fast freight for the west one day, and somehow or other we made a miserable run. The engine would not steam, despite the fact that I shoveled coal into its iron maw so industriously that it kept the firebox door at almost a white heat. Then, too, the valves were leaky, and these and other minor misfortunes caused us to reach the terminal some two or three hours late.

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"Now, these fast freight trains (Nos. 71 and 72) were the particular 'pets' of the local officials. Competition for the through freight business was rife; and it was considered equally important to maintain the schedule with these trains as with the passenger trains; in fact, they were rated as first-class trains on the time card. So, when Bud returned the next day he was called up 'on the carpet' by the division superintendent, who read him the riot act, and told him that he would give him another trial on the fast freight line, but that if he did not make a better showing he would be ruled off the run, and placed on local.

"Now, you may be sure that this was all gall and wormwood to a man like Bud, who was conscious of the fact that he could run as fast as the best of them, all things being equal. He brooded over it a great deal during the few days he was laid off, and the more he thought of it, the worse he felt about it.

"The engine was taken into the shops, the leaky valves repaired, the flues adjusted, and she was pronounced as being in 'tip-top' condition.

"A couple of days later we were called to make the trip west on No. 71 again. We departed a trifle late that morning on account of being blocked in the yard, and when we reached the open country, beyond the confines of the city, I spoke to the engineer.

"'Got any orders?' I asked.

"'One,' he said, and handed it to me.

"The moment he spoke I detected a strong odor of whiskey on his breath. His actions, though, were nothing out of the ordinary, and my suspicions were not aroused. The day, although clear, was crisp and bitingly cold, and I surmised that he had merely taken a litle 'bracer' to 'warm' him up, as was the custom of most of the railroad men in those days.

"I read the order: 'No. 6, engine 114, will wait at Pelham until 10:15 a. m. for No. 71, engine 41.'

"'Think you'll make it?' I asked.

"'Sure,' he replied, as he replaced the order in the pocket of his jumper. The 41 was in prime condition, and was behaving nicely. I had her up to the limit on steam. Our train consisted only of eight loaded cars and the caboose, and we were fairly skipping along through the level country.

"Although we were now running considerably above the speed limit prescribed for freight trains in the rules, my engineer continued to open the throttle wider. We rounded a heavy reverse curve, dashed out on the straight track again, and approached bridge No. 30, as it was known.

"This was a shaky old affair that had been erected when the road was in its infancy, and the company had already ordered a heavier structure to replace it. There was a slow order out over this bridge and in addition, large signs had been posted at each end: 'Reduce speed to ten miles an hour over this bridge.'

"Instead of slackening speed, Bud opened the throttle wider, and when we passed over the crazy old structure, which groaned dismally beneath our weight, we were running not less than fifty miles an hour.

"'My God!' I mentally ejaculated, 'Bud has certainly gone crazy.'

"The suspicions of the conductor were also aroused at the failure to reduce speed for the bridge, and at the reckless rate we were now traveling. When I looked back over the train, I could see him giving signals to reduce speed.

"The engineer must have seen the signals, also, but he paid not a particle of attention to them.

"I saw the conductor climb out through the cupola of the caboose, and start as though to come over the train to the engine. He quickly abandoned the attempt as hazardous, however. The cars, which were all boxes, were rocking like old ocean in a storm.

"The head brakeman, who rode back five or six cars from the engine, had long since made his way to the end of a car, and was seated there now, clinging for all his life was worth to the grab iron on top.

"Trees, houses and telegraph poles resembled mere shadows as we flitted past them. The exhaust from the engine was heavy; and the big drivers moved rapidly, with a regularity of motion akin to clockwork. As we sped on at this mad pace, I

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glanced at my watch. A cold chill ran up and down my spine. I could feel my hair gradually raising my cap from my head.

"It was 10:10. We had until 10:15 to go to Pelham for No. 6, and there was eight miles yet to travel. There was another station just two miles ahead, however, and the engineer would surely take the siding for No. 6 there, I thought, and was relieved I went over to his seat and shouted:

"'We head in for No. 6 at Dogwood, don't we?' He turned on me instantly.

"'If anyone heads in it will be No. 6. I stop for nothing today. If she is not out of the way, we will climb over her. Put in some more coal.' His voice was thick and sounded unnatural.

"I turned sick at heart and dizzy at this crazy speech and reeled against the tender, where I clung for support.

"'Put in some more coal,' he roared again, and his voice and manner were so fiercely commanding that I was completely cowed and meekly obeyed.

"It came to me in an instant. Bud was intoxicated—drink-crazed. The whiskey he had imbibed, which had he remained in the open air, where the temperature was near freezing, would have had little, if any, effect, was now getting in its work.

"I looked back over my shoulder and saw the conductor giving us violent stop signals. The station at Dogwood was now in sight. As we approached nearer I could see the operator standing on the platform. I shouted to him at the top of my voice as we passed, and waved my arms frantically above my head.

"The words were drowned by the rumble of the train, but he must have seen that there was something wrong by my actions, and then, too, he had heard the order given over the wire to No. 6, and knew that we would not have time to go to Pelham before they left there. I had the satisfaction of seeing him dash headlong into the office. A second later the wires were fairly ringing with calls for Pelham.

"Suppose he did not get a message to Pelham in time and No. 6 left the station, there would be a collision, and—I shuddered at thought of the consequences.

"I suffered the most intense mental torture during those few minutes' ride between Dogwood and Pelham. I would undoubtedly have jumped from the flying engine had I not known that instant death would have been the result. After what seemed to me an age, but was in reality only a few minutes, we came in sight of Pelham.

"'Thank God!' I murmured, fervently. There on the side track stood No. 6, her great iron horse panting and seemingly impatient to be off. The operator at Dogwood had succeeded in raising Pelham, and had saved the train. I saw the message afterwards, and this is how it read: 'Hold No. 6 for God's sake, 71 running wild.'

"No. 71 was 'running wild' in all truth. We flashed past No. 6 like a meteor, leaving passengers and crew gazing after us in wild-eyed astonishment.

"The speed we were traveling was something fearful already, and Bud, indifferent to all danger in his intoxicated condition, opened the throttle to the last notch.

"I give you my word of honor that I have never ridden at such a heart-breaking rate of speed, before nor since. A cow, grazing on the right of way, attempted to cross the track, and miscalculating the distance or speed at which we were traveling, was caught by the pilot and hurled fully twenty yards from where she was struck.

"Old 41 quivered like a thing of life at the shock, and then leaped forward with renewed speed.

"I found myself calculating in a dazed sort of way how long the wild ride would continue. I looked at the gauge. The water was running very low. If something was not done quickly there was likely to be trouble of the worst kind.

"And then there flashed upon me the thought of the Wetumpka river draw bridge. We were within a few miles of it now, and at the speed we were going it would be only a question of minutes when we would reach it. Suppose the draw was open, I thought. It frequently was at this season, to allow boats to pass. The thought of this possibility sent a cold chill through

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my blood, and rendered me desperate. I leaped to Bud's side of the engine and grasped the throttle.

"He drew a revolver from the pocket of his jumper and fired at close range, point blank at my head. Fortunately, his aim was unsteady, due to the rocking motion of the engine, and the bullet whizzed past my head, but the side of my face was scorched and blackened by the explosion; and I bear the powder marks, as you can see, to this day.

"Before he could fire again, I had knocked the pistol from his hand, through the cab window, and grappled with him. He fought like a mad man, straining every muscle to hurl me from the rapidly moving locomotive; while I put forth my best efforts to maintain my footing, and get my hand on the throttle. As we struggled, the engine thundered onto the trestle approach to the bridge.

"With a superhuman effort I tore loose from his grasp and rushing to the left side of the engine peered ahead. I caught my breath with gasp: The draw was open!

"The bridge tender and assistant, seeing us approaching, were working like mad to replace the draw. Too late, for before they could get it to revolving we were on the brink.

"Just before old 41 toppled over, dragging her train after her, I stood into the gangway and sprang far out into the murky waters of the Wetumpka, sixty feet below. Fortunately, I was not struck by any of the falling cars, and being a good swimmer, I readily reached the nearest landing.

"It was nothing short of miraculous that the whole crew was not killed. As a matter of fact, though, they all escaped practically uninjured, except poor Bud, and that he was killed instantly there can be no doubt. His body was never recovered, being buried deep down in the mud beneath the wreckage."

A momentary silence fell upon the group of listeners as this narrative was ended. "Ye gods! What a ride!" exclaimed one.

BY A. SID PHELPS *in Boyce's Monthly.*

RABBIT-SHOOTING STORY.

THE great day had come at last. A week before, Jexter, an old friend of Chorley's had written to say that he had got a rabbit shoot about ten miles away, and would be very glad if Chorley would come over and have a day's sport, bringing his own gun.

The gun Chorley had borrowed from a friend, and as he walked out of his house in the morning, carrying it over his shoulder like a sentry on the march, he saw Wimbleby in the next garden.

"Hello, Chorley," said Wimbleby, with a look of surprise, "have you jined the Volunteers?"

"Certainly not," replied Chorley, with a lofty smile of disdain. "Friend of mine has just asked me to join him in a rabbit shoot. We shall send what we shoot to the local hospital."

"Yes," said Wimbleby grimly; "if it's a gamekeeper, I only hope he lives till he gets there, that's all."

"What nonsense," protested Chorley. "You don't know what you're talking about."

"Oh, yes, I do," insisted Wimbleby. "If I had a grudge against anybody, I'd just as soon ask him to go out shooting with you as not. But as it happens I'm a man who lives at peace with all the world—"

"Yes," said Chorley, with a snort, as he passed on his way. "I've noticed it, Wimbleby."

"You take my tip and leave word with a good, reliable undertaker, Chorley," shouted Wimbleby as Chorley was turning the corner. "You can get a good commission if you hold out for it!"

In due course Chorley arrived on the ground, where Jexter greeted him cordially.

"The place is fully of rabbits, old man," said Jexter, enthusiastically. "We must keep this side of the hedge, as the other side belongs to the farmer. But as soon as my man has got the ferrets down, you'll see some sport. Are you much of a shot?"

Chorley had never had a gun in his hand before in his life, but he wasn't going to own up to that. So he smiled and said that he was probably above the average.

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"That's all right," said Jexter "The man's got the cartridges. Run up and fill your pockets. Then we'll take it in turns to pot."

The "man" was engaged at the moment in trying to coax a ferret into a likely burrow. Chorley went up to him and tapped him on the shoulder with the muzzle of the gun. The man started up in a hurry and promptly knocked the gun out of Chorley's hands.

"Dash it all, guv'nor," he said, "do you want to murder me?"

"Ha, ha!" laughed Chorley. "The gun isn't loaded."

"No," snapped the man. "No guns never is till they goes off o' their own accord and kills somebody. If I'm agoin' to stay on the ground I'll arsk you to kindly keep your gun's nose downwards."

"Of course I shall, when it's loaded," said Chorley, flippantly. "Got any cartridges?"

The man gripped his ferret with one hand and held open his bag with the other so that Chorley might help himself. He looked at Chorley for a few moments, and then burst into a roar of coarse, vulgar laughter. Chorley was trying to stuff the first cartridge down the muzzle of his gun.

"I don't see what you've got to laugh at," said Chorley, a little testily. "It's not my fault if the things are too big for the barrel. Have you got such a thing as a ramrod about you?"

"No, I ain't," returned the man, with a snort of contempt. "But if that's the kind o' sport you are, guv'nor, I'll ask you to keep over on t'other side of the field. I ain't lookin' for to be a fatal accident and a hinquest at my time o' life."

Chorley retraced his steps dismally, and got a few friendly hints from Jexter as to loading and handling a rabbit gun. As soon as Jexter had shown him where to put the cartridges, he said rather significantly:

"I think, if you don't mind, old chap, I'll go and stand at the other end of the field. So that if anything comes your way, you pot at it and never mind me."

Chorley didn't quite understand why his presence should create that air of mistrust, but still, he could only obey his host's wishes. Jexter went to the other end of the field, and a moment later there were two sharp reports in rapid succession, and a rabbit turned a somersault down the hill, and then breathed its last at the bottom.

"Well done!" shouted Chorley. "Wait till I get a shot."

The man, who, much against his will, had been sent over with his ferret to Chorley's part of the ground, then said, quietly:

"I shouldn't shoot so much, if I was you, sir. Just keep your eye on that little 'illock close beside you, and if I ain't mistook you'll see something in a minute. But for 'eaven's sake keep the nose of your gun down'ards."

"All right, all right," said Chorley, impatiently, as he fixed his eye on the hillock in question. A moment later he was positive he saw something move, and his hand shook so he could scarcely keep his gun to his shoulder. Then he gave a sudden yell as a rabbit ran right across his feet, and disappeared in an adjacent furrow. Chorley was so surprised that he hadn't time to fire. He aimed a blow at the thing with his gun, and there is no doubt that if he had hit it he would have hurt it very severely.

"W'y didn't you shoot it?" asked the man, derisively. "'Tain't no good tryin' to kill rabbits by clubbin' 'em to death. They're in too much of a 'urry."

"You mind your business," snapped Chorley. "I know what I'm doing."

The man grumbled to himself to the effect that he wouldn't like to bet on that, and then he put the ferret into another hole, and told Chorley to watch the hillock again, as a rabbit would probably come out just there. Chorley watched diligently for some moments, and then he distinctly saw something moving within a couple of yards from where he was standing. Steadying his nerves with an effort, he put his gun up, shutting his eyes religiously, fired both barrels point blank. There was a squeal, and then all was still.

The stillness was broken by the man. He rushed forward with a gasp, and said something which Chorley sincerely trusted

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he hadn't heard correctly. Then he looked back, and gulping down the rest of his holiday vocabulary, he cried out:

"Thunder an' lightning! Dashed if you ain't bin and shot the ferret!"

"I—I thought it was a rabbit," Chorley blurted out, as Jexter, looking rather glum, came up and tried to make light of the accident.

"It's all right, Chorley, old chap," he said, with an affectation of joviality that he was far from feeling. "I've often done it myself. We'll soon get another."

Jexter walked off with the "man," and Chorley could hardly help noticing that they exchanged glances more than once as they went. However, it was clearly an accident, and it was no use letting a thing like that interfere with the day's sport. So, having by this time learned how to load his gun, Chorley slipped another pair of cartridges into place, and strolled along by the hedge, where he had been given to understand the rabbits flocked in the most generous confusion.

Something moved on the other side of the hedge, and then something else—dozens of them, it seemed to Chorley. He never doubted for a moment that he had started the contents of a whole burrow, and, with a whoop of joy, he fired into the scampering crew. As the sound of the shot died away a wild and demoniacal squealing rose from the meadow on the other side of the hedge. The sound seemed familiar to Chorley. It was like the noise a pig makes when it is about to be turned against its will into a silent, expressionless saveloy.

Chorley looked around for Jexter and the man, but they were nowhere to be seen. Trembling with apprehension as to the extent of the damage he had done, Chorley climbed the bank and peeped over the hedge. As he did so, another head shot up from the other side, and a rough, hard hand grabbed him by the coat collar.

"Got yer!" shouted the owner of the rough, hard hand. "I s'pose you gen'lemen thinks that takin' pot shots at a poor man's pigs is good sport, don't yer? But I knows a better sport 'n that"—and as he spoke he flourished a stout stick in the air and endeavored to drag Chorley through the hedge.

"Y-you are making a m-mistake, you are, really," stammered Chorley. "It was quite an accident, I assure you."

"Yes, I know," said the other with a sarcastic laugh. "I know them kind of accidents. You come through this 'ere 'edge; come on! When I've got yer 'ere I can talk to yer."

Chorley squirmed and kicked, but he was helpless in the grasp of the burly farmer, who stuck his stick in the ground for a moment and put both hands into the job of dragging his prisoner through the hedge. By the time Chorley landed on the other side, his face and hands were a good deal scratched, and his clothes were torn to ribbons. Having got him through the hedge, the farmer flung him a few paces away, and then picked up his stick again.

"Now, then, mister," he said threateningly. "Look at them there poor pigs."

Chorley looked as directed, and discovered that he had taken a flying shot into a litter of young and trustful pigs. Two of them were dead, and the survivors were crowded round their mother with an expression of unmistakable anxiety upon their youthful brows.

"Of course," said Chorley, "it's very unfortunate. But I will pay for any damage I may have done. There's no need to be violent about it."

"That's as may be, guv'nor," returned the farmer, toying significantly with his stick. "I puts them young pigs at a sovereign each. And that ain't all," he added, shaking a warning finger at Chorley, "there's the shock to the poor mother's system, to say nothin' of the moral damage I've suffered myself. This little outbreak o' yours 'll cost you three pounds. Are you goin' to pay it?"

Chorley said at first that it was an imposition, and that he wouldn't hear of it; but there was a glitter in the farmer's eye that seemed to suggest that a lengthy discussion of the terms would be imprudent. He therefore handed over the money and crawled through the hedge again to look for his host in order to explain his temporary absence.—ARNOLD GOLDSWORTHY *in Exchange.*

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JIM SKEEVERS' OBJECT LESSON.

SKEEVERS was "acting master mechanic," once when the real article went "down East," got married, and honeymooned around for a while for all the world like a common engineer or a human being.

Skeevers didn't make any startling changes, but while he was in the office he was boss, all the same, and he put the knife into every sore caused by friction between engineers and firemen.

They couldn't any of 'em shut Skinny Skeevers' eye with a five-act story—Skinny knew all the stories by heart, and the men, too.

Skeevers went over the road with the officials on a tour of inspection once, and saw, for the first time, a middle-aged scraphead on the Coalville branch, and Skeevers made a note in his book that the "38" was the dirtiest engine he ever saw.

When he got back home he wrote a letter to the engineer, saying that he was ashamed of the engine and of him; that whoever the fireman was, he, the engineer, was responsible for him, and that if the engine wasn't at once put into decent condition the engineer would hear something drop.

In a couple of days a reply came in, couched in very dignified language; there was no excuse for the dirt, no promise to remove it, no word about the fireman, but a protest about the summary way that Skeevers wrote. "I want you, sir, to distinctly understand that I am a gentleman, and shall insist on being treated as such," concluded the epistle of the offended "plug puller" of the branch run.

Skeevers sent him a pass by the first train —and also a man to relieve him.

The next day he climbed the stairs to Skeevers' office with three gauges of indignation on.

Skeevers knew he was coming and was busy writing.

"Is Mr. Skeevers here?" he asked, as he leaned his arm on the railing.

"What do you want to see him about?" asked a fresh young clerk.

"I want to see the master mechanic of this here road," said the gentleman from Coalville.

"I am that person," said Skeevers, quiet like. "May I ask who you are?"

"I am the engineer of the '38.'"

"Oh, yes; let's see, how long have you been running an engine here, sir?"

"Six years, and I—"

"Never mind, now, but don't you draw pay from this company for another position?"

"No, sir."

"Just hired for an engineer and paid for that and nothing else?"

"Yes, sir."

"I am glad to know that; I got the impression from a letter you wrote me that you were down on the payrolls as a gentleman. They may need some of them in other departments, but I want engineers, firemen and mechanics; I wouldn't give the best gentleman in America $20 a month for my part of the work.

"I understand, sir, that you are connected with some of the first families here, but that cuts no figure with me. After working hours you may lead the german at the governor's ball if you want to, for all me; but while on duty here you are in charge of a locomotive, and are responsible for it to me, and I to the management. I don't care a continental cuss whether you were born in the White House or the gutter, who you married or what church you belong to. It cuts no figure here, as I remarked before.

"I do care what kind of an engineer you are, though, and you can't be any better engineer because you belong to the Masons, the Episcopal Church, the Greenback party or the Holy Rollers. Marrying into the first families won't help you, and being born in a hovel won't hurt you—as an engineer.

"It's an engineer's duty to see that his engine is kept reasonably tidy; the fireman should do most of this work under your directions, but you are as responsible for that as you are for packing the valve stems.

"Now, sir, this road wants good engineers, and gentlemen would be a drug on the market. If you want to try running the '38'—

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as an engineer, mind you—I am willing. You can go ahead and marry a wench or a Pawnee squaw, if you want to, and tell 'em it's none of my business; but if you don't clean up that engine before Saturday night, I will fire you off the face of the earth and hire an engineer.."

"Give Mr. Panghorn a pass to Coalville, James. Good-day, sir."

"Good-day, Mr. Skeevers."

"That's what I call a dry roast," said the chief clerk, as the gentleman runner shut the hall door at the foot of the stairs.

"That's what my old fireman calls an object lesson, illustrated," said Skeevers, and whatever it is, I know that Panghorn sees something in a different light than he did, and he won't forget it, either."—*Ry. & Locomotive Engineering.*

THE MYSTERY OF LAWSON

"MAX, you'll have to take the third trick at 'CX' tower for a while. Middleton and Reilly have been doing twelve hours since they took Lawson away, an' I guess you'll have to jump in and help 'em out till we get somebody. Run out on '64' tonight and Reilly 'll give you a line on things."

"All right, sir," I replied, and the "Super" passed on to his office.

Lawson, who had been doing the third at the tower, I knew by sight, though I had but a telegraphic acquaintance with him.

The story was whispered about that Lawson had gone mad. It seems that for some time he had evinced symptoms of melancholia, had grown steadily worse, and that a week or so prior to my assignment to the tower they had been compelled to remove him to a sanitarium, a raving maniac.

At 10:45 I dropped from the rear platform of "64," as she slowed up passing the tower. I went up stairs and joined Reilly, the second trick man, who would now go off at midnight.

We spent an hour or so going over the "system," and I threw the irons for several trains during the interval, so that at 12 o'clock I felt myself wholly competent to work the job, the more so, perhaps, because the third was the slow trick. After "109" east, there was nothing doing until No. 16 west, at 5:27, which I had to hold on the siding to let "First 20" by. Reilly left at 12 o'clock, and after I had reported "109," I drew a chair up under a lamp, and, firing up my corncob, settled down with a magazine.

My eyes wandered about the little room. In shape it was nearly square. Windows ran entirely across the front or railroad side and half way back on either end. The keyboard extended from end to end along the front windows, and the row of "irons" was about four feet in the rear of this. The stairway ascended from front to rear at one side, hence the landing was in a rear corner. A banister ran along the side of the stair opening, while the front end was boarded up from floor to ceiling, so that there was formed a recess some four feet square, from which the stairs were invisible, by reason of the board partition. The irons commenced at a point about three feet from the opposite wall and extended right up to the stairway, so that one in passing from the recess to the head of the stairs was compelled to traverse the front of the room and pass around the farther end of the irons.

It was in the recess so formed that I had ensconced myself.

I had read for perhaps half an hour, when I became unable to concentrate my thought upon the story. I found my eyes leaving the page and wandering to the clock, to an indicator, the switchboard, or a small mirror upon the opposite wall. Again and again my eyes sought the page, and I would read over again the same paragraph without gaining the sense of it. I became possessed of a peculiar nervousness, superinduced, it seemed, by a feeling that I was not alone. Not a breath of air stirred without, and the silence was broken only by the rhythmic ticking of the office clock, or the occasional clicking of a sounder. My eyes wandered to the mirror across the room, which reflected the stair rail. A sickening sensation came over me and my muscles became rigid, as my mind grasped the fact that a man's hands were holding two rungs of the railing, while his face

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was pressed against those between; and such a face I pray God I may never see again. The skin was white as chalk, and the mouth drawn down at the corners, the lips parted, disclosing the teeth and gums, while the eyes were staring straight ahead, seemingly sightless, with the lids raised clear of the pupil. A smear of blood on the side of the face contrasted glaringly with the pallid skin.

For a moment I was transfixed with horror. It was the face of Lawson.

Presently, my self-possession returned, in a measure. I had obviously a maniac to deal with. I slowly rose and passed to the other side of the room, saying, as I did so, in as calm a voice as I could command, "Hello, Lawson!"

In rising, my view of the reflection was cut off, and when I came to a position from whence I could see the stairway, the apparition was gone. I bounded across the floor to the head of the stairs, but there was nothing there. I grabbed up a lantern and passed down to the door. It was latched, as it should have been. I went out and walked several times around the tower, casting the rays of the lantern into the adjoining shrubbery, but no trace of him could I find.

I went back into the tower and seated myself at the keyboard. My hand trembled visibly as I reached for the key. I called up the T. D. "Do you know what sanitarium Lawson was taken to?" I asked.

"Yes, what about it?" said the sounder.

"Well," said I, "will you please notify them that their patient has escaped and is in the immediate neighborhood of this tower?" and I briefly recounted the circumstances.

"I will telegraph them immediately," came the reply, and I closed the key.

Reading was now out of the question, and I drew a chair over to the head of the stairs and proceeded to watch out the balance of the night. I was still there when the indicator rang on No. 16. Eight o'clock came soon then, and in walked Joe Middleton, the first trick man, to whom I related my experience. He was incredulous at first, but, convinced by my evident sincerity, he commended my course, and vouchsafed the opinion that poor Lawson would be soon apprehended.

Upon my arrival in town I passed through the T. D.'s office, and was just leaving for home, when the "Super" stopped me in the hallway.

"What is this about Lawson, Max?" said he, and I told him of the thing.

He heard me through as he toyed with a yellow slip of paper. When I had finished, he handed me the paper, a telegraph receiving blank containing the following message:

"Patient George W. Lawson has not left institution since his entrance here. Is in his room in charge of attendant at present moment. Mistake somewhere.

W. K. ESTABROOK, *House Physician.*"

I handed the paper back without reply. I turned and passed out to the street. I went home and turned in, but sleep I could not. I tossed about till noon, when I rose, drank a cup of coffee, and wandered out into the town. I do not know where I went nor what I did, but I just reached the station in time for "76" and arrived at the tower a few minutes before midnight. I suppose Middleton had told Reilly of the thing, but my manner was such that Reilly merely looked at me sharply and bade me good-night.

My second night passed uneventfully, likewise my third, fourth and fifth. By my sixth night in the tower, the effect of my experience had somewhat worn off. After "109" had passed and been reported, I pulled my chair into the recess and picked up the evening paper.

Ever and anon my eyes again sought the mirror. Somehow I began to firmly believe that each successive glance would disclose the subject of my fear.

Again I felt all muscular power leave my limbs, and a deathly faintness seize me. There it was, in identically the same position as before, but gradually lowering into the stairway. Down it went slowly, until the head disappeared from view. Not until then was I capable of action. I made a leap and ran around the irons to the stairway, but it had vanished as completely as before.

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The stairway was empty, and the door latched, as I had left it.

How I spent the balance of the night I do not remember; but when Middleton came on in the morning, he loked at me steadily until I left, and earnestly inquired how I felt.

I determined to say nothing about this second occurrence, but on my own hook I sent the following message to the sanitarium:

"How is patient George W. Lawson, and how did he spend the night?"

Some two hours afterward there was delivered at my home the reply:

"Patient Lawson doing as well as can be expected. Spent restless night, but is sleeping comfortably this morning.

ESTABROOK, *House Physician.*

I was not surprised. I expected it. The mystery was beyond me, but I determined to go on working that trick until the end, whatever that might be.

On the third night after the second visitation, I sat in the recess as usual, chair tilted back, feet in the rungs, my arms folded, and puffing away on my corncob, when I thought I heard a slight click of the door latch below.

As stealthily as a cat I skipped around the irons and hid behind a case of battery jars near the head of the stairs. The door stood ajar, and on the stairs, slowly creeping upward, was a man dressed in brown overalls and a sleeveless undershirt. His head was raised and turned sideways as he peered through the rungs of the stair-rail, unconscious of my presence. Lawson it apparently was, but his face was soiled and blood-stained, and his hair matted and disheveled. As his head came to a level with the floor, he rose to his feet and, grasping the rungs of the railing, he assumed the position in which I had seen him on the two previous occasions.

I slowly emerged from my hiding place and approached the stairway.

"Lawson," I said in a low tone. He turned his head quickly, and, seeing me, crouched like a tiger about to spring. So quick was his action that I had little opportunity to prepare myself. With a gutteral cry he was upon me, clutching at my throat. Madly I sought to loosen his hold. Backward and forward we swayed upon the landing. He missed his footing, but so tight was his grip upon me that we went crashing together to the bottom of the stairs and against the door. He was slender in build, and should have been no match for my hundred and ninety pounds; but he fought like the maniac that he was. His strength was beyond all proportion to his physique. Over and over we rolled in the limited space at the foot of the stairs. Again and again I had him down, but loosen his hold upon my throat I could not. It was a grip of steel. As we struggled I heard No. 16 roll to a stop upon the siding. I tried to cry out for help, but could not utter a sound. I felt the veins swell behind my ears, and a mist was beginning to creep over my eyes, when I dimly heard a banging on the door from without, and we were pushed over against the wall by the forcing of the door. Then I was conscious of other hands in the fray and insensibility came.

When I came to, I was out on the roadbed, and No. 16's crew were applying water to my bursting temples. The maniac was securely bound, and several volunteers had mounted guard over him.

They took us both in on No. 16, an operator who happened on the train remaining as my relief.

A little wiring cleared up the mystery. Poor Lawson had a twin brother, of whom we had never heard, who was employed as a machinist up in Frankfort.

Inquiry there showed that he had disappeared from his boarding place about the time Lawson had been removed to the asylum. Either through coincidence, or by that remarkable sympathy, so-called, which so often exists between persons of this singular relationship, the brother had been taken in a manner similar to that of poor Lawson, and when the latter became so violent as to necessitate his incarceration, the brother had attained the same identical state. During the period of my experiences, it was inferred, he had hung about

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the neighborhood of the tower, through an evident desire for intercourse with Lawson.

He had a latch-key, either made by himself or given him by Lawson, which fitted the tower door, and hence the case of his access thereto.—BY HARRY M. LUMMIS *in Express Gazette.*

HIS MOST SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A BUNCH of railroad men had been telling of their most hazardous experiences.

Then spoke up Wm. McGreevy, city passenger agent of the Rock Island railroad. "The most distressing accident that ever befell me in all my railroad career," says McGreevy, "was when I was city passenger agent of this same road out in Los Angeles. One day a young fellow came to me and wanted me to map out his route for a wedding trip. I engaged a stateroom for him and a lot of things like that, and then he called me to one side and told me with a serious face about two feet long, that there was one more important thing he wanted me to do for him. He said I must help him identify the girl he was going to marry that evening.

"'Wh-a-a-t!' I says. 'Help you to identify 'er!' I was startled, for it looked as if the young chap must have had his reason kind of unseated by the anticipation of approaching unwedded bliss. But he was in dead earnest about it. 'You see,' he tells me, 'I did all my courting by mail and I've never seen the object of my affections. She is coming in on the train this afternoon and I might not recognize her. I know only that she is very beautiful, for I have her photograph.' And he took the picture out to show it to me.

"She was a pretty girl, all right. I told him it ought'nt to be any trouble to recognize her from the picture. But he said his was a timid, shrinking disposition when young women were concerned and he wouldn't take a chance on approaching the wrong girl when the crowd got off the train, not for anything. He looked up at me with pleading eyes like a child, and coaxed me to go down to the station and see if I couldn't pick her for him. So I went down.

"Well, I held the photograph in my hand, looking first at it and then at the crowd, and right up among the first bunch that climbed off the day coach was a slick-looking little dame that I thought must be the one. She wasn't dressed what you would call swell, but her clothes looked neat and seemed to fit her everywhere at once. I wondered how it could happen that such a girl would have to answer an advertisement in order to get a man, but there wasn't much time to ponder over that. As she came through the gate, I walked up to her with the bridegroom right at my heels, and says I, clearing my throat nervously: "Do you happen to be Miss Twinkleton, the girl that—'

"Before I could finish it, banged if she hadn't thrown her little arms around my neck and was kurglin' in my ear: 'You're just the darlingest boy ever. I was afraid you might not know me, but I knew you!' And a lot more like that, before I could break her clinch and get her stopped and introduced to the bridegroom.

"That," says McGreevy, "was the most serious railroad accident I was ever in."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

AN INJUNCTION REMEDY.

THERE has been suggested by a professor on economics in "The American Federationist," a good plan of meeting the present situation on the use of the injunction in labor disputes by the adoption of the essential terms of the British trades disputes act of 1906. This appears to us a good recommendation that should result in the preparation of a bill on similar lines to the trades disputes act for presentation to Congress. Such a measure, we believe, would appeal to its members as a means of relief to workingmen in strike difficulties and satisfy the demands of justice to all concerned.

It is a most significant fact that this act was drafted by the present Lord Chancellor or England, corresponding to the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was aided by other leading lawyers, and it can be taken for granted that the act is both just and effective. The sub-

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stance of the act lies in Section 4, as follows: "Any action against a trades union, whether workmen or masters, or against any members or officials thereof on behalf of themselves and all other members of the trades union in respect to any tortious act alleged to have been committed by or on behalf of the trades union shall not be entertained by any court."

It will be seen that this action avoids the charge of class legislation since it applies both to trades unions and employers' associations. On the ground no injunction or other action would lie against employers for maintaining a blacklist, and none could lie against the union for supporting a boycott. It applies, also, of course, to strikes and lockouts.

A LAWYER'S QUEER CARD.

A CORRESPONDENT of Law Notes sends in the professional card of a Chicago lawyer, which bears on its back the following legend:

"MAN."

A man's life is full of crosses and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent and goes out against his will, and the trip between the two is exceedingly rocky.

The rule of contraries is one of the features of the trip. When he is little the big girls kiss him, when he is grown the little girls kiss him. If he is poor he is a bad manager, if he is rich he is dishonest. If he needs credit he can't get it, if he is prosperous every one wants to do him a favor. If he is in politics it's for the pie, if he is out of politics you can't find a place for him, and he is no good for his country.

If he doesn't give to charity he is a stingy cuss, and if does it's for show.

If he is actively religious he is a hypocrite, if he takes no interest in religion he is a hardened sinner.

If he gives affection he is a soft specimen, if he seems to care for no one he is cold-blooded.

If he dies young there was a great future before him, if he lives to an old age he has missed his calling.

The road is rocky, but man loves to travel it.

If you want a good attorney, see me.—*Ex.*



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POETICAL

In Memory.

Sleep on, sweet Jack,
And take thy rest;
God called you home,
He thought it best.

A loved one from me has gone,
A voice I loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in my home,
Which never can be refilled.

Like a flower you passed away,
Destroyed in all your bloom;
You left this world and all your friends,
To moulder in the tomb.

You have gone from me forever,
Longer here you could not stay;
You have reached a fairer region,
Far away, far away.

Go to thy rest, fair Jack,
Go to thy dreamless bed,
While yet so gentle, undefiled,
With blessings on thy head.

God, in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given;
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

The golden gates were opened wide,
A gentle voice said come,
And angels from the other side
Welcomed my loved one home.

Dearest, Jack, we have laid thee
In the peaceful grave's embrace;
But thy memory shall be cherished,
'Till I see your heavenly face.

Heaven now retains my treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps;
And the sunbeams long to linger,
Where my dear sweet Jack sleeps.

Again I hope to meet you,
In a land so bright and fair;
Where we will be reunited,
And no sorrows enter there.

Dearest one, I hope to meet you,
When the day of life is fled;
And in Heaven with joy to greet you,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

— Mrs. J. W. Hodge.

The New Casablanca.

He stood upon the chilly pave,
The child with curly head,
Around him surged a human wave,
But ne'er a word he said.
He knew how swift the moments fly,
The crowd swayed to and fro;
He heard his mother's distant cry—
Yet still he would not go.

The hours wore on, the boy was there,
He waited with the rest;
The curl had left the tangled hair
His mother oft caressed.
His little legs they felt like wood,
He knew 'twas after four
Yet by the board he patient stood
And waited for the score.

—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

Leave Them Outside.

Don't bring them into the lodge room,
Anger and spite and pride;
Drop at the gate of the temple
The strife of the world outside.
Forget all your cares and trials,
Forget every selfish sorrow,
And remember the cause you met for,
And haste ye the glad tomorrow.

Drop at the gate of the temple
Envy and spite and gloom;
Don't bring the personal quarrels
And discord into the room.
Forget the slights of a sister,
Forget the wrongs of a brother,
And remember the new commandment
That ye love one another.

Bring your hearts into the lodge room,
But leave yourself outside—
That is, your personal feelings,
Ambition, vanity, pride.
Center each thought and power
On the cause for which you assemble;
Fetter the demon Discord
And make ye the monster tremble.

Ay, to fetter and chain him,
And cast him under your feet,
That is the end we aim at,
The object for which we meet.
Then don't bring into the lodge room
Envy or strife or pride,
Or aught that will mar our union,
But leave them all outside.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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Questions Hard to Answer.

If a woman had an English pug, ten children, and a cat,
And she tried six weeks to rent a house, a twelve-room house at that,
With neighbors fine on ev'ry side, and a yard with lots of room,
How old would those ten children be before they found a home?

If Henry took sweet Josephine out for an auto ride,
And if at sixty miles an hour, to steal a kiss he tried,
And he forgot the steering gear, on her ruby lips to sup,
How soon could twenty men with brooms sweep Hal and Josie up?

If Charlie took his Mary Lou to a very swell cafe,
And he ordered half the bill of fare, and felt so fine and gay,
If the dinner cost five twenty-five, and Charlie had but four,
How many things would Charlie strike before he struck the floor?

Supposing now that I was you, and supposing you was me,
Supposing I was somebody else, how many would there be?
I think I'll give you one more sum, now work it if you can:
Would you substract or multiply to find the age of Ann?

—PROF. EULER B. SMITH, in *Atlantic Journal.*

Preparing for Rest.

If you're waking, call me early, call me early, mother dear,
For tomorrow I start packing, as I do this time each year.
I am going for vacation up where mountain streamlets run,
And I'll need a rest, dear mother, long before my packing's done!

I must fold my shirtwaists, mother; there are twenty-three, I think,
And my lingerie needs ribbons—I shall run it all with pink;
Then the skirts must not be crumpled and the hats must not be crushed.
And my coiffure puffs, dear mother, must be all unrolled and brushed.

Then my slippers need new boxes and my silk embroidered hose
Must be laid out lengthwise, mother, in the neatest kind of rows.
And my sheath and evening dresses and my jewels ought to be
In the safest trunk, dear mother, so, at least, it seems to me.

Seven parasols, I fancy, will be quite enough to do,
And a dozen three-piece costumes really ought to see me through.
I shall wear my cherry basket and an automobile veil,
And the yellow rajah empire, with the stunning fan-shaped trail.

If you're waking, call me early, call me early, mother dear,
For there's such a lot of packing now my fortnight's grace is here.
But it must be done, dear mother, ere I gain the rest I seek—
Where? Just going to the mountains; Wild Cat cottage. Six a week.

—*New York Times.*

The Struggle of the Rich.

That's what's the matter with men of wealth—
It isn't at all that they need
The money for which they will peril their souls;
It is simply ambition's greed.

They want to be part of the magnate push,
And to mix in a row to see
Which one of the captains shall gain control
Of the stuff that spells Victory.

It is only to win in a corporate war
That they stay in the game and play
While a helpless and suffering world looks on,
With the blood of the bill to pay.

Theirs isn't the struggle that millions put up
To secure their daily bread,
And give of their lives that others may live;
It is power they're after instead.

For that they will hazard the best that they have,
Their health and their peace of mind;
Their consciences go with the rest as well,
For the pleasure they think they find.

It is power they're after—not power of right,
That may count for a glory crown;
It is merely the power to keep themselves up
By keeping the other man down.

If they struggle for wealth for the good they could do
With abundance of golden might,
Their motives no man would dare to condemn,
And the world would applaud their fight.

Nobody denies they are giants of strength,
And each has a right to his
As long as he hews to the line of the law,
But, God, what a shame it is!

—W. J. LAMPTON, *New York World.*

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FACETIOUS

Saw the End.

"What's the final end of man?" queried the Sunday school teacher.

"The letter N," answered the small boy at the foot of the class.

Sure.

"Why do so many women rest their chins on their hands when they are trying to think?"

"To hold their mouths shut so that they won't disturb themselves."—*Cleveland Leader.*

Splendid Recipe.

A Salina (Kan.) girl sent 50 cents in answer to a Chicago advertisement for keeping the hands soft and white, and received this recipe: "Soak them three times a day in dish water while your mother rests."

As Usual.

He—"I suppose you will erect a handsome monument to your husband's memory?"

The Widow—"To his memory? Why, poor John hadn't any. I found his pockets full of letters I'd given him to post."

A Damp Suggestion.

"Not dressed yet?" he cried in mild surprise as he entered his wife's boudoir.

"No," she snapped. "They've never sent my dress and I've literally nothing I can wear. I can't possibly go to the horse show. What on earth can I do?"

He pondered a moment, until an idea struck him.

"You might—you might take a bath," he suggested.

And yet they say some husbands never think of their wives.

Too Late.

"I'm introducing a brand-new invention—a combined talking machine, carpet sweeper and a letter opener," said the agent, stepping briskly into an office.

"Got one already," answered the proprietor, "I'm married."—*The Bohemian.*

Pertinent Question.

"What did you say last night when Jack asked you to marry him?"

"I shook my head."

"Sideways or up and down?"—*Boston Transcript.*

In Pullman Parlance.

Two Pullman car porters met outside the Grand Central Station after a night's run.

"Where's Ike Stevens, Bill? He hasn't been on the job for two nights."

"No. He had a birth at his house."

"Girl or boy?"

"Twins."

"I don't call that a birth; I call that a section."—*The Telegraph.*

Mother's Wages.

"Mother gets up first," said the new office boy. "She lights the fire and gets my breakfast so I can get here early. Then she gets father up, gets his breakfast, and sends him off. Then she an' the baby have their breakfast."

"What is your pay here?"

"I get $3 a week and father gets $3 a day."

"How much does your mother get?"

"Mother!" he said indignantly, "Why she don't have to work for anybody."

"Oh, I thought you just told me she worked for the whole family every morning."

"Oh, that's for us—but there ain't no money in that."—*Brewers Zeitung.*

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He Knew.

"I say, Jack, if you get me a lock of your sister's hair I'll give you ten cents."

"Make it a quarter and I'll get you the whole bunch. I know where she hangs it at night."—*The Car Worker.*

Where Ignorance May Mean Bliss.

Teacher—I wonder what your mother would say if she knew how backward you are in geography?

Girl—Oh, my mother says she never learnt jogfry and she's married, and Aunt Sally says she never learnt jogfry and she's married; and you did and you ain't.—*Punch.*

No Suffering.

It was at a breach of promise case, and the rustic defendant was under cross examination.

"Now tell me, please," said the counsel sternly, "on the evening of the 16th when you bade her good-by did she suffer you to kiss her?"

"Well," said the witness slowly, "I reckon now I did give her a kiss or two, but there wern't much sufferin' about it as I could see."

And even the learned judge condescended to smile.—*Exchange.*

His Sacrifice.

He was a good little boy and very thoughtful. He had heard about the great scarcity of water throughout the country. He came to his mother and slipped his hand into hers.

"Mamma," he said, "is it true that in some places the little boys and girls have scarcely enough water to drink?"

"That is what the papers say, my dear."

"Mamma," he presently said. "I'd like to give up somethin' for those poor litle boys and girls."

His mother gave him a fond look.

"Yes, dear. And what would you like to give up?"

"Mamma," he said, in his earnest way, "as long as the water is so very, very scarce, I think I ought to give up bein' washed!"—*The Toronto Lance.*

Why He Joined.

"Tommy," said a young lady visitor at his home, "why not come to our Sabbath school? Several of your little friends joined us lately."

Tommy hesitated a moment, then suddenly he exclaimed, "Does a red-headed kid by the name of Jimmy Brown go to your school?"

"Yes, indeed," replied the new teacher.

"Well, then," said Tommy, with an air of interest, "I'll be there next Sunday, you bet. I've been layin' for that kid for three weeks and never knew where to find him."—*Philadelphia Public Ledger.*

A Lucky Editor.

A paper in a good sized town in Michigan recently published this item: "The business man of this town who is in the habit of hugging his typewriter had better quit, or we will publish his name."

The next day thirty-seven business men called at the office, paid up their subscriptions and left behind them thirty-seven columns of advertising and told the editor not to pay any attention to foolish stories.—*Exchange.*

Materialized Melancholy.

Mrs. Silas Bennet was a philosopher. On a certain dismal occasion some of the neighboring women were condoling her. With commendable cheerfulness she replied:

"I've raised four girls an' three boys, expectin' every time they'd be twins and red-headed like their Grandpa Bennett, and yet they ain't.

"An' I've worried consid'ble over smallpox breakin' out in my big family. So fer, 'tin't.

"Last summer, durin' July an' August, an' mebbee part of September, I was real melancholic, fearin' I'd got an appendix; but I guess I ain't.

"An' through it all, it never onct occurred to me that I'd be the one to fall through them rotten old meetin'-house steps an' break my leg in two places, but I be."—*New York Times.*

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Our Correspondents

THE PRIMARY DUTY.

"THE *New York Tribune*," for October 12th, in its "Financial Review," says: "The demand for capital for use in business is growing at home and abroad, and if our credit is to be used to invite speculation in stocks, and commodities, industrial expansion will come to a halt. Our debts in Europe are enormous. The figure publicly mentioned, by those who should know, is $500,000,000."

Those few thoughts, given to us, plain people, by our masters in the flesh, and often in the spirit, so that to create a befogged or distorted mentality, are extremely important, if properly applied to the ramifications of our daily life, and as long as we don't choose to live in the wilderness, away from the duties, joys and comforts for which we all seem to be created.

That credit, that is, congested, idle wealth, should be able to control the wealth at work, in use for healthy, honest purposes! Do you know what that means? It means that we have given to some the legal power to use, for gambling combinations, large, enormous portions of the wealth produced by the workers of nations. And it happens to be the land of freedom, so called that gives to a large click of multi-millionaires, the power to borrow about half a billion of dollars from foreign wealthy chaps, so that to more completely crush our own plain people through dishonest, unjust, barbaric wealth manipulations. And most of us, good, intelligent, religious people imagine that all wealth gambling combinations are the inevitable developments of "Christian progress." Or we feel that the tendency shall in due time vanish, and so we can go on favoring the causes, and laws, and consensus that vitiate the life of all of us, rich and poor.

Long, long ago some rabid theologians declared that the infernal regions would be found paved and enveloped with good intentions. That is just the situation we all have managed to establish with the infernal regions of our life terrestrial. It is through good intentions that all evil is allowed to grow and poison the existence of all of us. In relation to the needs of today and the aspirations we do impart to all, and make only possible to the few, in relation to all that we do sacrifice the multitude, more completely than ever before. And it is the multitudes who produce the wealth to be seen here and there. And it is the few who are gorged with that wealth. If it is possible to perpetrate any greater crime, on earth or in the infernal regions, we would like to know. We would also desire to know the process by which the created consciousness could manage to evolve any other kind of infernal regions any where. One experiment of that kind in space infinite! Is not that enough?

It is by means of two bottom, dreadful misconceptions that all generations of men have thus far remained sunk in the kingdom of organic absurdities and sins. Those two misconceptions are connected with two solemn words—Politics!—Religion! Practically all the important teachers and leaders of men have said that neither politics has any thing to do with religion, nor religion with politics. That is, such teachers and leaders have destroyed the natural unity of human life. Why so? Because politics is simply—the business machinery of all of us grouped in nations. If politics has nothing to do with religion nor religion with politics, then we abandon ourselves, all of us, to the Power of darkness and sin in forms the most complete. Religion then remains —a shallow combination of forms of wor-

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ship and wild speculations about the life beyond. We thus destroy, cancel, repudiate all the important, bottom moral duties, by obedience to which alone life on earth can be made honest and sensible. It is thus that the essential teachings of Christ and the old prophets are trampled upon, cast to the four winds. Hence all our calamities, jealousies and disturbances. Hence the dreadful incompleteness of all of us, up to the best of the lot everywhere on earth.

The preceding thoughts give us the why of so few men able or willing to preach the gospel of the Father in forms finished, simple yet complete. In order to do that we must be able to live somewhat comfortably without the need of any wages, salary or business income. We must be independent of all public patronage or opinion. We must even be willing to put up with social ostracism, and derive all our joys direct from God's throne of glory.

Without the elements in question we can only preach the truth through abstract generalizations, appealing simply to the emotions and sentimentalities of the human mind, to the consecrated prejudices and infatuations of all ages and generations, to well-doing along petty lines of conduct, omitting, laying aside all the fundamentals in the moral and ethical order of our combined activities and considerations.

Yes, the gospel of the Father is worth preaching without any masquerading of the truth, without any attempts to justify our combined legalized wrongs and the individualized sins we thus force upon all of us. All divine truth should be presented, expounded in forms of language simple, direct, specific, so that to localize in the brains of men the economic, industrial details embodying the fundamental duties we owe to God and to all of us. Nothing of any positive, permanent value is done, if we don't preach the gospel in such a way as to embrace our whole human life, and so all our relations in all our departments, civil, political, industrial, religious; in philosophy, science, art; in all private and public functions; in all aspirations and ideals for good to all men, for joy and manhood all over the planet.

Of course, every individual owes something to itself. None of us has the right to foolishly play the martyr by attempting the impossible. Therefore, when the circle of those to whom alone we can preach, force us to preach but 20 per cent of the truth, well—that settles it. In some form or other, a godless progress is bound to curtail and limit our longings for high ideals and results, forcing us to do less than we may vividly desire. The same godless social conditions may often compel us to obtain our material needs through the distorted processes that alone can be had in the whole or bit of human life, the kind decreed by the consensus of the powerful. And who is most responsible for that? Those who could most easily work for a sound consensus, and decline to do it.

The primary duty of each one of us is then. To make sound, honest consensus, along lines of least resistance, for good universal, to the measure of our respective social influence and industrial independence." All evil comes from the absence of that consensus, from unwillingness to grant the full life to all through laws of equal rights to all.

JOSE GROSS.

RAILROAD REGULATION AND PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

As a dissension to the opinions on the above subjects expressed by Mr. H. Montgomery in the August TELEGRAPHER, I humbly request the attention of the readers to the understanding manner in which the author discusses the possibilities for the public in government supervision and regulation, also the air of finality with which he disposes forever of the matter of public ownership with a few words directed against the unsatisfactory history of the government-owned railways of Continental Europe.

As far as we are able to ascertain from the most authentic publications treating of the matter, these railways are operated at as near the principle of "all the traffic will bear," as is consistent with the general policy of the various owning or controlling governments.

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In consequence of the fact that the author of the article mentioned has neglected to differentiate between the government and public systems of ownership, it does not appear that he has made any argument against the principle of actual public ownership. He has simply briefly attacked and disposed of government ownership which would most likely be controlled by political or capitalistic considerations, or both, as in many cases is apparent in government owned utilities of the present day.

I heartily concur in the opinion of the gentleman, regarding such a system as he describes, notwithstanding the fact that he misnames it "public ownership," but as an example of applied quasi-public ownership. I commend to the consideration of the readers the United States Postal Department, which being carried on and administered by the paramount political interests since its inception, is a good example of a system which on account of "the politics which would necessarily have to enter into the placing of positions, would create chaos in the service."

In view of the fact that the postmasters at Chilili, New Mexico, and New York, N. Y., as well, are appointed by political preferment, we should long since have been suffering under that chaotic condition in the postal service government owned, and politics controlled which Mr. M. holds out to us as the one possible result under the conditions he names, which do now and always did exist in our postal department.

However, such opinions are only prophecies at best, until we have tested new methods of handling our railways. It is to be hoped that the people of this nation and those who aspire to contribute to the formation of a national line of civic thought, will delay judgment upon the momentous question of who does, and who should own the public utilities, until such time as the various projected methods of control are more thoroughly understood by the public generally, and by the aspiring thought leader especially.

Let us rather consult the best obtainable authority on the subject, then proceed to the bombardment on defense, according to our best understanding of the problem, available from our researches.

The well recognized authorities of the present time, seem to be unanimous in their belief that public ownership of public utilities will prove to be what we want, when we become through an appreciation of its beneficient qualities, worthy of its administration and enjoyment.

My own inferior judgment leads me to believe that before we will have cause to worry over the efficiency of public owned railway management, we will have eliminated the probability of failure on account of politics, by first eliminating the disagreeable features of politics through our acquiring public ownership and control of the present elementary functions of government.

EUGENE A. ROBERTS,
Cert. 687, Div. 29.

SUNDAY REST.

For the past several numbers of the TELEGRAPHER I have noticed a sort of a "rag-chewing" over the question of Sunday rest.

This does not appear to me to be a question of religious difference. There are so many different creeds in this land of the free, that when we come to have a day of rest—a special day for every creed according to their notions—we would have to divide the country into sections and put each creed in that particular section—that is if the days were set apart for each one—and let them have their day, while we others would take ours on the day we deemed best for that purpose.

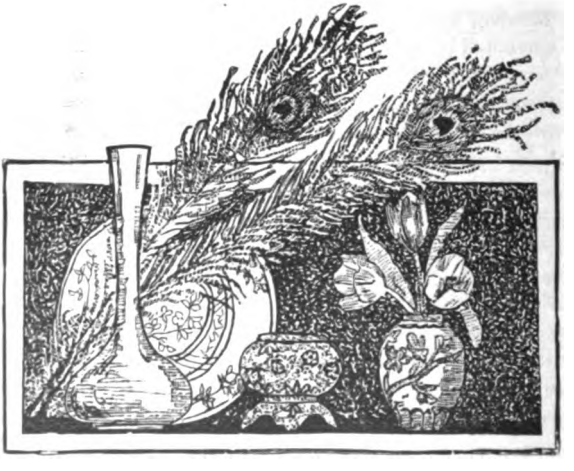
Therefore, the only solution of this problem would seem to be for the majority to rule. Sunday being generally considered by nearly all the denominations as the legal day of rest, why not agitate for that day. We can get nothing by each one having a view or end of his own, which means a sort of disorganized move, with nothing accomplished in the end, and we will find that we are just where we started. That is, we will still be working Sundays. This question is something like the bond question, and there is only one way to settle it, that

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is to vote on the question of whether this organization shall go on record as opposed to Sunday work, or such other day as shall be decided by the majority. The next step is have the people—your neighbors and yourselves—petition your Congress—your servants at Washington to set aside a day of rest for each week, let it be Sunday, Monday or any other day that will be decided upon by the majority, then push it for all you are worth. You cannot get anything by chewing it over in print, if you are in earnest, get after the proper party—the only party that can do any good in this cause—the National Congress, or if you want to do some good and get people to thinking, go to your state Representative or Senator and have a talk with him, see how he stands on the question. If he don't stand the way you think he should, it is your privilege to turn him down at the next election. I am for one day of rest a week and I believe it ought to be Sunday as that will be most acceptable to a majority of citizens of the United States.

The General Manager don't work on Sunday, the General Superintendent don't work on Sunday. Why should we work on Sunday any more than any other persons, regardless of salary or position? Let us settle it once for all. CURLY,

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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

The meeting of October 18th was well attended. The usual routine of business was transacted after which the meeting closed in due form.

A communication was received from Prof. E. M. Colton, of the Home and Health Society, requesting permission to address the lodge on the subject of contagious diseases and there prevention, which permission was granted and the professor will address the meeting of November 1st. The lecture will be extensive in its scope and will include valuable instruction on first aid to the injured.

Notices have been sent to all brothers in St. Louis and vicinity, and it is hoped that all who can do so will take advantage of this opportunity to receive interesting as well as valuable instructions on a subject of much importance to working men in offices as well as factories.

Brothers V. L. Owens and E. L. Stump, were recent visitors in St. Louis, on business of Div. No. 6.

Bro. E. Y. Endicott, an old time Wabash man writes that he is now at Rock Springs, Wyo., with O. S. L. Ry.

Bro. M. Ocheltree, of Wingate, Ind., passed through St. Louis en route to Denver. He will work for the D. & R. G. in Colorado.

Bro. Shutt, local chairman, on the Wabash, was also a recent visitor, en route to Hood River, Ore., on a land inspection tour.

Bro. Lindenmuth, formerly of the general offices, is now with the Mo. Pac., at Mound City, Kas.

Bro. L. L. Gonter, champion script writer, of Coshocton, Ohio, is again at his desk, at headquarters.

Bro. E. Uhle, of Div. No. 2, has returned from Hannibal, Mo., where he was a delegate to the Knights of Pythias convention.

Bro. Robert Shipley, formerly of the general offices, is now organizing in northern territory.

Be it known that old Saint Looey had one grand celebration October 4th to 9th, inclusive, in honor of his one hundredth birthday. A big parade every day and Dr. Cook, the big man of the hour heading the historical parade on Thursday, previously he delivered his North Pole lecture, to the largest audience that ever assembled in St. Louis for such an occasion.

President Taft, was also a visitor in our city on Monday, October 25th, after which he commenced his Mississippi River trip under the auspices of the Deep Waterways Commission. It is hoped the president will be sufficiently impressed with the feasibility of the projected river improvement, that he will urge Congress to make the needed appropriation that will give us "Fourteen feet through the valley."

All of which is very good but do not forget that organization for us is better and of immediate importance. We have seen many obstinate nons but it is a fact that but very few of them have remained perpetually indifferent to their own best interests. If you have any such species of the germs home in your vicinity, renew your attack and like MacDuff, "lay on until he cries enuff."

DIV. COR.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division—

The regular September meeting at Lewistown, held on the second was well attended and some very important matters were considered and disposed of. A committee on organization was appointed, which will no doubt put its best efforts into the work assigned to it.

We expected President Perham at our regular meeting in October, at Lewistown, which was held in the morning and largely attended, but for some cause he was unable to be with us, nevertheless, we had a very successful meeting.

It is very noticeable that an earnest forward movement has been inaugurated and the brothers are awakening to their interests and doing all in their power to bring about a thorough organization.

A wave of enthusiasm seems to be sweeping over the membership, things are beginning to hum, and a feeling of determination has taken hold of every member, which will be sure to bring good results.

Now let every brother stand shoulder to shoulder, and pull together.

The interest that is being taken by each and every member is indeed gratifying, and a few more months of this good work will make the ranks solid in the territory of No. 3.

If reports are correct, there is an office located near Tuscarora, on our division, doing a thriving business, teaching students, as four or five can be seen in this office at a time during the day and evening. This office was solid O. R. T. at one time, but it seems they have forgotten the good the Order has done for them and are now pulling down what has been built up.

Boys will you not stop for a moment and consider what you are doing. We believe you are fair minded enough to see that in thus turning on us you are not playing square, and that you are injuring your own as well as our chances for bettering our condition. You are certainly intelli-

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gent enough to realize what this sort of thing would lead to, if we were all to follow your examples. You are "running by the red," and will see your danger when it is too late. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Brothers G. W. and C. R. Banks, two of our esteemed fellow craftsmen, have each taken unto themselves a wife.

Bro. Miller's absence from our last meeting was owing to a visit from the stork the night before.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother and co-laborer, Mr. J. H. Underwood, who for many years has labored in our ranks, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. J. H. Underwood we have sustained the loss of a brother whose fellowship it was an honor and pleasure to enjoy, that Harrisburg Division, No. 3, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, has lost a loyal member, that we offer to his bereaved family and mourning friends our heartfelt sympathy, and that we commend them to the Heavenly Father, who is merciful to all who call upon him, and who alone can console in the time of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. H. SALTSMAN,
A. E. LEHMER,
M. L. MINICK,
Committee.

Ottawa, Ont., Div., No. 15.

Brothers, why not wake up and make our division 99 per cent solid, and then "the other fellow" won't be hard to get. You might begin by getting after that night man of yours.

This is my first journalistic attempt, come to my help next month by gathering up the stray bits of news I may not hear of, and send them in.

There has been quite a number of changes on the line since our last write up, several months ago.

Bro. Hilborn has been transferred from Arnprior to Brockville; Bro. Boyd, from Douglas to Arnprior and Bro. Joynt to Douglas.

Bro. Drewitt, at "HR," who took in the National Exhibition sights, at Toronto, was relieved by Bro. Thurston.

Bro. Thurston, of Alexandria, off a couple of weeks on account of his brother, W. J. Thurston, a fireman, being killed in a derailment, was relieved by Mr. Foster.

Bro. McGuire, "MD," accompanied by Mrs. McGuire, while taking in the fall fairs, was relieved by Bro. Thurston.

Agent Mills, of St. Justine, while on holiday vacation, was relieved by Bro. Thurston.

Agent Freeman, of Brule Lake, was relieved by relieving agent Lalonde, from Whitney, relieved at that place by Agent Bramner, from the C. O. Ry., relieving the latter at Whitney.

Bro. L. G. LaBatt, of Carlsbad Springs, while on holiday vacation, was relieved by Bro. Murphy.

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Williamsport Div., No. 24.

In order to have a record breaker meeting on December 14th, at Williamsport, let every member make a great effort to be there, and those who are not members let them make a big effort to have their applications in for this meeting, so that the members present will know you are striving to do right and intend to start the New Year as O. R. T. men.

Now that base ball and the busy season of agriculture is over, let every member of Division No. 24 take their rest at home and not sleep on duty. There is no excuse for sleeping on an eight-hour per day trick, and by attending to the work assigned you promptly you are making a good record for yourselves, which will be appreciated by your employers, and gladden the hearts of the officials of our Order.

All the brothers of Division No. 24 are enjoying the eight-hour system, with the exception of K. I. and B. Q. yard offices, which are still twelve-hour jobs.

Brothers, let us do everything in our power to help them change this condition.

Bro. H. V. McGee, from "MK" office, at Milton, served as juryman at Sunbury, in the September term of court, J. K. Strunk relieving during his absence.

Bro. T. L. Grady, second "DE" tower, has bid in relief trick, No. 2, and Bro. J. F. Shaffner bid in Bro. Grady's trick.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel, of "BQ" nights, is spending a few days at Philadelphia and New York City.

H. W. Brown is doing extra work in the Division Operator's office.

Bro. C. R. Dugan is working third trick at "NC" temporarily.

Bro. Lonts, first at "GD," spent his relief at Sunbury, taking in the sights.

Bro. M. A. Burns is taking an extended auto trip to Philadelphia and other eastern cities.

Bro. E. H. Holmes, third at "GD," is contemplating a fishing trip near Baltimore.

We regret to hear that Bro. Spade's wife is ill with typhoid fever, and hope for her speedy recovery.

Bro. Wetzel, third trick at "HU," spent a few days at the Allentown fair.

Bro. Gurtner, second at "DY," spent his week's vacation fishing.

Bro. Leister, third at "P," accompanied by his wife and brother, spent a few days at Allentown and Philadelphia recently.

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Bro. C. J. Snyder, third at "RF," has returned from his honeymoon.

The *Aurora Borealis* has been affecting the wires lately. Evidently the Cook-Peary controversy has brought the North Pole too near with its magnetic power.

Bro. A. C. Grieb and wife and Chas. C. Bastain and wife, attended the Lachemeyer and Cline wedding at Nisbet.

Bro. G. E. McCloskey visited Lock Haven recently.

Bro. R. J. Wilson spent his relief day at Winsport with his brother.

Bro. Ed Aughanbaugh, second at "GF," has a fine pair of rabbit dogs.

Bro. Fred Friggle, third at "GF" tower, is spending a week in Pittsburg, and at his home in Oil City.

Bro. C. C. Bastain has moved from the Fourney to Nicholas Young's new residence at Nisbet.

Bro. J. C. McCloskey, formerly first at "AQ" tower, now on the Oregon Short Line, reports work very scarce in the west.

Bro. F. L. Grady has bid in relief trick No. 2.

Bro. J. C. O'Donnell was a Linden visitor recently.

Bro. A. Wetzel, on short leave of absence recently, was relieved by his brother Ferd.

H. I. Engle, second at "RV" tower, was relieved a few days by Mr. Feustermacher, of Dalmatia.

Bro. C. M. Bickel, second at "BA" tower, and local chairman, Bro. Zerbe, enjoyed a short vacation recently at Millersburg.

Bro. C. A. Riland, first at "RV" tower, while in Millerstown on his vacation, called on Bro. Ritzman at "RK" tower and was royally entertained. Bro. Riland was relieved by M. A. Miller.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel, of "BQ" office, at Sunbury, visited his mother at Herndon recently.

Bro. G. H. Wetzel, third "RV" tower, off on a week's vacation, was relieved by F. W. Wetzel, of "HU" tower.

Bro. H. T. Derrick, of Millersburg, first, with his wife visited the fair at York, Pa. He was relieved by H. W. Buck.

Bro. N. A. Steffen, second at "CF" tower, who was relieved by Mr. Feustermacher, of Dalmatia, also attended the fair at York.

Sister H. I. Williams has returned to duty on second trick at "D" tower, after spending a few weeks' vacation in the West. She was relieved by Mr. Kebach.

V. H. Feustermacher, of Dalmatia, relieved H. J. Engler, second trick at "RV" tower, for a short vacation.

Bro. A. R. Feustermacher, third at "ZA" tower, and Bro. O. W. Deibler, third at "D" tower, both enjoyed several days' vacation recently.

Brothers, don't fail to furnish the correspondent with notes of interest. We are anxious to have Division No. 24 well represented.

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New Haven Div., No. 29.

The meeting of Division 29 held in Redmen's Hall, New Haven, October 1st, was of the kind that goes to make up the history of advancement in all great achievements. To say it was a success, would not even partially express it, and it is necessary to enter into some detail to show the special features of interest.

The meeting had been called for 7 o'clock, as noted briefly in the October TELEGRAPHER, and at 7:30 p. m. was called to order by Chief Telegrapher, Bro. L. H. Dowd, with an attendance of about one hundred. By eight o'clock, the regular routine of business was disposed of, and at 8:15 p. m. there were present about two hundred and fifty.

Second Vice President, Bro. T. M. Pierson, the first speaker, was introduced at 8:10 p. m. The look of pleasure that passed over the countenances of the brothers when Bro. Pierson began to speak, and the attention given to his every word was evidence of the fact that something new—something extremely interesting and instructive was expected, as usual, and we were not disappointed. He outlined the advancement of the O. R. T. from infancy, speaking of its wonderful success and achievement, which has been made possible only from the fact that it was friendly founded, that its affairs had been handled in a true business-like manner, and that a progressive membership had ever kept the great wheels turning. Bro. Pierson was very optimistic regarding our future, and among the many important points he brought out was the one great feature of pushing forward and stopping only for proper soundings.

Bro. M. G. Wooley, General Chairman, N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R., was introduced and spoke earnestly of his work, showing many of the pitfalls that beset the path of the committees, which have to be avoided. Bro. Wooley has charge of a large territory of varied conditions and has proven his ability to handle so great a responsibility. His remarks convinced one and all that he was speaking from experience wholly, and that his clear cut views came from the trying-out system, and not from theory. His address was highly instructive and we all felt better for having heard him.

Bro. Pennoyer, General Chairman B. & A. R. R., the next speaker, told of his work and hopes for the future. He said he came to listen and absorb, but from his remarks one was easily convinced that he was also very capable of imparting wisdom.

Bro. Cardinal, of Division 38, then spoke on organization, giving his varied experiences in getting new members. Bro. Cardinal is one of the old O. R. T. veterans and is endowed with a species of wit that is always greeted with applause. His talk was highly entertaining and instructive.

Bro. Leonard J. Ross, Chief of Division 89, referred to the progressiveness of that division and to the encouraging fact that they were not stand-

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ing still one moment, every meeting being full of enthusiasm. Bro. Ross extended a most cordial invitation to all present to visit Boston and attend the meetings of that division.

Bro. E. J. Manion, General Chairman N. Y. N. H. & H. system, urged the membership to keep up the interest in the work, striving individually and collectively to complete the organization. The members at large, he said, should take a broader view of many things pertaining to committee work, put their shoulders to the wheel with a determination to assist in moving the load. Bro. Manion expressed his appreciation of the good attendance and thanked the visiting brothers for their presence and for the instruction gained by the exchange of views along lines of organization and committee work.

Bro. Burger, Chief of Division 37, extended an invitation to the brothers to visit that division, promising, one and all, a true fraternal welcome at its meetings. Bro. Burger was rather modest in praising his own division, yet it can be truly said that none in existence can surpass division 37 in first-class, up-to-date business methods, and in the watchfulness of the order's interests in its territory.

Bro. Donovan, of the same division, said he trusted the chief would not bid him "Good-night" in the same breath with his introduction, which was a reminder of an incident in the past, that had caused considerable merriment.

Bro. Clay, also of Division 37, gave a brief outline of telegraphy, and having been introduced by Vice-President Pierson as the "oldest man in the world," proceeded to show that, as that "oldest man," he could give dates and figures to prove that title along the lines of telegraphy and organization.

Bro. Mehring, Providence Division 35, extended an invitation to attend the meetings of that division, and as the writer knows something of the hospitality of the members thereof, I would advise the brothers to accept the invitation as soon and as often as possible.

Bro. Lynn, secretary and treasurer of Division No. 26, said he thought there was no investment that paid so well as an up-to-date card. He recited some of his experiences in rounding up the wireless men, that were very interesting.

Bro. Gallagher, of Division 37 and local chairman N. Y. Division, and Bros. Noon and O'Mara, N. Y. C., all spoke briefly and earnestly along organization lines.

Bro. Culver, with his gift of humor, created considerable merriment by replying to a supposed insinuation, and it can truly be said that "Q" carried off the honors of the controversy.

During the evening the entertainment committee served refreshments, consisting of chowder, sandwiches of every known kind, and high-class smokes, and it was done in a manner to which even royalty could not take exception.

Bro. E. C. Terry appeared late in the evening, and as the "jedge" of Division 29, inspired his hearers with a few well-chosen words of advice. Bro. Pierson was then called upon for final remarks, and the meeting was duly closed, having been thoroughly successful throughout.

The meetings of Division 29 are always good, and the instructions received cannot be regarded too highly; but a meeting where there is gathered together talent from many other roads and the different localities of our own system, is highly educational.

Remember that the division room is the only place where this exchange of views can be gotten, and lending your presence at each meeting is not only beneficial to the meeting, but is also a gain to yourself. L. H. D.

NOTE: Bro. Dowd sent me the foregoing, and kindly gave me permission to make any changes I might deem necessary. Had I as good an opinion of myself as he has, I might have the nerve to try to improve it. If he would write something like it every month, my duties as correspondent would be a "Scinch." T. A. A.

Western Division—

Bro. E. J. Manion, our General Chairman, was the guest of Bro. VanDeusen, at New Milford, October 5th, Bro. Manion having made a trip over the "Old Berkshire." The boys all say they hope to see "Doc's" smiling countenance often.

Bro. VanDeusen and wife, of New Milford, attended the fair at Gt. Barrington, September 28th and 29th.

Bro. Kane, of Canaan, also attended the Gt. Barrington fair, September 29th.

Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, acted as Bro. Miles' assistant at Gt. Barrington during the fair.

Bro. Percy, agent at New Milford, was the guest of hs sister in Bridgeport, Sunday, October 3rd.

Bro. Bessette, of Hawleyville, was the guest of Bro. VanDuesen, of New Milford, September 24th.

Bro. Wheaton, of Hawleyville, and Bro. Wheaton, of Botsford, (two brothers) have returned from a month's vacation spent in Canada.

Bro. Cosgriff, of VanDeusenville, has accepted a position as assistant yard master at Waterbury.

Bro. Ryan, first trick, on three weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Osborne, second, Brookfield Junction, and second at Brookfield Junction covered by an extra man.

Bro. Shapiro, of Bridgeport, is working at Housatonic for a few weeks.

During Danbury fair week Bro. L. H. Dowd covered "WS" office, opposite Danbury station; Bro. P. J. Hogan, of Canaan, "RX" office, Wildman St., Danbury; Mr. Foster, "Q" office, West St., Danbury; Bro. V. M. Coe, "MX" office, east switch fair grounds; Bro. Bateman, "FG" office, opposite gate fair grounds; Bro. B. H. Dunbar, first; Bro. Anson, of Towantic, second, and Bro. Rogers, third trick "DY" office, Danbury.

At Brewster, Bro. Tuttle covered first; Bro. Gallagher second, and Mr. Lynch third trick, and

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Bro. Allen devoted his time and attention to tickets.

The N. Y. C. trains were run through on Saturday this year, in addition to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on account of the automobile races.

News from the "Old Highland" is conspicuous by its absence this month, not a single item having been received.

Midland Division—

It has been suggested that the telegraphers employed in and around Hartford form a "Telegraphers' Club," with headquarters at Hartford, so that they may have a place to meet and spend a social evening, and discuss matters pertaining to their welfare. This would be a good thing and could be maintained at a very small cost to each member, as there are about fifty operators employed in this vicinity. Let's get together and see if we cannot start such a club in the Capitol City.

We have a new C. T. D. on the Midland, and those of you who have met him know that if we do what is required of us that we can always be assured of a "square deal" from him. Let us give him the best possible service we can.

Brother James T. O'Day spent his honeymoon in Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and has now gone to housekeeping in his new home, on Adelaide street, Hartford; where his many friends will always be welcome. The boys on the Midland all join in wishing Brother and Mrs. O'Day a long and happy life.

The night of October 1st was a very pleasant one for Sister Foley, of "GX," and Sister Cahill, of Windsor, as they attended their first meeting in Division No. 29. It was a grand meeting, and they were so well pleased that they will attend as many of these meetings as they can, hereafter, and they will always be welcome.

During Bro. Connors' vacation Bro. Massey worked the second trick. We were pleased to see Bro. Connors at the meeting on October 1st, and hope he will come again.

Bro. Jim Costello says that the meeting was worth attending.

The vacancy at Tower No. 215 has been bid in by Bro. A. C. Malstrom, from Central Village. We are glad to have this brother in our neighborhood, for he is one of the kind that you have got to show "WHY" you don't wear a button.

Bro. Brooks has been called for several times of late to go out with the wrecking crew.

Brother Gough is the handy spare man for the C. T. D., he being able to handle any of the agencies on this Division.

Brother Kingsland, from "HO," bid in second trick at Tower No. 214, and he is staying up nights learning the combinations. Brother Manning, Tower No. 214, is having another attack of rheumatism.

Brother Gilbert has gone to Westchester to take the agency, which he bid in. This is Brother Gilbert's first experience in that kind of work and we wish him success.

Bro. Casey, of East Hampton, has bid in one of the spare positions, and we shall now see his smiling face on many parts of the division.

If you want to see the "smile that don't diminish" just look at Bro. Gill since he bid in Club House.

Brother Will Johnston, who has not worked his own position but six days since June 1st, is now at Vernon Junction, third trick.

Bro. W. F. Johnston, Sr., is now working the day trick at "SK."

Burnside has at last its full complement of regular men, Bro. White having gone on third trick there October 4th.

If you have a half hour to spare, drop in on Bro. Bell, he will tell about the beauties of the Southwest, where he spent his month's vacation.

You don't see many favors handed out on the branch where they are not appreciated.

Any who have not paid their dues should remember the motto, "DO IT TODAY."

Refer your motorcycle troubles to Bro. Swain, he is an expert on all repairs, and will also sell you a new one while you wait.

Manchester is "ALL TO THE GOOD."

There are several new men on the road owing to the changes that have taken place, and it is our duty to call on them and see if they hold an "up-to-date" card, and if not, what their intentions are in regard to the Order. The best way to make new brothers is to show that you are interested in their welfare.

Bro. Vermilyea is still on the sick list, and Mr. Markam is doing the honors in "SK" nights. That extra money would buy an "up-to-date."

In the next month's TELEGRAPHER, I propose to tell you of every man and every lady employed on the Midland division who are not members, and the excuse they give for not joining. We have waited patiently now for more than five years for these people to say something, and as they give nothing but the same old threadbare reasons, it is no more than right that the rest of us who are paying their way should know the reason why. This will not be a roast, just a simple statement of facts, and facts are stubborn things when in print.

Colchester and Middlefield are still the sore spots on the Air Line, and the strange thing about it is that both these men can afford to keep an up-to-date card better than any one else on the Midland Division.

The agent at Bolton has a house and horse and all the comforts of home, but no button. There must be something wrong there.

You haven't all your buttons, while you are shy the O. R. T. button, Mr. Ed Kenyon.

Come, Jim Fanning, "be a sport," and buy a button like the rest of us wear.

Pete Hopkins is the great "Not Yet" man.

Shortly after the first of the new year, if it is not possible for me to do so before, it is my

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intention to furnish each member with a list of employes on each part of the road, in their vicinity, showing who are members and who are not, so that there will not be a reason for saying: "Why I thought he belonged."

Now, let's all get busy and wind up the year by getting our non-member neighbor to file his or her application for the December meeting, and see if we cannot complete the year 1909 with a "CLEAN SLATE." There are two ladies on the division, one at Jewett City and one at Danielson, both ex-members. EN.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother E. S. Brimmer, and while we humbly submit to His holy will, and know that our brother has been amply promoted, we deeply feel the loss of his presence, and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our respect, love and appreciation of the high character and useful life of our departed brother, be it

Resolved, That Division No. 29, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved family our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement which we share, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Division, a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. F. MCCORMACK,
H. M. WILLIAMS,
A. T. STANNARD,
Committee on Resolutions.

Providence Div., No. 35.

CARD OF THANKS.

Members of Providence Division No. 35:

We, as a family, wish to thank all of the railway men for all of their many kindnesses to our beloved son and brother, Stanley H. Sturtevant, who died at the Rhode Island Hospital, on September 25, 1909. The many kindnesses shown him date not from the beginning of his last illness, which was only a week before his death, but from the time that he took up his work as a railroad telegrapher. It was the good nature and good will of these men that made his work pleasant; and many times we have heard him put in a good word for the O. R. T. Again we would thank his comrades and associates for the beautiful floral tributes that they so kindly presented as a last token of love and respect for our beloved Stanley. We believe that the Almighty had his reason good for taking this young man from us, and was that reason not this? "To make us stop, look and listen."

MR. AND MRS. R. W. STURTEVANT,
MR. AND MRS. A. R. STURTEVANT,
MR. AND MRS. H. C. KERR.

Middlebury, Vt., October 4, 1909.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

The regular monthly meeting of this Division was held Friday, October 8th, at New Rochelle, Chief Burger in the chair. The regular business being quickly disposed of, the chief introduced our worthy President Perham, who had honored us with a visit. He gave us a very interesting talk on Federation and the good results attained thereby, which was listened to very attentively by the large number of brothers present. We were all pleased to hear from Bro. Perham and hope the next time he is East he will call again and favor us with his presence.

"Dock" Manion, our worthy General Chairman, who was the next speaker, gave us quite a talk on the non question, and if the brothers would only go at it the way "Dock" puts it, a non would be a thing of tne past on this system.

After Bro. Manion concluded, Bro. Donovan, in behalf of the refreshment committee, which was composed of Chief Burger, Bros. Reef, Donovan and Christman, reported and escorted the brothers to the Lafayette Hotel, where a neat spread was laid. After every one had his fill, cigars were lighted, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held at New Rochelle. President Perham being escorted to the train by Bros. Gallagher and Decker.

A number of the brothers from this Division attended the meeting of Division No. 8, Electrical Division, in New York City, on October 22, and also the big meeting of Division No. 29 at New Haven on October 1st, and certainly had a good time.

Bro. Gulshan, Port Chester, days, is the owner of a new Oliver, and will be pleased to show any of the brothers how it works if they will call on him. It is one of the latest.

The following changes have occurred lately: Bro. Putnam, second at Riverside, has bid in first at Stanford 37. "Put" says nothing like working home.

Bro. Tiger is filling in at Riverside, while bids are out.

Bro. Jim Lynch, from Harrison third, has bid in second at Riverside. "Jim" will certainly be missed around Harrison. A new man named Muir is working third at Harrison, awaiting bidder.

Mr. Miller has been transferred from second at Mamaroneck to second at Greenwich.

Bro. Watson, transferred from second at Cos Cob to second at Mamaroneck. Understand he's a Division No. 8 man. We would like to have him transfer to No. 37.

A new man is working second at Cos Cob. Understand his name is Cotton.

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Boston Div., No. 41.

The October meeting was a record breaker in the history of our Division with a good attendance to greet the president of our Order, who, together with Vice-President Pierson, paid us a fraternal visit a week previous to the meeting.

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The members were notified that we were to be favored with a visit from these two officers, as it was the first visit we have ever had from our president, we looked for a large attendance and the boys showed up in goodly numbers. Considering that many live a long distance from Boston and others are working owl tricks, the attendance was very gratifying.

The majority of the members for the first time had the pleasure of meeting President Perham, whose life and energies have been devoted not only to the uplifting of the railroad telegraphers, but who has stood firmly for the raising of the standard of life of all classes of labor; the man so aptly referred to by our worthy Vice President as the "Old Man" of the O. R. T. The words of our General Chairman were the echo of what we were all thinking, and we feel sure that none left the hall that night without a broader and more liberal view of what our Order represents. We agree with you, "JO," that we have a leader of "some calibre" in our worthy President H. B. Perham.

In addition to the very elevating and instructive address from the president, we were likewise favored and entertained by the remarks of Vice-President Pierson, who is no stranger to us, but whose presence, with "the smile that won't come off," is always welcome at our meetings, and who is equally adept at telling a good story and negotiating with the management of a railroad in behalf of the members. The members who were unable to be present missed a good deal of sound common-sense instruction, and some good smokes, which helped to make the evening a very enjoyable one.

The "No Smoking Sign" was taken down for the evening, and with a change at the secretary's desk, none seemed to fear the "Fire Alarm," which it has been customary to sound when an odor of tobacco was noticed.

Remarks were made by General Chairman Pennoyer of the B. & A., by General Chairman Bode, and also by the Sage of South Framingham, the genial chief of No. 89, who extended to all a cordial invitation to the two meetings to be held by No. 89 the following Monday in honor of President Perham, to which a goodly number of our boys turned out and all reported a bang-up time.

Bro. Ross never does anything by halves; the buffet lunch was right up to date and the remarks very entertaining and instructive.

The news we had from the B. & A. boys was most welcome, and we know that they will soon be sharing some of the good things with us, and that their long struggle has been rewarded.

Quite a number of good jobs are up for bid on the Southern Division. Among them are Stratham, N. H.; Hadley, Mass.; Rutland, Reservoir Switch, and Hooksett, N. H. The boys have a good chance to pick from this bunch.

Arlington, Mass., telegrapher position is also up for bid. It is about time, and there is a good chance now to straighten out that North Somerville matter.

The bears and moose have taken to the tall timber, way down in Maine, as the smiling agent from Arlington has gone down there for a few weeks, with an assortment of shooting irons that strikes fear to the denizens of the woods.

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Fitchburg Division—

Mrs. Nellie Sullivan, agent at Brooks Station for many years, passed away September 9th. Mrs. Sullivan was formerly a member of Division 41, and had been employed for many years as a telegrapher before taking charge of Brooks. This job was bid in by Mr. Warner, third at South Ashburnham, which job was bid in by Mr. Landry, third at Winchendon, and the latter is now up for bid.

Mr. Thompson, of Gardner, is on a month's vacation, relieved by Mr. Nutt.

Mr. Smith, third trick at East Deerfield, has gone to Concord, Mass., days.

Bro. Wrisley, third at Athol, is on vacation, being relieved by Bro. Dunn, of Division 38.

Bro. Cowick, third at Royalston, is being relieved by Bro. Heyward, formerly of the B. & A.

Bro. Bresnahan, first at South Ashburnham, and Bro. Hoag, third at Baldwinville, have also been on vacations.

Relief men seem to be plenty now, and most all the boys desiring a rest seem to be able to get it.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the members of Division No. 41, other members of the O. R. T. and employes of the B. & M. Ry., for the assistance they have given me during the past summer, when I have been unable to work. The money received has helped to keep me in the country and to give me necessary medical attention. I am glad to say I am much improved in health in consequence.

Fraternally,

ARTHUR T. WHIPPLE.
Cert. 310, Div. 41.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of October was called to order in our hall on the 9th with the best and largest attendance for some time, when several important matters were taken up and disposed of in a business-like manner. Three new members were introduced to our goat, and showed their ability to ride it.

Bro. W. D. Marvel, of Flushing, is now a guardian. When one of the young telegraphers there was refused a marriage license recently because he was not quite 21 years old, he could not secure the precious document without a guardian, and Bro. Marvel took the chance.

Bro. H. H. Oldfield is spending his honeymoon at Canton, Ohio, his former home. Bro. and

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Mrs. Oldfield, who will reside in Flushing, have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. H. Camman, who was assigned to relieve Bro. Oldfield during his vacation, was taken sick with the mumps and had to be relieved.

Relief Agent Walters is at Amagansett while Agent Ira Baker is on ten days' vacation.

Bro. Van Nostrand, relief agent, has relieved Mr. Combes at Greenport. Combes was for many years one of Division 44's knockers. Like all persons of his kind, it was only a matter of time for the officials to get next to him.

Bro. O. A. Hudson and wife were called to Philadelphia on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Hudson's mother.

Bro. J. L. Haley is now located in Husted, Colo., on the Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Bro. D. A. Sharpe, of Floral Park, is spending his vacation up the State with his parents. Bro. F. Carlough is covering this trick.

Bro. F. W. Conklin, former agent Deer Park, is now on second trick, tower department, Laurelton.

Bro. M. F. O'Laughlin has resigned as ticket agent at "FB" Ave., Brooklyn on account of ill health.

Bro. J. J. Lynch, of "HP," Long Island City, has resumed duty after an absence of six weeks on account of illness.

Bro. R. J. Edwards, who has been quite sick, has resumed duty.

We understand that Ed Sullivan, formerly on the D. & H., who tarried in our midst about four days, induced one of our Long Island City brothers to forget our motto, "No card, no favors," and as a result was stung for a small amount. It don't pay to trust them.

H. W. Haniquet relieved Bill Oaks as agent at Central Park station.

Bro. F. H. Pike has been installed as agent at Farmingdale.

Roy S. Murray has been appointed general ticket agent at "FB" Ave. station, Brooklyn. All the other agents are now clerks and ticket sellers, reporting to and respecting the orders of Mr. Murray.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Bros. Frank Horsch and W. J. Kaufman.

Edgemere having closed for the season, F. A. Carman goes to Lynbrook for the winter, relieving J. W. Pidgeon.

Bro. A. D. Johnson, of Westhampton, goes to Greenport as permanent agent, vice Bro. Van Nostrand.

Westhampton agency is up for bid.

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Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Conemaugh Division -

We are pleased to note the "walking delegate" referred to in last month's write-up did not drop out of the Order as was stated, but is still with the boys.

Bro. Youmans, first trick operator at "CQ," after an absence of two weeks, is again back on duty.

Mr. Scott, our third trick west end dispatcher, is spending a well-earned two-weeks' vacation, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Walters.

Bro. Satterfield, who was laid up again on account of injuries received in the accident some time ago on Brilliant bridge, was relieved by Mr. Cox, a new man, and is now working third at "DY," relieving Bro. Borland, who is working Bro. Satterfield's trick at "XY."

On the night of October 14th, the engine on Extra 2560, one of our stock extras, turned turtle east of Kiski Junction in field about fifty yards from track, scalding Engineer L. Miller, and hurting his fireman severely. A number of cattle and horses were killed in the wreck.

Bro. Gilliland, third trick at "ZA," bid in and got third trick at "GC," close to his home in Allegheny.

Bro. C. C. Askey, second at "BI," while off a few days, was relieved by T. J. Johnston.

Bro. Helfrich relieved Bro. Kurilla and Miss Allen at "ND," while on a short vacation.

Bro. G. C. Johnson worked "DX" first trick during the vacation of Bro. Hovis, Bro. Helfrich working third trick.

The brothers at "BI" have been changed to their new home, which, when completed, will be the nicest tower on the Conemaugh Division.

Bro. McIntee, of "DX" second trick, is off on vacation, visiting relatives at Corning, N. Y.

Our two enthusiastic poultrymen, Bros. Johnson and McIntee, are improving their time reading up on scientific poultry raising.

Sisters L. J. Duncan and S. R. Haney, of "AC" office, were visitors in Blairsville recently.

"S2" reports very cold weather. No wonder, as all three tricks there are filled by nons, two of them hardshells, willing to take all the Order gets for them, but never contributing anything.

Bro. McLaughlin is a real Order man, having secured several new members lately

Bro Ashbaugh, "UM" third trick, is off on a two weeks' vacation

Bro. King, third "BI," went to Pittsburg, recently, to see Pittsburg and New York play ball.

There is a new brother at "VN" named M. E. Arnold.

Bro. Callward, of "BR" second, got third trick at "BR" on bid. "OA," "OC," "GU."

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Maryland Division—

There have been quite a number of applicants for the Wilmington one o'clock a. m. advertisement, but it has not yet been assigned. Bro. Reed has been posting for the position, and Bros. Rose and Quill are also in the race. Bro. James B. Cosden, extra in Wilmington office for several years, is also pretty well up on the list. He has been off sick for over a month, but we hope to see him out soon.

Telegrapher Badders bid in second trick at Port Deposit, made vacant by Bro. Robinson accepting the position at Newark, who later took the night extra shift at Landlith.

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Telegrapher Schenk bid in Safe Harbor Block, 4 o'clock trick.

Telegrapher Redmiles, of Landover, bid in Lanham Block, last trick.

Telegrapher Showalt bid in last trick at "AU," Patuxent block.

Telegrapher Davis, "BC," Bacon Hill, bid in "NH," Northeast, last trick, that being his home.

Telegrapher Chambers, on last trick, Newark, bid in Iron Hill block, made vacant by Bro. Lewis accepting "PJ" block and moving to Wilmington.

Telegrapher Marshbank, Creswell station, has bid in "MS", Bengies, block.

Telegrapher Jameson bid in the last trick at "W," Landover block station, Mr. Redmiles going to Seabrook.

Telegrapher Lockard has been appointed regular at Charlestown block, last trick, one of the new stations recently opened.

Newark block last trick and Odenton block middle trick have been advertised, but, as yet, have not been filled.

Bro. Hoffheinz, of the West, is to be transferred to our local.

Bro. DeCorse, of the B. & O., is doing extra in Wilmington.

Bro. Thos. H. Cassidy has returned after a short visit with his brother in the New England States.

Bro. John Beatty, formerly a Delaware Division man, is working the "hello" alternately with "Old Kye."

Boys, let your division correspondent have a few tips each month about the tenth. It will help wonderfully in getting up the news for THE TELEGRAPHER. DIV. COR.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

The secretary reports just a few have not yet paid their dues for the last half of this year. Come across, brothers, it is cheaper to pay dues than to rejoin.

Our committee has certainly been up against it for several months. Just about the time they were to meet the general superintendent he resigned. The new general manager, Mr. Cutter, put us off week after week, claiming he was not yet familiar enough with conditions here to go into the making of a new schedule, and the committee refusing to be put off any longer, turned the matter over to the organization. First Vice-President Newman went to Minneapolis and found that Cutter had handed in his resignation, effective September 15th, and that nothing could be done until his successor was appointed. The committee is now waiting for the arrival of a new general superintendent or general manager, and if they will take the matter up at once, the committee will resume negotiations. If not, it will be turned over to the Order for settlement.

The Marshalltown "T-R," of September 22d, says that Master Mechanic C. E. Gossett has consented to a conference with the unions, which includes all the shopmen, with a view of a new revised schedule and an increase in wages. These fellows are granted a new schedule and increase every year, and we have not had a revision of our schedule for very nearly two years. It looks like this schedule business is being worked one-sided, and we are not getting the proper consideration.

Bro. J. W. Howard's wife is on nights at Olds. Mrs. Howard is an old-time operator, and Jim will no doubt be bringing her into the Order soon.

Bro. F. J. Yenny, at Marsh, joined in September. We are getting new members right along, and nearly all are lined up now except the boomers.

Sister C. M. Weldon, formerly of Mason City, has been transferred to Division 31.

Bro. R. B. Mitchell, while in the Northwest, transferred to the N. P. Division, but having returned to Marshalltown, on the Iowa Central, is back again in 71.

Bro. J. A. Morris, of Brighton, who has been up north on account of an attack of hay fever, has returned home much improved. He was relieved by H. A. Sweigard.

Mr. Frost, agent Middle Grove, for several weeks, has resigned, and H. A. Sweigard has been appointed temporarily.

Little York is now in charge of a man who is not a telegrapher, probably owing to the scarcity of good telegraphers.

Mr. McDermott, who relieved Sister Weldon at Mason City, days, has been relieved by Mr. Secrest, who was transferred from Ackley nights, where he relieved Bro. L. E. Lewis when he resigned.

Bro. C. T. Harding is at Ackley nights again.

Bro. J. B. Odem has relieved Bro. J. W. Rankin, agent Liscomb, who has resigned on account of his health. We all hope for Bro. Rankin's speedy recovery.

Bros. Gardner of Abbott and Brush of Albion have returned from short vacations. Bro. Gardner was looking after his land interests in Dakota. He was relieved by Mr. Platts, nights at Hedrick, who is now on vacation.

Bro. Carder, at Gifford, although he has been given another telegrapher, still has to work a six-hour trick and look after his station work. He says he is going after them now for a man to fill in that six-hour trick.

Bro. M. J. Cahill, of Union, is looking after his business in South Dakota; relieved by Bro. Fred Arnote, who says he is going on his farm near Kansas City, Mo., when Bro. Cahill returns, and that it will be operated on an eight-hour, seventy-five-dollar minimum plan. We are all sorry to see Fred leave.

Mr. Craig, from Corwith, is at Zearing. Bro. Smith, of McCallsburg, will no doubt line him up.

Mrs. J. J. Flynn, of Belmond, has returned from her California trip, and as soon as "Jack" fattens up a little, we will expect him at the meetings regularly.

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The Gifford gravel pit has been leased to a Kampaska Material Co., of Watertown, S. D., who will furnish gravel for commercial uses and also to the railroad company for ballasting purposes.

The new man at Mason City, nights, says he can't see anything in the Order, and has to put his money where it will do the most good, as he is a married man, etc. He claims to be an ex-Order man. "No card, no favors."

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Camden Div., No. 84.

Bro. Lock Burke, owl at Sewell, is courting "buck fever" in the Maine woods. Moose will be very scarce when he leaves.

Bros. Logue, of "CD," Camden, and Morris, of Paulsboro, are on a trip through the West for the benefit of their health and to see the country.

Bro. R. D. Mitchell is working at Paulsboro in the absence of Bro. Morris.

Messrs. W. C. Vaughn and Lent have bid in the first and second tricks at Haddonsfield.

Bro. C. B. Smith, of Westville, is away on ten days' vacation, M. A. Glennon, extra telegrapher, is relieving him.

Bro. F. G. Patterson has gone from "CD," Camden, to "CH," Woodbury, for the winter.

Bro. Delafrange, first trick at "HN," Camden, is spending his honeymoon at Niagara Falls. The cigars smoked very well.

VERITAS.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division Notes—

Our regular monthly meeting was held on October 15th in Concordia Hall, Trenton, N. J., at which time we were honored with the presence of our worthy president, Bro. H. B. Perham.

After the meeting adjourned we had a banquet and reception in his honor at Hilderbrecht's.

Both the meeting and banquet were largely attended. Quite a number of the Belvidere brothers being present.

Bro. Perham gave us a very interesting talk on the work of our glorious Order, which every one enjoyed exceedingly.

Bro. Gaunt and Mr. Baird had to work twelve hours three days recently, on account of Mr. Maloney, second trick, being sick.

C. R. Yelland, second at "N" Miese, bid in second trick "MO," Moore tower.

Bro. Palmer, first at "P," Phillipsburg tower, is off for a month. Is being relieved by Bro. D. W. Smith, second trick, Mr. Barber, of the third taking second.

Bro. Palmer went to Ohio during his vacation.

Third trick at "K," Martins Creek, was bid in by Bro. Lawrence, placing "RX" third up for bid. On account of Mr. Decker working in Trenton "FG" office, Bro. McKelvey worked in his absence, and Bro. Lenhart, regular third trick at "DY," worked the relief from "K" to "P," his place being filled by Extra Telegrapher Scheffler.

Third trick at "RX" is being filled by extra Diehl.

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Chicago Div., No. 91.

Quite a number of the boys attended the regular monthly meeting.

We also had with us Bro. Miller, of New Orleans, Division No. 93, Illinois Central, one of the I. C. committee men trying to get a new schedule for the boys on that line, and we all sincerely hope he succeeded.

Bro. Miller says this makes the fifth time the Illinois Central committee has come to Chicago for a new schedule and have succeeded each time.

First Vice-President Newman was also with us, and he gave us a very interesting talk on "How to Back Up Our Committee" when they go in to face the officials for better working conditions and better pay. He also outlined the plan of the O. R. T. Bond Company, showing that it would prove one of the best things proposed in a long time for our own good and benefit.

Bro. Turner, our organizer, gave some of his experiences in lining up the nons, which was certainly pleasing to hear. He is doing very good work, which we hope will continue until he has all the roads in this division organized.

A committee was elected to arrange for our annual dance, to be given for the benefit of Division No. 91, to be held here in Chicago some time in the early part of February, which promises, if possible, to eclipse all former efforts in that direction. The exact date will be decided at our next monthly meeting, Saturday, November 27th, and the tickets will be placed at a figure which enables everyone to come and have a good time.

Now, that the members have decided to give this dance, you boys who live in and around Chicago want to get your dancing pumps out and practice up a bit, for we are going to have it in the finest hall in the city, and as all the members are going to fetch their own girls, we are going to have the finest looking lot of girls to be found. Those who attended the dance in the spring of 1907 will surely come when they know that the one we contemplate will equal that.

Bro. Downie, who has been with the C. G. W. for two years, is now in Chicago. He comes at a good time, as he was one of the hardest workers for our last entertainment, and will be a wheel-horse again.

Bro. A. D. Turner, of Division 18, is now organizing for Division 91. Already he has covered one road, which was only 23 per cent strong when Bro. Turner started out, and now it is 94 per cent strong, and is going to cover all of the other systems assigned to our division. Members are asked to get the names of all the nons they know of and send them in to the secretary.

Bro. Berschens, formerly of Division 126, has located in Chicago, and is now a member of Division 91. All members of the Order residing in Chicago, and its vicinity who are not members of the system divisions should follow Bro. Berschens' example and come with it.

Some of the boys that are working eight-hour tricks should send in a few items each month, as

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an agent, with his twelve to sixteen hours a day, has very little chance to hunt up news.

Bro. A. E. McCullough, agent, and Bro. R. M. McCullough, second trick at Oakdale, have returned after a pleasant visit with their parents at Kittanning, Pa., and points of interest on the B. R. & P. Bro. A. R. Hoffman, first trick, filled in as agent, and W. F. Wolf as telegrapher during their absence.

Bro. J. R. Stanley, the genial agent at Dolton station, has accepted a more lucrative position with the Ind. Harbor Belt. Relieved by F. W. Jacobs, a new man.

Bro. H. W. Grace, second "KN," Pullman Junction, is working for the Nickel Plate. Bro. A. A. Jacob is filling in on the extra list, Bro. W. R. Dixon working second, and Bro. Cook, third.

Bro. E. O. Jacobson, third Oakdale, has been transferred to "RS," 47th St., tower. Bro. W. Walley working first, Roy Brown second and C. V. Peterson, a new man, third trick there.

E. H. Miles, agent at Burnham, has resigned, and been relieved by R. E. Moore, of Pullman Junction.

There seems to be a shortage of telegraphers all over the country, the phone not making a surplus very rapidly, and I suppose we will be able to get a job as telegraphers as long as we care to live on a small salary and take the responsibilities that attach themselves to this branch of the service.

Remember the motto, "No card, no favors," and make it apply on this division.

CERTS. 409 AND 527.

Cobalt Div., No. 99.

Bro. Lambe just returned from a much-needed vacation; was relieved by Bro. Campbell.

Bro. Workman is now doing the relieving stunt, having been relieved by Bro. Roberts at "RS" office.

Bro. Murray is at present relieving Agent McCutcheon at the Wye.

Bro. Pierce is relieving Bro. Murray during his wife's sickness.

Bro. Taylor, of Temagami, is relieving Bro. Caldwell, of Earlton, who is laid up with typhoid fever.

Bro. Earl is back at Cobalt, after two weeks spent at the front dodging automobiles and street cars. He is assisted by Telegrapher Deagle.

Great rivalry exists between Uno Park and Charlton for the Elk Lake telegraph business. Bro. Hawkins, of Charlton, seems to be getting the bulk of the business, and is doing a large freight business.

Bros. McBride of Engelhart, Cullen of Matheson, and Bros. McLaughlin and Mond have all had their holidays.. Others wanting relief are finding it hard to get.

Bro. Aubin, ex-agent, Englehart, is doing a large business in his new hotel at Elk Lake. The Gowganda wireless office is in his hotel.

Our correspondent will no doubt give us a good write-up next month. "BEEN ABOUT."

Concord Div., No. 108.

On Saturday evening, October 23d, all roads led to White River Junction, Vermont, and at 8:30 p. m. a large crowd of the boys met at Forresters Hall, to hear our Worthy Brother Vice-President Pierson give us a talk. Nobody was disappointed, and every one felt well paid for the time away from home. Bro. Potter, from Hoosick, N. Y., was also present, and the way he was received shows that he stands high in the estimation of the Brothers. He also gave us a talk, showing us how much the organization had helped us during the short time we have been organized.

We were greatly surprised, and much pleased, also, to have with us Bro. Manning, local chairman from the New Haven. He came a good way from home to help us make our meeting a success, and all the boys were very grateful for his assistance. He told us what the O. R. T. had done for the brothers on his road during the past few years, which every one felt was certainly a success.

After the speaking was over we all sat down to as fine a supper as one could wish, after which all indulged in cigars, of which there were plenty, as Bros. Walker and Black will testify, I am sure.

Many operators were present from the Central Vermont, also brothers from the C. & P., both north and south. Everyone talked favorably of having another meeting, which will probably be arranged for soon.

Much credit should be given Bro. Adams, who saw that everything needed at the meeting was arranged for, and he is entitled to great praise for a large share of its success.

By the time this is in print, our committee will be in session revising the schedule. Some of the boys are looking for a change for the better in Article 5.

Bro. W. L. Whitney, of Div. No. 23, has been visiting his old home in "SB."

Bro. Tighe has been appointed to third trick at "SG."

Bro. Haley has been substituting at "AU," in the absence of the agent, for a few weeks.

Bro. Walker has been appointed agent at "ND." J. M. Cronin takes Bro. Walker's place as assistant.

Bro. Knight, at "BA," and Bro. Clay, at "SB," have been enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

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Addison Div., No. 108.

At this time of the year it seems to be second nature for a telegrapher to cleave closer to his job. It may be caused by a strange sensation that creeps over him at the approach of a distant October storm, cold feet, or icicles on his whiskers. Whatever the cause may be, the probabilities are there will not be as many changes in the next few months as in the past. However, we

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hope to see all positions advertised and bids made.

The brothers should all make a special effort to attend each meeting of Division 108 held at Addison, N. Y., the second Sunday of each month.

Bro. J. R. Riley, agent at Belfast, is laying off on account of his health.

We all regret to hear that it has become necessary for Bro. Horton to resign his position as agent at Wharton, on account of his deafness. Bill will be missed. For the past ten years you could see his smiling face at the window, morning, noon and night. Operator Dinnie Riley, of Belfast, has bid in second trick at Wharton.

Bro. Carroll, of Blaisdell, has been enjoying a vacation for a week or so. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Brother L. R. Brown, in memory of our brother who has been taken away from us, and in sympathy with his bereaved wife, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 108, Order of Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Brown, Division 108, Order of Telegraphers, loses a true and faithful member, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. D. JACOBS.
ED. BELCHER.
E. C. COLE.
Committee.

Second District—

Everything seems to be running about the same on this end, except that there are only a few nons now with us. There seems to be such a scarcity of telegraphers that it seems almost impossible to get relieved to attend the meetings, but we can keep on trying.

Brothers, send any items you may have for THE TELEGRAPHER not later than the tenth of the month to your local chairman or to the general chairman, so they can be sent in early enough to appear each month.

The boys responded very generously in making a donation when Bro. Brown, of Cross Fork Junction, died at the hospital in Hornell, N. Y. Mr. Curren, of Galeton, also raised a nice sum among his friends.

Bro. Schoonover, Westfield, was relieved for a ten day vacation during the bird season by Mr. Geschwender. DIV. COR.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

On account of Tiona telephone office being closed, Sisters Bertha Wood and Nellie Hanley go to first and second, "EY" tower, Kane, which puts Bro. Crawford and Telegrapher Marr on the extra list.

There have been four electric signals placed at "Z" office, Kane, to replace the old signals. This will be a great help to the telegraphers as well as the yard crews.

Sister Emma Thorsten, of Kane third trick, is enjoying a ten days' vacation with her mother visiting at Chicago, Ill. Relieved by Bro. Griskey, of "WY" tower, who in turn is relieved by Telegrapher Carlson, of Wetmore.

Bro. B. H. Woodruff was relieved by Mr. Evans while off on a short vacation to get married on August 10th.

Bro. Flasher, who returned to Ludlow third trick, was relieved on Jackson's second by Mr. Way.

Mr. Miller, first trick Ludlow, resigned, relieved by Telegrapher McEntire.

We thank Bro. Barner for this contribution of news, and hope that some of the other members will help out in the same way. We have not had any news from the east end for some time.

PLYMOUTH ROCK.

CARD OF THANKS.

Bro. L. E. Daugherty wishes to extend his sincere thanks to the members of the division for their kindness during the illness and death of his wife.

Olean Div., No. 135.

Bro. A. G. Carlson, agent, Red House, has gone South, perhaps to stay. We wish him best success Bro. J. F. Rosenbery relieved him.

The agent at Salamanca is doing six hours of telegraphing in addition to his other work. Brennon and Sister Wells are working nine hours.

Bro. Rickards, Kinzua, who has been working six hours telegraphing besides the agent's work, has been given another operator.

Bro. DeRocher is taking treatment for rheumatism with Dr. Flatt, at Corydon. He managed Bro. O'Dell's trick while he attended the agent's meeting.

This end of the division (Salamanca branch) is really solid, and it is hoped that the few nons still standing out will get wise and come in where there is no danger and always something doing.

Bro. J. C. Lamb, of Riverside Junction, while away getting married, was relieved by Bro. Garin.

Bro. Elliott worked second trick, at River, a few days.

H. O. Hart, third trick at River Junction, dropped out because, he said: "A house divided against itself can not stand." But our royal O. R. T. was stronger than he thought.

The Salamanca Business College opened this month with E. E. Matson as teacher of telegraphy

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and penmanship. Matson worked on this division a few years ago, and at that time seemed to be quite a decent fellow.

Bro. Stoltz, of Quaker, on short vacation, at Falconer, was relieved by Mr O'Neil, of Oil City.

Bro. R. E. Billington, second trick at Frunky, was relieved for his two weeks' vacation, which he spent in Ohio, by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Jones.

Bro. A. L. Shobey, while on a twenty-five-day vacation, spent in Buffalo, N. Y., was relieved by Mr. Rothfuss.

Send us the news, brothers, so we can have a good write-up each month.

CERTS. 108 AND 250.

South Amboy Div., No. 149.

The regular monthly meetings for October, were not as well attended as they should have been, but suppose the inclement weather had something to do with it. These meetings are held only once a month, and we should put forth an extra effort to attend, as matters of interest come up at every session.

Lest ye forget, these regular monthly meetings are held the third (3) Thursday in each month, at Scully's Hall, South Amboy. We have a morning meeting at 10 o'clock for the second and third men, and the agents, that cannot attend the evening meetings. The evening meetings are held at 7:30 for all that can arrange to be present. Brothers and Division No. 84 in our territory should transfer to No. 149, and take an active interest in these meetings. Heretofore, the boys on this end have never had a chance to attend the meetings, and that is the reason we have No. 149 at South Amboy, to give them all a chance. There are a number of brothers on the F. & J. that could attend the morning meetings.

Boys, let's make the Raritan River solid; you know there are only two or three more agents and telegraphers there eligible.

We have not had a report from the committee on by-laws yet.

Brother J. L. Sheppard, of New Brunswick, has returned from his annual vacation, one day of which he spent at the Trenton fair.

Bro. J. M. Mayhew, now in the canning business at South Jersey, dropped off to see the boys in South Amboy, on a return business trip from Chicago. DIV. COR.

Wabash Railway.

Springfield Division—

Owing to the heavy increase in business, Extra Dispatcher Little has been added to the force in the "DJ" office, and will handle the Wabash branch and east end, Springfield to Decatur. He has been relieved as car distributor by Bro. J. W. Anderson.

The wires have been replaced in the office at Buffalo, and the office bulletined with Bro. S. C. Moats, agent, Lanesville, in charge, and the latter agency is now up for bids. Buffalo was one of the offices closed on account of the decline in business and the nine-hour law.

Third, Lanesville, also on bulletin, is being filled by Mr. Cotson, of the C. & A., until assigned. This additional trick at Lanesville added, owing to the increase of business recently, has placed Bro. Moats on first and Bro. Ryan on second trick.

Baylis agency, an $80 position, with six hours wire work, is on bulletin, owing to the resignation of Bro. H. W. Edom.

Bro. Geo. East, formerly agent at Naples, who took his wife to Colorado recently for her health, had both arms broken and received several other painful injuries in a street car accident, and is now in a hospital at Denver.

P. J. Stromquist, who had temporary charge of Pittsfield during the absence of Agent Smith, while spending the hay fever season in Petosky, Mich., was relieved by Bro. P. J. Barry, agent, Harrisburg, for several weeks.

J. M. Suter, agent, Dawson, has been laying off on account of the sickness and death of his father.

Bro. F. O. Stehman is now telegrapher and night ticket agent at Quincy, vice Bro. Geo. Taylor, second at Jacksonville.

Bro. R. F. Lipcamon, relief agent, Harristown, off on account of sickness, relieved by Extra Telegrapher Stead, from Griggsville.

L. E. Hancock, second, Riverton, called home to Barry, on account of his wife's illness, was relieved by J. A. Raines. CORRESPONDENT.

Peru Division—

After looking over the agency at Williamsport, Bro. Harris concluded Roanoke was good enough for him, and Bro. J. J. Dorren, agent, Whitehouse, bid in Williamsport, and has been checked in as regular agent. Whitehouse now being open for bid, is being filled temporarily by Mr. Romick.

Agency at Antwerp, O., is also open for bid.

Bro. Cox, agent Liberty Center, off few days, relieved by Relief Agent Miller.

M. T. Hullihan, agent Riverside, has accepted a position at Chicago with the M. C. Ry., relieved by Chas. A. Talbott.

Bro. Devite, agent Grabill, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Underwood.

E. C. Quiggle, agent Delta, Ohio, resigned and relieved by some man from that town.

Bro. Keller, agent Richvalley, off on several weeks' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Romick.

Bro. W. E. Spencer, after about four weeks' leave of absence, has bid in the second trick at Logansport. Bro. Robertson returning to his regular place at Danes. Mrs. Beckley is doing the extra work at Danes.

Bro. W. J. Meyer, of Delphi, visiting friends at Keytesville, Mo., and fishing on Tippecanoe, is being relieved by Mrs. M. B. Weckerly. Bro. Shutt, of Delphi, has gone on a vacation to Oregon, relieved by Bro. Weckerly.

Bro. N. J. Bechtel has resumed work at Lafayette.

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Bro. Jno. Kieff is on days at West Peru, and Bro. Barklow, nights at Peru "Z" office, until Mr. Overman, manager of "Z" office, is able to return to work.

Bro. Backle, agent Antwerp, has accepted a position with some sugar beet company, at that place. We are all sorry to see such a good man leave us.

Bro. Bechtel, Lafayette, was relieved a few days on account of the sickness of some of his relatives, and it was necessary for Bros. Kennington and Swarner to double until some one could be secured to work the third trick there.

Bro. C. O. Benjamin, agent St. Joe, has returned after a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. G. W. Patrick, agent Williamsport, off on account of sickness relieved by Bro. Etnire until extra Miller could be spared.

Bro. L. Hanson, third trick, Williamsport, on vacation, relieved by new man.

Bro. Dunwoody, Newall, off on a camping expedition, relieved by Bro. Murray.

Bro. Jno. Kieff, upon the return of A. A. Hein, of Attica, relieved Bro. Spencer, Westport, while away on account of the sickness of his brother, at Muncie, Ind.

Sister V. M. Baker, "CD" tower, Ft. Wayne, has taken a six months' vacation, on account of having to stay at home with her mother, Bro. Barto relieving her.

Bro. Farmer has been doing a series of relieving at "CD" tower, Ft. Wayne, for some time.

Bro. Glen Abel, New Haven, bid in Tilton, third trick, and has moyed there.

Bro. Murray is working third trick, New Haven, temporarily.

Bros. Backel and Johnson had to double at Antwerp recently on account of sickness and death in Bro. Dunderman's family there.

Bro. Theck has returned to West Unity, after several weeks' absence.

Bro. J. A. Fullen, agent Okolona, has resumed work there.

Bro. Clark, agent Rockfield, relieved a few days by Mr. Miller.

All the dispatchers have taken their annual vacation and returned to work again.

Bro. Robertson, of Danes, is working second at Logansport. CORRESPONDENT.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Some of our nons have woke up and are coming into the fold, several petitions having been received the past month, and prospects are good for several more. Why not, boys? Every other trade is organized and sticking.

Mr. J. M. Overall was the successful bidder on second trick, at Shannon.

Third trick at Baldwin is on bulletin.

Bro. Caver, agent Wheeler, has returned after being off several days.

Bro. G. A. Roberson, agent Ramer, on vacation, relieved by his brother, J. D. Roberson.

Mr. Franklin is in the dispatcher's office, at Corinth.

Third Trick Dispatcher W. F. May is off a few days, relieved by Mr. Morgan, day operator and extra dispatcher. Mr. Armstrong is working days in "JN" and Mr. Sommeds is doing the owl act.

Bro. A. W. Fowler, agent Cayce, while attending the Union City fair, was relieved by Mr. Parish, an old-timer from Henderson.

Mr. Carroll has resumed duty as agent, at Oakton.

Bro. Bradley, third, South Columbus, is visiting home folks at Cayce, relieved by Mr. Rutledge, from Perry.

Bro. Hatley, while attending court, was relieved by Mr. Overall, from Dyer.

Bro. John Hudson is at "CO" Cairo nights, regular.

W. N. Nolan has returned to Red Bud, from Willisville, relieved by the regular agent, Bro. McMurtrie. DIV. COR.

Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division, Western District—

Bro. F. P. Vybiral has been appointed a member of the Nebraska local board of adjustment, and the east end men can keep in touch with him. Both he and your local chairman have a list of non-members, and any member who wishes to get busy can get material while our limited supply lasts. But with seven applications on the Nebraska, in the past two weeks, it looks like you will have to get busy. The secret of it is several have been busy. If you leave it all for your local chairman to do, it would never get finished.

He has been very busy recently getting out the information blanks covering the proposed schedule, which we hope to be able to tell you more about a month hence. The blanks are coming in remarkably prompt, making a great deal of work for your committee. No regularity seems to have been used at all in paying commissions, such per cents as 9 1-2 and 7 1-2 being paid at some stations. This is the result of dealing personally with representatives of the Express company in times past.

The boys are rallying to us loyally, and with the coming express negotiations and our meeting with the Union Pacific, the first week in January, next, we hope that the most of those who have been hesitating will now be ready to come to our assistance. Your local chairman and his assistant on the eastern district are supplied with application blanks and will be only too glad to send you all you can use. Every one do something the coming month to boost the work and see it move.

Your committee is very sorry to have to chronicle the death of the wife of Bro. W. D. Fink, of Princeton, and the mother of Sister N. I. Fink, of Stromsburg. We have attempted in our feeble but inefficient way to tell them of our feelings in the matter and regret that we heard of her demise too late to arrange for any other demonstration of our sympathy.

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I am told that the search of the old philosopher for an honest man was not a comparison to the search of Mr. Sheldon just now for operators. It looks as if we were going to have to send to Omaha for our friend "Gladsome" and have another bunch of students promoted or the old heads can't lay off. We can't get relief for the fellows who want to take their vacations.

Bro. J. H. Bachman, of Gannett, is taking a trip through the West, viewing Mormon life, as it is at home. C. A. Hood relieving.

Bro. Stepanoski, of Keith, has bid in the position of day operator at David City.

Mr. Paul, of Missouri, is on third trick, at Brady Island, until filled by bulletin.

Bro. J. H. Hansen, extra on second trick, at Lexington, until filled by bulletin.

Bro. C. R. Haines, of Josselyn, taking a much needed rest and being relieved by C. V. Hanchett.

D. E. McClure, of Simonds, a good brother and a good man, has recently transferred to us from Division No. 31.

Mr. Biddle is working second, Watson's Ranch, since Bro. Brown bid in the first.

Mr. Deene, from the Vandalia, has relieved Extra Dispatcher McNutt at Kearney, who has gone to Grand Island, thereby letting Chief Anderson take a rest.

Bro. Chas. Riley of the "GD" yard office, Grand Island, who was relieved a couple of weeks by Mr. Paul, is back at work.

Bro. I. J. Thelin is taking a month's rest, relieved by Mr. Obenhouse. CERT. 765.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In the dispensation of an All-Wise Providence, the Grim Reaper has called to join "that innumerable caravan" the wife and mother, respectively, of Bro. W. D. Fink, of Princeton, Neb., and Sister N. I. Fink, of Stromburg, Neb., and

WHEREAS, We realize that they have been called upon to face sorrow, the like of which comes to us but once in life in all its bitterness, and

WHEREAS, The heart of every brother beats in genuine sympathy with another in all the troubles of life, thereby expressing to our inmost beings the rock upon which all Unionism principles rest secure, be it

Resolved, That we gladly embrace the first opportunity of publicly expressing to this brother and sister, the heartfelt sympathy of each brother individually, and the condolence of Division No. 6, and in so doing, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions of respect be furnished the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. H. SMITH,
E. L. STUMP,
J. H. HUGHEY, JR.,
F. P. VYBIRAL,
Committee.

Grand Island, Neb., September 25, 1909.

Nebraska Division, Eastern District,

Recent reports show that student Agent Tarnov left for parts unknown, but forgot to leave the company's money, the students agents on this district don't seem to be making much of a hit.

Bro. Carter, agent North Bend, is enjoying a ten days' lay off.

North Bend night office has been re-opened with Bro. Botvidson in charge and Bro. A. A. Vybiral on days.

Bro. Joseph White, Beatrice, has gone to the Kansas division, relieved by Bro. W. O. Wilson, of Division No. 23. Mr. Blakely resigned the night trick at Beatrice and was relieved by Bro. Ault, from the Indianapolis Southern.

Among the recent new members are the following: C. T. Botvidson, W. M. Calhoun, J. E. Carlson, J. W. Swadley and J. C. Haley.

Boys, please send all items of interest to F. P. Vybiral, at Schuyler. CERT. 317.

Kansas Division—

Bro. Stoddard, at Bonner Springs, and Bro. Armstrong are good news-gatherers. We are rather short, however, on news from the West and our correspondent out there apparently being too busy sealing wheat cars to send any in.

From the amount of stuff moving just at present, the U. P. should have a full stocking for Christmas, and our crop of non-members has decreased until we begin to feel as if we would be real thankful by the time Thanksgiving rolls around.

The blanks coming in on the express proposition show that some of the agents have been doing several hundred dollars' worth of work a "Thank you," for some time.

Although out of the service, Bro. Lunger, the up-to-date "union made" merchant, of Mayetta, Kans., doesn't fail to do a little organizing when the opportunity arrives.

Bro. John F. Swaine, formerly at Junction City, now "the ticket man" at Monroe, La.

H. A. Hawkins is again out of the hospital, but doubtful whether he will return to work.

Bro. Stout, Bonner Springs, while on a hunting and fishing trip through the West, was relieved by E. A. Terry, who is now filling the new position just created, until Mr. Shannon is relieved at Menoken.

Fred Haney is back at Lenape, relieving Mr. Hockman.

Bro. Firebaugh bid in Culver and Bro. Leger bid in the third job at Lawrence, C. H. Tucker relieving him at Manhattan.

Bro. Jette has been assigned the agency at Ellsworth.

Bro. John Ross, from Wamego to second, days at Topeka. Several extra men have been at Topeka since Bro. High resigned.

Bro. Armstrong is relieving Bro. Enochs at Grantville, while Bert gets acquainted with the brand new better half.

I. E. Adams bid in third at Rossville.

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A. P. Cole, Utah Division, is relieving Bro. Smith, at St. George, who is in the hospital.

Mr. Cole is senior applicant for Morganville, and Bro. Sage for Cleburne, Bro. Wray having resigned.

CORRESPONDENT.

Wyoming Division—

A new seniority list has just been compiled, and can be inspected by calling at Mr. Roth's office, Cheyenne. Local Chairman Horiskey will also be glad to give you any information on this or any other subject.

Bro. Horiskey is a real live local chairman. He is continually doing something in our behalf. He wants everyone to live up to the schedule and will help us in any worthy case where the company fails to do its part.

N. C. Suckett draws first trick salary at Dale Creek. Two years ago he worked twelve hours for this same salary, whereas today he works but six, allowing the other two operators to work nine hours each. He makes a profit on the extra operator, which the nine-hour law occasions. He freely admits that the O. R. T. is "a good thing," but it's been so long since he paid a cent of dues that he couldn't remember it. He is certainly working the order overtime.

Bro. C. F. Carlson, of Rawlins, has been transferred to "N" Cheyenne.

Bro. I. A. Sinclair takes one more step upward and is now the "whole cheese" at Hershey. Only a little over a year ago he was second telegrapher at Hanna; from there he went to Laramie on third trick, and has made three moves since, every one being a distinct advance.

Bro. Joe Kimbring, formerly first telegrapher and yardmaster's clerk at "CY," Cheyenne, upon his return from a sixty-day vacation, accepted a trick dispatching job on the C. & S. at Cheyenne. While away he visited the Seattle Exposition.

Up to this time I have not seen anything in the newspapers which would indicate that Mr. Harriman has consigned any of that three hundred million dollar estate to the thousands of railway employes who made his achievements possible. Now, that's strange, isn't it?

Evidently the wizard expected us to do something for ourselves, and fortunately the opportunity for us to divert a few extra dollars in our own direction is now at hand.

No, you need not get ten new subscribers to "The Ladies' Home Journal," or sell any corn salve, to coax into your coffers the aforesaid wily dollars.

I have reference to the "information blanks" recently sent out by Local Chairman Horiskey, of Cheyenne. Therein lies wonderful possibilities.

The management has taken the first step, by granting our committee a date for revision of our antiquated schedule, and the next step is ours.

First of all, fill in carefully all the blank places, and be liberal with your suggestions and recommendations on the back thereof. The committee must be made to feel that we are with them, and that they will have our strongest support and co-operation from now until the meeting has ended.

Let it be known that we are backing our committee, financially and otherwise, to the very limit.

Don't do any "booming." Remain in the service, and don't move until we get our new schedule.

Between Cheyenne and Rawlins, a distance of about 180 miles, there are fifteen offices at which three men are now employed eight hours each. The only two agents who now work more than eight hours are at Medicine Bow and Granite Canyon, both on double track. Thus, thirty more additional operators have been given employment in this territory than during the 1907 rush.

Bro. G. M. Moyer, of Laramie, alternate to the recent Atlanta Convention, has gone East, on account of the serious illness of his brother.

Bro. G. F. Hayes, general office, Cheyenne, has accepted the position of wire chief with the W. U. there.

Bro. Wilbur T. Conklin, nights, at Laramie, has resigned and gone East.

Bro. Kidd, manager, Sidney, "CD" office, is on his annual vacation.

Bro. Cecil C. Martin, Walcott, has resigned.

Don't forget to send in your information blanks, and see that your station is kept solid O. R. T. This is more important just now than ever before.

DIV. COR.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Pacific Division, Second District—

Those members present at the meeting held in Vancouver, August 22nd, were pleased to again have the opportunity of meeting our general chairman, Bro. Robertson, it being the occasion of his second visit to the coast since taking the office. Several matters of importance locally were discussed, the principal question being the adoption of a local fund, which was urged by Bro. Robertson, who stated that it had been found to work entirely satisfactory in other parts of System Division No. 7. This matter seemed to be looked upon with favor by those present, and I hope that it may work out successfully on this district. A local fund will come in quite handy at times, and if required to in any way assist any general movement, we have it to help out with. Bro. Robertson is attending to several items of importance while here on the coast, one of these being an endeavor to have a few of our busiest terminal and junction points made eight-hour jobs, which we believe now to be a necessity. Bro. Harbour was prevailed upon to accept the position of assistant general chairman for the Pacific Division, this position not having been filled at all for some time, and the need of it being constantly felt. Bro. Harbour, being well known on all three of

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the districts, should have no trouble in handling things to everybody's satisfaction. Bro. Goulet gave us quite a talk concerning things accomplished at the grand convention. A late but welcome visitor was Bro. P. W. Fooney, local chairman from District No. 1.

Now, boys, we need your help at these meetings, and everything possible should be done to get to them. We should do as well at future meetings as at the last one, if possible, many of the faithful coming from as far east as Yale.

The fine new stations at Haney and Mission Junction have recently been opened for business, and will no doubt be an improvement in conveniences for occupants and the public alike.

Several new positions have been created this summer. Agency opened at Ruskin, Bro. F. H. Puffer appointed. Day operator Westminster Junction, bid in by Bro. G. H. Wellington. Mr. G. B. Anslow appointed agent at Ruby Creek. Yale has been made a night office.

Bro. Thos. Clark, for years agent at Lytton, resigned in order to pay close attention to his ranching interests across the river, succeeded by Bro. F. Priestley, of Spencer Bridge Junction.

Bro. I. S. McKay, from Car Service days, to New Westminster, telegrapher and ticket clerk. Bro. I. J. McNaughton, from "CS" nights to "CS" days; Bro. D. B. Nickerson, "CS" nights.

Bro. J. R. Cameron, nights at Ashcroft, vice Bro. Wellington.

Positions now advertised are: Agencies, Spencer Bridge Junction and Harrison Mills, and night operator, Agassiz; Relieving Agent Whitley is now at Harrison Mills.

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Regina Division—

Portage has been made a third trick station. The lucky eight-hour men are: First trick, Bro. Anderson; second, Bro. McQuirk; third, Mr. McPherson.

Bro. Freeland, agent at Carberry, has resumed duty after a month's visit to old friends in Ontario.

Bro. Mein, A. G. C., in Toronto meeting the Dominion Express officials, is being relieved by Bro. Mein, Jr.

Agents, where new men are being put on during the rush, should not fail to see that they carry the necessary documents.

Bro. Allen, from "BY" tower, has been appointed regular dispatcher at Kenora. All are pleased to see Glen. promoted.

Bro. Ives, from Emerson, landed second, Rugby, and Bro. Marfield, from Otterburne, third. Bro. Allen, who holds first, is being relieved by Bro. Enright.

Bro. Weightman, from "VD," dispatching, relieved by Bro. Thompson. Bro. Egan has the banker's hours, and says the eight-hour trick is "the candy goods." Third, "UD," now permanent, held down by Bro. Eby, from Wpeg Beach.

Bro. Cordingly, dispatcher at Saskatoon, bid in third, "K" office.

Bro. Ingo, regular dispatcher, "K" office, relieved by Bro. Kellough.

Boys, loosen up and send me some news.

CERT. 1036.

New York Central Ry.

CORRECTION.

In the October TELEGRAPHER a typographical error gives the amount contributed for Bro. F. E. Rolfe as $1000.00. It should have read one hundred (100.00) dollars.

We hope this error will not cause any of the brothers to withhold their contributions, thinking he may have already been sufficiently provided for.

St. Lawrence Division—

At the recent meeting at Watertown, a goodly number were in attendance and we had some very interesting remarks from our local chairman, who was the delegate to the Atlanta convention, concerning the convention and the generous hospitality with which all were entertained while in Atlanta. Those who did not attend this meeting certainly missed one of the best we ever had.

There seems to be a notion among some of our neighbors that they are entitled to bid on an agent's job and if assigned to the position back out in a few days, if it does not come up to their expectations. This will do more in six months to overthrow the privilege of bidding on these jobs and giving the oldest man a chance than all the efforts that can be put forward to regain it in five years. It is important that every man who bids on any position post himself before he bids on the kind of a place he is after, and not go ahead and be checked in a position, then back out with no apparent reason. This all costs money and it should be handled accordingly.

Several offices on the hill are operated on the nine-hour basis, open from 6 a. m. to 12 midnight. This is a great improvement over the old way.

The improvement work at Boonville is moving along rapidly. The new yard is well underway, and in the spring the buildings will be commenced.

There is a little missionary work in places along the line that should be looked after, which should be done between now and the first of the new year.

Bro. Erick, of Alder Creek, on sick list, is being relieved by Telegrapher Shorey.

Bro. Harger is at Remsen, second again, taking the place of the well-known Smith.

Telegrapher Botsford, of third, at Remsen, out of service.

CERT. 721.

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Norfolk & Western Ry.

Scioto Division—

This has been one of the busiest seasons in history of the N. & W. in all departments. The train service has been increased twenty-six crews in the last few weeks on account of the large increase in tonnage.

A new dispatcher's district has been created, dividing the work on the Columbus and Kenova districts and promoting Brothers Kessel, Bailey and Sery to regular dispatchers' positions. We now have nine men handling trains at the division office in Portsmouth, where there were formerly only six dispatchers.

D. E. Peters, of Kenova, extra passenger conductor, on September 8th was promoted to be assistant trainmaster of the Scioto Division. The promotion was well earned.

Bro. C. J. Collins is acting agent at Lavalette, W. Va., while Bro. D. S. Spriggs visits his old home at Peru, Ind., on vacation.

Bro. A. M. Cross, agent Sciotoville, Ohio, resumed work September 6th. He attended the state fair at Columbus, Ohio, during his vacation.

Bro. A. R. Nixon has relieved Bro. J. D. Herbert, agent, at Newton, Ohio, whose failing health has obliged him to discontinue station duties.

Bro. A. S. Godfrey, agent Sardinia, relieved by Bro. W. M. Jaynes, spent several days of his vacation squirrel hunting.

Bro. A. L. Peake has been promoted to night ticket agent, Portsmouth, O., vice Charles Hill, to the general office in M. of W. department.

Bro. C. P. Copenhaver, agent Mt. Oreb, Ohio, is spending his vacation at his old home, in Virginia, relieved by Bro. O. L. Martin.

The annual inspection of buildings and bridges on this division was made by the officials of that department on September 11th.

Vacancy board: Idlewild, O., day operator; Clifford, O., third; Coal Grove, O., third.

Temporary offices opened: Reeses. O., third trick; Miner, O., third trick; Dix, O., third trick; Cromley, O., third trick; Hayesville, O., third trick; Kingston, O., second and third tricks; Hinton, O., third trick; Foster, O., third trick; Corwines, O., third trick; Sargents, O., third trick.

The opening of the above offices, temporarily, gave employment to quite a number of men, who have not been working for the past eighteen months.

Pocahontas Division—

Have you that new card? If not, it is time you were getting it. It costs no more to pay your dues in June than later on. You are jeopardizing your own interests by delaying.

There is a brighter day coming for us all, boys, when we learn to do our duty promptly in this respect.

We record with great sorrow the sad accident to Bro. J. T. Woody, second trick at Coaldale, who was killed by a freight train between Maybeury and Coaldale on Sunday, September 19. His remains were taken to Bluefield and prepared for shipment to his home at Bethel Hill, N. C.

Bro. Woody was a man who stood by us in everything we undertook. We extend to his mother and all to whom he was dear our heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad hour of bereavement.

CERT. 1334.

Sunday morning, September 19, 1909, just as the church bells were pealing forth in the balmy autumn air their messages to mankind, that it was time to cease from the busy scenes of industry and assemble for worship, the boys on the Pocahontas division, of the Norfolk and Western, were horrified to hear flashed over the wires the sad message, that the light from one of the brightest stars, which forms the grand cluster, that on Division No. 14, Order Railroad Telegraphers, had gone out.

It was hard to realize that his familiar "CU" had been heard for the last time. It was sad to learn so suddenly that his pleasant smile and a gentle voice had been stilled in death.

Brother J. T. Woody had answered his last call. While out for a morning walk, with two of his friends, his young life had been accidentally crushed out.

As the storm king smites the heaving bosom of the sea, the Grim Reaper had come without a moment's warning. The rosy cheek and the youthful brow, bathed in God's glorious sunshine, had in an instant become a cold and lifeless form. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 14, Order Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family of our highly esteemed and beloved brother, their love and sincere sympathy, in the dark hour of their loss, in which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, a copy sent to the mother of the deceased brother, and a copy furnished the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. C. CALLAWAY, Local Chairman,
J. B. SAUNDERS,
P. C. WINBORNE,

Committee.

Radford Division—

We cannot understand why any eligible employe who cares for his own welfare and success, should fail to associate himself with an organization that has done, and will do so much for him as the O. R. T., that is now paying two thousand per cent interest on every dollar invested in it. No other investment pays such returns. For every dollar invested, the O. R. T. has returned to us twenty, and this is only the beginning. There are many other benefits to be derived from such an investment that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. The selfishness these nons display in quietly reaping the harvest of our efforts is retarding our progress toward still greater achieve-

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ments. With their co-operation and help we could present a solid front and be financially and numerically equipped to meet any situation that might confront us in the future. They are not only standing in our way, but in their own as well, and it seems that it is about time to do something that will awaken them to a realization of the situation.

Ten years ago we were working twelve long hours a day, frequently making thirty-six and forty-eight hour doubles, not daring to even dream of overtime, for forty dollars a month. A vacation without loss of pay, an increase in salary, seniority rights and annual passes good over two thousand miles of railway every day in the year for ourselves and families, such things were not even to be thought of and eight hours a day, with 50 to 100 per cent more than we received for twelve hours work, and no loss of time for unjust suspensions, would have been looked upon as a hallucination unworthy of consideration. These and all other benefits we now enjoy has been brought about by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

We cannot understand why any one can hold aloof from such a grand and glorious institution. Why they cannot lay aside any little grudge, malice or imaginary grievance, and get into the band wagon with us.

Some very undesirable nons have been dismissed by the company recently, among them was the ex-member who attended one of our meetings and also the annual banquet last winter. Some brother had unwittingly given him the password. As this is the second time a non has been enabled to attend one of our banquets on account of having the password, it is time that more care was taken. Strangers not vouched for by some member in good standing should be required to show an up-to-date card or a receipt for current dues, at least. We hope the brothers will see that no such "deadbeats" are ever allowed such privileges again.

The automatic signals being put in effect from Elliston to Christiansburg, cut three men out at Shawsville. Bro. Tynes pulled former Bro. Craig at Arthur, Craig pulling Bro. Starrett at Vickers; Bro. Starrett taking vacant third at Christiansburg, where he has since been assigned to second.

Bro. Broderick, third at Wytheville, recently assigned to first, and Bro. Kingil second at Curve, recently assigned to second at Pemboky Tank.

Bro. Thomas, at Shawsville, pulled Bro. Weddle at Elliston, Bro. Weddle pulling Bro. Clenker at Pepper.

Bro. Harry Parrish was recently assigned to third at Ripplemead, and Bro. C. L. Hurst to agency at Groseclose, from second trick at Alkins.

Bro. C. B. Givens at Eggleston is spending his vacation with his mother at Singer.

Bro. R. G. Gardner is off on a vacation trip to Florida.

Bro. J. L. Farrow has just returned from a hunting and fishing trip in Boltetom county.

Bro. Coburn, when delivering orders to passenger train No. 3 at Oakdale, one day recently was struck by the mail sack as it was thrown off, knocked down and remained unconscious for some time. Fortunately, he was not seriously injured and is back to work again.

Bro. Kimer was seriously hurt recently while returning to his home at Salem, from the third trick, at Glenbar. His horse fell on him injuring his right knee and foot. We hope he will soon be able to get around again.

Bro. F. E. Stafford has our sympathy in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Katsinger, who died at Eggleston, on September 20th.

Telephones have been put in all the offices but are not in use yet. CERT. 239.

Shenandoah Division—

Business is still on the increase over here and the dispatchers have been kept busy with stock and special trains. The stock and perishable movement is heavier than it has been for some time, the local trains are overburdened with local work, and it is hard work to make terminals ahead of the sixteen-hour law. We have had quite a number of excursions to the Luray caverns and several to Washington, via. B. & O., which were all well patronized. We are very much pleased to see this steady improvement in business, and in consequence hope to see the telegraphers benefited in the near future.

On September 7th, while eating dinner Bro. G. Z. Abrihams, agent, Buena Vista, was suddenly taken ill and gradually grew worse, dying on Sunday morning, September 12th. He had not been well for some time, but persisted in sticking to his desk. The bereaved family have the sympathy of his fellow craftsmen.

Bro. M. G. Bush relieved Bros. E. R. Carmichael third, R. E. Bear first Loch Laird, and Bro. J. W. Taylor first trick, Buena Vista, for a few days each recently.

Bro. G. W. Skelton from second Glasgow to second Luray, to relieve Mr. Wine for fifteen days, Bro. Bush going to second at Glasgow.

Bro. Nickols, agent Natural Bridge, was relieved for a while by Bro. H. H. Burks.

Bro. Hughes, from second White Post, is relieving Bro. Roden second trick, Basic. Mr. Thomason relieving at White Post.

Bro. H. F. Coleman, from second, Martinsville, is relieving Bro. K. A. Painter, second trick at Buena Vista. Bro. McNeil is relieving at Martinsville.

Bro. J. W. Melton, from Buffalo, where he relieved Bro. W. L. Burks, to Rippon, to relieve the agent Bro. P. W. Hairston.

Mr. C. H. Moffett, second Sheperdstown, is taking his vacation, being relieved by his son, Edward Moffett.

Conductor Leffler and Brakeman Myrtle, who were cut about the face and head recently on the south-bound local (south end), due to a bad triple valve, and taken to Shenandoah, are both able to be at work again.

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Bro. J. S. Biedler is relieving Bro. J. N. Wise, agent at Riverside, who spent part of his vacation at the Morgans' grove.

Relief Agent Bro. H. H. Burks is seeing the sights in Washington, Baltimore and other points during his vacation. Later on he was reported on the sick list and was relieved by Bro. Alwin, from second, at Glasgow.

Bro. J. W. Taylor, first, Buena Vista, relieved Bro. Abrihams, when first taken ill, and Bro. Wyatt from Philpott, who was on his vacation, worked the first trick a few days, when he was relieved by Bro. Taylor's son Lee, who just took the examination.

H. A. Fix, second at Stanley, is relieving H. O. Ringle first, H. M. Davis second and H. A. Bickers third trick. Bro. Huddle is acting as assistant agent, day operator, etc., at Shenandoah. Bro. McIntosh relieved him at Stanley.

Bro. Dunlap, agent Boyce, is being relieved by his son, who has just started in the business.

C. B. Lackes, second trick dispatcher, north end, on the sick list, a few days, was relieved by Bro. S. F. Moffett. J. H. B.

Michigan Central Ry.

The telephones on the West Division went to the bad, one night recently, and the "old reliable Morse, the safest system, now and always," had to be called into requisition.

Bro. Ketchum, second at Kalamazoo, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Kitchen.

Bro. Gifford, third at Battle Creek, is relieving in ticket office, Bro. Slowey from Albion, relieving.

Dispatcher Phillips is on vacation, Dispatcher Fitch working main line third, Extra Dispatcher Cummins on air line third.

The hours at Hill office, Niles yard, have been changed: First trick, 6 a. m. to 3 p. m.; second trick, 12 noon to 2:45 p. m. at Niles "VN" office, then 3 p. m. until 9 p. m. at Hill; third trick, 9 p. m. Bro. Butler bid in the second trick when bulletined. The first trick at "VN," Niles, has also been changed, the hours being 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. instead of 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. This arrangement was made to relieve the congestion of work at Niles.

Bro. Emmons bid in third at Barron Lake.

Bro. Avery, third at Fabius, off a few weeks; relieved by Bro. Phelps, a new man.

Mr. Eagle, from Colon third, is working in "SF;" relieved at Colon by Bro. McMillen.

Bro. Potter, third at Tekonsha, taking care of his mother-in-law, who was quite seriously injured at Marshall; relieved by Mr. Kennedy, a new man.

Bro. Brown, Haires first trick, is off a few days on committee work.

Bros. Boyer, Enright and Burlington, at Lawton, are having plenty of work handling the fruit messages. The grape season is almost over, and business will then go back to normal.

CERT. 414.

West and Joliet Divisions—

Many applications for vacations have had to be turned down on account of the scarcity of telegraphers on this division, and the news from other divisions show that we are not the only ones waiting.

On account of this scarcity a flagman was taken off a freight train recently to work in an office for a few nights and take orders and clearance cards over the fone in place of the regular operator, the latter being detailed elsewhere on a hurry-up call. Kindly remember the fact, however, that the flagman's salary is $80.00 per month, while the operator's salary nets him the immense sum of $57.50 per month.

Possibly when all divisions are fully equipped with the phone there will be no need of applying for vacations, as we will all be at some other job. Each State is to have a committee to investigate and choose from the ranks of operators the best specimen to be placed in the State museum (mummified, of course) as a relic of the past. But don't worry, boys, the committees have not been appointed yet.

A story comes to us, apropos of the introduction of the phone, that a certain dispatcher, wishing to leave his chair for a few minutes, uncoupled his phone gearing from the direct wire, leaving the body attachment still on, and on returning and wishing to use the phone immediately, found it would not work; everything sounded dead. Now, this dispatcher does not like the innovation anyway, and when he got no action on the phone, he began a tirade against it to the trainmaster, who was near. The trainmaster laughed, and on investigation found that the dispatcher had failed to plug in when he returned. Now, these are facts, and some of the east end boys will remember a similar incident that occurred on the M. C. at Detroit when the dispatcher sent a lineman out to look for the trouble.

Don't forget the items for next month. Your correspondent will be glad to get all he can for each issue. No one person is in a position to hear of all the changes and other items of interest, and a little help from a few makes a lot of difference, even if it is but one or two from each. If you can not reach him in any other way, just tell Phil to give him a ring on the phone, for, so far, Phil has been very accommodating.

CERT. 156.

N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.

Third District—

At the September meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bellevue, and, if possible, hold future meetings there instead of Leipsic.

The meeting held in Bellevue on October 22d was largely attended, and seemed to be a more satisfactory place than at Leipsic, on account of more members being able to attend. The meetings will hereafter be held regular in Bellevue, and all the members will be notified of the time and date. One member from each office should now be able to attend these meetings.

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Bro. Hollman, third trick Greensprings Junction, just returned from a short vacation; was relieved by E. J. Martin. Bro. Hollman was visiting relatives and friends in Kentucky.

Bro. Hollman, who left Greensprings on October 24th to take a trick dispatching, was relieved by E. G. Ochlke.

J. M. Hazelton, third trick at Colley, was relieved on October 12th by Telegrapher F. W. Dale.

Bro. G. A. Leeth working third at Payne temporarily, Bro. Bowman resigned.

Bro. R. Jacobs, second at Continental, has returned from his vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Horner, who resigned and went to the Indianapolis & Southern Ry.

Bro. Dewey, Millers City, and Bro. Gillette, Kiefersville, were relieved for their vacations by Bro. Baldwin, who then relieved the agent at Peabody.

Bro. H. W. Bechtold, of Oakwood, off on account of the sickness of his father, was relieved by W. A. Davenport and R. J. Dimmit.

Bro. R. M. Thompson, third at Maple Grove, relieved by F. W. Bonnell a few days.

Bro. Baldwin relieved Bro. D. M. Scott, second trick at Greensprings Junction for a few days.

Bro. E. J. Brennan, agent Narlo, has been relieved by Bro. W. M. Baldwin, the regular agent.

Bro. D. F. Thompson, permanent agent at Maple Grove, was relieved a few days by Relief Agent Bartlollett.

Bro. E. L. Shirkey was at home a few days before accepting a second trick with the Penn. Co. at Delaware, Ohio.

Brothers, please try and remember that items should reach me about the 20th of each month.

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First District—

Every one is busy down here with the grapes.

G. G. Shaver is at Ripley again. Relieved on second at Westfield by D. M. Morrisey.

Bro. W. A. Hatch is at Walkers Grape, V. H. Weatherup at Mintons Crossing and Mr. Duppernell at Sheridan siding. CERT. 89.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to take from our midst the beloved wife of our friend and Brother, W. J. Jones, be it therefore

Resolved, By the membership of the First District, Division 18, that we extend to the afflicted Brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Jones, and also to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. W. FERRY.
R. O. WADDELL.
M. L. RUSSELL.
Committee.

Cleveland District—

Apparently the gentler sex are branching out in a new direction—hustling freight. We will not be surprised soon to see them riding the head end of through freight in the near future. Then the bloomer girl will have come again in our midst. If such things continue we may hope soon to see papa taking care of the babies, cooking and washing dishes, while mama makes the living, anywhere from office clerk to engineer.

Effective September 15th, the telegraphers at Madison were put on nine hours. Miss Steele, first trick, six hours telegraphing and three hours hustling freight and making herself generally useful. Bro. Wilson, second, noon until 9 p. m., and Bro. Hammond, third, 9 p. m. until 6 a. m.

Am very sorry to say that even personal letters to the brothers and sisters on Cleveland district fails to elicit the news as it should. Bros. Hammond and Kist alone responded. Many thanks to the two brothers who show interest enough to send in the news.

Bro. E. G. Manson, wife and daughter are visiting the former's parents at Shreve, Ohio.

Bro. C. H. Bastian is at Orrville, Ohio, on the Wabash.

Bro. E. G. Manson on thirty days' layoff. Relieved by Bro. E. W. Robinson.

Bro. Pierce, first trick at East Lorain, was off recently on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. Bonnell, who later relieved Bro. E. R. Kist, third at Shinnock, on thirty days' vacation.

First and second tricks at Euclid and second and third tricks at Bellevue are bulletined.

Bro. C. H. Bastian recently called on the brothers at Rocky River.

Bro. H. R. Kist, third at Shinnock, is on a 30-day vacation. Relieved by Mr. Bonnell.

Bro. Jump, second trick at Shinnock, was run over by a wagon, on his farm near there, and seriously injured.

Bro. E. A. Hill, agent at Kimball, is enjoying his two weeks' vacation, hunting in the mountains of New York. He is relieved by S. Kienzle, relief agent. CERT. 183.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

C. & C. B. (in Iowa) Division—

Business on the Middle Division is mighty good, with two additional passenger trains to take care of.

A new office has been created at Huxley, with hours 5 p. m. to 3 a. m., filled by T. J. Johnson, a new man. This is a great relief to Bro. O. H. Huyck, who heretofore, has been compelled to work twelve hours straight.

The night trick at Bayard, second at Capron, agency for six months at Lost Nation, second "ME" Marion yard office, day job Clinton, night job at ticket office and freight house at Council Bluffs, and first and second tricks at Council Bluffs yard, are all on bulletin.

Twenty-two, second and third trick positions on the West and Middle Divisions are also on bul-

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letin. Most of these are new offices just opened up, on account of the heavy increase in business. If any brother is looking for work, here is a good chance for him.

The following are recent appointments: Bro. A. K. Fullerton, of Underwood, to the agency at Bagley; J. J. Brosnon to agency Bouton, vice J. H. Toler; Bro. C. E. Oleson, six months' vacancy, Strawberry Point; R. Wright, second trick, six months, Manning, and F. E. Jackson, night telegrapher, Perry.

Chief Dispatcher J. F. Anderson, Marion, on three weeks' vacation; relieved by Second Trick Dispatcher L. A. Turner; J. W. Held working Mr. Turner's trick, Bro. R. L. Leamon working Mr. Held's trick, Bro. F. W. Ray working Bro. Leamon's trick, and Bro. J. S. Keenan Bro. Ray's at "MA" nights.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, Delmar Junction, second, relieved Bro. L. A. Kell, at Oxford Junction, while attending the funeral of his mother. Bro. Zadnichek also handled the second trick at Barnes, during latter part of September, while Bro. Bethurum was away, on account of sick relatives. Bro. H. L. Steen, in both cases, on account of a shortage of men, was pressed into service at Delmar Junction during Bro. Zadnichek's absence.

Bro. L. F. Rogers appointed to first, Madrid, vacated by Bro. F. R. Hoesly, and Bro. A. O. Olson to the second trick. The latter is working first, and Bro. M. P. Richardson, second, until Bro. Rogers takes charge.

We are all very much grieved to hear of the illness of Bro. McConoughey, of Lost Nation, which has made it necessary for him to take a six months' leave of absence. Bro. C. R. Rogers is handling the station while on bulletin; Bro. J. W. Hart relieving Bro. Rogers on second shift.

Bro. C. W. Hall, Elwood, visiting relatives at Des Moines, latter part of August. Bro. S. D. Gillilan handled the agency.

Bro. R. L. Taylor, "MA," Marion, days, on thirty-day vacation; relieved by Bro. F. F. Zeiser, who has just returned from a six months' leave of absence, trying his luck at farming.

Bro. L. A. Dove bid in third at Oxford Junction; Bro. Bethurum relieving at Browns until Bro. F. G. Zeiser returns from Marion.

Bro. W. E. Rose, who relieved Bro. M. E. Burns on first, also relieved Bro. H. P. Buswell, at Green Island, during the latter's illness. He also relieved Bro. Mac Stewart, Oxford Junction, first, while he was looking after his Dakota land.

E. A. Scott, an old-timer, is working third trick at Paralta, extra.

Bro. H. H. White, of Cambridge, while visiting friends and relatives at Duluth, Minn., was relieved by J. H. Toler.

G. Rowe is working nights at Morley.

E. S. Warner, to third, Des Moines River; Geo. Buckham to second, Coon Rapids.

C. C. Marchant, a new man, is working first at "JO" office, Marion yard, extra.

Bro. L. M. Halstead, Preston, very seldom off duty, on short vacation recently, relieved by Bro. S. D. Gillilan.

J. H. Toler, relieving Bro. M. P. Richardson, second, Madrid, on account of sickness in family.

Mr. Booth, a new man, is working third at Lost Nation.

Did you find you name on the delinquent list? If so, that is bad, but if you found it on the list marked "X2," that surely indicates that you are drifting from bad to worse. Better make a manly effort and have your name effaced from these lists, and see to it that it remains effaced ever afterwards. "JOHN TILE."

C. & C. B., R. & S. W. Divisions—

Hope all the members and nons sent in the blanks that were furnished them.

There is one non on the C. B., at a busy junction point, who gets $52.50 from the company, has a store, runs the telephone exchange, is a real estate agent, etc., and clears on an average $200 per month. Some more deserving man should have that railroad job. He leaves the office for hours at a time without asking for permission, leaving an inexperienced kid of sixteen in charge, and nothing is said of it.

The third trick at Freeport has been bulletined again, also the second trick at Elkhorn.

Bro. Lafferty, Franklin Park, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Decker, Franklin Park tower. Mr. Putnam, foner-operator, Bensenville, relieved Bro. Decker at the tower, and Beeler, the new foner from Beloit, relieved Putnam.

Giddings, formerly agent Charter Grove, for I. C., relieved Phoner Schultz, for a ten-day layoff.

Bro. Fraser, Ashdale, is working third trick at Savanna yard, until further notice, and Mr. Williams is working second at Kingston tower.

Mr. Quigley, second at Kirkland, worked third at Savanna yards for a few days, Telegrapher Mack relieving Quigley. 1853.

Southern Minnesota Division—

We have appointed a correspondent for the east and west end, as one man can not keep in touch with the situation on both ends.

Local Chairman Barber was relieved by Bro. Graves, and after spending several days at Star Lake, Wis., went on to Chicago, with the committee.

Business is picking up a little.

Bro. Gunderson, who took in the county fair at Preston several days, was relieved by Roy Wood.

The night that the Patterson Show Co. moved from Preston to Sioux Falls, Fountain and Isinours offices were turned into night offices, with Bro. Whalan at Fountain, and Bro. Burnett at Isinours. Bro. Whalan also worked two days on the circus train on the Second Division.

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Bro. P. E. Berg, Wells, nights, was relieved for a few days by Mr. Welch, from the Dubuque Division.

Mr. Gillett, the day man at Wells, has another student. We were in hopes he would tumble and cut this out, but it seems he is past redemption.

Bro. Horton has been doing relief dispatching again at Miles City, Mont.

All the dispatchers have had their annual vacations, and settled back again to their usual routine.

Bro. John Malone, at Jackson, who was off sick several days, was relieved by Mr. Smith, an old-timer, who is in the hotel business, who has filled in for the lads there at various times since last spring.

Bro. Berg has promised to send us the news on the Mankato line.

Bro. Olson, of Whalan, who was granted a three weeks' vacation, and relieved by Bro. Whalan, had to return before his time was up, so that Bro. Whalan could go to Grand Meadow and relieve Bro. Sheehy, on account of his father being very sick.

Bro. C. R. Graves drew the new position of operator at Spring Valley, and Bro. Tagland bid in the position as operator at Fairmont.

Fairmont, Winnebago and Albert Lea are up for a second operator, also a third trick at Wells and Jackson.

Telegraphers are scarce now, and the other divisions have been wiring here for talent, but there is no surplus here. S. C. & D. Division wired for "five operators of any kind."

Bro. Riordan, of Fountain, has returned from his trip East to Coney Island.

Bro. Spike Parker, who laid off recently on account of his mother being sick, was relieved by Bro. Burnett.

Bro. J. M. Olson, of Welcome, who laid off on account of his wife being very sick, was relieved by Bro. Jno. Whalan.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Stephenson, at Ramsey, is in line again. Two or three of the brothers whose names appear in this write-up are now delinquent on account of not having paid dues in the two months expiring September 1st. We hope the few who are now delinquent will soon get their names off the delinquent list.

The time has expired on the bulletin of Ramsey station, and also second trick at Ramsey, and Bro. Horton has been loaned to the new line for a few months.

We understand it is out of line to bulletin positions for less than six months, and can not say if they will be bulletined for three months again or not. Bro. Parker is on second, and Bro. Burnett on third at Ramsey.

Bro. Harmon is at Edgerton, while Bro. Brann is on his vacation.

Bro. Turner, at Fulda, was relieved for a month's vacation in the West, by Bro. Mathison, who then relieved at Flandreau, while Bro. Snyder was away as a witness. Mathison has since gone to Easton.

Bro. Felber, formerly helper, at Pipestone, is now working as an operator on the H. & D. Division.

Most of the changes recently have been at the wireless points.

J. R. Spriggs, who has been at Hatfield for the past two months, has gone to Winfred as agent, relieving O. Hurlbut.

We understand former Bro. Earl, who has been working the land business since December 1st, last, still occupies the depot at Erwin. When the wires are cut in there again Earl will have lost his seniority.

Mr. Phillips, who is taking a trip along the Pacific Coast, with his easy money, was relieved by Bro. Taggert, at Lake Preston.

We have three or four nons on the west end whom we hope to land shortly.

Bro. Mathison, who was appointed operator, at Houston, some three months ago, is still working as relief agent.

Fogarty, at Egan, mentioned recently as Bro. Fogarty was an error. We are sorry to say he is not a member, although we have had plenty of promises. CERTS. 2135 AND 1427.

Third District—

Our general committee is doing all in its power for us, and we should keep after all desirable nons every day in the year if we are to expect good results from our committee.

Bro. Z. L. Moore, of Wadsworth, while on a few days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Wagner, and Bro. F. G. Lucas, agent there, was relieved for a few days by Bro. E. C. Nelson, of Ranney.

Bro. H. I. Perrickam, of second trick, Soo tower, with his mother, has been visiting at his old home at Shelbyville, Ind., and in St. Paul and Minneapolis; relieved by Bro. E. R. Becker.

Bro. G. C. Brown took his old position on third trick at Walworth, on the return of T. Cox, the agent, from an extended trip through the West.

Bro. F. E. Burroughs, Rondout tower, second trick, while visiting relatives in Michigan, was relieved by B. O. Bowser.

Bro. E. R. Voltz, agent at Avalon, was relieved by J. T. Tuffley, while absent a few days, on account of the death of his brother at Evanston.

R. E. Sizer, Janesville Line night dispatcher, visited Seattle and other Pacific Coast points during his vacation.

Bro. J. F. Miller, first trick, Hebron tower, was relieved by Mr. Shea, while visiting relatives in Wisconsin.

J. G. Tuffley has accepted Franklin agency, and Bro. C. W. Bush has taken an extended leave of absence.

Bro. T. P. Merriman, of Fox Lake, has taken his regular position on second trick, Tower A 13.

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W. C. Johnson, from the Union Pacific, has been doing relief work at Walworth, and Glenview.

When appointments are made to the bulletined positions, our extra list will be still further reduced. We need a few good relief men, as many of our agents have been waiting for relief for some time. CERT. 64.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

The express committee is now in session, and prospects for a settlement are very bright. The Union Pacific boys acted with us in the matter.

Local Chairman V. C. Walker, of the Central Division, died recently at Van Buren, very unexpectedly. In Bro. Walker we lose a good, loyal member, and the widow has our heartfelt sympathy in her time of sorrow. The call of the silent messenger comes in youth as well as in old age, and we should so live that we shall be ever ready for the great beyond. Bro. Walker wrote just a week before his death pleading for the telegraphers on his district, that they might get the right kind of a deal. Thus, he died in harness for the cause he loved so well.

Bro. W. D. J. Whitechurch, local chairman of the Colorado Division, has resigned, his railroad position becoming so heavy that he could not spare the time to give it the proper attention. He felt that he had done his duty, on account of his long and faithful service to the organization. His successor has not been appointed.

Bro. L. D. McCoy, of the Central Kansas, being elected cashier of a bank at Mildred, Kan., has resigned as local chairman, and Bro. M. R. Nyquist, of Marquette, Kan., was appointed in his place.

The dues period is about here again, and we hope you will remit promptly, as the committee will be up for some time yet, and need your support.

I again want to urge upon the membership the necessity of watching the membership very closely. Keep in touch with the local chairman and advise him of every change, so that the very best results can be obtained. A hard pull together will bring us nearer the goal every day—*solid organization.*

Write the nons daily letters, straight and to the point.

Let the officials see the difference between the service rendered by good, up-to-date members and that rendered by nons. A good, square member with the interests of the Order at heart will render the very best service to the company.

Bro. W. L. Wilmarth, local chairman of the Eastern, and a member of the general committee, has been making his territory this month doing splendid work. The time will soon be when a man without a card will be hard to find.

We have made it plain to you that the board of directors will do all in their power to declare a dividend this year, but unless your stock is paid for in full, and you are a bona-fide stockholder, you can not expect your share of the dividends, as you see it is a plain business proposition. There is no rich university backing this committee.

We are poor mortals like the rest of the telegraphers, and depend on Division 31 for dividends. We are simply your servants, ready to do your bidding. If you are not now a stockholder, we invite you to investigate and take out the necessary stock, and thus be a credit to the men with whom you work.

H. J. MOHLER, *G. S. & T.*

Eastern District—

I am receiving applications for every bulletin issued from new men on the line who have been working for some time in the same office with one of our brothers, who have never notified me of the fact. There is no excuse for such inactivity. A good brother should notify the local chairman the very day a new man enters the office, giving him all the information necessary in such cases.

J. H. Reaves, agent at Lincoln, who toured California in August, was relieved by Bro. C. S. Phillips.

Bro. J. D. Ferguson bid in the agency at Lake City, and Bro. L. M. Nance secured the Lupus agency on bid.

Bro. L. E. Downey, who relieved Bro. A. W. Williams a few nights at Warrensburg, recently, has left the service.

Bro. E. L. Powell, manager at Tower Grove, while on a thirty-day vacation in August, visited his brother, E. C. Powell, at Holden, and other relatives in Oklahoma. He was relieved by Bro. Smith, second trick man.

Bro. J. D. Jones, first trick at East Bottoms, Kansas City, while visiting his old home at Remen, N. Y., kindly remembered us with a beautiful postcard showing the falls at Trenton Falls, N. Y.

Bro. J. O. Jones, of Kansas City, has left the service.

Bro. C. A. Weitzel, first trick at Pleasant Hill, has been compelled to go on a vacation to Florida for his health. W. L. W.

St. Louis District—

Bro. Brown, from Bonnots Mill, relieved Bro. Haub at Osage for a short time.

Bro. Cassidy, agent at Chamois, while off on a vacation, was relieved by Bro. Ferguson.

Bro. Voss, New Haven, relieved Bro. Harrison at Webster Groves, and then took a vacation for 30 days, being relieved at New Haven by Mr. O'Hara, who, on his return, relieved Mr. Hunt, third trick at Washington for a few days. This trick has been bulletined.

Bro. Dornan, agent at Labadie, will take a vacation as soon as he can get a man to relieve him.

Mr. Davis, Boles, nights, has resigned and gone to school in St. Louis. CERT. 1886.

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Eastern Division--

Business has been very heavy on this end, and not many changes. Boles agency, closed since March 1, 1908, has been bulletined, and several are bidding on it.

Bro. Powell, agent at Tower Grove, has returned from his vacation, and is now busy handing out the pasteboards. He was relieved by Bro. Smith, who was relieved by a newcomer.

Mr. Dornan, agent Labadie, has been trying for two months to get relief.

Bro. Voss, who was relieving Bro. Harrison at Webster Groves, has returned to first trick at New Haven. First trick at New Haven was taken care of during Bro. Voss's absence by Mr. Halstenberg, and the 2d trick by T. W. Heinz, a new man.

Bro. F. C. Haub, agent at Osage, has left the service, relieved by Bro. Brown, from Bonnots Mill. Bro. Brown was relieved by helper H. C. Smith. Osage is now bulletined.

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Omaha Division—

There has been quite a number of changes on the Omaha Division in the past six months.

Bro. Taylor, an old-timer, formerly of "CB," 13th St., Atchison, died recently at his home in Union with typhoid fever.

"Bill" Asbury, of "XN," Union Depot, has been relieved by Mr. Goudy, a brother of third trick Dispatcher Goudy.

Ross Jones is scratching the sheet on first, after a period of four or five months acting as superintendent's chief clerk.

Bro. Thurber, who resigned third trick at Auburn, was relieved by J. P. Carroll.

Bro. Jernigan is back at Willis after a month's vacation.

Bro. Powers, third at Shannon, has resigned to enter the show business.

Leavenworth Junction has been closed nights, and a night office opened at Wolcott instead.

"IRNIG."

Northern Kansas Division—

I have been appointed assistant local chairman by Mr. Benham, and requested to act as division correspondent; therefore, I would kindly request the brothers to send me all the news items they possibly can, not later than the 20th of each month.

Bro. Holman's visit to the division in July, found us in much better shape than he expected. Bro. Holman is deserving of great praise for the good work he has accomplished during his administration.

Bro. A. V. King, Linn, Kan., who just returned from a 30-day ramble to the coast, has bid in Clyde on bulletin. The traffic department having taken exception to his assignment, the matter is now in the hands of the general chairman.

The bulletin system on the N. K. is working fine.

Bro. Geo. Schafer, extra, bid in Prosser. Bro. D. C. Hinder resigned to engage in other business.

Bro. H. J. Scheck, from Rock Island Division 126, transferred to 31 and bid in Beloit.

Bro. P. S. McCroskey bid in Netawaka on bulletin.

Sam Farrar, who has been at Randall, Kan., for the past 15 years, has gone on a 60-day vacation to the coast. C. H. Wilson relieved him. Bro. Wilson was formerly local chairman on the Vandalia, and we are glad to welcome him to our midst.

Bro. S. A. White, from the Mo. Division, has been at Jamestown, the past month, and is going to move his family there. We welcome him to our midst.

Bro. F. F. O'Bryan, Effingham, nights, is relieving Bro. Mann, who has taken the agency at Barnes temporarily, on account of sickness in the family of the agent there.

Bro. Madison, of Republic City, who has been at court at Yates Center, Kan., the past month, has returned.

Mr. Williams, from the Southern, is relieving A. R. Cameron, agent at Corning.

Bro. F. A. Moore, former agent at Corning, is among us again, after a month's sojourn in Kansas City.

Bro. C. C. Clardy is rusticating in Missouri.

"JACK."

White River Division—

The engine watchmen, of Crane, had a grievance committee in the telegraph office recently with Mr. Calvert. They were promised better wages and additional help.

Business on this end of the White River is picking up, especially on the Springfield Branch, showing that Commercial Agent Gonte must be doing something.

We understand that the yards will be turned over to the transportation department in a few weeks, everything being about completed around the new shops, except the machinery and a few other odds.

Fred Hudson has been appointed cashier at Crane, his brother Ed. relieving him as helper. Fred and Agent Mills have been attending court at Galena in the Benning whiskey case, Mr. Mills being relieved by Telegrapher J. H. Taylor. This case has been put off again until the next March term of court.

Mr. Mills has asked for 60 days leave of absence. While he was attending court his dwelling caught fire and most of his household goods were destroyed, although the house was saved.

Bro. T. T. Balssingame spent a couple of days at Crane and Springfield, recently, and then left for Kansas City, where he expects to work for the Western Union.

Mrs. M. L. Thompson, wife of Telegrapher Thompson, of Springfield, is spending a few days in St. Louis with relatives.

Walter Pharris has a new arrival at his home.

CERT. 2105.

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Joplin Division—

Business is good on this division. Several K. C.-Pittsburg runs have been put on, which tie up at Pittsburg. Five switch engines also tie up at that point, which makes business good for telegraphers at Cornell and Pittsburg.

Bro. D. K. Coleman is working nights at Cornell.

Bro. J. T. Miller, agent at Moundville, was married recently, and is kept busy at odd times working on the new house he is building.

Bro. W. F. Sawrey, agent at Bronaugh, has been enjoying a week's visit with his mother and sister from Western Kansas.

S. P. Linn, formerly cashier at Butler is visiting old friends and relatives at Bronaugh.

International & Great Northern Ry.

Bro. Walter Booth, former secretary of our local division, spent his thirty-day vacation in California and other Western States. For congeniality and true fraternalism, Bro. Booth is hard to beat, besides being a man with a great intellectuality. He recently published a very interesting book for agents and operators, which he sells for fifty cents. Send the brother fifty cents if you desire a copy.

Mr. Merchison, of Crockett, is relieving Bro. Stanton, second at Rockdale, while the latter is doing organization and grievance committee work. If the membership in general would exhibit the same amount of energy and enthusiasm shown by our general chairman, we would have a different showing numerically than at the present time.

Bro. I. L. Wood, of Otto, has just returned from a vacation in West Texas. Like Bro. Stanton, he can always be found doing something to advance the interests of our noble Order.

Bro. L. H. Hungate is in Palestine on grievance work, being relieved by Mr. Moore.

Bro. C. B. Gullette, third at Valley Junction, has been relieving Bro. Geo. Terry and Bro. J. P. Taylor in "H" office, Palestine. Joe Long, of the same office, made a trip to Fort Worth recently. Bro. Ault is working third at Valley Junction during Bro. Gullette's absence.

Bro. McLean, who bid on Buffalo station and then passed it up, is relieving Mrs. E. M. Devers, second at Troupe.

J. T. Robinson, of Milano, is on first trick at Valley Junction until assigned to a regular man.

Bro. L. W. Gray, of Franklin, is being relieved by Mr. P. W. Edge, who soon expects to enter the ministry.

Bro. Ennis Waugh, of Whitehouse, recently lost his residence, which was completely destroyed by fire, caused by a defective flue.

Bro. W. H. Wright, of Taylor, is on a vacation at Buffalo Gap. He is being relieved by Mr. Mathis, who has been working in "MS," San Antonio, and also as extra dispatcher.

Bro. D. D. Hungate, after an extended trip through Tennessee, Mississippi and other Southern States, has returned to Buffalo, until that position is filled by regular man on bulletin.

Bro. J. B. Davis bid in Grapeland station, but was unable to get a house to live in.

Bro. H. H. Young, of Roans Prairie, has been visiting his brother Jim, at Buda.

Bro. R. B. Adams, of Jewett, made one of his customary trips to Bryan recently.

Bro. L. W. Sledge, of Cotulla, was a recent visitor to Houston, Rockdale, and other Texas points. He was relieved by Bro. H. B. Miller.

Bro. E. L. Rhea, of Easterly, recently made a trip to San Marcos; relieved by Bro. C. E. Brown.

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Eastern Division—

Bro. Halterman, of Monett, on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. E. M. Fonaberger.

Bro. G. C. Roop has returned to duty at Republic, after having relieved the agent at Billings. Bro. R. O. Roop is now employed by the Wells Fargo, at Monett.

Bro. Gardner has resumed duty on first trick at Nichols, after a nice vacation.

Bros. Allen and Chandler have resumed duty in "S" office, after an enjoyable trip to the lakes of Michigan.

Bro. Faircloth has resigned his position in "S" office, and gone to Dallas.

Bro. Morris has been celebrating the Hudson-Fulton event in New York.

Bro. Vaughan resigned the agency at Weaubleau, and is now pulling levers at Sou Junction. Bro. Haymes, from Aurora, has been transferred to first trick at Sou Junction. Bro. Bolander, a new man, is now on third trick at Sou Junction.

Bro. Husted, of Osceola, Mo., is on his vacation.

Bros. McNew and Flanigan, of Strafford, are on leave of absence. Bro. McNew is being relieved by Bro. Durham. Bro. Williams, of Strafford, was visiting in Springfield a few days ago.

Bro. Lindsey has resumed duty at Conway, after an extended leave.

Bro. Henson, of Dixon, is now working at Franks. Bro. Allen, from Jerome, is now on third trick at Dixon.

Bro. Campbell, of Rolla, who has been attending the Seattle Exposition, has resumed duty. He was relieved by Bro. Ellis, who is now working at Newburg.

Bro. Kilgore, of Cuba, is relieving Bro. Luttrell, of Valley Park, on vacation.

Bro. Elliott, now third trick wire chief at "QN," St. Louis. Bro. Martyn working first trick as operator.

Bro. Slater, of Sullivan, who has been on sick list, is again able for duty.

Central Division—

Business on the Central Division is good this month.

Bro. Hill, of Rogers, is taking a trip through the East.

Bro. Ed. Larson, of Chester, is now on his vacation.

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Agent Seligman, relieved by Bro. Partlow, goes to M. & N. A., as cashier and paymaster. Bro. Apple is filling cashier's chair at Seligman.

Bros. R. D. Franics, Tuskahoma; A. G. Phares, Ashdown, and H. G. Focht, Talequah, have been appointed assistant local chairmen, Central Division. It is hoped all members will assist the brothers, all possible, in their work.

Bro. Simms, who has been in the freight department for the past four years, is now in charge of the newly created position of night telegrapher at Hope.

Bro. DeShong has returned as day operator at Idabel.

Bro. Cole is off on vacation.

The force at Poteau has been increased one man.

Bro. Erickson has been appointed permanent agent at Talibina.

Bro. C. K. Stoaks has returned from his vacation to second trick at Talibina.

Bro. Thos. Duncan, new man on road, is now working third at Tuskahoma.

Bro. Lockhart has relieved Bro. Schulte, at Antlers, on third trick.

Bro. Stone, of Hugo, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. X. R. Campbell.

Bro. W. C. Rogers is now permanent agent at Butler, Okla.

Southwestern Division—

Bro. Nale, a new man, is on second trick at Sherman. Bro. LaRue now working third trick at Sherman regularly, having been transferred from Afton, Okla.

Bro. Cox, at Madill, is waiting for relief, when he goes to South America.

A third operator has been put on at South yard and Bristow.

Bro. Mattson has been reinstalled as permanent agent at Luther.

Bro. Cowden has resumed duty at Jones.

Bro. Smith has been checked in as agent at Fletcher.

Bro. Snyder, of Altus, has accepted a position with the Altus Cotton Oil Co., of that city. We are sorry to lose Bro. Snyder, and wish him unbounded success in his new undertaking. He is a hummer and bound to win.

Bro. Booker has been installed as permanent agent at Mounds.

Bro. Chapman has returned from his vacation to Ada.

Bro. H. A. Rice is now permanent agent at Scullin.

Randolph Items—Bro. Blackwell, from Rock Island, is now on first trick, and Bro. Dunnam, of K. C. S., second trick. Bro. Carskadon expects to leave soon. Bro. Caldwell, agent, has had a clerk added to his force.

Bro. Jordan is working as regular man at Ada, Okla.

A day operator has been put on at Wetumka, to relieve Bro. Young of telegraph duty.

Bro. Brooks has resigned, and accepted a position as cotton clerk at Weleetka.

Bro. E. C. Rogers has been assigned to duty as day operator at Beggs, Okla.

Bro. Bain, from Missouri Pacific, is working the second trick at Keifer, Okla.

Ozark Division—

Bro. Copley, at West Plains, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. J. F. Perry, former agent at Marion, Ark., is now in the county recorder's office at that place. He will issue marriage licenses, and do the necessary in tying the knot, for members of the Order who properly approach him with an up-to-date card.

Sister Curtis has resumed duty at Thayer, after an extended leave.

Bro. Elmore is working for a few days at Ravenden.

There are three operators now at Mountain Grove. Bro. R. B. Rogers is the third man. There are also three operators now at Cedar Gap. Bro. Blansett on first, Bro. Epperson on second.

Bro. Moffett who was relieved by Bro. Wilkerson, has returned to Koshkonong.

Southeastern Division—

Bro. Oden, of Winfield, has been relieved of the six hours of telegraphing. There are three operators now at that station.

Bro. Levens, of the yard office at Birmingham, has taken first trick at Winfield, and Bro. Holt is now at Adamsville.

Bro. Potter, of the Guin agency, has accepted the telegraph job at Gatman, his home town; Bro. Byrd, from Winfield, relieving him.

Bro. J. T. Cross, from Dora has left the service, and gone to Texas.

Bro. Gentry is relieving the agent at Quinton for a short time.

Bro. McBride has returned to work after a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Hare has left the division, and gone to the M. & O.

Third District—

Bro. John LaFont, is out of the hospital again.

Bro. J. W. Armstrong is back at Brooks Junction as agent.

Bro. W. F. Harris, of Sikeston, made a flying trip to Cairo, the first of the month.

Bro. D. W. Shobe is back at Cape, working nights.

Bro. George Turner has taken his old position as agent, at Advance, again.

Bro. J. A. Moran is now agent at Osceola, Ark.

Bro. J. C. Pharris, formerly night operator at Sikeston, is at Opelousas, La., working first trick, where Bro. Emory is located.

Bro. H. C. Emerson, of Oran, was again attending court in Oklahoma recently.

Bro. E. S. Weaver, of Marsten, is laying off.

Bro. Davis, of Blytheville, is now working in Chaffee.

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Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Newcastle Division—

Operators seem to be getting somewhat scarce. If the scarcity continues we believe a more liberal policy will be adopted towards us, in place of the one that has been so much in evidence since the nine-hour law was passed. We have the hours, and can get the wages and improve the conditions if we show the right front when the proper time comes. We hope the very few who have not paid dues for the current term, will soon have an up-to-date in their pockets. We do not believe we have any "dogs in the manger," although we do find an occasional "hog in the bucket."

When a person enjoys the advantages the Order has obtained for him for years, and refuses to help maintain the standard, with his moral and financial support, he reminds us of the "hog in the bucket," but when a man affiliates himself with the Order, and has seen the good it has accomplished, and then drops it because his pet theories had not been swallowed, silence expresses our contempt plainer than words.

Business is still on the increase, and from what we hear of the purchase of new locomotives, the company hopes to get in shape to care for the business; loading 350 cars daily at Fairport, and no power, 600 cars in Painesville and Fairport yard one night, and only two engines to move it.

We hear that Easton is to be opened up nights soon. We hope this is so. Bro. Stephenson has had a long run of twelve-hour stunts, and will surely appreciate shorter hours.

While Bro. Purdy, first, Akron Junction, was off sick, Bros. Gray and McLaughlin worked the "emergency" lap for three days, then Bro. Ault, from first, "XN" tower, came to the rescue, relieved by Operator Siering.

Bro. McLaughlin, who bid in second at Lowellville, was obliged to cancel his bid, as he could not find a house there. "MN" thought he saw a chance to get away from the roast at Akron Junction, but alas it was not to be.

Bro. E. B. Smith, who bid in second at Lowellville, and then third at Newton Falls, was given to understand if he went to the latter place, he would have to stand for all failures or delays, so he packed up and went back to the Chicago Division. Bro. Hawk was assigned to Newton Falls, second, and is now comfortably located there with his bride.

Bro. Barrett tired of Niles Junction, and having married on September 28th, he bid in third at Nova, vacated by Bro. Meagher.

Bro. Lane, first, "MR" tower, who attended the Warren Fair, and Bro. McBride, second, "MR," who was off two days visiting Cleveland and Mansfield recently, were both relieved by Mr. Gorham, a new man.

Bro. Prinn, second, Ohio Junction, allowed himself to be drawn into trouble by an irresponsible, and is now out of the service. We understand the "irresponsible" has since been "permitted" to leave. Boys, "keep your shirt on," and don't get excited and throw up your jobs when these trouble-makers come along. They never last very long. Take, for instance, the case of "Mr." Hoke, on third, "FS" tower, last winter, he overdid the job and had to "proceed" to other fields.

Chardon agent has been furnished a clerk, and a clerk will probably be put on at West Farmington shortly. These jobs will then be put on eight hours straight, instead of nine, as they now are, with first trick men doing clerical work three hours.

Bro. Maynard, first at Chardon, is off on a weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Quinn. Bro. Cecil, third at Chardon, is on a three weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. French.

Bro. Hill, bid in second, Haselton; relieved from third at Lowellville, by Mr. Richards.

Bro. T. C. Cahill, second, Ohio Junction; relieved by Mr. Leahy.

Bro. Haun on vacation, relieved by T. L. Sierling.

Bro. Faust is back on first trick at Haselton.

By the time this appears, you may hear something that will make you set up and take notice. We hope you will be interested at least.

UNCLE BIFF.

Chicago Division, West District—

Bro. A. L. Spurgeon landed third trick at McCool, on September bulletin.

Bro. C. C. Otto, second trick at Tiffin, got Ayr first trick, on September bulletin.

Bro. Samuelson, of the Michigan Central, is working second trick temporarily.

Bro. Leslie, third trick, Milford Junction, was off a few days recently; relieved by Bro. C. J. Roth, from the G. R. & I.

Bro. W. S. Yeiser, second trick, Albion, has taken a six months' leave of absence, and is dispatching on the T. & C. Interurban, at Vandalia, crossing south of Garrett.

Bro. A. C. Boomershine, third trick, Kimmell, has a position at Albion, directing the High School Band of that city.

Bro. L. M. Hontz, second trick, has taken a six months' leave of absence, and is studying electrical engineering at Ada, Ohio.

Bro. R. W. Clark, third trick, Suman, has been given Bro. Hontz's trick, at Kimmell temporarily. As this is Bro. Clark's home, he is naturally quite pleased at the arrangement.

Bro. F. M. Thornton, second trick, Alida, has resumed duty after enjoying a month's leave of absence, when he visited with friends in Michigan and Ohio. He was relieved by Mr. Trainer, a new man.

Bros. Gragg, of Alida, and Rothenberger, of Suman, resumed duty October 1st, after spending a month in the West. Bro. Gragg was relieved by Bro. Karr, and Bro. Ruckman relieved Bro. Rothenberger.

During the reign of Bros. Savage, Waddell and Meyer, at McCool, the tower was scrubbed out, beginning August 15th, and the same program

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has been continued weekly. The levers were also polished, and the windows washed.

The new office at Babcock was put in service September 28th. This, with the milk stand, makes that formerly rural locality look very much metropolitan. Bro. C. G. Ambrose, a new man from the Wabash, is working one of the tricks, until the job is bulletined and filled in the regular manner.

An item from this division in the August TELEGRAPHER was somewhat uncomplimentary to Mr. Ritter, third trick at Ripley. He has always carried a card until recently, when, on account of lack of work on the extra list, he became delinquent. We will, no doubt, be able to again call him brother by the time this appears. We trust "BR" will accept this apology, and bear no grudge, as the writer was not aware of the circumstances.

William H. Baker, first trick at Ripley, was found dead in bed, the morning of September 8th, probably of heart trouble. Bro. Baker was 39 years old, the day of his death. He leaves an aged mother and one brother. He was very rarely absent from meetings, and will be greatly missed.

The members contributed over $30.00 for a floral offering. The bereaved mother and brother desire to express their thanks to the members for this remembrance. CERT. 135.

Monongah Division—

This division covers a good many miles, and I am not situated so as to know all the happenings. Some of the brothers around Clarksburg, Parkersburg and Grafton, should, therefore, send me a few items, not later than the 20th of each month.

Business has picked up very fast recently, and is about as heavy now as it has been for years.

Bro. H. F. Farlow, who visited his home at Ocean City, Md., recently, was relieved by Bro. R. V. Smith, from the yard office.

Bro. M. E. Price and wife spent ten days at Atlantic City recently. Bro. Price was relieved by D. Sweeney, extra, from the Q. & C.

Bro. A. E. Shingleton, "MG," off a few days, was relieved by a Mr. Kelley.

Bro. O. L. Farlow, who went to Stockton, Cal., last spring, is not coming back.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman, who went to the F. & G. & R. R., at Tonopah, Nev., last march, will not return either.

We wish these two brothers all the luck possible, as they were both good faithful workers.

Bro. R. V. Smith, from "K," relieved Bro. Kennedy, at "GR," while he took his vacation.

The Monongah and Ohio River Divisions held an interesting meeting at Parkersburg, on Monday, September 20, 1909. Both divisions being well represented. Some very important business was discussed, of interest to all the members. Every one was notified in sufficient time; particular attention being paid to this, so that passes could be ordered in time.

We are soon going to re-open negotiations for a revised agreement, so we want every brother to get after the delinquents and induce every one to pay up. Likewise get after desirable nons. Our line is pretty strong but we must make it strong enough to resist all tackles that come from any direction. Every member we get is that much more strength for a revised agreement. Pick your man, go after him and see if we cannot have everything completed for our hard working local chairman by the time he is ready to do business. Attend the meetings, and invite your neighbor to come along. Show him you mean business. You can find out from your local chairman who are not up-to-date and he will gladly give you any information you desire, by asking. Try to assist him in making the division solid from one end to the other. If we don't help him how can we expect him to do anything for us. Don't forget the motto: "No cards, no favors."

There will be an example made of some of the professors shortly, just a little more evidence and there will be some very surprised student teaching operators on the Monongah division. Don't do any talking around public places, regarding the O. R. T.; the lodge room is the place for that, any information regarding "ham factories" let you local chairman have at once.

Bro. E. A. Shaffer, local chairman, of the Cumberland division, attended our Monongah division meeting at Clarksburg, on Saturday night, October 9th. It was a very large and interesting one, although some of the brothers in town did not come around. Brothers, make a special effort to get to these meetings, as they are very important. The local chairman advises we will soon be nearly solid and we must all get together and push.

Bros. C. E. Ogden, J. A. Bridge, C. M. Conley, C. E. Hosler, Lloyd Plum, R. R. Thrasher, Stanley Hillock, R. W. Vevans and W. M. Moran, attended the Cumberland division meeting, held at Oakland, Md., October 21st.

Bro. Worley Powell, Fetterman and Bro. Joe Graham, Central, are on the sick list.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman, formerly "WD" tower, Fairmont, is now in Nevada, and Bro. J. J. Switzer, of Weston, is also West on a furlough.

Bro. W. M. Furlong, Belington, W. Va., called West on account of the sickness of relatives. Relieved by Bro. Herbert Enoch.

Bro. D. I. McCualsky made a flying trip from Tygar Junction to Grafton, recently.

Bro. J. L. Jenkins, of Hackers Junction, was also off a few days.

Bro. Alexander is back on duty, after a long siege of fever at Meadowbrook, W. Va.

Bro. B. H. Gabbert, of Cornwallis is visiting Webster Springs and Pittsburg, Pa.; relieved by Miss Doyle.

Bro. Long, of Shinnston, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Taylor.

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Bro. A. E. Hoover, at Enterprise, and Bro. L. L. Hough, Lost Creek, have been off for a few days.

Bro. A. E. Shingleton, Monongah, relieved by Bro. Snyder, for short vacation.

The following are the Clarksburg changes: Bro. V. D. Pringle, bad case of rheumatism, from "MO" tower, to "D" office; Bro. F. W. Knight, "D" office, second trick to third trick, "J" tower; Bro. O. H. Stout, "J" tower, to third trick "MO" tower.

Bro. Thrasher and Bro. C. M. Conley, of "J" tower, are both off a few days, the latter on account of the sickness of his sister; relieved by Bro. Leatherman, from Bridgeport, and Bro. Lang from Petroleum.

Bro. R. E. Smith, second trick, "D" office, Clarksburg, on vacation to Seattle.

Bro. C. M. Moore has returned from a vacation at his home in Virginia.

Bro. Mosby, Erbacon, is taking a short vacation.

Bro. W. B. Hardman, Newlon, attending court, relieved by Mr. Knipp.

. Bro. A. G. Harbert, of Buckannon, has returned after a two months' visit at Seattle with his wife.

Bro. E. J. Nuzum has resumed duty after a three weeks' vacation spent in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bros. J. W. Kinney and F. L. Losey, of Grafton relay office, on vacation will visit Atlantic City, New York and other eastern cities, relieved by Bros. B. H. Hall and R. V. Smith.

Bro. J. C. Newham has returned from a two weeks' visit at Atlantic City.

Bro. C. A. Orrahood, from Richwood, off on short vacation.

Bro. K. O. Wade, agent and operator Heaters, has returned from a trip to New York, Atlantic City and other eastern points.

Bro. D. J. Fury, of Holly Junction, is on a vacation visiting friends in the far West, being relieved by Bro. Thomas.

Bro. T. E. Morrow, of Gauley, being relieved by Mr. McCoy.

Bro. D. L. McCualsky, Tygart Junction, has been on a trip to Grafton.

Bro. Q. E. Meyers, from Tygart Junction, is also off for a while.

Bro. L. B. Horner, Bridgeport, off on vacation, is being relieved by Bro. B. C. Taylor, from Gypsy.

The following appointments were made effective October 3rd: Bro. H. F. Farlow, from third trick at Gaston Junction to first trick "WD" to extra copying operator, "G" office, Grafton; tower; Bro. W. P. Cline, "GR" office Grafton; F. E. Dent, from second trick at Gaston Junction to first trick; Bro. F. M. Baker, third trick at Clarksburg Pass station, to third trick at Parkersburg Pass station.

Bro. Leatherman at Buckhannon Block, during fair, relieved from Bridgeport by Bro. U. V. Lang, from Petroleum.

O. H. Stout was in Grafton a few days on business.

J. J. Switzer has returned from an extended trip through the West.

Bro. F. L. Lossey has returned from his vacation in the East.

Bro. Glenn, from Wolf Summit, made a flying trip to Clarksburg.

Bro. M. E. Price is now back on his regular turn at "WD" tower, after working the third trick for six months, while the job was vacant.

Bro. R. V. Smith, from yard office, Fairmont, is now working third trick at Gaston Junction, being relieved at "K" by C. M. Cheneweth, a new man, from Elkins.

Operator D. J. Curry, "FA" Fairmont Pass station, is off for a few days.

DIV. COR. AND CERT. 630.

Metro Branch—

Our local chairman, Bro. M. F. Quill, with the assistance of Bro. G. W. Crump, Jr., made a trip over this division the first week of October, and landed 95 per cent of the nons—almost a clean sweep—and the old Baltimore Division is now in better condition than ever before.

I trust each member will strive to make this the "banner division" of the B. & O. S.-W. Be true to your orders; fulfill all your obligations and the victory is won. Remember the little motto, "United we stand, divided we fall." Six little words as true as the Maker above.

Now, for the love of your fellow brother and family, be a union man or no man at all.

I wish some brother on the main line and the Washington branch would take interest enough to collect the notes thereon and forward them to me in care of Bro. Quill by the tenth of each month, and I will endeavor to have them added to the write-ups from the Baltimore Division. This request has been made many times. Now, some one please lend a helping hand and push the good work along.

By the time this article is printed, our committee will be in Baltimore working on the new schedule, and we hope to land the plums this time.

I urgently request each man to endeavor to give the company the best of service. Do not sleep on duty, answer promptly, and try to avoid delays to trains as much as possible. Show the officials that the union man is the best man, and gives better service than any "scab" or non that can be manufactured.

Don't forget to remit early for that 1910 card. "She is a beaut."

No card, no favors.

"73" to all. CERT. 1546.

C. & N. Division—

Prosperity seems to have returned, and business is pouring in on all the railroads, and we must bring our needs to the notice of the management, in order that we may receive a just proportion of this prosperity.

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Wrecking crews are at work night and day retracking equipment that was put off when the panic struck us.

Things are brightening up along the organization line; renewed interest is being manifested in almost every quarter. Delinquents are coming to the front with the necessary, and applications from some who have long been classed with the nons are rolling in. Bro. Faust, our general local chairman, who recently made a trip over the line, handed it out to them just about right. A more enthusiastic, earnest worker you will go a long way to find. As a result of his "heart-to-heart" talks, all have put their thinking caps on, made a solemn resolution to get into the game in real earnest, and work as they never worked before to put our little division on a 100 per cent basis. "Do it now" is the slogan.

Notwithstanding the fact that we may be one of the strongest divisions in the Order, we must keep the 100 per cent aim constantly in view, for who knows what the future holds. We may be approaching the struggle of our existence, and the weak can not win. This is where the 100 per cent strong comes in.

Watch the new arrivals and ascertain their standing. If they have no cards, ascertain why not. If they hold membership in some other division, why not transfer to Division 33? By watching all these points, you will be filling your place in the great chain of advancement, and likewise helping your officers along in their work.

The vacation season is about over, and the boys are returning one by one. Many report a good time but complain that the money runs out too soon.

Bros. Gaines, of Black Lick, and Hackenbracht, of "BR" tower, are on leave. The latter expects to visit in New York.

Bro. Fletch, from the C. & E. I. System Division, is on third at Big Walnut.

Mr. Quinn, a new arrival, is at "BR" tower.

CERT. 1698.

Cleveland Division—

Our last meeting was quite well attended, business of much importance being transacted, and all the brothers had an interesting time.

Bro. McCoy has covered the division, calling on the nons. Quite a number have entered the fold, and several have promised to make good next pay.

Bro. A. C. Lampe, of Peninsula, after an extended honeymoon through the West, is back "on deck." He was relieved by Mr. Anderson, a new man on the road.

A. Knable, of Botzum, bid in Canton Scale, and Bro. Houk received Botzum on bid, but after working a few days he was taken sick with typhoid fever and removed to his home in Lorain. He is improving slightly.

Extra Telegrapher Carran filling in at Botzum temporarily.

Bro. Jess Rodgers and wife, of Tippecanoe, have gone to Kansas City for an extended visit with relatives.

Bro. Harry Leith, of Bridge 80, has been off on vacation for over a month.

Our division operator, Mr. Heaton, took in the world's champion baseball series at Pittsburg, while on his vacation. Fred Hess was acting D. O. during his absence.

Bro. Nick Kneffler is working extra at Dover. Nick kept up to date with the Order during the year he was out of the business.

Tom Davis, second trick at Bridge 80, was off a few days recently. He was relieved by Telegrapher Weaver, a new man on the division.

Bro. Mitchell, Canal Fulton, attending court at New Philadelphia, Ohio. Vacancy filled by relief agent.

RED.

West End Cumberland Division—

Brothers, ere you see this in print your general committee will be in session. If you know of any delinquents in your vicinity, kindly urge them to step to the front if they wish to be represented and do their part in bearing part of the heat and labor of the day.

While the membership on this division is in good shape, remember that every bolt put into the structure will help strengthen our cause, so all get to work and try and make our division a "hundred per cent." It is only a short step and there is no reason why we should not attain it.

The local chairman spent the greater portion of last week scouting over the division for nons, and incidentally paid the membership a visit as well, he returned with quite a bunch of trophies at his belt.

Bro. E. W. Shaw, second Corinth, spent a short vacation last month, with relatives, and took in the Morgantown fair; relieved by Bro. Wetzell.

H. B. Cobourne, second, Terra Alta office, has been relieved indefinitely by Bro. Tom I. Welsh.

Bro. Frank Downer, third at Rodemer, took in the championship games at Pittsburg, and Detroit, recently.

Bro. D. T. Rasche, third at Deer Park, is off on a week's tour with the Mountain City Band, of Oakland. As Bro. Rasche can blow anything, from the bass drum down, the outing is sure to be a success.

DIV. COR.

Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

Our last meeting on Thursday evening, October 21st, in Pittsburg, was well attended by the river and pike brothers. The P. & W. boys were rather scarce, but we will excuse them this time, for they are generally very well represented.

Local Chairman Safford, was over the road a couple of weeks ago, rounding up the nons, and secured a few scalps, but there are some so hard-headed, that even the Indians would pass them by. There is one confirmed non at "MK", one at "SY" and two at "CN", which nothing less than an earthquake could budge, and even then, they

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would probably prefer to be swallowed up, rather than become union men.

Bro. Gleisinger has returned from a trip through the West, and resumed duty at Ellrod tower, first trick.

Among the new men who recently came among us with up-to-date cards are: R. E. Woods and D. G. Button.

Bro. Iseman, first Bessemer, who was sick with the typhoid fever, for about a month, has again resumed duty. Mr. Toulon relieved him.

Bro. Leonard, Bessemer third, has secured Laughlin Junction, second trick. BILL.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Chicago Division, Brazil District—

There has been much good done for this division the past month, by the brothers' individual efforts toward thorough organization and a close watch kept on new men that come among us. Let each of us get a new member and see how quick we will have the division solid.

Bros. Andrews, Bronson and Clending, who left "WD," Swanington, were relieved by Bros. Etsell, Guthering and Jordon, the latter bidding in second.

V. C. Railsback, Goodland, on a vacation, relieved by second trick man, Mr. Ray, who was relieved on second by Extra Telegrapher Cooper.

P. L. Reynolds, "C" Brazil, on short vacation, relieved by Bro. F. L. Andrews, who was relieved at Coal Bluff by Extra Telegrapher B. C. Goodin, and he in turn on third at Coal Bluff by W. D. Allen.

Agent Linkham, of Diamond, on few days' vacation, relieved by Extra Agent Siner.

I wish to thank the boys for the items they sent me this month and hope they will continue the good work.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Bro. Willis "YC" Yard Center, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Masser, third trick.

Bro. Hall, from the Q. & C., is relieving Bro. Holmes, third at "HJ" Chicago Heights. Bro. Holmes bid in first at "NE" tower, which was re-opened August 30th. H. F. Goodin is on second and Bro. Huston, from the Big Four, on third.

J. E. Slaybaugh was the successful bidder for second "MO" Junction.

A student from the Dodge Institute, is to appear on the main line in the near future, as a helper.

Interlocking plants at different places have been undergoing repairs.

Conductor, Fred Berry, on north end of Chicago division, of E. J. & E., who was killed at Cary recently, will be greatly missed by the boys around Rossville Junction and Rossville as he always had a pleasant word and a smile for every one who knew him.

Bro. Thompson, extra, was the successful bidder for third trick at "BX" tower.

Bro. Bahls, extra, who secured third "DH" tower on bid is at "YD" Danville yard third, until that place is filled.

Bro. Wiles, third at "YD," was the successful bidder for second at "DH" tower.

Bro. Lee, third "DH" tower has resigned, and Bro. Goudy, second, has resigned to accept position with his brother in the West.

Bro. Curran, third, Hoopeston, was successful in getting third "NE" tower on bulletin.

Bro. See was the successful bidder for third at Hillsdale.

Mr. Alfonte secured Gessie on bid.

Bro. C. R. Montgomery, second at Watseka, made a flying trip to Terre Haute, recently.

Bro. C. A. Payne, first at Watseka, while on a recent trip to Terre Haute, was relieved by Bro. Hyland. DIV. COR.

Illinois Division—

We have heard nothing lately regarding the new revised schedule, but understand the general and local chairmen are taking care of the situation.

I think it would be an excellent idea to start a local organizer over this division as soon as possible. The nice surplus we have in the treasury would no doubt easily take care of the expenses, and it certainly could not be better spent. We regret to state there are a good many of the ex-brothers now delinquent.

Quite a number of the younger men have paid up in the past few months, and we are holding our own nicely, but there are still a few delinquents who ought to help us get better lined up than we are now.

There are a number of interesting topics to be discussed and some business matters to be settled, and it might be well to have a meeting at some point most convenient to the majority of the brothers in the near future to consider them. We are glad to note there are no complaints or grievances to be settled at this time. Any brother having any suggestions to offer, should write them to the local chairman, so they may be brought up at the next meeting.

Bro. Escue, third, Dollville, who bid in first trick at Marion, was relieved by F. G. Dowdy.

E. W. Lacy, first Villa Grove, has been compelled to go West on account of his health. Hope to see this position bid in by some brother, as there is room for one or two up-to-date cards at that point.

Bro. J. H. Kirpatrick, second Dollville, has bid in third trick at Kirksville, vacated by Bro. D. C. Smith, who bid in third at Thebes.

Bro. C. A. Austin, agent Dollville, has returned from a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Hooks, agent Olive Branch, is making a trip through Colorado and other Western States, for his health, being relieved by Bro. Thompson, from second trick at that place.

Bro. Calvert, third trick Findlay Junction, on sixty days' leave of absence, doing Colorado and California points, is being relieved by Telegrapher Riddle.

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Bro. O. W. Johnson, third Kell, has bid in first trick Mt. Vernon.

Telegrapher George, first "TY" tower, off on a few days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Zetsche, formerly of the I. C.

Bro. B. E. Tetterton, third St. James, has bid in third trick, Ind. Relieved by J. A. Winkler, of Mattoon, Ill.

C. S. Skinner, from Florida, East Coast, has bid in second at Mode, and Telegrapher Wilson, of Cadwell, bid in third trick at this point.

CERT. 54.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Ludington Division--

It is generally admitted that we have one of the greatest railroad labor organizations in existence throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, and we wish to appeal to the nons to send in their applications at once. Many a good telegrapher in the past has sacrificed his position, home, and a great many other pleasures in order to accomplish this and it is through these sacrifices that we are today getting more salary for the labor performed and enjoying better working conditions and shorter hours.

As long as you remain outside of our ranks, you continue to share with us the benefits you have done nothing to secure.

Some of the men on this division say: "I expect to quit telegraphing and go into business for myself." Even if you should quit telegraphing, you are still indebted to the Order for what it has done for you in the past.

Before this is in print, probably every telegrapher on this system will have a copy of our new schedule, effective September 1, 1909. Now is the time we need new members, and they need our up-to-date cards. A solid membership gives our committee more power.

Brothers, what are you doing to bring about these conditions? Have you been active in the work of the organization, or have you stood by and watched the other brothers do all the hard work? Are you paying your dues promptly, or only paying them after you have been asked several times? These questions apply to each and ever brother on this system.

We have the promise of several new members this coming pay day, and are in hopes our division will soon be solid.

Three other nons have promised to come in as soon as they can get the necessary change. The brothers working tricks with them should get busy and remind them that these promises are considered sacred by us. We found no trouble to get the "necessary change when we made up our minds to do so."

A few days ago in talking to one of our old agents, I was asked: "What becomes of all the money you operators pay into the O. R. T?" After I had explained to him how the funds were divided up, some going to our local treasury, some for a convention fund, and to the grand division, and got my grand division report out and showed him that we now have five hundred and ninety-four thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars and ten cents on deposit in eight different banks in St. Louis, Missouri, he began to get wise to what it meant to be organized "Well," said he, "I didn't understand it that way."

Brothers, see that the nons understand what it means to belong to the O. R. T., and show your own faith in the Order by deeds, as well as words.

One hundred and ten Western Union wire sounds like a buzz-saw these nights because the fool-headed "op" is allowing a student to practice there. Boys, cut this student's work teaching out. We are hired and paid to do the company's work and it is not a part of our duty to teach our office boys telegraphy. If the work at your station is too hard and the numerous duties cannot be done with the help furnished you by the company, the proper thing to do is to take the matter up and ask for sufficient help to carry on the company's business properly. If the necessary help cannot be obtained we should do all we can to keep the work up, giving the wires first attention and do the other work in the order of it's importance.

Business is getting back to old times again, two crews being put on the hill engine at Reed City.

It is reported that the operators at Clare were each cut two dollars in their wages, effective September 1st.

Bro. Nelson, agent, Chase, took in the Reed City fair.

Bro. Gregware, Clare depot, our local chairman, has resigned to enter other business. We all wish "Joe" good luck. Mr. Hutchins is filling the vacancy.

J. E. Avery, second Baldwin tower, was married recently to one of the fair ladies of that little Windy City.

Bro. Zook is at Hersey again after a short vacation, having been relieved by Bro. Brown, third at Walhalla. Bro. Stevenson, second trick Walhalla has returned to Belford.

Mr. Skiff is relieving the day operator, at Coleman for ten days. BO. OP.

Erie Ry.

Susquehanna Division—

Brothers, I want to call your attention to the "Union Label" which means so much to us. There is too much good O. R. T. money spent for "non-union" goods. Demand the label or don't buy the goods. It may sometimes put you to a little extra trouble, but in the end you will be doubly paid for it.

When your merchants have a demand for "Union Label" goods, they will lay in a supply of them.

A union man should never go into a store and buy a suit of clothes without demanding the "label" because he is paying "union" money for it.

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Brothers, I sincerely trust that every O. R. T. man who reads this will make a resolution right away not to purchase a single article unless it is "union" made—unless it is not possible to get it with the "label" on it.

This does not mean that we should pay a higher price for an article just because it has the "label" on it for "union" goods in most cases are cheaper than non-union, and then you have the satisfaction of knowing that the articles were made under sanitary conditions; that living wages were paid for the work, and that you are living up to your obligations as a "union" man.

It is simply carelessness with the most of us, in accepting "non-union" goods for our union money, and not demanding the "label," but by so doing we are violating one of the main obligations of a union man just the same.

Don't think that carrying an up-to-date card and paying your dues promptly is all that is necessary to make you a good union man. That is only a small part of it.

I visited five clothing stores recently before I found a pair of union-made trousers, with the label in them that suited me and they were large enough for "Taft," but the merchant gladly cut them down to fit me, without any extra charge, and said he would lay in a good stock of "Union trousers" right away.

Don't sit down to your breakfast, with an up-to-date card in a "non-union" made coat pocket and eat "Post's chop feed," and then on your way to work buy a paper of "scab" tobacco.

From actual experience you will soon find that you get much better value for your money by demanding "the label" in all cases.

Explain to the ladies of your home the meaning of the label and request them to demand it. It is the duty of every O. R. T. man to show them the importance of demanding union made goods in return for their union money.

The time may soon come when you will be asked at a meeting or some other gathering of union men whether the clothes, shoes or hat, you are wearing, have the label on them. Therefore, resolve at once that you will not part with your union money until you get the label on what you purchase.

In the meantime resolve also that you will do all in your power to increase the membership, if there is a "non" in your locality, get after him and in a gentlemanly way show him why he should carry an up-to-date card.

Pay up your dues, too. Don't let them run behind. By paying up promptly you save your local chairman a lot of work and he has enough to do without having to be continually drumming members for their dues.

Bro. J. E. Coddington bid in third trick at Painted Post, and Bro. T. Hemstrought second trick at "BD."

The agency at Wellsburg was bid in by Extra Agent E. F. Ferguson, from the Tioga division.

Bro. Ira Brooks, of "XY," off few days on a hunting trip was relieved by Bro. J. L. Wilson.

T. J. McCoy, on the extra list here for a while, is now with the B. & A.

Erie caboose 4259 which was presented to Commander Peary by President Thomas, of the Erie, in 1898, and used by Peary in his dash for the Pole in 1898, passed over this division recently on its way to Buffalo. It attracted much attention at Susquehanna and Hornell and it was necessary to have it guarded both day and night to prevent souvenir seekers from cutting it in pieces.

Commander Peary used the caboose as an office and living room for eight months, during the long Artic winter of 1898 while his ship was frozen fast in the ice of Ailman Bay. In August of 1899 it was landed at Etah, North Greenland, where an extension was built to it. Here Commander Peary and two companions spent the winter of 1899 and 1900, leaving it in the spring for his daring and successful journey around the northern end of Greenland and it was again transferred to the deck of the ship.

It was brought back to New York in 1902, after four years service in the North and given back to the Erie, where it remained sometime and was then taken to Shaholo Glenn and used as a jail. It is now being exhibited at different points along the line as a relic, showing that the old "reliable Erie" was represented the farthest north, of any road in the world.

Recently when there was some wire trouble, caused by a fire, a "non" who wanted to advertise himself, called the attention of the dispatcher to the fact that there was a good O. R. T. man on each side of him (the non). That's the limit, but we must consider the source. No O. R. T. man would be guilty of doing what this insinuates. We are thankful that such men are not and cannot be members of the O. R. T.

The next meeting in Corning, will probably be held at Bro. Jerry Dee's residence. This is a little out of the regular proceeding, but Bro. Dee insists on it and Bro. Sherman also insists that it be held at his house. That leaves us in a dilemma, so we have decided to let Bro. Geer settle the question.

The electric line between Waverly and Elmira, is now completed and running on schedule time with heavy travel.

Agent Masterson, of Barton, who was off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Schultz of "XY" tower. Later Extra Agent Gleason relieved Bro. Schultz, and Extra Telegrapher Cronk, of Kirkwood relieved Bro. Schultz.

Bro. A. Brooks, of "BS" tower, while on a visit to his brother in Detroit, Mich., was relieved by Bro. J. L. Wilson.

Uncle "Ed" the razor man, has been making a trip over the division recently.

Bro. Derrig, of Wellsburg, is right on the job each month, furnishing us news items of the division. He is a loyal member and does all he can to help the good cause along. Thank you, brother, for your kindness.

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Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting of the Meadville and Mahoning divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, October 16th, was well attended by members from both divisions.

Don't forget that these meetings occur on the third Saturday night of each month, at Warren, in the C. T. U. Hall, corner East Market street and Park avenue.

The force at Leavittsburg has been increased one man. This puts W. H. Ludt and W. S. Lowrie on during the day. Ludt looks after the train wires and Lowrie the message wires. W. J. Holbrook moves from third to second and W. D. Mayer, first at Warren, goes to third at Leavittsburg.

Sherman Hart, second Warren, moves up to first trick, and Ed Hagan of Niles, relieves Hart.

A. L. Taylor has resumed work on third trick at Warren.

M. G. Donaldson has returned to Mahoning after his trip through the West.

F. E. Brooks done several days relief work on first at Brier Hill tower and second De Forest tower.

Ray Cassidy, third at Phalanx, was married at Cleveland, recently. CORRESPONDENT.

Wyoming Division—

Agent J. J. Neal has resigned and Bert Shaffer, from the D. L. & W. has been appointed agent at Avoca. We hope to see him wearing an O. R. T. emblem in the near future.

The telegraph instruments have been taken out of Dunmore depot, and "MO" is now located opposite the round house, in the yard master's office.

Bro. B. Dank is now working second trick at "KO" after spending a few days with his parents, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Taylor is now with the D. L. & W. at Clark's Summit.

Bro. Smith is now working second at "GI" Tresslars tower closed. Brother Farley is working first trick at "GI."

James McGinness, second "MO" is laying off, sick, I. E. Dodan relieving.

Relief Agent Bishop made an inspection of the towers on September 20, which are being painted and renewed for winter service.

Brother Geo. Danks, formerly agent at Avoca, has embarked in the mercantile business there with his father-in-law. We wish him success.

Rumors are making the rounds that the West Coal will be sent via "XN." Let us hope so for the benefit of others.

Bro. Knoetgen, formerly of "GI" is working on the O. & W.

Please get busy and send Bro. Correll a few items each month for THE TELEGRAPHER. Bros. Vicker and Courtright please let us have a little news each month from your territory.

Bro. B. Dank will soon embark in the chemical business at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bro. Smith, agent at Elmhurst, is on his honeymoon and we wish Bro. Smith and the Mrs. a long, happy and prosperous life. Relief Agent S. D. Bishop is working at "HS."

Bros. Maver, "HS," and Crane, "WA," let us have some pictures for the TELEGRAPHER.

CORRESPONDENT.

Alleghany Division—

Brothers, our general committee is comtemplating meeting with the general management some time in the near future to negotiate for an agreement to supersede the one now in effect.

Our division is in a splendid condition, but there is a chance for improvement. Every member who is not paid up for current term should remit at once to Bro. C. L. Budge, Deposit, N. Y. Don't allow yourself to become suspended and be classed as one of the back-sliders. Every brother should constitute himself a committee of one to line up every available non who is eligible for membership.

The third trick at "X" tower advertised and bid in by Mr. Park.

The agency at Audrain is up for bids.

Bro. Kronmiller, first trick at "X" tower, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Mr. Lycett.

Bro. Biggan, off on short business trip was relieved by Mr. Cooney. Bro. Hall, ex-general chairman, while on short business trip, was relieved by Mr. Farquharson.

Bro. Cornell, second trick at "HR" tower, on a vacation, up the Hudson, relieved by Mr. Stone.

CERT. 262.

Meadville Division—

The brothers on the Meadville division were shocked to hear of the death of Bro. Norman C. Watson, third trick operator at Pymatuning. While on his way to work at 9 o'clock, p. m., October 26th, he was walking down the Pennsylvania tracks, and as he was about to leave the tracks in front of Pymatuning tower, he was struck by a Pennsylvania train and instantly killed.

He leaves a father and mother and one brother and two sisters, all living near Meadville, to mourn his loss. They have the heartfelt sympathy of all members of the O. R. T. in their bereavement.

W. J. Burch, second trick Jamestown depot, has accepted the position of manager of the city office for the Postal Telegraph Company, at that place, his former position being bid in by J. N. Hayes, first trick at Waterboro; R. L. Rexford takes first at Waterboro and A. W. Stem second temporarily until advertised.

The night office at Lakewood has been re-opened with D. O'Brien on second and Miss Sadie Burns on third.

F. M. Helmbreck has been transferred from second, Greenville, to third at Shenango bumping H. G. Butler who took third "MK" tower vacated by Miss Laura Lauderbaugh, resigned; second

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Shenango, has been bid in by M. M. Mitchell and second Greenville by Miss Siverling.

Miss Georgia Hannah, third, has become Mrs. Earl Fell, congratulations.

Bro. W. D. Noble, "FM" tower, who broke his collar bone on September 8th, is gaining strength slowly. First "FM" tower is being filled by Bro. R. G. Lewis, second by Bro. H. G. Battles and third trick by J. W. Vine.

A new depot is to be built at Freedom.

W. H. Bolster, agent Ravenna, resigned, relieved by Bro. E. S. Spencer. Bro. C. B. Mushrush, advancing to first trick, Bro. C. T. Milnes, second and Bro. C. D. Cassidy to third.

Brothers, please send your news items to the local chairman before the 10th of each month, so we can have a good monthly write-up.

CERT. 88.

New York Division—

W. T. B. is very short of men on account of so many leaving the service and going into other branches of business.

Since the E. & J. work trains are tieing up at "MQ" the boys at that point are quite busy.

Several nons have given their promise to come in the first of the year.

Bro. J. J. Reilly, first "JD" Highland Mills Junction, is off sick, relieved by Bro. Cooper. Bro. Sutherland, clerk at "SY" is also on the sick list.

Bro. Utter bid in second and Bro. Rea third at "BS."

Bro. Fitch, agent at Woodbury, who has been sick for the past three months, is now visiting his sister on Long Island.

Bro. J. L. Otis, first at "MQ" recently went on a hunting trip, and on his return Bro. Osborn on second took a short vacation. Bro. Utter relieved them.

"JD" tower is now equipped with electric light, which is a great improvement over the lamps.

Third Trick Dispatcher Padien attended the Hudson-Fulton celebration at Newburgh. Extra Dispatcher Noonan relieving him.

Several changes are being made at "BC" tower east end of Port Jervis yard.

Our passes this quarter, are not good on trains 9 and 14.

Work on the Junction of the E. & J. and the old line at "GM" tower is progressing rapidly. This is going to make a stiff job and ought to pay more than $50.

It would be a good idea if some of the boys would give us a little help and we could give a good write-up. CERT. 1360.

Business is increasing very fast, a great deal of grain and coal going over this line. We are all glad to see this.

Work on the cut in Berger tunnel is progressing very rapidly, and it will probably be finished by February, when there will be four tracks through the tunnel instead of two. When the work of putting new rails, ties and ballast on the main line is finished, the Erie will be one of the best roads to travel on in the country.

Keep after the nons, brothers, don't get discouraged, if you don't land them the first time. Understand the committee is trying to get a date with the general manager, Mr. Stuart. If successful, this will mean more money. Things are coming our way at last.

The Erie got its share of passengers during the Hudson-Fulton celebration. During the two days the boats were at Newburgh there were between four and five thousand people carried into Newburgh.

Mr. Malon, third trick "NJ," Newburgh Junction, has entered the employ of the West Shore R. R., in Weehawken yards. Mr. McGrady relieving.

Mr. Miller, third trick at "SJ," Sterlington Junction, spent his vacation with relatives near Chicago.

Bro. Holbohn, Jersey City, has entered the employ of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

CERT. 265.

N. J. & N. Y. R. R. Branch—

An open meeting was held at Bro. Romaine's home on October 16th. Quite a number of nons were present to hear what Bro. Coleman had to say about the good the Order had already done, and would still do.

Some of the oldest members who should have been present, to give the nons encouragement, failed to attend.

Bro. Romaine deserves unstinted praise for the way in which he treated his fellow-workers, the refreshments which he served, after the meeting, being very acceptable. We expect to meet at his home again in November, and thereafter every month in some hall convenient for the brothers along the road. An initiation of all the brothers taken in up to the first of December, will be one of the interesting features at the December meeting, if possible. Therefore brothers, don't forget this meeting. Do your best to get one new member by that time and we will come near making the N. J. & N. Y. solid. DIV. COR.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

There should have been a larger attendance at our last meeting, at Guyton, as it was a very important one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. In addition to the other good things missed, by those who failed to attend was a most bounteous dinner, given by Mrs. T. F. Hemminger, wife of our late general chairman, who always has the work at heart. The delicious feast they missed is noted in the following bill of fare: Boiled ham, baked chicken, rice, sliced tomatoes, olives, cucumber pickles, scalloped eggs, potato croquets, biscuits, light bread, lemon gelatine with whipped cream, chocolate and

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lemon cheese cake, cherry punch and margreete, iced tea, grapes, bananas and apples. We will always remember Mrs. Hemminger for her kindness in this respect.

There are only a few nons on this division now, and practically every one of them has one of the eight hour jobs. It seems to us that they are nervy to say the least, to have been enjoying the benefits of the schedule, and these eight hour jobs, for several years, and still remain in the non list, thereby not only injuring themselves by such a policy, but by such action, virtually breaking the schedule. One particular non at Tennille, formerly gave us for his excuse in not joining, that he didn't like the local chairman, after the local chairman resigned, and he was again approached on the subject, he then replied that he didn't have the money, and he still continues to reap that which he has not sown.

The local chairman is in receipt of letter from a non on this division, who especially requests that his name be not mentioned in THE TELEGRAPHER as "Mr.," when he alone is responsible therefor and could easily change such conditions by becoming a member of the Order.

The third trick at Meldrim, has been resumed for the winter.

The following are among the recent changes: R. L. Winburn, from Ocomulgee Bridge, to second trick, Savannah "GO" office.

S. L. Thompson, from M. & A. Junction second, to Ocomulgee Bridge, third trick.

A. J. H. Williams extra to M. & A. Junction, third trick.

Bro. N. C. Arnett, third M. & A. Junction, to second trick at same place.

Bro. W. H. Williams, third at Ocomulgee Bridge, to second trick at same place.

F. W. Shumpert, second trick Millen, to Midville, as operator and clerk vice Bro. Braddereck, who left there on account of the sickly location.

E. H. Bevill, extra, to Pooler agency, temporarily, until position can be bulletined and bid in by some older man.

J. L. Briggs, Meldrim agency, temporarily until bulletined, relieving Bro. D. W. Boland.

Bro. B. J. Moore to Tybee depot agency, vice Bro. N. A. Williams, who returns to Bartow agency.

Sister B. Holland, Dover, while on an extended visit to relatives in N. C., was relieved by Bro. E. H. Holland, from Gordon third trick, who is now back on third trick at Dover, for the winter season.

Sister Home, of Statesboro, who has been down with rheumatism for some time, was relieved by Bro. Griffin, of Glennville, who later on left for a more lucrative position with the G. S. & E., and was relieved by Mr. Hunter of Statesboro.

CERT. 3.

Chattanooga Division—

We all know that no Order man would be guilty of using the improper language frequently heard on our W. U. wire, and we also know who the culprit is. It is about time to be thinking about that new card. Let's all think in time.

Bro. Witcher, of Raymond, was off recently on account of the death of his wife's mother.

Bro. Conyers, of Newnan, while attending court recently was relieved by Bro. Shackelford.

Bro. Bailey, of Lavender, is relieving Bro. Bolton at Yard office Chattanooga, the latter substituting for his brother at Chickamauga, while visiting home folks.

Bro. Dunaway, of Chickamauga, is being relieved by Mr. Walker, from the W. and A.

Bro. Bledsoe, of Lindale, while visiting home folks at Carrollton, was relieved by Bro. Abrams.

CERT. 265.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

President Taft passed over our line September 23.

Mr. Greenberg, second and Bro. T. P. Leedom, third trick at Tennessee Pass, has resigned.

Bro. T. S. Wilkins is with the C. R. I. & P., at Topeka.

E. F. Albert, from the Pennsylvania Ry., and C. E. Cooke, are located at Buena Vista.

There is a new man at the construction camp.

Extra Dispatcher Larmie, is now working a trick out of Glenwood on account being short a man there.

We would like to have a good write-up each month, but very few of the boys send me any items. "Q" CERT. 457.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento Division—

We still have a very few non-members, and will not rest until we have the desired 100 per cent. Your local chairman will appreciate a little more assistance from the membership, as it will bring very good results. Brothers, get a list of the non-members from your chairman, and do everything honorable to get them to join. All but two of the fifteen on this division have promised to sign up "soon."

Traffic on the Sacramento Division is probably heavier just at present than ever before, the idle men in all departments working, and business promises to remain good indefinitely.

As this is vacation time, one would look for many station changes, but on account of the limited number of extra men on the division, quite a number of applicants for leave will probably have to wait until later in the fall to get away.

Bulletin No. 51 shows the following vacancies, which will be open for bids for 30 days:

Third telegrapher, Roseville; second telegrapher, New Castle; first telegrapher, Blue Canyon; second telegrapher, Yuba Pass; third telegrapher, Boca; third telegrapher, Verdi; second telegrapher, Marysville; third telegrapher, Woodland; agent, Yolo; agent, Williams; agent, Colusa Junction; clerk and telegrapher, Folsom.

The yard office at Roseville has been recently made continuous service, with an opening for

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two telegraphers. These positions will no doubt be shown on Bulletin No. 52. Bro. Miner has moved from "JN" office to "YD" and taken second trick, Telegrapher Fenton, a new man on the division, working third.

Bro. Brewer, third at Roseville, has taken second at that place; relieved by Bro. C. C. Stroupe.

Bro. J. Pingland, agent Woodland, on vacation, taking in the Seattle Fair. Bro. C. S. Greene, first at Reno, is relieving him.

Bro. Roth has returned from his Eastern trip, and is again at work at Tehama. Sister Sellick has also resumed work there.

Bro. Jepson, of Verdi, has been on the sick list, being relieved by Bro. A. T. Johnston.

Bro. J. F. Niedeffer relieved one of the dispatchers in Sacramento office for a few days.

Bro. Ellis Bryan is on a visit to his old homestead in Tennessee, and will probably take in Los Angeles and the Seattle Fair. Bro. Paul Storey is handling second at Tunnel 13 while Bro. Bryan is away.

Bro. F. F. Konrad, first trick at Tunnel 13, was relieved by Bro. H. E. Stewart while on his wedding trip.

Bro. F. M. Roy, who has been in the Sacramento Hospital for six months, is improving rapidly, and is now able to be out. We hope to see him in his old position at Reno soon.

Bro. H. D. Stabler, of Floriston, is visiting his people in Ohio.

Sister M. F. Joy has returned from an extended vacation, and resumed duty as agent at Durham. Mr. Lewis, who relieved her, has gone into other business.

Bro. G. S. Cryder is working third at Chico while Bro. Lacey is away.

Sister Middlemiss, who has been in poor health for some time, has returned to work at Applegate.

Bro. F. I. Harmon, of Midas, called to Sacramento recently, on account of the illness of his wife. He was relieved by Mr. Shumaker, a new man on the division.

Bro. P. R. Bell, extra at "RD," San Francisco, is now working third trick at New Castle.

Bro. C. A. Nelson has accepted position as dispatcher for the Northern Electric at Chico.

Bro. M. C. Gorton, agent at Wheatland, is spending part of his vacation with his brother, Bro. W. H. Gorton, at Grand Rapids.

Bros. C. K. Reed, F. M. Thompson and R. W. Reeves, of Sacramento, have been transferred to Oakland.

Bro. [illegible] has taken the agency at Colusa [illegible]. Bro. Yates is off for a few days.

[illegible] Sister Sadie Hall, wife of Bro. [illegible] Hall, has returned from a visit to her old home in Kansas.

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Shasta Division—

Bro. Gough, after relieving at Red Bluff, went to San Francisco, and Bro. G. A. Flynn relieved Sister M. E. Joy, first trick. Bro. and Sister Bundy are back to the second and third tricks at Red Bluff.

F. Wright, a new man from Los Angeles, had second trick at Redding a few days, until Bro. C. B. Mills was relieved.

Bro. L. B. Brown is on a hunting excursion near McCloud, being relieved by Bro. Neimeyer, who was in turn relieved by Bro. J. W. Craig. Bro. Neimeyer went to his bulletin position as agent at Pitt.

Bro. L. W. Meyers, who was relieving Bro. Rieser, agent at Montague, has taken his vacation, during which he will visit many points of interest in the East, including Washington, D. C., New York and others. Bro. Schutt assisted Bro. Meyers at Montague. Mr. Brown, a new man on the division, is working second.

Bro. and Mrs. Pearson are back, after enjoying a very pleasant vacation. Bro. F. E. Walters, our local chairman, has his old hours, 12 noon to 10 p. m.

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T. & N. O. District—

Bro. Lester, our local chairman, attended the meeting of the general committee at Houston, on September 10th. Mr. Puterbaugh relieved him on second trick at Beaumont. Bro. Lester is trying his best to line up the nons, and we should all help him out by writing or calling them up and giving them a little talk now and then. If you would just "coax" 'em a little now and then, it would not be very long till we had 'em going.

Mr. Rogers, first at Beaumont, worked several days as extra dispatcher at Jacksonville. Bro. G. C. Weddell, who is now doing third trick at "HD," Houston, relieved him. This third trick is a new position, just opened up on September 20.

All tricks in "HD," Houston, Beaumont and Echo are nine hours instead of eight.

Bro. F. B. Paris, of regular second trick at Echo, is at "HN," Houston, during the absence of Bro. W. O. Sherwood.

Bro. Vaughn, second trick, Liberty, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Edwards is relieving Bro. Wm. Miles, agent Jacksonville, who is on a ninety-day leave.

Bro. Summerhill bid in Nome agency on last bulletin.

Bro. Mabl, agent at Frankston, absent for thirty to sixty days, is being relieved by Mr. Jones.

Bro. R. Crosby, operator and cashier at Kaufman, who was off several days account sickness, has returned.

CERT. 2154.

G. H. & S. A. El Paso Division—

Have been "on the poke" for some time and not hearing a word from our nearly solid division, will ask another from our regular correspondent for Sept. 15th, and he will no doubt get in the game in the near future and give us a good, [illegible] write up.

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Nearly everybody is armed with an up-to-date. Now, let's round up what few nons are left.

The latest assignments are: S. A. Thompson, our local chairman, to Longfellow, nights; J. D. Hackett, Finlay days; J. O. Frilick, Sierra Blanca first trick. This leaves the following vacancies: Lobo, day telegrapher and pump; Chocar, nights and pump; Ft. Hancock, agency and first trick.

W. E. Morgan, a new man, is doing the extra stunt.

The Gravel Pit is closed for the season, and the shovel moved to the Houston Division.

C. L. Fisher has accepted a position with C., M. & St. P., and was relieved on first trick at "JN" by Bro. White.

Mr. Lawrence is doing the heavy in "RK," being relieved at "RN" first by Bro. M. J. Bee, just recently from the I. C.

Bro. Straw, second at "RN," on a trip to the city; relieved by B. E. Bee, brother of M. J., also a new man from the I. C.

Bro. Polk is having considerable trouble keeping the coyotes away from his chicken ranch, being on duty when the "slight o' hand" performance is going on.

Bro. Clarke is doing the relief agent stunt.

CERT. 2837.

Colorado & Southern Division—

D. B. Porter has been appointed assistant agent and operator at Wheatland, Wyo.

San Joaquin District—

CARD OF THANKS.

Through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER I desire to thank the kind brothers who offered their assistance and sympathy in my late bereavement. Also, their thoughtfulness in causing to appear at the funeral at San Francisco a most beautiful floral offering, will always be a recollection that will make me proud of being "one of the boys." CLYDE MALLACHOWITZ.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Pacific Division, First District—

The following extracts are from a letter from Bro. Baker, who never fails to help out on the write-up each month:

Have today received a copy of Bro. Holmes' delinquent list for the term ending December 31st. Some are members who have left the road, others were delinquent for previous card.

The latest move of great benefit to the Order is the Federation of Railway Employes, which we hope to have on the N. P. system. Bro. Perham is greatly interested in this. It means an amalgamation of all the various orders into one grand federation as a branch of the A. F. L., and should result in a vast amount of good to all.

By standing together and presenting a solid front to the employing class, each union will better its position by just that much in fighting for concessions.

Kent—Bro. W. F. Pangle, from Palmer Junction, on first; Bro. C. H. Girardot on second again.

"WR," Tacoma—Mr. Heiser promoted from "WR" to a trick in "Q." Bro. Defore working fourth trick, as night manager. Mr. Stiles working Heiser's trick, and Bro. Sales, from Cle Elum, bid in the third trick. Business is very heavy, and there is some talk of putting on a fifth man.

Buckley Line—Bro. Fred. R. Bradbury took a layoff; relieved by S. H. Brown. Have not learned whether he had carried a card or not.

Ellensberg—Work is well under way here for a new brick depot, a much-needed improvement, as the old one has served ever since the road was first put through.

Thorp—Bro. G. E. Carvel to Vancouver Junction, on bulletin; vacancy filled by Bro. K. M. Hudson, from Kent.

Bristol—M. P. Beveridge, who relieved J. A. Butchcoe, has gone to the S. P. & S. Believe we are well rid of him, as he has a record on the Santa Fe during the strike. Bro. G. M. Milton bid in the agency at Yelm; vacancy filled by Bro. O. H. Littlepage, of the Grand Division.

Cle Elum—Bro. L. W. Powell is back from his vacation on first trick. Brunner and Reilly back on second and third.

Upham—First, H. V. LaDow; second, J. L. McDaniels; C. J. Woofter, an old C. T. U. A. and O. R. T. war-hoss, out for two years, on third. Bro. E. Best resigned, and is back home in "Ole Kaintuck."

Martin—Bro. C. A. Defore back to "WR," Tacoma; relieved by Bro. M. E. Stack, who later went to Tenino, being relieved at Martin by C. R. Albers.

Stampede—Bro. W. Inthout, from first at Upham, changed jobs with H. V. LaDow, on third at Stampede.

Borup—M. C. Bayer, on second, on short vacation; relieved by former Dispatcher M. B. Roach.

Weston—J. Bassett relieved by Bro. A. W. Handerson, extra.

Lester—Bro. E. G. Mathews took a thirty-day vacation. This moved W. W. Whitickare up to second, and F. S. Barlow, third.

Maywood—Bid in by Mr. Howe, from Upham.

Eagle Gorge—Bulletin out for an operator to assist the agent, Bro. H. E. McDaniels, who has been doing the telegraph work for over a year.

Lemolo—Bro. McKiddy, who had his foot burned quite badly with melting chemicals from a burning fuse, is now getting along nicely.

Palmer Junction—Bro. A. Schweinforth to Aberdeen. Bro. W. H. Jones and Sister A. M. Jones working first and second; Bro. A. McCarty on third.

Kanaskat—D. M. Davis, from Cle Elum, to first, left vacant by Sister A. M. Jones. G. C. Amspoker gone East on vacation; relieved by C. H. Hawkins.

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Ravensdale—Bros. Kimball and Kelly left the service. Bro. F. Wall on second, and Bro. C. Gregory on third.

Wynaco—Bro. Kingsmill Commander, who took a two weeks' vacation, and visited Seattle, was relieved by George Edward Dean, from the R. M. Division, who later went to South Bend.

G. C.

Relay Division—

Several applications have been received since last report, but we still have plenty of blanks on hand, and the chairman is prepared to kill the fatted calf when the prodigals return.

The nons will undoubtedly realize the mistake they have made by failing to help us increase the membership, when they take a look at the next schedule, which, on account of their lassitude, will, no doubt, be made without a representative from the Relay Division.

The Relay men who were loyal to the company, and disloyal to themselves, during the late N. P. strike, have been relieved as fast as the N. P. could get rid of them. This is the kind of gratitude they can always expect.

Percy Briggs, of Tacoma, is on a thirty-day leave, fishing along the Stillwater River, in Montana. Mr. Hawkins has resigned to engage in the restaurant business in Everett.

M. C. Egan, Spokane, is on an extended leave of absence; relieved by S. C. Flannigan.

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Dakota and Fargo Divisions—

A number of the boys went to Bismarck to register on the land drawing of the Cheyenne and Standing Rock reservation. Here is hoping they will all get a claim. What a bunch of "ham-farmers" there will be in that country.

Bro. Thompson, at Medina, has resigned, and that station is now up for bid.

Bro. Ebert has been relieved, temporarily, at Bismarck, by Mr. Byer, from Burleigh.

Bro. Merrick, from Dawson, first, has been transferred to Bismarck, temporarily, during the registration rush.

Bro. Leach, at McKenzie, was off for a few days on a hunting trip.

Bro. McIntire, transferred from Steele, third, to Crystal Springs, first; relieved at Steele by Mr. Byer.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Dakota Division—

Brothers, I would appreciate it, when a new man comes to your station, or an office opened, if you would drop me a line, so we can have a full line-up of the new men, and keep up our end in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Boys, let us give our local message wire, No. 27, a little better attention. Failure to answer promptly ties up the whole wire, and causes needless delays in many ways.

Bro. Roach, Medina, third, transferred to Steele, third; relieved by P. H. Perry, a new man. Bro. Peterson, second at Steele, and Mr. Byer is at Burleigh on third.

Bro. Robinson, Sterling, relieved for a few days by Mr. Glendening, the newly appointed relief agent for Dakota Division.

Mr. McEntire is working first at Driscol; Mr. Hendrix having the agency exclusively.

Berner has been opened, but have been unable to learn the occupant.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Idaho Division—

It has been a long time since the Idaho Division has been heard from, and we want to show them we are not as dead as we look. We especially wish some one down on the Lewiston and Palouse Branch would wake up and send in a few items.

Cheer up, boys, don't get cold feet just because we are working on telephones. Conditions are lots better than at other places where they have phones. We have suffered no decrease in salary, and none but operators are hired. Get after the nons and wake them up. Don't let them think they are laying in front of a juggernaut. There's always room some place for all of us to get into clear.

J. I. Snyder, recently from Great Northern, is now on second, at Plains, on account of Bro. Leo Lentsch being transferred to second at Sand Point, and Bro. Garber from second, at Plains, to third. Mr. Weiser, second at Sand Point, transferred to first at Kootenai.

C. R. Donelson, third at Noxon, relieved by Ed. Noble, who is just out of the Missoula Hospital. He met with an accident, at Tuscor, last July, which will cripple him for some time.

Bro. Fred. Mueller, second at Tuscor, made a hurried trip recently to Moline, Ill., accompanied by his wife, on account of a death in the family.

A. O. White appointed permanent agent at Heron, relieving R. A. Chapel, who has taken third trick. Bro. Finkbone, owl trick at Heron, is on six weeks' vacation visiting home folks near Columbus, Ohio.

Bro. Rice, formerly first at Trout Creek, accepted a position as relief agent on the S. P., and is now at Mercede, Cal.

F. L. Updyke, third at Cabinet, while visiting the fair at Spokane, was relieved by A. L. Purson.

Bro. W. L. Bassett, formerly third trick at Trent, is now with the G. N. at Hillyard, Wash.

R. R. Clancy is now on third, regular, at Trout Creek.

Please send in your items addressed to Division Correspondent, Box 230, Plains, Mont., by the tenth of the month.

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Minnesota Division—

Bro. Meyers is back to work at Glyndon, after a short vacation.

Bro. Steerholm, second trick, Glyndon, on sick list.

L. P. Miner Hawley, on vacation, is being relieved by Bro. Robinson, a new man.

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Mr. Ringstad, Grand Forks, transferred to agency, Milner, N. D., relieving Mr. Wallar, who went to Vining.

T. A. Helgeson, agent, Audubon, resigned; relieved by Bro. Rownswell, whom the boys are all glad to see back with us.

Bro. Sorrells is at the new office opened up, one mile west of Lake Park, on account of work trains.

Bro. Evans, Frazer, transferred to New York Mills agency; relieved by Bro. Ogrosky.

Bro. Holt, another new man, is working third trick at Wadena.

Your local chairman is very busy, and we would like to have a write-up in every month's TELEGRAPHER, if possible. Any brother who will act as Division Correspondent, kindly drop me a letter by United States mail, Box 793, Staples, Minn. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Montana Division

"No card, no favors."

Did you ever stop to think what the telegrapher could demand if there were no nons? Just give the question a serious thought.

The non at Livingston says "dassent join or will get fired." No one was ever discharged from that office for being a member of the O. R. T. that we know of.

Bro. L. A. Nott transferred to Livingston message office, relieved at Hoppers by E. L. Burroughs, a new man from Detroit, Mich. Later, Bro. Nott resigned on account of poor health and went to Nevada.

Bro. Altice, at Winston, on vacation, relieved by a new man on the line named Stritch.

Mr. Huntley has been transferred from Springdale to Cardwell. He was relieved by Bro. Guy McNabney from the Illinois Central, while Mr. Brown, a new man, relieved Bro. Shuping at that point.

Bro. H. B. Chambers, of Greycliff, drew third at Manhattan on bulletin.

Bro. J. P. Cranwill was relieved at Muir by Bro. A. B. Williams, of Wade, N. C., while on a hunting trip in the Bridger Mountains.

On the return of Bro. R. E. Lovejoy at Muir, Bro. Williams relieved E. T. Cowan at Chestnut, who went to Livingston, drew his pay and disappeared, it is claimed, owing debts at Chestnut amounting to about $35.00. The agent discovered several tickets missing from the ticket case, also.

J. A. Trice relieved Bro. Leach at Mission, who went to Merrill. He and his brother, also at Merrill, will get the first and second tricks at Quebec as soon as that office is opened.

On the return of Bro. J. W. Labertew to Chestnut, Bro. A. B. Williams went to Lombard, relieving Mr. Collins.

Bro. M. A. Nelson, at Park City, resigned, relieved by second trick man.

Bro. J. H. Hemmerly, transferred from G. N. Junction to Gardner. Bro. Thompson was checked in at G. N. Junction as agent, but later bumped by "Hard-up" Winters, from Laurel yard office. Bro. Thompson took third while Bro. Ramsey, a new man, took second.

P. C. Bryan, at "S," Billings, says the Order is no good. A man who will double up and work 16 hours in two or more offices is not and never will be a good union man.

Bro. Robinson, who drew one of the tricks at Clow, was relieved at Belgrade by Mr. Carey, a new man. Bro. Pravitz relieved Wilson, of the second trick.

D. B. Wintersteen received second at Muir and Mr. Fitzgerald, third at Bozeman, the first trick at that point.

M. M. McMullen has been transferred from Muir to Townsend.

Local Chairman Carpenter will be away on leave after December 1st, and items for the journal should be mailed to Bro. E. P. Smith, R. F. D. No. 1, Billings, Mont., not later than the 10th of each month.

A few of the boys have mentioned a desire for a meeting to be held at some point where a large attendance could be expected. I would be pleased to hear from those who are in favor of it, and would appreciate any suggestions they could make.

Lynch, new man from the east end, has the new trick at Logan, 3 a. m. to 12 noon. Stewart, laying off, relieved by Jamison, a non. Understand Smith will take the position of agent at Trident, recently created upon Stewart's return.

S. Barry has moved his family here from Tennessee, and been transferred from Billings depot at relay office there. Boyd has resigned and taken a better position at Sheridan, Wyo.; relieved at "BG," by G. E. Pollard (a non) from the Q.

L. A. Gates, Hoppers, went firing—shoveled coal into a helper engine one trip up the mountain, and is now back at Hoppers, working second telegraph trick.

R. E. Lovejoy, third at Muir, off thirty days to the coast; relieved by M. B. McMullen, of Fargo, N. D.

J. W. Labertew, agent, Chestnut, on vacation; relieved by E. T. Cowan, G. N. Ry.

A vacancy at Belgrade is on bulletin; understand A. T. Hampson will be transferred to another division.

C. A. Reichardt (non) transferred to Billings depot; relieved at Hoppers by L. A. Nott, from Livingston.

W. F. Lively, of Logan, and W. A. Stewart, Rocky Mountain Division, have gone to Colorado to engage in mining.

A. T. Oberg, Whitehall, off three months, trying his hand at another business.

Mrs. Lucky (non) third at Park City, off sixty days. Reported she will live on her claim near there.

Morse, an up-to-date man from the H. V. Ry., was sent to Billings depot, but declined; later placed at Great Northern Junction.

A. J. Dahl, Laurel, to third trick, Logan, on bulletin.

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Miss Smith, on reporting for work, drew third trick at Dehart.

O. P. Chapman has been transferred from Springdale to Billings.

W. B. Robinson, at Toston, reported resigned.

Unable to learn of changes on the east end. Only one brother sent me items this month.

CARPENTER.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. Breed, second, Birdseye, together with Mr. Otten, night pumper at Austin, gave a dance at Austin Auditorium, September 4th. That everybody enjoyed themselves goes without saying; large attendance, including several brothers from Helena and neighboring towns. We ask Bro. Breed to kindly keep these "good times" on schedule as often as every new moon at least, and being manager, we can be reasonably sure that he will "start 'em."

Bro. L. J. Dilley, first at M. C. Crossing, West Helena, was among the merry-makers at the ball.

Operators S. E. and W. P. Wilson, first and third tricks at Birdseye, have recently purchased a new rubber-tired velocipede, and now they make flying trips to Helena in much less time than formerly, having then to wait indefinitely for train connections.

Superintendent Rapelje has been compelled to retire from the service temporarily, and seek medical aid, as a consequence of the injuries he received in the accident at White Pine last fall. We understand he is now under the care of Mayo Bros., the noted surgeons at Rochester, Minn. During his absence M. M. Fowler, a former trainmaster from St. Paul Division, will act as Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Division, at Missoula.

Skyline office was opened, days, on account of work trains laying a new siding, preparatory to establishing regular station there. Three telegraphers will probably constitute the station force. When carpenters complete the office, it will, no doubt, be a "beauty." Bro. Carr is officiating in temporary office.

Bro. and Sister Cooper, first and second at Weed, are taking their annual vacation in Illinois, leaving most of their "sunshine and good cheer" with relatives and friends, in the vicinity of East St. Louis, during their absence.

Bro. Thompson, regular third at Weed, is working first during Bro. Cooper's absence, and Mr. and Mrs. Banks have been delegated to third and second tricks, respectively. "FRITZ."

Yellowstone Division—

Bro. Smoot, our local chairman, has requested me to act as division correspondent. This is my first experience, but with the assistance of each brother and sister on the division, we can be properly represented in the journal each month.

To do this, however, it will be necessary for some brother or sister at each station on the division to send me notes of any changes, or interesting news of any kind, to reach me not later than the tenth of each month. If you have no news or changes just state "no news or no changes at this station this month."

This will require very little effort on your part, and it will be a grand help.

I am sure you will notice a vast difference in the news items from our division each month if you will do this.

Owing to the heavy business, Curlew telegraph office is now open, hours 6 p. m. to 3 a. m.

Applications are being received for agencies at Yates and Custer, which will no doubt be filled by the time this appears in print.

The following are a few changes I have been able to hear of on this division:

Bro. Kemper, first at Glenullen, transferred to Mandan; relieved by Bro. Bandt, second at Glenullen. The latter was relieved by Bro. Ray Whitledge, third trick at Sims.

Mr. Larson, third at Medoro, who resigned and went to his home in Oshkosh, Wis., was relieved by Bro. Clark, from the C., M. & P. S. at Marmarth, N. D.

L. B. Parker is working second trick at Medora while Bro. Gammon is on a 30-day leave of absence at his home in Standish, Mich,

Mr. Atkins, third at Hodges, resigned; relieved by Telegrapher Davis, of Sims.

I hope to have some notes from the Third and Fourth Districts for next month's write-up and also to hear from you soon in regard to arranging a meeting and giving your decision whether you favor it or not.

Brothers, there is no reason why we can not have an interesting write-up every month, if you will only spare at least ten minutes once a month and send Bro. M. A. Smoot, local chairman, Glendive, Mont., a little news not later than the 10th of the month, even if it is only one change at some office. If you have a non at your station, get after him or her until they fill out the blanks. Let us all try and see if we can not make the Yellowstone Division solid.

It would be a good idea if we could have a meeting once a month at some point where it would be most convenient to us all, say Glendive. Let us get together and know just where we stand, and what is going on. Let us hear from you on this subject. It would be a great help to us all. Do not neglect your semi-annual dues and assessments.

Yours, for a solid and up-to-date division.

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Pasco Division—

"Charley" J. Rylander has been transferred from second trick, Bismarck, N. D., to third at Eltopia, Wash. Mr. Rylander is an old agent-telegrapher from the "Omaha," and was a member of Division 76 when he left the service. He hopes that the climate in Washington will prove beneficial to his wife, who has been a sufferer from pneumonia. DIV. COR.

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Southern Ry.

Knoxville Division—

The social session of this division was held at Charleston, Tenn., on Wednesday, September 22d. A reception was given at the School House from 7 to 11:15 p. m., when a number of the boys very reluctantly had to wend their way to the depot to catch the train for home.

The affair was arranged by Local Chairman W. H. Cord, of Charleston, Tenn., and the large attendance of members of the Organization showed how his efforts were appreciated. "We had the time of our lives," was the universal verdict.

As the visitors stepped from the train at Charleston, Bro. Cord presented each one with a handsome badge gotten up for the occasion.

Each member had pinned on his coat a badge with the following lettering: "Member O. R. T., Division 59, Charleston, Tenn., September 22, 1909."

The lady visitors were also given, as badges, a celluloid button, with the wreath and sounder, and two bows of ribbon, green and red. These, of course, will be treasured by the boys and girls like a happy dream, and in days gone by they will look upon September 22d, 1909, with fond recollections. If the boys did not make arrangements with the girls to return to the next reception, it was their own fault.

In all, about sixty telegraphers were in attendance, and 250 invited guests. The stage was decorated with about fifty yards of red, white and blue bunting, and just in front of the people hung to the side of the wall was the sign: "Welcome, O. R. T.," gotten up by the ladies.

The attendance was increased by the kindness of Superintendent Simpson, the chief dispatcher and trainmaster, who not only gave the men leave to attend, but stopped the fast train at Charleston for their accommodation.

Bro. Cord acted as master of ceremonies, and introduced the speakers.

An address of welcome was delivered by Professor Adcock, of the Charleston School, and the following gentlemen then delivered addresses: J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, O. R. T.; J. F. Hoskins, engineer and State representative for the Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers; W. S. Powell, second vice-president International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes; O. B. Keister, master of trains of the Knoxville Division.

Several musical numbers were rendered and enjoyed during the evening, including a chorus of twenty-five young ladies.

After the speaking, refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake, etc., the former having been ordered from Peter Kern & Co., Knoxville, Tenn., and the cakes were baked by the wife of Bro. Cord. One of the cakes, with a solid gold button baked in it, was sold off to the brothers at 25 cents a slice, each one expecting to land the prize. The lucky piece was held by O. B. Keister, trainmaster. We understand the young lady with whom he was enjoying the cake kept the button, and he did not have the nerve to ask her for it.

There was a cake left over, when some one suggested that it be voted to the prettiest girl, and considerable fun and excitement resulted, and a nice sum was realized. Each brother had the best looking damsel, of course, and the voting was fast and furious. Bro. Bradford, of Athens, Tenn., finally having the cake knocked down to his girl for $30.00. This money came in very handy in helping to defray the expense of the occasion, which amounted to nearly $50.00.

The trainmaster gave Bro. Bradford quite a run for the cake, and it must have been "a mascot," for Bro. Bradford has already bid in the third trick at Charleston, and, no doubt, the girl and the cake was the cause of it all.

We must not forget the kindness and courtesies shown us on this occasion by our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. T. A. Boyd, in letting the men off to attend the reception, and we should show our appreciation by a strict attention to business.

Faithfulness to our employers will help increase the revenue and improve the service, the very thing our Organization stands for. Such service will help to bring about better conditions for the telegraphers.

Every one who attended the reception felt better for having done so, as such meetings bring out the best there is in us, and it brought us closer than ever to the men and women who know very little of the duties of the telegrapher.

We were most cordially received by the people of Charleston, and we only trust that more of these receptions will be held on the division. The public heard the speaking, and are in sympathy with us. They say they never understood our aims before, and all that is necessary is for each and every one of us to be manly, honest to our fellowman, to ourselves, giving the company the best service possible, and we will retain the good will we have gained.

This affair has been a great thing for the division, and the public as well, as some of the telegraphers who attended have very different views regarding the railroad telegrapher and his Organization than ever before. These receptions might be held every few months, all over the system, to educate the public and others who know nothing regarding our aims and ambitions. It was the best thing ever happened for the Knoxville Division, or for the system at large, the credit should be given where it belongs, to our worthy local chairman.

Now, boys, don't forget the hard work that it took to get up this reception. As a rule, we are so unmindful of what has to be done, and the hard work and sacrifices that necessarily have to be made when getting up a thing like this.

We must not forget a word of praise for Bros. Cobble and Vaughan, who helped to entertain the people, by donning the white coat and apron and getting busy with the waiter. They both

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seemed as much in their element serving cream to the girls as in a telegraph office.

Those in attendance were: H. G. Alexander, General Chairman, Division 59; O. R. Doyle, G. S. & T., Division 59; W. S. Powell, second vice-president, International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes; O. B. Keister, trainmaster, Knox. division; Jake Vaughan and wife, Knoxville, Tenn.; Sister Smith, Yalu, Tenn.; J. A. Cobble, W. H. Cord, J. T. Weeks, C. F. Rymer, B. H. Welch, Charleston, Tenn.; C. H. Hickory and Miss Hudson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. T. Roush, Chattanooga, Tenn.; D. O. Fullen, Athens, Tenn.; G. R. Harmon, Mohawk; B. N. Edwards, Piney Flats; H. G. Barkley, Hodges; R. L. Driskell, Rogersville Jct.; R. C. May, Telford; W. T. Self, Jonesboro; H. L. Allen, Atlanta; W. H. Painter, Silver Creek, Ga.; J. A. Addleberg, Riceville; S. W. Campbell, Riceville; J. L. Byrum, operator, superintendent's office, Knoxville; O. E. Dyer, superintendent's office, Knoxville, Tenn; J. L. Burns, Niota; W. A. Lewis, Tyner; W. G. Wallance, J. O. Bradford, Athens; O. B. May, C. B. Gray, C. S. Foshee, W. N. McFarland, T. J. Stafford, J. D. Smallin, M. W. Frix, Sister Stokeley, J. J. Dermody, L. C. Berlin. ASSISTANT COR.

Knoxville Division, Between Morristown and Asheville—

The banquet held at Charleston, Tenn., on September 22d, was well attended, and all who were there had the time of their lives. This shows that we can have just as big times and as good meetings as any of the other divisions, if we will only try.

Now let's go to work and make old Division 59 the banner division of the South. Get busy, fill your pockets full of the proper papers, and go after every non you see or can hear of. Work on them until they get a card. Of course, they will put you off with the same old familiar excuse: "That they are going to join next month, or just as soon as they get a regular job." But keep on talking O. R. T. to them till they give in. Don't let them get away from you until you have explained to them what the Order has done for us in the past, and what it will do in the future, when we get the co-operation of every telegrapher on the system. Let's see if we can not have every non on this division into the fold by January 1st.

Mr. Yates is on second trick at White Pine.

Miss Ross, first at Yalu, was off on a month's vacation; relieved by Sister Stokley, of New Port.

The extras are getting about all the work they can now.

Extra A. S. Brown has been working third trick at Paint Rock recently. Bro. O. C. Hawkins, extra, of Craggy, has been working second trick at Wolf Creek for a few days, and Extra J. C. Rector, of Marshall, one trick at Roe Junction for a week.

"A HAM" BEEN WEST.

I've landed from a visit,
  Through the wild and woolly West,
Where you've heard that "coin" was plentiful,
  And the "Hams" could all go dressed.

Don't think I am a "Boomer,"
  When I tell you where I've been,
For, I got a leave of absence
  To take the country in.

I started from Old Marshall,
  It's a sweet Old Town, you know,
And, I'm sure you'll find no better,
  Don't matter where you go.

I've viewed the Rocky Mountains,
  And, I've rode the Santa Fe,
But, the only place of beauty
  Is Old Marshall, N. C.

I've crossed the Utah desert,
  In Salt Lake, took a swim,
I've walked the streets of Portland,
  By the side of "Happy Jim."

I've seen the sights in Tacoma,
  I'll swing it's quite a town,
I've rode the big old steamship
  Across the Puget Sound.

I've one more place to mention,
  And that's the Seattle Fair;
You bet "She" is a daisy,
  You could spend a million there.

I'm sure you'd learn a lesson
  To take a trip like mine,
But before you start to travel,
  You had better get in line.

For, without lots of money,
  You sure will find it hard,
To get accommodated
  Unless you've got a card.

You may think I am just a kidding,
  But just hit the Western slope,
And you'll find there's "nothing doing"
  Unless you've got the "dope."

You will find a "Wreath and Sounder"
  In every patch of woods,
And you'd better have in your pocket
  The thing we call "The Goods."

"BILL BAILEY, Cert. 1609.

Knoxville Division, East End—

We are certainly glad to see the boys getting their working clothes on, and making the interest of our Order the center of their labors. There is something for all of us to do. We have a broad field for labor, and each brother should strive to do his part.

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There is one consoling thought, however, the field is not as broad and rugged as it has been in the past, but there is always work to do, and now is the time to act. Do not say "I can't," but "I will," and if you fail in the effort, then honor is yours just the same.

"An honest effort, yet in vain,
Is worth 'I can't,' repeated over and over again."

Our local chairman, Bro. Cord, is out after the nons, and is meeting with good success. Get aboard the ship of "Justice," worthy non. An up-to-date will pass you to the port of success.

Bro. R. T. Anderson, agent-operator, Whitesburg, was relieved by Bro. Mitchell, while on his wedding tour to Kensee, Ky.; Newton, N. C., and other points.

Bro. Craig is now passing the electric sound waves across the Western plains.

W. E. Jones, second trick, New Line, was relieved by Bro. W. M. Cutshaw, while on short vacation.

J. H. Reams has resumed duty at Keister.

DIV. COR.

Atlanta Division (North End)—

We are still hammering along on the nons. Get after them, brothers and sisters, and come to the meeting every fourth Sunday, 11 a. m., at the Rome Central Labor Union Hall, Rome, Ga. We have a nice hall there, and our chief dispatcher will furnish you transportation if you will write for it. We expect to have Bro. Frix, from the Birmingham Division, with us at one of our meetings pretty soon.

The good old summer time is about gone, fall is almost here, and we want to be prepared for the winter, so let every one of us get after that non. If we will all pull together, it is sure to bring success.

Bro. Allen, our worthy local chairman, was over here recently as organizer and did some good work.

Chief Dispatcher B. F. Langford was off on vacation recently, W. J. Bell acting as chief.

R. O. Daly, third at Dallas, off few days sick; J. E. Underwood, first at Dallas, off on short vacation; Bro. J. L. Thomas, second at Plainville, went to Dallas recently on business; Bro. C. H. Parks, from Waring third, to Knoxville Division; these were all relieved in the order named by Bro. J. L. Parks.

T. J. Rawlins, second Dalton, off several weeks; relieved by W. M. McDonald, third trick. McDonald was relieved by Bro. J. E. Pennington, from south end, who worked a few nights and was relieved by W. C. Cain, Cain worked a few nights and was relieved by A. C. Credle.

Bro. W. E. Dellinger, agent North Rome, Ga., bid on Cohutta agency. Bro. P. O. Parker, agent Cohutta, bid on second at Armour, and Bro. H. A. Henderson, third at Cohutta, bid on second trick at Roseland.

Bro. R. L. Bray, third at Rockmart, bid on second at Armour and got it.

Bro. T. B. Walker is taking life easy around Dalton.

Jobs are being bulletined to perfection now, thanks to our worthy chief dispatcher.

C. H. Callahan went from Armour to third at Brice, relieving A. C. Credle.

Telegrapher Sluder, from Knoxville Division, third at Longs, relieving Bro. Beasley.

Bro. A. F. White got first at McPherson, Batch holding second, and Boone Craig watching third. Batch off sick recently, relieved by W. C. Cain.

Bro. J. C. Gardner, our faithful local chairman, who was off on vacation recently at his home in Calhoun, Ga., and held down the Equitable Building telegraph office, Atlanta, "QN," for awhile is now on third at Roseland.

Bro. J. H. Massingill, third at Plainville, relieved by A. C. Credle, but Credle soon got his walking papers. Bro. Massingill sends best regards to all the brothers. He will probably hit the A. C. L.

A so-called first-class telegrapher over here recently pulled the board for a train while the dispatcher was sending him an order for it.

W. H. Davis, third at Brice, called home on account of his mother being sick, was relieved by W. C. Cain, who, after working three nights, was sent to Dalton; relieved by A. C. Credle, who, after a few nights, was rolled by C. H. Callahan, from Armour.

Bro. A. F. White, first McPherson, off a few days recently, was relieved by A. C. Credle.

R. O. Daly, third Dallas, called to office, being relieved by C. H. Callahan's son.

Bro. B. Lambert, second at Hiram will shortly have a six months' leave of absence and take a course in some medical college.

Pat O'Brien, third at Rome, who has been off some time sick, relieved by "KI."

Bro. W. E. Dellinger, agent North Rome, on a trip to Kansas, relieved by D. M. Butler, second at Shannon, who was relieved by Mr. Stephen.

Bro. O. G. Davis, third Oostanaula, relieved by W. H. Davis a few days.

Bro. W. H. Painter, third Siler Creek, relieved by W. F. Thomas while on a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., and attending the Knoxville division meeting at Charleston, Tenn., September 28th.

W. N. Thomas, third at Phelps, spent a few days in Atlanta recently; relieved by W. F. Thomas.

Second trick at McPherson and third at Rockmart are open.

Longs block office was closed recently on account of Telegrapher Sluder being sick. He was later relieved by Mr. Smathers.

Plainville third trick closed recently on account of not being able to raise an operator.

Bro. H. A. Henderson transferred from third at Cohutta to second at Roseland; relieved by W. C. Cain.

Bro. E. C. Needham, second at Waring, took in the circus at Dalton; relieved by Mr. Bland.

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SOME SIGNS OF FALL.

The muscadine has ripened
On its vine beside the stream,
And the possum now is feasting,
You can see his "ivories" gleam.
And soon old "Don" will answer
To the hunting horn's clear call,
And the possum hunt is on us,
And then we know it's fall.

When you see the circus poster
Scattered broadcast o'er the land,
With Barnum & Bailey, the greatest on earth,
And John Robinson's band.
When you see the roaring lions,
The funny clowns and all,
Most anyone can tell you,
That that's a sign of fall.

When you're passing by a restaurant
And catch a savory smell,
That somehow seems familiar,
But somehow you can't tell
Just what it is that's calling you,
But you listen to the call,
And you find your friend, the oyster,
And then you think it's fall.

When the freights are passing by you
And you see a boomer "op,"
You ask him to lay over,
But he hasn't time to stop
For he is headed for the South,
To hear the "niggers" bawl;
The "hams" our way are coming,
And now we know it's fall.

ASST. DIV. COR.

Charlotte Division, North End—

R. C. Patterson, third Charlotte "MR" office, has accepted a position with the Western Union in New York City.

Bro. Darst was relieved recently by H. E. Galloway and J. O. Dickerson.

Bro. H. G Alexander, our new general chairman, was in Charlotte, recently, the guest of Bro. A. C. Poole.

Norman Whisnant, extra trick dispatcher, is relieving the regular dispatchers for their annual vacation. Bro. A. C. Poole is acting as chief clerk.

Bros. Earnest B. Hunter and H. A. Quickel of the Charlotte force, are going to school at A. and M. College, East Raleigh, N. C.

The new man at "KO," Dickson, has a student already. This is a pretty bad start.

The telegrapher at Juneau still insists on keeping the student to put up the switch lights.

Henry Savage has returned again.

Bro. J. R. Graham made a flying visit to Virginia a few days ago, being relieved by T. S. Lefler.

J. A. Davis, third trick at Spartanburg, who recently fell off a yard engine and broke his arm, was relieved by Geo. F. Goodwin, third at Mount Zion. The latter was relieved later on by J. L. Seal.

Bros. W. M. Freeze and R. M. Allen went to Mooresville, N. C., got behind a wreck and missed the meeting last month.

S. A. Crisp, second trick at Grover, has left the service.

Bro. Fred Carver has been assigned to first trick Spartanburg.

Bro. W. L. Hogan visited his home folks recently.

We should elect some good man as division correspondent on some light third trick job, who can keep up with what is going on over the line. A good man from north of Charlotte should also be elected as correspondent. R. M. ALLEN.

Winston-Salem Division—

We are still hammering away on the few nons here. We can soon get this division solid if the members will only take a little more interest in the work, and help out the local chairman by speaking to their neighbor non and try to show him it is his duty to come within the fold under the shelter of our excellent organization.

This line is solid from Charlotte to Winston-Salem with but one exception, and hope to have the north end in nice shape before many more moons.

W. J. Parks, agent at Davidson, J. E. Mahaffey, agent at Woodleaf, and C. E. Mickey, agent at Advance, good, substantial men, have joined recently, and add much strength to our Order.

Bro. E. A. Huffman, the esteemed local chairman of the Asheville Division, who called a few days ago, reports everything in good condition on his division, and if the boys will give him their earnest support, they will soon have one of the best organized divisions on the entire system.

Bro. R. H. Baker, Mooresville, who has been taking his vacation, was relieved by Mr. Robinson.

Bro. T. F. Butner, Mt. Airy, is now working in dispatcher's office at Winston-Salem, being relieved by Mr. Cox, from Greensboro.

Bro. C. E. Mickey, agent Advance, while on vacation, was relieved by Miss Crews.

Now, let every member settle on some particular non and land him.

I am ever at your service. W. R. L.

Coster Division—

Our new chief dispatcher has been advertising the vacancies in a more satisfactory manner than any of his predecessors and we hope he will keep up the good work. The brothers should keep Bro. C. B. G. advised of all prospective vacancies, so that he may know they are bulletined according to our contract, otherwise they may occur and be filled before those desiring to bid for vacancies know anything about them.

Our new extra dispatcher is all right, too. See that you treat him clean, boys, and you will find that he will treat you right in return.

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Quite a number of changes have been made on this division recently, and we hope those who were transferred, etc., are well satisfied therewith.

Business seems to be picking up, and it's high time we were getting a little busy on our own account.

If we expect the officials to know we are alive we should make some kind of a noise.

Such a thing as a write-up in our journal has been a rare occurrence of late. This should be remedied.

Don't you think it's about time to put it up "stiff and strong" to these "has beens" and nons over here?

Some of these "stockholders" (?) now telegraphing on this division should be made to see what they are doing to injure themselves and us.

If you should "drive up" and ask some of the occupants of several offices along this line, "Have you one?" the same old reply would be received: "Not now, but I expect to have one soon."

Then ask: "What are you waiting for?" "Regular time" would be the answer, without stopping to take a breath. This would be amusing if it wasn't so serious, for we know there's only about three extras on this division any more.

Now, the Order means just the same to these "has beens" and nons as it does to us.

If they miss a meal hour or work a few minutes after their time of relief they never fail to look at the schedule and see if they are not entitled to overtime, then in goes the slip.

They are deaf as a mute when money is needed to defray the expenses of the committee to get this. They say, "I'm no member, I don't owe the Order anything," but when the committee returns with a raise they hear the slightest whisper about it. Funny, isn't it? Only one side for them to look at, and that is "ME."

"If I was the *only* non I know of, why, I would join," is another of their stock-in-trade replies.

If they would only think of the little saying: "Every little bit added to what you got makes a little bit more," and then realize what it means, there might be some hope. Then, we have a few who haven't got their cards renewed who ought to be managers of some big football team, where they could kick all the time.

And then, there are some who just neglected it. All got jobs, too. Boys, get right and stay right.

One more bad thing (or perhaps it's a disease) —trying to fit others to take our places. That's worse than the regular or irregular "ham factory" professor (?) who issues diplomas to gullible boys and girls.

Ask the operators guilty of such folly why they are doing this and they will say because the superintendent said so. Now, my misguided friend, if you will show me anywhere in rule books, tariffs, time tables or schedules where we are required to teach telegraphy, you will then be entitled to an apology, and I will freely make one.

In the meantime, however, put the finishing touches on your "stove-pipe dude" student, and you will soon have him ready to take your place and decrease the wages of others.

Boys, get busy.

"I'VE GOT MINE."
CERT. 1981.

ORGANIZE.

Oh, operators of the Southern,
Unite and organize,
For honor, home and liberty,
Your sweethearts and your wives.

We know in Union there is strength,
And victory is ours,
For better pay and fairer play,
Respect and shorter hours.

We appeal to you, brothers,
In a just and holy cause,
This land is ours, its fruits and flowers,
Its governments and laws.

The working men have made it all,
With muscle, blood and bone
Now all we ask is justice,
With a right to own a home.

Our weapons are intelligence,
With fearless voice and pen,
And God will surely lead us,
If we only act as men.

Oh, rise and take what is your own,
Be faithful just and true,
And show the money kings,
What working men can do.

The fight is to the finish,
We know our cause is right,
Our motto: Love and Liberty,
In union there is might.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Robert Eugene Harper and daughter wish to express to their friends of the O. R. T. their most sincere appreciation for the beautiful expression of sympathy and the comfort it gave them in their great sorrow.

Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

Chattanooga Division—

Some of the brothers we know, who have been working ten or more hours for days at a time, despite the nine-hour law in day and night offices, should discontinue this practice at once, as it is a violation of the law, and should the proper person take hold of it, there would be trouble for those concerned.

There has also been a great deal of doubling done of late. We should be very careful about this, as the law very plainly states how long operators shall remain on duty. The word "emer-

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gency" does not cover all kinds of excuses for doubling, and we know of one man who worked forty hours out of forty-eight.

There is a "ham" factory at Kings Mountain, owned and operated by T. F. Dunaway, whose intended output contains a product already tainted that will not be used, no matter how hard the "Prof." tries to cure him. The brothers should have nothing to do with this traitor, or his products. He has been warned to cease operations, but up to the present has failed to do so. We all know the oath he took once upon a time.

Let's all try to attend the "First Grand Ball," to be given by Division 62, at Oakdale, on November 4th, and sell as many tickets for it as possible.

Bro. H. L. Dumas, second trick, McKinney, off for several days on account of the sickness of his wife; relieved by S. C. Winfrey, extra, from N. O. & N. E.

Bro. Gastineau, Cumberland Falls, seriously injured by falling from a semaphore, was found unconscious by a passenger train crew.

Bro. O. L. Minks, resigned second, "SJ" tower, says he is going to join the Army Signal Corps.

Bro. W. O. Bastin, agent at Science Hill, on vacation, relieved by Bro. V. N. Bastin, second, Kings Mountain. Bro. Bastin was relieved by Mr. Hadley, who was shot by some unknown person, while at work, but not seriously injured.

Bro. A. O. King, agent, Eubanks, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Ed. Rigney, third there.

Night office, Cumberland Falls, closed, and night office, Stearns, opened, on account of coaling stations at Cumberland Falls and Glen Mary being discontinued. Night office, Pine Knot, also closed. Bro. Mathias transferred from Pine Knot to Stearns, until that position bulletined and filled.

Bro. W. B. Compton, first, Moreland, off several days, relieved by A. L. Crain, from L. & N.

Bro. B. P. Shewmaker, agent, Moreland, off on business, relieved by Bro. Compton.

DIV. COR.

Great Northern Ry.

Sioux City Division -

Station helpers have been put on at Maynard, Clara City, Lennox, Struble and Merrill. Now, boys, you see some of the finger prints of the nine-hour law. We can not expect to get all the good things in a chunk, but if you will put your shoulders to the wheel and just shove a little more it will surprise you all to see the results. We hope that all the agents thus benefited are right there with little cards. The O. R. T. and the nine-hour law must be given credit for all this. I have worked eighteen and twenty hours a day, and then been written up, because I happened to fall asleep writing up freight receipts, causing the dispatcher to call a few times to raise me. If the railroads were to put us back on the old working schedule we had fifteen years ago for three months, I am safe in saying there would not be a wire or station man out of the O. R. T. But I would rather pay my money, and know it was getting some good things for the non who can not see any good in organization, than have the old order of things in vogue again.

Bro. Malumum, days, Sioux City yards, off on vacation in Wisconsin, has been relieved by most every wire man that could be hired. At present Relief Agent Carl is holding down the shack.

Bro. H. G. Decker, first at Garretson, resigned to take a better position on the Superior Division. Mr. Markstrom, from Sioux Falls, is filling the vacancy, and a new man is at Sioux Falls.

Ralph Munson is working nights at Marshall.

Agent Fairchilds, of Clara City, has been relieved by Relief Agent Gleason, while Mrs. Fairchilds is at the hospital for an operation.

Mrs. H. G. Judd, wife of Bro. Judd, at Cottonwood, has just undergone a successful operation at the hospital.

Mr. Nichols, Lester, nights, landed agency at Booge, S. D.

Mr. Schlatter has left the G. N., and been relieved as agent, at Hinton, by a new man from the South Dakota Central.

Spokane Division—

Bro. Gribble has left Bonners Ferry for the S. P. in California. Bro. Hadenfelt has returned to "BY," from Hillyard. The latter is now straight non. Why?

Agent McGurk, of Naples, has resigned and returned to his home at Shortsville, N. Y. Bro. Honsinger relieved McGurk as agent, permanently. Telegrapher Slingerland lately joined us, so Naples is now solid.

Bro. H. W. Lane, formerly with N. P., relieved Bro. Barrett at Newport. The latter went to Odessa.

Bro. Hansen is back at Colbert. We hope he and Bro. Frick will be able to get Telegrapher Smith into line. "SF" will then be solid.

Harrington has undergone a revolution. Bros. Slocumb, Waftanowski and Ford are now there.

Bro. Brown, formerly agent at Wilson Creek, has been transferred to Odessa.

T. J. Logan, at Wilson Creek, has enlisted. "Tom" is one of our favorites.

Geo. Godfrey was lately checked in as agent at Adrian; Bro. Easterly taking up a trick as operator there.

Bro. Purcell, one of the few blossoms in the desert, is working second at Trinidad.

Bro. Knowlton, at Columbia River, is laying off; relieved by Telegrapher Larson. C. T. Meigs lately went to work there, also. Both are former members, and will soon be up-to-date again.

The few on this division who have not paid up yet, should not delay any longer.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

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Butte Division —

E. B. Smith, Rimrock, is enjoying a vacation; relieved by Mr. A. F. Bassett.

Mr. Jones, formerly of the "PD" relay office, is now handling the temporary office at Tunnel No. 1.

Bro. W. V. Laing, formerly with the C. M. & P. S., is now working first trick at Judith Gap, relieving Mr. Krasinsky, who goes to St. Paul.

Bro. A. J. White, on third at the Gap, relieving Bro. Pat Hannan, who has returned to New York State.

Agent Crandall relieved Bro. Farmer at Armington, who has gone South.

Agent Cary is having his trouble in keeping foners at belt.

Young Epperson is now holding second foner's job at Gerber.

Our congenial trainmaster, Mr. Votaw, was pressed into service as operator at Belt for a few days last week. He is more at home with the key than the fone.

Misses Norma and Lillian Stewart, at Wolf Creek, are dissatisfied with the recent reduction, owing to Wolf Creek being made a fone job, and are contemplating bumping some of the telegraph operators at the terminal jobs. We would certainly like to see these young ladies get their seniority rights, and then get an up-to-date card; the little instrument that made bumping possible on the Great Northern.

Agent B. C. Keeley, Corbin, being transferred to Boulder, as ex-dispatcher, H. J. Keeley gets the agency at Corbin.

Late Lemay has decided to try his luck raising spuds in the Flathead country.

Bro. E. S. Phillips was transferred from Basin to Woodville, on account of the reduction in salary at Basin.

W. R. Bell, who resigned as agent at Woodville, was relieved by J. H. Bright.

I want to thank Bros. White, Lein, Smith and Sister Robinson, for their kind assistance in furnishing items.

Telegraph operators and station agents are giving the Butte Division the look of scorn, on account of the telephones. However, the fones are proving a dismal failure, and we are looking forward to the time when we will again hear the click of the telegraph instruments and witness the return of competent men.

Bro. B. C. McGowan, relieved at Broadview, by Bro. M. A. Nelson, from the N. P. Bro. McGowan goes to the ranch.

E. B. Smith resumes duty as agent at Rimrock, relieving A. F. Bassett, who also thinks there is more money and pleasure in dry land farming.

Agent Jagger, at Hedges, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. H. Wilkins, of Stanford, who was in turn relieved by Bro. W. K. Foote. Later, Jagger returned to work and Wilkins relieved Martin, at Windham, for a short time, Foote going to Cascade.

Bro. A. J. White, third, Judith Gap, relieved by Mr. Wallace. J. A. Hoyser, second, Judith Gap, off on account sickness; relieved by Mr. Morrison. On account of "Pay Day Celebration" among the telegraphers at Judith Gap, Agent Boulter and Bro. Laing doubled up and worked all three tricks. Understand Boulter intends voting the Prohibition ticket at the next election. Later on Bro. Laing resigned, Hoyser returned to work and some foners filled in on account of being unable to get competent telegraph men.

Bro. A. O. Turcotte, agent, Buffalo, intends leaving the service as soon as relieved.

Earl Ledger, clerk at Stockett, promoted to second foner at Gerber.

Bro. Lee Shobert, formerly at Cascade, now at Everett, Wash., says that that division is well organized.

Misses Lillian and Norma Stewart, Wolf Creek, on vacation, visiting Great Falls and Butte, expect to return to work at the Great Falls freight house.

Late Lemay, agent, Boulder, has resumed duty, after a vacation, relieving B. C. Keeley, who is now visiting relatives in the East.

Agent J. M. Atwood, at Vaughn, is reported on the sick list.

Bro. M. M. Englander, who died at Belt recently, was one of the oldest agents on the Butte Division.

Brothers, please send in a few items for our monthly write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER, about the fifteenth of each month, and let me know what is going on. It is impossible for one man to cover a division as badly scattered as this one.

E. C. S.

Cascade Division—

A new depot is being built at Richmond Beach, with two waiting rooms and an office and a large baggage room, the old depot being reserved for freight. This gives us an office to ourselves and we can now "peek" through the ticket window and look wise and otherwise.

Some of the boys are "going in the hay" pretty often, causing the dispatcher lots of trouble. Cut this out, it's a bad plan.

Bro. Eden and Bro. Phelps, of Mosher, doubled up recently, on account of Bro. Anderson going to Edmonds, to relieve Bro. Smith for a few days' vacation.

C. E. Jackson, agent Meadowdale, the last two years, is now working third at Edmonds.

Bro. Van Valin, trail "BC" for the last two years, is now on second at Mosher.

Bro. W. V. Avery, Wellington, is now at Farron, "BC" with the C. P. R. and is very much pleased with the change.

Bro. James E. Avery, Cascade tunnel, is now at Wade, "BC" on the C. P. R., making good money.

CORRESPONDENT.

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B. & O. S. W. Ry.

Ohio Division—

Most of the boys have had their vacations, and returned to work, with a determination to "do" things. Those who have not already done so will find that this is a good time to get a card and help us to secure a new contract for the new year.

Bro. C. D. Morrison, Mt. Sterling, visited his folks at Coolville, attended the fair at Coolville and transacted some business with the probate judge at Athens, while on his ten days' vacation.

Bro. Jas. Malone, second Athens, also visited his parents at Coolville, and attended the fair while on his vacation. He was relieved by Mr. Schoenberger.

Bro. A. J. Saunier, agent at Pleasant Plain, was relieved while off on vacation by Mr. Murphy, who claimed he was a member of Division No. 2, but St. Louis says this is not so.

Bro. T. E. Fitch, agent at Hills, off ten days on account of sickness in his family at Coolville, Ohio, was relieved by such a "Hammy Man" that the chief dispatcher requested Bro. Fitch to return to duty after two or three days' absence, or his resignation would be expected. The agent at Loveland and Division Agent Wharff straightened matters up, until Bro. Fitch resumed work.

Bro. O. G. Harper, while off on his vacation with his family, visited relatives in Fayette, Highland and Ross counties. He was relieved by Mr. Holland.

K. D. Figelstahler, of Chillicothe, bid in third at Greenfield. CERT. 261.

Indiana Division—

There appears to be a natural propensity among telegraphers to use slang. We can not understand why this is, as the telegraph fraternity is supposed to be a coterie of enlightened and intelligent beings, would it not sound more euphonious to say, "I was reclining in the arms of morpheus, perfectly oblivious to the rhythmic sound of the instrument," than "being in the hay?" In this land of colleges, high schools, free libraries and the eleemosynary granaries of human knowledge, open like the "Ediles" of Rome to the dwellers in the vales and on the rocks, can we not improve our intellects and refrain from using slang?

Ye scribe was absent for several weeks on account of sickness, hence no news from this district the past two months.

Bro. A. Sutton, second Storrs, spent his vacation at Colorado Springs, Colo., in September.

Bro. James Gordon, Dabney, on vacation in September; relieved by J. W. McCowen, of Watson.

E. W. Chance, Cold Springs and Culloms, is now running on a Pullman dining car, between Cincinnati and Chicago, on the Big Four. He has a fine farm near Cold Springs, where he and his family make frequent visits.

Lee Loftus, of Cold Springs, is at Oakdale.

Bro. Harry Brant, of Carthage, Ohio, has been on the sick list several weeks.

Abner Dobbins, second trick at North Vernon, is also on the sick list.

Bro. A. E. Seimantel is keeping "weary vigil" at Cook's tower.

Bro. R. C. Withers, of Williams, Ind., worked first trick at Milan, while Bro. Johnson was on a ten days' vacation.

A. B. Chapman, doing the "owl act" at "AC," is now a full-fledged O. R. T. man.

Bros. Weidemann and Flanagan, first at Storrs and Culloms, respectively, have swapped jobs to give Weidemann's arm a rest.

Bro. Blackmore is contemplating a term in a business college in Cincinnati.

Sister C. A. Montgomery has returned to Lawrenceburg, after a much-needed rest with her folks at Seymour.

Bro. John Young, first at Cochran, while doing the county fairs, was relieved by Bro. Flanagan.

Bro. Johnson, third at Cochran, is visiting in the East, accompanied by his estimable wife; relieved by Mr. Frey, from Mitchell.

Bro. Richardson, second at Cochran, has a two-mile "hike" to his boarding house at Aurora, after finishing his daily labors at 11 p. m.

Bro. Rawlins, agent Cold Springs, has become quite a shipper of lacteal fluid. "I love my booze, but, oh, you buttermilk!"

Bro. F. S. Trester has gone to Malta, Mont., for the G. N., and Bro. Leo Hicks is now on the Cincinnati division of the Big Four.

S. F. BEATTY.

Indiana Division, Cincinnati District—

Bro. C. F. Gibson, of Columbus, Ind., relieved Bro. F. W. Kline at Dillsboro, while the latter, with his wife and daughter, visited the scenes of their childhood, among the classic hills of Cold Springs and Hogan Valley.

Bro. F. C. Johnson, first at Milan, end of double track, spent his ten days' vacation, accompanied by his wife and two interesting children, visiting relatives at Temple, Oklahoma.

C. E. Miller, a recent manipulator of the keys, "nocturnally" at Oakdale, has left for other and more genial environments.

Springfield District—

There is work for some of you brothers on that "non" at the next station to you and you can get him if you try. We have several promises at present, which we trust will soon materialize.

C. Segelhart, first Springfield, on vacation; relieved by J. M. Mix; Bro. C. P. Stewart is extra at Springfield.

A. C. McDonald, second Pana, while visiting home folks, at Ashland, was relieved by Bro. I. E. Turner, of Beecher City.

F. E. Greenwood relieved Bro. Tate, Taylorville days, the latter going to Colorado, where we hope he will speedily regain his health. By the way, Mr. Greenwood, shall we send the blanks?

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J. M. Mix has returned to Springfield "H" office, after a serious illness and undergoing a dangerous operation, which we are glad to state proved successful.

Block District—

The conditions on the Block are about the same. A few of the regulars are taking vacations and several new men have arrived, with cards.

Bro. Murphy, of "OK," has returned from a trip through the East; relieved by C. H. Blevins.

Mr. Flynn was relieved at "BH" several days by Bro. Beddinghaus, and Bro. Kird, a new man, worked second trick.

C. W. Bailey, agent "HM," off sick, Bro. Bonner taking his place.

Bro. Ferris, third "HM," is working extra "SG" office, Cincinnati.

Bro. Bill is back at "W."

CAL. HAP., COR.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Madison Division—

Bro. W. H. W. Page has resumed work, after putting in a month harvesting crops on his farm in Dakota; Bro. W. Langenhan, acting as agent, at Bangor meanwhile, and Bro. W. Gall relieving Walter, at Reedsburg, third trick.

H. F. Forsythe relieved Bro. Gall, at Ablemans, going from there to Beloit.

Bro. J. S. Lewis is acting agent at West Salem, while Bro. G. B. Wilcox is off enjoying a vacation.

Bro. T. J. Travy bid in Elroy second, on bulletin, and Mr. Hendrickson, from Dane, went to Kendall's to relieve him and work second there until bulletined. Mat. I. Biwersi, R. F. D. carrier, of Dane, relieved Hendrickson.

Bro. Cottingham is relieving Bro. E. J. Lang, agent Ipswich, who is touring the country in his auto. Before leaving he had a general cleaning up and had the depot painted inside and out.

Bro. Carl Charlson, agent at Footville, while on a short vacation to LaCrosse, was relieved by Bro. Elsner.

R. J. Starry is working third trick at Evansville, while Bro. L. G. Abts is relieving Bro. Van Auker, who is on the sick list.

J. E. Rielly, after his spell of sickness, went to Leyden to relieve Bro. G. H. Doering on account of sickness. He was relieved by F. E. Main to take second trick at Brooklyn, relieving L. E. McQueen, who went to Ablemans.

E. C. Phinney went from Brooklyn to Monona yard "M" to relieve W. Whitman, who has been relieving Bro. Edw. Welch on the third trick.

Bro. C. R. Fisher, agent Oregon, was relieved a few days by Bro. E. Welch. Wm. C. Hesselberg is holding second at Oregon, while it is on bulletin.

E. A. Howell, for many years agent at Beloit, is now on the retired pension list.

W. F. Holden was relieved by Bro. Welch on second at Madison, to take message wire nights, in dispatcher's office.

Bro. Adolph Anderson is relieving R. B. Wood and acting agent at Wyeville, while it is on bulletin.

F. E. Main, who relieved Adolph on second at Monona yard "M," was relieved by W. Whitman.

Bro. W. W. Brown went to South Baraboo for one night, but did not like to leave Madison, his home, and came back there again. Bro. E. Welch worked his trick at tower "PD" for the one night.

Bro. J. F. Gannon, agent Mendota, while on a short vacation, was relieved by Bro. A. L. Clark.

Tower "DU" at Dousman has been closed and Bro. W. S. Barnhart relieved Bro. W. J. Doering at Lake Mills, who got Kendall's second on bulletin. Bro. L. G. Abts has relieved Barnhart at Lake Mills.

The father of Bros. W. J. and G. H. Deering died recently at his home, in Baraboo, and was buried there under Masonic auspices.

Bro. C. Hansen, first trick at Monona yard "M," was relieved by Bro. T. V. Hurst, while on a three weeks' vacation. He visited Milwaukee and also took a trip over the west end to Galena, the first for over thirteen years.

Bro. E. L. Canney returned to Elroy third trick, and Bro. S. C. Potter went to South Baraboo.

Bro. C. N. Schleck has returned to Madison, first trick, after a month's tour of the West, highly elated with his trip.

Bro. P. W. Avery has taken charge of Wyeville station, and Bros. A. L. White, West Allis, has gone to Waukesha, vice Percy.

Bro. K. Oderkirk, first trick at tower "Z," "fone," is now a freight brakeman. He was relieved by Bro. S. C. Potter for a few days, when Sam went to South Baraboo to relieve O. S. Butterfield, who was sick.

Through our committee, the O. R. T. has gotten a $22.50 increase per month for the position that Mr. Butterfield has now enjoyed for several years. This is another instance where one reaps the harvest where others have sowed the seed.

DIV. COR.

Black Hills Division—

Quite a number of the nons and back-biters have promised to get right in the near future. Remember the good adage, boys, "Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today." A promise of a job won't buy meals, lodging or raiments. It's the job and salary that counts. Then why not get busy and help us to perfect our organization, thereby bettering yourself as well as others. The man who does not join the organization of his craft is lacking in good judgment.

Stock business is still very heavy, even though winter has come around again.

Chairman Hite, who went to Chicago on committee work, will visit relatives in Michigan before he returns. Our chairman needed this well-earned rest.

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Bro. Marsh, at Shoshoni, has been compelled to lay off on account of sickness.

Mr. Keplinger, third at "WN," is away on account of the sickness of his mother.

Quite a number of changes have taken place since our last write-up, among which are the following:

Belle Fourche Valley Ry. has been completed, and Bro. Don Levy, a new man from the D. S. S. & A., has been placed at "OV," and Bro. Yoe has been given the first trick.

T. W. Cortelyou has been relieved by Bro. E. E. Costley, at Oelrich's, and gone to the Black Hawk agency.

Mr. Mackay is working second at "BG."

Bro. Reed, of Sturgis, has gone into the lumber business.

Bro. Busch, at Douglas, has a new Remington.

Bro. McIntyre, of "FO," has taken the ticket agency at Deadwood, relieving Mr. Gore, who goes to the Union Pacific, at Omaha. Mr. Bridgeman goes to "FD."

Bro. Schetzer has gone to the Union Pacific.

I desire to thank those who furnished me with items for this write-up and hope they will not only continue to do so, but that some of the others will follow their good example. Co.

Peninsula Division—

Our meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Powers, unless some other place is specified. Let us make it a point to attend these meetings and not depend on the same old bunch of reliables to do all the work.

Bro. Henry Ramile, of Loretto, is catching it now in the depot. He says that's better than walking three or four miles every day. He guarantees to treat callers to a square meal.

Bro. Haberman, local chairman, who is in Chicago with the committee, is being relieved by Bro. Crikelair, relief agent.

Bro. W. J. Murray, our former chief telegrapher, is at present employed as ticket agent for the Northern Pacific Ry., at Aberdeen, Wash. We all wish "Bill" the best of luck.

Bro. F. Merrick has relieved Bro. W. Rolande, third at Narenta, who secured West Gladstone days on bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Bagley, phone agent at Bagley, can now be called brother.

Bro. Fred Merrick relieved Bro. C. O. Peterson second, at Powers; relieved by Bro. J. E. Honeywell, who secured the job on bulletin.

Bro. Peterson, second Powers, secured Stager agency on bulletin.

Bro. F. Bagley, third Antoine, off recently on account of a bad cold, was relieved by J. P. Richards. CERT. 2606.

Ashland Division—

Our genial C. T. D. Mr. T. M. Coughlin, has been appointed trainmaster. C. T. D. Fitzgerald, from Ash'and, takes his place at Antigo, while W. B. Murray succeeds to the position of chief train dispatcher at Ash'and.

We feel very keenly the loss of Mr. Coughlin as our chief on the south end of the Ashland division. He was ever ready to deal fairly and impartially with the men under him and was very conscientious in the administering of the telegrapher's schedule. We wish him success in his new position.

Bro. P. H. Rasmussen is relieving Bro. Wm. Burke at Eland Junction, while he is away on a vacation.

Bro. J. W. Lacy has returned from his honeymoon and resumed work on second trick at Havana. Bro. M. J. Johnson is back at work on his second trick, at the same place.

Bro. Bessey is holding down the clip job at Antigo dispatcher's office.

The few boys who are back in their current dues are earnestly urged to pay up promptly and not be a hindrance to our progress.

Prospects are good for a fine business this fall and winter with lots of work for every one. The ore business is better than ever before.

CERT. 23.

Minnesota Division—

Business is good, a few extra night positions have been created, and the day office at Chester has been opened, and the way trains are running we don't have time to eat until we are off duty.

J. F. Bradish, agent at Cobden, off for a few weeks, was relieved by H. J. Johnson.

H. A. Rieman, an old-timer, can be heard again on the side table, in the dispatcher's office, at Winona, between 4 p. m. and 1 a. m.

D. R. Carroll, formerly second man at Waseca, is now working first on the side table at Winona, T. F. Carroll, Waseca's regular third man, is working third on 62 wire, while W. F. Cuttler, regular first trick man, is laying off.

T. F. Cassidy has been promoted to night chief at Winona, and J. P. Beynon is filling in on the middle division.

G. F. Boyce, Rochester, took a week's vacation, and was relieved by H. Sorenson.

T. A. Woodruff, while on the sick list, was relieved by Mr. Addy, of Sleepy Eye.

G. W. Ware, of Havana, was the successful applicant for third at Rochester, and Havana is now on bulletin.

G. W. Cotton went to Chester to open that office.

G. B. Zepp is at St. Peter Junction, temporarily.

F. C. Evans, days, Redwood Falls, has resigned.

Agent and telegrapher at Havana, agent and telegrapher at Judson, and third in dispatcher's office are on bulletin.

Bro. D. J. Mahoney has our thanks for assistance in the write-up. The other brothers should follow his good example.

G. W. C., DIV. COR.

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Dakota Division

I have mailed to the last address of each member an application blank for membership in the L. A. to O. R. T. Now, brothers, there will be plenty of members who will be unable to send in this blank this month, others will be in a position to do so but will make the excuse that they cannot see any good in it, and there will be a number who will simply put it off. Judging from the past, the first appeal will have very poor results, necessitating the mailing of more letters, which will take time, money and cause a great deal of work, although the latter ceases to be feared if the work is appreciated by prompt returns.

Undoubtedly, most of the membership is now loaded up with lodge work and dues, but I believe this movement to be superior to the majority of clubs, leagues, etc., both for material results and social relations.

The O. R. T. members know how hard it is to have a meeting that will be attended by a majority of the membership because we cannot meet in the day time.

The day train service to Huron, which is a central point, is very good from all points on the division, and there is no reason why the Auxiliary cannot have regular meetings without inconvenience to anyone. These meetings cannot fail to be of benefit to organized labor, and as much benefit can be derived from them as from any O. R. T. meeting. Huron is growing to be a strong labor center, and is the proper place for our orders to meet.

Evidently, the American Federation of Labor will send its representatives for this territory to Huron, and a City Federation will be accomplished, which will combine the various unions under one head, and there is no reason why we should not be represented.

Label work can be taken up and pushed, and with the support of the membership of the Federation a strong union market can be established.

This work is being carried on all over the United States, and is being condemned by the manufacturers and other capitalists, who exploit women and children and cause the greatest curse known to civilization—white slavery.

This is but a general outline showing the possibilities of organization and the result cannot be otherwise than beneficial. I will go into details in some later issue, during the winter, when we have more space. For the present, I request each member to send his application to Mrs. N. Paulsen, Centerville, S. D., or to my address.

Bro. Spradling, of Iroquois, protested against a younger man getting Conda and secured the station. If you are entitled to and want a station that has not been bulletined, simply make complaint in writing to Bro. Paulsen, who will take it up and see that you get a square deal.

The committee is still in Chicago, on schedule work. Bro. Paulsen was called to Chicago, but could not be relieved on account of the shortage of men during registration days.

Continuous block has been temporarily established on this division between Hawarden and Aberdeen and Tracy and Pierre, on account of the expected heavy passenger traffic for the registration at Pierre and Aberdeen, and a number of telegraphers were put on for the occasion. Arlington, Cavour, Redfield, Aberdeen, Centerville and Salem were added to the list of continuous stations and Lake Benton, Hitchcock, Northville, Alcester, Beresford, Hurley, Monroe, Canova, Vilas, Carthage, Wolsey, Wessington, Miller, Highmore and Blunt were made two trick stations.

Nearly all of the new men are up to date, which makes us fully 95 per cent strong. Nearly every fall this division is loaded up with nons, who are dropped off as soon as business lets up. This fall, on account of exceptionally heavy freight and passenger business, a number of telegraphers were transferred from eastern division of this road, which accounts for the large per cent of members among the new arrivals.

At one time this fall, over one hundred and thirty engines were in use on this division, while the division east of us had but forty.

Did the inspector catch you?

Bro. John Carl, of Clark, now has two helpers. Most of us seem unable to get one.

Bro. N. C. Nelson returned from a three months' vacation to Cavour second, which he secured on bulletin.

Bro. H. R. Nelson, of Iroquois, one of the extras, sent to Aberdeen, during the rush, relieved by Bro. P. E. Long from the Pennsylvania.

C. T. U. A. Sister Lulu Larson, "BO," Brookings, left the Western Union for the G. N., at Park River, N. D. Shorter hours, better wages and no clerical responsibilities.

Bro. Millard, of the Iowa division, on third at Arlington, during the fall rush.

Bro. C. F. Tinius, second at Lake Preston, gone to the N. P., relieved by Bro. Youngblood, of the Milwaukee.

Understand that Holabird is now a telegraph station and that Bro. Garrabrandt, at Highmore, has a day operator.

Bro. Ollie Harris, second at Arlington, who started for the S. P., now with the U. P., at Sheridan, Wyo.

Bro. E. A. Nohlgren, Estelline, in Meade county, looking for a farm and visiting relatives at Canova; relieved by John Robinson.

L. P. Von Arx, of Aberdeen, appointed agent at Beloit, Wis.; relieved by Bro. D. J. Moriarity, of Doland.

Pierre, Rapid City and Northwestern—

Bro. J. M. Whitling, Midland, nights, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Giest, from the P. R. C., has taken a position on the Dakota division.

Bro. Ed Noe left for the C., M. & St. P., October first.

Bro. Aldrich relieved Bro. Dennis at Nowlin, the latter relieving Mr. Farrell at Ft. Pierre, who

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handled third trick in the dispatcher's office during the rush.

Bro. Hunter, of Van Metre, went to Pierre to see the big crowd.

Bro. Mower, of Cottonwood, is on a vacation.

Bro. F. M. Noe spent two weeks visiting friends in his old home town in Iowa.

Bro. C. C. Briggs has returned; Relief Agent Aldrich went to Owanka.

Bro. Harry Klinger, from Newark, N. J., is the new man at Ft. Pierre.

Bro. Dennis, of Nowlin, relieved the agent at Midland while the latter was at Sioux Falls, recently.

Bro. Aldrich has resigned his position as relief agent to engage in farming.

H. A. STIMSON, Cor.

Nebraska Division—

Stock business has been pretty good for the last month or two and prospects are that it will last about a month yet. The yards and stations all seem to be blocked with dead freight, on account of stock shipments.

Mr. Birdsall, from Fremont, an extra dispatcher, has been added to the force at Norfolk, since the stock season commenced.

Day man at yard office, Norfolk, can't see his way yet, although he has been working nearly three years. He admits the Order has done some things already for which he has paid nothing.

Bro. Todd, nights at Scribner, now at Mandan, N. D., relay office Northern Pacific.

Bro. Goldware, Hooper, is relieving Tilden, day operator.

Bro. Buerner, cashier Albion, is working nights at Linwood, on the South Platte.

Bro. Devine, extra, freight yards, Norfolk, is on third trick there during the stock season.

Mr. McNamee, once an O. R. T. man, now braking for some northern road, was visiting over the line recently.

Heard on the wire the other day:

Operator—"Ex 1275 by 2:30."

Dispatcher—"What time you got?"

Operator—"Got 2:32 now."

Dispatcher—"That's wrong time. Must have one of those old clocks?"

Operator—"No, it's a standard clock."

Dispatcher—"How do you know it's a standard clock?"

Operator—"Because it's made by C. S. Hayes, Norfolk." (He is C. N. W. watch inspector.)

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C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—

The C. & N. W. general committee, after a series of unavoidable delays, met General Superintendent Morse, at Chicago, on October 5th, for the final conference on the schedule revision, and the Omaha general committee convened in St. Paul on October 18th. All we have to do now is to hold our peace for a short time and news will begin to come from the front. It is remarkable to find, at such a crucial time as this, that it is necessary to purch up some of the employes in this department to mail to the local chairman the information blanks sent out for the use of the general committee. It seems incredible that any man can be so blind to his own interests as to fail to give this information to the committee, but we could name three or four right here on the eastern district, who cannot find the time, or spare the two cents for a stamp, in order to give his chairman a chance to talk intelligently on his particular position before the management. Ten to one, these fellows will be the first to get their hammers out and knock the committee if they do not get all they think they should. The life of a committeeman on the Omaha is a happy one (nit). He not only has to go before the officials and fight the battles of the men he represents, but he must also fight the men to get them to keep up their interest and pay their dues. This, of course, applies to only a very small minority of the men on this road, as the bulk of our members are whole-souled in their loyalty and enthusiastic in the struggle for better conditions. It is the few laggards and deadheads who cause the local chairman to tear his hair.

A certain non on the east end when advised that the local chairman was going over the road to line up the few remaining nons, remarked: "That is right. I have always maintained that the chairman must get out among the men in order to keep things lined up." This man, although he has been an employe in the telegraph department for twenty years, is a non, and if the rest of the men in this department contributed no more to the organization than he does, the local chairman would starve to death going over the road. It costs several hundred dollars yearly, merely for the running expenses of the general and local committees, adjusting grievances, salaries, printing, postage, etc., and as the dues received from the members is divided between the system division and the grand division, it can be readily seen that the balance at the end of the year cannot be great. In addition to this is the cost of convening the general committee, which runs from $500 to $1000 when the schedule is revised. If, on top of this, a man has to be kept on the road at a cost of $5.00 per day (salary and expenses) it would be necessary for our friend, the wise non, to get in line and get all the other nons in line, and then raise the dues to ten dollars every six months instead of five. Until he does this, we will have to continue the old method of individual effort and depend upon the members to keep their immediate neighborhoods lined up. This is merely a sample of the talk that is heard from the nons. They are strong with the criticism, but woefully weak with the "mazuma." Another non on the eastern district, whose salary has been increased, from $50 for a twelve-hour day to $67.50 for a nine-hour day, wants to know what the organization has ever done for him. He can't see that they have helped him any, and, to make it worse, he does more work than a man on another trick

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in his office. The raise of $17.50 in salary and the cut of three hours in the day's work, does not count at all. Still another agent (on the eastern district) says: "It is a good thing, but as it has never helped me, I will stay out for the present." When his attention was called to the fact that no agent or telegrapher on the Omaha railway could truthfully claim that the O. R. T. had never helped him, in view of the fact that a blanket increase, covering every employe in this department, of not less than $5.00 each had been secured by this organization in 1906, he suddenly forgot the address of the local chairman and ceased to write.

The following are the assignments on the August bulletin: Hawthorne, "AT," R. W. Boeten; Trege, second trick, H. E. Harbour; Rice Lake, second trick, J. P. O'Shaughnessy; Valley Junction, third trick, O. E. Bradley. DIV. COR.

Minnesota and Iowa Division —

E. T. Welch, Superintendent B. & B., of Mankato, while running between Minneapolis and Cray, on his gas car, was struck by a light engine running at a high speed, from the opposite direction and sustained injuries which resulted in his death a short time afterwards. His funeral was attended by a number of company officials and friends. R. H. Bibby, who was on the car with Mr. Welch, saved himself by jumping.

Owing to the serious illness of the wife of Local Chairman Crouch, the work of the committee, which was in session during October at St. Paul, was somewhat delayed.

As a result of Brother Tenney's efforts while covering the division, the following gentlemen can now be called brothers: J. H. Nelson, Shakopee; J. P. Sisterman and Geo. F. Miller, Belle Plaine; J. E. Smith, Bingham Lake; A. G. Lane, Wilder; A. R. Day, Heron Lake; E. C. Callan, Woodstock; J. H. Johnson, Worthington; C. A. Betts, Luverne, and Geo. O. Miles, Doon, Iowa. Several others renewed their promises to join in the very near future.

Mr. W. W. Nicholas, Rock Rapids, says: "Far more would be accomplished and both the company and employes, be in better condition had the latter gone before the management in a body, without the assistance of the O. R. T., with existing conditions, business heavy and men extremely scarce." The body of employes that could be "spared," or relieved under Nicholas' plan would be rather small. It is no doubt the cost of joining and maintaining the Order that causes Mr. Nicholas to make such excuses for failing to do anything in return for the $60.00 per year increase the Order has secured for him and every man in the station service.

Brother Backer, Bingham Lake, in the Twin Cities, consulting medical aid for his wife, was relieved by Bro. A. H. Hyde. A new man relieved the latter.

Former Brother E. W. Seger, of Shakopee, has just returned from registering at the land drawing contest at Pierre.

Bro. N. D. Watson relieved Bro. Tenney, at Mankato, for a couple of days, but on account of the scarcity of men in the St. James office was called to work the side wire. Pearl Olson, Wisconsin division, relieved Bro. Watson.

Bro. L. D. Marquette, local chairman Wisconsin Division, left St. Paul, and has gone to the Nebraska Division, to assist Local Chairman Crouch.

Bro. F. L. Lapachek, of Worthington, requested three weeks vacation, but could get only three days. He was relieved by Bro. J. H. Johnson.

Bro. R. L. Hart, of St. James dispatchers' office, was called South on account of the death in his family.

Mr. Malloy, St. James dispatchers' office, is working a trick on the Soo Line.

Bro. J. H. Meyers, of Westbrook, is with the Union Pacific; relieved by former Bro. J. D. Everett.

C. A. Betts, of Sibley, who relieved P. T. Peach at Heron Lake, was relieved by L. Sroka, a new man.

Nicols has been opened as a telegraph station, with Bro. Wm. Cosgrove in charge.

Bro. Wagner, of Garden City, called to Minneapolis to attend the funeral of his wife's relatives; was relieved by Assistant Agent N. S. Costello, of Lake Crystal; relieved by Bro. Wm. Cosgrove.

G. W. Owens was relieved by Bro. Joe Glancy, of Winnebago, to attend E. T. Welch's funeral at Mankato.

Bro. F. E. Anderson, agent Beaver Creek, has resigned and taken up a claim near Dallas, S. D.

P. T. Peach, Luverne, is on nights at Henderson.

I. J. Mock, Sioux Falls, who took a 90-day layoff, to prove up on his claim, was relieved by C. N. Williams.

J. M. Locke has moved his family here from the Wisconsin division.

J. E. Smith, Bingham Lake, and W. C. Warner, Mountain Lake, enjoyed short vacations recently.

Belle Plaine gets third trick operator. Bro. C. T. Peterson, from the Wisconsin division, gets the place.

Bro. G. Jarman, relieving at Beaver Creek, until that place is secured on bulletin, has worked in twenty-three towns on his division in two years.

Bro. C. B. Casperson, of Kasota, visited relatives at Milwaukee two weeks.

E. C. Himley, formerly of Magnolia, is now stationed at Mendota, his assigned position. Bro. Pickett won Magnolia on bulletin.

We should endeavor to show the few nons among us the right way.

While Bro. Tenney was passing over the line recently he stopped off at Belle Plaine and appointed your humble servant correspondent. Those wishing to contribute news for our journal, please forward same to me on or before the 10th of the month.

WM. C. HAMILTON,
Belle Plaine, Minn.

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The remains of the late Governor John A. Johnson have been laid to rest in his home town, St. Peter, Minnesota, and the great State of Minnesota is in its deepest mourning. It seems sad, indeed, that the life of such a bright man, with such a brilliant career before him, should be so abruptly ended. We believe the whole nation sympathizes with Mrs. Johnson in her great sorrow.

Have you paid your O. R. T. dues and assessments yet? If not, it would be far wiser to let some of your other creditors wait, for if it was not for the O. R. T. you might not be able to pay them any way. Don't go back on your Order. Others, who seem to be as hard up as you, manage somehow to pay up.

The general committee will, no doubt, be holding daily conferences with the management before this appears in print. Do all you can to help them along. Local Chairman Tenney had instructions to cover the entire division before the committee went in. Kindly advise him at once of any non-members in your territory.

Members are rolling in fast now, several having been initiated this month, which shows the boys are very much alive to their interests.

If the interest continues, the United States postoffice department will be obliged to put on an extra mail carrier at Mankato to handle Bro. Tenney's mail, the way the schedule blanks are being returned to him.

Business on this division is exceptionally good, in fact, better than it has been for many years.

A good brother offered to pay the initiation fee for Mr. Swiningson, of Le Sueur, but he backed out when he found the brother was in earnest.

G. W. Owens, at Elmore, still continues to betake of the privileges gained through the O. R. T., but doesn't seem willing to give up any of the surplus money the Order has gained for him for such a worthy purpose as our organization.

Bro. J. H. Linehan, of Ashton, is on vacation; relieved by C. N. Williams. The O. R. T. was instrumental, not long since in assisting Mr. Williams to a position. We believe it would not be a bad idea for him to reciprocate.

Bro. J. S. Enders, Winnebago, visited at Hartford recently, and no doubt showed Mr. Chenoweth the advisability of joining the Order.

Local Chairman Tenney, while attending the funeral of his step mother, was relieved by O. A. Rosenhauer, who upon Bro. Tenney's return relieved Bro. Richmond, at Lake Crystal, the latter going with his wife on their vacation, taking in Spokane and other western points.

Bro. E. T. Brady expects to go with the "G. N." or "N. P." Bro. Wm. Cosgrove has relieved him at Blakeley.

G. F. Miller is relieving at Belle Plaine, vice R. M. Gibb, resigned, gone to "Jim Hill's road."

Bro. P. A. Zimmerman, of Kasota, has taken unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Miss Humble, daughter of our esteemed Bro. E. S. Humble, of Kasota. J. H. Johnson, of Shakopee, relieved Bro. Zimmerman.

Bro. Ray Mann, of Mankato, is working in the dispatchers' office at St. James. This makes five men on the side wire, and all are kept busy. Bro. W. H. Weihn, of the C., M. & St. P., relieved Bro. Mann, but was later transferred to Madelia. Bro. L. M. Kilburg, third at Lake Crystal, went to Mankato, being relieved by Bro. Studmeyer.

W. W. Eastin has taken the telephone position at Stone, vice F. F. Thimmesch, transferred to the Wisconsin Division.

Bro. Himley still holds the fort at Magnolia, not yet being transferred to his assigned position at Mendota.

Bro. G. W. Martin has taken up his assigned position at Savage. CERT. 251.

Northern District—

I presume all the brothers have read the different articles written by Mrs. E. B. Smith in the recent issues of our journal. If not, I think it a very good plan to look them up, give the matter a little thought and try to help increase the membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary.

It is to the interest of every telegrapher, telephoner and agent to have one of the latest card-boards in their pocket, and be sure that their neighbors along the line are also kept supplied with new cards. We appreciate the fact that the brothers have done pretty well in bringing us up to our present high membership, but there are still a few out in the woods whom they might introduce into the Order with a little coaxing.

We congratulate our general chairman and Bro. Gross on being elected to the board of directors of the benefit association, the affairs of the telegraphers could not have fallen into better hands.

Bro. Clock, of Sarona, was relieved while he took an extensive honeymoon trip by Mr. Keane, of Raddisson, and the latter was relieved by Bro. Sheppard, of Boardman, who drew Raddisson on the last bulletin.

Bro. Neitze drew Boardman on bulletin.

Bro. Quinn is relieving Mr. Sinclair, agent at Trego, who is on an extended vacation.

Bro. Sweet, of Bibon, was checked in at Clear Lake as agent, relieving Bro. Brandl. L. F. Martin, a new man, is at Bibon. Bro. Brandl is relieving Bro. Kuehn, agent at Drummond, who is in Canada on a prospecting trip.

Bros. Funne and Ray Sinclear have resigned and gone to the Northern Pacific. Bro. Funne was relieved by Bro. Campbell.

A non named Harbour is working second at Trego.

Bro. P. Peterson, of Cumberland, is off on sick leave, relieved by Bro. Steiner.

The new depot at Rice Lake is about ready for business. It is right up to date.

G. Boyce, our genial superintendent of telegraph and signals, was at the Narrows with a

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private car, fishing for a week. He had a telegrapher and an instrument in the car with him.

Mr. Fletcher, the non at Stanton, has resigned.

Bro. Quinlan, cashier at New Richmond, is back, after an extended honeymoon.

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Wisconsin Division, Eastern District

Bro. Marquette, in his runaway dash over the division, left a trail of enthusiasm and new members behind him. He was very successful in lining up the nons and acquainting himself with the conditions at different points, in order that they may be discussed in an intelligent manner when the time comes.

Now, that the committee is getting down to business in St. Paul, we have our ears to the ground waiting to hear the first rumbling which will indicate news.

The shortage of telegraphers still continues. It is harder than ever to get relief, and almost impossible to quit when a man wants to. Business is certainly booming, all records being broken in the number of cars handled. We are glad to see prosperity strike the Omaha, and sincerely trust that we who have helped to make it possible will be allowed to enjoy a small share of the increased earnings.

Bro. J. A. Kavorik, second trick at Roberts, relieved at East St. Paul a few days, on account of Bro. Liddane off with the general committee. While at East St. Paul, Bro. Kavorik was called home on account of the death of his little boy. He has the sincere sympathy of the telegraphers on this division. Bro. Steiner is now relieving at East St. Paul.

Bro. Art Hoffman, when taking service with the C., M. & St. P., also took to himself a wife from Millston before he left. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Bro. Herb Adams has returned to Sheppard after doing relief work all summer.

Bro. Jacobson, agent at Millston, who took in the fair at Seattle, has returned. He was relieved by Brother Zahner, who later went to third trick at Valley Junction.

Bro. Jay, at Waren, also took a two weeks' vacation recently.

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Gulf & Ship Island Ry.

Bro. Kuton, of Hub, was relieved a few days by Relief Agent G. E. Garnar, on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. Bushnell, of Gandsi, has resigned to accept service with M. J. & K. C. R. R. at Mobile.

Bro. Aikin, from the I. C., lately of Collins, has bid in Gandsi.

Bro. Bullock, of Arm, has bid in the agency at Bond, Miss.

Bro. Kennedy, of Grange, having bid in Arm, was relieved by Telegrapher Kelly.

The boys on south end are being kept quite busy now, on account detoured L. & N. trains.

Boys, watch out for those L. & N. nons.

Our regular correspondent will, no doubt, soon give us a good write up.

Understand Bro. Garner has been obliged to let his card expire, owing to heavy expenses, on account of sickness in his family. We should look into this and try to help him out.

R. A.

Western Maryland Ry.

Bro. Wagaman, agent, Edgemont, on short vacation recently, was relieved by Mr. Wehn, from the W. U., who also relieved Mr. McCubbins, at Hillen Station, Balt.

Bro. Loy, day man at Waldrook, off sick for several days, was relieved by Bro. Kibler, from "BY" tower; Bro. Kibler's place being filled by Mr. Baugher. Bro. Kibler is contemplating a trip to his old home in Culpepper, Va. As he used to work on the Southern, he will look up some of the boys while there.

Third Trick Dispatcher McCubbins was relieved on his vacation by Mr. Spillman, who also relieved Second Trick Dispatcher McClain, and very creditably, too.

Agent Russel, at Arlington, lost his house and entire contents in a fire at that place recently.

Bros. Arnsberger and Law enjoyed a short vacation at Baltimore recently.

Mr. Otto, first trick at Emory Grove, who died with typhoid fever not very long ago, was one of the most enthusiastic members of this division.

Mr. Sterner, from Walbrook, filled the vacancy at Emory Grove, until the job was assigned to Bro. Newman, from "BY" tower, who was relieved by Mr. Baugher, a newcomer, who was relieved later by Mr. Taylor, from Mt. Wilson.

Agent Welty, at Sudbrook, who was off several days, was relieved by Bro. Lindsay, from "OD" tower, who also relieved the agent at Glyndon for a few days. Mr. Taylor relieved at "OD" tower during Bro. Lindsay's absence.

Bro. Weant, of Division 17, relieved Bro. Carmody, at Wingerton, and Mr. Morrison, at Thurmont, on short vacations.

Bro. Perrin, of Lawndale, was relieved by Operator Baugher for a short time recently.

Thank you, brothers, for your kindness in sending me items. Am still doing business at the same old stand.

"SHORTY."

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Our regular correspondent has been doing more than his share of the write-ups on this pike. He has asked, begged and coaxed us all to help him out, but no one seems willing to help him, so I am going to help him out this time. How can our correspondent know what we have been doing on this end of the line if we don't tell him?

I have been a member of this Order for four years, and can truly say I have never once regretted it. But I am sorry to say I have never yet been to a meeting. I don't say it is anyone's fault any more than my own. But having only one meeting a year is a very poor way of

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trying to get along. When there is a meeting, it is usually on some Sunday when the railroad is running an excursion, and a good many of us have to work. That's the reason I have never been there. With the train service we have had this summer, and still have, there isn't any reason at all why we couldn't meet at least once a month. What do you think about it?

Ashland Junction seems to be always full of new help. It must be nearly time for Bro. Libby to float back there.

Some of us "old bucks" must set a better example, wake up and get a move on.

"SX" is a kind of a moving picture place, one man there today and another tomorrow. We want the brothers there to get after those new men, and tell them if they want to make a success to get into the Order. That's the only way they can do it.

Bro. A, at "RC,' is kind of "batching" it. He just recently returned from a week's vacation.

Bro. C. M. is over in "GO" now, on the No. 2 District.

Wake up, boys, and get a move on. Help out our good Bro. Crocker, at "SC," with the write-ups. He is a good-fellow, always ready to help any one who asks him, and give any information required of him by the dispatchers, and his heart is in the work. CERT. 109.

Southern Division—

Bro. Lawrence, West Seboris, on vacation recently, relieved by Bro. Wilson, second trick. Telegrapher Davenport filled in second, Mr. Brown, third.

Bro. Williamson, at Norcross, on vacation September 1st; Relief Agent Inglis substituting.

Mr. Herrick, Brownville, enjoyed his annual vacation first part of September; relieved by his freight clerk, Mr. Mosher, who was relieved by Mr. Clapman, assistant. That combination of "Mr.'s" there, brothers, should be changed.

Bro. Durphy, first trick, Millinocket, relieved during vacation by Telegrapher Scribner.

Bro. and Local Chairman Robbins, Grindstone, on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Spencer.

Mr. Donahue, Sherman, spent his vacation around New York and Coney Island. Bro. Price, assistant agent, relieved him, and Bro. Robertson did the assistant's work.

Bro. E. L. Cookson, Dyer Brook, is off on account of the serious illness of his wife. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

G. W. Blanchard, of General Superintendent Brown's office, is at Bangor with the Postal.

Bro. Sylvester, at Hudson, has purchased a Rambler touring car. We hope he won't exceed the speed limit.

We wish to announce, for the "forty-eleventh" time, that a few notes would be gratefully received. DIV. COR.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry.

Rochester Division—

Some time ago I suggested that the various members along the division contribute a little news each month toward a write-up. In this manner we would have something interesting each month. Not a word, however, was received by your Division Correspondent, consequently there has been nothing in THE TELEGRAPHER for the last two or three months in regard to our division.

I am going to make another request of you, as you know that it is almost impossible to get the news when the writer is located at the extreme end of the division.

Any item concerning yourself or some one else will be greatly appreciated.

The list of members in arrears for the current period, I am happy to say, is very small, and by the time this is in print we hope to have all up to date.

Don't forget to keep after the nons, as long as there is one among us. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Pittsburg Division—

It's about time for a good meeting at some point.

Brothers, now is the time to get after the nons, some are coming in this month, and we want more of them next month. Get busy, and see if we can not get them all.

I will try and send in the items from the Pittsburg Division each month, and hope some brother on each of the other divisions will do likewise.

Business is picking up on this division. Among the jobs reopened are Milikens and Dayton, giving employment to five new men; also Rockton, second and third tricks.

With the increase in traffic on the C. & M. branch, and the running of the Clearfield & Franklin R. R. trains over that branch, it has been taken from the main line dispatchers, and dispatchers appointed to handle that portion of the road.

There is only one lady employed on this division at present. Bro. Wiley's wife, on second, at "HY." She is a good operator.

Mr. Young, of the "NZ" office, who was operated upon for abscess of the stomach, at the Indiana Hospital, during month of August, is now recuperating at his home in Clarksburg.

Bro. W. H. McCartan, of Iselin, recently sprained his ankle, and has been going around on crutches.

Bro. Dickey, of "CS," is on vacation; Bro. G. F. Bell relieving him.

Bro. Sheeser bid in Rockton, second, and Mr. C. C. Smith secured the third trick.

Bro. Allshouse bid in Big Run Junction, third trick.

During an electrical storm at "DX" recently, an over supply of the fluid came in through the switchboard, burned out an instrument, released the semaphore, and gave Bro. Pooler a bad shock.

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Bro. T. A. Laird has bid in B. and S. Junction, days.

Bro. Lamison bid in "DC" tower, third trick.

Bro. White has been transferred from message wire to dispatcher.

Bro. Miller bid in second trick at C. and M. Junction.

Mr. R. M. Flick bid in Rockton agency; Rex Flanagan bid in Stanley agency, and Fred Miller bid in Dayton, third.

Ray D. Kalb, a C. & P. man, is working on the extra list.

Bro. Francis Vail bid in Punxsutawney, first; Bro. Hardy, second, and Bro. Shields, third trick.

Mr. Bowers, a C. T. U. of A. man, is at "XO" tower, first trick.

Bro. Shields made a trip to Niagara Falls with his sisters recently.

Bro. F. B. Dawson, agent at Marion Center, has returned from a week's vacation.

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Illinois Central Ry.

Louisiana Division—

Everything on the Louisiana Division is in good shape; business is real heavy again; box cars are a scarce commodity, also competent operators. The telephone has ceased to attract attention; works about two thirds of the time on south end, and about half of the time on north end. It is quite evident now, the management realize they have bought a real gold brick. On President Harahan's recent trip over the division, the schedule of his special train was put by telegraph, although it happened at that particular time, the telephone was working fairly well.

"Prof." C. L. Campbell, agent at Independence, La., strongly advocates the telephone for the handling of trains. One of the best features about it, is it permits the Prof. (?) to come down late in a. m., and leave at any time he wishes, as his $10.00 helper and student OS-s and answers dispatcher on fone.

We regret to announce, that one of our heretofore active members, and at our last election a candidate for local chairman, is now a real Prof. We refer to J. R. Youngblood, first trick at Kenner Junction, La. The members on this division will not stand for student teaching, and those aspiring professional honors will have to get out of the O. R. T.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Hammond, La., on Sunday night, September 19th; had a fair crowd, considering south bound trains were late. Only routine business transacted. We have a nice hall at Hammond, and our meetings should be well attended in future. Remember the time, every third Sunday night in each month, 7 p. m. We should have some news from our general committee, who are in Chicago on schedule negotiations, by next meeting, which should bring out a big crowd.

The two nons on the New Orleans Terminal, C. Dudenhefer Kleppinger, "KR," and Ed. Dunning, "OK-D," still seem willing to accept all the good things the O. R. T. has secured for them, without doing anything in return to show their appreciation therefor. Our membership additions since last report are very gratifying, however.

One of the worst storms for many years, originating in Central American waters, swept over the entire Gulf Coast on September 20th and 21st. Over two hundred lives were lost and several millions of dollars damage to property, etc. All wires were down for about a week. Passenger and manifest freight trains ran on time card rights and "smoked over."

Bro. C. A. Head, after braving the gulf storm for twenty-four hours, arrived in New Orleans, September 22d, and married Miss A. Simpson. The happy couple have the best wishes of the entire division for a long and happy voyage through life.

We are sorry to chronicle the serious illness of Bro. H. G. Hungate, agent at Tickfaw, La., who has been operated upon for appendicitis, at New Orleans. We hope for his early recovery.

Bro. W. W. Hill, late of the L. & N., is doing the extra stunts at the several points. "W" says nine-hours at $65 for OS-ing beats the Ellen N's twelve-hours for $50.

Bro. F. E. Rehorst, agent, Ponchatoula, La., and family have returned from an extended trip through Canada. "FE" was relieved by Bro. Buquoi.

Bro. W. H. Rehfeldt, third trick, Hammond, La., has returned from a pleasant stay with home folks in that dear old Moss Point, Miss., on the Gulf Coast.

Bro. S. R. Twyman resigned as operator, Canton, Miss., and accepted dispatching trick at Denison, Texas, for the Katy.

It affords us much pleasure to announce that Bro. "Bill" Rheames has been reinstated, as second trick operator, at Kenner Junction.

Bro. T. L. Lowrey has been assigned to second trick at Nogan, Miss., on bulletin.

Bro. A. J. Drane, agent, Wesson, Miss., on vacation; relieved by Bro. Sam Turner.

DIV. COR.

Freeport Division—

NOTICE.

All members, including those belonging to The Pretzel City Club, will please bear in mind, that our place of meeting has been changed from the Stein Hall to the I. O. O. F. Hall, which is located at 107 Stephenson street. This hall has been leased for a year, so there will be no more changes for some time. Entrance, 107 Stephenson street, third floor; take the left hand stairway from the second floor. Next meeting, November 19th, and the third Friday of each month thereafter. We expect to have several members of the general committee with us at our November meeting, and it is hoped that each member will make a special effort to be present.

Fraternally yours,

W. KELLY,
Local Chairman.

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Everybody is anxiously waiting the result of the schedule negotiations, now being carried on in Chicago. Last report shows everything moving along in very satisfactory manner.

At the October meeting we had with us Bro. Lacy, local chairman of the Dubuque Division, who gave us a very nice talk, and promised to attend the November meeting and explain in detail concerning the Railroad Employes' Department, for which Bro. Lacy is securing members. After Bro. Lacy's interesting talk the regular business was rushed through, and we adjourned in order to take in the performance at the Opera House.

The membership on the Freeport Division has been increased until we now have but one genuine moss-back non, however, we have still three other nons who are such on account of neglect or conditions over which they have no control. It is only a matter of time, until these three will again be in line, and then the Freeport Division will take her place at the head of Division No. 93.

Bros. Ralph Toombs and Harry Granger, who have been with this company for about five years, have resigned and are going West, where they have been offered better positions. These brothers both worked most of the time in the dispatcher's office, thus becoming "wire" acquainted with all the boys along the line.

It was with much regret that the writer, this morning, after having sent the "On Hand," was compelled to listen to Bro. Toombs say "O. K. and Good-By." These brothers have given the best of service, being of the clean-cut type, always ready to "clean your hook." In the departure of Bros. Granger and Toombs, the Freeport Division is losing two of her most staunch Order men. If there was any possible way to do so you would always find these two brothers at the meetings and taking an active part.

May their joys be as deep as the ocean, and their misfortuntes as light as its foam.

Bro. Granger's smiling face was seen at several places along the line, before taking his departure for the West. Success to you, brothers, wherever you roam.

Bro. Aufdenspring and wife have returned from a month's vacation in the dells of Wisconsin. Extra Agent Liston relieved Bro. Aufdenspring.

Local chairman Kelly is back to work, after a thirty day vacation, a part of which was spent in the West, but "Kell" arranged to be in Chicago during the base ball civil war. Bro. Devaney relieved him.

Bro. Schlaff and family spent a couple of weeks at Canyon City, Col., where Bro. Schlaff's parents reside.

Bros. Schilt and Lund, of Mondota, are both back to work after their summer vacation. Bro. Bradley did the relief work.

Sister Mead, of Dixon, has been laying off so long, we [illegible] whether she is going to return.

Bros. Barber, Feskule and Bellows, of Bloomington, have each had their vacations, and things begin to sound natural around "BN" again.

Freeport Division—

There were not enough present to hold the meeting called for Stein's Hall on October 15, but hope the brothers from the east end will be able to attend the next meeting. The only way to know what is going on is to attend these meetings.

Bro. B. E. Melloan is back from an extended vacation spent with relatives in Kentucky.

Bro. Jones, located for several years at Alworth, has been working extra recently.

Bro. E. W. Wilson, Hillside, I. C. & I., is now located with the Pullman Co. Mr. T. W. Patterson is the successful applicant for the position formerly held by Bro. Wilson.

Chicago Division—

The Chicago Division of System Division No. 93, met in regular session at Kankakee, on October 8th, with a goodly number present, and several important matters were disposed of. Bro. Newman, of Toledo, was elected assistant local chairman, to fill vacancy. It was decided to have a big meeting in November, and we want all of the members to come out and help kill the oysters. There will be a fine programme, consisting of readings, singing, speaking and music. Everybody should come and bring his wife and babies. If you have no wife, or babies, get all the other fellows you can, and come along.

Bro. Wooley, of Pesotum, Ill., on thirty days' leave of absence, relieved by Mr. Campbell.

Bro. H. D. Giding, on three weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. A. J. Dion.

Bro. Graham, of "MU," is now convalescing. He is being relieved by R. J. McCann, of "MU," who, before this reaches the press, can be called brother.

Boys, let me hear from you in time for next month's issue, not later than the 20th, please.

J. F. C.

Cherokee Division—

Bro. Rahn, at Anthon, is taking a three weeks' vacation. Bro. E. A. Hoge, formerly agent at Anthon, is located at Kahlotus, Wash. He likes the country very well, and is doing nicely.

Helper J. F. Chadwick, of George, has taken a clerkship at Marcus.

Bro. Smith, of Quimby, visited Steen recently.

Agent L. L. Neeley, of Storm Lake, is out West on a two weeks' vacation. Bro. A. D. Taylor relieving him. Bro. Olsen working first; Bro. Shoemaker, second, and Edw. Parker, third, a new man.

Bro. J. P. Farley, at George, expects to spend a couple of months in California this winter.

Bro. Swanson has resigned the agency at Ionda, and it has been bulletined.

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Louisiana Division

The regular monthly meeting at Hammond, La., October 17th, was postponed until the third Sunday in November on account of our local chairman being in Chicago on general committee work.

The special meeting held in Jackson, Miss., on October 10th, was the best attended and most enthusiastic held for a long time. Those unable to be present missed a treat. Bro. Montgomery, local chairman of the Y. & M. V., presided; Bro. Miller acted as secretary; Bro. Serrett, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Sandres, second vice chief telegrapher; Bro. Turner, marshal. The Rev. Bro. C. T. Stepp filled the post of past chief telegrapher and invoked the blessings of the Deity, and Bro. Head officiated as doorkeeper. Several interesting communications, including one from President Perham, were read. Bro. Miller read and explained the proposed new schedule that had been submitted to the management. Under the head of "Good of the Order," Bro. Stepp treated us to a splendid talk, reviewing the growth of the organization, which was well received. Bro. Miller talked on the student question, and urged the members at all times to be mindful of their obligation. After the meeting was adjourned, the local board of adjustment was called together to hear charges filed against Bro. J. R. Youngblood for violation of his obligation. He was found guilty and expelled from the Order.

Bro. R. C. Potts, night manager at Canton, Miss., has returned from a month's vacation in the mountains of Colorado.

Bro. C. St. John, manager at Canton, and the oldest telegrapher in the service of the I. C., has returned from a ten days' vacation spent with relatives at Tupelo and Yazoo City, Miss.

Bro. Henry Fitzgerald has been assigned to the fifth trick at Canton on bulletin.

On account of their being the oldest professional nons on the division, Chas. Kleppinger, "KR," of "BD" office, New Orleans, and Ed. Dunning, Harahan Junction, La., have been honored with the title of "Colonel" and "Captain," respectively. The difference between colonel and captain is one quart.

Following new members have signed up since our last report: K. S. Rheams, Harahan Junction, La.; J. J. Fitzgerald, Asylum, Miss.; Clark Screws, Bentonia, Miss.; J. L. Boudousquie, Tangipahoa, La.; W. B. Helm, Grand Bay, Ala.; J. B. Binford, St. Elmo, Ala.; A. J. Rutherford, New Orleans, La.

Bro. T. L. Lowry, second trick at Nogan, Miss., has been granted permission by President Perham to teach his brother telegraphy. If you must, this is the only legitimate way to do it.

Mr. Draughon, the new agent at Tougaloo, Miss., continues to ignore communications and inquiries relative to his getting a card. He certainly is in fine company, lined up with a few "razorbacks."

Unless Mr. Ed. Strader, second trick at Frenier, La., gets busy pretty quick, he will have his name linked with the "undesirables." COR.

There is a lady agent at South Elmhurst. No telegraphing there.

Bro. Brodeur, agent at Cloverdale, who asked for a vacation on July 15th to be relieved October 15th, has not gone yet. Don't look as though the telephones were going to cut much figure at that rate.

Bro. J. Hayes, of Coleman, was taken out of Freeport yard office when change in location was made.

Bro. O. E. Briscoe relieved Bro. C. E. Harrington at Plato Center, who secured Alworth, Ill., on bulletin.

Bros. Green, from Perryville, and Watson, from Irene, are off for a few days, being relieved by Bro. Frank, from Kerrick.

R. A. Wheeles, recently in Chicago general ticket office, comes to Rockford as ticket clerk. Bro. E. E. Harrington got first trick there on bulletin.

Bro. C. A. Ayres is at Sioux City ticket office. Bro. H. J. Jones is on second and Bro. J. Funk on third trick there.

Bro. R. V. Devaney relieved Bro. W. C. Boldt at Alworth, who relieved Bro. Melloan at C. G. W. Crossing. Bro. Devaney later relieved by Bro. A. E. Olson from the G. N., to relieve Local Chairman Kelly at Minonk. Bro. A. E. Olson later relieved by Bro. Boldt, regular position.

Bro. Devaney later relieved Bro. R. E. Eiser, second at East Junction.

Bro. Granger, from "HU," has accepted a position on the D. & R. G. We dislike to see Bro. Granger leave us, and wish him good luck.

Bro. R. R. Toombs is taking a trip through the West. Dispatcher W. M. Lane is back from his vacation on his old trick.

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Chicago Great Western Ry.

Southwest Division

Brothers, we will appreciate news items of any kind. They should be mailed to me by the 20th of the month to insure publication in the next month's TELEGRAPHER.

Don't forget the meetings at St. Joseph, Mo., the last Sunday of each month. We would like to see at least one brother there from each office, who can make a get-away.

We must all get after the few nons left on the division and see if we can't make members of them. Do not take no for an answer.

Bro. McCarty, Kansas City "RO" yards, off on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Hays.

Bro. Smith, first trick at "FB" shops, off on account sickness; relieved by Mr. Hawthorn, second, he being relieved by G. V. Keeffauver, a new man.

Bro. A. L. Sharp, extra at Blockton, has left the service to accept a position with the M. & St. L.

O. O. Edwards, second trick at "RU," Peru, taken out of service, C. A. Scarbrough, regular

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third taking second, and Telegrapher Howell doing the owl stunt.

Bro. H. S. Boyce, Des Moines dispatchers' office, made a flying trip to Kansas City recently.

Jas. Mullen, agent at Conger, was called to Valeria on account of the sickness of his sister. Was relieved by "Daddy" Campbell.

Mr. Keeffauver now on second at Leavenworth, Bro. J. E. McDonald, resigned. The former was relieved during his illness by J. E. Brewer, of U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Bro. E. L. Reed bid in third at "FB" shops, M. J. Patton going to "KO," Knowlton, third.

Mr. Hawthorn, second at "FB" shops, was taken out of service; relieved by Mr. Hays.

Bro. Dunlap, a new man, doing extra at South Des Moines.

Bro. Iles, agent at Afton Junction, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Waite, Mr. Howell going to Peru.

Sister Jessie M. Smith, regular second at Rea, Mo., while on vacation, was relieved by Lee Curtis, W. E. Bowman and C. H. Howell, successively.

Bro. Thatcher, agent at Cummings, while off on account of sickness, relieved by E. D. McClelland, the "night owl."

B. H. Simons, second trick at Parnell, Mo., has left the service, being relieved by J. F. Stephens, who, while off a few days, was relieved by C. W. Bland, a new man.

Bro. H. L. Coggins, third trick at Parnell, Mo., was off on account of sickness, and relieved by F. Wiles, a new man.

Brothers, now is the time to get busy. Each one pick out a man and land him, as the time is coming when we will need the support of all of them. Let us do everything possible to make this the banner division. Let's line up every man on the division. Go after them in a friendly way, and try to show them where they are doing wrong by not being up to date.

Mr. Williams, nights at Baxter, Bro. I. H. Lattimor at Savannah.

Bro. C. S. Ligget, agent at Blockton, has returned after several weeks' absence, Mr. Heller going to Shepard to relieve Mr. King, the agent, who was called home on account of his mother's sickness.

The general manager's special passed over the division recently, on a tour of inspection.

G. T. Scott, second at Blockton, on a 60-day vacation to Colorado and Utah, being relieved by N. G. Caroline.

Bro. C. H. Everett is relieving Bro. Rokey, agent at Diagonal, for a few days.

Our old-time dispatcher, Eddy Vail, is working for the Santa Fe at Needles, Cal.

On Bulletin No. 51 the following appointments have been made: Luray agency, J. L. Adams; Reinbeck first trick, J. J. Field; Shops ("FB") third, E. L. Reed; Leavenworth ("FH") second, I. H. Lattimor.

As per Bulletin No. 52, applications will be received for the following vacancies until October 25th, 1909: Athelstan agency; Afton Junction ("JU") agency; Ravenswood, Mo., agency; Reinbeck third trick; Gladbrook first trick; Baxter nights; Valeria third trick; Peru second trick; Blockton second trick; Savannah second trick; Shops ("FB") first trick, and Kansas City "DN" office.

Bro. W. E. Iles has resigned at Afton Junction ("JU") on account of poor health, Bro. J. V. Goens being checked in as agent.

Bro. T. E. Waite, second at Afton Junction ("JU"), has left the service; relieved by Bro. O. A. Potter.

Bro. J. J. Creeden, third trick at Afton Junction, is taking a 15-day getaway, relieved by Bro. N. C. Iles.

N. G. Caroline, third at Blockton, has left us, being relieved by C. F. Mosas, a beginner.

Sister C. A. Van Sandt, first at Leavenworth, visited at Savannah, and was relieved by J. E. Brewer, U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth.

Mr. Bland, extra, relieved for a few days at Peru third trick by our old friend, S. O. Campbell.

C. H. Howell is now working for the C., M. & St. P. Ry.

Knowlton "KO" telegraph office is closed, and N. C. Iles goes to Afton Junction. Bro. J. E. Johnson has resigned.

Mr. McCewin, third at Conception, Mo., relieved by C. W. Mason.

Bro. J. J. Creeden is back on third trick at Afton Junction.

Bro. E. M. McCarty, Kansas City, "RO," off on account sickness, relieved by Mr. Kitts, a C. T. U. A. man.

Bro. G. M. Smith, third at Blockton, on a 90-day trip to California and Mexico.

Mr. Nixdorf, U. S. Signal Corps at Fort Leavenworth, is working second at Blockton.

Bro. J. E. Johnson is now with the C., R. I. & P. Ry., on third at Beverly.

Bro. Rex Redlingshafer, South Des Moines, "SF," was off recently visiting Kansas City and other points.

Any of the brothers hearing of changes and items of interest will confer a favor by sending them to Bro. Sandmeier, at Leavenworth.

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Northwest Division—

The boys from Randolph to St. Paul were called upon during the past month to perform their last earthly deed for Governor John A. Johnson, when they assisted in handling the special train which bore the remains of that good man to a final resting place. While the train in reality signified the "wheel of life," it appeared more like a "monster of death" as it swiftly bore its precious burden along.

The wife of Agent Smalley, of Randolph, died during September. Bro. Pete Stenstrom handled the agency at Randolph while Mr. Smalley attended the funeral. Bro. C. Judd and Mr. Herr doubled up on second trick.

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Mr. Blann, Randolph, was transferred to "X" office; relieved by Mr. Herr. Bro. Judd, second trick at Hampton, relieved Herr on third trick.

President Taft's special was handled over the Northwestern Division on September 19th without a mishap of any kind.

After holding down the agency at Hampton a few days during Bro. Denn's illness, J. H. Horrigan, of the G. N., went to the Soo Line, C. E. Markham, from the W. M. & P. Division, relieving him.

Bro. Congdon, third at Sumner, is attending an opticians' school of instruction. Neither of the two boomers sent to relieve him could hold the job, and Bro. Woods was sent there, Mr. Potter taking second trick.

Mr. Carter has been transferred from Sumner to. Stanton. DIV. COR.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

First Division—

Our regular monthly meeting was held in the Fairfax Hotel at Norfolk, Va., on September 19th, with a large attendance, the boys turning out in full force.

A fine banquet was placed before the brethren, and great praise was accorded Manager Bell, who did everything possible to make the affair a grand success.

Bro. Cumming made report of his work on the system, which was more than gratifying, showing the good work accomplished and giving valuable information, which should put the brethren to thinking in regard to the personal work that should be done.

Bro. Allen gave us an interesting report of his trip around the continent.

Those who were unavoidably detained from being present at this meeting have no idea what they missed, and should not fail to be on hand next time at Suffolk, arrangements having been made for another set-out, of which you will get notice. Secure your passes in time to be present, as something interesting will no doubt develop at that time.

The number of new members secured the past month is very gratifying, as it makes the percentage roll up higher, but there are a few nons left, ever-ready takers of what we gave our hard-earned cash to gain, and it is hoped that they will soon come over with their money and applications, as the kind of promises they make won't buy anything.

Boys, why not be honest with those who have worked so hard to secure the same advances for you that we get ourselves. We are certainly entitled to your assistance.

Brothers, let us keep after these few nons until there is not one left. The work accomplished recently should encourage each and every member to be up and doing, and pull together with one accord for a solid division.

Offices between Richmond and Norlina are to have the telephones at an early date, and you should hear the comments by the "T. D.'s" on the second; I hope they will not lose their religion, and stop saying those bad words. The cost for the wire alone on the second, if applied to salaries, would mean much. Wonder if it is the proposed new phone line that is delaying the meeting at Portsmouth?

During the rebuilding of the new steel bridge at Hugo, an office has been opened there, Mr. Busbee doing the day stunt.

We are glad to report that Bro. Duke, at Purvis, will soon be back again.

Bro. Coggins, of Branchville, is ill.

Bro. Carlton, of Boykins, has returned from a short visit to the valley of "Ole Virginia."

Bro. Parker is being relieved at Newsoms by Mr. Knight. CORRESPONDENT.

Bro. N. C. Hines, of Cary, who has accepted a position as cashier of the bank of Cary, was relieved by Mr. Foster, and he in turn by Bro. Tom Womble. Bro. J. G. Farrell, third at "MC," relieved Bro. Womble on second, who took Cary agency.

Bro. W. L. Moore, of Third Division, went to third trick at "MC."

Bro. Watson, of Sanford, who accepted a position as transfer clerk, was relieved by Mr. Green. CERT. 633.

Second Division—

There has been several changes the past month, but am unable to get all of them.

The Second Division of this road was extended from Monroe, N. C., to Rutherford, N. C., making it 105 miles longer, and the Third Division dispatchers' office has been moved from Monroe to Hamlet, putting on three more dispatchers there. There are now nine dispatchers in "Z" office.

Our regular C. T. D., Mr. H. W. Purvis, was made trainmaster on October 1st, and our former trainmaster, Mr. C. C. Lane, is now C. T. D. He was set back on account of getting his foot cut off some time ago by a freight train.

We are handling train orders by telephone, now, but the dispatcher had to use the old standby key quite frequently.

One job was cut out when the phones were put in at Cement Siding. The conductors get their own orders there now.

Bro. Massey, first trick at Wadesboro, who was let out on some false report, was reinstated October 1st.

Bro. Bryan, second trick at Wadesboro, is now freight agent and telegrapher at Laurinburg. Bro. Borgman, third trick at Wadesboro, is now working second trick, and a non named Shooter is on third regular at Wadesboro, and also one named Wrenn on third at Lemon Springs.

Bro. J. E. Carter, agent at Polkston, has just returned from his vacation, spent in the mountains.

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There are only a few extra men over here, as extra work is very scarce.

Bro. W. F. Causey, the agent, and Bro. Mercer, second trick, are now the only men at Peachland. The latter made a flying trip to Atlanta, Ga., a few days ago, and was relieved by Mr. Green.

Bro. T. C. Howell, extra from A. C. L., is relieving on third at Southern Pines.

Bro. Jack Bishopp, of "H" office, is now holding second at Wingate.

I tell the boys the card is pink;
And unless they have their card of pink,
They won't get any favors, I don't think.

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Fourth Division—

Bro. Eugene Vining, of Lake City freight office, was acting agent at Monticello for a short while; relieved by Bro. Farley, from Tallahassee.

CERT. 1183.

Washington Southern Ry.

Our general chairman, Bro. Graham, has resigned "PY," Potomac yards, to accept a position with the Southern in the general office, "GM," Washington. Our best wishes go with this worthy brother. Everyone on the whole system was sorry to see him go, but unite in wishing him the best of luck. Our old friend Windsor filled in "PY" until bid in by Bro. H. M. Mays, of "DK," Potomac yards, which put first trick "DK" on bid. Bro. Swift is back on "K" first trick.

Bro. L. O. Covington has been assigned second trick at Penola. Bro. Dent to the third trick at "X," W. O. and W. Junction. This leaves third trick at "ND," Black Station, and first trick, "DK," Potomac yards, vacant, and on bulletin.

Bro. Dent's brother fell between a cut of fourteen cars; he was riding in Potomac yards, the night of October 2d, twelve cars passing over both his legs, just below the hips, and he died three hours later. Bro. Dent and family have our sincere sympathy.

Bro. Bowles, of "BN," Richmond, who has been sick for some months, has undergone a successful operation, and expects to return to work about the first of the year.

Bro. Binford, second, "K," Richmond, and Bro. Swift, both off on a vacation, relieved by Bro. "V" on first, and Bro. Riney on second tricks. Bro. Harrison has returned to third. Bro. Binford resigned after returning, and Bro. McInteer was called on to act as relief.

S. B. Jeter has been given second trick at W. O. & W. Junction.

Bro. A. L. Pixley and Bro. Duncan, of "GM," Southern Washington, took a flying trip to Pittsburg on the twelfth to see the game between that team and Detroit.

Boys, we have a good division operator, and we should do everything in our power to give him good service. He has always done everything he possibly could for us, so the least we can do is to help him keep down complaints, so when we go up for a new schedule there will be no kick coming on our service.

Get after the non next door, if he is worthy, and bring him into line.

Brothers, please send in a few notes to me at Potyard, so we can have a good write-up.

CERT. 122, "Z."

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts—

It really looks as if some of the boys think that just a certain few of the members should do all the work, and also bear all the burdens entailed thereby.

Local Chairman Jackson and the committee will probably be in Chicago on a new schedule, before this is in print. This means considerable expense, and any who have neglected to remit the special assessment levied to pay the expenses therefor, should do so at once, and not allow the work of the committee to be retarded for lack of funds.

We all realize that the good things we now enjoy have been secured for us by the Order, and any future advantages can only be gained in the same way. Therefore, brothers, it behooves us to show the few nons still among us that they enjoy all these benefits without having done anything at all to secure them, and should any of them be discharged for what they considered an unjust cause, we would be unable to help them have it investigated, no matter how much we personally would like to do so. It seems to me that facts of this kind presented to any desirable non would induce him to get a card at once.

Because there are so very few nons now on the east end, is no reason we should relax our efforts, as I understand there is still some work to be done in this direction on the west end. With a little hard work by every member over there, we will be able to say, when the committee returns from Chicago, that we "are solid."

You should keep your local chairman posted as to what is going on. If you know of a brother that has fallen out, who seems to be financially embarrassed, notify the local chairman at once, and we will see that he has the necessary help to get back to his proper standing. We can make old No. 126 solid from St. Joe, Horton and Leavenworth to Rock Island, if we will all get busy, and instead of having only 70 per cent, we can report 100 per cent, which will look much better.

Let us all be prompt in our work with the trick dispatchers, answering our calls promptly and doing all we can to avoid complaint from our officials. Most of us have nine-hour jobs, with fairly good salaries, so keep wide awake, and be ready at all times to do what we are paid for.

The ballast pit at Clarksdale has been opened up, and an operator will be put there soon.

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Bro. John Hawn, of Centerville, is now doing relief work in the Trenton relay office.

Bro. R. O. Lynn, second, Cols Junction, has returned from a visit to friends in Burlington.

T. H. Edwards, Letts, nights extra, has left the service.

Bro. W. B. Downing and R. Herbert, of "RN," visited friends and relatives in Burlington recently.

J. B. Argo, agent, Perlee, is off on vacation.

H. Carter, third, Fairfield, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Garber, second; Mr. Henry relieving Garber; on Carter's return Henry went to Altamont, where he was taken sick.

Bro. Sperry, third, Eldon, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Briggs, from Highland.

Bros. Abernathy and Briggs were in Trenton recently, posting up in relay work. Bro. Abernathy is "batching," while his wife is visiting friends and relatives in St. Joe and Atchison.

Chas. Robinson, Stillings Junction, off sick; relieved by J. E. Johnson, from C. & G. W. Get in line Chas.

Bro. S. E. Miller, Cols Junction, visited friends and relatives in Seymour recently.

Sister Blanche Pierce has left Ainsworth, on account of its being closed, and gone to Udell, temporarily, as a night office opened as a day train order office. The agent, Bro. T. J. Easter, is now doing the telegraphing in addition to his other duties.

Mr. Wilson, from the K. C. S., is at Seymour, extra, until it is assigned to the regular man by bulletin

Bro. G. C. Wallingsford bid in third, Cameron Junction, Union Depot. He will, no doubt, do some good work on the west end among the noms.

Bro. Hughes, at Harvard, is thinking of crossing the matrimonial threshold soon.

First Trick Dispatcher G. C. Zingerly is taking his honeymoon this month, being relieved by E. E. Carter. We all send congratulations to "Zing."

S. E. Straff, extra dispatcher, is relieving Dispatcher E. E. Carter on third. Mr. Straff is going to Atchison with the Missouri Pacific shortly.

Bro. Nash Logue, first at Eldon, has returned from his thirty-day vacation.

Mr. Gold was relieved at "RX" by the regular man and gone to Nahant, on the east end. We will be on his path soon.

Mr. Hollis, nights, at Gallatin, was discharged recently.

C. E. Parker, agent, Plattsburg, took in the shows at K. C. several days last month.

Mr. Benner is working extra at Muscatine, until it is assigned to the regular man.

Bro. McCullum, from the "Q," is doing the extra at Altamont. Would like to see him land a good job, as he is a fine worker.

Bro. Plum, agent, Winston, has returned after a two weeks' vacation, taking in the sights in Colorado.

Bro. Lowe, third at Altamont, who is on vacation, will camp on Dean Lake for a fifteen-days' hunt, then visit St. Joe for a few days and return home via K. C.

Bro. Wertenberger, Clarksdale, third, bid in the second trick there, leaving third open.

Mr. Schrieber, now working in relay office, Des Moines, visited Bro. Wallingsford, at Seymour, a few days recently.

Sisters Madison and Fox have both returned from Denver, where they have been having a nice time sight seeing, etc.

Bro. C. A. McCullum, who relieved at Clarksdale, while Mr. Wertenberger was on vacation, has relieved Bro. Booze, at Kenmoor, the latter relieving Bro. Harrah, for his vacation.

Mr. Pilcher, who has been relieving Operator Hollis, at Gallatin, is back again at Winthrop.

We would be pleased if the brothers in and around St. Joe would send us the news from that locality, not later than the 20th of each month, for the succeeding issue of our journal.

G. C. W., CERT. 2433.

Arkansas Division—

Our divisions begins to show the effects of our assistants helping the local chairman. Each member should consider himself an assistant, and get after the non next to him, or in his office, and give him no rest until he gets up to date.

Our local chairman is going over the division at present, you should give him your assistance by landing every non at your station or near you.

Complaint is made all along the line of inability to raise "RK" office for business. We are glad to say that this casts no reflection on the O. R. T. There is not a member of our organization in that office, and we don't wonder at such service.

Hulbert has been opened as a day telegraph office, Mr. Wynn doing the heavy. Hopefield was closed October 1st, which will mean three men at Hulbert, as it will be made the terminal, instead of Hopefield.

Maumelle has been closed, and Bro. W. P. Bargoin is doing the night stunt at Roland. Mr. Johnson took the day job at Pinnacle. C. W. Cord went to Biscoe from Pinnacle.

Hazen and Wideners were made night offices, on the night of September 25th only, on account of Barnum and Bailey circus going over the line from Little Rock to Memphis.

Galloway has been closed as a night office.

Bro. H. Ethridge, from the Cotton Belt, is working third trick at Germania. He has worked for the Rock Island several times before. "The cat will come back."

Bro. F. W. Mitchell, Butterfield, while on a month's vacation was relieved by J. I. Elston, from the N. C. & St. L.

Mr. Powell, Searcy, who was off a few days, called to Amarillo, Tex., a few days the first of the month on business, was relieved by Bro. Brasfield, of Searcy.

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Edgar Pullen relieved Bro. W. H. Scott at Haskell. Bro. Scott had to lay off on account of bad health.

Bro. F. C. Hirsch, from the I. M. S., is doing the telegraph and clerical work at Hot Springs, relieving Operator Smith.

Bro. J. F. Gillespie, agent, Carlisle, is at work again after a month's vacation in the North and Northwest.

Bro. Short, agent, Edmondson, was relieved by Bro. Dulin, from the I. M. & S. Bro. Short going to Proctor as agent.

Bro. J. H. Finch has resigned as agent at Tupelo, to go to school in Little Rock.

Bro. Kisner, of Lonoke, is back at work after a couple of months' recreation.

L. A. Yeargin, agent, Griffithville, has been relieved by Bro. J. C. Buckner.

Bro. L. R. Kirby, from the superintendent's office, is on the job at Pulaski.

Bro. Holland was relieved, at Germania, by Bro. N. D. Fizer, from the I. C.

Mr. Pierce, at Hopefield, was relieved by a Mr. Edwards.

Bro. Holland is going to school at Alexander Ark.

Everybody should get busy, and furnish your correspondent, Bro. J. E. Jones, Devalls Bluff, with items for THE TELEGRAPHER each month, and he will give us a good write-up.

CERT. 1542.

Kansas Division—

G. C. Richards has been appointed agent and operator at Soloman, vice C. E. Dougherty, transferred to the El Paso Division.

Lorel Day has been appointed agent at Elmont, vice Bro. N. F. Shipper.

Bro. C. O. Overbay is on third, McFarland, transferred from Clay Center.

Bro. B. L. Brown, third, Maple Hill resigned, and gone South for the winter. Mr. R. C. Nicholson, from Missouri Pacific, relieved him.

The night office at Clay Center had to be closed two nights in September, on account of a shortage in operators. This division could use about twenty more good operators.

Bro. W. R. Phares, first, Maple Hill, for past two years, has resigned.

Business is mighty good, and a number of extras are running. Glad to see this prosperity—what's good for the company is good for us.

C. E. Long, third, McFarland, has been discharged for violation of rule "G."

Bro. H. W. Avery has returned to work at Manhattan, after a short vacation.

P. T. Bates, who relieved Bro. Overbay at Clay Center, was later relieved by R. Moore, who says the work is too heavy and the pay too light. It's a wonder he wouldn't line up and help us get a raise.

The boys are very slow sending in the information blanks. They apparently do not realize their importance. We have been burning midnight oil, trying to get the operators on this division lined up, and I think by next pay day we will see our division almost solid.

When I assumed the duties of local chairman, I appointed four assistants, but Bro. Logan, at Clay Center, is the only one I can count on to furnish me news items. He has been a faithful assistant, and I assure him that I appreciate it. Its pretty hard for one man to get the news and keep track of the changes, and the local chairman has to depend, to a large extent, on his assistants to help him out. If you will sit down with your pencil, you will be surprised how many things you could write that would make good reading. So, please send in any news that you may hear of. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

East Iowa Division—

The telephones installed on the East Iowa Division have been in operation about one month now. On clear days it works very well, and business is moved fairly well, but in bad weather it's "back to the old wire."

The automatic block is also being installed on this division, and is relieving the boys of a lot of tiresome blocking. The company seem to be unable to secure enough operators to allow regular men to be relieved.

Business is A No. 1 at present, each train crew being worked to the limit, and called on eight hours' rest. We all rejoice to see this sign of prosperity.

Bro. E. W. Stuart, first at Brooklyn, the past year, bid in first trick at West Liberty, vice Bro. W. F. Cooper, who is nicely located in his new grocery there, and says he don't have to ask out everytime he wants to get some fresh air.

Bro. J. E. Olsen, recently extra at West Liberty, third and first, is at Council Bluffs. We understand "Jimmie" went up to North Dakota and returned with a help-meet.

Bro. Parker, the old-reliable, is on second, and Ex-Bro. C. J. Sims on third, at West Liberty.

Bro. R. N. Whitley, first trick (I. C.), Iowa City past four years, has accepted a position as car accountant in the superintendent's office at Goodland, Kan. We understand Bob also took a help-meet out to Goodland, to insure him plenty pancake and beefsteak.

Bro. Clyde Lambaugh, of Adair, bid in third at Iowa City, and is now installed there.

Ex-Bro. H. E. Fix, first at Brooklyn, resigned and gone East. Ex-Bro. F. C. Whitehead has the job until bids open.

First Trick Dispatcher C. M. White is suffering with throat trouble. Too much talking on the telephone probably. Chief T. W. Ward is on first. "Tom" can do her, as he was there for years.

Our committee will soon convene, and we earnestly hope all the nons will get lined up and render the financial as well as other support they should. Conditions were never better, and when we stop to consider what our conditions were before the Order became effective on our road, we can but take off our hats to the O. R. T.

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Would suggest that each brother notify local chairman J. B. Smith, at Marengo, of any changes, in order that our division may be always represented in the news column of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. C. D. Hibbs, from "CY," Iowa City, is at "CR" office, Cedar Rapids making a ninety-day trial at it. CERT. 2061.

White River Branch—

Bro. Nelms, our hustling local chairman, has just completed a trip over the east end, trying to get a line on all the changes. If we would all devote just one-third the time to the good of the Order that Bro. Nelms does, we would soon be reaping great benefits from it in the way of a nice little increase in salary, which we all want and deserve. He leaves for Chicago in a few days to try for a new schedule.

Bro. T. N. Kimmel, first at Brinkley, has resigned, and goes to Haileyville, Okla., on another division of the Rock Island. He was relieved by Bro. F. H. Gregory, second at Brinkley. Bro. R. Zeek, a new man, is working third.

Bro. C. J. Hitt, first at Forrest City, on short vacation; relieved by H. W. Gibbs, from Edmonson.

Mr. Edwards, Hopefield, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. E. Schmulen, a new man.

Miss Pearl Shinault, of the Iron Mountain, took second at "SN," Edmondson, October 19th, relieving Bro. H. W. Gibbs, promoted to first at Forrest City.

Bro. Sims, Lonoke, nights, and J. E. Jones, DeValls, took in the great fair at Carlisle recently.

A night office has been opened up at Hazen, with C. Plummer, a new man, in charge.

Night office at Galloway, after being closed for a number of weeks, has been reopened, with Mr. Turner, from the La. Division, acting as the owl.

Bro. C. J. Buckner has accepted the agency at Griffithville, relieving Bro. Yernigan, who returns to farming near that place.

Bro. Powell, of Searcy, who visited his people in Little Rock recently, has returned to work.

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C., B. & Q. Ry.

Bro. O. L. Lamb paid us his first visit a few days ago, accompanied by Bro. A. F. Ritter, local chairman of the Brookfield Division.

The following positions are open on bulletin:

First trick Lindell Ave.; first trick Hamilton; second trick Saxton; second trick Hemple; second trick Meadville; third trick Macon; third trick Hunnewell.

Dispatcher Ed Parsley on two weeks' vacation, took in Denver scenery and baseball in Chicago.

F. F. Pratt, agent at Laclede, while off forty days taking in the fair at Seattle and other points of interest, was relieved by Bro. T. R. Crandall, J. W. Yount taking first trick and R. E. O'Neill third.

W. E. Quigley, agent at Cameron Junction, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Kay, who was relieved on second trick by C. A. Shockey, third trick. Bro. R. B. Edsall is relieving Shockey.

Bro. McClaughan relieved for a few days by Extra Telegrapher McCoy.

Bro. D. R. McWilliams, of Saxton, has resigned to take a position in the machine shops of C., R. I. & P. at Kansas City.

Bro. H. Smith was relieved a few days by Telegrapher H. Clark.

Bro. Sturges, of Kidder, is on extra at Meadville during the Chautauqua.

M. X. Bassett is spending a few days in the East, Telegrapher McCoy relieving.

L. Howe on short vacation, relieved by J. L. Shepherd, St. Joe ticket office.

Bro. W. B. Welsh is now regular relief agent, vice H. S. Fulmer, gone to the Santa Fe.

Bro. L. E. Wilhoit relieved by W. R. Holt for a few days.

Bro. J. E. Dun, Chandler, has resigned on account of ill-health. Relieved by Bro. Hackensmith.

Wm. McCue is working extra at South Park.

Bro. Middleton on annual vacation, relieved by Bro. E. M. Wood. Bro. Shackleford is relieving Bro. Wood at Kearney.

Bro. Kay off a few days relieved by Mr. Shockey.

Bro. Peck is off on account of the sickness of his mother, relieved by Wm. McCue.

Bro. Burks, while on his 30-day vacation, was relieved by U. G. Read, formerly agent at Lentner.

H. R. Starrett has returned to Shelbina, after doing relief work at Randolph for the past two months.

Bro. H. F. Clark is working as extra agent at Saxton.

Bro. W. L. Hall, who was off a couple of days, was relieved by Bro. Rowell, third trick, U. G. Allen relieving Bro. Rowell.

Bro. Gebeaut was relieved on short vacation by Bro. Sturges, J. D. Shepherd working second and W. G. Allen third trick.

Bro. Maxwell has second trick at Hemple until awarded.

Bro. Godfrey is working second at Hamilton until awarded.

Sterling Division—

There is still some room for improvement on our division. Some one should wake up and run in a few of the nons. Who will be the first to volunteer and send me his application during my leave of absence. My address will still be Dalton, Neb.

Bro. H. H. Smith, formerly agent at Norman, Neb., is now on his farm near Dalton, doing well.

Bro. J. J. Hicks, Smithfield, has returned from a trip to Seattle and other Points West.

The many friends of Bro. T. W. Morton, who was local chairman for the McCook Division,

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were sorry to learn of his death at Otis, Colo., on August 25.

The box-car situation is becoming serious, and we should all make an effort to help out our chief dispatcher by keeping these cars on the move.

Help in these write-ups by sending me the news, not later than the tenth of the month. Wake up and help to organize by writing the nons near you and getting their applications, thus insuring benefits to them as well as yourselves.

J. T. MADDOX.

Sheridan Division—

I wish some brother on the west end would act as assistant local chairman between Sheridan and Huntley, also the branch lines. It would be greatly appreciated by all if some brother would take a little interest in the work and line up the nons. Any brother who will handle this work kindly drop Bro. Meehan a letter at Ulm, Wyoming.

It is impossible to keep tab on all the news, and I appeal to the brothers to help with the write-ups, and also in keeping a line-up on all the nons. If everyone would send me the names of new men who come to work among them, and if members ascertain their certificate and division numbers, it would be a great help and one of the most important parts of organization.

Business is so good now that it is hard to realize it, and it is expected that it will be far heavier than any year on the Burlington heretofore. Let us give the company the best that is in us, and aid them in moving traffic without any delay on our part.

A. Pope, second at Arvada, got on a "toot" recently, opened all the wires and no trains could move. Pope was taken into custody and brought to Sheridan, where he was fined $25.00 and costs, amounting to $50.00, and placed in jail in default of bond. Mr. Stritch, from Echeta, relieved him. Echeta had to be closed until a man could be secured.

The following are among the new members: C. L. Chapman, Osage, Wyo.; H. Posttewait, Verona, Wyo.; J. W. Patterson, Dewey, S. D., and J. B. Muir, Oriva, Wyo.

Verona and Ulm have been made three-men offices, with Mr. Rogers on third at Verona and Bro. Herbert third trick at Ulm.

The Sheridan Division is cramped for men, and there are some good vacancies that our O. R. T. members should seek.

C. C. Crawford, nights at Dewey, has resigned; relieved by Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Eaton, second trick at Arvada, has resigned, relieved by Mr. Thomas.

E. L. Rightmeir is working second trick at Osage.

Bro. Shaddel, agent at Felix, has gone to Denver; relieved by J. S. Milam.

Bro. B. H. Kling has returned to Clearmont second trick, after a 60-day leave of absence. Bro. Jacobs will now be given a more suitable position. J. P. MEEHAN.

Aurora and Chicago Divisions—

Bro. O'Brien, assistant local chairman, formerly of Polo, Ill., bid in "U" Block, on bulletin.

Bro. Carley, formerly of Bristol tower, bid in second trick at Mendota Depot.

Bros. Higman and Cook, both of Mendota Depot, have resigned and are with the wireless on the Pacific Coast.

The following jobs have been bulletined: Greggs, "U" Block, Sandwich, Bristol tower, Big Rock, Shabbona and Oregon. All phone, except Oregon.

We understand that Mr. Noack, working the last three months at "SY," Aurora, telegraph job, has bid in third trick phone job at Sandwich.

C. F. Chamber, Aurora, extra phoner, has been holding down third trick position at Sandwich.

Harry A. Kaar is working second trick at Sandwich.

Ruben Tour, formerly of Sandwich, third trick, was transferred to Leland, third trick, while Bro. Anderson takes a vacation.

Bro. McVay, of Meridan, Ill., was a Sandwich visitor, September 17th, taking in the fair.

CERT. 1246.

Wymore Division—

We still have a few delinquent members. Come, boys, square up.

Four new members from this division in September helps some.

Bro. L. B. Murdock is back on third, at Superior, after a short vacation.

Second Trick Operator Bailey, Superior, off on account of trouble with his eyes; relieved by freight man, Mr. Daily.

Bro. Dempsey has been relieving Bro. Gum, at Table Rock, who is on vacation, visiting in Missouri. Bro. Zink, first trick, Table Rock, has been away on account of the illness of his father; relieved by Bro. Sheeley, who in turn was relieved by Operator Parsons.

Bro. Trumpeller and Mr. Asson took in the horse show at St. Joe recently.

Bro. Redline, Peru, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. H. Hartzell.

Mr. Hadsell, operator, Geneva, who resigned to attend the State University, was relieved by Mr. Cooper, a new man.

Bro. Zettle has been transferred to Hebron, relieving Agent Campbell, on vacation.

Dispatcher Chet Clement has been acting as night chief during the absence of Night Chief Jackson.

Bro. Cunningham, of Syracuse, took in the State Fair.

H. R. Atkinson, formerly a member of this division, was killed at Sutton recently, while performing his duties as freight brakeman.

Mr. Ben McGuire is on third trick at Sterling.

Former Bro. Hohaus is on the new third trick at Nebraska City.

Bro. L. G. Antrim, agent, Armour, was visiting in Lincoln recently. DIV. COR.

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Second trick at Nettleton is open on bulletin.

H. R. Starrett bid in second at Hemple, and Bro. Middleton first at Hamilton.

Bro. J. E. Gunn, Table Rock, has gone to Southern Kansas.

Bro. Sewall, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Ed. Hughes.

Bro. H. D. Hall is laying up at Stewartsville.

Bro. A. B. Roof off few days, relieved by Bro. Ogan.

R. E. O'Neill, St. Catherine, who has been at Laclede some time on account of the shortage of telegraphers, has returned.

Bro. E. A. R. Teich, while off duty on matrimonial affairs, was relieved by Bro. E. R. Pickett, of Randolph. Bro. K. G. Williams, who recently sold out his newspaper business at a handsome profit, relieved Mr. Pickett.

R. H. Allen, our congenial chief, while watching the Pittsburg-Detroit baseball games, was relieved by Night Chief Lamb.

W. R. Holt, Aanabel, has taken a companion.

Bro. McCoy, of Clarence, off on vacation in Kansas City and New Mexico, relieved by Bro. Clark, who was relieved by Mr. Lauck, of Palmyra Junction.

The general manager's special passed over the line on an inspection trip recently, but took it at the rate of about 40 per hour.

Brothers, be a little more lenient with the pens and give us a few items now and then.

Extra Dispatcher Parsley is on the sick list at present.

Conductor Tom Jones, who was accidentally killed at Hamilton while making a switch, leaves many friends among the telegraphers to mourn his death. CERT. 1503.

Ottumwa Division—

Bro. McKenna, agent, Cameron, is taking a vacation; relieved by Mr. Stafford. Bro. Landgrave handling second trick, and Bro. Conley third.

W. C. Willit, ticket agent, Monmouth, is on vacation, viewing the sights of Yellowstone Park; relieved by R. S. Bartlett, late of the Rock Island Southern Ry.

Bro. L. S. Grabow, second, Biggsville Cabin, resigned; relieved by Bro. G. W. Grantham, until position is filled by bulletin.

Bro. H. E. Warmhoudt, agent, Gladstone, on vacation; relieved by Bro. L. W. Huston, second trick; Bro. C. R. Conley, third.

Bro. J. R. Thorpe, new man on Lockridge second, has transferred to Division 130.

Bro. W. A. Ryan, third trick at Fairfield, after waiting several months, was finally relieved by R. A. Thompson. He has gone to the coast for a month's vacation.

Bro. Kiley, second trick at Batavia, is also on his vacation.

Bro. I. G. Miller is back on Mt. Pleasant third trick, after working extra for two months in the city ticket office, Chicago, during the rush.

Bro. S. P. Mott bid in second trick at New London.

Bro. C. A. Walter, first trick at Fairfield, while off on sick leave, relieved by Bro. Ryan, of third.

Bro. E. V. Peel, third at "BY," Burlington, while off a few days, was relieved by Bro. R. A. Sanberg, of third, Lockridge, Mr. Huffington, a new man, taking third.

Brother, has your wife, mother or sister joined the Auxiliary? Write Mrs. G. W. Malone, Galesburg, Ill., for application blanks.

CERT. 283.

Hannibal Division—

Business seems to be picking up on this end, as box cars are getting very scarce, and we hope that this increase in business has come to stay. If the various railroads can make a good showing, we are certain to get some benefit from it.

We understand the section foreman got an increase in pay the first of October. While we are glad to see this, we do not see why the agents and telegraphers should not have been remembered also, and the only explanation seems to be that we have not got into line strong enough with up-to-date cards in our pockets. If each Order man will go after a non and get him, this division would soon be solid. Let's see if we can not start something and bring these nons in.

Bros. G. L. Hubbard and F. P. Draieman, of Orchard Farm, were off on a few days' vacation in September.

Bro. L. S. Blincoe, of Peruque, who had quite a sick spell recently, has fully recovered, and is again at work. Bro. R. K. Thomas from the C. & A. relieved him.

Bro. J. R. Dempsey, of Peruque, who relieved Bro. J. L. Crank, of Kissenger, recently, on account of sickness, took the first trick at Foley during the absence of J. W. Mears.

Bro. W. R. Hicks of the C. & A. is working extra at Moody.

Bro. E. T. Shaffer, from the Mo. Pac., relieved C. L. Simpson at Hawk Point for a few days.

Mr. Robinson relieved Bro. C. A. Heckard at Martinsburg a few days, while the former went to Wellsville to relieve A. C. Schultz, who was transferred to Winfield as regular agent on September 29th.

Wm. Mears, of Foley, bid in Martinsburg.

Mr. Moyer, a student from Clarksville, Mo., relieved H. G. Dew, the night owl at Wellsville, a few nights recently.

A third operator has been put on at Bellflower and Hawk Point. CERT. 1356.

Although Bro. E. J. Heather, of Peruque, has been made local chairman since the resignation of Bro. McCall, we must not depend wholly on him for all the news. Some of us who are not nearly so busy as he is could keep him posted on the changes, relieving him of some of his burdens, and also make a showing for our divi-

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sion, so others will know there is a few live ones over here yet.

The wife of Bro. W. J. Mears died while he was taking a vacation, and his position as agent at Foley has been bulletined. He was relieved by Bro. Dempsey, from Peruque, who has since been succeeded there by E. T. Shaffer.

L. E. Williams, of Moscow, relieved Bro. E. J. Heather at Peruque, a few days during October, on account of the death of a relative of Bro. Heather. Moscow nights was closed during Mr. Williams' absence.

A. W. Ogilvie, second at Ashburn, spent his 30 days' vacation with relatives in Longview, Texas. He was relieved by Bro. R. C. Hall. Shortly after his return he was relieved by C. R. Vanaken, so he could take the second trick at Louisiana.

McIntosh was closed, Saturday night, October 16th, so the telegrapher there could go up and work second at Louisiana until Mr. Ogilvie could be relieved at Ashburn. C. O. Waters, second at Louisiana, has been dismissed from the service.

Frank Miner, first at Old Monroe, on short vacation, relieved by Bro. J. J. Lyons.

R. H. Hicks relieved R. I. Feaster, first at Moody, who went on extra in "X" office, Hannibal.

G. V. Inlow, days, and W. I. Moyer, nights, two new men, relieved W. C. Duncan and W. R. Schumann, the former resigning and the latter being dismissed.

Bro. R. C. Hall, third at Ashburn, has resigned, and gone West.

J. J. Finnesy, extra dispatcher at West Quincy, is back at "X."

Bro. W. E. Blakely, of Weaver, has resumed duty after a 20-day vacation spent in Colorado and New Mexico.

Bro. R. E. Ainge, of Saverton, who was working as agent at West Alton until the place is filled permanently, has been relieved by Bro. T. L. Donahue, a new man.

B. P. Boyer, first at Clarksville, on a ten-day layoff, relieved by E. B. Curts, a new man.

CERT. 2548.

Galesburg Division—

We understand when we ask for promotion that our ability is considered as well as our past record and seniority, and in cases where we are not giving service where we are now, it is little use for our chief dispatcher to promote us to a better position and then have to tie a can to us as soon as we get there. We should render the best service possible, regardless of the position we hold. Then, when the time arrives for a better position, our applications will be given due consideration. We have had several cases lately where men have applied for positions on bulletin when they were not offering half-way decent service at the position that they were then holding, and their applications have been turned down and a younger man in the service, but much better qualified, was given the position. This was not, as some think, done because the chief dispatcher wanted to place whom he pleased there, but because those who were turned down were not giving satisfaction in the positions they were occupying.

Now, let us all do our very best, so when we ask for promotion and our local chairman takes the matter to our chief dispatcher, that he will not be advised that we are not competent and that our services where we are now located are not satisfactory.

One of the non-union telegraphers on our division, who has been working a third trick for a little over two years, made application on bulletin for the first trick, which was given to a man equally as well qualified for the position, who had a little better than five years more service. He then took up the matter with Mr. Judson, who informed him that the O. R. T. handled that part of it, and he would be compelled to wait his turn with the rest of the nons.

The increase of traffic has necessitated the employment of several more men in and around the "hump" yards at Galesburg. In one day's business, Saturday, October 16, they handled 4,950 cars over the humps during twenty-four hours.

Several assignments of telegraphers on bulletin are awaiting relief, on account of the shortage of men. The following are among the proposed changes: O. J. Errickson to third trick at Prospect St., Galesburg yard; Telegrapher Jolly from Graham to "YD," Galesburg; Telegrapher Kost from Barstow third trick to first trick at Graham; F. P. Maberry from extra list to third trick at Barstow. This will leave three nons in Galesburg yards for Bro. Malone to work on, and one at Barstow for Bro. Adams to line up.

On account of the increase of business, two more telegraphers have been placed at "YD," Galesburg yards, with Bro. Ewerwin, from the Grand Trunk, on the evening trick and a non-union telegrapher from the U. P. on the morning trick.

W. A. Work, who resigned at Macomb recently, will be missed by trainmen and telegraphers alike, as he was one of the best dispatchers on the Quincy branch.

Bro. Keating, formerly of the Beardstown Division, who has been playing ball in the Illinois-Missouri League during the past summer, is now on third trick at Macomb.

If you haven't the nerve to carry a card, please don't have the cheek to ask the O. R. T. for protection, and especially on bulletined positions.

Ask Mr. Akers at Colma if that's his student breaking in on the wires. Gee! he'll get it when they catch him. That so-called telegrapher talking to some student down the line must think student teaching has preference to regular business.

E. J. Weidner, agent at Douglass, off recently, on account of the death of his father. He was relieved by Mr. Sherman.

Bro. Bowers, of Augusta, has relieved Bro. Miner, of Bardolph, acting agent since Bro.

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Smith's departure, the latter relieving Mr. Sherman on second trick.

A. J. Carter resigned the agency at Bushnell, and has accepted a position on the C. B. & Q. as train and station inspector from Billings, Mont., to Lincoln, Neb., Alliance to Brush and branches, some 1,800 miles of road and 210 stations. His headquarters will be at Alliance, Neb.

Agent E. V. Kinsey, at Colchester, attended court in Lewistown the early part of October, Bro. Charley Martin acting during his absence, and Mr. Carter took first trick. On Mr. Kinsey's return, Carter was transferred to Augusta, taking Bro. Bowers' place when he left for Bardolph.

Augusta and Abingdon are on bulletin.

Mr. Greenewalt, Galesburg, is looking up his land interests in Dakota, and is being relieved by Bro. Campbell, from the Grand Trunk.

One of the Galesburg Division phoners was on the carpet recently, and severely censured for being absent from his office and allowing half a dozen young kids to make it a loafing place.

Bro. G. O. Guyers, of the N. P., is working extra on the Galesburg Division again.

Bro. Ward has landed the day job at Terminal Junction.

Bro. L. E. Tilney, from the Santa Fe, was sent to Pottstown to relieve Bro. Smith as agent, when he took the Peoria yard office on bid.

E. G. A.

Creston Division—

General Chairman Lamb passed over the division recently, and reports the general outlook very bright for the Order. A big pull with every man after a non, and the entire system can be made solid.

Pick out a non, write your local chairman about him, and keep at work until you convince him that he needs the help of the Order. Give him to understand he has enjoyed the fruit from our "plum tree" long enough, and it is time for him to bear his part of the burden. Show him how our present schedule has shortened his hours, secured him more money and many other things he is enjoying, all of which came through the O. R. T.

A telegrapher recently from Maryville, Mo., says the agent there told him the O. R. T. didn't amount to much, that there were a very few members on the division, and advised him to stay out of it. It looks as if a little convincing was due this man, whose working conditions have been helped by the Order.

Owing to the very heavy business, several telegraphers and agents were unable to take their vacations this summer.

Bro. J. V. Connett, of Red Oak tower, has resigned.

Bro. C. E. Reynolds, Arkoe, Mo., has bid in the agency at Stanton, J. W. Paddouk is third at that place.

Mr. Murphy is now working as agent at Orient, Iowa.

Brothers, kindly send us the news. It takes more than the local chairman to make things hum on our division, and with a little help from each man, we can have a good write-up every month.

Let every one send in their dues and have ar up-to-date card.

And remember, "No card, no favors."

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Beardstown Division—

Business is pretty good along this "pike" now, and keeps the boys busier than usual.

Bro. H. S. Frazier, agent at Rockbridge, was relieved several days by A. D. Hale, of Winchester, who then went to Walnut Grove.

Mr. Ballard, agent at West Roodhouse, off several days, relieved by H. Fundell, ex-farmer from Alsey.

Mr. W. E. Hale, first at Winchester, on annual vacation in the Rockies, Bro. W. E. Cline, second trick, taking first, and A. D. Hale second.

Bro. J. O. Guyer is back from the "woollies," working on Galesburg Division.

Bro. W. R. Johnson, of Gerlaw, while in State Fair at Springfield, was relieved by C. A. Ikerd, an old L. E. & W. man.

Bro. H. S. Raymond, of Walnut Grove, off several days on account of the death of his father, was relieved by A. D. Hale.

C. W. McConnell, second at Concord, relieved several days by John Reiley, formerly of the yards.

Hagener is now a three-trick station, with Bro. C. K. Hanks on first, Bro. W. F. Stehmann second, and C. M. Mosier third. These jobs were secured on bulletin.

V. S. Ball, agent at Concord, while attending the Masonic meeting at Chicago, was relieved by G. E. Welch, from the "Jack Line."

Erl Bowman relieved John Reiley, third trick yard office.

Bader now has three tricks, G. E. Haist taking second and Mr. Spence third.

Bro. H. E. Lindsey, of North Henderson, is off a few days, relieved by C. A. Ikerd, of Gerlaw.

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Sheridan Division—

Business is very good, and telegraphers so scarce that this division is short fifteen of them.

The "Q" is rapidly building through to Thermopolis, and expects to reach there next year. Another line is being projected through to Orin Junction for a connection with the Colorado Southern. This will give the "Q" over 1,000 miles of track to operate.

I will have to apologize to Bro. Wm. Henderson, third trick at Moorcroft, for calling him "Mister" in last month's journal. This was done on account of so many new men employed in that month. It won't happen again.

Brothers, I am going to send to every member a set of application blanks, and if there happens to be a non at your station, land him before he

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gets cold feet. I'll try to give you a complete list of all the nons we want, together with the few we don't want nor care to extend favors to.

Brothers, keep after those new men and try to get their applications. We have plenty of application blanks. Drop a card to your local chairman or call him up on the wire, and he will give you all the information necessary.

Bro. Butler, second at Gillette, resigned and relieved by Mr. Rightmeir, from second at Osage, who was relieved by Scott Cochran. Mr. Wallace is working on first trick at Osage.

Bro. H. C. Thomas, first trick at Clifton, by mistake took a dose of carbolic acid while on the sick list recently, but it was so small a dose that no serious injury resulted therefrom.

There is a man in the relay office named Sturm who scabbed during the Commercial Union strike in the Postal at Chicago. He signs "S," and is quite a would-be jollier.

O. A. Roode, first trick at Verona, was off 30 days, relieved by Bro. Postlewait, second trick. Mr. Reveil is on second, and O. Chapman is working third.

Bro. Jack Herbert, third at Ulm, on third at Clearmont, relieving Bro. C. J. Chapman, resigned.

Telegrapher Wilson, third trick at Dewey, resigned, and relieved by Mrs. Patterson, wife of Bro. J. W. Patterson, second trick at Dewey.

S. Cochran, third at Rozet, transferred to second trick at Osage, and relieved by Mrs. F. M. Ronan. Later, Bro. Brummell took third, and Mrs. Ronan second at Rozet.

E. R. Maris, agent at Newcastle, has returned, and his relief, Bro. Richardson, resumes the cashiership, relieving Bro. Hinman, who takes second trick, relieving his brother, B. W. Hinman, who goes to Ranchester third trick.

Mr. Rogers, Verona third trick, has resigned on account of his eyes.

The third man has been put on at Dewy, Clifton, Rozet, Oriva, Ulm and Verona on east end, and several more on the west end.

Bro. Jacobs, Clearmont second trick, sent to Frannie as agent, relieved by Mr. Fuller, from Chicago.

Bro. Reinhart on third at Hardin, Mont.

Bro. J. F. Mills is at his home station, Ranchester, on second trick.

A. Gaylord, who holds a C. T. U. A. card, is on third at Wyola. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Aurora and Chicago Divisions—

A large and interesting meeting of the Aurora and Chicago Divisions was held in the parlors of the Hotel Arthur, Aurora, Ill., October 16, 1909. Among the prominent leaders of the organization who were present and made speeches were J. A. Newman, of Chicago, Ill., first vice-president; G. Dal Jones, chief telegrapher of the outer belt line railroads, Chicago, Ill.; C. L. Lamb, general chairman, and Col. W. A. Henry, general secretary and treasurer of C., B. & Q. Ry. We expect to hold these meetings every month, the first Saturday after payday. Bring as many non-members as possible. Our local chairman will do his best to have as good speakers as can be found among the labor organizations.

Bro. Vaage, Plano, Ill., has bid in third at Mendota.

E. G. Noack, "SY," Aurora yard, has bid in third at Sandwich, so as to be home.

Bro. Skelly, second at Bristol tower, has bid in first at that place.

Wm. Smith, Earlville tower, on sick list, relieved by Mr. Lossey, of "SY."

Bro. Ranger, of Somonauk Cabin, was a Sandwich and Chicago visitor last week.

CERT. 1246.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Montgomery District—

It is most time to buy our winter clothing, and if we are true union men we will not forget the label. There is no such thing as a man not being able to find goods bearing the union label, as every town of any size where they handle up-to-date styles, etc., has some dealer who can supply your wants with union-made goods. Boost the other fellows' organization as well as your own, instead of knocking, and see if it don't make life easier for you.

It has been noticed lately that the dispatchers have had to call some of the nons an unreasonable length of time for "31's," "OS's," etc. Answering calls promptly and being polite is a duty we owe to both the company and public. We know that our members are all striving to show both the O. R. T. officials and the management of the road the advantages of employing only union men.

Bro. S. C. Whitehurst, from Newton, bid in second trick at "X," Montgomery, relieved by Bro. Johnson, who was later relieved by Bro. Evans, temporarily, until Newton nights is bid in.

Bro. Mathis, while on vacation, was also relieved by Bro. Evans.

Bro. W. F. Thames, Climax, has returned from several weeks' vacation out West.

Mrs. Ashton, "MO," Montgomery, has returned after an extended vacation. Mr. Lawson who relieved her, has gone back to Dothan nights.

Mr. Howell, who resigned as clerk-telegrapher at Enterprise, and went to the Rock Island in Arkansas, has returned to Enterprise.

Bro. Huey, Daleville agency, was relieved a few days by his brother to attend court.

Bro. Walker, agent at Ariton, while attending court, was relieved by Bro. Johnson.

Bro. J. C. Clarke, T. A. and telegrapher at Bainbridge, Ga., was relieved a few days ago by Bro. Brantley on account of serious illness in his family.

Mr. Thames relieved agent Pinebark three or four days recently. CERT. 1247.

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This old district seems to be coming out of the rut a little. We note with great pleasure that our local chairman's name appears on the honor roll in the October journal with two to his credit. Brother Jones also has one to his credit. This is coming our way. Now, why can't we have twenty names on that list next month? If 20 members will single out each a non and not let up until they get his application, then advise Bro. Quick that he has sent the application and money to Bro. Williams, his name will appear on the list. Do you want to be one of them? I do, and am going to have my name there, too.

Bro. Dykes, local chairman, has been calling the attention of the members to the "bond question," and it is a very live issue with us. Why any member who can raise ten dollars should hesitate to take at least one share of stock is beyond me. We don't have to go off our district to find a necessity for this bond company. You know the cases, I do.

Bro. S. E. Jones has been assigned to Bainbridge, relieving Bro. Almon Strain, who has left the service and entered college in Northern Alabama. Bro. Strain says he intends keeping up his card, as he would be lost without it.

Bro. S. C. Whitehurst, from Newton, takes Clay St. yard, made vacant by the transfer of Bro. Jones.

We welcome to our division Bro. C. T. Carr, of Division 56, chief clerk in the agent's office at Bainbridge.

Bro. B. H. Evans, of Jakin, is now successfully engaged in the photograph business at Brookhaven, Miss., and we understand is making quite a success of it.

Bro. H. H. Evans has been transferred from Jakin to night trick at Newton. D. C.

Richmond District, South—

The meeting held in Wilson on Saturday night, October 9th, was one of the most enjoyable of the year. While the attendance was not as large as expected or prepared for, those who did attend were well repaid for their trip, and will be on hand again every time they hear of a meeting at Wilson.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 9:30 p. m., in the Junior Order Hall, with Bro. J. H. Williams in the chair. Candidates for initiation in the several degrees were well pleased wth the ceremonies, and learned some valuable lessons.

Among those present, none were more welcome than Sister S. D. Taylor, of the Norfolk & Southern, and Sister Skinnell, manager of the Postal, both of Wilson.

After the meeting, a most delightful banquet was served, consisting of oysters, salads, etc., with something on the side, and the ladies, naturally, added to the enjoyment.

A number of the other members and their wives would have been present, but they could not get relief.

We hope to have them all at a future meeting, and a meeting of the Auxiliary at the same time.

Bro. J. H. Williams made a trip over the district from Wilson south, and reports a number of new members secured between Wilson and Florence.

Bro. Williams says there are still some nons on the district, and that each member should consider it his personal duty to see that they are given an opportunity to join before the information blanks for the use of the committee in Wilmington have been mailed out, and show that they want to help without the promise of an immediate raise in salary. Of course, we want all eligible nons, but would think more of a man who joined without waiting until he saw the committee on the train for Wilmington.

Let's all get down to business, get the district solidly lined up and give Bro. Bridgers such a strong send-off that he will be able to stand right at the front and say the men on the Richmond District are a unit behind him and that he can't go back home and face them without something to show for his efforts. He will make that kind of a statement if you will give him the support. Just try him and see

Let me urge upon each member to do everything he can to make the service as nearly perfect as possible. We don't want to use a phone if we can prevent it. We can prevent it if we try. The reason the companies are installing phones now is because they claim they get more prompt service from their operation. I have not seen any claim that it was safer. Then, if it is for promptness that they are installing an unsafe equipment, it is up to us to show them that we can make the telegraph just as fast, and just as prompt as the phone, and with the matter of safety entirely on our side, we should be able to win out.

This company is already installing phones on the north end of this district, and we have got to get busy and answer calls promptly, or we will have them down here. What shall the verdict be?

D. C.

Wilmington District—

All kinds of changes have taken place this month, and we have a kick coming, as they have not been filled in accordance with seniority rule. This thing has become chronic on this district and something has got to be done.

Effective September 27th, Maysville "NC" was transferred to G. F. Davis, from a non-telegraph station, whom we understand, did not apply for the place, transferred to Maysville "NC" relieving H. A. Cox, who went to clerk-telegrapher position at Newborn.

Mrs. S. M. Justice, wife of our deceased brother, W. G. Justice, has been appointed agent at Teacheys, vice Mrs. C. B. Cooper, resigned.

W. S. Hocutt, clerk-telegrapher, Marion, appointed agent at Folkstone, vice Bro. R. V. Rivenbark, resigned. Mr. Hocutt's position being filled by Mrs. Jolly, extra list.

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E. R. Jones appointed agent, Castle Hayne, vice H. S. Robinson, transferred to Jacksonville.

Bro. G. H. Bender has resigned the agency at Jacksonville to accept a position in the bank at that place. The securing of such responsible positions, by your members, shows the esteem in which they are held by the patrons of the railroads.

Bro. and Mrs. B. P. Smith have returned from a trip to Europe, and we understand they had a most delightful time.

Bro. Williams, our G. S. & T. has been over the district and reports quite a flattering increase in membership, but says there is plenty of work for every member on the district to do, ere the committee goes to Wilmington, which will be in the near future. Each member should find out who are not up-to-date and then get right to work. A strong membership means an aggressive committee, while a weak membership makes the committee correspondingly weak. It is, therefore, to our own interest, to see that every man on the district holds a card. Get up and hustle the membership up to 100 per cent, and we won't have to take just what is thrown our way.

D. C.

Second Division, Waycross District—

The October journal shows Bro. Sasser on the "Honor Roll," as usual, and two other local chairmen and five members of this division are also enrolled there. Eight members out of a total of forty-two is not a bad showing for Division No. 132. Now if Bro. Sasser can get on it every month, why can't some of the balance of us on this district do likewise. Of course, we can't hope to compete with him, as he is the best ever, but we can assist him and he will assist us, too, if we will only drop him a hint.

Bro. J. C. Brady, formerly at Manor, is now located on the Fitzgerald Ocilla & Broxton, at Ocilla.

Bro. J. L. Spivey has been transferred from Acree to Valdosta.

Bro. C. Bradford has been promoted to a position in the agent's office, at Valdosta; relieved temporarily by a new man.

Bro. N. C. Douglas, resigned at Brunswick, goes with the Southern; relieved by Bro. R. C. Austin, of Valdosta.

C. A. Bowen, clerk-telegrapher, Pelham, relieved by Bro. S. H. Monroe, and job on bulletin.

Bro. E. B. Lary, Waycross dispatcher's office, has just returned from a pleasant trip in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Bro. C. T. Strickland, who recently lost his father, at Waycross, has returned to his regular position in Albany.

Sister E. B. Smith, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, was in Waycross a few days ago, shaking hands with brothers and prospective brothers. Sister Smith intended to have a meeting and get all the telegraphers together, but account of the death of Bro. Strickland's father, it was decided to postpone it until another time, with enough advance notice to insure good attendance. Sister Smith made lots of friends in Waycross and they will all be glad to welcome her again.

We married men, want to get busy now and see that our wives (one each) read the Journal and see wherein they can assist the good cause by affiliating with the Auxiliary. Applications should be sent to Mrs. J. H. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer, Wilson, N. C., who will be very glad to have card, etc., sent to every new member.

We hope the new members who joined this month will all become active and let no opportunity pass where they can say or do something for the advancement of the cause.

Bro. J. M. Roberts, formerly at Holder, Fla., is now located at Kirkland, Ga. D. C.

Third Division, Lakeland District—

We are glad to welcome Bro. C. H. Van Epps, clerk-telegrapher, at Arcadia, vice Bro. J. M. Oren, resigned and located at Antler, Cal. Bro. Oren writes enthusiastically regarding the working conditions on the S. P., the minimum on the division where he is working being $75.00, and on the Tucson division $86.00. We were very sorry to lose Bro. Oren, as he was a hustler, and we wish him the unbounded success he so much deserves.

F. C. Hill, appointed clerk-telegrapher at Croom, vice Bro. J. D. Henry resigned, to enter the wireless service.

Bro. J. D. Doty goes to High Springs, second; Mr. Faulkner leaving the service. Bro. R. R. Jones, at Dunnellon, transferred from High Springs, second at Dunnellon, on bulletin.

Bro. R. W. Harrison, from Fort Myers dock, has been assigned the agency at Hernando.

Bro. Brantley expects to go to Wilmington shortly, to meet with the other members of the general committee and present a new schedule.

It is never too late to do good, so we should commence now, if we have not already been at work and line up in good shape for him.

The orange movement will soon begin and we will then have our hands full.

"ORANGE BLOSSOM."

Gainesville District—

Citra, Fla., agency transferred to Bro. H. L. Grider temporarily, vice Mr. A. T. Gore, granted leave of absence.

Trenton, Fla., agency transferred to N. C. McRoy, vice Mr. J. L. Robinson.

Martin, Fla., agency transferred to Bro. B. J. Guthrie, vice R. H. Gano.

Weirsdale, Fla., agency transferred to R. H. Gano, vice D. H. Stewart.

Oscala, Fla., ticket agency transferred to F. J. Huber, vice J. H. Wade.

Palatka, Fla., ticket agency transferred to J. H. Wade, vice G. H. Hayes, granted leave of absence.

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Bro. W. R. Gothard, manager "YN" Jacksonville, now with Postal Telegraph Co., at New Orleans.

A. B. Collins, second Lake Butler, taking in the sights of Ehren, Jacksonville, and other noted resorts, is being relieved by his brother, a former C. T. U. A. striker.

Bro. John McCauly, agent Boardman, in Jacksonville recently, says the wires will be cut back at that point soon and that he is keeping hot after the nons in his vicinity.

San Antonio and Sutherland have both been opened as day telegraph offices.

The boys on the south end are kept pretty busy now, the vegetable and orange shipping season coming on in full blast.

Bro. Thompson, at Clearwater, has at last taken unto himself a "wifee."

Boys, please send any news items, changes of positions, etc., to your local chairman, Bro. J. B. Mixson, Jr., at Lake Butler.

Every brother should get his shoulder to the wheel, and get the district in shape before we go before the general management. Our local chairman can do but little without every brother's individual help. Let him know of any nons on the district and he will do the necessary.

D. C.

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

P. & E. Division, West—

A committee will probably go up for a new schedule before long, so now is the time, boys, to get ready with an up-to-date in your hip pocket. Don't let any one try to "Buffalo" you with promises of a life-long job, or anything of that kind, as "your reward" for remaining out of the O. R. T. Such things never materialize, and you know it.

Things are running nice and smooth over here. Recent bulletins are as follows:

Urbana yard office, second trick; third trick, Bloomington, "AR" office; third trick, Belt Road and second trick, at Troy.

The company has purchased a gravel pit near "GN." The call of the office there is "SY."

Bro. Gillespie has not returned from Terre Haute, and Hillsboro, second is on bulletin.

Bro. Cook has returned to his old position after a short vacation, during which he visited St. Louis and Bunker Hill.

Bro. Hunt, of Will, is taking a few days "lay-off."

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Bro. W. M. Long, formerly third trick, at Bloomington, who relieved Mrs. Williams, at the Downs agency, for sixty days, while she took a trip West, upon her return resigned and accepted a position on the C. & A. He remained as day operator, at the Union Station, Bloomington, during the State fair.

Bros. Hallsted and Christie, first and second, Bloomington, exchanged places for about a month.

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P. & E. Division—

Telegrapher Long, of Mackinaw, formerly a "Big Four" boy, is now with the C. & A. at Bloomington.

Telegrapher Bassett, formerly of the Chicago division, is working second trick at Brownsburg.

Byers, of Troy, has been assigned to second trick at "HY."

Telegrapher Smith, first "CF," is on short vacation, being relieved by Mr. Rush, second trick; Telegrapher White, from "B," is working second.

Telegrapher Keeran, third, Bloomington, has decided that it is better to work in double harness hereafter. He has our sympathy and congratulations.

A trick at Troy and also at the Belt Road have been bulletined.

With your assistance we hope to have a better write-up next issue.

Your humble servant is now lingering around Urbana yard and his address is I. E. Schlosser, 111 North Lynn St., Urbana, Ill.

Indianapolis Division—

The fourth meeting of our local was held at Muncie, Ind., on September 22d, when Bros. Trindall and Wasson were put through the sprouts.

Several talks were given by various members, but it takes too much space to go into detail. You should come to these meetings and hear what is going on. It will do you good and you will enjoy yourself. Bro. Jenkins can make you laugh, if the rest of us can't. Muncie will be a dry town by our next meeting, so you had better hurry up and avoid the rush.

Jack Trindall and Blaine Pitsenbarger, of South Anderson, having joined the bunch, makes that office solid.

F. J. Latin, third at Winchester, and O. H. Coates, second "CJ" Muncie, have also joined the ranks.

An effort is being made to get a hall, by the year. If this can be arranged, the date of the meetings will be published in the back of the Journal. Watch for this and don't miss a meeting.

Telegrapher D. B. Olvey, second at "YO," was called on the carpet recently for leaving a student in the office to do his work, and the student got "bulled up." Did you ever know it to fail?

Third trick at "MU," Muncie, is on bulletin, also second trick in dispatcher's office.

Bro. Shoffner, second, Winchester, while on a visit to Cincinnati, was relieved by Telegrapher Coates, from second "CJ" Muncie; Telegrapher Sellers, relieving the latter until Bro. Shoffner's return. Mr. Sellers then relieved Bro. Branum, second "YO" Yorktown, who took third trick there, Johnson returning home later.

Mr. Sellers relieved Mr. Mitchell, second, at Muncie depot, on account of sickness; on Mitchell's return he took first at Muncie; Bro. Melvin was transferred to the second and Mr.

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Sellers went to second at Gridley. Mr. Riffle taking first there, relieving Bro. Ehle, whom we understand is a proud papa again.

Bro. Young has been assigned to third at South Anderson; relieving Telegrapher Schults, who went to third at "MU" Muncie, extra.

Telegrapher D. B. Olvey assigned second trick at "YO" Yorktown.

Telegrapher Baker was transferred from "CJ" Muncie, third to third at "MIX"; relieving Telegrapher Barbee.

Bro. L. O. Kirk, "CJ," Muncie, was relieved for a thirty days' visit in Michigan by Bro. Hutsell, who went to second trick at Bellefontaine, in dispatcher's office, on Bro. Kirk's return for three weeks. He is now back on "JC" Muncie's third.

STUBBY.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Amboy Division—

A double track between "D" and "HA" will soon be in operation with a new 18 to 20 lever tower at the latter point, which will no doubt be gratifying to the three brothers located there.

No. 149 looks good now. Keep up the hustle, boys, as it is understood the committee is about ready to "cut in" and do business.

A new tower has been put in service recently at Delanco, and "QX" will soon have a new tower also.

Bro. H. Smith bid in first "C"; Osmond, second, and a man from "HM" the third trick at "C," new tower.

Bro. Keisling, of "BU," has been working as copyist at "DS" this summer.

We were sorry to learn that Bro. Kinsley, at "XN," lost his father, recently.

Mr. Buchanan, of "BY," South Amboy, dropped dead about 2 p. m., October 12.

Bro. Cerney is back on the relief job again.

Bro. Slimm, third "XN" is on the sick list.

Q. F.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

Business is very brisk on all divisions at present, several more extra crews being put into service to handle the increase.

Let us all try to stay close to our keys and help the dispatchers get trains over the road, and give the company the very best service in all details. There is no better way to help our Order than by showing the officials that the O. R. T. men are the men they want.

It is hoped we will have a record breaking attendance at the next meeting. Every brother that can possibly be there, should arrange to go as these meetings are a decided benefit to all concerned.

Bro. Eaton, of Bibon, has been transferred to Sidnow first trick, relieving Mr. Pringle, who takes Bro. Eaton's place at Bibon.

Bulletins have been received covering positions as agent at Sanborn and Hermon. Understand Bro. Sinclair, second trick, Thomaston, goes to Sanborn.

Mr. Davis, of Upper Mills, has left the service.

Mr. Wabbuna, now on second, at Thomaston, relieving Mr. Johnson, who went to Iron River.

Mr. Olsen, of Mohawk, has relieved Bro. G. L. Allen, resigned.

Bro. Gerke, of Ewen, has resumed duty after short vacation.

Bro. D. H. Persons, second trick, Ishpeming, goes to Lake Nebagamon, as agent at that point.

Bro. C. E. Ford, of Nestoria, was at Falls, while the wreck there was being cleared up.

L. B. Preston (happy) has resigned the agency at Herman, and is going into the store business, at that place.

Mr. Anderson, second Humboldt, transferred to Fiborn Junction, nights.

We wish to thank Bro. C. E. Ford for the items sent in, and hope others will follow his example and get in a good bunch of news for every month.

"RA."

Louisville & Nashville Ry.

Atlanta Division—

We are still working 11 and 12 hours over here, but we expect soon to get the boys in line and make an effort to change these conditions.

The student question is about settled and we expect to get the "barn" Mr. Hill has opened up at Ranger, Ga., closed up shortly.

Mr. Anderson, agent at Farner, who resigned and went to Cincinnati to learn dentistry, was relieved by Mr. Weaver, from Blue Ridge. Mr. Ellis, night man at Farner, was relieved by Mr. Brakefield, a newcomer.

Mr. Arp, agent at McFarland, who took a ten days' trip to Chicago, and Minneapolis, was relieved by Mr. Bellamy, regular relief agent.

Mr. Phaup, of Blue Ridge, will also be relieved by Mr. Bellamy for a twenty-day vacation.

Mr. Jones, of Chatsworth, has been given the agency at Murphy, N. C., relieved by Mr. Mullins, who later returned to "MI" second. Mr. Brakefield, third trick dispatcher at "DS," has returned to his old job, first trick at "MI."

Mr. Thompson has returned to work as third trick dispatcher.

Our friend, Mr. Redding, is at "XN" nights now.

Mr. Arwood accepted a position on the Q. & C., at Blanchet, Ky.

Mr. Smith, of Mineral Bluff, while on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Bellamy.

Mr. Hendrick, of Jasper, was also off for a week.

Mr. Casteel, relief operator, who has been relieving Mr. Arnold, nights at "CD," has returned to his old job at "ON."

Mr. McLemore, days at Canton, took a trip to Atlanta recently.

"JR."

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Buffalo & Susquehanna Ry.

Bro. Engle, second at Addison, has accepted a position with his father, and second trick at "DN" is up for bids.

Mr. Stansfield acted as agent at Cross Fork Junction during Bro. Brown's illness.

The fourth annual clam bake of the five Orders of the B. & S. Ry. was held at Walton, Pa., September 19th. There was a large crowd in attendance, and the receipts netted about $300.

It is almost impossible for any of the boys to get off for a vacation, on account of the shortage of telegraphers.

Bros. Sherman and Johnson have returned from a few days' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Cole from the Third District.

This line will be nearly solid between Keating Surf and Addison soon.

There is a new agent at Gaines. CERT. 43.

K. C., M. & O. Ry.

We are coming to the front over here, and this is the time to get busy and organize. That is the only way we will ever be able to accomplish anything.

When you find you are working with a non, write for the proper blanks at once and never let up until you land him.

Bro. Grady, agent at "RU," who took a straight telegraph job with the G. C. & S. F., was relieved by Bro. Austin, from the Frisco.

Bro. Glass, second at "BJ," has returned from his summer vacation, and taken the agency at "DI."

Bro. Kisler has taken the station at "SC," relieved on second at "HI" by Bro. Whitis.

I would like to hear from some of the other boys on the line.

Business on the Orient is picking up. We should get busy and have a local, as 75 per cent over here are already members. The V. P. and G. M. will never give us anything over here unless we go after him solid. Remember what he did on the Southern for the Order.

T. C. Lytle has been transferred from Odell to Bronte.

Bro. Glass, second at Benjamin, sent to Odell as agent. Relieved by a new man from the T. P. R. R., and Bro. Whitis takes second trick.

W. C. Howard, of Benjamin, has been let out, and Wm. Glass, of the M. K. & T., checked in as agent.

Bro. Kernnell has been checked in as agent at McCaully, Bro. Whitis agent at O'Brien, Bro. Seals to Fort McKavell, and Bro. Wright agent at Blackwell.

Bro. Williams has been let out at Hamlin for asking the boys to organize. There are old M., K. & T. men here, and one of them, at least, carries a big scab on his back.

F. L. Cherry is our new chief dispatcher.

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Mississippi Central Ry.

Eastern Division—

This road pays absolutely no attention to the safety act of March 4, 1907. The boys are obliged to work as long as we are needed, sometimes 16 and 17 hours, in order to save the expense of a night owl, all the positions being one-man stations.

We need an organizer over here. We should receive 25c for overtime, and only receive 13 7/10c per hour, after being on duty 12 long and tiresome hours. Men on connecting lines are being properly paid for overtime because they look after their interests.

We are also working for ten dollars per month less than other roads simply because we do not get in line with up-to-date cards and help ourselves.

If the members on this division will see to it that all the others on the line get a card, we can then have a committee go to our officials and ask for better working conditions and a $5.00 raise, at least, to start with. It costs us just as much to live as it does the men receiving $65.00 per month. Why not then make an effort in the proper manner to get our rights?

The new depot at Natchez is completed and open for business.

Mr. Tynes resigned the agency at Meadville nicknamed "The Battleground," and has gone to Arkansas. He was relieved by W. M. White, from the N. O. & N. E.

O. B. Lynam, resigned, relieved at "X" by W. W. McGowen.

Bro. W. C. Harmon is relieving S. R. Brame, who was discharged at "RS."

Chief Dispatcher Smith is on his vacation, enjoying a trip through the prominent Northern cities. Mr. Davis, of Roxie, is relieving Mr. Smith, owing to the second trick dispatcher, Mr. Brighton, being sick.

Bro. C. E. Nelson and family of Whitesand, are enjoying a visit to the home folks.

Bro. Hayles, at "BD," is now allowed a helper. Get you an up-to-date. "FRISCO."

Grand Trunk Ry.

Southern Division, East End—

The telegraphers generally on the G. T. have been thinking for themselves recently, as shown by the increased membership. This wise movement has accomplished the two-fold purpose of bettering their own condition, and that of their coworkers. Some, who have just taken the first step, will find that there are many things they can do to assist in the work of unionism, still further strengthening themselves and the organization. Those who have re-entered the ranks, should not begin where they left off, but make a new start, along different lines, in order to reach the goal formerly attempted. You are more experienced, and while mentioned last, are by no means the least, as you have set an example by returning to the Order that should serve as a

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guide for the younger men. Outside the ranks there are still a desirable few who have promised to be with us shortly, and we are patiently waiting in anticipation. They have been long in the service, and we naturally expect them to be leaders and set a good example for the younger men, thereby advancing their own interest personally, and that of the other telegraphers generally.

Those who have not yet decided should weigh the matter in the scales of justice, consult their own consciences, and come forth and show the world that they are free men—free to act and think for themselves, and belong to any organization, within the bounds of the laws of this vast and wonderful American continent.

Now, ye nobles of the Southern Division, let us congratulate our worthy general secretary and treasurer and local chairman as well as ourselves for the good work accomplished.

The members must now do their duty in protecting what has been secured, and reach out for other and better things, that will surely come if properly sought.

The following are a few of the changes east of St. Thomas:

Bro. W. E. Sutherland, our former local chairman, of Ph. Robinson, has gone into business for himself at Delhi, and is succeeded by Bro. Colling. "Sully" is very popular, and it is needless to say we regret his withdrawal, and wish him the best of success.

Bro. A. Johnson, from Delhi, succeeded Bro. Colling as agent at Stevensville.

Bro. Pollock has been recently appointed agent at Nelles Corners.

Bro. Boughner, of Simcoe days, relieved Mr. Fields, of Tillsonburg, and Bro. Stuart Smith is taking Bro. Broughner's place.

Bro. Doan, of New Sarum, while on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Oke.

We heartily welcome our new brothers into the Order, and ask the older brothers to do their duty toward them and help them to feel at home, lending them a helping hand whenever it is required.

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West End—

It is very gratifying to note the improvement in our membership since Bro. Shaw has taken the road, and unlimited credit is due him for our success. We trust that the same spirit of O. R. T.ism may attend him on the other divisions yet to be visited.

Beginning at Windsor and coming east, we note the following changes: Bro. Geo. O'Mara, Windsor nights, resigned to go into business for himself; relieved by Bro. C. E. Gurney.

F. Casey, regular nights at Jeannetts Creek, vice R. W. Venning, resigned, to give entire attention to his grocery business.

Bro. A. McIntyre, Lethbridge, Alberta, paid a six weeks' visit to his old friends in and around St. Thomas during September and October. "Sandy" is looking well, but has the same weakness for rubber-tired rigs and fast horses.

Bro. C. A. Rowe, Ellicottville, N. Y., called on your scribe during September.

F. Casey, regular at "J" Creek, is relieving J. Ralston at "CG" tower for a few days. Bro. C. W. Staib is relieving Casey.

Bro. H. E. Fraser fills the vacancy at "D" tower, Chatham, nights, occasioned by Casey's transfer.

Bro. A. Lickorish, Bothwell, transferred to Glencoe nights. Bro. J. W. Farrah, nights at Lawrence, to Glencoe days, vice W. Fennell, resigned.

Bro. J. A. Murray, days at Aylmer, promoted to the agency at Lawrence, vice Bro. J. A. Pollock, transferred to Nelles Corners agency.

E. C. Turnbull appointed regular nights at Lawrence.

Bro. J. P. Roney relieved Bro. C. W. Hendershot at Paynes, recently, while the latter went to Almer days. Bro. Hendershot, preferring his former situation, has returned.

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Vandalia Ry.

West Sub-Division—

Keep your offices in a neat and tidy condition at all times, and you won't be surprised by the inspector, nor feel ashamed when the officials pay you a visit. Expect them as regular as you would the pay car.

J. E. Pacatte, extra on third at Hagarstown.

Bro. O. J. Ofhemkamp, third at St. Jacob, on short vacation, was relieved by L. R. Vanderhoof, extra from Jewett.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third at Greenville, took in the State Fair at Springfield, relieved by Mr. G. E. Reynolds.

T. Gaston is on second at Hagarstown.

Bro. W. L. Smith, of Stubblefield, spent his vacation in New York City and parts of Missouri. Relieved by W. C. Vollrath.

Mr. W. R. Mitchell, second at Greenville, on vacation. Relieved by Extra Telegrapher Duskel.

W. C. Vollrath relieving on second at Formosa on account of A. G. Godwin being called to the bedside of his sick father.

G L. Elliott, agent at Troy, Ill., confined to his home with rheumatism, has resumed work, and Mr. J. L. Simpson, who relieved him, is now at "WN" work-train office, between Dexter and Altamont.

Bro. H. C. Heck, of "WF," Effingham, on sick list, relieved by Bro. W. O. Young and J. E. Reynolds, of Jewett.

H. H. Kellim, second at "WF," Effingham, has resigned, and is relieved by Bro. H. C. Heck.

W. C. Volrath, second at Greenville, is relieving Mr. Driskel, transferred to second at Rose Lake to relieve Bro. H. E. Weaver for his vacation.

J. W. Durborow, agent at Pocahontas, who made a flying trip to Terre Haute recently, was relieved by Bro. H. E. Stephens.

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Bro. E. E. Pierron, Rose Lake, is in Salt Lake City at the bedside of his brother, O. A. Pierron, who is also our brother.

Bro. J. L. Hill, of Collinsville, while visiting home folks at Reelsville, was relieved by Mr. W. C. Vollrath.

O. Smith, of Vevay Park, secured a trick at Hagarstown.

Bro. C. N. Jones, of St. Elmo, on his vacation, relieved by L. Kepner, second, and he by R. S. Fogler, extra.

O. Smith, of Vevay Park, secured a trick at Hagarstown.

Bro. C. M. Jones, of St. Elmo, on his vacation, relieved by L. Kepner, second, and he by R. S. Fogler, extra man.

W. J. Abbott, agent at Pierron, visiting friends at Montrose.

J. E. Stout, Mulberry Grove, was slightly injured recently, by his horse falling on him.

J. L. Simpson, who left the service to practice law at Edwardsville, has been relieved by Mr. Floyd.

J. E. Pacatte, on first trick at Mulberry Grove, relieving Mr. J. E. Stout, who is critically ill.

The Middleton brothers, from Teutopolis, have left the "Van," and no one seems to be sorry.

Pittsburgh special wrecked in Effingham recently, by running into an open switch, caused the death of Lou Burgess, one of the most popular engineers on the road.

Pinch yourselves, boys, and when you awake send in some items. CERT. 276.

Canadian Northern Ry.

First District—

Our local chairman, Bro. Rock, has returned from Winnipeg, and reports that the new schedule increases the salaries for some of the heavier jobs and the train dispatchers. This settlement is considered very satisfactory, as we were the only road in this part of the country that went up for a revision of schedule this year.

Business is very good on this end of the road, with sixty train crews out of Rainy River and thirty-five out of Port Arthur.

A second set of dispatchers are soon to be placed at Rainy River.

Bro. Carham, of Sprague, is having a strenuous time with the wheat rush, doing five or six men's work.

Quite a few new jobs have been created. Bro. Menzies, of Beaudette, is now at Pitt, Bro. Bowman, of Sprague, at Lerette, and Bro. Arnold, of Fort France, at Barwick.

All the vacancies have been properly advertised since the committee returned from Winnipeg, and in each case the senior men have been appointed.

Bro. Brooks, of Port Arthur, has resigned, relieved by Bro. Cullen, of Mattawin.

We had a bad head-end collision at Banning recently, killing a fireman and a brakeman. It was caused by a train over-running a meet.

Telegraphers are very scarce. Giroux and Pinewood had to be closed nights, as the company were unable to secure men to fill them, and Bros. Low and Lawson have been doubling up for three weeks on account of no night telegraphers being available. Some other new stations would probably be opened if there were telegraphers to be had.

The overtime is pretty good, but some of the boys do not seem to be very well posted on the schedule. An official is quoted to the effect that overtime is being put in to which the men are not entitled, and others do no put in the proper amount. The schedule is simple enough for all to understand, and there should be no complaints of this kind.

We are pretty well organized on this end, with only one or two nons still among us.

Hope some of the boys will give us something each month for publication, as our write-ups have been coming out recently about as regular as the "eye-opener." KNOCKER.

Canadian Northern Quebec Ry.

Eastern Division—

Our regular meeting, held at the Winsor Hall, Joliette, Quebec, October 17th, was the largest ever held. The revision of our schedule recently, seems to meet the commendation of all the members, and our officials. Bros. S. G. St. Armand and F. J. Belleau are to be congratulated on their success.

The next meeting is to be held at Quebec in order to have a joint meeting with the Q. & L. St. J. Division boys. Now, boys, endeavor to attend this meeting, as it is impossible to keep in touch with what's going on unless you are present.

The opening of the Gorman-Quebec cutoff has made quite a change in establishing new stations, some of which were filled by senior men, all of whom are members except one. The few nons on this division will be up to date by next payday. The opening of this new line and the inauguration of night trains between Montreal and Quebec has resulted in giving Bro. Marauda, ticket agent and telegrapher at Montreal, and Bro. Quellette, agent at St. Paulin, each a night telegrapher. This means more members.

Our chief dispatcher is now looking for a relieving agent, and we hope he will secure an up-to-date man. The newcomers entering the service lately are all up-to-date men.

Boys, now is the time to get busy on the rest of these nons. If there is one working with or near you, get after him and show him the error of his way. Let's put forth every effort to land them, so when going over the division in the near future we will have the pleasure of seeing the O. R. T. button shining in the buttonhole of the coat of every fellow-telegrapher. CERT. 282.

Hocking Valley Ry.

North End—

The meeting of this division at Fostoria last month was quite a success.

Several questions were discussed, and a line of action decided upon which, if carried out, will be of great benefit to the members of Division 118.

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A great many of the members were unable to attend this meeting, being held on duty, we were sorry of this, as we would like to have had their opinions on the subjects discussed. We hope they will be able to be present at the next meeting.

There are a number of nons on this division yet, that need looking after. Let us all try to convert these men to our way of thinking, explain to them the pleasure of being members of our Order and brothers of a body of men, that are able to look after their own interests and that of the company's at the same time.

We are already one of the strongest unions in the country, but it would be a great deal better if all the telegraphers had an up-to-date card.

Keep after these nons, making it our motto: "Where one don't succeed, another will."

The company has now furnished the office at Fostoria and the North Yard office there with gas. This will be a great improvement.

Second trick man at Rising Sun is on a thirty-day vacation; relieved by Mr. Peersons.

The student, formerly at Alveda, is now worrying the dispatchers on the C. L. & N. Ry.

CORRESPONDENT.

Hocking Division—

Numerous vacancies have been bulletined in the past few weeks, and the "old heads" who haven't the jobs they want, better wake up and look 'em over.

Bro. W. J. Sines, first East Clayton, bid in second Bradner, which gives the Toledo division another good O. R. T. man, from the "old Hocking."

Bro. L. E. Miller, former third trick at Logan, has gone to West Virginia, to accept a lucrative position on some road.

Arrangements are being made to hold a joint meeting at Columbus, which doubtless will prove interesting and instructive and we are hoping for a good crowd once more.

Understand the agent at Lancaster freight house is instructing a couple of his clerks in the art. This is no surprise to those who know the fellow, and what he expects to gain will be seen later on. Just mentioned it so the boys would know what to do. We don't blame the "hams," as they don't know what they are up against, and think as many of us did, when beginners, that there are big things in store for them. They will know better later on.

When talking to a block operator, the other day, he said, "he was a member" on some dinky little pike somewhere out of the world and "dropped out," because "they didn't stick together." If they all "stuck" after his fashion, the rest would soon give up the ghost. We can't make up our minds to be friendly with fellows of his ilk, and the sooner the business is rid of such material the better progress we will make. Let's make an effort to land some of the new men and as the company is not taking on any union men let's do it now. There is too much laying down and expecting the other fellow to do it all.

Bro. Leith, of Division No. 33, and Bro. Bowers, third at Carroll, were visitors in Lancaster recently.

Bro. Lehner, first Valley Crossing, has resigned.

Bro. E. M. Messerly, third at Lancaster, took a short vacation; relieved by ex-Bro. Bishop, who is working extra and going to school.

Bro. Jno. Passmore, third Oldtown, is taking a vacation. FINIS.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

Winnipeg Division—

Pete Boice, days Detroit, has relieved Mr. Vance at Halma, formerly dispatcher at Thief River Falls, who is going into a brokers' office.

Bro. Hogan, who opened Halma, in August, is on the Wheat line now.

Bro. Lewis, general chairman, who has been trying to get relieved for nearly two months, expects to get away shortly.

The big crops we have to move this year, make it hard to get relieved, so none of us may be able to get away in time to kill our winter's supply of moose and deer meat. This scarcity of men should enable us to hold up our percentage of membership and enable our committee to get us a raise this winter. If we could get 95 per cent on the system, we might get a schedule like the C. P. boys have, where 26 days make a month, minimum about $15.00 per month above ours, and two weeks a year off, with full pay.

Let us hustle a little, and see if we can't get 95 per cent, so our committee can do business for us.

Send me any items of news you can hear of, the day you get them, and as many as possible, by the 10th of each month.

I suggest that all correspondents request that the words "Union Made" appear in all the advertisements published in THE TELEGRAPHER hereafter. We note that the Douglas shoe is again union, as well as the Walkover. We can not get union-made suits and uniforms here, and would like to buy of the advertisers in THE TELEGRAPHER if we know they are the right sort. What do the rest think of my plan?

J. F. ALLISON,
Local Chairman.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Eastern Division—

The strenuous endeavors we have made to round up the non-members on this division have caused some of these pesky weaklings to grow stubborn, and evasively answer the wide-awake members who have ventured to approach them recently.

While it may be their right and privilege to refuse to give a decisive answer as to why they

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should not join us, we can assure this class that we are not "begging" any of them to come with us, and that the O. R. T. accepts none but gentlemen, either solicited or unsolicited.

Bro. F. C. Barrett, with his family, recently returned from a trip to Pittsburg. He was relieved by Bro. Snyder, who is now working third at Bay View.

Bro. Sinn, of Lake View, has accepted the agency at Derby.

Bro. Fay, of Dunkirk tower, is taking a few weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Will.

Miss Anna Woods, sister of Telegrapher J. L. Woods, and sister-in-law of General Superintendent Bernet, died recently in North East, Pa., at the home of her brother, Agent T. J. Woods.

Bro. Creedon, of Mentor, has promised to send in the news from west of Erie, and wake up the bunch interested in that territory.

The following is respectfully dedicated to our only Sister, Miss Dolly Freeman, of Madison:

"SIS."

You can talk about the brothers who are always
loyal and true,
But let me tell you, fellows, we've a gal that's
loyal, too.
She ain't a bit of trouble, and never does act
"new,"
But she's business-like and sensible, and one of
true blue.
She's the only sister here of the grand O. R. T.,
A pal of all the Order boys that tap the rubber
key;
And her memory will be treasured for many years
to come,
Our lovely Sister "Dolly," at the town of Madison.

CERT. 472.



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GRAND DIVISION

NOTICE

R. A. Walls, Cert. 833, in Division No. 31, has been expelled from the Order for scabbing, and J. R. Youngblood, Cert. 1328, in Division No. 93, has been expelled from the Order for conduct unbecoming a member.

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Aug. 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A)	$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B)	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING OCTOBER, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
859	H. B. Davis	Suicide	93	22056	A	$ 300 00
927	Andrew L. Flatley	Dropped Dead	2	25950	C	1,000 00
947	Chas. N. Furry	Typhoid Fever	32	889	B	500 00
948	C. A. Egloff	Dysentery	Grand	29915	A	300 00
950	Wm. J. Miller	Acute Heart Disease	52	5230	C	1,000 00
951	H. W. Moyer	Apoplexy	102	6324	A	300 00
952	Clifford K. Gane	Typhoid Fever	59	17225	C	1,000 00
953	L. S. Ireland	Killed by Train	Grand	30378	A	300 00
955	Jas. B. Shannon	Suicide	119	19914	B	500 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to September 30, 1909	$817,393 21
Received on Assessment Account October, 1909	2,000 44
	$819,393 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to September 30, 1909	$564,981 47
Death Claims paid in October	5,200 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,205 20
Assessments transferred to dues	205 13
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, October 31, 1909	247,801 85
	$819,393 65

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No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. LaFever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month at 10 a. m. in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts., (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

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ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div. —Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9—LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; F. K. Ament, S. & T., Box 205, Malvern, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N. 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher, at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacker, Local Chairman, Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. District meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m. in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberger, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.; J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex.; I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex.; L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Thursday each month at 8 p. m., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. N. Pickerill, Chief Tel., Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

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No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m., thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office, Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman; M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio, G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

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No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. B. C. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. W. Aiken, Gen'l Chairman, Cotopaxi, Colo., A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2015 Routt ave., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. A. A. Kolb, Chief Tel., 570 Duquesne ave., Swissvale, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58—WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, Drexel, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAPMBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets

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4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis, st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Three Forks, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road. St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S. W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss.; J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., Shriver, Miss.

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No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; E. C. Kahlbaugh, Acting G. S. & T., 415 Franklin st., Hanover, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden

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No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

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No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.

No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.

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No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov., and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept. and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

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No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.

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No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Shiner, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

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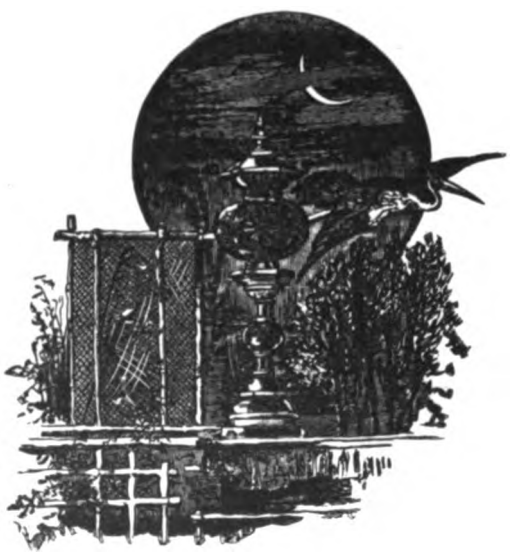
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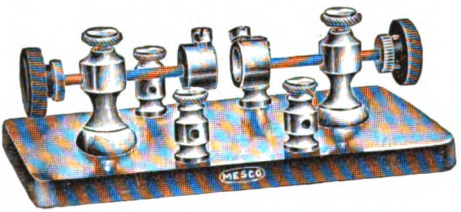


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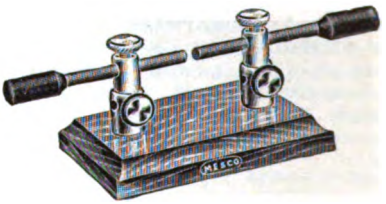
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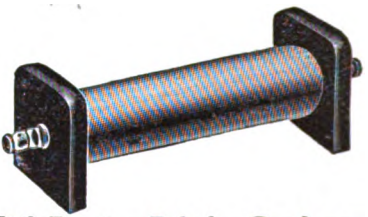
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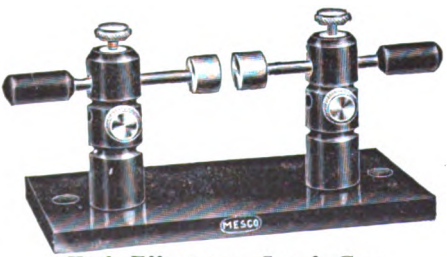
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EDITORIAL

RAILROAD REVENUES AND EXPENSES.

THE Interstate Commerce Commission has issued bulletins for the months of April, May and June, 1909, showing the revenues and expenses of the principal lines of railways in the United States for those months, and also makes comparisons with the same months of 1908, all of which makes very interesting reading, especially in view of the fact that nearly all of the roads plead "poverty" when approached by committees for an increase in wages or better working hours.

The report for the month of June, 1909, shows the following:

Alabama Great Southern—Mileage, 1,185.50. Revenues: From freight, $987,-985.64; passengers, $319,119.86; other transportation, $88,457.23; non-transportation, $15,354.32; total revenue, $1,410,917.05.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $160,806.81; maintenance of equipment, $271,459.27; traffic, $41,886.76; transportation, $446,163.05; general, $46,-748.53; total operating expenses, $967,124.42; net revenue over operating expenses, $443,-792.63; taxes, $50,539.29.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,317,042.70; operating expenses, $911,767.79; net revenue, $405,274.51; taxes, $50,967.29.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe—Mileage, 10,053.18. Revenues: From freight, $5,-334,905.70; passenger, $1,974,817.29; other transportation, $779,718.65; non-transportation, $77,234.87; total revenue, $8,166,676.51.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $1,316,547.46; maintenance of equipment, $1,019,351.49; traffic, $179,-209.17; transportation, $2,215,928.87; general, $190,745.98; total operating expenses, $4,921,782.97; net revenue over operating expenses, $3,244,893.54; taxes, $325,190.08.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $6,373,297.12; operating expenses,

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$3,611,096.86; net revenue, $2,764,200.26; taxes, $387,674.38.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic R. R. Co.—Mileage, 642.00. Revenues: From freight, $107,885.12; passenger, ,0,189.24; other transportation, $9,236.72; non-transportation, $1,215.20; total revenue, $158-526.28.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $24,907.45; maintenance of equipment, $31,540.79; traffic, $12.069.16; transportation, $86,340.57; general, $6,-436.10; total operating expenses, $161,294.07; net deficit over operating expenses, $2,-767.79; taxes, $8,000.00

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $134,565.68; operating expenses, $95,413.75; net revenue, $39,151.93; taxes, $4,000.00.

Atlantic Coast Line—Mileage, 11,232.05. Revenues: From freight, $4,754,375.11; passenger, $1,595,802.50; other transportation, $444,888.29; non-transportation, $64,-828.83; total revenue, $6,859,894.73.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $994,602.72; maintenance of equipment, $1,030,122.20; traffic, $171,733.91; transportation, $2,337,681.64; general, $209,-542.16; total operating expenses, $4,743,-682.63; net revenue over operating expenses, $2,116,212.10; taxes, $283,724.82.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $6,534,197.40; operating expenses, $4,74.,805.81; net revenue, $1,792,391.59; taxes, $234,737.57.

Baltimore & Ohio—Mileage, 4,490.07. Revenues: From freight, $5,200,507.79; passenger, $1,243,482.09; other transportation, $330,455.21; non-tra.sportation, $62,-489.18; total revenue, $6,836,934.27.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $979,479.12; maintenance of equipment, $1,164,834.51; traffic, $153,432.70; transportation, $2,174.904.91; general, $143,-852.53; total operating expenses $4,616,-503.77; net revenue over operating expenses, $2,220,430.50; taxes, $203,086.86.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $6,052,180.75; operating expenses, $4,273,114.69; net revenue, $1,779,066.06; taxes, $240,804.20.

Bangor & Aroostook R. R. Co.—Mileage, 514.67. Revenues: From freight, $100,-397.94; passenger, $52,113.17; other transportation, $8,040.10; non-transportation, $3,-158.81; total revenue, $163,710.02.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $20,978.23; maintenance of equipment, $17.333.53; traffic, $2,801.70; transportation, $30,096.98; general, $10,-007.43; total operating expenses, $81,217.87; net revenue over operating expenses, $82,-492.15; taxes, $2,919.63.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $180,893.71; operating expenses, $79,859.92; net revenue, $101,033.79; no taxes.

Boston & Maine—Mileage, 3,593.90. Revenues: From freight, $2,529,047.12; passenger, $1,481,659.25; other transportation, $296,190.89; non-transportation, $63,-871.64; total revenue, $4,370,768.90.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $548,352.76; maintenance of equipment, $559,209.34; traffic, $73,753.46; transportation, $1,903,815.60; general, $123,-145.89; total operating expenses, $3,208,-277.05; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,162,491.85; taxes, $193,289.16.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $3,883,994.58; operating expenses, $2,923,394.84; net revenue, $960,599.74; taxes, $182,525.74.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R. R. Co. —Mileage, 567.79. Revenues: From freight, $604,177.12; passenger, $77,743.44; other transportation, $18,872.42; non-transportation, $21,630.61; total revenue, $722,-423.59.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $51,696.08; maintenance of equipment, $57,038.10; traffic, $9,068.28; transportation, $173,334.16; general, $12,-979.08; total operating expenses, $304,115.70; net revenue over operating expenses, $418,-307.89; taxes, Cr., $12,000.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $586,125.92; operating expenses, $370,865.02; net revenue, $215,260.90; taxes, $10,248.34.

Canadian Pacific Lines in the United States—Mileage, 4,363.01. Revenues: From

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freight, $1,440,275.37; passenger, $530,-189.77; other transportation, $97,117.61; non-transportation, $16,900.53; total revenue, $2,084,483.28.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $362,433.30; maintenance of equipment, $248,069.92; traffic, $51,478.58; transportation, $677,142.38; general, $51,-373.25; total operating expenses, $1,390,-497.43; net revenue over operating expenses, $693,985.85; taxes, $132,061.91.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,703,172.50; operating expenses, $1,236,058.46; net revenue, $467,114.04; taxes, $108,424.06.

Central of Georgia—Mileage, 2,121.02. Revenues: From freight, $459,293.87; passengers, $234,781.15; other transportation, $62,288.82; non-transportation, $13,381.13; total revenue, $769,744.97.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $116,882.60; maintenance of equipment, $147,002.79; traffic, $30,288.97; transportation, $240,869.12; general, $38,-839.63; total operating expenses, $573,883.11; net revenue over operating expenses, $195,-861.86; taxes, $45,022.68.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $832,242.61; operating expenses, $641,195.90; net revenue, $191,046.71; taxes, $39,919.08.

Chesapeake & Ohio—Mileage, 1,903.00. Revenues: From freight, $1,820,995.15; passenger, $404,196.61; other transportation, $181,930.89; non-transportation, $10,410.01; total revenue, $2,417,592.66.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $345,514.98; maintenance of equipment, $396,733.95; traffic, $51,910.68; transportation, $611,448.40; general, $55,-719.03; total operating expenses, $1,461,-327.04; net revenue over operating expenses, $956,265.62; taxes, $67,100.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,933,463.85; operating expenses, $1,373,578.85; net revenue, $559,885.00; taxes $48,705.61.

Chicago & Northwestern—Mileage, 9,547.99. Revenues: From freight, $4,522,-773.68; passenger, $1,834,944.21; other transportation, $475,732.21; non-transportation, $30,897.94; total revenue, $6,864,348.04.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures $1,299,850.28; maintenance of equipment, $927,178.09; traffic, $125,-543.93; transportation, $2,387,998.47; general, $127,045.43; total operating expenses, $4,867,616.20; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,996,731.84; taxes, $288,415.20.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $5,791,962.13; operating expenses, $3,502,346.25; net revenue, $2,289,615.88; taxes, $276,547.23.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy—Mileage, 9,282.82. Revenues: From freight, $4,132,-761.01; passengers, $1,752,855.22; other transportation, $529,903.12; non-transportation, $72,550.54; total revenue, $6,488,069.89.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $1,684,146.83; maintenance of equipment, $1,292,614.49; traffic, $166,-142.21; transportation, $1,999,200.07; general, $179,981.86; total operating expenses, $5,322,085.46; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,165,984.43; taxes, $180,867.52.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $5,797,267.84; operating expenses, $4,691,196.02; net revenue, $1,106,071.82; taxes, $206,915.65.

Chicago Great Western—Mileage, 1,-475.61. Revenues: From freight, $598,-886.75; passenger, $207,214.01; other transportation, $67,178.85; non-transportation, $5,250.46; total revenue, $878,530.07.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $147,258.50; maintenance of equipment, $121,880.49; traffic, $41,947.74; transportation, $352,657.01; general, $35,-290.55; total operating expenses, $699,-034.29; net revenue over operating expenses, $179,495.78; taxes, $34,395.16.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $802,102.27; operating expenses, $658,585.68; net revenue, $143,516.59; taxes, $25,173.24.

Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. Co.—Mileage, 615.75. Revenues: From freight, $300,586.73; passenger, $126,508.60; other transportation, $39,179.10; non-transportation, $5,964.91; total revenue, $472,-239.34.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $62,636.53; maintenance of equipment, $15,375.52; traffic, $13,778.45;

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transportation, $139,087.96; general, $15,-913.83; total operating expenses, $246,-792.29; net revenue over operating expenses, $225,447.05; taxes, $22,314.65.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $428,958.86; operating expenses, $316,359.04; net revenue, $112,599.82; taxes, $21,895.22.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—Mileage, 7,671.63. Revenues: From freight, $3,359,-624.99; passenger, $1,211,611.33; other transportation, $410,452.69; non-transportation, $22,953.13; total revenue, $5,004,642.14.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $783,287.77; maintenance of equipment, $579,344.75; traffic, $124,548.29; transportation, $1,797,292.63; general, $94,-405.39; total operating expenses, $3,378,-878.83; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,625,763.31; taxes, $208,465.95.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $4,464,788.24; operating expenses, $2,768,366.44; net revenue, $1,696,421.80; taxes, $199,018.0.0

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton—Mileage, 1,086.03. Revenues: From freight, $476,-082.90; passenger, $102,240.70; other transportation, $59,836.93; non-transportation, $17,822.04; total revenue, $655,982.57.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $147,007.50; maintenance of equipment, $127,613.06; traffic, $21,339.28; transportation, $303,949.37; general, $21,-147.12; total operating expenses, $621,-056.33; net revenue over operating expenses, $34,926.24; taxes, $27,790.60.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $654,073.69; operating expenses, $486,481.26; net revenue, $167,592.43; taxes, $17,719.73.

Colorado & Southern—Mileage, 2,408.92. Revenues: From freight, $860,634.62; passenger, $300,597.73; other transportation, $54,176.00; non-transportation, $6,579.49; total revenue, $1,221,987.84.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $213,746.03; maintenance of equipment, $218,202.31; traffic, $27,083.34; transportation, $464,203.54; general, $49,-330.33; total operating expenses, $972,565.55; net revenue over operating expenses, $249,-422.29; taxes, $36,584.76.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,132,066.16; operating expenses, $860,387.79; net revenue, $271,678.37; taxes, $38,177.77.

Delaware & Hudson—Mileage, 876.70. Revenues: From freight, $1,265,179.07; passenger, $234,381.39; other transportation, $41,182.70; non-transportation, $12,075.51; total revenue, $1,552,818.67.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $139,827.91; maintenance of equipment, $242,920.35; traffic, $14,562.76; transportation, $535,809.75; general, $35.-001.89; total operating expenses, $968,-122.66; net revenue over operating expenses, $584,696.01; taxes, $35,688.98.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,505,466.29; operating expenses, $873,567.06; net revenue, $631,899.23; taxes, $35,001.86.

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western—Mileage, 1,053.54. Revenues: From freight, $2,179,803.93; passenger, $632,585.29; other transportation, $193,920.67; non-transportation, $9,886.06; total revenue, $3,016,195.95.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $405,887.50; maintenance of equipment, $386,725.12; traffic, $71,566.97; transportation, $767,510.06; general, $59,-798.64; total operating expenses, $1,691,-488.29; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,324,707.66; taxes, $104,345.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $3,009,636.07; operating expenses, $1,666,091.24; net revenue, $1,343,544.83; taxes, $119,050.00.

Denver & Rio Grande—Mileage, 2,777.20. Revenues: From freight, $1,428,906.97; passenger, $432,557.44; other transportation, $78,687.09; non-transportation, $5,193.89; total revenue, $1,945,345.39.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $311,099.68; maintenance of equipment, $306,255.45; traffic, $45,874.51; transportation, $615,767.00; general, $49,-067.89; total operating expenses, $1,328,-064.53; net revenue over operating expenses, $617,280.86; taxes, $60,981.41.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,662,190.47; operating expenses, $943,885.77; net revenue, $718,304.70; taxes, $67,267.77.

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Detroit, Toledo & Ironton—Mileage, 738.80. Revenues: From freight, $201,-511.37; passenger, $48,874.06; other transportation, $16,460.68; non-transportation, $1,248.19; total revenue, $268,094.30.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $64,457.77; maintenance of equipment, Cr. $65,511.79; traffic, $6,909.37; transportation, $91,868.09; general, $8,-052.98; total operating expenses, $105,-776.42; net revenue over operating expenses, $162,317.88; taxes, $15,763.19.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $254,186.85; operating expenses, $137,837.89; net revenue, $116,348.96; taxes, $14,837.99.

El Paso & Southwestern Co.—Mileage, 866.86. Revenues: From freight, $507,-861.44; passenger, $88,550.35; other transportation, $20,321.76; non-transportation, $11,678.67; total revenue, $628,412.22.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $103,136.10; maintenance of equipment, $64,238.87; traffic, $10,-951.81; transportation, $161,670.92; general, $23,824.91; total operating expenses, $363,-822.61; net revenue over operating expenses, $264,589.61; taxes, $17,530.07.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $529,428.89; operating expenses, $340,556.22; net revenue, $188,872.67; taxes, $15,128.35.

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Ry.—Mileage, 777.77. Revenues: From freight, $616,-802.20; passenger, $3.04; other transportation, $31,259.92; non-transportation, $9,-894.30; total revenue, $657,959.46.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $62,208.29; maintenance of equipment, $113,836.65; traffic, $3,817.16; transportation, $181,065.01; general, $20,-709.12; total operating expenses, $381,-636.23; net revenue over operating expenses, $276,323.23; taxes, $12,814.91.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $505,511.57; operating expenses, $329,146.48; net revenue, $176,365.09; taxes, $14,592.04.

Erie—Mileage, 2,472.73. Revenues: From freight, $3,182,886.85; passenger, $871,-896.31; other transportation, $331,541.02; non-transportation, $19,694.88; total revenue, $4,406,019.06.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $305,567.60; maintenance of equipment, $849,338.34; traffic, $107,874.74; transportation, $1,392,165.47; general, $117,-396.86; total operating expenses, $2,772,-343.01; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,633,676.05; taxes, $130,072.50.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $4,308,978.83; operating expenses, $3,708,709.93; net revenue, $600,268.90; taxes, Cr. $19,352.73.

Florida East Coast Ry. Co.—Mileage, 584.07. Revenues: From freight, $185,-239.18; passenger, $65,740.12; other transportation, $48,186.96; non-transportation, $3,582.59; total revenue, $302,748.85.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $27,398.20; maintenance of equipment, $34,693.98; traffic, $3,454.59; transportation, $84,148.98; general, $17,-124.49; total operating expenses, $166,-820.24; net revenue over operating expenses, $135,928.61; taxes, $13,433.37.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $254,616.37; operating expenses, $237,568.37; net revenue, $17,048.00; taxes, $13,046.52.

Grand Trunk of Canada in the United States—Mileage, 1,470.22. Revenues: From freight, $683,997.88; passenger, $322,-670.45; other transportation, $80,777.56; non-transportation, $16,391.57; total revenue, $1,103,837.46.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $183,403.16; maintenance of equipment, $91,540.77; traffic, $42,605.82; transportation, $426,833.15; general, $44,-778.68; total operating expenses, $789,-161.58; net revenue over operating expenses, $314,675.88; taxes, $2,881.76.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $985,010.50; operating expenses, $337,058.28; net revenue, $647,952.22; taxes, $45,951.48.

Great Northern— Mileage, 7,030.03. Revenues: From freight, $3,339,374.30; passenger, $1,116,557.04; other transportation, $287,500.07; non-transportation, $17,955.75; total revenue, $4,761,387.16.

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Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $1,033,268.75 maintenance of equipment, $285,365.82; traffic, $83,530.25; transportation, $1,203,729.90; general, $90,-677.66; total operating expenses, $2,696,-572.38; net revenue over operating expenses, $2,064,814.78; taxes, $277,891.30.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $3,664,004.26; operating expenses, $3,280,270.98; net revenue, $383,733.28; taxes, $166,535.33.

Hocking Valley — Mileage, 1,056.56. Revenues: From freight, $781,754.30; passenger, $150,279.83; other transportation, $35,920.51; non-transportation, $3,544.27; total revenue, $971,498.91.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $197,177.14; maintenance of equipment, $140,718.90; traffic, $16,704.98; transportation, $296,299.92; general, $26,-789.79; total operating expenses, $677,-690.73; net revenue over operating expenses, $293,808.18; taxes, $43,182.82.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,016,038.87; operating expenses, $545,709.71; net revenue, $470,329.16; taxes, $38,740.86.

Illinois Central—Mileage, 6,124.60. Revenues: From freight, $3,230,617.70; passenger, $1,093,672.52; other transportation, $617,055.10; non-transportation, $46,524.50; total revenue, $4,987,869.82.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $638,113.59; maintenance of equipment, $710,623.48; traffic, $120,687.54; transportation, $1,771,184.62; general, $119,-390.34; total operating expenses, $3,359,-999.57; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,627,870.25; taxes, $317,853.79.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $4,784,846.00; operating expenses, $2,916,120.96; net revenue, $1,868,-725.04; taxes $208,111.35.

International & Great Northern R. R. Co. —Mileage, 1,159.50. Revenues: From freight, $367,051.82; passenger, $151,412.09; other transportation, $43,227.45; non-transportation, $4,990.90; total revenue, $566,-682.26.

Operating expens s: Maintenance of way and structures, $137,080.88; maintenance of equipment, $133,940.47; traffic, $18,796.38; transportation, $268,108.36; general, $21,-237.28; total operating expenses, $579,-163.37; net deficit over operating expenses, $12,481.11; taxes, $16,244.65.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $555,485.36; operating expenses, $508,239.04; net revenue, $47,246.32; taxes, $24,165.19.

Iowa Central Ry. Co.—Mileage, 558.43. Revenues: From freight, $186,909.06; passenger, $44,512.30; other transportation, $11,488.40; non-transportation, $906.31; total revenue, $243,816.07.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $39,056.62; maintenance of equipment, $59,146.49; traffic, $9,631.92; transportation, $102,232.52; general, $9,-691.70; total operating expenses, $219,-759.25; net revenue over operating expenses, $24,056.82; taxes, $7,572.52.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $221,595.14; operating expenses, $187,520.55; net revenue, $34,074.59; taxes, $7,339.42.

Kansas City Southern—Mileage, 859.37. Revenues: From freight, $565,926.80; passenger, $110,679.55; other transportation, $66,450.32; non-transportation, $14,324.40; total revenue, $757,381.07.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $85,410.50; maintenance of equipment, $88,730.02; traffic, $26,142.99; transportation, $228,867.66; general, $29,-547.28; total operating expenses, $458,-698.45; net revenue over operating expenses, $298,682.62; taxes, $25,844.05.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $607,890.57; operating expenses, $406,856.00; net revenue, $201,034.57; taxes, $29,939.13.

Lehigh Valley R. R. Co.—Mileage, 1,-441.31. Revenues: From freight, $2,457,-465.10; passenger, $368,069.80; other transportation, $85,952.36; non-transportation, $15,052.26; total revenue, $2,926,539.52.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $113,486.74; maintenance of equipment, $440,821.92; traffic, $80,435.57; transportation, $814,346.28; general, $106,-344.40; total operating expenses, $1,555,-

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434.91; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,371,104.61; taxes, $74,776.23.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $3,066,618.65; operating expenses, $1,496,325.19; net revenue, $1,570,293.46; taxes, $85,567.39.

Minneapolis & St. Louis, R. R. Co.—Mileage, 1,027.04. Revenues: From freight, $220,883.03; passenger, $106,968.04; other transportation, $22,143.13; non-transportation, $2,099.02; total revenue, $352,093.22.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $44,849.58; maintenance of equipment, $42,705.58; traffic, $11,110.10; transportation, $119 380.45; general, $12,-437.00; total operating expenses, $230,-482.71; net venue over operating expenses, $121,610.51; taxes, $17,550.24.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $288,267.41; operating expenses, $190,822.93; net revenue, $97,444.48; taxes, $13,244.95.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. Co.—Mileage, 3,072.21. Revenues: From freight, $1,175,572.52; passenger, $590,730.83; other transportation, $87,496.69; non-transportation, $37,071.12; total revenue, $1,890,-871.16.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $234,881.20; maintenance of equipment, $214,245.38; traffic, $53,321.55; transportation, $735,374.78; general, $69,-085.54; total operating expenses, $1,306,-908.45; net revenue over operating expenses, $583,962.71; taxes, $268.35.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,730,114.06; operating expenses, $1,460,794.44; net revenue, $269,319.62; taxes, $65,673.49.

Missouri Pacific—Mileage, 7,138.94. Revenues: From freight, $2,682,014.50; passenger, $854,262.30; other transportation, $277,943.10; non-transportation, $63,466.05; total revenue, $3,877,685.95.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $716,327.64; maintenance of equipment, $685,550.02; traffic, $106,518.22; transportation, $1,392,994.41; general, $141,-911.96; total operating expenses, $3,043,-302.25; net revenue over operating expenses, $834,383.70; taxes, $109,728.49.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $3,410,637.07; operating expenses, $2,131,307.35; net revenue, $1,279,329.72; taxes, $117,295.54.

New York Central—Mileage, 12,471.70. Revenues: From freight, $11,975,896.90; passenger, $5,227,578.79; other transportation, $1,768,185.37; non-transportation, $159,502.28; total revenue, $19,131,163.34.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $2,717,504.67; maintenance of equipment, $2,596,351.70; traffic, $542,-541.96; transportation, $6,133,230.92; general, $431,456.58; total operating expenses, $12,421,085.83; net revenue over operating expenses, $6,710.077.51; taxes, $750,162.06.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $16,572,741.35; operating expenses, $11,382,029.82; net revenue, $5,190,-711.53; taxes, $683,963.30.

New York, New Haven & Hartford—Mileage, 2,846.69. Revenues: From freight, $3,140,451.61; passenger, $2,138,604.05; other transportation, $385,899.52; non-transportation, $98,699.70; total revenue, $5,763,-654.88.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $427,590.08; maintenance of equipment, $240,344.33; traffic, $54,435.15; transportation, $2,244,398.97; general, $229,-376.88; total operating expenses, $3,196,-145.41; net revenue over operating expenses, $2,567,509.47; taxes, $297,906.21.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $5,269,090.22; operating expenses, $3,434,973.56; net revenue, $1,834,116.66; taxes $383,110.41.

Norfolk & Southern Ry. Co.—Mileage, 581.72. Revenues: From freight, $150,-315.46; passenger, $54,819.20; other transportation, $12,337.73; non-transportation. $1,508,44; total revenue, $218,980.83.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $33,887.36; maintenance of equipment, $31,446.11; traffic, $6,521.10; transportation, $65,693.64; general, $14,-151.60; total operating expenses, $151,-699.81; net revenue over operating expenses, $67,281.02; taxes, $4,899.25.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $201,173.58; operating expenses,

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$168,472.16; net revenue, $32,701.42; taxes, $7,809.05.

Norfolk & Western—Mileage, 1,965.68. Revenues: From freight, $2,217,148.95; passenger, $448,449.75; other transportation, $77,019.73; non-transportation, $5,145.93; total revenue, $2,747,764.36.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $353,817.17; maintenance of equipment, $452,257.60; traffic, $45,287.02; transportation, $714,962.43; general, $60,813.32; total operating expenses, $1,627,137.54; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,120,626.82; taxes, $82,484.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $2,153,873.16; operating expenses, $1,295,147.94; net revenue, $858,725.22; taxes, $87,742.06.

Northern Pacific—Mileage, 5,947.38. Revenues: From freight, $3,935,694.27; passenger, $1,858,899.70; other transportation, $319,249.18; non-transportation, $95,001.79; total revenue, $6,208,844.94.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $844,002.87; maintenance of equipment, $563,655.29; traffic, $112,708.47; transportation, $2,058,378.33; general, $109,125.25; total operating expenses, $3,687,870.21; net revenue over operating expenses, $2,520,974.73; taxes, $60,731.81.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $4,294,025.39; operating expenses, $3,866,349.50; net revenue, $427,675.89; taxes, $479,793.94.

Pennsylvania—Mileage, 11,259.55. Revenues: From freight, $17,290,908.67; passenger, $5,936,080.29; other transportation, $1,867,387.64; non-transportation, $167,673.05; total revenue, $25,262,049.65.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $3,481,000.12; maintenance of equipment, $4,058,099.97; traffic, $425,565.73; transportation, $8,233,844.60; general, $608,718.76; total operating expenses, $16,807,229.18; net revenue over operating expenses, $8,454,820.47; taxes, $847,251.19.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $23,340,777.68; operating expenses, $15,448,608.66; net revenue, $7,892,169.02; taxes, $681,519.31.

Pere Marquette R. R. Co.—Mileage, 2,335.90. Revenues: From freight, $770,321.73; passenger, $317,614.41; other transportation, $78,725.03; non-transportation, $29,017.11; total revenue, $1,195,678.28.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $164,732.04; maintenance of equipment, $155,804.43; traffic, $41,483.71; transportation, $474,573.91; general, $30,177.35; total operating expenses, $866,771.44; net revenue over operating expenses, $328,906.84; taxes, $41,910.21.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,012,131.73; operating expenses, $774,919.20; net revenue, $237,212.53; taxes, $52,345.55.

Reading—Mileage, 2,151.22. Revenues: From freight, $4,057,688.48; passenger, $1,118,094.33; other transportation, $175,720.65; non-transportation, $110,945.51; total revenue, $5,462,448.97.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $636,510.14; maintenance of equipment, $979,206.29; traffic, $82,358.30; transportation, $1,566,428.05; general, $131,204.26; total operating expenses, $3,395,707.04; net revenue over operating expenses, $2,066,741.93; taxes, $324,441.75.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $4,995,923.91; operating expenses, $3,104,815.67; net revenue, $1,891,108.24; taxes, $194,957.87.

Rock Island-Frisco—Mileage, 14,578.08. Revenues: From freight, $5,763,301.25; passenger, $2,701,016.06; other transportation, 898,469.04; non-transportation, $57,379.15; total revenue, $9,511,165.50.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $1,159,697.09; maintenance of equipment, $1,004,595.32; traffic, $237,042.26; transportation, $3,185,549.30; general, $274,969.67; total operating expenses, $5,861,853.64; net revenue over operating expenses, $3,649,311.86; taxes, $364,446.55.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $7,569,294.57; operating expenses, $4,720,046.18; net revenue, $2,849,248.39; taxes, $313,268.06.

St. Louis, Southwestern—Mileage, 1,579.96. Revenues: From freight, $566,201.47; passenger, $183,824.15; other trans-

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portation, $40,457.86; non-transportation, $7,814.85; total revenue, $798,098.33.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $125,174.19; maintenance of equipment, $122,800.22; traffic, $35,129.10; transportation, $244,883.45; general, $36,312.28; total operating expenses, $564,299.24; net revenue over operating expenses, $233,799.09; taxes, $24,490.33.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $751,219.63; operating expenses, $669,322.83; net revenue, $81,896.80; taxes, $25,254.66.

San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry. Co.—Mileage, 727.00. Revenues: From freight, $176,440.42; passenger, $80,326.40; other transportation, $15,919.15; non-transportation, $1,634.67; total revenue, $274,320.64.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $41,022.81; maintenance of equipment, $39,205.62; traffic, $4,768.52; transportation, $119,996.59; general, $8,592.30; total operating expenses, $213,585.84; net revenue over operating expenses, $60,734.80; taxes, $8,559.14.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $294,925.90; operating expenses, $192,358.14; net revenue, $102,567.76; taxes, $10,757.08.

Seaboard—Mileage, 2,989.96. Revenues: From freight, $944,869.17; passenger, $285,946.89; other transportation, $112,217.85; non-transportation, $31,888.31; total revenue, $1,374,922.22.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $200,570.38; maintenance of equipment, $199,120.57; traffic, $49,921.30; transportation, $472,890.56; general, $41,971.88; total operating expenses, $964,474.69; net revenue over operating expenses, $410,447.53; taxes, $58,790.64.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,247,860.99; operating expenses, $965,876.26; net revenue, $281,984.73; taxes, $60,785.87.

Southern—Mileage, 9,437.32. Revenues: From freight, $3,349,997.27; passenger, $1,332,283.59; other transportation, $511,568.92; non-transportation, $28,563.63; total revenue, $5,222,413.41.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $571,872.10; maintenance of equipment, $765,164.12; traffic, $163,196.51; transportation, $1,902,022.24; general, $208,982.24; total operating expenses, $3,611,237.21; net revenue over operating expenses, $1,611,176.20; taxes, $206,794.83.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $4,993,316.07; operating expenses, $3,584,587.64; net revenue, $1,408,728.43; taxes, $226,494.71.

Southern Pacific—Mileage, 9,918.52. Revenues: From freight, $5,710,445.16; passenger, $3,148,091.62; other transportation, $548,163.74; non-transportation, $151,805.93; total revenue, $9,558,506.45.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $1,295,348.90; maintenance of equipment, $1,359,994.81; traffic, $149,945.11; transportation, $2,770,119.12; general, $279,605.97; total operating expenses, $5,855,013.91; net revenues over operating expenses, $3,703,492.54; taxes, $347,505.04.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $8,585,789.36; operating expenses, $5,644,829.06; net revenue, $2,940,960.30; taxes, $428,565.05.

Texas & Pacific—Mileage, 1,990.64. Revenues: From freight, $644,773.16; passenger, $299,546.34; other transportation, $57,905.21; non-transportation, $9,326.37; total revenue, $1,011,550.08.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $180,400.49; maintenance of equipment, $195,262.98; traffic, $16,436.04; transportation, $447,845.36; general, $32,070.27; total operating expenses, $872,015.14; net revenue over operating expenses, $139,534.94; taxes, $39,601.66.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $858,762.72; operating expenses, $754,452.18; net revenue, $104,310.54; taxes, $28,620.65.

Toledo, St. Louis, & Western—Mileage, 1,448.80. Revenues: From freight, $793,667.37; passenger, $362,203.54; other transportation, $96,426.17; non-transportation, $6,464.13; total revenue, $1,258,761.21.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $123,778.43; maintenance of equipment, Cr. $47,111.15; traffic, $49,-

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255.98; transportation, $373,787.24; general, $34,561.88; total operating expenses, $534,-272.38; net revenue over operating expenses, $724,488.83; taxes, $49,777.09.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $1,238,198.05; operating expenses, $749,418.68; net revenue, $488,-779.37; taxes, $40,805.44.

Union Pacific—Mileage, 7,351.37. Revenues: From freight, $4,915,556.66; passenger, $1,879,533.95; other transportation, $642,833.54; non-transportation, $58,833.61; total revenue, $7,496,757.76.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures $757,972.17; maintenance of equipment, $630,083.45; traffic, $189,549.89; transportation, $1,711,782.36; general, $193,-984.30; total operating expenses, $3,483,-372.17; net revenue over operating expenses, $4,013,385.59; taxes, $249,042.97.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $6,647,692.79; operating expenses, $3,237,893.00; net revenue, $3,409,799.79; taxes, $234,073.39.

Wabash—Mileage, 3,104.93. Revenues: From freight, $1,906,394.58; passenger, $622,122.27; other transportation, $344,-108.16; non-transportation, $19,617.65; total revenue, $2,892,242.66.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $327,282.30; maintenance of equipment, $454,744.05; traffic, $88,458.08; transportation, $1,041,495.8 ; general, $94,-225.04; total operating expenses, $2,006,-205.27, net revenue over operating expenses, $886,037.39; taxes, $95,583.86.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $2,742,622.06; operating expenses, $1,841,255.28; net revenue, $901,366.78; taxes, $90,900.38.

Western Maryland—Mileage, 576.58. Revenues: From freight, $401,275.78; passenger, $74,323.02; other transportation, $21,802.30; non-transportation, $4,158.71; total revenue, $501,559.90.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, $83,076.69; maintenance of equipment, $56,414.55; traffic, $9,107.77; transportation, $163,057.61; general, $13,-188.01; total operating expenses, $324,-844.63; net revenue over operating expenses, $176,715.27; taxes, $17,400.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was $436,229.92; operating expenses, $289,804.94; net revenue, $146,424.98; taxes, $17,490.18.

U. S. SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE.

THE application of the attorney of Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, respectively president, secretary and vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, to the United States Supreme Court, for a writ of certiorari has been granted, which means that the whole case will be reviewed by the highest judicial tribunal in the land.

It will be remembered that on December 18, 1907, the Buck's Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, obtained an injunction from Justice Gould, of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, against the American Federation of Labor and its officers, forbidding them from publishing or otherwise communicating the fact that that company was unfair to organized labor and to prevent publication of that firm's name in the "We Don't Patronize List" of *The Federationist*. The injunction became effective on December 23, 1907, and was made permanent on March 26, 1908. An appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. While the appeal was pending, it is stated at the instance of the attorneys for the plaintiff, Messrs. Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell were cited for contempt of court for having alleged to have violated the provisions of the injunction. Much testimony was taken in these proceedings, and in December, 1908, Justice Wright adjudged Messrs. Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell guilty of contempt of court, and imposed a sentence of one year, nine months and six months imprisonment respectively upon them.

In commenting on the action of the court in the contempt proceedings and the testimony introduced therein, President Gompers summarized the causes for which they were adjudged guilty of contempt of court, as follows:

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"Vice-President Mitchell, it was alleged, violated the injunction by allowing certain acts to be performed by the officers of the American Federation of Labor, and also, that while presiding at a convention of the United Mine Workers of America, a resolution, regularly introduced by a delegate, calling upon the members of that organization not to bestow their patronage upon the product of the Buck's Stove and Range Company was submitted by Mr. Mitchell to the delegates for a vote.

"Secretary Morrison was charged substantially with having violated the terms of the injunction in so far as that he sent, or caused to be sent out, copies of the printed official proceedings of the previous convention of the American Federation of Labor containing officers' and committee reports and resolutions of the convention relative to the Buck's Stove and Range Company's injunction and copies of the *American Federationist* containing similar references, circulars, appeals for funds, and editorials written by me on the injunction abuse.

"The allegations charging me with violating the terms of the injunction were that I did, or authorized, or directed to be done, these things; because, by authority of the convention and of the executive council I sent to our fellow-workers and friends an appeal for funds in order that we might be in a position to defend ourselves before the courts in the very injunction case involved; because in lectures and on the public platform, during the presidential campaign I made addresses to the people giving the reasons for the vote as a citizen I was to cast at the then pending presidential election, and because I dared editorially to discuss the fundamental principles involved, not only in the injunction pending but the entire abuse of the injunction writ."

In March, 1909, the Court of Appeals, of the District of Columbia, handed down its decision upon the appeal from the original injunction. That court modified the terms of the injunction, holding that no publication could be forbidden, except in furtherance of a "conspiracy" to boycott. It will be some time before a decision is had from the United States Supreme Court in this case.

THE STEEL TRUST.

THE American Federation of Labor at its convention held at Toronto in November, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The United States Steel Corporation is waging a war of extermination against organized labor in its mills, and on its transportation lines, and has committed itself to the policy of operating all branches of its business non-union, and

WHEREAS, In carrying out this policy it can only be a question of time until every union man in its employ must either forfeit his union membership or his employment, thereby weakening materially several affiliated organizations, and encouraging other corporations to begin conflicts with organized labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention recognizes the United States Steel Corporation as the most formidable and aggressive enemy that the movement has to contend with; that we believe the thorough organization of all branches of its business is the most important and necessary work that could engage the attention, time and effort of the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated national and international organizations, and that we recommend that a meeting be held during the sessions of the convention of the executive officers of all organizations represented, together with the President and Secretary of the A. F. of L., to consider and outline a campaign of organization among the employes of the United States Steel Corporation, and to consider and devise ways and means of making the strikes of the affiliated organizations, now pending, more effective, to the end that they may be brought to a successful conclusion."

Pursuant to the provisions of the resolution, a meeting of the leaders of the various international organizations was held in Pittsburg, Pa., which was largely attended, President Gompers of the A. F. of L. presiding.

The grievances of organized labor against the steel corporation were set forth in resolutions adopted by the meeting, copies

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of which will be handed President Taft and all United States senators and congressmen by a committee appointed for that purpose. The governors of states in which the United States Steel Corporation own plants or has interest, will also be furnished with copies of the resolution.

The resolutions are in part as follows:

"A crisis in the affairs of labor has arisen. The gigantic trust, the United States Steel Corporation, is using its great wealth and power in an effort to rob the toilers of their right of American manhood and of the opportunity to resist its further encroachments. Grown rich by the consent of the people of our country, this corporation in its mad greed for still greater riches, sweeps aside, make and unmakes law, its enactors and executors and is now engaged in an effort to destroy the only factor—the organizations of its employes—standing between it and unlimited, unchecked and unbridled industrial, political, social and moral carnage.

"If there exists any virile power in our time and life to check the absolute autocratic domination of civic, industrial and political life of our people and our republic, it must be found in the indomitable will and mission of the much misunderstood and misrepresented organizations of labor.

"The United States Steel Corporation has declared war on labor. In its secret councils this corporation has decreed that the only obstacle to its complete sway—organized labor—shall be crushed. The labor organizations consist of its employes, the workers—their wives and little ones, human flesh and blood. It is by their labor that they live; they have no purpose other than safeguarding their lives, their character, their future, the safety of the republic and humanity.

"These factors now confront each other. By their purposes, attitude and actions must they be judged.

"On June 1, 1909, the United States Steel Corporation proclaimed its decree of hostility toward labor. The right of the workers to associate for their common protection was no longer to be recognized or tolerated. Accompanying that decree the notice of a further reduction in the already scant wages of the workers. The decree went into effect July 1, 1909. We therefore urge that an earnest effort be made to thoroughly organize all employes in the iron, steel and tin plate industry and subsidiary co-related trades. Owing to immediate pressing necessity caused by the present strike and the indefensible hostile attitude of the United States Steel Corporation, we earnestly call upon all national and international unions of America to send at least one organizer to assist in this work. We further urge and recommend that in all places where mills are located the central labor organizations appoint special committees, with instructions to co-operate in this work.

"For educational purposes we recommend that this manifesto be made a special order in all central labor organizations at the first meeting in January, 1910.

"We recommend that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor issue a circular to all unions of America, an appeal for financial contributions to aid the striking iron, steel and tin-plate workers.

"We further recommend that the amount of such contribution should not be less than ten (10) cents per member.

"In view of the great wrongs perpetrated by the United States Steel Corporation, not only against the workers, but the public generally, we recommend that a committee be appointed by this conference to wait upon the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and all members of either house of Congress as may be deemed advisable for the purpose of laying before them the grievances from which labor suffers at the hands of this corporation.

"At the instance of the United States Steel Corporation, officers of local, municipal and state governments have unwarrantably tyrannized over citizens, invading the constitutionality, guaranteed right of free assemblage and free speech. We

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recommend that committees be appointed by this conference to wait upon the governors of states and such other official representatives of counties and municipalities as are in control where the United States Steel Corporation has plants located for the purpose of presenting to these officials the great wrongs inflicted upon the people of these communities and that the committees demand an investigation, and when charges made are substantiated by evidence the officers responsible therefor be removed and the wrongs immediately righted.

"We appeal to all liberty-loving Americans for their moral and financial support.

Signed,

"JAMES O'CONNELL,
"T. L. LEWIS,
"W. D. MAHON,
"GEO. W. PERKINS,
"J. W. HAYES,
"FRANK M. RYAN,
"T. HEALY,
"SAMUEL GOMPERS,
"P. J. MCARDLE,
"CHAS. E. LAWLER."

EDITORIAL NOTES

No cards, no favors.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends its best wishes to all its readers for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nine hundred and eighty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of November.

C. M. & St. P. Railway System, Division No. 23, contributed five hundred dollars for the benefit of the Cherry (Illinois) mine sufferers.

A head-end collision between two passenger trains on the Canadian Pacific Railway near Orangeville, Ont., was caused by "a mistake in an order given over the telephone."

According to Wall street reports and press dispatches, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company have acquired controlling interest in the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Members of the Mutual Benefit Department should not overlook the fact that assessments in that department are now payable, six months in advance.

All of the old officers of the American Federation of Labor were re-elected at the Toronto convention, including President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Treasurer Lennon. H. B. Perham, President of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, was re-elected eighth vice-president.

The statements issued by the Bureau of Immigration, for the month of August, 1909 were 59,777 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States, during that month; that there were 1,646 debarred from entrance classified as follows: Idiots, 22; insane and epileptics, 29; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 271; likely to become public charges, 919; contract laborers, 96; mentally or physically defective, 61; accompanying aliens, 43; under 16 years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 41; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 49; polygamists, 1; prostitutes and procurers, 69; without passport, 8; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 36. The report also shows that there were 252 aliens returned after landing.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Labor held a special convention at Harrisburg, Pa., on December 9th, which was largely attended by delegates from the bona fide

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trades unions of that State, to protest against the continuation of "Government by Injunction," the "Denial of Free Speech and Free Assemblage," the "Assumption of Undelegated Powers by Governmental Functionaries," and the "Total Disregard of all Moral and Statute Laws by Overgrown Corporations, who Blazenly Declare that they are a Law to Themselves."

The recent labor troubles at McKees Rocks, New Castle, Pittsburg and other points, and the action of the Chief Burgess of Vandergrift, in prohibiting the Labor Day parade at that point, were the incidents which occasioned the call to be made from this extraordinary convention at a conference of prominent labor unionists of the State held at Pittsburg, on October 3, 1909.

A press dispatch from Austin, Texas, contains the following cheering information:

"Austin, Tex., Nov. 23.—It seems that the union label will adorn all of the state stationery and reports. Permission has been granted by the State Printing Board to the Department of Labor Statistics and the State Mining Inspector to have the union label placed o their stationery, and State Expert Printer Richardson today received formal application from the State Library, the Department of Public Buildings and Grounds, the Adjutant General, the Department of Insurance and Banking, the De partment of Agriculture, the State Purchasing Agent, the Comptroller, the Department of Education, the Pension Commissioner and the Railroad Commission to have the union label placed on their stationery and reports. It is understood that the State Treasurer, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, members of the State Printing Board, all desire the same label on their stationery.

"The agitation for this move was brought about by Deputy Labor Commissioner H. G. Wagner, acting in the capacity of Secretary of the Joint Labor Legislative Board.

"Montana and Nevada have laws compelling the heads of the department to have the label on all stationery, while a number of other States use it at all times."



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PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. M. G. Harper, of Bristol, Tenn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Heslep, of Wyndale, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Karn, of Oakland, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Davis, of Callery, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. F. Rush, of Claxton, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. M. Callicod, of Dewey, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. L. Kiser, of Spotswood, N. J., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Kirkpatrick, of Blakely, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Lemieux, of Sherbrooke, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Meador, of Waurika, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. A. Bick, of Pittsburg, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Oscar Lowery, of Hancock, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Mont Fulton, of Folks, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Dahl, of Austin, Mont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Morris D. White, of Toledo, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Garrison, of Macon, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. A. Whalen, of Hillsboro, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. G. Bishop, of Nestoria, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. M. Eppinger, of Harmarville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. James Costello, of Vernon Junction, Conn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Bramlet, of Dupont, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. D. Harrington, of Iroquois, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. A. L. Genoway, of Wendt, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Henry, of Winter Havem, Fla., a boy.

To Bro. J. L. and Sister Jennie Martin, of East New York, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. W. Price, of Rogers Pass, B. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Talley, of Poplarville, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. Q. Ebert, of Lavelle, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. H. Robinson, of Markstay, Ont., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. C. G. Sullivan, of Div. 138, to Miss Gertrude Bost.

Bro. J. M. Colson, of Div. 93, to Miss Stevenson.

Bro. M. Casey, of Div. 29, to Miss Mae Lee.

At Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, Bro. C. E. Honsinger, of Div. 70, to Miss Mabel Richardson.

At New York City, Bro. Frank Horsch, of Div. 44, to Miss Elizabeth R. Gray.

Bro. F. M. McCutchen, of Div. 132, to Miss Minnie Pardue.

Bro. Otto C. Tabbert, of Div. 23, to Miss Gladys Gould.

At Green Bay, Wis., Bro. G. C. Brown, of Div. 23, to Miss Minnie Richter.

At Thomasville, Miss., Bro. R. H. Odon, of Div. 93, to Miss Mary L. Hines.

At Monroe, La., Bro. W. H. Allen, of Div. 93, to Miss Louise DeLee.

At Ridgeway, Pa., Bro. Earl Johnson, of Div. 108, to Miss Pearl Crosby.

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At Enid, Okla., Bro. J. A. Boyle, of Div. 126, to Miss Belva Jeffries.

At Enid, Okla., Bro. Earl Hoover, of Div. 126, to Miss Flora McKinkay.

At Rea, Mo., Bro. E. L. Reed, of Div. 96, to Sister Jessie Smith, of Div. 96.

At Conception, Mo., Bro. W. T. Nish, of Div. 96, to Miss Mary Guiger.

At Charlotte, N. C., Bro. D. P. Stowe, of Div. 59, to Miss Aurelia Hand.

At Belvue, Kan., Bro. F. W. Klasse, of Div. 6, to Miss Laureene Weeks.

At Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y., Bro. F. McManus, of Div. 8, to Miss Mary Ryan.

At Kenova, W. Va., Bro. D. W. Crabtree, of Div. 14, to Miss Inez Webb.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, Bro. H. K. McElroy, of Div. 14, to Miss Carrie Kramer.

At Commerce, Tex., Bro. R. F. Menke, of Div. 2, to Miss Maggie Cameron.

At Buena Vista, N. C., Bro. S. O. Johnson, to Miss Effie Coxe.

At St. Paul, Minn., Bro. L. J. Lentsch, of Div. 54, to Miss Elizabeth Leuer.

At Canton, N. Y., Bro. M. Meng, of Div. 8, to Mrs. Edith Fitzgerald.

Bro. O. W. Bledsoe, of Div. 46, to Miss Goodman.

At Kaaterskill Junction, N. Y., Bro. H. Krom, of Div. 113, to Miss Flossie Parkes.

At Brownstown, Ill., Bro. Harrold W. Weaver, of Div. 27, to Miss Minnie Turner.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Bro. Frank E. Mann, of Div. 49, to Miss Edna M. Williams.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. I. W. Davis, of Div. 31.

Bro. Grover C. Davidson, of Div. 33.

Wife of Bro. G. C. House, of Div. 75.

Sister of Bro. W. T. Nagle, of Div. 85.

Wife of Bro. B. E. Crouch, of Div. 76.

Father of Bro. Roscoe C. Zink, of Div. 130.

At St. Louis, Mo., Bro. J. E. Johnson, of Div. 2.

Little daughter of Bro. Edw. Welch, of Div. 76.

Father of Bros. Seth and John Welford, of Div. 16.

At Riverside, R. I., Bro. R. A. Brown, of Div. 35.

At Burnside, Pa., Sister A. M. Lindsey, of Div. 8.

Daughter of Bro. A. J. Fitzpatrick, of Div. 42.

At Brainerd, Minn., Bro. T. H. Line, of Div. 54.

At Alcratraz, Cal., Bro. Thomas Mullally, of Div. 31.

At Elwood, Iowa, wife of Bro. C. W. Hall, of Div. 23.

At Salem, Va., Cecil, son of Bro. W. A. Vest, of Div. 14.

At Niagara Falls, Ont., wife of Bro. H L. Oliver, of Div. 16.

At Ramsey, Idaho, infant son of Bro. J. A. Lukanitsch, of Div. 54.

At Barnesville, Ohio, little daughter of Bro. P. Ferguson, of Div. 33.

At Tekowah,, Neb., infant daughter of Bro. James Mathews, of Div. 76.

At Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Miss Willia M. Haughey, daughter of Bro. J. A. Haughey, of Div. 8.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of C. A. Petit.

M. S. DEW,
College Station, Tex.

Present address of R. L. Woods, last heard of working for E. J. & E. at Hobart, Ind. Write your wild West pal at Princeton, Mo., Box 36. W. L. CAZEL.

Present address of C. G. Whitesal, last heard of on Wabash Ry.

A. D. COLLIER,
528 S. Cannon St., Spokane, Wash.

Present address of W. M. Selman, last heard of was with G. C. Ry.

J. M. MCCLENDON,
C. R. I. & P., Peyton, Col.

Present address of P. P. Hopper, last heard of at Cadiz, Ky., March, 1908. Would like to hear from you, Perry. Write me, Box 36, Princeton, Mo.

W. L. CAZEL.

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Present address of Chas. Sherlock, conductor Pere Marquette R. R. Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated.

B. J. SHERLOCK,
Wellington, Wash.

Present address of Watkins Moorman Taylor, last heard of at Butler, Pa. Please write; news for you.

F. B. BILLUPS,
Pittsburg, Pa., Gen'l Del.

To know whereabouts of Wm. Shields, of Dayton, Ohio. "WM," if you see this, write me; have good news for you.

D. F. SMITH,
Hilliard, Ohio.

Present address of Geo. F. Milan, track foreman, last heard of with Mo. Pac. at Newellton, La., 1908.

GEO. REDDING,
Care C. M. & P. S., Whitehall, Mont.

Present address of J. C. Price, last heard of was with United Wireless Tel. Co., Seattle, Wash. "JC," if you see this write.

J. M. MCCLENDON,
C. R. I. & P., Peyton, Col.

Present address of D. P. Chiles, last heard of was with Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad, Fairview, Okla.

C. C. HAZEN,
Portland, Col.

Present address of Grover C. Land, last heard of playing ball for league team at Paducah, Ky., in 1904. Any brother knowing his address kindly write me.

H. O. PERRYMAN,
Box 494, Brawley, Cal.

Present address of James P. Hacker, last heard of at Winslow, Ariz., five years ago. Supposed to be now working for some Southern Ry. Important.

L. C. WILSON,
Atwood, Kan.

Present address of J. M. Shea, last worked on C. M. & St. P. on C. & M. Division. Any brother knowing his present location will confer a favor by notifying me at once.

E. R. DERRICKSON,
804 Security Bank Bldg.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

J. C. Sale, Archer, Fla.

A. E. List, Blandurg, Pa.

W. E. Pearl, Winnemucca, Nev.

K. G. Kennedy, 291 North Main St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

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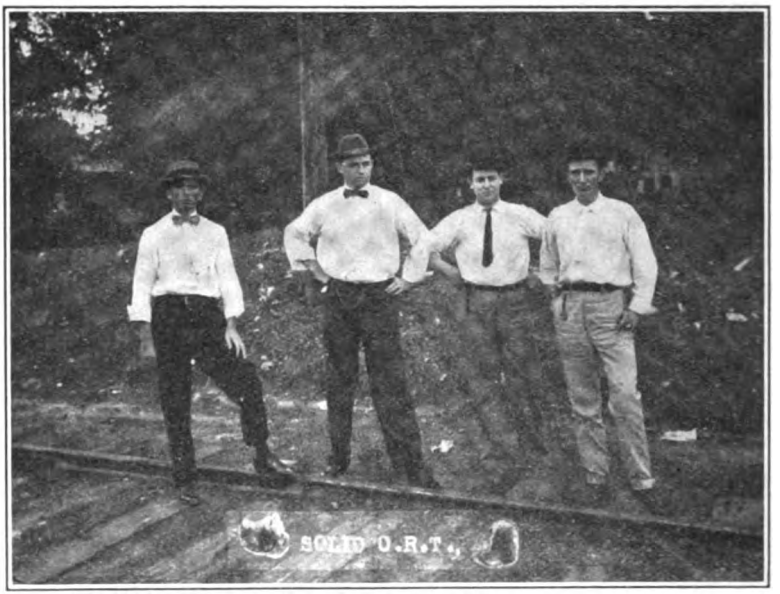
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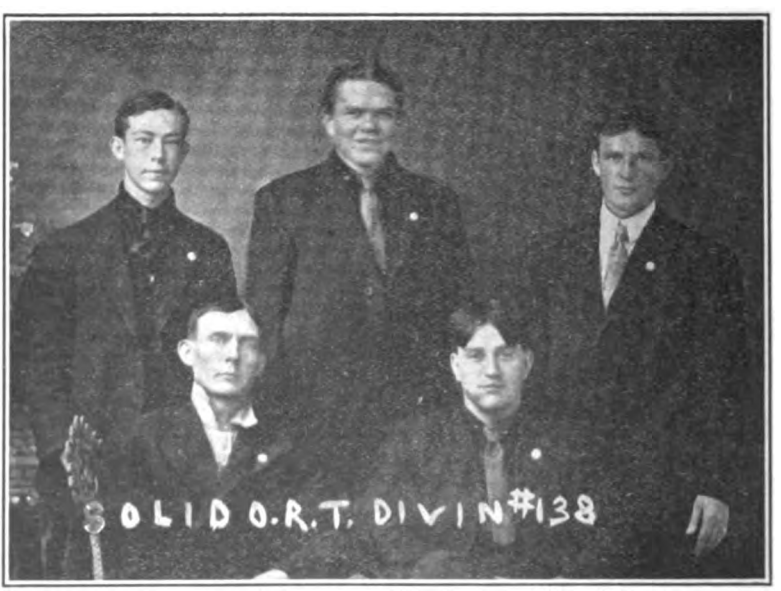
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All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

NOTICE.

All those who have articles, letters or communications for the Ladies' Auxiliary Department of the TELEGRAPHER *must submit it first to the President,* Mrs. E. B. Smith, P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga., or it will not appear.

Any matter for the Department must reach the President not later than the 20th of each month, in order that the matter may be edited in time to get to the publisher in time.

MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

THROUGH the generosity of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and their interest in the growth of the Ladies' Auxilliary, the Secretary-Treasurer and the President of the L. A. received a letter from Grand Secretary-Treasurer Quick, of the O. R. T., stating that they had had 1,000 gold emblem buttons made, which have since been received. These buttons are gold of diamond shape, with the wreath and sounder in the center, with the lettering "L. A. O. R. T." thereon, and are beautiful pins, which the ladies will be proud of. These pins will be issued by the Secretary-Treasurer to every member of the L. A. and then to all those who join up to the 1,000th mark.

Join now and get one of the gold pins, which are issued without charge, as the initial pins. Let's see who will get in the race first, they cannot last long, as it will take but a few more to strike the 1,000 mark. Get busy now, stop putting it off, and join now. Get in the organization and help the boys along, by your influence and gentle persuasion, if nothing more. There is plenty for willing hands to do. If you can't find anything to do in the Auxiliary, write any of the Officials and they will arrange something for you to do that will count for something and mean the general building up of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, which means eventually the raising of the standard of wages for the operators, as well as their conditions generally.

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Ladies, when you get time for sober thought from your daily round of duties, sit down and give awhile to the thought of what you would do if your husband had to work 12 and 18 hours like he used to have to do, and drew at the end of the month the measly sum of $40.00, and out of that had to pay a man to clean up the waiting rooms and office or clean them himself. This is just the very ditch out of which the Order has brought the majority of the operators, and it is just the ditch into which the operator is again going to fall, if the O. R. T. is allowed to go backward. The ladies of the household are as much or more interested in the conditions of the operators of the country as the operators themselves. If this is the case, then why not the ladies join the L. A. and assist the boys in their splendid struggle for a solidity which can never be broken down.

It is to your interest, and the interest of the children, and your children's children, that you take a hand NOW in assisting in the solidifying the membership of the O. R. T. and the L. A. into one grand body, where the families and the relatives of the operators will all be brought together in a bond of brotherly love.

TO THE LADY MEMBERS OF THE O. R. T.

SOME of you lady members of the O. R. T. seem to think that, while the Ladies' Auxiliary is a splendid thing for those who are ineligible for membership in the O. R. T., it is superfluous for you. In one way, this is true—but there are other ways. We who are members of both organizations, have found much pleasure and profit in the Ladies' Auxiliary, and do not think either your time or money wasted.

Then there is your duty to the Order. All of us must admit that the Ladies' Auxiliary will be of material benefit to the O. R. T., this being true, now is the time to do something for your Order by joining the Ladies' Auxiliary and helping to organize a local division.

The Grand division is a necessity, but the crying need of the Ladies' Auxiliary in local divisions, where every woman can have something right at home to interest her. If she holds an important office in her local division, or is interested in some special feature of it, do you think she is going to let her husband drop out of the Order, and so put her out? *Not much.*

Just think what a power this can be made for holding the O. R. T. together. Just this one thing, sisters, should make you anxious to organize the Ladies' Auxiliary: and when you think of the many ways in which the Ladies' Auxiliary will benefit the Order, I do not see how you can afford not to help. Self interest, if nothing higher, should prompt you to push this organization. The path of duty lies plain before you: I hope to hear that more of you have taken it.

DITA MAY WEST.
Assistant President.

LOCAL No. 4 HOLDS A ROUSING MEETING.

Local No. 4, Division No. 35, held their first meeting in the new hall October 23. The ladies certainly felt very important with a hall all their own, and are so proud of the meeting that it was voted to have a sign outside on meeting nights, just like the "boys." So interesting did the evening prove that time passed away very quickly and some hasty exits were made, most of the members coming quite a distance. I am sure that when the ladies "outside" hear of our enjoyable meetings the applications will come in faster than ever. At present there is a good deal of business, but as we grow I hope to have more items of our sociability, which will help make it interesting for the sisters to read our columns.

CERT. No. 11.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 30, 1909.

ST. PAUL, MINN., SUGGESTIONS.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Nov. 8, 1909.

Mrs. E. B. Smith, President, Atlanta, Ga.:

DEAR MADAM AND SISTER—In reply to your favor of recent date requesting suggestions as to the best method of increasing the membership of our organization, it seems to me that the most feasible way would be through the local chairmen of the

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different system divisions and through the officers of the local divisions of the O. R. T. If you could procure a list of the local chairmen from Bro. Quick and then take the names of the secretaries of the local divisions from the O. R. T. Journal and send a circular letter to each one of these officers, soliciting their assistance in organizing the ladies on their respective divisions, I think it would bring good results. I also think that this circular letter should be accompanied by a bunch of application blanks to each local chairman and division secretary. Yours fraternally,

MRS. W. J. LIDDANE,
Second Vice-President.

OAKLAND, OREGON, MAKES GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

OAKLAND, ORE., NOV. 2, 1909.

Mrs. E. B. Smith, President L. A. of O. R. T., Atlanta, Ga.:

DEAR SISTER.—I am enclosing herewith a notice which I thought might do some good to have published in the Journal. If you think it is worth while you may send it in for publication.

If we can get a start by getting a few interested enough to join and push a little toward getting others to join, I believe we can get quite a number in during the next few months. Of course, it is more thinly settled here than in the Eastern States and we have to do all of our work by correspondence, which makes it much slower. However, we are going to do the best work we can for the L. A. Fraternally yours,

MRS. T. M. BOYD.

"To the Ladies of Members of O. R. T., Sou. Pac., Div. 53, Lines in Oregon:

"Having been appointed local chairman and organizer of the Ladies' Auxiliary for the Lines in Oregon, I would be pleased to receive the application of any eligible lady on our lines. Those eligible are wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of an O. R. T. member who have an up-to-date card. You know the boys on the Southern Pacific are very proud of their schedule, but who should be more proud and who receive more benefit of that schedule than do their wives, mothers and daughters. You may think that you take as much interest in the O. R. T. and do them as much good out of the Auxiliary as if you were a member, but you don't. A lady friend said to me before she joined the W. C. T. U.: 'Oh, I'm a temperance woman and can do just as much out of the W. C. T. U. for temperance as I can in it;' but after she joined she said she felt a great deal more interest in promoting temperance than ever before. And, ladies, if you will get an up-to-date card in the Ladies' Auxiliary and get busy, your interest will be increased one hundred per cent more than it is now in the O. R. T. Let us show our husbands that we have an interest in their Order and that we appreciate the efforts that they put forth that we may have more 'bread and butter,' as Sister Smith says. This will help our husbands to feel more enthusiastic and to do better work for the Order than ever before. Try it and see. If you haven't an application blank drop me a card and I will see that you are supplied. MRS. T. M. BOYD."

NOTES.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

Secretary-treasurer Malone reports that on November 28th her division expects a big meeting.

Talk to the farmers and get them to demand the operators' union button on the agents and operators of the country.

Nothing has been heard from the Big Division in the South yet—old Division 59 of the Southern Railway. Let's hear something from them.

From the manner in which the East seems to be taking up the Ladies' Auxiliary, the South and West are going to have to hustle.

The officials of the Ladies' Auxiliary are in receipt of complimentary tickets to the Thanksgiving Eve ball, given by Division No. 8, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in Empire Hall, Syracuse, N. Y. We are certain that we would have had a

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most delightful time had we been near enough to attend, but wish to thank the chairman, Bro. Elimor Gorman, as well as the others of the division, in their kind remembrance of us. We trust it was a success in every sense.

Mrs. Adah A. Egleston has been elected general chairman of the L. A. to O. R. T. Division No. 8, and no doubt under her leadership this division will soon grow into one of the largest and strongest divisions in the Auxiliary.

More charters are coming in every week, which looks like a substantial build, which will mean an organization builded upon a firm foundation, which it will be impossible to shake.

Appoint your correspondent and send in your news items or any articles or suggestions which you may have. The President will be glad to get them and you will be glad to see something there from your section. Forward the same to President Smith.

Prepare some kind of a social affair at the next meeting of the O. R. T. on your division and let all the ladies go. See how quick the boys will make arrangements to be on hand. They won't have an engagement with their girls, or their wives won't be sick, or they will not make any of the old-time excuses. They will be there. Try it. Then when the ladies all get there, and while the boys are busy in their meeting, let the ladies gather together at some given place and organize an Auxiliary. Seven of you, or more, make up your minds to join the L. A., send in your names and receive the charter for your next regular O. R. T. meeting. It's easy, and will become a habit if you just try it long enough.

President Smith has returned again to Atlanta from Macon, where she placed on exhibit at the Georgia State Fair one of the largest union label departments which has ever been in the State of Georgia. Over 10,000 pieces of literature were given out during the ten days, while something like 8,000 souvenirs were distributed. The campaign for the union label was waged in splendid shape for ten days, and a great deal done toward educating the visitors to the fair along the label lines. She had on exhibit in one of the glass cases a large box of O. R. T. initial buttons, and the attention of the farmers was called to the union button of the operators and station agents, and a plea was made for them to demand these on the agents and operators and to see that they had an up-to-date card. A number of the September issue of THE TELEGRAPHER were also distributed. President Smith is again back at her desk and ready to give prompt reply to all correspondence.

Without authority, the President is using a letter which she received just as she was about to send to press the matter for the department. Pearls are seldom kept under cover, therefore, as this is just a sample of many pearls, in the shape of letters, which the Secretary and President are receiving daily, Ye Editor takes the liberty of here giving the readers of the department a little idea of the splendid manner in which the O. R. T. membership all over the country are supporting the Ladies' Auxiliary. The N. & W. Division bids fair to be one of the strongest divisions organized. Congratulations. God speed.

TROUTVILLE, VA., Oct. 18, 1909.

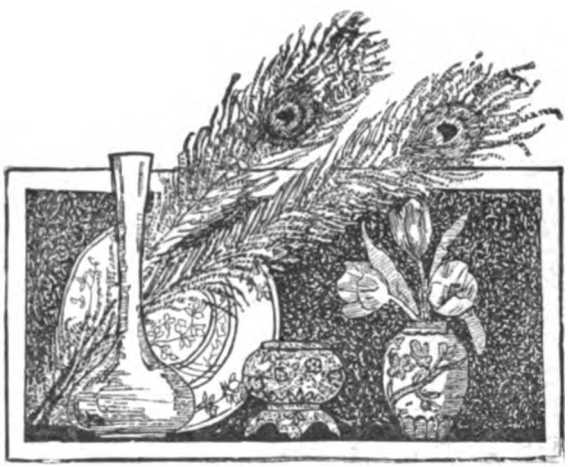
Mrs. G. W. Malone, G. S. & T., 580 E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill..

DEAR SISTER—I am pleased to advise you that we organized a branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary at Roanoke, Va., Saturday night, the 16th, with the following charter members: Mrs. C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.; Mrs. T. O. Magann, Thaxton, Va.; Mrs. G. C. Caboniss, Forrest, Va.; Mrs. C. B. Lane, Crewe, Va.; Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Salem, Va.; Mrs. M. W. Atkins, Ridgeway, Va.; Mrs. B. S. Gregory, Wertz, Va.; Mrs. M. G. Harper, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. E. P. Newcomb, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. W. A. T. Overstreet, Vickers, Va.; Mrs. A. B. Cord, E. Radford, Va. The first three

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mentioned are already members, having joined at Atlanta, Ga., during our last convention. I enclose fees and dues for the rest to January 1, 1910, amounting to $5.60, and was requested to recommend Mrs. C. B. Lane as president and Mrs. M. W. Atkins as secretary. Really, I suppose, as it was the desire of the members present that these sisters be made president and secretary, you would consider them duly elected to those positions, and you can, therefore, communicate with them accordingly. Some of our sisters are very enthusiastic, and I hope we will have a fine Auxiliary on the N. & W. by the first of the year. Wishing you and Sister Smith much success, I remain, yours fraternally,

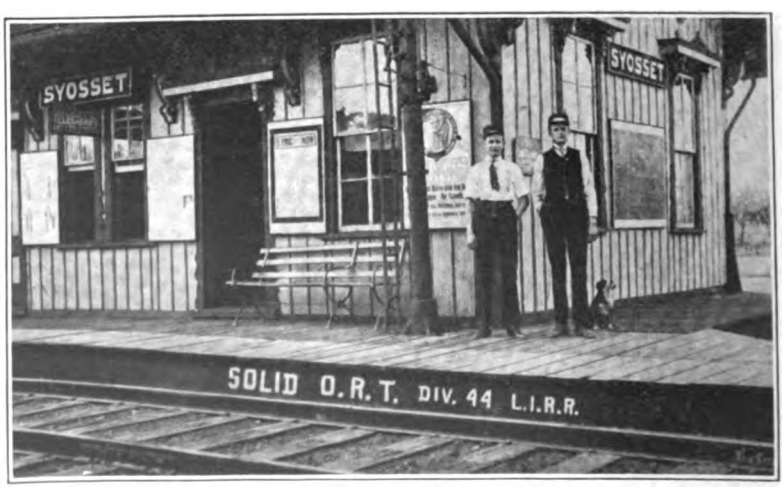
C. E. LAYMAN.



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Left to Right—Earl E. Blair. C. W. Spurzem. W. B. Conger.
SOLID O. R. T.—LORETTO, MINN., SOO RAILWAY.



C. H. Meredith, Opr.; G. D. Carnes, Agt.; "Teddy R," Mascot.
SYOSSET, L. I., N. Y.

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GLEANINGS

A kindly word and a pleasant smile often goes a long way in bringing sunlight into the lives of others. Life at best for the average wage-earner is none too good, and a kindly word costs nothing and often does great good.

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Trades union work is doing more for the uplift of the workingman than perhaps any other institution. There is nothing ennobling in labor itself. Some persons saw ennobling qualities in the work of the slave and serf. The ennobling comes from the conditions under which labor is performed, when a mah who performs labor finds enjoyment in his work.

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Unionism should not be judged by its worst features, but by its general characteristics. It does not ask to be judged by its best qualities. There is good and bad in all institutions. Their real value lies in their general attributes. Unionism has objectionable features, but even these, when properly understood, lose much of their objectionableness.

The real test of an institution lies in its helpfulness to those who need help. The union stands for the progress of the plain people. Its word is personality. Its aim is to lift the standard of toiling manhood and womanhood. It has done much and will do more to make the multitude happier and better. To criticise it apart from a recognition of this purpose is to do it an injustice.—*The Chronicle.*

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Some union men who are lax in their duties as members of their organization often excuse their own negligence by expressing doubts as to the loyalty of others who are also inactive. Such men usually resent any implication against their own loyalty, however. The fact is that they themselves are lacking in true unionism. Men have often gone wrong for no other reason than that they feared others could not be relied upon. The indifferent, inactive members of a labor organization really discourage themselves by their own groundless doubts and fears. They frighten themselves by creations of their own imagination. Active participation in union affairs is the best and surest cure for such feelings.—*Joshua Blunt.*

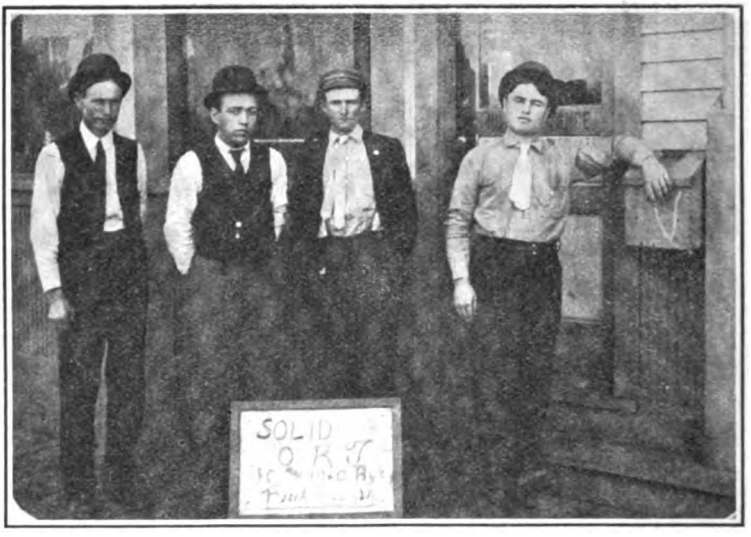
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Are you a worker for the success of your local? Do you attend the meetings regularly? Do you take part in the discussions when attending, or do you stop at home and growl like a grizzly bear because everything is not done to your liking? Do you study your condition and formulate plans for its betterment, or do you chew the rag because the other fellow don't do it?

In the labor movement there is no room for the man who hangs back in the traces —the load is so big that it requires the constant tugging of all to make headway. When all pull and pull altogether our best efforts are reached. Pull forward and not backward if you would the better enjoy life. Contempt is only felt for the man who does not do his share in the battle of life. He is looked upon as a hindrance and sinks below the respect that active, earnest and intelligent workers have for each other.

You must be one or the other. Choose the position in life that will entitle you to respect and admiration for your efforts, and shun the path that brings reproach upon you. Don't think your labor is not needed or desired; that is a mistaken, foolish idea. There is room and work for all; let us do it.

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Wm. Chrisman, Wm. B. Parker, H. B. Atkins, L. B. Verhine.

O. R. T. GROUP — ILLINOIS CENTRAL AND MOBILE & OHIO RYS.
BEECH RIDGE, ILL.



P. J. Meighen. H. E. Olsen, *Local Chairman.*

O. R. T. MEMBERS—NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY—GRAND FORKS. N. D.

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MISCELLANY

THE AGENT'S BUSY DAY.

"NO, no more railroading in mine," said the hungry reporter, as he tilted his chair back and elevated his heels on the desk that the city editor called his when he was there. "There are some things in this world that I'm not adapted for. That's one."

The rest of the "Late Watch" gathered around with exclamations of amazement and surprise, and he continued:

"You see, I once applied to a division superintendent for a job, and was assured my application would be considered the very first vacancy that occurred. Then I waited. The suspense was not especially trying to me, but I could see I was wearing on the friends with whom I was boarding considerably.

"One day, however, the 'caller,' the man that rounds up the trainmen when they are wanted to go out on a special, came around with a note requesting me to call at the superintendent's office. Of course, I complied with the request, and was told they wanted me to act as assistant agent for a day or two at a place called Beaufort, or something like that.

"I wanted to know if I would have time to go and pack my grip, but they seemed to think such a delay would materially prejudice the prospects of the road, so I grabbed the pass and made for the train, which I managed to catch after a brief but exciting chase. Then my 'grief,' as the railroad men call it, began.

"'This train don't stop at Beaufort, young feller,' said the conductor, as he pocketed my pass and proceeded calmly on his rounds. I would have liked to have asked him what I was expected to do about it, but his countenance was so stern and forbidding I did not dare.

"We were rapidly nearing my destination and something had to be done, so I informed a brakeman of my predicament, and he very kindly volunteered to ask 'Fatty Duff' to slow down a little at Beaufort and let me off. I presume he did so, yet if there was any reduction in the speed of the train it was too slight for my unpracticed eye to detect. The brakeman encouraged me, however, and as there appeared to be no other alternative, when we were nearly abreast of the platform I let go and dropped.

"I did not alight right away, but when I did land the concussion was something awful, and as I rolled over and over it seemed to me I must have gathered up about all the splinters there were in that platform in different portions of my anatomy. I was still gyrating when the last car whizzed by, but I heard the 'hind man's' timely warning:

"'Look out, young man, you'll tear your clothes!'

"It was a rickety old station, the walls frescoed with mashed tomatoes. Empty chicken coops, fruit boxes, berry chests and watermelon rinds scattered about the platform exhaled a faded and depressing odor, and the only visible indication of life or death were the swarms of flies buzzing drowsily in the hot sunshine. I picked my way to the office and presented my credentials to the agent, a tall, lank man with a long neck, careworn features and a stiff hat that looked out of place in the midst of such rural surroundings. He was absorbed in a newspaper, and it was some time before he noticed me. At length, however, he threw down the paper, read my letter, and invited me to make myself at home. Then he unbosomed himself:

"'I'm sick and tired of this business,' he said. 'The work's enough to kill a mule,

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but it's the injustice and lack of appreciation that makes me hot. You can not pick up a paper without seeing a lot of 'rot' about the heroism of locomotive engineers and the terrible responsibility that makes train dispatchers hump-shouldered before their time, but never a single, solitary word about station agents. Why, to read the papers, a person would think an engineer went through life with his eyes glued to the rail and a death-grip on the reversing lever, and that the train dispatcher had to put in all his spare time sopping his head with hair vigor to keep from turning gray in a single night!' and he disappeared in the direction of a saloon about half a mile down the road.

"When he returned he gave me an idea of my duties as assistant agent.

"'You're familiar with the interstate tariffs and the trans-continental classifications, I suppose?' he said.

"I was obliged to confess my ignorance.

"'That's bad,' he replied. 'You'd better sit right down and familiarize yourself with them. You'll find 'em all in those files. Besides the tariffs, there's 724 supplements and 1,647 amendments, in addition to 2,286 circulars that you should post up on. Then there's the special as applied to the different tariffs and the new rulings—there's 489 of 'em—that have appeared since the last classification was issued. After you get all these down pat, it would be well to devote a little time to the local classification and tariffs—learn the terminal points and get the routing instructions committed to memory. Hello! There's that freight coming at last. Tell 'em there's nothing for 'em. I've got to go across the street and collect some bills—you can check out any freight they've got.' And he again withdrew.

"The conductor walked in and said: 'Ask 'im if he's got anything for No. 23.'

"I put the question to the train dispatcher over the wire, and he answered 'No,' very plainly and distinctly. After a while the train pulled out, and I was looking for the 'soup ticket' to report them, when the train dispatcher began calling the office.

"I answered, and he said: 'Get No. 23.'

"'They're gone.'

"'Stop 'em.'

"'I say they've gone.'

"'Fetch 'em back.'

"'They're gone, I s—'

"'Shut that key and go and bring that train back for orders!'

"I closed the key and wandered aimlessly out on the platform in the vague hope of seeing the agent or that something might happen. To my surprise I saw that the freight had stopped at the other end of the yard, about three-quarters of a mile away. I could still hear the dispatcher calling, and knew by the vicious sound of the instruments that he was mad. Thoughts of collisions and the possibility of being responsible for a terrible accident flashed across my mind, and I started for that train on a run. The distance was greater than I had imagined, and I was completely blown when I came up with it. The conductor was lying on his back under a car fixing something about the air-brake. I managed to gasp out that the train dispatcher wanted him for orders.

"'Tell him to go soak his head' shouted the conductor, and then calmly continued his labor. As there seemed nothing else to be done I started back to the station to deliver that message, and had gone but a short distance when the engine passed me backing up to the office. It was going too fast for me to board it, so the conductor and engineer had been waiting ten minutes or more when I eventually reached the station.

"'If it's all the same to you, partner,' said the conductor, with freezing politeness, 'we'd just as soon get out of here. We've got families at the other end of the run, and 'ud like to get there before they grow out of our remembrance.'

"I walked into the office and told the dispatcher I had stopped the train.

"'Why don't you be all day about it?' he answered. 'There's nothing for them—it's too late to help 'em any now.'

"I was afraid of the conductor when I told him this. His jaw fell, and for fully a minute he gazed at me in round-eyed horror, then rushed from the office and yelled to the engineer: 'Git a move on

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yerself! Get out of here before he has another fit!'

"After that it was comparatively quiet for a while. I made a feeble effort to understand something of the classifications, but soon gave up the attempt as hopeless. One or two lots of freight and express came in, and a couple of trains passed without accident. I was beginning to think I was getting onto the business when the agent returned. He looked more careworn than ever as he sank wearily into the one chair the office afforded.

"'Well, how you makin' it?' he asked, and I stated so far the progress seemed satisfactory.

"Next he looked at the way-bills, and wanted to know if I had unloaded that cow yet.

"'No,' I answered; 'not yet.'

"'Not yet!' he shrieked. 'Great Scott, man, what does Sections 4,389, 87 and 88 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and Section 2, Chapter 3, of the act of April 3, 1878, say?'

"I was about to confess my ignorance but he stopped me.

"'Don't waste any more precious time; git that critter unloaded before anyone sees her. She's been in the car over thirty-six hours, and we're liable to $500 fine.'

"The cow was unloaded immediately. When I returned to the office he called my attention to a bill of 98 cents I had collected on a washing-machine.

"'You corrected that bill before you collected it, I hope?'

"'Corrected it? No. What's wrong?'

"'Oh, a mere trifle, that comes under the Interstate Commerce Law, and by overcharging 13 cents you've laid us liable to a fine of $5,000, or two years in the penitentiary, or both—that's all. See what Circular 2,201 says: 'Agents who violate any of the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Law will themselves be personally liable to the penalties imposed thereby. Ignorance of the law is no excuse for its violation.' That's soothing, ain't it? 'And here's a case of brandy you have forwarded to Kansas, a prohibition State. That's another misdemeanor, but, thank God, we will probably escape to the hills before the authorities get onto it.'

"He sprang from his chair and began pacing the floor, muttering to himself: 'Oh, no; there's no heroism required to run a station—no responsibility attached to the position. Fines are laid up for you, jails and penitentiaries yawn for you; but that's nothing—that's merely the every-day routine.'

"He caught sight of the express book and stopped short.

"'Those quails,' he faltered, looking at me imploringly. 'You examined each bird as the law directs, to see that it had not been captured by a net, pound, weir or trap? You know Rule 86 says agents must acquaint themselves with and be governed by the game laws of their State and territory.'

"I could not speak, but he read the answer in my downcast face. He extended his hand to me while a look of sublime exaltation transfigured his homely countenance.

"'As the agent' he said, and his voice had the terrible calmness of despair, 'I am responsible for your crimes—I am forever undone, but I bear you no malice, it was fate and whatever happens, remember, I forgive you, but,' and he jammed his hat down over his ears and his eyes, glared wildly, 'they will never take me alive!'

"Then he strode out of the office and disappeared.

"The sun sank below the western horizon and twilight and mosquitoes invaded the melancholy landscape.

"Presently a freight train came along and halted for water. It so happened that an empty box-car stopped right opposite the office, and as I gazed into the hospitably open door, a great homesickness and a yearning for other climes stole over me. For a moment I hesitated, but a scream of mortal anguish reached my ears from the direction of the saloon and decided me.

"Softly closing the office door, I crept into the untenanted car, and when the engineer had 'taken up the slack' and pulled out of Beaufort my career as an assistant agent was at an end."—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

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ENVIED NERVE.

"I HAVE been held up twice by road agents," said a New Yorker, who has had a wide range in the field of Western experience, "and although hundreds of other men have had to look into the muzzle of a Henry or a Winchester rifle in the hands of a desperado under similar circumstances, I do not believe any one ever had his nerves put to anything approaching the strain mine were subjected to during one of the seances I was a party to.

"The first time I had to hold up my hands, with the request that I kept them up until further notice under penalty of a bullet through my heart if I let even one hand fall below my head, was down in New Mexico. It was just before the war and a party of us were on our way to Pueblo. The United States mail coach was carrying us to that place, and the general impression in those days was that the overland mail was generally well loaded with valuable matter. This seemed to have been the opinion of three enterprising citizens of New Mexico about that time, as we learned when the stage came to a sudden stop in one of the wildest spots in all that country, and the muzzles of three rifles appeared at the stage windows, with a rough and tough-looking man at the butt end of each rifle. One of the men ordered us to tumble out on the double-quick. Then we were ordered to stand in a line, front face and close dress, and to hold our hands above our heads, all of which was done with military promptness.

"I guess we had stood there five minutes and the strained position was beginning to tell on me, when I saw something, as I rolled my eyes toward the ground, that drove all thought of heavy and painful upheld arms out of my head. Moving directly toward me, and not more than a yard away, was one of those terrors of that region, a centipede. This one was a hideous-looking fellow, at least eight inches long. He kept straight toward me, and I never moved my eyes from him. He drew nearer and nearer, until he was at the very tip of my shoe. I didn't dare to move, for I knew the muzzle of a Derringer was only a rod away, ready to drive a bullet through my heart. The centipede stopped for a second or two when he came to my shoe, and then turned and passed on by. I raised my eyes and breathed easier. The robber guard didn't seem to be aware of the existence of anything else on earth except us and himself, and he seemed to have us all under his eye at once.

"Slowly the creature crept up my leg, stopping now and then as if pondering over his next movement, and then climbing on again; all the time leaving his itching, burning track along my leg—something in itself almost intolerable. I did not know how soon the irascible, creeping devil would take umbrage at something in his course and vent his spite at it by socking his long rows of stingers into my flesh; and then the thought that the robbers would soon be through with their work at the stage, and begin their search for our personal belongings, came with added terrors. In going through my clothes they would of course disturb the centipede, and that meant only one thing.

"So I was just about to tell him, quickly and without waste of words, the unpleasant situation I was in, and beg him to let me give the centipede its quietus while I had the chance, when the devilish thing moved back to my leg again and resumed its march. It crept along, turning when it reached my waist, and moving across my back toward the other side. The nervous tension was terrible—a deadly creature liable at any moment to bury its venomous claws in my flesh, the muzzle of a pistol warning me that instant death awaited my slightest move. The centipede, although most deliberate in its movements, reached my other hip by and by, and, to my joy, started down that leg.

"My heart seemed throbbing in my very throat and almost suffocated me. A moment later it seemed to quit beating altogether, and it was only by the most strenuous assertion of my will that I saved myself from falling limp to the ground. The centipede had turned and was going up my leg again! I was almost on point of dropping my hand, that a bullet might relieve me from this misery of that frightful situa-

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tion, when the capricious centipede turned and started down again, moving with more celerity than he had used since he began that appalling trip. I don't know what started him, but he kept up his run all the rest of the way down my leg, and presently dropped to the ground and scurried away. I just shut my eyes and gave one long breath, and was on point of relieving my pent-up feelings with a yell, regardless of consequences, when the tough and watchful customer with the derringers exclaimed:

"'I'll be good and darned, pardner, if you hain't got more nerve than that stage could hold! But say,' said he consolingly, 'if the p'ison cuss had dipper yar, I wouldn't a let yar suffer. I'd run ball into yar and let yar out of it from the goit!'

"That bloodthirsty wretch had seen the centipede go up my trousers' leg, had known all the time what I was suffering, and had been coolly watching to see what the outcome would be!"—*Exchange.*

PULLING THROUGH.

"DID ye see that?" A stage coach which had been pushing along the old Overland Trail in Western Kansas, is suddenly pulled up by the driver, who rises in his seat, points to the broken ground on the right and ahead, and turns to the two outside passengers to repeat:

"Did you see that? Thar's Injuns ambushed in the dry ravine ahead!"

Two passengers on top—five inside—seven in all, but two of them are women—wives of army officers. Five men with guns and pistols. The driver won't count unless a bullet brings down one of his horses.

"Ready inside, thar?" he asks. "Tell them wimen-folks to crouch down on the floor and keep quiet. Throw open them doors and fasten 'em back. One of you better cum up yere. Now, then, thar' may be ten or fifteen, or thar' may be fifty or sixty of the varmints. They've got their ponies, of course. They'll make the rush jest whar' the road bends to'rds the river. They'll cum whoopin' and yellin' like lunatics broke loose, but don't let the noise rattle ye. I'm goin' to put my horses on the dead run and keep 'em goin' at that, and I expect the rest of ye to do the shootin'. Everybody all ready? Then here we goes!"

Two women crouching on the floor of the coach praying to God—five pale-faced men with teeth hard-set gripping their rifles and determined to make a good fight of it. With a shake of the lines the driver breaks the four horses into a run, and then braces his feet and looks straight ahead. The spirited animals will be terror-stricken at the first yell and run away. He must keep the coach in the road or a wipe-out is certain.

Yes, the Indians are there—half a hundred of them. They have been in ambush for an hour. This is the first stage to the west for three days; it will be the last for a fortnight. It is another Indian outbreak and Custer's men will ride over the Smoky Hill section to find mutilated corpses at every relay-house for a hundred miles. The bend in the road is reached, and of a sudden fifty ponies rush out of the dry ravine, which spread out there like the fingers of a human hand, and fifty Indian warriors whoop, shriek and yell at the top of their voices. They fire their rifles and discharge their arrows as they charge, but it is a wild fusilade.

"Steady, now!" calls the driver, but keeping his eyes on his flying horses. "My little trick has knocked 'em out. They'll hev' to swing in behind us, and you fellers want to take it cool and not waste your lead. Gee-whew, but ain't them horses cuttin' out the pace?"

The Indians fired at the men on the roof—they urge their ponies to overtake the swaying, bounding, flying coach—they yell like devils let loose. Crack! crack! crack! go their rifles. A pony falls—a warrior throws up his hands and tumbles to the earth—the driver gets a firmer grip on the lines and mutters:

"Splendid! splendid! Couldn't ask 'em to do better! If them fellers inside has got sand, we'll pull through!"

"It's a straight run now, and the Lord help us!" whispered the driver, as he shifted all the lines to his left hand and drew his revolver and opened fire. "Take that, ye painted devil! Down ye go, ye spotted

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cayuse! That's the last arrer you'll ever shute, my yellin' buck! Revolvers is the thing, boys—down with your rifles and use them barkers!"

"Oh, God; have pity on us!" prayed the women between their sobs, but the white-faced men firing through the open doors over their heads heard them not. Thud! splash! whizz! came bullet and arrow. There was the jingle of broken glass—splinters flew about—drops of blood fell upon the up-turned faces and burn like fire. All at once pandemonium ceased and silence reigned. The Indians had abandoned the attack. On that three-mile stretch lay a dozen dead and wounded bucks—more than that number of dead and wounded ponies.

"Whoa! my beauties!" called the driver, as he laid aside his pistol and separated the lines. "This ere fout is over, and ye needn't throw any more shoes off. Easy, now—whoa! How is it with you fellers back thar?"

As the frightened horses began to slacken their pace he cast a swift glance over his shoulders. The three men were lying down on the roof. Half a mile further on he brought the horses to a halt and called to those inside. A man with blood on his face and hands stepped out and asked:

"Are they gone?"

"Yes—licked 'em in a fa'r fout. Anybody hurt down thar?"

"Women all right—men all wounded. How is it up thar?"

"Whoa, horses! Lemme see. This feller's dead—that one's dead—t'other one only hard hit, I guess. That'll do. That s a heap better'n the seven who was clean wiped out Monday afternoon. Git in and chirk up the wimen. We've passed the danger p'int, and it's only two miles to No. 4. Sumbody must hev bin prayin' to God to pull us through, and He's dun it in purty good shape".—*Express Gazette.*

Case for a Desperate Remedy.

The Proud Mother—This boy do grow more like 'is father every day.

The Neighbor—Do 'e, pore dear? And 'ave you tried everything?—*Sketch.*

A PATRIOTIC TRIO.

"GEE WHIZ!" sighed Punks, "th' cop said 'twus ten miles out here to th' cem'try. More like twenty, ain't it, Lonesum?" The yellow dog whom Punks addressed beat his tail affirmatively upon the sidewalk, as the boy dropped to the curb for a rest. "When it's dark," continued Punks, "we'll shin th' fence."

Punks had a vague idea that his undertaking must be carried out under a charitable mantle of darkness; he might not be permitted to enter the cemetery, he feared, because he had no "folks" there and had not come with a funeral. He was glad to rest, anyway, for he was very tired, and the dog was, too. When Punks had started out that afternoon there had been a small hole in his shoe. By the time he had reached the cemetery, the whole bottom was off, and his foot had been scraped raw in places. He had meant to flip cars all the way out, but shortly after leaving the down-town district the yellow dog had claimed fellowship with him, and persisted in keeping up with him. Punks flipped twice after that, but it made him feel sorry when the dog ran so hard to keep even, so he decided to walk along with his new companion, whom he dubbed "Lonesum" when he noted the appealing look in the dog's eyes.

Suddenly Punks jumped up and peered over the fence. "Yep, that's it. It's right next that big monumint with th' ball on top where Johnny and his old man is. Straight south o' this fence post. We'll find it all right in th' dark. Say! th' flowers look kinder tired." Punks looked ruefully at the big bunch of carnations which he held. He had spent forty cents of his day's income on them, and that, coupled with the fact that he had missed the evening's sale of papers on account of this trip, meant that he would have no supper.

When it was quite dark, Punks dropped Lonesum and his flowers over the fence and followed. Carrying the direction well in mind and followed by Lonesum, who kept a discreet silence, Punks came to his haven. It was a grass-grown and weed-decorated lot in an almost abandoned part of the cemetery. To find the wooden head-

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boards that marked the resting places of Johnny and Johnny's grandfather, Punks had to strike several matches; in the flare of the third he was startled to see a man sitting on a wire bench but a yard or two away. Lonesum, too, saw the man, and for the first time in his acquaintance with Punks, showed fight. He bristled and growled so threateningly that the stranger, who had been asleep, awoke in bewilderment.

The match had burnt quite down to Punks' fingers before he realized that the man was old and quite harmless in appearance, and then the visions of arrest that had momentarily floated before Punks' eyes faded away.

"Cut it out, Lonesum," he commanded. "Th' old feller's all right."

The man sat up. He wore a frayed and faded gray suit and big soft hat, which, though Punks did not know it, we would have recognized as the Confederate uniform. Where his left foot should have been, the end of a wooden leg appeared.

"Why, what you doing here, boy?" the stranger inquired.

"Same to you,' answered Punks, grinning. "'Suppose you tell me what you're doin'."

The old man laughed. "That's fair," he said. "I'm Isaiah Riddon, of Tennessee, sir. I've an old comrade sleeping here and I came to put a few flowers there to show that the South remembers her boys. Being a Confederate, I feared his grave would go unmarked tomorrow, and I am the only one to do this for Tom Morton. Tom and I were comrades and fought with Thomas in Tennesse. We shared blankets and rations and Tom sometimes did sentry duty for me; said I was young and frail and he was big and strong. Tom had no people and I had none; we were everything to each other, but Tom was killed and I was left. This is all I can do for him. I live at an old people's home and manage to get enough together each year for a few posies. It's a right smart walk out here; that's why I went to asleep, I guess."

"Say, shake!" exclaimed Punks, holding forth his hand. "You're a dandy if you walked. I did, too, but I'm young and strong."

The boy on his knees, was now dividing his flowers into two bunches. "I come 'count Johnny and Johnny's grandfather. This is Johnny, this little one; next his grandfather. Johnny, he was me side partner. I come here to his fun'rel. That's how I knew the place."

"We both came on the same mission, then; to decorate a comrade's grave," said Isaiah.

"Well, I'm not doin' this all. Johnny gave me some money before he died. He'd saved it up for this, and he told me not to forget his grandfather Decoration Day. So I put some more with it and got enough for Johnny too. Johnny did it three years after his grandfather died. Said he knew no one else would 'cause his grandfather was Confederate."

"Why, let me help you, sir! Another Confederate!" exclaimed Isaiah. He knelt painfully down by Punks, and the two tried to bring the matted grass and riotous weeds into order.

"Johnny was mighty proud of his grandfather bein' a soldier. We'd talk nights 'bout it—we bunked together—had a box in summer and went to th' newsboys' home in winter. Johnny's grandfather was th' bravest man you ever heard of. Carried the flag right up to th' enemy onct."

And so they went on, the old veteran and the young hopeful, fighting old battles and winning again great victories, until, their task completed, they arose, fired to the heart's core with patriotism. But the hero of the past and the one in the making, when it came to leaving the cemetery, and passing the caretaker's house at such a forbidden time of night, felt rather dubious. Punks and the dog could overcome the fence, but Isaiah had to give up after several attempts. "A wooden leg's good as any other to stand on, but in a case like this, it's useless," said Isaiah. "I'll just have to go down the main road and out the gate. You go on over the fence."

"Yes, and let you get caught? Not much!" declared Punks. "I'm going to stay by you till you get home." The two were making their way toward the cemetery gate, fol-

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lowed by Lonesum, who came to heel like a high-bred hunter. But Isaiah's wooden leg would go thumpty-thump on the gravel and just as they passed the caretaker's office, that functionary darted out, calling, "Halt!" Lonesum again showed fight, but Punks bade him be quiet, and the three were driven before the caretaker toward the office, the captor threatening shrilly that he was going to have the culprits locked up. As they reached the porch a young man in the uniform of a colonel of cavalry stepped out and asked:

"What's the trouble, Matthews?"

"Caught them this time—two desperate characters," answered the caretaker.

Colonel Horton smiled as he inspected the crippled old man and thin, ragged boy, before whom a hungry looking dog stood in an attitude of defiance, as one who says, "Who touches these fellows gets hurt."

"Came for flowers, that's what," complained the keeper. "Do it every year and sell them over. I'll make 'em pay for it, now they're caught. Thieves!"

Isaiah Riddon drew himself up very straight. "The boy is all right," he said. "I know his story. You wouldn't do anything to a little fellow like that. And I sir," addressing himself to Colonel Horton, "am no thief. You'd call me a Rebel, sir; that I was once, but never a thief."

The colonel gazed at Isaiah. His eye took in the meaning of the stripes on the sleeve of the old man's uniform; he noted the wooden leg; "I believe you, sir," he said, and then he did that which brought the color to Isaiah's cheek. As a subordinate to his superior officer, Colonel Horton saluted Isaiah Riddon.

The colonel soon had the story of the adventure. Punks insisted on telling how the old man had walked miles and miles to put flowers on an old comrade's grave; Isaiah declared that Punks, in carrying out his promise to Johnny, had showed a soldier's spirit, and finally the colonel took the old man, the boy and the dog, in charge.

The following morning, in the Memorial Day parade, the spectators marveled to see an old, white-haired man, in the uniform of a Confederate soldier, riding in one of the foremost carriages as the guest of the colonel of the regiment. They had already noticed, by the side of the colonel, a boy who rode his horse as though it was an old story to him; it was a boy who had been appointed the colonel's special aide for the day, and if any one had asked him his name he would have answered "Punks." And also, close to the heels of Punks' horse, there trotted a yellow dog, a good meal within and a happy look in his eyes. The spectators couldn't know, however, that these were not the last of the good things that were to fall to Isaiah and Punks and Lonesum; there were in fact many more good times to come for the colonel was rich but better than that he had a heart of gold.—By MARGUERITE E. GOOKINS, in *Ram's Horn.*

"ON THE WINGS OF FATE."

TRAIN number sixty-one, with twenty-five empties and one load, was four hours and twenty-five minutes late, as she laboriously puffed and pawed her way, out of Koch. Mike, the engineer, who was just making his first trip after a lay-off of ninety days, while convalescing from a severe illness, was giving the twelve-sixteen the steam with accustomed sureness; the fireman was handling the scoop rather lively, and Slawson, the conductor, climbed listlessly up behind the engineer, while the brakemen stood at their wonted places, on top of the cars, swinging the usual high-balls.

"Wonder what that operator was doing in our caboose while we were repairing that air-hose at Koch?" Slawson queried, wiping the perspiration off his forehead.

"Getting some ice, I suppose, while you fellows were working on the hose," Mike returned disinterestingly, giving the throttle another pull.

"I believe you've guessed pretty close, Mike; but the poor devil can't be blamed for taking ice this kind of weather."

Slawson got down from his seat and walked over to the fireman's side in order to get a better view of his train as they rounded the first half of a reverse curve.

"I don't feel just right, Mike. I'm afraid something is going to happen," he remarked as he resumed his seat.

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"Oh, that's because you'r all nerves on your wife's account—another thing, too, that adds to your nervousness, is, because you've been off so long, things seem a little strange. You'll get over that pretty soon," Mike returned reassuringly.

Mike liked Slawson very much because he was always sincere in every act toward his fellow workers, and never tried to take advantage of any one. They had always been the best of friends, and had come from the same foreign road; and had both applied for their respective positions on the same day. Both were old veteran railroad men without a blemish on their records, in the official eyes, with twenty years of service to their credit.

"I guess you're right again, Mike. I do get the blues pretty easy now, since everything has gone wrong," Slawson admitted slowly, as he took his right foot and kicked furiously at a large lump of coal that had rolled off of the fireman's shovel.

They were about to round another curve; everything was apparently moving smoothly enough; and neither had uttered a word for several minutes. The conductor sat staring moodily ahead seeing nothing; and the fireman had returned to his seat for another breath of fresh air.

"Jump!" Mike shouted, jerking the air-lever back in the emergency notch and reversing the engine; but the conductor and fireman had seen the demon-like eye of a head-light flash around the curve; and, ere Mike had rasped out that command, were flying through space in an endeavor to cheat the grim monster out of their lives.

Mike did every thing that mere man could do to stop the train; and believing, an accident was inevitable, followed in the wake of his two companions.

Things turned out really better than they had expected. Both trains came to a standstill with the pilots of the engines not three inches apart. There they stood, the two garnished pieces of iron, their frantic air-pumps helping one to fancy them two demonical maniacs held at bay, glowering out of their head-light-like eyes,' a terrible hatred, which had seemingly led them to try this means for avenging some alleged wrong; and yet, at the last moment some freak of providence had stayed their mad rush to what would have been a mighty destruction.

Just a few minutes after the grinding of brakes had ceased two dark forms might have been seen creeping up on the right-hand side of the south bound engine; and at the same time another dark form silently stealing up on the left-hand side until it reached the steps of the panting mountain of iron. All of these dark objects came to a halt at the steps, on their respective sides, for a moment and hesitating, as if prearranged, all climbed up into the cab at the same juncture.

"No one hurt here after all, I guess?" queried Mike, as soon as he could release his personal air and start his own pumps so he could get his breath.

"I'm all in one piece yet," the fireman replied carelessly, taking his seat.

"I am, too; but what is this, Mike?" the conductor asked excitedly.

"It's sixty-four. What did we have on them?"

"Nothing," gasped the conductor, almost falling upon his seat.

"It's up to us to back up then," suggested Mike, releasing the brakes and whistling back up.

For some unknown reason the brakemen were at their posts, and readily answered the signal.

"Yes, Mike, let's get started before the crew on sixty-four get over here. I don't want to have a word to say to them."

"I'm not overly anxious myself," grimly admitted Mike.

The engineer then started the heavy train backwards, and kept it moving pretty lively until they were in the siding at Franklin. Neither said anything on this part of the trip as they were busy watching the brakemen for signals.

Number sixty-four followed them as close as possible; and as soon as they were in the siding sailed by. For some singular reason the crews wished to avoid each other.

One hour after they had met sixty-four on the main-line they were again flying over the same rails and ties where they had so suddenly stopped; Mike, as was his cus-

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tom when in trouble, was humming, "Home Sweet Home"; and Slawson sat moodily behind him, apparently thinking deeply.

"Thinking about where we can find a new job?" Mike questioned, glancing at Slawson.

"Yes, Mike. I'm all broke up over this. It's our first mistake."

"True Pard, but that doesn't straighten matters—our jobs are gone."

"I know that, Mike; but think of the trouble it is going to cause us."

"We've no way out of it though, that I can see. I guess you're worse off than I am. I've got a little money in the bank up home that I can live on; but since this sick spell it's going to be a little low when I pay off my bills; but if you need a few dollars, I'll try and loan you some until we can find another job." Mike spoke softly, and when Slawson replied there was a trace of a tear in each eye and a slight catch in his voice.

"Mike, I can't thank you like I'd like to because I don't know how. You know when you make this offer that I can give you nothing but my word for its return. My wife has been sick for almost three months; my grocery bill, and every other bill, are, as yet, unpaid; and my wife not fairly over that last operation for appendicitis. I don't I can't, believe the "Old Man" will fire us for this. It's our first break; and we have been here a long time. I'm not trying to make a baby of myself, but things look pretty black just at present."

"I don't want you to thank me for an accommodation to a friend; and I don't think we had better build any hopes on our age in the service, because he fired Jackson, and he'll fire us."

They had very little time for further conversation as they were at this moment entering the outskirts of the terminal where "the Old Man" was located.

"You will come back to the caboose for your smoke as usual, won't you, Mike?" Slawson asked as he prepared to drop off.

"Yes, I'll be there as soon as I put this train away," Mike shouted, as Slawson dropped off on the platform at the bill-clerk's office.

They were separated for about half an hour while Mike pulled the long string of cars into the yard according to the yard-master's directions.

Slawson caught the caboose when it came by, having deposited his bills on the clerk's desk, thereby giving up charge of the train; but did not enter; and sat down upon the rear platform to await the coming of his friend.

"Why didn't you go in and get busy to keep your mind off of this?" kindly questioned he, coming up.

Slawson laughed shortly and paused before vouchsafing a reply. "It seems like I'm about as fanciful as they make them, eh? Well, I'll tell you, Mike. It didn't seem like I had any right to enter it any more. It didn't seem like it belonged to me. It's—"

"Why, your lamp is out!" Mike broke in, as they entered the caboose.

"Yes, the confounded thing isn't much good. Sit down and I'll light it and get my work done in a jiffy while you smoke. Then we'll talk."

The light grew brighter presently, and he picked up a bunch of reports, which he intended to mail. As he did so he let his gaze rest for a moment upon two green sheets of tissue-paper, which had evidently been weighted down with the reports to prevent them from blowing away. Grasping them he hurriedly read them through once; and then, as if to make sure, again perused each copy separately. The last reading evidently satisfied him that he was not dreaming, for, turning toward Mike, he shouted: "Whoop-e-e, whoop-e-e! It's all right, Mike. It's all right. Do you believe in the fates?"

"Not much; but what's all right," the much puzzled Mike managed to edge in while Slawson stopped his shouting long enough to wave the train order above his head; and try to go through the intricacies of an Indian war-dance.

"Look at it, Mike. Read it out so I can hear it," the elated Slawson commanded, handing the train-order to the bewildered engineer.

"Well, please stop long enough to listen:

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"'Train-order number seventy-one; to conductor and engineer number sixty-one at Koch—period—Number sixty-one engine twelve-sixteen will meet number sixty-four engine twelve-thirteen at Linwood.'

Mike studied the order for a few seconds and asked:

"Where did it come from, Slawson?"

"You remember my speaking about that operator at Koch being in our caboose when we were leaving there?"

"Well, I'll be d——! We were rather accommodating to that crew on sixty-four, eh? According to this we should have made them back up to Linwood and let us by instead of us backing up to Franklin. That's the only mistake, I can see, we are to blame for now."

"We won't worry over that, Mike. We can explain that sixty-four had an extra heavy train, which they did; and that we backed up to save time. We have certainly rode through this mistake of ours on the Wings of Fate. Come on, we'll go up to Brown's and see if we can't eat something," Slawson concluded; and they tumbled out of the caboose arm in arm just as the sun popped up into view over the roof of the "Old Man's" residence which stood on a hill to the east of the yards.—By GERALD W. MILLS.

THE DRIVER'S STORY.

"YES, sir, I wear the blue, as you see, and I have done now for something like twenty years. There are some persons who regard the blue ribbon with contempt, and say a man can be an abstainer without signing the pledge. That's right enough; we could run trains without head lights, but it's much safer with them."

The speaker was an engine-driver that I had entered into conversation with while waiting for a train at a station in the North.

"True, my friend," I replied, smiling at this practical analogy; "but how came you to sign the pledge and wear the blue, for you have not always done so, seeing that you have only worn it for twenty years?"

"Ha!" he answered, pulling out a little plug of cottonwaste from a hole in one of the cylinders and filling it up with oil, "the old Book says something about giving a reason for the hope that is in us, and it's no trouble for me to give a reason for being an abstainer, although, if I told you of the cause that led me to take my stand on the side of Temperance I should have to spin you a yarn, and yarning is not in my line," and he pushed the plug back into its former position.

"Fire away!" I replied, becoming interested. "I am always pleased to listen to any new experience."

"I am afraid you would find mine rather dull and uninteresting," he answered.

"Nonsense," I replied; "it is always interesting to learn the reason for men changing their opinions, and it is not every man that can give a reason for so doing."

"Well, we have a few minutes to spare, and if you care to listen I'll give you my reason for signing the pledge, although, as I said before, I'm no good at spinning yarns.

"Well, sir," he continued, "it's just twenty years, come the first of next month, that I put my name on the card.

"At that time I had just been promoted to driver, and worked the trains to and from Tarfside to the junction at Chalford.

"Tarfside is a quiet little place even now, with a service of about eight trains a day, and a population of about four or five thousand. It is a favorite place for beginners, because, being a branch from the main at Chalford, there is not much traffic, and it gives them a chance to learn a thing or two before coming on the main.

At the time of which I speak, I used to take a glass of beer whenever I felt so disposed, and could never see any harm in it; and, as for suppressing the sale of drink—I scorned the idea. Don't rob one man of his glass of beer because another drinks to excess—that was the pitch of my argument at that time, sir, and I hurled it at anyone who ventured to speak to me of total abstinence.

"One afternoon, while standing in the station at Tarfside, an old gent, who had been conducting a Temperance mission in the town, came along the platform. I had seen the old chap on two or three occasions

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during the week that he had been in the district, and when I saw him approaching the engine I knew that he was on the warpath, for the result of his visit had been a revolution in Tarfside, and an invitation to stop for another week.

"I was busy oiling up at the time, and for some minutes no word passed between us. At last he asked me in a very quiet manner whether I had been to the mission during the week. I replied that I had not, adding that I had no time for attending such meetings. That was enough for the missioner; he had taken my measurement by the manner in which I had answered his question, and the next moment he was trying with all the eloquence at his command to pull me into the Temperance net.

"I laid down my principles of let men do as they please,' and turned a deaf ear to all the old man's entreaties.

"At last, as we were on the point of starting, he placed one hand on my shoulder, and gripping my black, grimy hand with the other, he said, 'Young man'—I was young at that time, you know sir—'you have all your life before you. Your success in your present position depends upon the amount of confidence your superiors can place in you. To play with drink is dangerous. I cannot convince you of the danger, but there is One who can; I will ask Him to do so.'

"Well, sir, I laughed at the old man at the time, although I was conscious that he had spoken the truth, but I little thought that his prayer would be answered quite so speedily. I know that as we were rushing along to Chalford that afternoon, the thought that in all probability one individual—and he an old man—was grappling with the Almighty for my welfare caused me a little uneasiness, but it soon passed away, and in a few hours I had forgotten the missioner and his words of friendly warning.

"We used to run a train into Tarfside in those days just before ten at night; returning a little before eleven to meet the last through train at Chalford.

"In the interval between coming and going, we made it a practice of taking a walk in the town; and not infrequently of turning into The Lion for a 'nightcap.'

"On this particular evening—the evening after my talk at the station—I met Ned Benson, one of the porters at Tarfside, who was off duty at the time, and together we went into The Lion.

"I was always careful not to take above one glass when on duty, but on this occasion we met a number of our fellows who had come down for a picnic, and, although I kept within bounds myself, when we left the house, Benson was the worse for drink. I don't mean by that that he was incapable, but he was rambling in his speech, and somewhat confused in his judgment.

"We walked up to the station together, and when we arrived at the head of the train I wished him good-night.

"Ned lived in a little cottage about half a mile from the station, and as the rail ran by the top of his garden, he made it a practice of going home along the line. He went this way both day and night, as it cut off a considerable distance by reason of the roundabout way of the road.

"It was twenty minutes after Ned had started for home that night before we left Tarfside, and if I had thought anything about him I should have concluded that he would be home and almost in bed by the time we passed his cottage. But from the time that I wished him good-night until we arrived at Chalford no thought of the man entered my head.

"When we reached our destination, I jumped down from the engine, and went to examine a pin that had been rather troublesome during the day. I carried a hand lamp, and as I jumped down on to the line the glare from the lamp fell on the driving rod, and what I saw seemed for the moment to stagger me—the rod was smeared with blood. It may seem strange, sir, but while I stood looking at that rod, trying to account for it being smeared with blood, there flashed through my mind the words that the old man had spoken that very afternoon—'To play with drink is dangerous.' And yet, though the words flashed through my mind several times during the short time that I stood there, they furnished me with no theory that would

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account for the presence of blood on any part of the engine.

"I called to my mate, and he came round with another lamp. 'What's the matter?' he asked 'that pin gone wrong again?' I pointed to the wheel and the rod. 'What do you make of it?' I asked. 'A dog,' he replied, and continued his inspection of the wheels. The next minute he turned upon me, his face as white as a sheet. 'Good Scot, Rogers!' he exclaimed 'this is no dog; it's a man. Look here!' and he turned his light along the side of the engine.

"I don't want to horrify you, sir, with a description of the sight that I saw; I can only say that it looked as if the side of the engine was a machine for tearing flesh to pieces.

"'Who can it be?' I asked, and then there came to my mind the only man that it was likely to be, and I answered my own question before my mate had time to reply. 'If it's a man,' I said, 'it must be Benson.'

"Well, sir, you can guess how I felt, and how I clung to the one possibility that it was a dog or some other animal that had got on the lines; but all the time I felt convinced that it was the porter at Tarfside, and, if so, what an important part I should play in the investigation! It was I who had invited him into The Lion—he was on his way home at the time, but I pressed him to step in to have a glass to show there was no ill-feeling between us. I had been the last to wish him good night, and now it seemed almost certain that I had run him down.

"A message was sent to Tarfside to send a search party to meet the one from Chalford; but we had hardly got a party together at Chalford, and ready to start, when a wire came from Tarfside saying that a man—supposed to be Benson—had been found cut to pieces at Broughly Bridge, about three hundred yards from the station.

"Well, sir, we start in about three minutes, and I have no time to tell you about the inquest or the funeral of poor Benson, the only explanation that could be given was that he must have stumbled over one of the sleepers on his way home, and, being unable to rise, he was cut to pieces as we passed over the bridge to Chalford.

"That was Monday, sir. We buried him on the following Saturday in the little graveyard at Tarfside church; and as I stood there and saw the mangled remains of an old comrade lowered into the grave, and saw the tears of the widow mourning for him who had been her husband and the look of curiosity upon the face of the little girl by her side, who did not seem able to grasp the meaning of the ceremony—for there was some twenty or thirty of our fellows present in uniform—I made a vow that by the help of God I would never again touch the stuff that had brought about this terrible tragedy. I had learnt during that week that 'to play with drink is dangerous.' I am an abstainer now, because I know that while the evil is about some weaker brother may fall."

"But did you never see the old missioner again?" I asked, as he climbed on to the footplace.

"Yes," he replied; "the Monday following the funeral I saw him on the platform at Chalford. He came over and asked me whether I was driving the train that ran over the porter the previous week. I replied that I was; and the old man was about to make it the occasion for another attack upon the drink, when I cut him short by asking him if he had a pledge card by him. 'Plenty,' he replied. 'Will you give me one?' I asked. 'Certainly,' he replied, pulling a case from his pocket, while a look of astonishment was on his face.

"I took the card and, holding it up to the side of the tender, I wrote James Rodgers along the line that commences with—'I—'

"'Thank God,' said the old man, when I showed him the card, and taking a piece of blue ribbon from his coat he pinned it on to my white jacket, and I have worn a piece ever since, sir."

A shrill whistle came from the end of the train, I had just time to grip my driver by the hand, the next moment he was off, and I watched him disappear round a bend in the road, his white jacket fluttering like a flag in the breeze.—From *The Home Magazine.*

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SOLDIER TOLD SOME BIG YARNS.

DRAWING the long bow is confined to no people or class. The army is no exception, and the yarns of some of its raconteurs lose nothing of their entertaining qualities because their authenticity might reasonably be doubted, says Army and Navy Life.

Years ago there was one particular cavalry officer who was endowed with qualities rivaling those of Munchausen. Though he was not old, those who kept account of the time he had consumed in his various experiences could not escape that he had been actively engaged in man's pursuit for over a century at least. His yarns were unique. For instance: At one time he was in Scandinavia with his father, who, according to the story, was head forester for the king. Part of his duties was to select and send to the royal shipyards especially fine ship timbers. One monarch of the forest had long challenged his admiration. But year after year he felt obliged regretfully to pass it by for want of transportation facilities. At last he could resist no longer. The king must have this pride of the forest. After carefully preparing a bed to prevent its breaking in the fall, the splendid tree was felled. As an agent of the monarch he requisitioned oxen to haul it. So heavy was the log that when the great number of oxen required to move it were yoked up they strung out for miles. The long and tedious journey began, and, in crossing some of the valleys, it frequently occurred that the leading teams would be on one hilltop and the log on another, while miles of oxen were suspended in midair, like a great centipede with legs dangling, hundreds of feet above the ground beneath them.

Again, he was in Cape Colony with his father, who this time was an agent of the British government and in charge of the great government warehouses. Increasing needs made an additional warehouse necessary. All building material had to be brought from England. It took a year to get them. At last the long delayed material arrived and, following the custom of the time and place, everything in readiness, all the men in the vicinity were invited to the "rai... hold! through som... principal timbers ha... inches too short. Unless... a delay of another year. ... he, "thought a moment and ... one end, of the timber chai... the other end he hitched a pa... young African oxen and began ... by the Lord Harry, before he ... them they stretched that timber ... inches!"

Again, he was in Glasgow, th... his own account and at the head ... shipyard. The place was infes... rats. So destructive were the ro... they gnawed great holes in the hul... vessels and felled their masts. Ho... rid of them was a question. M... tempts had been made, followed by a... failures. In the midst of the distre... peared a vagabond, who claimed t... discovered a means of banishing rats... little attention was paid to his claims. ... was persistent and confident. Finall... was permitted to make a trial. All open... to the yard but one were tightly clos... The tramp entered and sprinkled throug... out the premises a mysterious white powde... his secret, tasteless and odorless. Then h... emerged to await results. Long and pa... tiently he, with the shipyard officials an... the assembled and curious crowd, waited and watched until ready to proclaim another failure. Wait a moment! A squeal! Another instant a great rodent hoary with age came out. No one molested him. Off he moved, followed by another and another —faster and faster. For four days and nights incessantly the rats poured out and marched away in single file. Whither they went no one knew. At last the long procession ceased. A moment more, a little scratching—then emerged two young rats with a straw in their mouths leading an old blind rat between them. Never again was a rat seen in the yard. The tramp vanished and with him his secret.

But back to the tall timber; it seemed to inspire him:

Standing in the midst of some magnificent pines in the Wind river country reminded him of being in Southern Russia

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the present ...ho had become a trusted engine... ...ined forester in the employ ...here had just been felled a ...t. From it a log over 100 feet ...without a knot or twig had just ... So perfect was the tree that ...was the same diameter at the top ...was at the bottom. But his father ...eply chagrined that in felling it a ...was sprung out at the base of the ... He thought to break it out, but so ...it was the grain that the sliver ran ...on clear to the top, and there it lay, ...tly square and exactly four inches on ...side through its entire length.

...was a Nimrod, too. Shortly after ...g the army, he was hunting in Indian ...tory; his army carbine was his ...on. Wild turkeys were the game. But ... could he sight. Discouraged and dis... he mounted his horse, fired all his ...unition away to amuse himself by ...ting larks on the wing as he rode ...g toward camp. Just as the sun was ...ing a rustling caused him to look back, ... following, not fifty yards in the rear, ... a huge gobbler followed by a dozen ...more hens, all apparently mocking him ...is helplessness. Oh, for a cartridge! A ...ty search of belt, box and pockets! ...y a single blank cartridge. But an ...: "I'll try shooting my ramrod!" In...tly the act followed the thought, and, ...he: "Quickly but carefully I aimed at ... gobbler's throat, and, will you believe ... I strung eleven birds on that ramrod ... took them into camp."

...t one time he was stationed at a small ...lated post in Wyoming. Said he: ...here was little to do and I was in com...nd and slept late. I never cared for ...ly breakfast. My quarters stood alone. ...r bedroom was on the ground floor in an ... Just out the window of one side ran ...eautiful brook, clear and cold. Quite as ...ar on the other side was one of nature's ...riosities—a boiling spring. How the two ...isted so close one to another will ever be ...mystery to me. But I took advantage of ...e situation. I kept in my room my fish ...ds and flies. For my breakfast it was ...y custom to cast out into the brook and ...ll in a trout; without removing it from the hook, toss it out the other window boil it in the spring and then sprinkle it with salt and pepper, which I kept on my dressing table, and eat it. Ah! (smacking his lips) that was living!"—*Kansas City Journal.*

THE SAD FATE OF AN EXPRESS SHIPMENT.

"MINNIE," he said hilariously, and in a way that seemed to Mrs. Cavendish to be rather forced, "Minnie, we're going to make a fortune."

Mrs. Cavendish looked at him.

"All right," she said; "let me know when we make it."

"I will," said her husband. "Want to know how I'm going to do it? Well, I'm going to raise chickens."

Mrs. Cavendish stopped her work and stared at him.

"Why," she said, "we've been raising chickens ever since I can remember."

Mr. Cavendish waved an impatient hand.

"Those," he said, scornfully; "why, those are common, every-day chickens! I mean to raise fine stock. Why, some people pay as much for a single bird as for a cow. You can sell eggs at $5 for a sitting any time, instead of 12½ cents a dozen; and as for some of the finer birds—why, look at that $7,000 hen we were reading about!"

Mrs. Cavendish continued to pile up the dishes.

"Then," continued Mr. Cavendish, warming up to the subject, and bracing himself against the table, for sometimes Mr. Cavendish had decided opinions and a forcible way of expressing them, "good birds lay as well as poor ones, and the only way is to start right. I have ordered a sitting of eggs from the best known breeder—"

Mrs. Cavendish took immediate interest.

"You did?" she said; "by express?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Cavendish, rejoicing that she took it so nicely; "why?"

Mrs. Cavendish sat weakly in a chair.

"What's the matter with you?" demanded her husband.

Mrs. Cavendish coughed.

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"Nothing," she said; "only they came, and—"

"Where are they?" exulted Mr. Cavendish. "I must unpack 'em and let 'em rest before I set 'em."

"In the ice box," said Mrs. Cavendish. "All but six I used for this cake."

"Holy, suffering grandson of a bilious grasshopper! wailed Mr. Cavendish, or words to similar effect; "I paid $10 cash for that sitting of eggs!"

"Then," remarked Mrs. Cavendish, icily, "perhaps you'll enjoy a fifty-cent slice of this $5 cake!"

But Mr. Cavendish had his head in the ice box, and did not hear her.—*Galveston News.*

A RIDE ON THE PIANO.

"I WAS loitering around the street last night," said Jim Nelson, one of the locomotive engineers running into New Orleans. "As I had nothing to do, I dropped into a concert hall and heard a sleek-looking Frenchman play a piano in a way that made me feel all over in spots. As soon as he sat down on the stool, I knew by the way he handled himself that he understood the machine he was running.

"He tapped the keys up one end, just as if they were gauges, and he wanted to see if he had water enough, then he looked up as if he wanted to know how much steam he was carrying, and the next moment he pulled open the throttle and sailed onto the main line as if he were an hour late.

"You could hear her thunder over culverts and bridges, and getting faster and faster until the fellow rocked in his seat like a cradle. Somehow I thought it was old '36' pulling a passenger train and getting out of the way of a 'special.' The fellow worked the keys on the middle division like lightning and then he flew along the north end of the line, until the drivers went around like a buzz saw, and I got excited.

"About the time I was fixing to tell him to cut her off a little he kicked the dampers under the machine wide open, pulled the throttle way back in the tender and how he did run! I couldn't stand it any longer, and yelled to him that he was pounding on the left side and if he wasn't careful he would drop his ash pan.

"But he didn't hear. No one heard me. Everything was flying and whizzing. Telegraph poles on the side of the track looked like a row of cornstalks, the trees appeared to be a mud bank, and all the time the exhaust of the old machine sounded like the hum of a bumble bee. I tried to yell out, but my tongue wouldn't move.

"He went around the curves like a bullet, slipped an eccentric, blew out his soft plug, went down grades 50 feet to the mile, and not a controlling brake set. She went by the meeting point at a mile and a half a minute, and calling for more steam. My hair stood up straight, because I knew the game was up.

"Sure enough, dead ahead of us was the headlight of a 'special.' In a daze I heard the crash as they struck, and I saw cars shivered into atoms, people smashed and mangled and bleeding, and gasping for water. I heard another crash as the French professor struck the deep keys away down on the lower end of the southern division and then I came to my senses.

"There he was at a dead standstill, with the door of the firebox of the machine open, wiping the perspiration off his face, and bowing to the people before him. If I live to be 1,000 years old I'll never forget the ride that Frenchman gave me on a piano."—*Illinois Central Employes' Magazine.*

A SURPRISED CAT.

OF all cat stories the best is one told by Theophile Gautier, the French novelist. He kept many cats, the favorite being "Madame Theophile," and she was the constant companion by day and night. One day a friend, who was going away a short time, brought Gautier a parrot, to be taken care of during his absence. The bird, finding itself in a strange place, climbed up to the top of its perch in a rather frightened manner. Madame Theophile had never seen a parrot before and regarded the creature with manifest surprise.

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After a period spent in profound meditation, summoning up all the notions of natural history she had picked up in the yard, the garden and on the roof, she plainly came to the conclusion that the newcomer was a green chicken. This result attained, the next proceeding of Madame Theophile was to lay herself flat on the floor, like a panther, watching her prey. The parrot did not like this at all; it ruffled its feathers and rattled its chain uneasily. Then Madame Theophile came creeping nearer, her nose quivering, her eyes half closed, while slight thrills of pleasure ran along her backbone at the idea of the meal she was about to make. Another moment and she sprang upon the perch.

The parrot instantly straightened up and said in a deep bass voice, "Have you breakfasted, Jacko?"

This utterance so terrified the cat that she sprang backward. All her ornithological ideas were overthrown.

"And on what?" continued the parrot gravely. "On sirloin?"

The cat cast a glance at her master as if to say: "This is not a bird. It is a gentleman. It talks!" And then she promptly hid herself under the bed, and from that refuge she could not be induced to stir during the whole day.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

"TYRANNY" OF LABOR.

A FAVORITE expression of those who are opposed to organized labor is the "tyranny of unions." Everybody should read the following logical, concise and clear argument on this subject. It appeared in the Pittsburg *Evening Leader* some time ago:

"They invariably present one side of the case only and offer one-sided testimony to support the charge that they made against the unions. That is deemed sufficient by them, and it is sometimes accepted as sufficient by persons who do not take the trouble to look upon the other side.

"It is probably true that workingmen who have no sympathy with unionism or who object to certain of its rules that directly apply to themselves have felt that the unions are tyrannical. They may have hindered some one from working as he pleased for wages he was willing to accept or as many hours as he chose to work. He regarded that as tyranny.

"But he gives no thought to the tyranny there would be without the labor union, the tyranny of capital. That tyranny would make him work as some other man decreed he should, for wages that he was unwilling to accept, but had to take or starve, and so many hours that his health might be ruined, his life shortened and he deprived of all opportunities for the enjoyment of even the small reward of his toil.

"It is to prevent this tyranny of capitalists that labor unions are forced to make rules and laws that may seem to be burdensome and oppressive to some workingman and which undoubtedly do restrain personal liberty to an extent.

"But if restraint of the liberty of the individual is tyranny, then all laws are tyrannical. In fact, the anarchist declares they are, and can give just as good and convincing testimony to prove that as does the class that talks about the tryanny of labor unions give to prove the despotic oppression of the workingman.

"The labor union question is whether workingmen through their own organizations shall restrict their own personal liberties or whether they will without organization subject themselves to any restriction of these liberties that capitalists may desire to impose upon them.

"And the right answer to that question is that the man who governs himself is free, while he who is governed by another man is a slave.

"How much would labor get if each individual workingman was left to deal for himself with organized capital, which was in possession of the goods of which the individual wanted a share?

"Each man would then be free from the tyranny of the labor unions. He could demand as large or accept as small a share of the products of his labor as he pleased. He would be a free man.

"But he would be dealing with a man or with a combination of men, likewise free, in possession of both his share and theirs and with final authority to make the divi-

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sion. Unless he had back of him a power at least equal to that of the man or men who held the products he would have little hope of getting anything nearly equal to the share he was justly entitled to.

"To get the power he needs he and his comrades in toil must give up to their labor unions their right to independence of action in the sale of their labor. As individuals they must sacrifice this for the material welfare of all, and it is this sacrifice that is demanded of them that is denounced by the anti-unionists as 'tyranny.'

"It is the kind of 'tyranny' upon which are founded all of the free governments of the world. It is a tyranny that must even prevail if the whole social fabric of civilized government is not to fall to pieces. The individual must surrender part of his personal liberties for the common good, and it is only when he selfishly declines to do so willingly that this is tyranny to him."

FIRST SHALL BE LAST.

I WAS at work on my Sunday sermon when my wife opened the door. She was laughing.

"There's a young fellow downstairs who says he wishes to see you about marrying him."

I didn't like to break off from the thread of my discourse, but, laying down my pen, I went into the parlor. There stood the youngster, six feet in height, strong as Samson, light-haired, blue-eyed, red and brown complexion, shock hair. His trousers were in his boots and were supported by a pair of country store galluses over a woolen shirt; no coat; a felt hat in his hand. He had come in with an ox whip over his shoulder, which he placed on the mantel. Evidently he regarded the furniture as too good to sit on; at any rate he was standing.

"Be you the parson?" he asked.

"I am."

"Say, parson, if I figger roun' today an' git things fixed, could I come up here 'long with a gal an' git married?"

"Certainly. I shall be here all the morning. I have some parochial duties for the afternoon, but if I know the hour you would be here I would be on hand."

"I ain't done it all yet. I done it except one thing. I got my license. That's already. I got it more'n a week ago."

"That's the only really important matter," I replied, to help him on.

"'N you got a certificate, hain't you?"

"Lots of them, in blank."

"Well, that's two things—the certificate and the license."

"You're right; that's two very important things, one indispensable, and the other convenient."

"'N here's a place to get married in."

"Has your fiancee got her trousseau?"

"What's them?"

"The first means sweetheart, the second the clothes brides usually get together so they won't have to call on their husbands for some time after the wedding for such articles."

He stood thinking for a moment then looked up and said with animation:

"By crackey, parson, that's a good idea. Never thought o' that?"

"Has she got it?"

"Oh, I don't know nothin' 'bout that. 'Twouldn't be fust rate for me to talk about that. 'Twould be dead mean cheap."

"There are more important things for the man to say, I grant, and more becoming."

'What are they?"

"Well, the first thing is the proposal."

"That's just the trouble with the whole business."

"Did you find it difficult?"

"Difficult? You bet. I hain't got through with it yet."

"Phew!" I looked at my wife. She sat behind the young man and was cramming her handkerchief into her mouth to stop an outburst of laughter. My explanation was made under my breath, but the youth saw it.

"Just you hold on, parson," he said. "I'm good for it yet. Just gimme time. But I'd rather drive my ox team up a stone wall, I would. She's in town today. I seen her in a store buyin' some stockin's. That's why I came up here."

"Don't you think you'd have better settled the matter with the girl first?"

"Well," he frowned, "there's different ways of doin' things. Ef I'd asked her

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and she'd said 'yes,' what in thunder would I a done with nothin' fixed?"

"Are you sure you have the pluck—"

"Now, parson, don't you worry 'bout that. I'm going right off to find her. You'll be here when I get back, will you?"

"I'd stay in all day to marry such a fine fellow as you. Go ahead. Remember what General Grant said when he first marched a brigade against the Confederates."

"What'd he say?"

"That he remembered the enemy would likely be as much frightened as he."

"Oh, she won't be frightened. Gals don't skeer worth a cent."

He grabbed his whip and in a jiffy was out of the house and striding down the street.

I went back to my sermon and wrote for an hour, when my wife threw open my study door, exclaiming:

"They're coming!"

"Who?" I asked, not so readily turning from my subject.

"The young ox driver and his girl. Come."

I went downstairs, and there in the parlor were the pair. They had just come in. The man looked as if he were in a battle and was looking for an enemy and an enemy was looking for him. The girl, a little country beauty, was all smiles and blushes, with struggling tears.

"I done it, parson," said the ox driver, proudly.

"So I perceive."

My wife stood them up before the mantel and had more trouble to get them placed properly side by side than a pair of skittish horses. Then I married them.

My wife gave the bride a kiss which opened her heart and her lips as well, for she told all about it. She had loved him a long while, but, although she had often tried hard, she could never infuse courage enough in him to induce him to propose. Which goes to prove that when he said "gals don't skeer worth a cent" he was right.—*Farmington Times-Hustler.*

A DELAYED LETTER.

THE vagaries of the postal service are sometimes beyond the understanding of the layman. In March of last year a man in New York received a letter from a friend in England, written when on the point of sailing for Philadelphia, urgently requesting him to return a loan of $10. The man who wrote the letter needed funds and would the debtor kindly send the money to him, care of the steamship line at Philadelphia? The man in New York saw that his friend would reach Philadelphia within a day or two, so he promptly clapped a ten dollar bill in an envelope and addressed and mailed it. A week later he was apprised by mail that the money had not arrived. Both men made a diligent search for the missing letter. But it could not be found. So the debtor gave his friend a check and forgot about his $10, setting down its loss to the dishonesty of some intermediary who had handled the envelope.

Imagine his surprise when one day eight months later he received his letter from the dead letter office in Washington. It was covered with postmarks and much battered, for it had traveled many thousands of miles, back to England, around the United Kingdom and to America again, but the money was safe inside.

Chuckling, he met his friend a few minutes later and showed him the ten dollar bill.

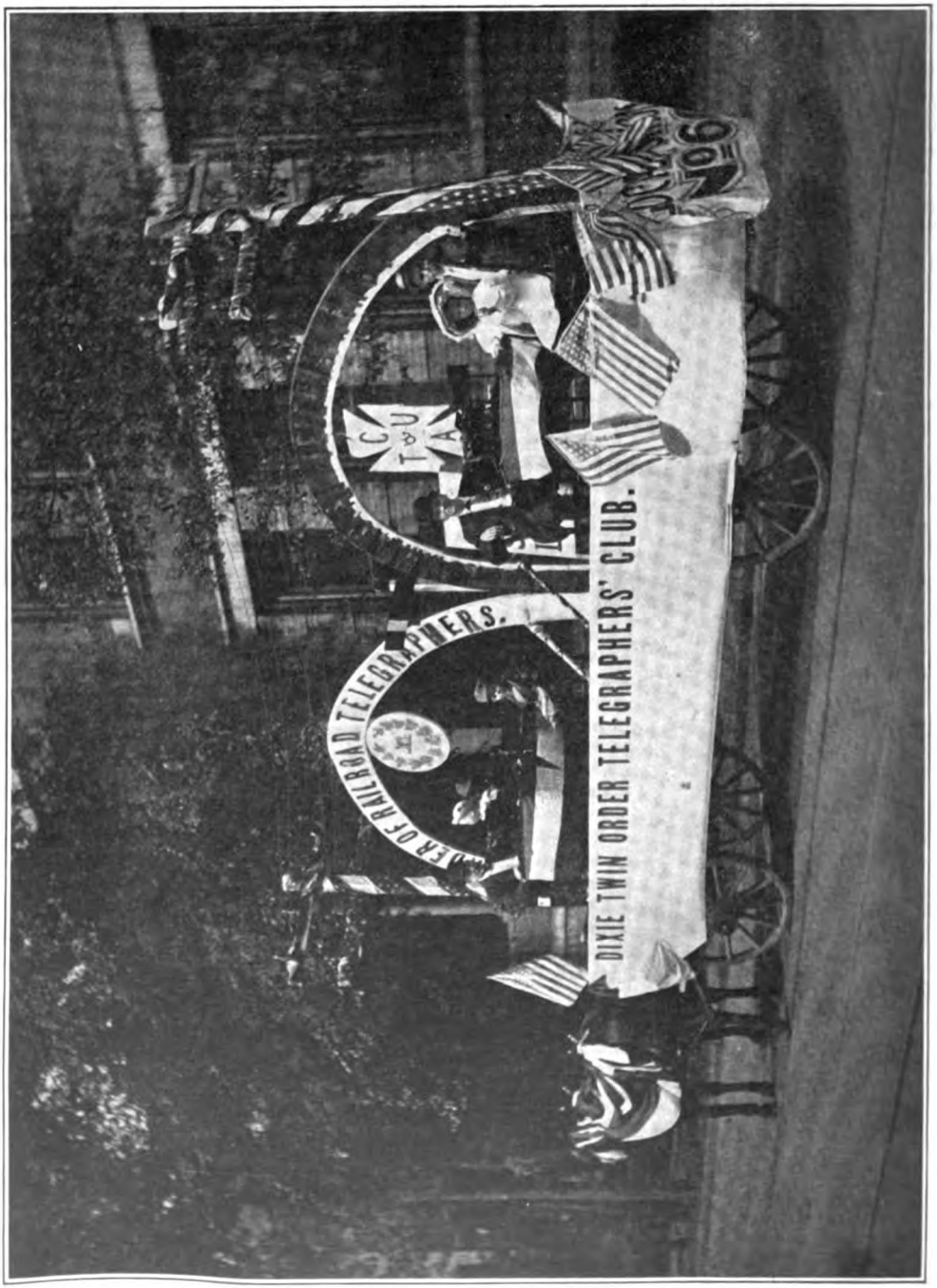
"How's that for luck?" he queried.

"Great," replied his friend. "Say, old man, you couldn't lend me that for a day or two, could you? It's like picking money up in the street for you, and I could make use of it just now."

Sadly the bill was handed over. "What's the use of such wonderful occurrences?" ruminated the "lucky" man.— *New York Post.*

Your up-to-date card is a passport among union men.

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POETICAL

Christmas Bells.

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing
For the rich and poor as well,
Sweetest music from the hilltops
To teach snowy mead and dell.
They are bidding all be joyous
As we journey on through life
Longing for a little mission,
Easing other's pain and strife.

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing
To atone for all the pain
That has left our weary spirits
With a deadly crimson stain.
There is none so great or humble
But can win a kingdom here!
God is dwelling in the sunbeams
Where the skies are bright and clear.

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing
For each soul in sin today;
Lay aside all care and worry,
Kneel before the cross and pray.
Be a soldier firm, for manhood,
Fearing not the Tempter's dart,
God will fit you for the battle
When you give to Him your heart!

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing
O'er the land from sea to sea,
Teaching us to lead our brothers
From the Dark eternity.
So while all the world is joyous,
Don't forget this holy hour,
Gird the armor on securely,
God will give you strength and power!

—By Adelbert Clark.

A Sprig of Mistletoe.

Encased in paper soft and white, tied with a scarlet bow,
Within a grim old trunk there lies a sprig of mistletoe.
Old guns, the hilts of broken swords and rusted spurs declare
That no white hand of dainty dame had placed the love-gage there.

Oh, strange it looks, that relic of a far-off Christmas Day,
Among the souvenirs of war so deftly laid away!
Who were the twain it favored when its leaves with silver sheen
And berries of a pearly hue shone out 'mid holly green?

I seem to see them dancing in a grand colonial hall—
Her, dark-eyed, grave and haughty; him, gray-eyed, gay and tall.
I see the startled crimson sweep up to her ebon hair,
As he whirled her 'neath the mistletoe and boldly kissed her there!

I hear the call of bugles, the tread of marching men;
I see him pause beside her, and kiss her once again;
Her face, as white as snow-flakes, sinks on his blue-clad breast,
The while her heart turns traitor, and hails him as its guest!

How ends the tale, I wonder, of that fateful long ago?
In grief, I fear, since he it was who kept the mistletoe.
And still it holds the secret of some heart that bore a scar—
A waif of love and Christmas joy 'mid souvenirs of war!

Adela S. Cody.

Forgive and Forget.

Forgive and forget—it is better
To fling all ill feeling aside
Than allow the deep cankering fester
Of revenge in your breast to abide;
For your step o'er life's path will be lighter,
When the load from your bosom is cast,
And the glorious sky will seem brighter,
When the cloud of displeasure has passed.

Though your spirit swell high with emotion
To live back injustice again,
Sink the thought in oblivion's ocean,
For remembrance increases the pain,
Oh, why should we linger in sorrow,
When its shadow is passing away—
Or seek to encounter, tomorrow,
The blast that o'erswept up today?

Our life's dream is a varying river,
And though it may placidly glide,
When the sunbeams of joy o'er it quiver,
It must foam when the storm meets its tide.
Then stir not its current to madness,
For its wrath thou wilt ever regret;
Though the morning beams break on thy sadness,
Ere the sunset forgive and forget.

—Robert Gray, in *Success*.

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The Brakeman's Effort.

The brakeman travels through the train
  And calls out every station,
And when he's through you have a guess
  You're somewhere in creation.
To what he says in singing voice
  You try to take a tumble,
But only get a blur of noise,
  Some words in ragged jumble.

"Next stop," he cries, "is Boo-oo-oo;
  Change cars for Rumpty Dumpty.
All passengers take car ahead
  Who go to Umpty Umpty!"
And then he passes through the car.
  The same weird sounds repeating:
"This place is Hi-lo-jack-itee.
  Ten minutes here for eating."

The language that he lightly sings
  Is really quite a wonder,
A cross between a crosscut saw
  And very distant thunder,
And if the passenger can guess
  The station he is lucky,
Or know if he's in Idaho
  Or down in old Kentucky.

Where does he get these swisted sounds
  To primal noise returning?
Not in the dictionary, sure,
  Or any book of learning.
He must throw in the melting pot
  Weird words from all the nations
And draw out several yards of sound
  With which to call the stations.

Like Mother Made.

You can talk about your Christmas in the gay and festive town,
With its crowds of Christmas strollers promenading up and down;
With its lavish decorations, and its music sung and played,
But the Christmas to my notion was the kind that mother made.
As to mother's bread and doughnuts I shall simply pass them by,
Not a word about her cookies or her golden pumpkin pie;
Not a line about her puddings or her jams or marmalade,
But a volume in the praises of the Christmases she made.
Oh, the presents they were simple and devoid of tinsel bright,
And were fashioned by her fingers while we calmly slept at night;
And the stories that she told us were as true as true could be,
'Cause she'd heard her mother tell them Christmas times the same as we.
Oh, the place where mother "fitted," leaving others in the shade,
Was the genuine, old-fashioned, bang-up Christmases she made.

—JOE CONE.

Otto and His Auto.

'Tis strange how fashion makes us change the objects we admire;
We used to sing the tireless steed, but now the steedless tire.
So Otto bought an auto, so as not to be antique;
But the thing was autocratic, as well as automatic,
And the auto wouldn't auto as it ought to, so to speak.

He thought to hire an auto-operator for the work,
And first he hired a circusman, and then he hired a Turk,
For he knew the circusman drove fifty horses with success,
And if a man be shifty enough to manage fifty,
'Tis palpable enough he ought to manage one horse-less.

As for the Turk, 'tis also plain, deny it if you can,
He ought to run an auto, for a Turk's an Ottoman.
'Twas all in vain; so Otto moved to Alabama, purely,
That he might say: "I'm Otto from Mobile, and my motto:
'A Mobile Otto ought to run an automobile, surely!'"

So Otto fought the auto and the auto it fought Otto,
Till the auto also got too hot to auto as it ought to;
And then, Great Scott! that auto shot to heaven—so did Otto—
Where Otto's auto autoes now as Otto's auto ought to.

—E. V. COOKE, in the *Book of the Royal Blue*.



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Natural Advantages.

A few hours after the very elaborate Christmas dinner little Marie was taken violently ill, and her cousin Elizabeth, who had been unhappy all day on account of Marie's prettier dress, was heard to whisper in an awed voice: "Marie's got the prettiest clothes, all right, but I've got the strongest stomach."

Their New Year's Wishes.

Weary Wraggles—If I wuz only back at me old home, what a spread I'd have dis New Year's day! Oh, fur de wings uv a dove!

Hungry Hank—Oh, fur de wings uv a turkey, wid some plum puddin' to come afterward!

All Talked Over.

Mistress (hiring servant)—I hope you know your place.

Servant—Oh, yes, mum. The last three girls you had told me all about it.—*Boston Transcript.*

He Needed It More.

A minister meeting a neighbor's boy who had just come out of a fight on New Year's Day with a fearful black eye, put his hand on the boy's head and said:

"My boy, I pray you may never receive another black eye."

"That's all right," said the boy. "You go home and pray over your own kid. I gave him two of 'em.'

Suspicious.

Mama—Willie, there is no such thing as Santa Claus. We just told you that for the pleasure you might get out of it.

Willie—Well, I always thought there was something queer about it. Now the next thing I am going to investigate this Christ business.

Better Still.

Knicker—Can you guide me down the side of a precipice?

Bocker—No, but I can sit tight on a bluff.—*New York Sun.*

An Unreliable Dog.

"Come right in, Sambo," the farmer called out. "He won't hurt you. You know a barking dog never bites."

"Sure, boss, ah knows dat," replied the cautious colored man, "but ah don't know how soon he's going to stop barkin'."—*Success Magazine.*

A Pleasant Outlook.

A butcher of a certain village, being a devout Christian, whenever he sent a business note invariably accompanied it with a text.

A certain lady, wishing him to kill some of her pigs, sent him a letter to notify him of the fact, to which he sent the following reply:

"Dear Madam—I will call on Friday to kill your hogs, without fail. Yours, Mr. B.

"N. B.—'Be ye also ready.'"—*Tit-Bits.*

The Party He Belonged To.

A matron of the most determined character was encountered by a young woman reporter on a country paper, who was sent out to interview leading citizens as to their politics.

"May I see Mr. ——?" she asked of a stern-looking woman who opened the door at one house.

"No, you can't," answered the matron, decisively.

"But I want to know what party he belongs to," pleaded the girl.

The woman drew up her tall figure. "Well, take a good look at me," she said. "I'm the party he belongs to!"—*Universal Leader.*

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Shifting Responsibility.

A youthful versifier sought the judgment of a well-known critic.

"Sir," said the poet indignantly, when the expert had advised him to burn his lines, "poets are born, not made!"

"Young man," replied the critic, smiling, "do not try to shift the blame on to your parents!"—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Not Appius Claudius.

At a pageant given in an English town commemorating Britain at the time of the Roman occupation a young woman spoke to a tall, burly and shivering man whose Roman toga hardly protected him from a raw, penetrating east wind.

"Are you Appius Claudius?" she asked, eagerly.

"Me, miss?" he replied dismally. "Me 'appy as Claudius? Oh, no, miss; I'm un-'appy as 'ell!"

Christmas Sweets.

A newly-engaged couple were enjoying some blissful moments alone after the Christmas dinner. They had broken the wishbone at the table.

"Tell me what you wished," she asked, shyly.

"Tell me what you wished," he returned.

"Well—I will if you will."

"I hate to do it—it might not come true."

"But maybe it would. Now, you promised, you know.

"Well, I—er—I wished you'd let me kiss you. Now, what did you wish?"

"Oh, I daren't tell!"

"But you promised."

"Well—I wished you'd get your wish!"

Had an Answer.

This story is being told on a Swede in Central Kansas who was given to excessive use of the bottle. He was working at a certain house, doing odd jobs, and the daughter of the house knew of his reprehensible habits. She thought it time for some one to remonstrate with him on the error of his ways.

"Why, she asked, "are you not ashamed to spend all your wages and make your wife take in washing? Why don't you give her some money?"

"Well," he answered, "I have an income besides my wages."

"Oh, is that so?" said the daughter, somewhat mollified.

"Yes," he said, "I have an income from the Queen of Sweden."

"What for?" asked the girl.

"For minding my own business," answered the Swede, going on with his work.

Under the Mistletoe.

She stood looking at him so innocently from under a sprig of mistletoe that had been left hanging in the parlor since Christmas. She was so pretty, and she was under the mistletoe, and he couldn't help it—he had kissed her. It was an ungentlemanly and unkindly thing to do. He knew that now, as he remembered her frightened, startled look and the miserable excuse he tried to stammer out—yes, and the tears in her eyes, and the little choking sob with which she had received his stumbling apology.

"Who could think she would feel like that about it!" he thought. "Dear little innocent!"

And she, after he was gone—she lay down on the sofa and cried:

"I like him so much, and now to—to think he should kiss me at last and then say he didn't mean anything by it! What does he think that I stood there for, the idiot?"

The Wrong Foot.

It was a Pullman sleeper, and just across from the bachelor's berth was a handsome little woman and her three-year-old boy. Early in the morning the two were laughing and playing together, and the good-natured bachelor smiled to himself as he arose to dress. Suddenly a little foot peeped out from the curtains of the opposite berth, and, with a twinkle in his eye, the bachelor grabbed the plump toe and began: "This little pig went to market, this little—"

"That is my foot, sir," said the indignant voice of a woman.

The silence that followed could be heard above the roar of the train.—M. C. B.

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Our Correspondents

GOD'S SIMPLE INFALLIBLE LOGIC.

THE November issue of *The Railroad Trainmen* contains an editorial on the question of wages. Among its many important thoughts we recapitulate as follows: "The duty of the employer is often that of refusing employment on the plea that, when over the age of thirty-five, men have been squeezed out of their best energies by previous employers, and it pays better to employ younger men." That barbarous conception of human life was unknown until about fifteen years ago. It is hardly yet known anywhere else outside the land of the free. Our beloved corporations and trusts have alone discovered that wonderful fact. Even if we had no other data to prove the absurdity of our industrial conditions, even then we would have reason enough to condemn the march of modern progress. It is utterly impossible to conceive anything worse in the ramifications of human life. Even the vilest forms of slavery could use men with considerable advantage up to the age of sixty-five or seventy. Is it possible that modern education actually suppressed about thirty or more years of full usefulness in the lives of most men? If so, then our age is far more cruel in some of the aspects of human life than any previous historical period.

We manage, of course, to have some kind of a job for most of the men whose lives we have exhausted in certain directions after the age of thirty-five; but why should any man be ever exhausted for full use in some indispensable activities? It happens that none of the supposed choice jobs could exist for any length of time without the supposed inferior ones. It happens also that under a sensible civilization no man at the age of twenty-five, if not before, would need to ever beg for any job. Why so? Because, between the ages of seventeen and twenty-four, he would have accumulated capital and skill enough to be his own employer, in co-operation with other workers, if that was more satisfactory to him than alone by himself.

The preceding assertion looks to most people an utter impossibility. We have, for so many and many centuries, become accustomed to the absurdities of monopoly rule that we lack faith in the simple and natural operations of the forces and processes of God's universe. The monopolist, the gambler, the financier, the capitalist, etc., they have taken the place of the Universal Father in all that appertains to the wealth production and distribution of modern nations. The simple logic of natural causes and natural effects, the inevitable manhood of every child of God, if he is allowed to develop under divine freedom, * * * we don't believe in any such conceptions of healthy development for all. We prefer the farcical freedom of monopolistic adjustments. Our whole education is practically atheistic, because it does not teach us how to apply divine law to the bottom industrial activities by which alone men can exist on the face of the planet.

That planet of ours has always been handled in defiance of all principles of brotherhood. Is not that an emphatic repudiation of God as the Father of all of us? Can we conceive of any worst collective sin in space infinite? And century after century that sin is bound to grow and become more fatal to all of us. The reason is simple enough, because, as long as we keep piling up population on the same fixed terrestrial area of the planet, the control of which we give to the few, the rest of us remain with less natural freedom of action for our industrial activities. Then, the tribute from monopoly rule, exacted from us by the controllers of the planet, rises up unceasingly

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in forms visible or hidden, in proportion as population increases. Hence, the increasing poverty of all of us tribute payers in relation to increasing needs, unsanitary many of them, imposed upon us by the artificial conditions of the artificial progress we all prefer to have. And there is nothing more artificial or fatal to all of us than great inequalities in wealth distribution. They demoralize the whole race, rich or poor.

Besides our big monopolists we have a large class of small ones, tribute collectors on a small scale. Most of them remain poor and very poor, with harsh lives besides. Their combined income, representing as an average about two-thirds labor earnings and one-third monopoly profits, that constitutes the most marvelous combination we can manage to have so that to prolong the kingdom of monopoly rule. An honest civilization would give to all the plain workers far more income, from labor alone, than obtained by most workers from labor and monopoly earnings. On top of that it would give to all of us a healthy, enjoyable life, just what none of us can have under the artificial and fanciful social conditions we seem to prefer because that is progress, we say.

All human disturbances arise today, as ever before in historical development, from the same identical cause, which is—a rotten political machinery in every national combination. That political machinery fixes on one side the kind of perplexing, agitated, distorted life of all of us; on the other side it determines the very abstruse and confusing religious conceptions by which we fail to apply, to our combined development, the simple, plain and emphatic morality of all divine laws. That establishes and prolongs a war to the knife between humanity and God.

It is thus that rebellions, social upheavals, turmoils and revolutions come and go. They may partially clear up the skies from some of our incidental deformities, while the cause of all sin in each national group remains untouched, because most of us wish that cause untouched so that to keep getting on top of each other in the industrial fabric of each social organization. We, most of us, anyhow, wish to keep God's planet under monopoly rule, and that means a wretched existence for all of us, under forms more or less visible and emphatic.

The only battle worth fighting is the one men have always refused to fight. We still refuse to live in a planet free from monopoly rule. We are willing to do everything except that. No wonder that we are all so busy, with so many jobs in our hands, with so many wrongs to suppress, with such piles of good to be done on top of the mountains of good we have been doing for so many centuries. Don't you see that we still decline to commence our good job at the beginning? Don't you notice that we still insist upon the crazy job of doing good by mixing good and evil? And we don't realize that the mixture in question is what prolongs the kingdom of wrong all over the earth. How can it be otherwise if God has any simple, infallible logic of His own? And nobody can escape the penalties from our combined wrongs. JOSE GROS.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND WOMEN IN INDUSTRY.

By the REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

That the church is not negligent in responding to an earnest appeal from labor in its contention for better conditions was recently made evident in Illinois.

The Presbyterian State Organization of Illinois, representing 618 ministers and a membership of something like 100,000, recently took the following action:

"*Preamble:* The workingwomen of Illinois are fighting for a ten-hour day in the mills and factories of the State. They believe that they should be able to make a living wage in a ten-hour day.

"The legislature of Illinois has passed such a law. The Supreme Court of the United States has declared constitutional a similar law passed in other States. An effort is now being made by certain factory owners in Chicago to have the Illinois law ordered unconstitutional, so that they may work the women in their employ an unlimited number of hours.

"At the last meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor the delegates, for the first time in the history of that organization,

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made an appeal to the churches for help in behalf of these women.

"WHEREAS, The contention of these workingmen and workingwomen is a laudable one, in that it has for its aim the protection of womanhood, the safeguarding of workingmen's homes and the consequent building up of our common humanity; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Synod of Illinois, in annual session assembled at Lake Forest, heartily express its conviction that the fight now being made by the workingwomen of our commonwealth is just and fair, and that it is our earnest hope that they shall be successful.

"*Resolved*, That the members of the Presbyterian Church in the Synod of Illinois be requested to exert their utmost influence in behalf of the women who have appealed to us, through the Chicago Federation of Labor, with respect to their securing the ten-hour work-day for women."

SABBATH DAY.

The origin of the Sabbath as an institution is lost in the mazes of antiquity. It antedates Moses and the giving of the law to the ancient Hebrews, and goes in all probability back to Babylonian times, and from the Babylonians came to Moses. At any rate it is the only one of the commandments in the Decalogue where the people are merely reminded to "remember" and observe.

The Sabbath is properly a "rest day" and is legislation in favor of the toiling masses. Its sacred quality is due to the fact that it is so intimately connected with the sacred side of human nature. The observance of the Sabbath gave man an opportunity to cultivate the higher side of his nature. It was the day when he worshipped and remembered that he had a destiny beyond this world.

As the institution arose because of the demand of human nature for a time to worship, so its preservation has depended on that sacred longing of the heart for a time to worship God. Except for this sacred demand the Sabbath as an institution would long ago have perished from the earth. To the Jew it was sacred because the time of the Sabbath belonged to God. So long as the day had such sacred authority as that of their national Deity there was no fear of its being lost.

Jesus put the idea on a higher basis, and one that can be more readily understood by the modern minds. "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." The sacredness of the day lies in its usefulness and helpfulness to mankind. Indeed, that is the only reason for treating any law as sacred—its usefulness to serve man. In breaking with the regulations for observing the day Jesus made all regulations to depend on whether they were of service to humanity. That is a test easily applied today.

How ought the day to be spent? It ought to be so spent that a man would be better mentally, physically and spiritually than when the day began. It is a day of rest and recuperation. It ought to make the Monday find us in better shape for the day's task than Saturday night left us. To accomplish this one ought to come to the day with some set plan.

(1) One ought to have something to read that is worth while. Something that will give him a broader view of life, and helpful in his own life to make him a fitter man.

(2) A second source of reading is that kind which will give a man a better grip on the hopeful side of human nature. To have hope in men we must believe in them. To read some literature that restores or increases faith in our fellow-beings is necessary if we are to react on them for good.

(3) The hard things of life are not easy to face, and some find their courage at the ebbing point with the end of every week—or at least often enough to make one fear. Some part of the day ought to be devoted to restoring courage. Monday ought to find us with courage renewed.

(4) The social side ought to be developed, and must be if we are to enjoy life. The relaxations of social enjoyment gives a contentment that carries its own medicines.

(5) The church and the Bible offers all these, as they can not elsewhere be found. The Bible is the first of English classics.

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A thorough mastery of its contents gives a broader view to life than any other book. It gives a stronger grip on one's own life and a greater hope and trust in man as such than any other literature. It saves one from himself, and out of himself helps him to find a better and truer self. The church offers the social opportunity nature must have. The service and the sermon ought to give the inspiration sufficient to make the rest of the week free from all feeling of mere mechanical routine. It ought to so relate a man to God that he could never be satisfied with being less than a true son of God.

The Sabbath is man's day, and ought to be used to make him better at work, at play, at home, in society, and with himself and with God.

REV. MCFARREN,
Oskaloosa, Ia.

THE CAR WAS THERE.

The genuineness of the following letter is vouched for by a member of the Order:

PERRY, OKLA., Feb. 7, 1907.

Mr. W. H. Fiddler, Trainmaster, Arkansas City, Kans.:

DEAR SIR—Must have a car at Black Bear for wheat this week without fail. Mr. C. D. Abbott, from whom I have made purchase, advises his marriage depends on getting this wheat to market this week, being the only source of revenue he has.

He has stood the girl off on my promise to get car. She has become impatient and there is another fellow monkeying around, and the festivities are liable to be called off, which will be a great disappointment to the invited guests.

The occasion promises to be a hot time, and everybody is ready to join hands as soon as the car is furnished.

Get some "rosin" on your strings, Mr. Fiddler, and wire Agent Chaplin here whether or not you are going to block the proceedings and disappoint the girl.

Yours truly,
(Signed) ED. J. COYLE.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

I agree with "Curly," in the November number, that the only way to get anything accomplished is to work for a national law through Congress, and let a majority decide as to the day to be observed, but would suggest that it would be Sunday, as on that day there are fewer regular trains than on any other, and this would not put as much hardship on railroad companies and the public as any other day would.

I would further suggest, in carrying out the plan as suggested by the brother mentioned before, viz., each member write to the representative of his district, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, asking him if he would work in the coming Congress for this law. If he replies in the affirmative, give him all the support possible at the next election; if he replies in the negative, then turn him down as hard as possible and work for some one in his place who will work for this law.

Would be pleased to see this action taken at once, so as to get the law in effect as soon as possible, and if the officers of the Order agree to this plan would like to see it put through and notice sent to all members to act at once.

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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

In anticipation of the lecture by "Prof." Colton, the meeting of November 15th was well attended. The usual order of business was transacted, including the admission of eight new members, and two transferred from other divisions.

Bro. Joseph E. Johnson was reported very ill, at the home of his mother, 4239 Shenandoah Ave., and the Sick Committee was instructed to call on him, and also furnish flowers daily for the sick room, which was done.

Bro. Johnson passed away on November 18th, and was buried Saturday morning, November 20th.

A beautiful floral piece, in the form of a wreath and sickle, was the offering of the division.

We are glad to announce that the Grand Secretary and Treasurer is again at his desk, after his severe illness of eight days' duration.

Bro. V. B. Turner, general chairman of Division No. 74, was a recent visitor at the general offices.

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Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division—

The first regular meeting at Lewistown, November 4th, was called to order at the usual hour with a fair attendance. The regular routine of business being disposed of, subjects of importance were taken up and discussed in detail, and to say that the meeting was a success would not even partially express it. It was of the kind that goes to make up history.

We had a very large attendance at our October meeting, as we were notified that Bro. Perham would meet with us on that date. There was a very much disappointed crowd when he did not arrive, through a misunderstanding of the time of day the meeting was held. The meeting was held in the morning, and Bro. Perham arrived in the afternoon, in order to be there for a meeting in the evening. It is to be regretted that this error occurred, as there were a number of brothers at the meeting who never met our President, but it is to be hoped that we will have the pleasure of having him meet with us in the near future.

The opening of two offices which were closed during the business depression has caused a great deal of moving around among the signalmen on this division, and it will be some time until all vacancies are again filled.

As the base ball and hunting season is now over, we expect to see a large turnout at every meeting, and with the excellent train service there is no excuse for the brothers not coming to the meetings. Come one and all, help do the work that is to be done. Do not leave it for a few, and then censure that few for the way they perform the work, as is very often the case.

It is a fact that a number of our members think that all that is necessary is for them to hold an up-to-date card. While this is necessary and it is the first step toward being a union man, there is a great deal more expected of you. If this were all that members would do, unionism would stand still and would be of no benefit to us. When you are once in possession of an up-to-date card then is when your work really begins, by advocating unionism to your fellow-craftsmen, building up the membership, using your influence with those in other walks of life who may not be organized, and see that the union label is on the goods you buy.

See that your breakfast food is not made by those who are fighting union labor. See that the label is on the tobacco you use, the shoes and clothing you wear, and in a score of other ways help along the movement.

Ask your wife to join the Ladies' Auxiliary, and in this way she will become interested in the movement and she will not buy articles that are not produced by union labor, or do not have the union label attached.

Yes, brothers, there are more ways than one in which you can help the movement along, and if every man and woman who holds an up-to-date card will do his and her duty you will see a great change for the bettering of the laboring man's condition.

The responsibility for the success of the movement lays with you. The more energy you put into the work, the quicker you will realize the great benefits that are to be derived from thorough union conditions.

I want to ask the brothers along the Middle Division to kindly send me a few notes each month, so as to reach me before the 15th. You know it is impossible for me to keep track of the movements of the brothers all along the line, as I have other duties which take up my time. I know it is the desire of the brothers that there is something in each edition of our journal from our division, and I am making every effort to do this, but it will assist me very much if each brother will send me some notes from their section, and my time can be otherwise used. However, I am willing to do all I can, but a little assistance along this line will help me greatly.

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Sunbury Div., No. 12.

Last month is the first time we have not been represented in THE TELEGRAPHER since I have been division correspondent, and the reason is that I had held my notes until the last moment, expecting that some one might wake up and mail me some more news, and they did not get there in time. Hereafter, try and send me any news you have by the 15th of each month.

Our October meeting was called to order at 10 a. m., by our worthy Bro. Bruce McCracken. While the meeting was not as well attended as it should have been, it was very interesting to those who were present. Several applications were balloted on, and the applicants initiated.

Come on boys, bring in more applications, there are new men on the division, as well as old ones who do not have an up-to-date card. Get a supply of application blanks and then get busy on the men who do not have an up-to-date card. This means more now than it ever did before. Every laboring man should carry an up-to-date card, and buy nothing without a union label on it.

Brothers, do you realize how important it is for your future welfare that you should take more interest in the work of your Order? Thorough organization is your only opportunity to better your conditions. Be true to your union and never be afraid nor ashamed to admit that you are a union man. It is a title to be proud of. "United we stand, divided we fall."

The question has been raised about changing our evening meetings from Sunbury to Nescopeck, which is considered an improvement, as the Nescopeck meetings are always well attended, while the night meetings at Sunbury have been very poorly attended. Come to the December meeting, which will be held at Sunbury, at 10 a. m., on December 20th, and give us your assistance in deciding this matter.

Bro. C. L. Hawbecker, Rupert tower, off the latter part of November on account of his mother being sick; was relieved by Bro. C. L. Keyser. During this time the relief schedule was broken, on account of a shortage of telegraphers. A number have resigned to secure better positions, and few operators are looking for positions as "Telephone Operators."

Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson and daughter Edith, of Catawissa, recently enjoyed a trip to Niagara Falls, Canada, and through the Cumberland Valley. Bro. Johnson was relieved, at Bluf, by Bro. A. F. Wallauer.

Bro. and Mrs. F. R. Dent and daughter, of Catawissa, recently enjoyed a trip through the Southern States. Bro. Dent was relieved by Ed. S. Breisch, and was taken sick shortly after his return.

Bro. Joseph Nucklas has bid in the 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. trick at Locust Gap Junction.

Bro. C. W. Eby has resigned second Morris Junction to go into business in New York City, and been relieved by Bro. J. A. Diehl. We trust our loss will be Bro. Eby's gain.

Bro. Henry Sachs, assigned to second "XN" tower, vacated by Bro. C. N. Harman, assigned to second at Rock Glen Junction.

Bro. G. N. Cooke, of Keefer, is taking a week off to hunt on the L. & T. Division.

C. E. Miller, a new man, is working second at Rock, while up for bid.

Bro. H. F. Orth has been assigned to second at Shenandoah.

Bro. T. A. Young bid in third trick at East Bloomsburg.

Business is reported heavy on the Shamokin Division. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all wise Providence to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our Bro. S. H. Kern, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High who doeth all things well, be it

Resolved, That in his death the brother has lost a faithful father; and be it further

Resolved, That Division No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to our sorrowing brother, spreading a copy of these resolutions upon our minutes, sending a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and one to the bereaved brother.

W. T. DYER,
G. N. COOKE,
W. D. GRANT,
Committee.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

We recently had the great pleasure of having with us our worthy President, Bro. H. B. Perham, and all present were greatly pleased with his timely address, imparting to us much valuable information. The various committees and brothers are now going forth with a new vim and vigor, realizing that our craft and profession is simply what we make them.

We were also glad to have with us, at the same meeting, some of the brothers of Division No. 33. Come to see us often. We are arranging a great time for the membership of Divisions Nos. 33 and 17, which will surpass all previous jubilees held by us.

Get busy, brothers, and land every non. We want a solid organization, and with the encouragement recently given our L. B. of A. the outlook never was better.

Bro. W. E. Kelley has been promoted to Glenrock.

C. E. Bull has become a benedict, and had an increase in salary. He can surely come into Division No. 17 now.

Bro. W. L. Lynch, third, North Point, who went to the Blue Ridge Mountains recently to benefit his health, has returned to work.

Captain E. L. Gilligan, the popular conductor of the Baltimore & Oxford accommodation, was badly injured recently, by falling through a trestle

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on the Central Division, while setting off a car on a siding.

Bros. F. W. Asher and W. T. Rollins have closed the base ball season at Chase, with an unbroken string of victories. The team played a series of seventeen games, principally with amateurs from Baltimore, and won every game played. Next season they will be looking for new fields to conquer. The team was composed of Bros. J. Edward and P. S. Asher, and Telegraphers T. E. McClelland, Captain; T. L. Mallonee, L. M. Creeger, and a number of boys in the vicinity of Chase.

Mr. J. H. Marshbank, formerly of Creswell, has bid in the 12 o'clock trick at "MS," Bengies.

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Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Susquehanna Division—

We have still some delinquents on this division. There are better things in store. The members of tthe Perfect Organization Committee, of the Susquehanna Division, will write them soon, and hope they will remit at once, as Williamsport Division needs them, and they need the influence of the membership of the whole division.

Brothers, let more of us try to get to the meetings. There are many who could attend if they would only try. Come once and try it, and you won't want to stay away any more.

Some of the brothers east of Sunbury should try and attend the meetings better than heretofore. We would be especially pleased to have Bro. Beaver, at "UR;" Bro. Deibler, at "D;" Bro. Beller, at "X," and Bro. Mailick, at "GO," meet with us occasionally.

Bro. Spade, second, "GD," has typhoid fever, from which his wife just recently recovered. He is being relieved by Bro. M. A. Burns.

W. H. Kebach, of Dalmatia, relieved Bro. Fenstermacher, at "ZA" tower recently, while the latter relieved C. E. Orndorf, second trick, "FY" tower, for a few days, and then relieved H. J. Engles, second at "RV."

Bro. G. E. McCloskey, second trick at "VO" tower, has had considerable success hunting this season.

Bro. C. S. Diefenderfer was on a hunting trip recently at McElhattan and vicinity.

Bro. J. C. O'Donnell is getting up quite a reputation as a turkey hunter.

Bro. C. C. Baistain carries an up-to-date card. When your watch or clock needs repairing give him the work.

Bro. E. F. Holmes, third trick at "GD," and Bro. Lontz, took a flying trip to Shamokin recently.

Bro. Joe Schlotman, third at "J" tower, is on the sick list.

Bro. G. H. Wetzel, third, "RV" tower, paid a visit to his parents at Fishers Ferry.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel, nights, "BQ," Sunbury, came to Herndon on November 2d to see his mother and to vote.

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New York Div., No. 26.

The November issue of THE TELEGRAPHER did not contain a write-up for this division, as our correspondent was in Canada. Of late this division has been represented each month in the fraternal columns, and we trust that the good work will continue.

On November 11th the regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m., by our worthy Chief Bro. Pickerill, and was the best attended for over a year.

Bro. Baum, of "G," Galillee, wireless station, assisted our chief as first vice, as Bro. Braithwaite could not attend, owing to a "nite" job.

A number of petitions were balloted on, and we can now call them brothers.

Bro. W. A. Fuller, of Division No. 44, paid us a fraternal visit. We were indeed glad to have him with us, and hope he will come again.

We were also favored with the presence of Bro. J. V. Ingram, of Orient, Wash., a member of Great Northern Division No. 70, who is in this part of the country on a pleasure trip. We are always glad to have the boys from the Far West with us, as well as those from all over the North American continent, who will look our meetings up and favor us with their presence.

A letter of regret was read from that genial worthy "Doc" Manion, of the New Haven System, stating that owing to pressure of business he could not be with us.

We received regrets from Bro. Schmitt, by wireless, saying that he was sailing down the Carribean Sea, and while he could not attend, he was thinking of the good time he was missing.

Bro. Hance sent us a wireless from Tampa, Fla., saying that he also knew that he was missing something good in not being with us. He says its about a hundred in the shade there.

Bro. McLarney, of "WA," 'phoned the Aerogram over to us during the meeting. "WA" has some class attached to it, as that means Waldorf-Astoria, wireless station.

And that is not the only "class" in this division, because we have for a member, worthy Second Vice-President T. M. Pierson.

We meet but once a month, and if you can find time to be with us, you will have a good time, judging by the way the boys got away with the refreshments at the last two meetings. Bro. Becker is still busy, nights, but his namesake showed up at the last meeting.

Bro. Braithwaite is enjoying the long Island salt air, and digging some clams of unusual size.

Bro. Collins, on a trip to Panama, will return to Brooklyn the first of the year.

Bro. Campbell says he never handled so many "31" orders in his life. If business continues increasing we will have to send the committee in, to secure a helper for him.

Bro. L. K. Davis has gone to Ohio, but trust he will soon be with us again.

Bro. Garrison welcomes the cold weather, as it has killed the mosquitoes.

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Bro. Hallenbeck is investing some of his surplus cash in real estate, and we wish him luck.

Bro. Keegan writes that business on his job is booming, and trusts there will soon be a let up, as he wants a vacation.

Bro. Linn, our secretary and treasurer, has been very busy in the Nutmeg State of late. He attended a meeting of Division No. 29, and also looked the boys over at Jersey City, on the Erie.

Bro. Lippincott says that the Hudson Tunnel is "all to the good" as a time saver.

Bros. McGuire and O'Brien, although out of the railroad business and drawing large salaries where they are, still think that a paid-up card is a gilt edge investment.

Bro. McLarney says the wireless is "the best yet," but you must be "on the job" continually.

Bro. Murray has been taken from Manhattan and assigned to "SS" service.

Bro. Mahoney is hustling for the C. T. U. A. ball. We wish him every success, and trust that our commercial brothers will have a big time.

We are thinking of advertising for Bro. Pettit, as he seems to have disappeared.

We hope Bro. Schmitt will bribe the Chief Engineer of the "San Juan," and be with us at a meeting soon. Your ship is always a little too late.

Some one please look up Bro. Webster, and let us know how he looks.

We are out to double the membership of this division in the next six months. If interested as you should be, write the secretary and he will tell you how it is going to be done. You will be sorry if you don't.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

Midland Division—

Before you get a chance to read this, it will be time to form good resolutions, for the coming new year. The first thing for your consideration should be the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for that means your daily bread and butter, not only for the present, but it is your only hope for the future. If it is worth having (and not a single one of us dare deny that) then it is worth working for. So start the new year by paying your dues and mutual benefit assessment promptly. Attend each meeting, take a part in it, don't be a kicker, without cause, and be willing to devote some time each day (however little it may be) to advance the cause that means so much to us. And before the year 1910 expires we may expect better conditions, better remuneration and better prospects for the future.

So many changes and so many new applications have been received since last month that the little write-up of the standing of the employes on this division will have to be postponed until after the first of the new year, and if present indications pan out there will only be a very few nons left.

I have called on "Old Hiram," at East Longmeadow, several times, and though I have gone over the whole ground with him very thoroughly, he is convinced that our obligation would be contrary to his religious beliefs, and, therefore, he cannot join our Order. I do not know what sect or creed he belongs to, but it must be a mighty funny religion that allows him to take the two dollars and thirty cents each week that we have gotten him under our schedule, and not be willing to support the cause that got it for him.

Almost every man in this town, working at the business has a card but you, Pete Hopkins. Be honest now, don't that make you feel funny? "Pike's Peak or Bust" is the saying out West, our slogan is "FD" or bust.

The new agent at East Wallingford is Bro. Whitman from the Boston and Maine. We are glad to say he has an up-to-date card. Come down to our meetings in New Haven, brother, and get transferred into the largest local lodge in this country.

No. 1033 will bring you to New Haven in time for our meetings, Bro. Gillette, of Rockfall, and you can get back home from Berlin on the trolley; a trip down will pay you.

Sisters Foley and Cahill expect to take in the December meeting, and I hope they will. It's always a pleasure to see the sisters take part in our meetings.

Make an appointment with Bro. Pierce to take you down to our meeting Bro. Collins, he knows the way.

With Bolton on the right side of the ledger, we will have every man from Hartford to Willimantic, inclusive, and if Mr. Mair, of Middlefield, will keep his promise, the old Air Line will be "Solid" also.

Bro. Gilbert is making good as agent at Westchester. We are glad of it, for he is of the right sort, and bought him a new up-to-date card, even before he started to work steadily on this division.

East Hampton is not behind. On my first visit there the new operator filled out the necessary papers, laid down the coin, and it was Bro. Thomas H. Sullivan from that minute.

Everybody on the west end will welcome our new brother, James P. Fanning, of Rockville. He will appreciate us when he gets better acquainted.

Manchester is "Solid," that's good enough for us.

Every thing is spick and span in the new station that Bro. Gates, of East Hampton, will move into this month, and all he needs is a man to help on the outside, so that he may get home before nine o'clock each evening.

Bro. Chas. Fogarty has been promoted to the position of clerk for the C. T. D. Every one who has ever worked with "SK" knows "FO." Mr. Mitchel knows "Class" when he sees it.

We are all glad to see Bro. Vermilyea back to work again after three months' illness, and though he looks none too well yet, we hope that he may regain his former good health and strength.

Bro. Lally was off duty ten days, on account of sickness in his family. Bro. Knox, the all-

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around handy-man filling in on third at Tower 214.

Bro. Palmer, of Willimantic, has bid in one of the spare positions, which also includes the spare dispatching, and we all join in wishing him the best of luck in his new calling.

Bro. J. H. White has gone back to the Air Line, having bid in Turnerville, where there is enough for two men to do every day in the week.

Poli's, Parsons and The Hartford Theaters will probably resume paying dividends, now that Bro. Swaine has bid in third, Burnside Junction.

It's to be hoped that the second trick at Burnside Junction won't go begging, for it's a good position and worth bidding on.

Bro. Murphy, of Tower 215, has returned from his three weeks' vacation at his old home in Portland, Me.

Bro. Holmes, of Andover, spent his two weeks' vacation in Eastern Massachusetts, visiting places of former employment.

Bro. and Mrs. Kingsland spent Thanksgiving under the paternal roof in Wallingford.

This is the last writeup of the year 1909, and I wish to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Midland Division for their hearty support and persistent work in the matter of getting the organization on this division in such good condition, and though there are a few nons left, I am sure if we are willing to devote our time and patience to the work, that we can soon gather them all in and make the Midland the banner division of the New Haven System. "EN."

Western Division—

Bro. McCready, agent, Brookfield Jct., while visiting friends in Canada, was relieved by Bro. Todd, third trick; an extra man covering latter's position.

Bro. O'Donnell, agent, Brookfield, on two weeks' vacation, relieved by Mr. Odell, Cornwall Bridge.

Bro. Ryan, first, New Milford, has returned from his vacation, and Bro. Osborne has returned to his regular position, second, Brookfield Jct.

Bro. Shepherd, third, New Milford, made a flying trip to Waterbury recently.

Bro. Percy, agent, New Milford, on a recent hunting trip had fine luck.

Bro. Smith, Lime Rock, is agent at Washington temporarily.

Bro. Shapiron, of Bridgeport, is telegrapher and clerk at the freight office in Pittsfield.

Bro. Miles, first, Gt. Barrington, is on a three weeks' vacation; Bro. Cook covering first; Bro. O'Connell, Canaan, covering second; Bro. Hogan, Canaan, working third, and Mr. Lansing, bookkeeper, Canfield Lime Co., covering second at Canaan.

Bro. Shepherd, third, New Milford, has bid in Still River agency, and Bro. Cosgriff, agent, Botsford, has bid in Housatonic agency.

Bro. "Matt" Cusick, "HY," Ansonia, has resigned, and engaged in other business at Hartford. He was a very popular telegrapher, and will be greatly missed.

Bro. John Wallace, freight office, Seymour, has bid in the East Litchfield agency.

Division headquarters have been located at Waterbury, a more central location.

No contributions from any of the brothers on the "Old Highland."

A Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year to all.

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Providence Div., No. 35.

In conversation recently with a telegrapher from one of the large trunk lines, which has, at a great expense, installed the telephone throughout its entire system, he informed me there was not the slightest fear that the "fone" would ever displace the telegraph. They used the "fone" for train orders to a certain extent, and received the report of trains by it, but all the other many reports and messages necessary in handling trains was done with the key and sounder as of old, and the "fone" was nothing but an auxiliary to the telegraph as used upon our own system. The "fone" is also more susceptible to climatic influences than the telegraph, and, therefore, was not to be depended upon during the different changes of weather. Therefore, the telegraph will continue as of old, the main thing for railroad work. So long life to the O. R. T. and what it stands for.

Thirty members were present at the October meeting. First Vice Bro. McCabe presided, in the absence of worthy Chief Bro. Callis, who was unable to attend, throughout the meeting.

Bros. Trainor and Brayton acted as secretary and treasurer, and first vice, respectively.

Bros. R. E. Porter and John Mills, of New Haven Division, No. 29, were welcome visitors meeting night.

Many fond hopes were shattered over the results of the recent bids. Well, we will hope for better luck over the next batch that comes out.

The attention of all brothers is called to the penalty of $300.00 which the postal laws attach to any railroad employe using the railroad mail for anything except strictly company business.

The rehabilitation movement has at last reached Orms St. tower, and the brothers employed therein are correspondingly happy.

The first trick towerman at East Greenwich and Davisville have ceased to raise their hats when passing any of the large towers in the terminal, since the commencement of putting in stone ballast. Tom and Phil. are getting theirs now in large bunches.

Bro. E. R. Gardiner, third trick, Davisville tower, is on his vacation, exploring the ruined temples of the great Canadian Northwest. His position is being filled by spare men.

Bros. Rivers and Smith, first and second tricks at Davisville, have been changing at 3 a. m. and 3 p. m. recently, on account of a scarcity of spare men.

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The November meeting of this division found nearly forty members present, and all must have felt well repaid for any trouble which their attendance may have occasioned them. It would require a mind more keen than the writer is blessed with, to determine which particular portion of the meeting was the most momentous. All division meetings are instructive to a true unionist, but I feel sure all present will concede the November meeting as the most interesting and instructive of the year. A regular attendance at meetings is the only sure preventative of that "Sleeping Sickness" in unionism, which a goodly number of our members seem to be afflicted with, and the only way to cleanse their system is to "get the habit" of showing up meeting nights. It will stimulate them to greater activity in the interest of the Order, thereby paving the way for further improving the working conditions of their profession. The meeting will long be remembered by all, and by two brothers especially. One whose overcoat was left in the ante-room and taken by some one in a fit of absent-mindedness, and the other who thought by leaving a little early and taking a trolley he would get home much sooner than by waiting for train, whereas the electric burned out a mo or and he did not arrive home until long after the time the train would have got him there.

General Chairman Bro. Manion was a most welcome visitor, and, as usual, was there with the "goods" when called upon to address the meeting.

The hand of death has again fallen heavily upon us, once again our hearts are torn with anguish over the loss of a beloved brother. One whom to know was to love and esteem One whose affection for the Order, which represented his chosen profession, was deep and sincere, and who will be missed in the division room, where his wise counsel was never sought in vain. On November 3d, Bro. R. A. Brown, secretary and treasurer of Division No. 35, was released from earthly sufferings and passed to that heavenly home where all is joy and gladness. Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to the widow and orphans of our departed brother.

Bro. W. J. Smith was the unanimous choice of the division for secretary and treasurer for the the unexpired term. A choice which will insure the office being kept up to the same high state of efficiency in the future as in the past. All communications, remittances for dues, etc., should be made to his address at So. Swansea, Mass.

If the O. R. T. is no good and of no benefit to the telegraph profession, as some people in our midst take pleasure in asserting, whenever requested to become a member, how can they reconcile their consciences, the use for their own benefit of the products of the O. R T., as is exemplified by the way in which they come out in the open whenever a good position is up for bid. Truly, they can be placed in the same category with the man who, upon being taxed with being utterly lacking in that inherent virtue, replied: "Conscience, what is that? Don't think I ever had one, if I have it is as good as new, for I have never used it."

This is to notify that brother up Worcester way, that I will cheerfully respect his wishes, as to keeping his name out of the division notes, although I cannot see anything in my previous letters wherein his name is mentioned, but maybe it has not occurred yet.

The employes of the Newport and Wickford Branch, which was lately acquired by the N. H. Co., were most agreeably surprised when upon opening the envelopes of their first weeks' pay, under new regime, they found their salaries had been actually doubled through coming under the different schedules. Wonder if organized labor will appeal to them now as a good thing to have in the family.

The month's record for November is one initiation, two members favorably voted upon, ten application recived and committees of investigation appointed.

Bro. Carroll covered first trick in the dispatcher's office during Dispatcher Arnold's vacation, and it goes without saying that "Joe" "made good," as he always does in all he undertakes.

Bro. Rivers transferred from first, Davisville tower, to third, East Greenwich tower. Davisville bid in by a non.

Bro. Cross transferred from first, Wood River Jct., to second trick operator in Providence dispatcher's office.

The painters having passed over the division, all buildings are in a neat and attractive condition.

As I was about to close this letter, THE TELEGRAPHER for November was received, when I found that I had not reached St. Louis in time for publication. It now precedes this one. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst and his earthly labors, on November 3d, 1909, our dearly beloved Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Robert A. Brown; and

WHEREAS, In his death his family has lost a true and devoted husband and father, and this division a loyal and time-honored member; and while we submit to the will of our Heavenly Father, yet we deeply feel the loss of our dear friend and co-worker; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Providence Division, No. 35, extend to the bereaved family of our departed brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their great loss; be it also

Resolved, That in our desire to show our respect for the noble character and honorable principles attained by him, we thus express our keen appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition; qualities that endeared him to all. To know him was to love him. Be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for the remainder of the term of office for

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which he was elected, a copy of this memorial spread upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the family of our late brother, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

GEO. E. JOSLIN,
W. J. SMITH,
JOHN TRAINOR,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Members of Providence Division, No. 35, O. R. T.:

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for every act of kindness and assistance during the sickness and death of my husband, also for the beautiful floral offering.

I feel especially grateful to those who so lovingly lowered the remains to its last resting place. I realize it was a cross for them, but nevertheless a labor of love.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you all, as you continue on in the noble cause.

"Be ye not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap reward, if ye faint not."

Yours in sorrow,
MRS. ROBERT A. BROWN.

Riverside, R. I., November 5, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Stanley H. Sturtevant; and while bowing humbly to the will of Him who doeth all things for the best, we are deeply sensible of a personal loss; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Providence Division, No. 35, extend to the bereaved relations our sincere sympathy in this their hour of sadness and sorrow; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the parents of our late brother, and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

GEO. E. JOSLIN,
WILLIAM J. SMITH,
JOHN TRAINOR,
Committee.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

The regular monthly meeting of this division was held on Friday evening, November 12th, at New Rochelle. In the absence of Bro. Burger, Bro. Maher presided, and the way he performed that duty showed that he has lost none of his old-time ability at handling the gavel. The regular business included the admission of an applicant to membership, and other important matters.

Bro. Burger has recovered from his recent illness, and returned to work.

Bro. Hains, third at Mamaroneck, while crossing from the east to the west bound side on Saturday evening, November 20th, at Stamford, slipped and fell as he was entering the subway, and sustained a compound fracture of the skull. He was taken to the Stamford Hospital, where an operation was performed, and is now getting along nicely. We were all grieved to hear of this sad accident, and hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Bingham, nights, Port Chester, who has been sick for three days, has recovered and returned to work.

A new concrete tower with an electrical plant and all the latest improvements is soon to be built at East Port Chester yard, to take the place of Tower 27.

Cos Cob Tower 29 is to be done away with shortly. A cabin is to be built on the bridge, and the derails which were formerly thrown from the tower will be handled by the drawtender.

Brothers, I want to impress upon you the importance of attending our meetings; we should have a much larger attendance than we've been having, and there's no brother but what could spare one night a month to attend. As the present year is drawing to an end, and there is only one meeting left, let's all try and get together and start the New Year with the largest meeting that has ever been held in New Rochelle, and keep the ball rolling from then on.

Brothers, just paste the second Friday of every month in your hat as a remembrance.

Boys, look out for markers.

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Boston Div., No. 41.

The November meeting was fairly well attended, and was interesting to those present. The different articles of the By-Laws, in connection with the Sick Benefit Fund, were taken up, and each one discussed separately before acceptance; it looks now as if we would have this in operation by the first of the year, and every member present seemed well pleased with the plan outlined, as this is to be entirely separate from the division itself; the question of its officers is an important one, and there should be a good attendance at the meeting when these are to be elected. The president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer are to be elected from the members in good standing upon the whole division, and the board of five directors, one from each of the five divisions, each one to represent the division where he is located. These officers will have entire charge of the affairs of the association, and be entirely independent of the division. The By-Laws, as amended and accepted, will be again read at the December meeting, and turned over to the committee in charge to be printed and distributed. It is hoped that all will interest themselves in this matter and enroll themselves as members. The cost is so small and the benefit derived in time of need is enough to make it an object for each and every member to avail themselves of its advantages, and by so doing encourage those who have worked hard to bring it about and make it a success.

While the members may feel disposed to criticise the correspondent for continually harping on

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the lack of interest shown by the members in attending meetings, still it is a fact, nevertheless, We have altogether too many "Silent" members in our division. At the last meeting there were about a dozen who came to town ostensibly to attend the meeting, but who never came near the hall, while some more, in the words of the song "Came right in, turned around and walked right out again." We try to start the meetings as near 8:15 as possible, and close at 10 p. m., and it seems as if the members that come to town should give that much time to the welfare of their own division. It was at this meeting that some discussion should have been held with the General Committee regarding matters of importance in connection with the schedule. The general chairman was present, as also were several of the local chairmen, but nothing was said or done on account of the small number present. Besides filling out the information blanks there are always more or less suggestions and arguments that your committee are glad to listen to, and the place to do this work is at the division meetings. After the committee has met the management, and done the best it could for all concerned, then when it is too late to open the schedule again the criticism commences, and it is from those who can and do not attend the meetings that the most of outside criticism comes. This is not just to the committee and could easily be prevented if the "Silent" members would take enough interest to attend meetings and talk when they get there.

The nine-hour law having had a good try-out, has proved a success, and although a few on our road may have got rather a raw deal, owing to so-called "coincidences," still the number is so small compared to the great number benefited by the hours of service bill, that we may well say it is a success, and we may reasonably look for a favorable decision later on, which will tend to make it more binding. The decision by Judge Landis against the Santa Fe having been appealed, will soon be argued again, and whichever way decided, it will be further appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States for a final decision. This, no doubt, will be done some time in December, and probably before this letter reaches the members, the case will be finally decided, and we hope in our favor. While apparently the railroads are living up to the spirit of the law, even if they violate it technically occasionally, it is up to the members of this Order to do their part and take no risks of violating the nine-hour law for the sake of personal benefit, by working too long, to accommodate the railroad officials or benefit themselves. This last part may hit some of our own members. When they do this they not only violate a United States law, but they weaken our cause with the railroads, who will then have a chance to say that their operators would work all the time if they were allowed to, just for the sake of getting overtime. They also keep some telegraphers out of a job by so doing, and their employers are always on the lookout for a chance to get back at the makers of this law. This should be lived up to by the telegraphers, even those who do not come under the nine-hour law, and it seems that if this law could have been made to read "every operator," so as to include message operators who now do not come under the law, it would have been an improvement. It is a mistake for operators to be always ready to double up, so as to get vacation money, having as an excuse that the superintendent had no men. An operator has no right to assume that his superintendent has no relief, when he wants to be away, until he has made application and found out that such is the case. If he gives reasonable notice he will generally find there is a man to relieve him when he is ready to go, but when operators are always ready to double in vacation time it not only keeps a man out of a job, but gives the superintendent a chance to say that his men would work all the time if allowed to. Work your trick and go home, and help your committee by attending your meetings to fight for money enough so that doubling to get vacation money will not be necessary.

The way dues have been coming in of late is very gratifying to the officers, and it is hoped that the period ending December 31st will show every member square with the secretary, and that the substantial increase already made in membership for the year 1909 will be held. There are, however, a few who have not as yet remitted, probably an oversight, and it is hoped that this gentle reminder will cause them to communicate with Bro. Morgan at once.

Be careful and use the United States mail for division business. It is a violation of the Postal Laws, as well as the railroad rules, to use train mail for such service.

Nothing in this monthly letter is to be construed as knocking any brother in particular. They are simply ideas that flow from the active brains of the brothers that contribute to this column in endeavoring to make a sensible monthly letter.

Fitchburg Division—

Bro. Bresnahan, first at East Deerfield, has been away, owing to death of his father. Mr. Neilly and Mr. Landry dividing the tricks, most time. The two men had cards.

Miss Carter, first at Athol, on a week's vacation, relieved by Mr. Denick.

Bro. Hoag, third at Baldwinsville, is being relieved by Mr. Scott, formerly of the Penna, Mr. Davis being recalled.

Mr. Thompson, third at Gardner, has returned from a vacation spent in Michigan.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Eccleston has bid in second at Salem. Bro. Lambert going to Beverly ticket office.

Cliftondale has been bid in by Bro. Ripley, of Union, "NH;" Bell Rock by Mr. Roffey, Malden, is still pending.

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Bro. Nolan, of "GM" office, has gone to New Orleans on a six months' leave of absence. Jack is one of the most popular boys, not only on the line, but on the outside, and good evidence of this was shown by the young trunk that he took with him, presented by the bunch.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the members of old No. 41.

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New York Div., No. 44.

Long Island Ry.—

This division has had many successful entertainments in the past, but arrangements have practically been made for one that will eclipse anything ever yet undertaken. It will consist of a minstrel show, masque and civil ball, supper and prize drawing, to be held some time in February. The plan and date will be announced later.

Before this is printed, it is probable that the General Committee will have completed its labors, and submitted its final report for the year. In order to get the details, it will be necessary for the membership to attend the next regular meeting.

Thus far the officials have treated the committee in a fair and just manner, and we look for a satisfactory settlement.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:30, on November 13th, by Chief Telegrapher C. B. Van Nostrand, all officers being present, except Marshal F. J. Horsch, who was on his wedding tour. Quite a volume of business was transacted in the usual prompt manner. The general chairman rendered his report, and was given a rising vote of thanks for his good work.

Chief Telegrapher E. N. Pickerell and Secretary and Treasurer Augustus R. Linn, of Division No. 26, were present and made a few interesting remarks in regard to the progress of that division.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Main Line between Long Island City and Jamaica, and in a short time the electric trains will be running into New York City. Wake up, boys, and keep your eyes on those new jobs.

We have a very few nons on this pike who are eligible, also a few foreign members who we want to transfer. Be up-to-date and it will not be long until we can say we have a member for each mile of track.

Wanted, every member to attend meetings this winter and keep posted on the coming events; they are all important.

Bro. F. Carlough has bid in second at Floral Park.

Bro. Geo. Swann has returned from a two weeks' sojourn in the sunny South.

Bro. Clawson says farming is no good in the winter time. He has returned to his old love, and can be found now chasing the ghosts out of McAdoo tunnel, with Bro. Murphy a close second.

E. E. DeRancy has resigned as agent at Mill Neck; relieved by G. W. Perry.

E. W. Atwood has been relieved at Glendale by Calvin Harding.

Bro. Tom Walker has returned to Sea Side, after a long vacation spent at his former home in Old Virginia. We are all glad to see him back.

Bro. W. E. Rogers, of Peconic, bid in first at Greenport.

Relief Agent W. S. Barteau is at Peconic.

L. A. Higgins relieved Bro. A. D. Johnson, agent at Westhampton; the latter going to Greenport.

Relief Agent Bro. W. S. Leahy, is at Southampton while the station is up for bid. Bro. J. N. Brennan, of Smithtown, is said to be the lucky bidder. He is one of the oldest agents on the road, and one of the oldest members of Division No. 44.

Cup Lasher is relieving A. M. Stanley, second trick ticket agent, East New York. Stanley is on the sick list.

Bro. C. B. Ryder has bid in Bluepoint, relieving R. T. Overton, and Ben. Dank been installed as temporary agent at Greenlawn, relieving old Spindler, who has for many years been one of No. 44's knockers. He sure has got his during the past few months.

The following summer offices have been closed for the season: Broad Channel, Edgemere, Shinnecock Hills and Rocky Point, and the operators at these offices been assigned to other positions.

Sister Mae Costable, of Sag Harbor, on vacation, is being relieved by Bro. C. H. Meredith.

C. E. Mix and wife, first and second, respectively, at Great Neck, on sick leave, are being relieved by W. F. Jarvis and G. Sharman.

J. F. Gaffney, agent and telegrapher at Deer Park, on vacation recently, was relieved by C. D. Seamon.

C. R. Smith, of Easthampton, is spending his vacation in California; relieved by C. A. Wines.

F. S. Thorpe, agent, Babylon, spent ten days' vacation at Oak Island; John F. Walters officiating during his absence.

W. A. Powell, agent at Hempstead, is again on the sick list; Walters relieving.

Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand is relieving Bro. W. E. Lewis at Brentwood temporarily.

Bro. Gaffney, second, Hicksville, who was off on account of sickness, has again returned, very much improved in health. OLD HUNDRED.

Charlottetown Div., No. 47.

A meeting of Charlottetown Division was held in the Railway Hall, on October 20th, with a large number of the members present. The Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Slackford, was in the chair, and Bro. McEwen was on deck with the quill and parchment, looking the ideal secretary with his gold rimmed glasses and classic air. We were full of business, and it was transacted in a manner that would put the House of Commons to shame. Bro. Grady reported on the work of the Board of Adjustment, and on the Seniority List,

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and Bros. Hughes, Kelly and R. McEwen were appointed a committee to investigate into the present list, with full authority to verify same. Bro. J. A. Kelly was appointed to confer with other representatives of the different Orders in regard to the Provident Fund, and to appoint a delegate to Ottawa. Bro. McEwen was appointed on the Insurance Fund Board.

Bro. G. Oliver MacLeod, of Montague, under the head of "good of the order," took occasion to tender some advice, especially to the young men. He urged them to eliminate altogether the levity he noticed at the meetings among the young and inexperienced. Bro. Trainor spoke along the same lines, referring to the days when he, too, was young, before time with it's cruel hand had stolen the few remaining hairs from his now venerable cranium. He then sang "The lips that touch liquor must never touch mine." Both the worthy brothers have been invited to speak at Tracadie school house, and have consented to do so, in the near future.

After disposing of a number of other important matters that came up for consideration, we adjourned at 3 a. m.

We missed the genial countenance of Bro. W. M. Flynn at the meeting, and trust he will not let it occur again.

Several new members will be initiated at next meeting.

As the trains do not suit for a good general meeting in February, it is hoped that arrangements will be made for our election of officers and annual meeting to take place in December, when we can depend on a large number being present. At least once a year the telegraphers should have a good meeting and social evening, and we generally get there when we plan to do so.

Bro. G. R. McMahon, who has just returned from a trip to the coast, was seen between the Queen Hotel and the railway station on the morning after our meeting, looking quite "cute" in a white beaver of the vintage of 1805. The adornment was, however, compulsory, as George visited the general offices and came away without his hat. In the meantime the offices closed, and the hat was on the wrong side of the door. It was lucky that the old beaver was found, as it filled the bill temporarily.

Bro. H. C. Hodgson, of the Summerside freight office, on severing his connection with the railway service, recently was waited upon by a delegation representing the Order of Railroad Tlegraphers, and presented with a purse containing a good, fat representing the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tionate regard entertained for him by his fellow-workers. The staff of Summerside station also remembered him in a like manner. We are all sorry to lose Harry, and wish for him in his new field of labor that same success he had with us. He is now in Baltimore where he takes up the study of dentistry.

Bro. Peter Power on the event of his recent marriage was presented with a chair by the members of this division of the O. R. T.

Bro. Trainor will leave shortly for Montreal to attend a meeting of the Board of Adjustment.

Bro. Ross McEwen, while swimming in the harbor recently, was chased by a female seal, mistaking him for one of her own species. No hostile intentions apparently animated the creature as she only exhibited a desire to be sociable.

Bro. George J. B. McCormack has purchased the trotting mare "Queen Marie, 2:24¼," and can be seen on the road any evening after trains pass. George would be quite a sprinter himself, but for the 250 pounds handicap. DIV. COR.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Although business in the Pittsburg district is now normal and all telegraphers working, items of interest to the membership coming to the writer's notice are very scarce.

Bro. J. W. Barber, holding certificate No. 2 and next to the oldest member in this division, while disrobing for the night, October 16th, his garments came in contact with the gas fire in the grate and he was seriously, although not fatally burned. As a result he will be confined to his home for some time, and I take this method of expressing the sympathy of the entire division and hope for his speedy recovery.

President Perham paid this division a visit at our meeting of October 23d, giving us quite an interesting talk upon certain subjects, which the membership have not heretofore thoroughly understood, and it is to be hoped that all those present will profit thereby. Let the President's visit spur us all on to renewed efforts towards thorough organization. Be ever on the watch for the non and the delinquent member. Do not forget to put in a good word for the organization whenever the occasion will warrant. Also give your general and local committee your full confidence and support at all times and I feel sure that results will speak for themselves before long. Don't forget to be always "on the job" while on duty. Give the company your best services at all times, in order that they can have no occasion to complain to your committee about poor service rendered. Always give value received, and if you do not like your present position look out for one that suits you better.

At the first regular October meeting held on the 9th, the regular routine business was transacted, including quite a number of petitions for membership from the Pittsburg, Conemaugh and Allegheny Divisions of the P. R. R. and bills amounting to $82.32 ordered paid.

The second regular meeting was held on October 23, when President Perham was present. There were some thirty members in attendance.

Several petitions for membership were acted upon from the Pittsburg and Conemaugh Divisions of the P. R. R., and bills and sick claims amounting to $66.00 were ordered paid. Bro. J. W. Barber was reported still on the sick list.

The average attendance at our meetings is not near what it should be. Come, now, let's all turn out at each and every meeting during the coming

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winter and see if you as well as the entire division will not profit by it. Don't you think it is worth the effort? KLING.

Allegheny Division—

It is hoped before this is in print the result of the negotiations between the superintendent and the local committee will be announced. The local officials have seemed anxious to do something for us, and if they had their way the relief day would probably never have been abolished. Let us strive in every way possible to convince them that our claims are just and that we have the company's interest at heart.

As the semi-annual period is again drawing to a close let me urge upon every member to pay his dues promptly in order that the work of your secretary may be made as light as possible. Urge all those with whom you come in contact to do the same and if you chance to meet a non do not fail to point out to him the benefits to be derived from thorough organization. Bear in mind that the O. R. T. will live and prosper in spite of all the "knockers." The labor organizations of today are the best defenders of the rights of the workers, and they will carry on their mission, despite misunderstandings, criticisms and hostility, long after you and I are dead and gone.

A new block office was opened at the junction of the new branch of the Lake Shore road, known as Bell, when Brookville was closed, and the three operators transferred to Bell. Hereafter Brookville will be a day office only for the handling of commercial messages and the sale of tickets, with Bro. H. T. Marsh in charge.

Bro. J. C. Craig, formerly on this division, and at one time quite active in O. R. T. circles, is now in the real estate business in Lorain, Ohio. It will, no doubt, be pleasing news to his many friends to hear that he is doing fine and still retain his up-to-date card.

Bro. H. W. Alexander has been appointed agent at Mahoning to allow Bro. Carpenter to devote all his time to the agency at Templeton.

Bro. V. E. Neely is doing the extra work in "K" office, Oil City, now, being relieved at "VS" tower by Bro. L. D. Grieff.

Bro. A. B. Caldwell is doing clerical work in the superintendent's office, Oil City.

Bro. Marshall has returned to second, Foxburg, after a short vacation at his former home.

BRIGHAM.

A good many new arrivals coming to our division. Brothers, watch and ascertain their standing. If they have no cards, ascertain why not. If they hold membership in some other division, ask them to transfer to Division No. 52. By watching all these points you will be filling your place as a link in the great chain of advancement, and likewise helping your officers along in their work. Remember our motto: "No cards, no favors."

Bro. C. W. Pfaff bid in first "BO" tower. W. N. Armfield, who bid in second, has gone back to the extra list.

Bro. R. W. Easton bid in second at Kennerdell, vacated by Bro. W. H. Enix, who has gone with the F. & C. N. Y. C. at Polk, Pa.

Second and third tricks at "ST" tower, are up for bid, second vacated by Bro. P. S. Hillar resigned, third trick vacated by C. W. Pfaff.

Bro. J. A. Beal, first at Wood Hill, while on a ten-day vacation, was relieved by H. L. Jones, from the Olean division.

Bro. C. H. Hilliard, second at Wood Hill, on a ten-day hunting, in Kane, is being relieved by Bro. C. E. Harris.

Bro. P. T. Evans, first "DR" tower, on a ten-day vacation, relieved by W. W. Ireland, extra operator.

Bro. W. L. Johnston was off while on a pleasure trip through Ohio, was relieved by James Kissinger.

Mr. Barras, first at East Sandy, has returned to duty after a three weeks' sick spell; relieved by Bro. V. E. Keely, third trick "VS" who was relieved by Bro. L. S. Grieff.

Bro. F. M. Murry, third at "UN" has left the service.

W. S. Steel was off a week on account of three broken ribs, sustained in a wrestling match with Bro. J. D. McNamara.

Bro. E. A. George, second Emlentor, while visiting relatives at Clarion, was relieved by Bro. C. E. Hovis.

Bro. Vance Robinson, third Foxburg, was off several days recently on account of sickness.

Bro. F. A. McElhinney bid in third Philipston.

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Conemaugh Division—

The boys and girls of this division are surely doing some good work. We are pleased to note that quite a number of nons of the east end are going to join our ever-increasing Order at the beginning of the new year. We also have some nons on the west end who will be with us soon.

Bro. McIntee, of "DX" second, is back from a visit to Corning and Elmira, N. Y.

Telegrapher Hummel, of "ZA," who has promised to line up with us January 1, is now on vacation; relieved by Bro. Helfrich.

Bro. Sackett working "ZA" third trick until bid in.

Bro. Arnold, relieved by Bro. T. J. Johnston, is working third trick at "VN" now. He got second at "BR" on bid.

Bro. Turner, of "RN," and a party of friends from Pittsburg, went gunning one day recently.

Sister Coyle is back again regular on third "SA." This gives Mr. Grazier a rest, as he has been working steady for some time.

On account of a sprained shoulder Bro. Bentel is unable to throw the levers at third, "RO," and has taken second at "ON." Mr. Burke, second at "ON," is working in Bro. Bentel's place until his shoulder is in shape again.

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Bro. Snodgrass, of "RO" second, spent a pleasant trip to his home on a hunting trip.

Telegraphers Burke and Butler are kept quite busy doing the extra work. The former, who is near the head of the extra list, has promised to join the beginning of the year.

Bro. Henderson returning from one of his hunting trips, found his boarding place quarantined, leaving him about stranded for clothes.

Very few of the brothers and sisters from the east end seem to be able to attend the meetings. There is lots taking place which would interest all the boys and girls of this division. Those who can attend these meetings should come. It it the only way to find out what is going on, and we would like to see more attend both from the east and west ends.

Remember, we hold meetings every second and fourth Saturday night of each month at 204 Fifth avenue, third floor, at 8 p. m., Pittsburg, Pa.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. JUST US.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

The rumor that circulated on the Delaware Division a few weeks ago, in reference to Bro. C. R. Megee dropping the Order is positively untrue. It is impossible for the writer to say where this falsehood was started, but quite a number have repeated it; and while those that are personally acquainted with this brother doubted it, quite a few thought it true.

Bro. Megee is now relieving the agent at Bishop, and the writer went to the brother personally with the matter. We have no better on the pike.

Brothers, as this is the last writeup that will reach you in the year of 1909, we ask you to pay up your dues promptly the first of the new year. Don't let our good natured secretary have to write us. They are very light, in comparison with the benefits we derive from the grand old Order. Let's all turn over a new leaf the first of the year, make a greater effort than ever to give efficient service. Get your card as soon after January 1st as possible, and live up to "No cards, no favors."

All the boys on the main line that could possibly get off have been banging at the poor bunnies for the last week or two. Wonder if they did not buy more than they killed.

Relief agents and telegraphers are very busy now relieving the agents on the branch roads, and we very seldom see any of our old pals out on the main line.

Bro. Dryden, Franklin City, on his vacation, was relieved by E. Needles.

Mr. Mertz, Snow Hill, on his vacation, was relieved by Bro. Anderson, formerly agent at Lambson.

Mr. Donovan, agent at Ellendale, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Roe.

Bro. "Cy" Hatfield, of Georgetown, on his vacation in November, was relieved by Bro. "Robbie" Windsor.

Bro. "Bill" Prettyman, agent, Stockley, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Jarman, Berlin, while on vacation in November, was relieved by Bro. Allen.

Bro. Townsend, at Girdletree, on vacation recently, was relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bros. S. J. Messick and W. J. Pennewill, of Frankford and Dagsboro, while on their vacations recently, were relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bro. Smack, our old Queponco agent, and Bro. Graham, of Houston, took their vacations in October.

On account of the rush of business the correspondent did not have the time to attend to the writeups last month. Will try not to miss any more. DIV. COR.

Maryland Division—

The number of new applicants being received for membership every month shows we are not all asleep. Get together, boys, and bring them all in line.

Assistant Manager Livermore, Wilmington, has been on the sick list for several weeks. We all hope to see him back soon.

Bro. Denny, of Stanton block, was off couple days recently, on account of sickness.

Bro. Harvey, Bowie block, who has been off sick for a couple of weeks, is now back at work.

Bro. Cooper, Wilmington, bid in Landlith yard, but is still filling in extra at "WD."

Bro. Reed, Thurloy block, has been filling in at Wilmington extra.

Mr. Ewing, Wilmington waiting-room has gone into the block service and we hope to see him in line soon.

Mr. Turner, formerly of Wilmington, is now working for the Postal in Baltimore.

Bro. Greenly, formerly of Sea Brook, is on second, at Bellevue block. We hope he will come out to the meetings.

Telegrapher Coleman bid in last trick at Bengies, Chambers, of Iron-Hill, bid in Charlestown block last trick. Leight (extra) bid in Seabrook block, second. Telegrapher Johnston bid in Stony-Run block, 12 o'clock trick. Bro. Harry Ohmitt, of Landlith yard office, bid in "HA" block last trick. Bonnett bid in Bush River block last trick. Martinak bid in Bengies second trick, this causing "RU" block to be advertised, and has not been filled as yet. Cunningham bid in Safe-Harbor last trick. Jackson bid in Peach-Bottom first trick, made vacant on account of Barcus resigning. DuPhorn, one of the new extra men, bid in Patuxent block four o'clock. Dunbar bid in "SK" Iron-Hill block 12 o'clock trick on account of Chambers going to "CF."

Creswell 12, Peach-Bottom 4, "RU" block 4, and South-Bound Hump yard office (Edge-Moor) are on bulletin, all to be filled within a few days.

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Wilmington and Columbia Division—

This is my first attempt to give the W. and C. division a write up, and I hope the brothers will give me their support, by sending in some news from their respective stations, not later than the 15th of the month, as we would like to be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER every month.

There are quite a number of changes going on and I am unable to keep track of them all.

We would like to hear from our brothers on the R. & C. and S. & L. branch and will be glad to include their news in our write up.

The 13-hour men are all wearing the smile that won't come off, owing to the fact that they have all been given two relief days a month. Bro. Quickel is kept busy doing the relieving stunt for them.

The following are some of the recent changes: Bro. Fusselman, third trick 6th avenue, Wilmington, Del., landed the agency at Wanawaker, Pa., S. & L. branch, his home town. We all wish him success, although we are sorry to see him leave this pike. This position now on bulletin is temporarily filled by Mr. Dougherty. Bro. Carper, second trick, will have plenty to do now getting after the first and third trick men.

Mr. Shollenberg, dispatcher's office, Reading, Pa., took in the world's baseball series.

Mr. Draper, Guyencourt, Del., bid in second trick at Coatesville, Pa. Mr. Keiser, from Lenape, Pa., appointed agent at Guyencourt, Del., was relieved by Mr. Morris.

Bro. R. J. Mathis, agent at Wagontown, decided that it was not good to be alone, and has taken unto himself a "better half." We offer congratulations. Please don't forget, brother, that we smoke.

Bro. White, Suplee, is getting ready for an invasion throughout the east.

"No cards, no favors." Stick to it and give the nons no rest. CORRESPONDENT.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Business is very heavy. From 500 to 800 loads between Oskaloosa and Peoria are ready to move and engines are kept constantly on the move. Train crews' eight hours rest is hardly up before they are asked to move again. Heavy rains and soft track all over the system has made movement slow.

One day recently there were over 700 loads on our little main line of 350 miles, every available engine being on the road with all they could drag. Passenger trains are delayed 10 to 20 minutes getting through Mason City on account of the congestion of traffic. The management surely can't turn us down with the "no business" plea now, on a schedule.

General Manager Bierd and Master Mechanic Gossett have been in conference with the shop employes, enginemen and trainmen at Marshalltown, for the past two weeks. It is reported that an amicable settlement has been reached with all concerned.

Mr. Bierd is still refusing to see our committee, and the boys have asked our grand officers to take charge and secure the much desired conference. Our first Vice-President, J. A. Newman, called on him, but the former only asked for one of the committee to go to Minneapolis. The committee as individuals refused to go until all were relieved and could go, so there has been no meeting as yet. We hope our grand officers can get things moving.

Bro. B. P. Benson, of Kanawha, has been elected committeeman to succeed Bro. C. M. Newport, of Morning Sun. Bro. Newport evidently seems to find that "MS" is 'nuff without being local chairman.

A meeting was held in Oskaloosa December 4th, to talk "schedule," as the committee is to meet the management soon after that date.

Bro. Fred Kirby has resigned at Seaton and will try farming next year. We wish him good luck.

Night offices has been opened at Abingdon and Farmington, during the rush season.

The Iowa Central is very much in need of telegraphers. A new man who recently took an east end night job only staid about two weeks.

A night man is to be put on at Oskaloosa shortly, a new through wire strung from Albert Lea to Peoria, and a new local wire on which all the branches will be placed.

Bro. Al Christiansen, local chairman, on the south end, lined up six nons and delinquents in one week recently. At this rate, the nons will soon be few and far between.

Brothers, get the ladies interested in the Auxiliary and line them up. If Division No. 71 had an auxiliary, they might be able to line up some of the nons who won't listen to us. But even if they couldn't, it would be a nice thing for the ladies to be attached to the union.

Bro. H. W. Landfear, agent at Wright, has taken a six months leave of absence, and will engage in something that will keep him out of doors most of the time, to improve his health. We hope he will be with us again when his leave expires, for he is one of the old reliables, who comes out to the meetings rain or shine. J. B. Odem, of Abbott crossing, who relieved Bro. Landfear temporarily, was later relieved by Mr. Schnider, from the T. P. & W.

Bro. F. L. Kirby, of Seaton, has resigned to engage in other business.

H. A. Sweigard relieved at Middle Grove, has gone up on the north end somewhere.

Bros. Lewis, of Cramers, and S. K. Anderson, of Elrick Junction, both of the Grand Division, and Fred Sievers, of the C. M. & St. P. Division have been transferred to Division No. 71.

Bro. Roy Carroll is on first at Hedrick. We are glad to see him back in service, and hope he will stay with us.

F. W. Sievers is at Little York.

Agent Frazier returned to Grinnell on the promise of being given more help. He relieved S. W. Wylie, who went to third trick on north end in dispatcher's office.

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Bro. L. C. Vannoy, who worked the east end message wire at "SK" three weeks recently has returned to "NS" days.

Mr. Secrest, the non, who held out at Mason City said he "got off on a little vacation. When he came back they had a man in his place, so he thought he would let him have it."

Tom Ray is back at Oskaloosa on the east end message wire.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to every one. You non! Among your New Year "resolutions" for 1910, make one that you will get up-to-date, and stand by it.

We hope the brothers will try and find time to send in at least one item each for THE TELEGRAPHER. Let us have them as early as possible.

No card, no favors. CORRESPONDENT.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

The regular monthly meeting of Trenton Division, No. 85, was held in Concordia hall, Trenton, November 19th. One new application received and acted upon.

Mr. Dalrymple second at "SK" Stockton, has made a wireless apparatus by which he can pick up messages within a radius of a hundred miles.

Mr. W. H. Wilmot, second at "X" Wilburtha, who obtained three months off to go in the hardware business, is back to work.

Bro. Goddard, who has been off since June with rheumatism, is coming back soon. We will all be glad to hear that old familiar "Gd."

Mr. C. M. Wharton, second at "WC" Washington's Crossing, has bid in the new message job at "MS" Coal Port, thus throwing "WC" open second trick.

Since the new job at "MS" second trick was created, Bro. Hoffman, manager at "MS" has a 7 a. m. to 3 p. m. trick now instead of 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

On account of Mr. Decker, first at "G" L. & H. Junction, working extra in "FG" Trenton, Mr. Wire, regular second at "G," is working first. Mr. Minnick, regular second at "K," is working second at "G" and Bro. Lawrence from third to second at "K," third at "K" is held by Mr. Riehl, extra man, who we expect to call brother next pay day.

Bro. Schaeffer, first at "K," off on November 6th to see Lafayette-Penn. football game in Philadelphia.

Bro. Person, successful bidder for "RX" Roxburg third trick.

Bro. Lenhart and wife took in the sights at New York on his relief day.

Bro. Lilly spent his relief day in Easton.

Boys, be careful to sign your sheets the exact time you go on duty and are relieved, some have been called to account for it.

Business is very brisk but news are scarce.

Another tower will probably be put in between "DK" and "MS", making three more good jobs. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from the family of our worthy and esteemed Bro. W. Y. Nagle, his sister, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of Division No. 85, Order of the Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER, a copy to our bereaved Bro. Nagle and a copy be spread on the minutes of this division.

T. J. CALLAHAN, L. C.
W. L. HEANEY,
W. A. DOYLE.

Boston Div., No. 89.

On account of a "slip-up" on the part of ye scribe, no mention was made of our October meeting. There was considerable business, however, transacted at the regular meeting on October 22d, which was called to order at 8 p. m. by our Worthy Chief Bro. Ross, with nearly all the officers present.

The by-laws committee made its final report, which was read by Bro. Francis, chairman of the committee, and for their consideration deferred until the next regular daylight meeting.

A communication from our Worthy President Bro. Perham, advising us of the fact that he was coming east and had an open date on October 11th, when he would like to meet us, was read and a committee of three, consisting of Bros. Ross, Tool and Jacobs was appointed to make arrangements for two special meetings on that date, one at 10 a. m. and the other at 8 p. m., so all of the brothers could have a chance to meet the President and assist in making his visit a pleasant one.

Among the other matters of importance discussed was the report of the committee appointed to confer with the officers of the Towermen and Operators' Relief Association, the membership of which consists of up-to-date members of this division, in regard to the advisability of the division taking over the business and funds of the association and conducting it as a part of the division work. The committee recommended that the proposed consolidation be perfected in the near future, and also recommended that the membership of Division No. 89, should personally protect themselves by carrying an accident or sick benefit policy of some kind, as there has been a heavy drain on our local treasury the past year on this account. While we are obliged to help one another, we should at the same time protect ourselves, by carrying an accident or sick benefit policy, and try to build up our local treasury.

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The daylight special was called to order by Worthy Chief Bro. Ross at 10 a. m., seventy-one brothers being present, including our visitors, Bros. H. B. Perham, President; Bro. T. M. Pierson, Second Vice-President; Bro. George Joslin, member Board of Directors; Bro. E. J. Manion, General Chairman of the New Haven lines and several brothers from Divisions Nos. 35, 29, 104 and 41.

Bro. Perham was introduced to the members by Bro. Ross, and was given a hearty welcome. He addressed us for over an hour, giving the brothers the benefit of his experience as a member of the O. R. T. since it was first organized. He also referred to what has been accomplished in the past and what he expected to see the Order accomplish in the future. He also explained the Railway Department of the American Federation, and touched on a number of other topics in connection with union labor in general, and the O. R. T. in particular.

After Bro. Perham's address, a recess of twenty minutes was taken to allow those present to partake of refreshments. After we had lighted up our "weeds," Bro. Pierson was presented to the boys. You could hardly say he was introduced, as any telegrapher who don't know "Tom," is behind the times to quite an extent. He gave the boys some good fatherly advice, with his customary story thrown in for good measure.

Bro. Joslin was next on the list of speakers, but as he had to leave early to catch a train he could only say a few words.

Our own "Doc" was next. He was right there "with the goods" as usual, and talked to the boys for about fifteen minutes. The meeting then adjourned at 1 p. m. until 8 p. m.

At the evening session there were eighty-four brothers present. The same program as in the morning was carried out. Everybody present had the pleasure of shaking Bro. Perham's hand, and having a little chat with him. It was certainly a banner meeting for Division No. 89, and I think it is safe to say that it was one of Bro. Perham's largest audiences on his trip through the east.

The regular November night meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. on the 6th, by Worthy Chief Bro. Ross. All the officers present, except First Vice Bro. Cushman, Past Chief Fenwick and Second Vice Bro. Pierce. Twenty-four other members were in attendance. Brothers, as it is getting cold now and all of the parks and summer resorts are closed, you had better settle down to business again and come around to the meetings, if you want to get next to what is going on.

Six applications were submitted to committees of investigation, and they will be balloted upon at the next daylight meeting.

A committee of three was appointed by the chair to arrange for the printing of our by-laws, as they have been adopted by the division and approved by President Bro. Perham.

The bill for the expenses of the two special meetings on October 11th, the occasion of Bro. Perham's visit was brought in by the committee of three and the amount $54.00 allowed. We all felt that this was money well spent as the committee set a nice collation, serving about 160 members all told. Everybody had plenty, and a nice time was enjoyed by all present. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

The November daylight meeting was called to order by Worthy Chief Ross at 10 a. m. Nearly all the officers being present. Six applications were favorably balloted on, and one submitted to a committee of investigation.

There was an unusually large attendance at this meeting, some forty odd members being present, among which a number of new faces were seen, a feature most pleasing to note. It is hoped they will be regular attendants in the future. Worthy Bros. Manion and Mullen, our favorite speakers were also present, from whom we received some good sound advice, including a lecture on obedience and discretion. Bro. Manion also informed us of the work of the General Committee, and stated that the information blanks will be ready for distribution some time in the near future.

The by-law committee rendered its report in full. We are to have a set of by-laws printed in book form, and each member will receive a copy.

There was some lively discussion "Under Good of the Order." The brothers are not slow in bringing up their grievances, and it is surprising to note how various and many there are.

Midland Division—

Well, boys, there is only one more non on this end of the Midland and he has promised to be with us the first of January. Now we want to get busy on the Willimantic Branch and at three or four stations on the Norwich and Worcester. If we will look after these nons, Bro. Leete will take care of them west of Willimantic. With only a little effort, we can sit back in a couple of months and say "SOLID." Now altogether, brothers. Let us establish a precedent on this division for the other divisions to follow.

W. H. Graham has been assigned to the agency at West Thompson. Understand he wore a button at one time. Well, he wants to get another one. They are the only thing to wear.

Mr. Provost, of South bridge, has bid in first trick at Central Village. I hope we will soon be able to call him brother.

Bro. Pendleton has bid in agency at Franklin, succeeding Mr. Baldwin, who has been promoted to the agency at Putname, Conn.

Bro. Murphy has been promoted from second telegrapher to the ticket agency at Franklin.

It is pleasing to note that the interior of the East Douglas office is 100 per cent better, since Bro. Travers has been stationed there.

Bro. Bardol has returned to work on second trick at Franklin tower after three weeks' lay-off, on account of being injured while alighting from a passenger train at Franklin station.

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Chicago Div., No. 91.

Our November meeting, on November 27th, had a crowded house. General Chairman Soyster, of Division No. 23, was with us, and made a good talk. First Vice-President Newman, who is one of our stand-bys, was also with us, and, as usual, had something of interest to say. Not the least important was the report of the dance committee. We have decided to hold it on the night of February 3d, at the Drill Hall, Masonic Temple. Tickets will only be 50 cents for each member, and as many ladies as he wishes to bring, so when you hear from the committee be ready with your half dollar to send right back for the ticket we will mail you. Members of other divisions will be heartily welcome, and we want everyone who can to come. The Drill Hall is one of the best in Chicago and the location is such that all depots and all parts of the city can be reached by either elevated trains or street cars, quickly.

C. & W. I. Ry.

We were all glad to see some items from Division No. 91 in last issue, so will come again with the few notes I have been able to gather.

Bro. F. W. Jacobs, agent at Dolton, was referred to as Mr. Jacobs, a new man. No offense was intended, brother, but had not learned that you were an old O. R. T. man. We certainly are glad to have men like Bro. Jacobs come to this division, as we need some good, live members.

Bro. Guy Brown has landed first "AU" 75th St.. tower; Bro. A. A. Jacob working second and Roy Brown third.

Bro. A. S. Crippen is at first "CU" 112th St. tower. Bro. E. E. Conley, first at "GS" 16th St. tower.

We are all sorry to learn of the illness of Bro. E. O. Jacobson, third "RS" 47th St. tower, and wish him a speedy recovery. Understand Bro. Walley is compelled to double up, on account of the scarcity of telegraphers.

Organizer Turner is certainly doing good work. With a little help from the boys along the line, we should be able to make 91 one of the strongest local divisions in the country. There is nothing helps so much as individual effort. If the bdys will make it a point to speak a good word to non-members at every opportunity, no doubt we will soon have them all in the fold.

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Elmira Div., No. 100.

Owing to our correspondent having writer's paralysis no write-up of this division has appeared in print for some time. Bro. Phillips, of Horseheads, our correspondent, has run out of ink and the ribbon on his typewriter is no good. Bro. Wood, local chairman, uses "Bill's" mill and it's locked up. On September 14th, Bro. C. R. Elliott resigned as secretary and treasurer, and on October 26th, Bro. T. M. Seem, resigned as Chief Telegrapher. Bros. D. R. Dunning and E. A. Johnson were elected respectively to fill their unexpired terms. Their addresses appear in the division directory in the rear of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. C. R. Elliott has been appointed train dispatcher.

Bro. Utz is copying for Elmira division on third, and Bro. Dunning is working in message room "QC," Elmira.

Bro. A. P. Furman, who has been very ill of typhoid fever at his home in Gillett, is now gaining and getting along as well as can be expected.

Bro. M. M. Parsons, Elmira freight office, while off on sick leave, went to Washington, D. C., but has returned and is getting better.

Bro. O. E. Miller, of Trout Run, was married recently.

We miss Bro. Fox at the meetings since being appointed agent at Marsh Hill Junction. We hope that this good brother, also Bro. Hallorans and Bro. Skelly, at Ralston, will not forget that the meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

Sister Cupp should hand us in two applications from Minnequa before long.

Being my first attempt and my knowledge limited as to the doings on the road will ring off.

"RO."

Philadelphia Div., No. 102.

The return of prosperity shows that the Reading has about attained the height it reached during the banner year before the panic and the Penna. R. R. is enjoying the same favorable conditions. The Schuylkill Division of the latter has advertised eight additional crews for its ninety mile stretch.

We welcome this condition of affairs. Although it means much more work for us and less sleep for the owls, still we are glad to be able to have the increased toil. A year ago it appeared that the only thing to do was to stop running trains and use the whole division for storage tracks; mains as well as sidings.

The boys on the W. & N. Branch of the Reading have gained a signal victory. After a long struggle, they have at last succeeded in getting two relief days each month. The movement was started by members of the Order, the nons signed their names to the petition, and it went through all right.

If the nons would all make an effort to get up-to-date cards, and not depend entirely on the members of the Order to take the first step in matters affecting their improvement and working conditions, we would soon be enjoying all the benefits of unionism. When men appeal in a body then they can anticipate results. Individual effort is like the bite of a mosquito, annoying but not in the least serious.

It is with the deepest regret that we chronicle the death of former brother, Alan H. Knerr, of Collegeville. Following a short illness from typhoid peritonitis ensued and death followed in a few days.

Mr. Knerr was one of our most enthusiastic members and we deeply deplore the conditions

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that compelled him to resign from the Order. Although not in the division, still he was one of the staunchest adherents. The bereaved family has the sincere sympathy of the division.

Because all the changes made, are by men not connected with the Order, it must not be thought that this is on account of not having any of our men on the road, as we are in a flourishing condition. The explanation seems to be that membership in the Order makes a man settled and satisfied with his position, and that the love of change is confined to the nons.

Mr. Gilliard has taken the daylight trick at Wissahickon, Mr. Parsons having accepted the agency at Fern Rock. Mr. Wood has taken Mr. Parsons' place on second at Carsons.

Mr. Love, of Conshohocken, nights, has left the Reading, presumably to go to the Erie.

"SZILOW."

Hagerstown Div., No. 106.

C. V. R. R. Division—

Halfway office, which has been closed for nearly two years, will be re opened shortly.

The boys on the C. V. sympathize with Bro. Schleicher, at "HN" whose father was a resident of Hagerstown for about 30 years previous to his death. A wreath emblematical of the Order, and many other beautiful floral designs, were placed on his grave. Bro. Schleicher was relieved by Bro. Minnich of "HJ" tower, during his absence, owing to his father's death.

Bro. Trace, Newville, on ten days' vacation recently, spent at Wilmington, Del., and Bellmawr, N. J., was relieved by Mr. Souders.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Jarrett, "CD" Chambersburg, have traded tricks.

Mrs. Wright, "FJ" tower, Chambersburg yard, assisted in the dispatchers' office, there during the Hagerstown fair.

Bro. Hursh, Newville, visited friends in Tamaqua, Pa., recently.

Bro. Kauffman, of Division No. 9, attended the Detroit-Athletic games in Philadelphia, while on his recent vacation.

Bro. Hines, "BY" tower, Berkley, has gone to the B. & O., second division.

There have probably been more changes recently than are enumerated here, and if the boys would just take a little trouble, we would be able to have something each month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

I am indebted to Bro. Trace, at Newville, for most of the items in this writeup. DIV. COR.

Addison Div., No. 108.

District No. 1—

Brethren: Kindly take notice your card for the current term expires December 31st. You will do the Secretary a favor by sending him your dues on receipt of the first notice and save him the extra work of sending you several notices.

Bro. Riley, of Belfast, is on a vacation of several weeks. The last "OS" from him, was at Jenks, Okla.

Bro. Cummings, of Newfield Junction, occasionally runs down the line, some say he goes fishing near Sandusky. Must be something rather attractive to get "smokey" off the hill.

Bro. Holland, of Addison, has been visiting his brother at Arcade. Bro. Holland is now working on the Erie R. R. He was a B. & S. man for a number of years.

I would like to call the brothers' attention to the fact that in order to have interesting items appear in THE TELEGRAPHER it is very important that each and every member furnish his local chairman a few items. They may not seem much to you, or it may be after you once hear of them, you may not care to see them again in print, but please remember they may afford interesting news for some other brother. So do the best you can.

District No. 2—

C. P. Streeter, East Summit, nights, is on a two weeks' vacation in the lower part of the State.

Boys, do each of you have application blanks that you can hand to your fellow-men at your place or near by. Under the conditions now, it is hard work for your local chairman to call on the nons.

The November meeting was not as largely attended if more could have secured relief. Boys, do your best to get out to our meetings. You cannot become acquainted with the workings of the Order, unless you attend the meetings.

If you are not able to be present at our December meeting show us that you are right on the job, by sending Bro. Jacobs the little dues and have a new card.

Boys, you seem slow in sending in any items, write them on a card if no other way, and send to your chairman, so we can have a good report. We cannot fail unless we quit.

District No. 3—

Sister Verna Corbett, second at Sinnemahoning, has returned from a ten-day vacation, being relieved by Miss Burlingame, second Lushbaugh, who was relieved by Mrs. W. R. Essington.

Bro. Allen Johnson, first Medix Run, captured a large wild goose and invited Bro. Stoner, third at Tyler, to participate in the feast. Bro. Stoner will tell you the rest.

Third at Lushbaugh reopened on account of increased business, filled by Miss Scull.

DIV. COR.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular October meeting was held in the St. Charles Hall, Emporium, on the 21st inst., and we are glad to report a good attendance. Among those present were S. T. Goodwin, Chief O'Leary and Bro. Vought, of Emporium; Bro. McCartan, of Renovo; Bros. Russell and Perry

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of Keating and Bro. Heck, of Division No. 135, was a welcome visitor.

Three new members were received into the Order and Bro. L. C. Bryant, of Rathbun, was transferred from Division No. 135. We welcome the new brothers and extend to them the hand of brotherhood and all the courtesies of the fraternity.

We have 101 members now in good standing, but there are still some who are behind in their does and hope 'ere this write-up appears that they will have paid up their dues and are again in good standing.

Keeping in good standing in the Order is as great an obligation as supplying the family with food and clothing, for without the Order we would be scrimping and figuring how we could eke out a scanty existence and working twelve hours per day at that.

Brothers, Labor Unionism has come to stay, so let us be in the front rank all the time.

We would like to see more interest in the Kane meetings. There should be a better attendance at these west-end meetings as some of our most loyal members are located in that section.

We are requested by the officers and members of the Division to ask the Thorsten Sisters at Kane to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order. There is nothing that will equal the Auxiliary in increasing our membership and interesting our ladies.

If the wives and daughters of some of the old "nons" on the Renovo Division, who have been enjoying the benefits secured by organization, without contributing, will become interested, the result will be a happy surprise to all. To quote the old saying, "the hand that cooks the dinner is the hand that rules the world." Long life to the women, and long life to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Sister Fisher, of Howards, has returned from a month's vacation, visiting friends in the East.

Bro. Wiggins, of Howards, is enjoying a ten days' vacation, taking advantage of the hunting season.

Our worthy chief, Bro. O'Leary, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is enjoying a visit with his brother in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bro. Luke Griskey, of Kane, is doing relief work in the Superintendent's office, Renovo, for a few weeks. When it comes to heavy relay work he always delivers the goods.

Bro. Evans, of Emporium, has been assigned to Garland until further notice

Bro. Goodwin, first, Scahonda, while enjoying the championship games in Pittsburg and Detroit, was relieved by Mr. Cupp.

Bro. Hovis, third, Sheffield, transferred to second trick, "CD" tower, Clarendon; relieved by Mr. Hammel.

Telegrapher Moran, first, "OD" tower, Erie, while on a fishing trip was relieved by Mr. Snyder.

Bro. Schroff, third, "PR" tower, Preston, who has been with the Company for the past fifteen years, has resigned and accepted a position with the Rock Island at Rockford, Ariz. While we hate to lose Bro. Schroff, yet we congratulate him on securing a better position and wish him every success. He was relieved by Bro. S. W. Johnson, of Wetmore.

Sister Geary, of Kane, while enjoying a few days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Huling.

Sister Clara Thorsten, of "Z" office, Kane, is enjoying a week's vacation; relieved by Mr. Cupp.

Bro. Crawford, of "EY" telephone office, Kane, relieved Mr. Johnson at Tambine for two weeks.

Bro. M. L. Vought, of Emporium, has returned from a pleasant visit in Erie and Kane.

Bro. Lindquist, second, Sheffield, while visiting friends in Renovo was relieved by Mr. McArdle.

Bro. Johnson, of Preston, has bid in Ludow, first trick.

Bro. Johnson, of "VE" tower, Brockwayville, is fitting up a residence on Main street, and from the pains he is taking we know he is not going to remain a bachelor much longer. As we know the fair one whom his heart is set on, we are glad to extend congratulations.

I am in receipt of a communication from a telegrapher on the east end, who has his application ready to become a member, but understand that the girl of his choice refuses to "come across" until the gentleman has a button on. We believe when she sees these verses published and knows that he has joined and can now wear a button that everything will be "sunshine forever after."

TO NELL:

"All this world I would give,
All that is mine;
Just to be once more with thee,
And kneel at thy shrine.
Forsake friends and loved ones, all, yes even home;
I would leave all behind, dear, for just you alone.
The days are so long and the nights are so drear,
But all would be sunshine, with you, Nellie, near.
My heart is so sad and cast down with pain,
I pray for the time when I'll see you again.
How long it may be, fate only can tell,
But I trust that the time will be short, my dear Nell."

Having been in double harness for fifteen years we do justice to the young man, but we hope everything may come out all right.

While Bro. Sullivan, of Shawmut, was in Buffalo recently, he was accosted by a well-dressed man on Main Street who mistook him for John Kirby, Jr., the bellicose president of the Manufacturers Association. Bro. Sullivan unbuttoned his overcoat with one hand and drew out his up-to-date card with the other and the man fled toward Buffalo Creek, while Bro. Sullivan hurried to a barber shop and sacrificed his beautiful flowing beard. The incident induces us to quote the following by Plymouth Rock:

A bellicose gent they call Kirby
Is trying to fill Van Cleave's derby,
With Parry and Post, he openly boasts
That he'll twist Labor's tail, he's quite nervy.
But Organized Labor don't worry,
From him no favors they curry,
He may roar and shout how he'll put us to rout,
But his finish will come in a hurry.

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Let us resolve to attend meetings better in the future and keep up our dues. Use nothing but union label goods and boost the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Bro. L. E. Daugherty, of Kane, wishes to thank the members of th Division for their great kindness to him during the kness and death of his beloved wife.

We thank Bros. Goodwin and Barner for their contributions to this write-up and wish others would send us all the news they have up to the 15th of each month. DIV. COR.

Annapolis Royal Div., No. 114.

Dominion Atlantic Ry.—

Division No. 114 has been organized almost two years.

Before we had an organization on the D. A. Ry. we had to work all day and a part of the night, and all night some of the nights. Got no more for it. But since the grand old O. R. T. has come into power we have a twelve-hour system, and after working our tricks we get paid for overtime.

I have been a member about one year and am proud of it. I read every issue of the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER thoroughly and find that the D. A. Ry. is behind in being represented, I thought I would send in these few lines in the hope of waking up some of the brothers on this road.

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Shamokin Div., No. 117.

Some of the brothers have from time to time spoken seriously of dropping the Order. Claiming that, while the organization had without doubt brought many increases in salaries and secured many schedules, etc., yet every raise was invariably followed by a corresponding advance in the cost of the necessaries of life. So that now after all these years of vigorous effort we are actually worse off than we were when we began.

As a member who has battled in the ranks of the O. R. T. for a decade, never heeding the word halt, I am ready to concede the above assertion, with the possible exception of the nine-hour day. I am fully aware of the fact that I am not as well off today, receiving twenty dollars per month more, than I was ten years ago. But the most illiterate dago, I am sure, could not fail to understand that I should have to pay this same increased cost of living whether or not my salary had been raised a single penny. And there is not a member, or a non for that matter, whose skull is so thick that he does not know that the O. R. T. secured him this higher salary.

Where would we be today with your wage of ten years ago? Or where would we be without the organization that secured for you these increases from time to time? And then remember we are not mentioning the nine-hour day and the various other good things.

Perhaps the Unions are at fault; I am sure they are not perfect. I do not believe that they will ever secure for the worker the full product of his toil, and until then we should not be, we will not be satisfied. But to drop your Order now at this critical stage would be the very height of folly.

The Hall's Automatic Block Signal has been extended north to Gordon, it is now in operation from Buck Mountain to Gordon and is giving good service.

Gordon "GK" office has been moved north about one-fourth of a mile from its former location. This is not so pleasant for the boys at this office.

The new signal tower at Milton was put in service a few weeks since. This greatly increases the duties of the brothers at that point.

Opr. Coughlin, regular second trick man at Mahy Plane, works at Tamaqua "DS" during colliery suspensions.

Opr. Maurer is back at Locust Summit, after a rest of a few weeks.

J. H. Cupp, station hand, at Alaska, has taken up telegraphy. "Hen" will learn that it takes more brains to handle the guttapercha knob than it does to hustle freight.

Telegrapher McLaughlin relieved at Shenandoah for a few weeks.

Mr. Lutz, formerly of P. & R., but at the present with the W. U., in Philadelphia, called on some of his old friends around N. B. Junction, recently.

Bro. Lyons called on his mother at Minersville, recently.

Bro. Klingler, of N. B. Junction, spent Sunday, recently, at Lewisburg.

Some of the brothers think it would be a good idea to have an organizer to coover this division. I think it would be well, but in the meantime don't forget that individual effort will work wonders.

Now, brothers, let us have more notes. Surely with your assistance we can make these columns more interesting. CERT. 17.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

On account of the increase of business recently Williamstown yard has been used to switch west-bound cars, East Deerfield not being able to handle them.

"Rankin" the young son of Bro. Miller, agent "FA" Valley Falls, injured by the explosion of a shot gun recently, had three fingers amputated from the right hand.

Bro. Oliver, third, "PI," has resigned and gone to the General Electric Co., at Schenectady; relieved by Bro. Hoag, while advertised.

Bro. Hodgeboon, third "DX" Shelburne Falls, resigned, bid in by Bro. Brown, and Mr. Wholly holding it while advertised.

Mr. Henessy bid in third at "CH" Charlemont.

Miss Smith worked second at "HA" Schaghticoke, while Bro. Quick relieved Bro. Brownell on third at "QS," Crescent. On the return of the latter Bro. Quick was sent to "DK" master mechanic's office. Mr. Glass is covering third at "HA" Schaghticoke.

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Mr. Wickham, third at "XN," Hoosick Junction, Crossovers, who run for sheriff of Rensselaer county on the prohibition ticket, is at the Hoosick agency in place of Bro. Potter, away on business.

Bro. Nesbitt, third at "HJ" Hoosick Junction; relieved Mr. Wickham and Walter H. Meade in place of Bro. Nesbitt.

Bro. Speanburg, first, "BR," Eagle Bridge, was assigned to "JU," Mohawk river bridge, while the trouble was being cleared up at that point.

I. B. Houghton, for 25 years agent at "X," Williamstown, confined to his bed; relieved by J. J. O'Neil as acting agent. Bro. Downing assigned to clerical work, Miss Smith of "PN" Pownal, relieving the latter.

Miss Martha Erwin clerk at Williamstown, an "old timer," has resigned. She was operator at "CH" Charlemont 15 years ago for the Fitchburg.

Bros. Lake and Woodlock, first and third at "K" Greenfield, took in the Williams-Amherst football game at Williamstown.

Bro. Doble has returned from the N. Y. C. to Williamstown yard. F. V. N.

South Amboy Div., No. 149.

There are a few brothers on this end of the division who are doing an injustice to themselves as well as the men who are working to make it solid by condemning the Order at large. If it is the officers you are sore on, kindly read section 40, page 59, of the Constitution.

Now, brothers, cut the knocking out and put your shoulder to the wheel. We are working for your advancement as well as our own and hope to have this end of the division solid by the first of the year. Hustle and get as many "nons" in by New Year as possible. Let's start the year 1910 solid, and we will have no trouble in getting what we are after. Talk O. R. T. all the time. If you have a "non" working with you keep after him until you land him. This is your fight. "Don't knock, but boost."

There is one thing that helps us and the general committee's efforts with the officials more than anything else, and that is "attending" to business. Now that we have secured what we have labored years for, i. e., the eight-hour law, don't let indifference and the "don't care" spirit interfere with our future success. Show the company you mean to do what is right. Do all you can to assist in the movement of trains and promote the company's interests, and there is not the least doubt but that they will appreciate it by giving to our representatives an attentive hearing when they go before them.

The "nons" have all promised to be in line by the first of the year. It is inconceivable how a man with the intelligence that a telegrapher is supposed to have, who has an idea of modern industrial conditions, can remain outside the fold. A man must be lacking in intelligence as not to be able to realize his utter insignificance as an individual when brought face to face with the great forces of organized capital. When he cannot think for himself, he becomes a mere tool in the hands of organized employers.

A large number of applications will be ready for the December meeting, when we hope to see our South Amboy brothers present.

It is a hopeful sign when such men as Bros. Owens, Hadley, Rhoades and Van Culin on the F. & J. begin taking an interest in building up the division.

Mr. Nixon, the agent at Dayton, is a foe to organized labor. He don t seem to have enough principle to answer a letter enclosing a stamped envelope. He not only refuses to become a member but instructs all the students turned out by him not to join. Brothers, it would be good thing to remember this man.

Bro. Hamer, agent at Spotswood, while on his vacation in the Western States, was relieved by Bro. A. L. Brown, first trick, who was relieved by Mr. Breen, from Dayton.

Bro. Kuntz, second at "GO," is a great lover of the field and stream. Any brother who wishes a day's outing, fishing and hunting should consult him.

Bro. Jolly has transferred from Division No. 84, and will have a good chance to talk to the nons now.

Bro. Diblin, has transferred to No. 149. There are a few more brothers on this end that should come our way. Try and make No. 149 the banner division.

Bro. McDonald has gone to "BY" office, a first-class man on a first-class job.

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Wabash Ry.

Springfield Division—

Ere these items greet your eyes the Wabash Railway General Committee will be using their best efforts to secure a revised schedule and wage scale for the telegraphers on the banner route.

The stronger the support given the committee the more encouragement they will have to work in your interest. There are so many things that we are entitled to to place us on a parity with men in other vocations that it is beyond our hopes to attain them all at once, but the paramount issue seems to be "more money," and considering the increases granted men in other departments we feel as though we had a right to expect something along this line. Would like to start the year with a new schedule that is up to date with 1910 methods of railroading.

Mr. T. Rice Smith, who has for many years been ticket agent at Jacksonville, has been appointed city passenger agent at Jacksonville and entered upon his new duties November 8th. His wife, Mrs. A. B. Smith, who has held the position as first trick operator at Jacksonville, has also resigned, effective same date. Mrs. Smith is the senior telegrapher on the telegraphers' seniority list of this division, her seniority dating from September 18, 1865, but the ticket agency at Jacksonville is now held by a Mr. Evans, from the

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Springfield ticket office. Our superintendent has ruled that Jacksonville ticket agency is an exclusive agency and that the schedule is in error in listing this position as agent and telegrapher, as the agent never has been the telegrapher. This is the reason no bulletin was issued.

The depot at Griggsville was burned October 9th, about 4 a. m. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark from a passing train.

Our write up for October reached the Editor too late and the items sent in at that time were published in the November issue.

The time is drawing near for another meeting with the company and we are looking for some of the good things we have been anxiously waiting a long time.

The "personal mention" item in September journal regarding the birth of a daughter to Bro. H. W. Frederick was incorrect and we desire to apologize for the error.

The general manager's special passed over the division on October 23, en route to Chicago.

The annual bridge inspection was made about the middle of November. A special train carried the party which consisted of division officials.

Bro. Geo. K. Taylor, temporarily holding the agency at Curran, which was on bulletin recently. No appointment made as yet.

Mr. W. L. Ritchie assigned the agency at Illiopolis, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. J. J. Hatfield, who has accepted a position in an Illiopolis bank.

Bro. F. O. Stehman bid in third trick at Berlin; has been relieving Bro Taylor at Quincy for several weeks past while the latter was touring the West.

Bro. S. C. Moats, who recently bid in the agency at Buffalo, has been assigned the agency at Baylis, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Edom to enter the civil service.

Bro. A. M. Zimmerman temporarily acting as agent at Baylis until the regular appointment was made.

Bro. J. J. Hatfield, agent Illiopolis, off recently attending court; was relieved by Bro. Abbott, first Riverton, Mr. Bales relieving Bro. Abbott. Later on Bro. Hatfield tendered his resignation to accept a position as cashier in the Illiopolis bank. We are sorry to lose Bro. Hatfield, but wish him great success. This is the second instance recently that one of the brothers on this division has severed his connection with the Wabash to accept a position of responsibility in another vocation. Mr. Bales is now doing the telegraphing and Bro. Hatfield the station work at Illiopolis until an assignment can be made.

Bro. J. W. Anderson, while on his vacation, was relieved by E. E. Hatfield.

Bro. V. W. Schuessler, third at Iles, on two months leave on account of his health, is being relieved by Mr. Raines, second, Riverton, who was relieved by H. L. Adams, a new man from Camp Point.

Mr. Colson, third, Lanesville, has resigned, and been relieved by M. B. Stead, from Griggsville.

Bro. Geo. Fitzpatrick, from Kinderhook, is relieving Agent Unglaub at Carthage, who has taken a six months' vacation on account of his health.

Horace Arnold is temporarily on third at Baylis.

Mr. Ray Holt, of Baylis, temporarily working as agent at Buffalo until an assignment is made. This vacancy caused by Bro. Moat's transfer to Baylis.

Bro. A. M. Zimmerman taking a short vacation after being relieved as agent at Baylis and before resuming his regular work as second trick operator at that place.

Bro. V. W. Schuessler relieved Bro. J. W. Henderson for a few days on first trick, Bluffs.

Extra Telegrapher Stead bid in second trick, Lanesville.

Extra Telegrapher Proffitt, from third trick, Berlin, now working third at Lanesville.

Bro. Kent Taylor, who has been out in the West for his health, says he saw many things of interest while away and he is looking fine. The mountain breezes surely agree with him.

Bro. Cenrey, third at Shops, was off one night recently; relieved by Bro. Taylor.

J. M. Suter, agent at Lawson, was off duty a couple of weeks recently; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Bales.

Opr. Proffitt, third trick, Lanesville, is laying off a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher H. L. Adams, from second trick at Riverton.

Extra Telegrapher Hancock has returned to second stunt at Riverton after an extended vacation, during which a visit of the stork was made and left him papa.

Bro. W. N. Dean working second trick, Baylis, while Bro. Zimmerman held forth as agent. H. Arnold, extra telegrapher, relieving Bro. Dean.

Mr. Sanson, formerly agent at Gibson, Ill., the newly-appointed traveling freight inspector, was over our division recently.

Bro. Geo. East has resumed work at Naples, apparently none the worse for his accident in Colorado. CERT. 957.

Moberly Division—

There has been no write-up from this division for a long time, but we are still alive and expect to be solid O. R. T. before the first of the year.

The Wabash has been very unlucky just east of Bedison, having two wrecks at the same place recently, and the dispatcher has also been having some trouble with the trains at Evona.

I am sorry to say we have a school on the high line at Whitham. Some one should get after the man there and see what can be done to show him that he is doing himself as well as the rest of us a great injury. It seems almost impossible that any man in his right mind would pursue such a course. Our pay is now about $10.00 below that of any of the other roads and unless we get together we can do nothing towards bettering our condition. Business is good and telegraphing very heavy and we should have more money. We stand a good show to get something, too, if we will all get busy. Let us try to get our lines up good before the first of the year so we will be

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strong enough to meet Mr. Miller in St. Louis about that date.

There is a new man at Burlington Junction and some one close to him should get after him and try to get him in.

Mr. Meeker, third at Council Bluffs, resigned and went West after some of that good land they are giving away. He was relieved by Mr. Benedict, from the K. C. S. Ry. After the drawing Mr. Meeker returned to Council Bluffs to work for the C. M. & St. P.

Mr Powell, second at Council Bluffs, traded tricks with Mr. Benedict.

Mr. Baldock has returned from a month's vacation.

There have been some changes made at Shenandoah, but am unable to give them in detail.

Now, boys, get every man that you are working with in and if you are close to a man who is not in get after him at once and we will furnish you with the application papers. "MC."

Decatur Division—

It is about time for the committee to make its annual visit to St. Louis. Does this committee represent you? Are you behind it? Are you willing to accept any privileges this committee secures for you? If you are, then you should have an up-to-date card in your pocket and pull like you meant business. Get the nons in now.

The amount of doubling that has been going on at Granite City, Edwardsville Junction and other points for some time, mean a scarcity of good telegraphers. There is a good chance for about a dozen on this line now.

There are two extra men working in "XD" on account of Bro. Harwood resigning. Some of you old heads should get busy. That is the right road to promotion.

Bro. H. L. Aikman, Litchfield, resigned; relieved by Bro. Gibson, who resigned to take relay job with I. C.; relieved by Telegrapher E. J. Koretz.

Bro. Sihler, Worden, has resigned to take another position with the Big Four at "WO" tower.

Agent Sanson, Gibson, promoted to freight inspector and that agency bulletined. It is a good job.

I have received no items from any of the boys recently, but hope they will send me some news for a good write-up next month.

Bro. M. O. Nelson, second at Ashburn, is now at Landers; relieved by Bro. J. C. Johnson, and Telegrapher White on third at Ashburn.

Sister Foster, second at Wing, has returned from a short vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Price.

Bro. Ben Singleton attended the funeral of Mr. Hallahan, of Wing.

Bro. J. T. Higdon while on an extended tour South was relieved by Telegrapher W. G. Baker, of Peach Orchard, Ark., who has promised to come in soon.

Bro. G. L. Logsdon, second at Reddick, relieved by Bro. Higdon, is now handling the agency at Palmer, his home town.

We are all proud of Bro. E. T. Johnson, of Reddick, whose quick work saved a young lady from being crushed beneath a north-bound passenger train.

There are a number of new operators coming on the line and we should get busy.

Our committee is going to St. Louis soon and expects to do something this time.

"Rox."

Peru Division—

November 3 No. 96 and extra 2010 west met head-on between the east switch and depot at Logansport, causing one of the most damaging wrecks the Wabash has had for some time, taking several hours to clear the main track. Engineer J. C. Humphrey, of Decatur, Ill., was caught in his engine and scalded so badly by the steam that he died a few hours later. J. C. Burgner, fireman, and W. R. Walton, brakeman, also of Decatur, and George Pritchard, of Peru, Ind., were seriously injured. Engineer on extra west was unable to stop in time to avoid the collision.

Carl Modericker, telegrapher and ticket clerk at Wabash, Ind., was run over and fatally injured by No. 90 on November 6th at 2:30 p. m., while attempting to cross the track ahead of the train. Bro. Jno. Kieff is working first trick at Wabash until it is accepted on bulletin. Messrs. Underwood and Dowe relieved on second and third while T. A. and A. Modericker attended the funeral of their brother.

Bro. L. Hanson, third Williamsport, has returned from a thirty days' vacation in the West and Northwest without any bears. His relief, Mr. Goozeman, was arrested and fined for a statutory offense and left for parts unknown.

Bro. Shutt, of Delphi, returned from his trip to the Northwest and called a meeting at La Fayette on the evening of November 26th, which was well attended, some fifteen brothers being present. It is hoped that great good will result from the action taken. Considerable discussion was had in regard to increased compensation. The system federation was also discussed at some length. As the committee is expected to convene soon for a revision of the schedule, there was a lively detailed discussion of conditions over the division in general, but the Second District in particular, almost every office of the district being represented.

It was suggested that we have a social meeting soon, to include members and their families. Think this over. It might be that we can organize the ladies into the Auxiliary, and no telling, then, what great times we will have.

The following are open for bids: First at Hugo, second at Newell, third at New Haven, Wabash, Lafayette and Andrews yard, and the agency at Wauscon.

G. L. Edwards, third Westpoint, bid in Maumee, and Mr. Dowe bid in third and Bro. G. W. Patrick has bid in second at Westpoint.

Bro. Dunwoody, who has been working days at Newell, has assumed his regular trick there, and Bro. Chase bid in the day trick on bulletin.

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Bro. Bechtal, third Lafayette, has been checked in at Antwerp.

Bro. Fullen, Okolona, off recently on account of sickness, was relieved by J. M. Underwood.

Bro. Harris, Roanoke, while off attending a funeral, was relieved by Bro. A. W. Bailey.

Bro. Barto is on third "C," Ft. Wayne, Mr. Miller being sick; Mr. Seiren relieved Bro. Barto at "CD" tower.

Bro. D. C. Burke, of Logansport, has a fine new auto.

Sister V. M. Baker has returned to "CD" tower, Ft. Wayne, after several months' absence.

Bro. Devite, of Grabill, off a few days recently; was relieved by Mr. Underwood.

Bro. E. R. Harding, Chicago, visited his wife's folks at State Line on his vacation.

Bro. Ribble, West Lebanon, while on a recent trip to Chicago, was relieved by Mr. Hammond.

Bro. Hetrick, State Line, off a few days recently; relieved by Mr. Dowe, from Delphi, who will be a brother soon.

Mr. Parker, West Peru, off a few days recently; was relieved by Mr. Hammond, of the B. & O. Bro. Edson, West Peru, on vacation; is being relieved by Mr. Dowe, from Delphi.

CORRESPONDENT.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Brothers: By the time the December journal reaches you, Division dues notice and remittance slips for the new term, namely, January 1st to June 30th, 1910, will be mailed to all members, and when you take into consideration the movement now on foot, which all no doubt are aware of, it should be unnecessary for me to go into detail and request you to be prompt with your remittance. Let it be sufficient to say that we need your financial, as well as moral support to the full. Therefore, please be prompt in this matter and secure an up-to-date card for the ensuing term in good time.

Also members holding insurance in the Mutual Benefit Department will please bear in mind, that assessments in that department are now paid in the same manner as division dues—that is, semi-annually. Insurance assessments should be remitted to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., and division dues to the undersigned.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Boys, the time is almost ripe for another schedule. What are you doing toward keeping in line and getting in the nons. If every one would lend a helping hand we would soon have them all in the fold and keep them there.

Bro. Caver, agent at Wheelers, has resumed work.

Bro. Roberson, agent at Ramer, has returned to work.

Bro. Barr, agent at McNairey, off a few days; was relieved by W. R. Barr.

Mr. Adams, ticket agent at Humboldt, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Duncan.

Bro. Beadles, agent at Berkeley, is now able to work again.

Bro. Hatley, agent Laketon, off a few days on account of sickness; was relieved by Mr. Hern, from Dyer.

Bro. Clark was the successful bidder on second trick, Baldwyn.

Agency at Fruitland is not on bulletin. We are very sorry to see Bro. Hardcastle leave us.

Brothers, try and send me a few items not later than the 15th, so we can have a good write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. DIV. COR.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.

Illinois Division—

Brothers, it is to our interest to get up and hustle and see that the non next to us gets into the Order, if we ever expect to be 100 per cent strong and obtain better results.

We should arrange to meet at least one night a month. This would strengthen the bond of friendship and enable us to understand each other better. We would soon learn to look forward to each meeting night with an interest heretofore unknown. Let's get together and get busy, and remember the motto, "No Card, No Favors."

Bro. Pyle, of Bell City, is trying to locate the person who threw a stone at No. 372 Sunday evening, October 31st, and hit Brakeman Moon in the eye, which will probably result in his losing it.

There are so many changes among the agents that it keeps C. L. Joslyn, our Traveling Auditor, quite busy.

Bro. T. R. Nicks bumped Mr. Renfro (non) off first at "GR," and the latter now comes to work at 4:00 p. m. instead of 8:00 a. m.

Bro. C. J. Carlton has been promoted to first at Rockview; Bro. Wright, a new man, is working second.

C. T. U. Bro. Adams is working nights at Ardeola, and Bro. L. D. McConnell filling the agency while Bro. T. C. Long is off on account of sickness.

Bro. Whiting, formerly of Ardeola, writes he has a splendid job with the L. & A.

MACKIE, 3592.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

Bro. S. A. Phillips, while in the hospital with granulated eyelids, was relieved by Mr. Meador.

Bro. A. C. Taylor on a trip to Oklahoma; was relieved by Mr. Meador.

Bro. Long, on first at Trigg St., while Bro. Owen Pipes is working night shift at "UD," Texarkana, Mr. Hall being off on account of sickness.

Bro. and Sister Woods, formerly with the K. C. S. but later with the Santa Fe at Texico New Mexico, have gone to Omaha.

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Bro. W. T. Goosetree, third trick dispatcher, Shreveport, is now dispatching third trick Texarkana, relieving Bro. James, who relieved Mr. Adams, first trick, while on a tour West and North.

Bro. Young, of Granniss, after taking his vacation accepted the agency at Barham.

Bro. Chas. Womack, at Gilham for the past four or five years, has resigned. We wish him success wherever he may go.

O. R. Jarrett, from Clearfield, Utah, O. S. L., is working first at Ashtown.

Bro. Wolfe on second at DeQueen; relieved at Horatio by a new man.

S. H. Webb, agent at Wilton for past two or three years, now has the agency at Ashdown, relieving J. M. Fishback.

A man named Barrett, formerly with the Postal at Texarkana, is on second at Trigg St.

Bro. H. E. Long, third at Port Arthur for the past two years, has been transferred to DeQuincy, first, relieving Bro. Burrows, who has gone with the S. P.

Mr. Scroggins, extra at Leesville, took third, Port Arthur, he relieving E. C. Hunley, who went to Dallas.

Bro. Hicks, from the Frisco, has returned to the K. C. S. after eight years' absence, relieving Mr. Melindy at Fisher. We welcome Bro. Hicks again in our midst.

C. A. Cawood, of Gilham, Ark., who relieved M. D. Wade, agent at Neame, for a short time, was relieved by L. E. Stafford, of the B. S. L. & W.

Bro. Paisley, of Many, is second at Leesville; "13" operator and Mr. Stoker on third.

I wish the brothers would send me in the news before the 15th of each month. CERT. 271.

Union Pacific Ry.

Kansas Division—

Misrepresenting a very bad record was the spark that fired the shot under a non-member, recently, and caused him to depart for unknown parts. Thus confirming our suspicion that all confirmed non-airs live up to their records, and are rotten to the core.

Too much "Hay" has been the cause of three discharges on the east end recently, and from the sound of things others are scheduled for a similar fate. Better sit up and take notice.

Bro. Brown was taken out of the service, while at Linwood, for sleeping on duty; Mr. Ball relieving.

Mr. Tays was discharged, while at Ogdensburg, for sleeping on duty.

Bro. Broyle, from Ft. Riley, relieved Bro. Smith, at St. George, a few days last month, on account of the serious illness of Bro. Smith's mother.

Bro. F. P. Rhodes, of Lincoln Center, accompanied his wife to Kansas City, the last of October, where she was to undergo treatment for appendicitis.

Bro. J. O. Ross, from Topeka, is relieving Mr. Thomas at Wamego, and Mr. Cairns is wielding the "Big Stick" at "OT" during Bro. Ross' absence.

E. A. Terry relieved Mr. Rimer at Rock Island Junction a few nights, the first of the month. Upon Terry's return to Bonner Springs, he was discharged.

Bro. G. C. Fulkerson, who has been playing "Owl" at "RT," relieved Bro. C. L. Brady at Bunker Hill a few days recently. We understand Bro. Brady bid in Carneiro agency.

Bro. Stout, Bonner Springs, was relieved, while on a hunting and fishing trip through the West, by Mr. Terry.

Fred Haney is relieving Bro. Hockman at Lenape.

The job held by Bro. Armstrong as relief agent on the east end has been bulletined.

Bro. Klasse, relief agent on the west end, has landed Ellsworth, and that position is now open.

Bro. Leger, tne original "Katzenjammer Kid," bid in third trick at Lawrence. Bro. Tucker relieved him at Manhattan, pending the arrival of Bro. Packard, from Codell, who is senior applicant.

Mr. Cole is senior applicant for Morganville, Bro. Sage senior for Cleburne, and Bro. Wray having resigned, Bro. Firebaugh, from Cleburne, bid in Culver.

E. W. Jette, Perry, who stood first out for the agency at Ellsworth backed up on the proposition, and the bulletin on Perry was cancelled.

I. E. Adams bid in third trick at Rossville.

Bro. John Ross, from Wamego, to second, Topeka; Bro. Kirkpatrick hitting the extra jobs.

Bro. Armstong relieved Bro. Enochs at Grantville, for a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Tucker has been assigned to Wamego, days.

A. P. Cole, from Utah Division, relieved Bro. Smith, St. George, while the latter was in the hospital.

Bro. Race, of Ogdensburg, filled out the blanks before leaving for Montana. Bro. Denison has handed in the applications of Bros. Pickering and Abernathy, and Bro. Nickel takes credit for Bro. Fox at Perry. Bro. Spradley at McPherson and Bro. W. W. Mitchell. Bro. Lister, of Perry, is another late arrival.

Bro. E. T. Eager is relieving Mr Stepp at Clifton.

G. F. Cairnes, from the Santa Fe, who relieved at Cleburne and Perry, will soon be Bro. Cairnes.

C. A. Dougherty, graduate helper on west end, relieved Bro. Owens at Natoma, while Bro. Owens held up the express agent's side of the argument in St. Louis.

H. S. Thomas, another graduate helper, relieved Mr. Heathman at Tescott.

Bro. Fulkerson is relieving at Ellis, and Bro. R. F. Bowman relieving at Salina.

Bro. Curran, of Carneiro, went to Gorham, and later to Hays; Claude Maner relieving at Carneiro.

Bro. R. N. Allan, of Ellsworth, has engaged in other business.

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F. L. Heathman is senior applicant for Codell, Mr. Ohl, helper from Beloit, relieving.

Bro. Campbell, Lincoln Center, is relieving Bro. F. P. Rhodes.

Bro. Kirkpatrick relieved Bro. F. V. B. Weeks at Belleville.

H. S. Thomas relieved Mr. Meacham, Russell, nights.

Bros. Pinet, Stoddard and Armstrong have all passed the cub stage as reporters; thanks for the notes. Bro. Nickel, of Lucas, is also a nifty news gatherer, as well as a hustler among the non-members.

Although out of the service, Bro. Lunger, the up-to-date "Union Label" merchant, of Mayetta, Kan., does not fail to do a little organizing when the opportunity arrives.

Bro. John F. Swine, at Junction City several years ago, has taken unto himself a wife, and is now the "Ticket Man" at Monroe, La.

Have you sent in your blank yet? Do it right now.

Bro. Frazier goes from Solomon to Ellis managership.

Bro. Fisher is back on his regular beat, Wamego, nights.

Bro. Ross bid in position as relief agent, Eastern District and branches.

Bro. Claude Tucker, who has been working extra, bid in Wamego, days.

W. F. Ball relieved Bro. Smith, at St. George, a few days last month, account of sickness.

Bro. Bowman, a new recruit from Division No. 14, relieved Bro. Frink at Salina, nights.

Mr. Lewis, a late arrival from the C. & A., relieved Bro. Broyle at Ft. Riley a few days recently.

F. L. Heathman, from Tescott, bid in Codell. Later, we understand, he was discharged.

Mr. A. E. Ohl, an extra man from Beloit, relieved Bro. Packard at Codell; Packard to Manhattan, third.

Bro. Hjalmer goes from Salina to Kansas City, "GN" office, about the first of December. Mr. Jacobs, from Ellis, relieving him as manager at "SC."

Bro. Stoddard has our thanks for his usual contribution of notes in the way of O. R. T. "doin'ses." If more of us would sit up and take notice of what is going on around us, and then tell us about it, we are sure it would help the appearance of our little list wonderfully. If you know of something that might be of interest to the Order, speak up. It all points to one great day when we will be solid. DIV. COR.

Nebraska Division, Western District—

I see most of the boys advertising for news; my trouble lies in the opposite direction. I have so much to write about, and so little time in which to do it, that I lose out entirely. If any of you boys, in the kindness of your big, generous hearts, will volunteer to do the writing, I will try to assist with a few items monthly. In sincerity, such a move would be appreciated by yours truly.

Business on a par with items, and bids fair to continue even after the holidays. An extra number of crews on now on account several work trains on the new double track work, which is being pushed as rapidly as possible. It is now in operation between North Platte bridge to Keith, and expect soon to have it to Brady Island. They are working west from Lexington until they meet this track, and, I understand, intend to push this work until the double track between North Platte and Lexington is complete.

Gannett office closed, and an office created with three men, Bro. Donoahoe and Bro. Lynch, and Mr. Patterson, who promises to do the necessary, are in charge.

Keith also made a three-man job, but unable to learn the names of the men there. Markel, the end of the double track at Lexington, also three-man job, with new men there. Boys, it is up to you who are near to put us next. We need their help in the near future.

Bro. C. R. Haines now safely ensconsed as second operator at Lexington.

E. S. Harte, who was with the U. P. for years, but who resigned about a year ago, and mostly paying doctor bills since, has returned to work at Gibbon, his former agency.

G. C. Gard, Wood River, was operated on at his home, a week or two ago, for appendicitis, and is doing nicely. All wish him a speedy recovery. Relieved at Wood River by Bro. T. J. Brown, of Watsons Ranch.

Bro. G. A. Hood holding first at Watsons Ranch during Bro. Brown's absence. Third job on bulletin, Thos. Christensen, a new man, securing second. Just been made a full-fledged operator.

Bro. C. E. Cole, of Grand Island, took the best looking part of his family and proceeded to view the present position of Mormonism in Salt Lake, studied the probabilities of Balanced Rock falling, and then turning his mind to weightier subjects spent a week or two shooting ducks in South Dakota. Bro. Smith lives with Bro. Cole, and it is told around over town that the Cole Thomas cat was left in Smith's tender care, but that since they have returned they cannot break that cat of the habit of running around nights—a habit Cole declares he "never had," but attributes the whole thing to Smith. However, Cole insists he wouldn't miss the vacation even to save the cat's reputation.

Bro. F. L. Hannum, of Gothenburg, also took a vacation, "whether he could afford it or not," enjoyed to the limit. Bro. A. H. LeGate, on the nest while he was absent, is now relieving Mr. Clinton, agent, St. Paul, for a few weeks. Mr. Biddle, lately promoted, doing telegraph stunt at St. Paul.

Bro. E. H. Pritchard, of Sumner, suffering from an unfortunate affliction of his eyes, and is forced to take an indefinite vacation in hopes of their recovery. He has the sympathy of all the boys.

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During the rush in "GE," Grand Island, an extra operator is being used; Bro. F. J. Hansen, relief agent, being the lucky (?) man. His hours of 4 p. m. to 1 a. m., without so much as a dinner hour, are highly pleasing to him.

This fall we boys in Grand Island have had a little touch of boomer life again, more than for some time, but even with that we are reminded that this element of railroad men is fast being relegated to the "Railroad Man's Magazine" column, and well it is for us and the company. This is due to various reasons, and while the boomer was invariably a good man and many times an expert, the spirit of the day in all lines demands men who are as fixed as the business men, the bankers, merchants or any tradesmen. Many will contradict me in this statement, but I believe the actual facts will bear me out.

I suppose you have all received the committee's circular, announcing the result of our negotiations with the Pacific Express Co. It is not all we asked for, nor think we are entitled to, but is a decided increase over the present rate. You will remember that some years ago certain of the agents scorned the officers of the Order in a similar move, and treated personally with the representatives of the Express Co., and were given increases from 5 per cent on, received collect to 7, 7½, 8, 9 and even 9½. Now prepaid is paying the same as received collect, and my only regret is that not all of those old agents are here to get the result of their work of that time. I am sorry that innocent men who followed them have to suffer the consequences, but we hope to do better some future time.

By the time you read this, it is important that all your information blanks relative to our coming meeting with the management be returned to your local chairman. From appearances now, our information has come so slowly that we will be delayed in getting our proposition to present in time to make our meeting come off exactly as scheduled, but we hope for not more than a few weeks' delay. Remember that we have the date, the management has done its part and it is the slowness of some of the men who are probably most anxious to have the committee convene, who really are retarding it.

Grant Hix was forced to undergo an operation in Kansas City lately, for an old trouble in one of his limbs. He is now back at work and hopes to be permanently cured now.

Bro. C. R. Conger, of Dannebrog, was called to Illinois by sickness in the family; relieved by Bro. F. J. Hansen. Bro. Conger will soon have a new depot with living accommodations, and when he gets a man to do the work, will have a good job.

Boys, please be more prompt than usual in paying dues for the next term. We drained the treasury for the express negotiations, and will need money for the coming convention of the committee, so please remember it and we will try and make it worth your while. You have never failed to respond. Don't start any thing new—maybe you couldn't stop it!

"A Merry Xmas" to you all, and help secure a "prosperous New Year" for all the boys on the Union Pacific, by responding to the hearty support of your committee in its approaching labors—for you. CERT. 765.

Nebraska Division, Eastern District—

Fremont bid in by Mr. Ringler, third, Valley, with A. B. Cady on first, an "old-timer," who knows that the O. R. T. is all right. Putting on third man at Fremont, throws Bro. J. E. Carlson to third trick, 10 p. m. to 7 a. m.

Bro. J. C. Hailey is holding the agency at Rogers until it is bid in.

Bro. W. M. Calhoun secured third, Columbus, on bulletin.

Bros. A. A. Vybiral and C. T. Botvidson are holding first and second, No Bend, extra, until bid in.

Boys, wake up, and send me in some items.

COR.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Ontario Division—

Our regular monthly meeting, at West Toronto, was held on Saturday night, November 13th, and will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present, as the greatest event in the history of our Lodge here. Due not so much to the large number present, as to our distinguished visiting brethren. Those present being our worthy President Bro. H. B. Perham; Bro. Senator Tanquary; Bro. W. F. Brown, general chairman C. R. I. & P.; Bro. D. Campbell, third vice-president; Bro. G. D. Robertson, general chairman System Division No. 7; Bro. J. C. Rooney, assistant general chairman Eastern Lines; Bro. F. T. Hill and Bro. G. C. Reid, of System Division No. 1, G. T. R., and Bro. Hill, general chairman System Division No. 1, C. T. U.

General regret was expressed when it was learned that Bro. L. W. Quick was unable to be present. The same also regarding our popular Assistant General Chairman (Ontario Division) Bro. Alex Houston, who only fails to be on hand when it is impossible.

All regular business was suspended, and the evening devoted to receiving and banqueting our visitors. The first hour was spent in general acquaintance and felicitations, after which all repaired to the banquet hall, where covers had been spread for over sixty, and every chair was occupied. The hall was profusely decorated with flags and bunting, in honor of the occasion; a unique feature being the artistic entwining of the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes. Bro. J. S. Hill, our local past-chief telegrapher, presided as toastmaster. Appropriate toasts were ably responded to by the brothers above named, and their remarks were very earnestly listened to by every brother present. The speeches were interspersed with songs by Bro. J. S. Hill, in his usual admirable form.

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Brothers, visit us again, and let us become still better acquainted. I know a few dozen who will be on hand to receive you. I feel sure that no assurance is necessary of the high estreem in which you are held, both personally and officially, by every brother present, as obviously manifested by the general enthusiasm and cordiality of the meeting.

Such occasions as this are productive of great good in reviving and encouraging a still deeper interest among the membership. CERT. 1746.

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Lake Superior Division, District No. 2—

I have not seen a write-up from this division for several months. However, I am glad to say that we are still in the ring.

For the last two years some of us might as well have been dead and buried for all the good we have been doing.

But we have been awakened again. Vacancies are now being bulletined, so the boys will have a chance to get what is coming to them.

Most every night job from MacKenzie to Straluk should be bulletined, as there are young men holding those positions who are not entitled to them. Much credit is due Mr. Cronk, our superintendent, for starting the good work, and we sincerely hope he will continue it. Now that we have the ball rolling, let everyone lend a helping hand to push it along.

Our committee should get busy, as it was understood when our last schedule was drawn up that we would be allowed one hour for meals, and if we did not get it we were to receive extra compensation in the way of salary.

Several of the brothers who did not get off for meals put in overtime for this hour and they were turned down. When you ask off for dinner and if the dispatcher says "No!" you have either to do without or try to eat between calls, which is very unpleasant, as you no sooner get started when you have to get up and answer on the wire. We should fight this violation of the provision of our schedule until the matter is arranged satisfactorily. The Dagoes working on the section have better working conditions than we have. Although they work ten hours, they get one hour for dinner, which makes them only nine hours to work per day, and they receive about as much in the way of salary as we do. We are certainly as intelligent as the Dagoes. The company can get plenty of men who can handle the pick and shovel, but telegraphers are supposed to be trustworthy men, in whose hands the lives of many human beings are placed. I would like to hear from some of the brothers regarding this meal hour question. Now is the time to get after it before the great wheat rush starts, and the company expects a big one this winter, owing to the immense quantity in the West. That is the time we will all have to be "Johnny on the spot," as dispatchers will not have time to call us for about an hour every time they want us.

Not long ago I heard a dispatcher say that an old non at a certain point was the best man he had on the division for giving good service. Now, brothers, wake up and let him see that the union men are always there with the goods.

A good story in connection with this question of prompt service is told by the trainmen:

One of our agents, a non, who is farming on a small scale, was shoeing his horses, and had his train order signal displayed at stop, when a train pulled into his station. When the conductor found him and asked him to come and give him a clearance, the agent asked him to wait a minute, as he only had a few more nails to drive.

The telephones for transmitting train orders have been installed on the west end, between White River and Fort William, and if they prove satisfactory they will be in operation over the entire system ere many moons. That is the time we will need to be solid. If we don't look after our own welfare no one else will do it for us. Let us all be up and doing and try and do the best we can to help push the good work along.

Bro. Black, relieving agent at Missanabile, recently slipped away very quietly and got married, and then bid in Nipiyon, days, where he will make his home.

Bro. P. Foley, relieving dispatcher White River, is on second at Rainy River, C. M. R.

Bro. Belanger bid in Roosport nights and Bro. Booth Jackfish nights; vacated by Bro. Belanger.

Well, boys, as I am located at one of these jumping-off places and in a shack two-by-four, it is impossible for me to get much news. Some of you who are nearer civilization should send in a few lines so we could be represented every month in THE TELEGRAPHER. I will try to do my part if I can get the proper assistance from some of the brothers who have nothing to do at night but keep their pipes going. FATTY.

Pacific Division, District No. 1—

Business is getting a little lighter on this district, but the dual passenger service this winter will keep quite a few of the lonely stations open.

Wake up, fellows, and send in some news for THE TELEGRAPHER every month, and show some signs of life. There are only about three or four nons on this division now. There are two in particular that seem to have made up their minds not to help the Order along with their mite. You all know who they are. Write them a letter, boys; some of you may get them to realize that they are in the wrong.

J. H. A., first trick mountain section, "N" office, Revelstoke, while on a vacation getting married, was relieved by H. C. L., of the Shuswap section; J. A. U., third trick, also on short leave recently and visited in Winnipeg a few days.

Bro. McBean is relieving Bro. Belding at Sicamous Jct. as agent, while the latter is on a three months' vacation in Eastern Canada.

Bro. Boggs, of Arrowhead, has returned from a visit to Vancouver and the Seattle fair.

Bro. Cole, of Field, on an extended leave of absence to his home in North Dakota; was relieved by Mr. Burke, of Calgary.

Bro. Sullivan has returned from a two months' leave, relieving Bro. Bulman at Palliser, who re-

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sumed his duties at Golden, bumping Bro. Porter, who goes on nights, relieving Bro. Sullivan, who goes to Albert Canyon nights.

Bro. Harry A. Whitehead has resigned and left for his home in Chicago. We are all sorry to part with him.

Everyone is smoking two-bit cigars all along the route between Rogers Pass and Revelstoke on Bro. Price, of the former place, on account of the recent arrival of a son.

Bro. J. K. Latz, of the S. P. & S., is relieving Bro. Shaw at Glacier, while the latter takes a well-earned rest after a very strenuous tourist season.

Bro. Irish, of Albert Canyon, recently transferred to this division from the Western, has been called to his home in Toronto by a telegram stating his mother was very sick. We hope it is nothing serious.

Bro. Little, Moose Jaw, is relieving Dispatcher Ewing on second, "BY," Revelstoke. It is a possibility to raise "BY" now, although we acknowledge Bro. Ranum and Mr. C. T. U. Bro. Stewart did the best they could during the telegraphers' famine. "A NEWCOMER."

New York Central Ry.

I note the suggestion of local chairman, Bro. Martenis, for the relief of Bros. Darling and Roffe. I wish to say that I heartily endorse the plan and will do all I can to carry out the suggestion on the Western Division.

I have known Bro. Darling for a number of years, and know that he has remained a staunch and faithful member through circumstances which would have driven a less faithful and conscientious member out of the Order. I believe these brothers are truly deserving of our assistance, and feel that it is our duty to assist them in this, their time of need. We, in our health and strength, by contributing ten cents, or more, each from our monthly wages, will be affording them a measure of relief which we cannot comprehend at this time. I trust that the other members of our General Committee will take some action in this matter on their respective divisions, and that the members will respond promptly and liberally.

Fraternally yours,
F. B. HUFF,
Local Chairman, Signalmen.

Beech Creek Division—

Our regular meeting at Lock Haven on November 9th was not as well attended as it should have been, but there was lots of business done. Boys, as long as it is not costing you a cent to attend your meetings, why do you not show up?

The special day meeting at Lock Haven, November 10th, was very well attended, seventeen members being present. One of the things agitated was the floral assessment and the voluntary contribution for Bros. Darling and Roffe, and all brothers present soon brought themselves up to-date in regard to the two propositions. At 1:30 p. m. we opened our doors to admit our chief dispatcher, Mr. Bullock, who had with him a switchboard and a set of instruments, and gave the boys a very instructive demonstration on switchboard manipulation. It was interesting to watch some of the older heads sweat trying to get their loops just right, and the fact developed that much good would come from each member studying his switchboard more closely.

It has been decided to discontinue the meetings at Lock Haven until some of the boys who are in a position to attend a night meeting at that point make up their minds to attend.

Many of the boys have not yet paid the thirty cents on the floral emblem fund. Boys, we have a very deserving case at this moment, where the money so contributed will go toward purchasing a floral wreath for our deceased sister, Miss A. M. Lindsey. All members not yet paid up should forward their thirty cents to Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. C. G. Marshall, Clearfield, at once. Owing to the fact that Sister Lindsey was buried at Portage, Pa., a rather distant point, it was not practicable for a committee to attend the funeral.

Boys, have you sent your local chairman any money to apply on the Roffe and Darling fund? If not, why not? Bro. F. E. Roffe has been with us for twelve years, and a system as strong as ours should not stand by and see him or his family in want while he is helpless. Every member should send Bro. Martenis ten cents a month, or send him a lump sum to cover several months for these two brothers.

What do you think of a member who will teach telegraphy for a consideration? Oh, yes, we have one. He has not yet paid up for this period, and he might as well not, as we are better off without him.

The dull season is over and everything is brightening up, with business still on the increase, partly attributed to the Franklin and Clearfield road, which has proven a grand success. The first train consisting of about fifteen oil cars passed over the new road Sunday, September 26th.

Another sign of the busy season was the gradual opening up of telegraph offices that have been closed all summer.

The agents have all taken their vacations and Bro. G. Y. Halfpenny, relief agent, is relieving the operators until he has decided what position he wishes permanently. Bro. Halfpenny held McGees, first trick, but was displaced by its being bid in.

Bro. L. H. Brilhart, third, Cherry Tree, while attending the recent world's baseball series at Pittsburg, was relieved by Bro. E. L. Crist.

Bro. Barber, first, Cherry Tree, who acted as yardmaster recently during his absence, is now at "WB" tower on second, while Bro. C. A. Deihl is on his vacation; J. A. Brilhart filled in first.

Bro. E. J. Sheehe, "J" tower, second, while on his vacation, was relieved by Bro. M. O. Work, who was relieved by Miss Peck when he bid in Dimeling, third.

Bro. Sheehe, while attending the funeral of his cousin, was relieved by Bro. Halfpenny.

Bro. H. A. Hunter, Curry, first, on short vacation recently; was relieved by Bro. W. G. Fal-

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comer, Clearfield Jct., second, Bro. E. L. Crist relieving Falconer.

Assistant local chairman, Bro. G. S. Stover, Dimeling, first, while attending the Clearfield meeting, was relieved by J. A. Brilhart.

Bro. Deater, Birch, first, on several weeks' vacation; relieved by G. B. Miller.

While Bro. C. A. Deihl was off recently, Bro. Price, of Mowry, worked "WB" tower, second, and Bro. M. O. Work relieved Price.

Bro. Watson, of Rush, third, while on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Pelton.

Bro. Wetzel, of "SX" tower, second trick, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Gamble.

Bro. Bierly, of Cataract, second trick, also on a vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Lester.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur, of Walton, third trick, on a few days' vacation; relieved by Operator Long.

Bro. R. B. Lyman, of "DY," third trick, off a few days; relieved by Bro. F. B. Sterling, of Curry, second trick, who is in turn relieved by Bro. J. A. Brilhart.

Bro. H. A. Hunter, Curry, first trick, on a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. L. G. Darr.

Bro. J. B. Smith, "J" tower, third trick, on two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. M. O. Work, who was in turn relieved at Dimeling by Miss Peck.

Bro. L. H. Brilhart, Cherry Tree, third trick, off three days; relieved by Bro. J. A. Brilhart.

Bro. Lytle, first trick at Kerrmoor, enjoyed a few days' vacation last month; relieved by Bro. Falconer.

Bro. Dellass, Kerrmoor, second trick, off couple of weeks; relieved by Operator Pelton.

Sister M. V. Murray, Gray, second, visited New York during the Hudson and Fulton celebration while on vacation.

Bro. F. E. Murray, Gray, first, while on vacation was relieved by Mr. Brilhart.

Bro. Bierley, Cataract, third, while working New Berry Jct. is being relieved by Mr. Lester.

Bro. H. E. Shearer bid in Panther, second.

Bro. R. B. Aigler, Deer, second, went on a hunting trip the first day of the season.

Bro. E. H. Bierly and wife, of Youngdale, visited St. Louis recently, where they met several of the brothers and sisters. They were accompanied by Bro. Bierly's brother, of Brown's tower, third. G. B. Miller filled in at Owiston.

The wife and two children of Bro. H. C. Berry, of Beech Creek, first, have been confined to their beds with typhoid fever for some time. Mrs. Berry has been improving recently, but the children have not been doing so well.

Bro. I. C. Miller, of Panther, first, was relieved by Miss Schnell while at "SR" office on "BC" side recently.

Morris Miller, Fall Brook Division, visited at his home in Beech Creek recently. He will, no doubt, be on the right side.

Remember our meeting night, the second Tuesday of each month; the time, 8:00 p. m.; the place, Mechanics' Hall, in Clearfield. Do your utmost to be present.

The following pathetic lines are dedicated to Bro. W. F. Forcey, of Beech Creek, who is having trouble with his barnyard stock. The brother responsible for their appearance in print desires to remain incognito:

Bro. Forcey bought four pigs
And a pen for them he built, they say;
But one little pig didn't give two figs,
And in the pen it would not stay.

Bro. Forcey claims his pig was stole,
But we who know are inclined to think
That this little pig just found a hole,
And then slipped through it like a mink.

CORRESPONDENT.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved friend and sister, Miss A. M. Lindsey, and while we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well; and,

WHEREAS, We realize human sympathy is insufficient, and that we can but point the bereaved relatives to Him who has always been an ever-ready comforter in time of trouble; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Clearfield Lodge, New York Central Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy and consolation in this their hour of grief; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. W. A. SAHM,
C. G. MARSHALL,
J. W. MARTENIS,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

Please extend to the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful floral offering and for their kindness following the death of our sister, Miss A. M. Lindsey.

E. S. LINDSEY.

CARD OF THANKS.

CAMILLUS, N. Y., December 4, 1909.

I wish to thank my dear brothers who have been so kind in helping me in my sickness and trouble. If ever one needs a friend it is in a time of sickness and trouble, which I have had for the past two years. Although my condition has changed very little I still have hopes and faith that the Lord will help me.

I hope that none of you will ever have to suffer what I do from day to day, and although we may never meet on this earth I hope to meet you all in heaven.

Yours fraternally,
LEWIS DARLING,
CERT. 277, DIV. 8.

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Western Division—

At last the members of this division have awakened to the fact that our Order needs a little of their personal attention.

It was decided that we needed a morning meeting to stir some of the boys up, and Bro. Huff made the necessary arrangements. It was called for November 6th, and we were highly pleased with the attendance. There were twenty-seven on hand, some of the brothers traveling many miles to be present, as for instance, the two brothers from Auburn and Cayuga and the brothers from Lyons, Batavia and Corfu.

Bro. Huff took the chair and appointed Bro. W. L. Ratigan to act as secretary, Bro. McCowan, marshal, and Bro. Fred Palmer had charge of the door. Bro. Huff addressed us first. He handled his subject thoroughly and lucidly.

Among other things he called the attention of the members to the published statement of President W. C. Brown to the effect that the N. Y. C. is doing more business now than at any previous time in the history of the road. And further, that they could get 10 per cent more business if they had sufficient equipment. He thought that the financial condition of the company must be of the best, as they are planning to spend $85,000,000 on improvements and equipment.

With such prosperity all around us Bro. Huff thought it was time that we received a small share of it. The members all demonstrated their approval of the idea. He discussed the general situation on the Western Division, and gave his views in such a clear and succinct manner that it was plain to be seen that Western Division had made no mistake in its selection of a representative.

Bro. W. L. Ratigan was on his feet before Bro. Huff had fairly reached his seat. He told us, in effect, that we were away behind the time in comparison with other roads of our class. As an instance of what can be accomplished he cited the schedules enjoyed by the N. Y. N. H. & H. and the B. & M. These brothers are certainly keeping abreast of the times in regard to wages and working rules.

Bro. Mansell, an old-timer, who did some great organizing stunts in the early history of the Order on this road, gave a pointed talk, not on what the Order has done in the past, but what they should do now.

Several important resolutions were presented and passed. I wish every brother on the road might have been there to vote on them. They will undoubtedly be of immediate benefit to our cause.

Perhaps Bros. Blim and Graham can be induced o have each alternate meeting at Rochester in he morning. Bro. Huff is willing.

I am sure the second trick men would appreciate is, especially those who attended the special eeting. They all want to come again. It is of st as much benefit to the Order at large as it to each member individually that all should e a chance to attend meetings.

I wish to say to every member of System Division No. 8 that we must take a more personal interest in the doings of the Order. Solid organization and personal effort on the part of each man is the way to win. Recent events have shown us what negligence on our part will do for us.

Now, boys, get after your local chairman and ask him where he stands on such important matters as the five-year clause, and the revision of the wage scale. Write him a letter and let him understand that he is representing you and not himself.

Freight business is picking up every day, and passenger business is holding its own. When we take into consideration the vast summer business the company has transacted, it ought to bring the volume of traffic up to 1906 and 1907, which, rightly interpreted, should mean more money for telegraphers and signalmen, a class of employes who assume with the train dispatchers practically all the responsibilities of modern railroading, and whose compensation is only a trifle higher than that of the section man, No. 201, just over from sunny Italy.

Butter 34 cents, eggs 35 cents, potatoes 75 cents, rent $18.00 to $20.00, "liver without bacon" 8 cents, bacon 22 cents, steak, no use in quoting it, something to look up at, and we get $1.60 to $1.75 per day, while Joe Padula, Caronne Italia, just over from Sicily, get $2.25 per day. He can save money on Dago bread and tomatoes. We can't live on liver and hard tack. There ought to be a change, boys. Now, boys, get wise, a strong pull will do the business.

How about a paid general chairman? One who can get in the fight and make his presence known without fear of any one. It's all up to you, brothers.

Now that we have a Ladies' Auxiliary it should act as a stimulus in getting some of the stay-at-homes to attend lodge. Get the habit and see how you will look forward to the meetings. You know the old maxim, "When there is unity there is strength," and where can you notice it any better than in the lodge room?

Jordan, Pt. Byron and Clyde, "WS" offices, closed when the "bankers'" panic struck us, are reopened and up for bids. This is a good sign.

It is a shame to have two or more brothers of Division No. 8 suffering and in want, and the quicker we relieve their distress in some way the better. This can be accomplished by an assessment or volunteer contributions or by the proceeds of some entertainment, and it should be done at once. Twenty-five cents from each member would be a good starter.

The ball on Thanksgiving at Empire Hall was a great success, both socially and financially. The committee worked hard, getting things in shape to equal, if not surpass, our former ball, which will long be remembered by all who attended.

Bros. Wilkins and Wheeler left October 23d for Florida with the best wishes of all their friends. The N. Y. C. will find it a difficult matter to replace men of their caliber. The East Coast people are looking for just such men.

Sister Gorman is the busiest one of the bunch nowadays After all, it takes a good, live woman to keep things moving.

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We have no news from up the road and hope you have not all gone to sleep for the winter. It can't be they are short the price of a postal, for we have a pay day twice a month, and no one ought to be on their uppers. Let's hear from you, boys. SAM AND DIV. COR.

Grand Central Terminal and Electric Division—

Our third annual ball will be held at Majestic Hall, 125 East 125th St., N. Y., Thursday, January 27, 1910. There will also be a drawing for $30.00 in gold on the above date, shares five cents each. Every member should make a special effort to dispose of as many tickets and books as possible, as the proceeds of this affair will be used to start a weekly sick benefit fund.

Members working with nons should keep after them and try and secure their applications, as individual effort is what counts. Do not leave it all for the other fellow to do. Let each one try and get just one new member.

Bro. Alrutz holds first prize for eating pumpkin pie.

Bro. F. F. Rooney, who has been sick for some time, is still at Rutland, Mass.

Bro. Smithers, third trick at "JO," has resigned and was relieved by Bro. Alrutz.

Bro. H. L. Ward, who has been off for a few days on account of the sickness of his son, who, we are pleased to say, is on the gain.

Bro. Holbrook took two weeks off, visiting friends in Boston.

Bro. J. E. Howe has got to be quite a dog fancier.

Bro. O. F. Berghorn is giving physical instructions to candidates for the police force.

Bro. S. S. Sooy, G. C. T., is in the western part of Canada.

Understand Bro. C. G. Lewis is a candidate for justice of the peace. We all wish "CY" success.

"OLE BLACK AND BLUE."

OH, YOU HAM!

By Rudolph Zeik Williams.

Out in a lonely office,
  Before the break of day,
A ham lay snoozing gently
  A getting good old hay;
He lay upon the table,
  Just as good as dead,
For he never heard a single word
  The clicking sounders said.

CHORUS.

To the tune of "A Picture No Artist Could Paint."

He was in a better land—
  A land all clear and bright,
And there he had a day job,
  For they didn't have no night;
Only one train ran a day,
  His pay was but a gift,
For this here solitary train
  Ran on the other shift.

The dispatcher he was swearing
  As "BO" can always do,
For twenty-nine was waiting
  For the block to go on through.
The ham he kept on snoring,
  His job he couldn't shirk,
For he was in that sunny land,
  Where he didn't have to work.

(Once more the Chorus.)

Hark! hear the "hide," it's whistling,
  She can't get past "KY."
She has ten cars of perishable
  And fourteen cars of rye.
The ham awoke and looked around
  And spied the waiting train.
Just then he heard old "BO" say:
  "You are discharged again."
(To be continued next month.)

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our Bro. E. W. Lewis, his son. In manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Electric Division of System Division No. 8, that we extend our sincere sympathy to our brother and family in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. E. HOLBROOK,
M. J. GEOGHEGAN,
H. D. MURTY,
Committee.

Hudson Division—

Our October notes contained a gross injustice to two of our brothers which I wish corrected. The members in question had been charged with conduct unbecoming members of the O. R. T. At the time the notes were sent in by our former local chairman, the brothers in question had not been tried and found wanting. When the trial did take place the charges were withdrawn in one case and the other brother found not guilty.

I earnestly request the undivided support of members of the Hudson Division. The withholding of same works detrimental to the cause. One way of showing your support is to turn out strong at our meetings. I have some plans which are of vital interest to you and I want your views regarding them.

I will close wishing you all "A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year." L. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst and from the family the beloved daughter of our worthy Bro. J. A. Haughey; and

WHEREAS, We realize that while the promise of her future in this world was exceptionally bright,

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the realization of the great beyond is exceptionally brighter, and while our hearts are overflowing with sympathy with our brother and his family in this their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That while expressing our sympathy and sorrow, we commend them to Him, that doeth all things well, and while their sorrow is exceptionally great, their daughter's gain is infinitely greater; and be it further.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our bereaved brother and family, a copy to our official organ for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the Hudson Division, No. 8, at our next meeting.

D. J. BURNS,
C. F. HEIDEL,
P. BURNS,
E. CAHILL,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the brothers who so kindly sent beautiful floral offerings and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement in the death of our daughter.

MR. AND MRS. J. A. HAUGHEY.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank Bros. C. F. Heidel, J. F. Dougherty, P. Burns and A. A. Smith, who so kindly acted as pallbearers at the funeral of our beloved daughter.

MR. AND MRS. J. A. HAUGHEY.

Buffalo Division—

Several new members were secured during October, but there are a number of desirable nons still with us, and we should make an effort to secure their application. The Belt Line would prove a fruitful field for a hustler or two to work in. Bro. Groat has covered it several times, picking up a man here and there, but some of the other members should dig in and help the cause along. It's too big a job for any one man to handle alone. In addition to the nons on the Belt Line, there are two at "LL," one at 58, the agent at La Salle, and, I think, one at Niagara Falls. All these men would make good members.

Bro. Martenis makes an appeal in the October journal for a donation of 10 cents per month from each member, same to be used for the benefit of two disabled members of Division No. 8. We have every assurance that both these brothers are worthy of any assistance we can give them. It is hoped that the members on the Buffalo Division will forward the small sum asked to General Secretary and Treasurer Blim.

Local Chairman Grot presided at the day meeting held at North Tonawanda, on October 6th. That the morning and afternoon trick men are taking a lively interest in the affairs of the Order is evidenced by the good turnout at these meetings.

The committee who were given charge of the proposed Sick Benefit Fund have mapped out a working schedule, and they are now securing signatures of members who wish to become beneficiaries under this plan. The committee will, it is expected, have matters in shape for a final report before the first of the year.

Charges, more or less definite, having been made that members employed in the vicinity of La Salle were teaching students, those concerned ask that these charges be denied through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER.

The November meeting was called to order by Local Chairman Groat, about twenty members being present. Bro. Graham, from the Rochester Division, was a very welcome caller.

General Chairman Woolley has called the committee to New York for a conference, the results of which will probably be known before this is in print.

Mr. Williams, formerly agent, succeeded by Mr. Stevens, at La Salle, has been assigned to the second, Erie 2. Bros. Allen and Furmidge will have an opportunity to do a little missionary work now.

Bro. J. M. Carley is doing special work in the supervisor of signals office. Joe has the goods to fit in any place. Bro. Groat is doing the relief stunt during Carley's absence.

The agency at Beach Ridge, made vacant by the departure of Mr. Lashner for parts unknown, has not been filled. If some good member would bid it in, the hoodoo would be banished from that point.

Bro. Engle, of "BS" 58, is spending his vacation in the wild and woolly West; relieved by Bro. Sanford.

Bro. McGrath, from the Rochester Division, has been assigned to the morning trick at Niagara Falls. Bro. Dugan, of Tonawanda Junction, has secured a leave of absence, and is trying his hand at firing the compounds.

Bro. Shaw, of "BS" 65, Sus. Bridge, has been on the sick list for some time; relieved by Bro. Collard.

Have you made an effort to get in at least one new member during the current year? Each member owes at least that much to himself. The material to work on is in sight. Get busy.

CERT. 57.

Mohawk Division—

The regular monthly meeting was held at Fonda, October 20th, with a very good attendance. All brothers were present, with the exception of Bro. Geary from the east end of the division.

Bro. Broduea, of Rennselaer, gave us a talk about the attendance they had at a meeting which he attended recently. Other divisions are far superior to us as regards attendance.

I think if the brothers on the west end would only get together and come to these meetings they would gain some knowledge, as I am quite sure no one can learn very much that is going on unless he attends the meetings. To make a success of these meetings, we must urge every brother to be present and show our fellow-workmen that we

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mean business. Being held only once a month nothing but sickness should keep any of us away. All try and come to the next meeting.

The evenings are getting longer, and there is no reason why we should not have a good, big crowd at each meeting, and each member should make an individual effort towards enlarging our organization.

There are still a few nons on this end, and a little missionary work on the part of each member would go a long ways toward making us solid.

All the extras down this way are working nearly steady, and some are making overtime.

Bro. F. J. Wohlgemuth, third, Fultonville, who resigned and bought out the bakery in Ft. Plain, was relieved by Mr. Austin, from the M. & M.

Bro. C. E. Lawson, first at "BS" 20, contemplates purchasing a small farm near Ft. Plain.

Bro. H. G. Youngs, of "BS" 16, third, spending his vacation at Carthage, was relieved by Mr. Shannon.

On account of scarcity of men Bro. Leffler worked second at "SB" 8, and third at 17, on the same day.

Bro. Scarbauer, of "FD," and bride, have returned from their honeymoon spent at the Fulton-Hudson celebration in New York.

Bro. Shaut, "BS" 5, has been assigned to third at "BS" 9. Bro. Stowell, third at "BS" 9, to third, "BS" 8. Mr. Shea, formerly third, "BS" 8, is working at "FK," Schenectady freight office.

Bro. Lynch, "BS," "NE," South Schenectady, relieved, October 15th, on account of sickness, by Bro. Wood, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Salisbury.

Mr. Christman, second, "BS" 9, a former brother who will soon renew his membership, spent a two weeks' vacation in old N. Y.

DIV. COR.

Ontario Division—

Bro. Brown, from Greece, secured the agency at North Rose, vice Bro. Knapp, who bid in a trick at "WC," his home town.

North Rose has Mr. Peck as helper.

Mr. Pitcher has returned to Alton, and is having the same old trials and troubles to get to his rations.

Bro. Cummings has secured the agency at Randall.

Bro. Wiggins has returned to Sterling. from the fair at Seattle. CERT. 1719.

St. Lawrence Division—

Our new time-table is in effect, and we ere long will be settled down to the regular winter schedule, which has its good and bad points; its chief bad point is the weather it will undoubtedly give us, and one of its best points can be readily recognized in a great many nine-hour tricks which were thirteen or fourteen the last winter schedule we had. We should certainly appreciate this. It is something that most of us never had this time of year, and it certainly is a great factor in the list of concessions granted us through the efforts of our general committee.

The foundations for the new style of semaphore have been put in at several stations, and we hope to have them working soon.

In the sad accident which happened at Rices recently, we lose one of the best conductors in our circle. "Jim" leaves with us a record that all might envy, a memory which we all cherish and honor.

Bro. Harger works second at end of double track, Stittville, and Bro. Edmonds first.

Read the poem on page 1858 of the November TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Edick, of Alder Creek, is back to work again, after his indisposition.

Telegrapher Munn is working third at Barneveld.

There is a little missionary work necessary between now and January 1st.

CERT. 721, DIV. COR.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

Radford Division—

System Division, No. 14, met in regular session in K. P. Hall, Roanoke, on November 17th, with a good attendance, Bro. C. E. Layman, general chairman, presiding. The meeting was very interesting from beginning until adjournment. There was no grievances before the meeting.

The service question was taken up, and it was shown by the bulletin, for August, that the service for that month was the best in the history of the Order.

The Radford Division, however, is still a little behind in efficiency of service, but we hope it will soon be in the lead. Various reasons were advanced in regard to our being a little behind, chief of which was that we handle more trains than any of the other divisions, and many new men are being put to work on account of the increased business recently. It was shown that the old men and the Order men are giving the best service.

Bro. Layman impressed upon the minds of those present that nothing assists the general committee as much as good service when they meet the management for a new agreement.

Now, boys, you know when you are giving good service you are advancing your own interest, the company's interest, the welfare of the O. R. T., paving the way for a better agreement each year, and encouraging the general committee to meet the management backed by good service.

We often wonder why every man that can possibly do so does not come to the meetings. There are men between Roanoke and Radford who have belonged to the Order for the past ten years, and *have never been present at one meeting.* You keep up your dues and are good Order men, but is that all the interest you have in the Order? Do you not know that the men who attend the meetings and take the most interest in the Order are the ones who are shaping its policy? If you do not attend the meetings and advance your ideas, how do you

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expect the committee to know what you desire? Do you not know that it would be much better to do this than to wait until the committee has made an agreement with the company, and probably done something that you do not like, and then kick about it, and swear that the Order is no good, and that you are going to pull out, etc.

Brothers, these meetings are free, and the floor in the lodge room is free, and nothing encourages our committee so much as to see and hear you at these meetings. There is not a first trick man betwen Roanoke and Radford but could come to the meetings in Roanoke, and some of the second and third trick men could also get off and come. There is not a man on the Radford Division but could make himself heard through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, if he won't take the time to attend the meetings.

How many of you ever encourage the correspondent with an idea you wish expressed, or with even a local item? What would the correspondents' department be if no one did any more than you to advance it? What would the meetings amount to if we all stayed away?

Brothers, I beg you to consider these matters, and be workers instead of letting others fight all the battles. Let us all resolve to be "heroes in the strife."

The annual banquet, this year, will probably be held in Portsmouth, Ohio. There are a great many of the brothers opposed to having a banquet, on account of the cost. All present at the recent meeting admitted that the boys on the other end of the line were entitled to it this year, and we hope all will vote for it. The general committee will decide where it is to be held. This is the only real treat out wives, mothers and sisters have for patiently doing the housework, fixing our lunches and getting us off on time, year in and year out, and yet there are those who seem to be so economical that they want to deny them this pleasure. In our experience and opinion we believe the banquet is worth more than the Ladies' Auxiliary.

A Ladies' Auxiliary was organized at the Roanoke meeting. We hope it will be a success, but the telegraphers are so widely separated that it is hard for our wives to get together. We hope they will take more interest in the meetings than some of the brothers do, and may be the means of getting some of the brothers to attend their own meetings.

The telephones were discussed, as well as some boosts that have appeared in the papers in favor of them, which are known to be paid advertisements, and the unanimous opinion of the men who have had any experience with the 'phone, is that the telegraph is far superior to it.

Some important changes in positions among the agents and operators, I understand, have recently been made, but as no one takes enough interest to advise me of anything that occurs out on the line. I take it for granted nothing that transpires on the division is of any interest to them.

COR.

Norfolk Division—

The silence of your division correspondent has not been due to a lack of interest. Have had some clouds of affliction for the past two months, which prevented my entering into the work with the proper spirit.

I was pleased today to note what is being done by the brothers in and around Petersburg, and I must say I admire their spirit of unionism. Push it along, boys, and get the rest near you interested. Some of the greatest things ever accomplished were started by "the faithful few." We have reached a time in our work that not many of us can enjoy the social features of each other's presence at a meeting, and where it is possible to have a joint meeting such as has been started at Petersburg. In my opinion, there can be no better thing done than to keep it going.

Let me say in this connection, too, that the brother who can and will not arrange to attend the division meeting, is neglecting a most sacred duty. The time for meeting does not come often, and those within a few miles who could go, forget all about it, which certainly shows a lack of interest in their own welfare, and that of the craft. I tell you, boys, we must be up and doing.

No one appreciates more than I that some of us have been in a manner thrown out in the cold recently, and it may be that you are thinking "it's all useless." You stand back, and keep on thinking this way, and you'll soon find out that the other fellow will begin to do the same, then another, and another, and soon you'll be worse than slaves. Never think of giving up what you have, but press forward to higher achievements, and think of the possibilities of the future. Right will right itself, and the telegraphers have never demanded anything but their reasonable rights, and just as sure as the sun sets in the west, so sure we will some day, if we stand together, realize our brightest hopes—uniform hours and service, reasonable compensation for our labor, and time for a little recreation.

It is pitiful to see some of our men who have given the best of their lives to the railroad company, grown up with their occupation by experience paid for in long hours of untiring service, and now working twelve and thirteen hours at one-man stations. Such a life is hardly worth the living, and makes one feel that "surely the days are darker than ever before." Don't be discouraged, boys, the time will come when conditions will be better.

Much regret at this writing that two offices were recently closed out. At Lowry, Bro. G. I. Ford and Sister Byrn were thrown out on account of the automatic signals, and at Thaxton, Bros. M. L. McDearmon and B. R. Carson were also thrown out. Understand Bro. Ford, from Lowry, will bid in Rice, second trick; have not heard where Sister Ryan will go; Bro. McDearmon, from Thaxton, bid in second trick at Ironville tower, and Bro. Carson pulled Bro. Trollinger from Durhem. Bro. Payne, who was pulled from second, at Ironville, by Bro McDearmon, displaced Bro.

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Smith on third, and Bro. Smith has not yet "settled." Bros. Magann, at Thaxton, and Leslie, at Lowry, have been made the "whole cheese," at their respective stations.

Bro. A. A. Owen, formerly one of our best dispatchers, reports from Princeton, W. Va., that the "Virginian Ry." is all right, and he is well pleased with his new position. It is thought Bro. Owen will soon be made "C. D." on his division.

Bro. Welbrun, formerly night chief at "K" office, and Crewe, chief dispatcher of Virginian, is drawing some of our best telegraphers to the Virginian. Our best wishes go with each brother that has, or feels it best to go to the new road, which has some promising things for good men.

The Norfolk & Western can well boast of their good men, and the only way to keep them is to "treat them right."

Well, the strongest evidence that we are on the right track is the fact that at our last Roanoke meeting the Ladies' Auxiliary was organized, with Sister C. B. Lane as president, and Sister M. W. Atkins, secretary-treasurer. Now, brothers, if you want to see the O. R. T. flourish, give to this department your most earnest efforts in making it a success. Send the names of your wives to Sister Atkins, at Ridgeway, Va., and enlist them as members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. At our next Roanoke meeting, let's have also a meeting of the Auxiliary, and get things in shape.

Don't forget, boys, you are nearing the end of another term. Send your dues to Bro. Lankford, and let's keep in line. With best wishes to all.

CERT. 110.

Scioto Division—

A number of young operators on our division are preparing for petitions and are on the lookout for the organizer. November pay day found them ready with their coin. Our few nons will be lonesome by January 1st, and as our division appears to be mentioned as a probability in securing the 1910 banquet, which will be held at Portsmouth, Ohio, brothers should work on the nons near them and secure their memberships in order that they may have the privilege of attendance. Our division is not one bit short in matters of this kind and could enjoy more of them with a solid membership.

The matter will be left to ballot as has been the custom in late years. Inasmuch as the membership generally desire to continue this custom, it will be no more than right that the west end should be honored occasionally, believing the influence will be good and enable many members to attend that for different reasons were unable to attend former banquets. The time is ripe for activity on the subject and also that we should be represented with the smallest non list on the system.

The month of November finds us enjoying the usual amount of good business and every one working full time, except some of the extras, who have done fairly well up to this time. Changes and vacancies on our division the last thirty to sixty days have been so numerous that we will not make an effort to follow them out. Every one should read the remarks of our general correspondent in the October issue of THE TELEGRAPHER bearing on the bond matter. The proposition appeals to every worthy member as no other could be interested. Sign up for ten shares. They will earn you 6 to 8 per cent on your few dollars invested, and is a good money proposition as well as a protective one.

Bro. A. M. Cross, agent at Sciotoville, Ohio, has been promoted to the position of car dispatcher on the Scioto Division, vice W. C. Corbin appointed assistant yard master at Portsmouth. These positions are both very responsible and require a great deal of experience and ability.

Bro. G. F. Ferrell has again been made agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., temporarily, same position appearing on board September 16th.

Bro. J. Mantle appointed agent Newton, Ohio, September 16, vice Bro. J. D. Herbert, deceased.

Bro. E. F. Burke, agent at Ashville, Ohio, together with his wife, visited friends at Cleveland and Orville, Ohio, during his vacation.

Lane, the "old-timer," who worked at end of double track at Dix, has gone South.

Bros. F. W. Bauer, agent at Waverly, has resumed the duties of his office. CERT. 750.

Shenandoah Division—

Our appeal seems to have fallen on deaf ears to some extent, we regret to say, as far as some of the nons are concerned, but as the old saying goes, "live in hope if you die in despair." Get an up-to-date and attend the meetings and do all you can to get at least one application. Your duty as a union man to your organization is not done then. Why don't you "boost" the bond company?

Business is still on the increase. We are handling quite a bit of stock and other freight, and still a few excursion trains yet. It will not be long before the holiday travel begins, then look out for a rush, as the passenger travel has been heavier lately than it has been for some time.

Mr. Calfee, second, Elkton, is being relieved by Bro. Scott.

Bro. E. R. Carmichael, third, Loch Laird, is being relieved while on vacation by Bro. G. W. Skelton.

Bro. Brown, first, Shenandoah Junction, is being relieved by Bro. Kelly, second; Bro. W. H. Dunlap working second. Bro. McIntosh goes to second, Shenandoah Junction, to relieve Bro. Dunlap, who goes to agency at St. James, to relieve Bro. Myers for fifteen days.

Bro. Dick Melton is relieving Bro. Powell, second trick at Troutville.

Mr. Thomason is relieving Bro. Lugar on second at St. James.

T. M. Sheetz, from "UD," Roanoke, bid in the agency at Buena Vista.

H. A. Bickers, from third, Shenandoah, is relieving in Roanoke; relieved by Bro. C. P. Harris. Bro. Bush relieving the latter on second at Glasgow.

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The position of night chief was re-established in "UD," Roanoke, on October 1st, C. B. Lackes, second trick dispatcher north end, taking it, while J. M. Apple gets second trick north end.

Bro. Blackburn bid in the second trick at Martinsville.

We are very glad to say that Bro. J. E. Mitchell has returned to second trick, Greenville, after his long siege of illness.

The following positions are now on bulletin: Third trick, Shenandoah, a trick in "GM" office, Roanoke, third trick Elkton, and a trick in "UD" office, Roanoke.

Bro. J. W. Melton transferred from second, Glasgow, to "UD," Roanoke, relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton.

Bro. Z. J. Compton, agent at Riverton, is being relieved by Bro. J. N. Shank.

Bro. W. H. Dunlap is relieving Bro. W. Q. Kearns, second trick, Bentonville, a few days.

At White Post, Bro. Hughes is being relieved by Mr. Thompson.

Bro. G. W. Skelton has been transferred from third, Loch Laird, to second trick, Glasgow.

Bro. Divers, second trick, Rocky Mount, is off a few days.

Bro. R. C. Thomason, third, Riverton, relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton, days, while Bro. Thomason was relieving Bro. Merritt, agent, Greenville.

I wish to thank several of the brothers for their assistance. The news is very much appreciated, not only by me but by all the members of Division No. 14, and helps us to have a good write-up every month. J. H. B.

VICAR SWITCH, VA., November 25, 1909.

We have heard from our earliest infancy that in the midst of life we are in the midst of death, yet when this is brought home to us, as it was to Bro. W. A. Vest, of Salem, Va., on the night of November 6th, we can but bow our heads in submission to the will of Him who gaveth and has the right to take away; but in this instance our sympathy goes out especially to the bereaved parents.

On the evening of November 6th, Bro. Vest left his home for his work, and so far as we can learn his children were well, and about 1:00 a. m. he was notified that his little son, about eleven years of age, was very sick, and before he could get relief and reach his home the child was dead, and, as we understand, attending physicians were unable to give cause of death.

The members of Division 14 and friends of Bro. Vest offer their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Vest and his wife in this their sad hour, and hope that the giver of all good gifts will console them, and make their burden of grief as light as possible.

What brothers could be reached brought beautiful floral design, with the letters O. R. T. in the midst of the wreath, and Bro. R. G. Gardner presented the flowers to the bereaved parents, which were highly appreciated, and a comfort to them under the circumstances.

Respectfully,
W. A. OVERSTREET.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed and well beloved Bro. John D. Herbert; be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long and faithful service to those by whom he was employed and to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of deep sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, By Norfolk & Western Division No. 14, Order Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy published in THE TELEGRAPHER.

C. A. SMITH,
W. M. JAYNES,
W. P. KLEGES,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. George Z. Abrahims, and while we humbly bow in submission to the will of Him "who doeth all things well," we feel deeply the loss of so staunch a member and friend; and

WHEREAS, That our respect and high regard for our departed brother may be properly expressed, be it

Resolved, That Norfolk & Western System Division No. 14, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, hereby tenders the bereaved relatives its sincere sympathy in their great sorrow which we fully share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed the relatives of our deceased brother, a copy spread upon the minutes and one sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. L. GEORGE,
E. B. SPEDDEN,
J. W. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Michigan Central Ry.

Canada Division—

"A long time between drinks" is a popular phrase among the dealers in wet goods, but the latest coined phrase among the telegraphers on this road is that it is "a long time between schedules."

That the agents and telegraphers are becoming somewhat impatient is evidenced by the numerous inquiries that are reaching the General Secretary and Treasurer daily, as to the prospects of an early revision.

For the information of all concerned we beg to advise that every effort is being made by our esteemed General Chairman to secure a conference with the management. We hope that no further

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delay will occur and that a satisfactory settlement will soon be reached.

The continued increased cost of living and the fact that many of the agents and telegraphers have suffered a decrease in their earnings for the past eighteen months through the withdrawal of the commercial telegraph commissions, which was absorbed by both companies, is taxing our gray matter to the limit to figure out a measly existence.

We are now witnessing the very same conditions that existed prior to the adoption of our schedule in 1903, viz., a scarcity of competent telegraphers. Quite a number of the best men have left us and gone to better paying lines.

A competent telegrapher will not work any longer than he can possibly help for a wage that is scarcely equal to that of a section man or coal dock heaver, and fulfill the requirements exacted by the company, such as providing a standard watch and a uniform, the material for the latter costing three dollars per yard, better than is worn by the smart set of fashionable New York; to rustle oil barrels, machinery, old iron, clean lamps, black stoves, and last, but not least, pitch the small cottages carried by the drummers up to the second story of the baggage car.

What a magnificent job he has, at the enormous salary of thirteen and fourteen cents per hour! Gee whiz! Hi-ram, how does he spend it all?

Now, brothers, let us turn our attention to the natural and only remedy for all our economic ills—organization. Without it labor would be on a par with the pauper hirelings of Europe.

Are we doing everything in our power to promote the best interests of our organization, or are we straddling the fence, with a little mallet in our hands, knocking everything that does not seem to conform to our little selfish whims?

How easy it is to criticise the acts of those who are on the firing line braving every danger.

If you ever want to find a critic in battle look where the "shot and shell is the thickest" under the ammunition wagon.

Get off the fence, Mr. "Kicker"; get in the game and play ball.

A man with a well developed mind and fairly well informed will not persist in crowning his fellowman with the childish antics that were played in the cradle.

There are a number of telegraphers who are playing our organization on the penny-in-the-slot principle. They expect for every nickel dropped a five dollar bill in return.

The savings department of our banks pay only three per cent, while an investment of $8.00 dues per year nets 24 cents interest. Now let us see what interest the organization has paid on an $8.00 investment. In 1903 no man received less than five dollars per month increase. Some ran as high as seventeen dollars per month and in 1906 the smallest increase was two-fifty per month, making a total of ninety dollars per year as interest on one $8.00 investment. Will some one who is a better scholar than I am tell us in next month's TELEGRAPHER the rate of interest per annum on that investment?

Now if those who think they are wasting money, by paying dues, will pay over to our organization the increase received since 1903 to the present and any future increases which the organization may secure, we will guarantee six per cent and at the end of ten years buy the controlling stock in the Michigan Central and run the road ourselves.

A man need not be overly bright to see the results of organization.

Pay up your dues, brothers, and keep them paid up.

Our schedule is not a perpetual thing. Just allow the organization to drop down and out for one year and see what will result.

There have been quite a number of changes on the Canada division the past two months.

Bro. Fred Culp bid in LaSalette tower days, Bro. Geo. Robbins accepting the agency at that point.

Bro. Duncan Campbell bid in the agency at Asylum.

Bro. H. L. Oliver has been relieving Bro. Sinclair at Tilsonburg.

Bro. R. B. Graham has accepted Attercliffe. Bro. Statey taking night hours at Niagara Junction tower.

Bro. John Boutley bid in the agency at Rodney, Bro. Phillips going to Windsor Slip Dock nights.

Mr. Conlon bid in Windsor yard, Bro. T. W. Shipley going to Tilsonburg nights.

Bro. Bruce Lainy is visiting at St. Thomas.

Joe Daniels is relieving Bro. John Wilford at Bridgeburg while the first is at home looking after the estate of his father, recently deceased.

Bro. Bruce Laing relieved Mr. Raschart a few nights recently at Victoria.

Bro. John McKellor bid in the agency at North Buck's tower.

Bro. Dan Patterson is now stationed at Ridgetown days.

Sister Giddes, agent at Old Niagara, while on a vacation recently, was relieved by Bro. Harvey Patterson.

Understand Bro. John Rock, who bid in Cornfield tower nights, has gone West.

Bro. Herburt Milton of Haysville is now city correspondent at Hamilton for the *Herald* of that city. We all wish Herb every success in his new field of labor.

"DOOLEY."

Illinois-Missouri Division—

The Michigan Central system is quite solidly organized and we should endeavor to keep it so, and not become a stumbling block to other roads, so when their committees go up for schedules the officials can say, "We are paying much more than our competitors."

There are quite a number of new men coming and going, some of whom are not members. Let each one make it his special business to learn whether such persons belong to the Order, and if not secure their applications at once. It is not

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a hard matter to get them to join if a little interest is taken in the matter, and in this way by helping others we help ourselves.

Prosperity is with us and the officials should be willing to share with the employes, but as such does not seem to be the case we will have to keep on grinding away until we can convince them of their error.

A former professor (?) of Oberlin, Ohio, is advertising for bright (?) young men to learn telegraphy, especially the wireless, promising to get them positions ranging from $60.00 to $185.00 per month. This is obtaining money under false pretenses and the so-called professor should be prosecuted.

Dispatcher Phillips, first; Allen, second and Wicks from Kalamazoo third, are on Valley and South Haven dispatcher's wires.

Dispatchers Mead, Brown and Fitch are on main line phones.

Dispatchers Case, of Whalihan and Cummins are on air line.

Dispatcher Carter will be the only extra man at Jackson until Bro. Boyer, of Lawton, has finished learning.

Bro. Whirle, Cassopolis tower, off sick a few days recently; relieved by Mr. Biddle, a new man.

Bro. Kitchen has landed second at Barron Lake.

CERT. 123.

East Toledo and Bay City Division—

Our regular meeting on Monday evening October 18th at Prismatic Hall, 140 First St., Detroit, was well attended and a good time spent. These communions are helpful to us. At the next meeting on November 15th, we had our General Chairman with us.

The change in "F" Detroit relay office on account of two men going to other positions, promoted the extra man, and another position was also created which shows a good healthy increase in business.

It is difficult to secure competent telegraphers for such positions and it seems that our salaries should now be increased to even up the high cost of living and give us a modest share of the prevailing prosperity.

Bro. H. P. Sayre, joint agent at Sibley for the M. C. & Lake Shore for a number of years, has resigned on account of the small salary paid there and an insufficiency of help. Sibley has become a very heavy freight point and the company loses a very competent man in accepting Bro. Sayre's resignation.

Bro. C. L. Carl, telegrapher and ticket agent, at Wyandotte, has returned to duty after quite a long vacation on account of poor health.

Bro. Brockmiller, "F," Detroit, was relieved by Bro. Webber, of "Z" car shops nights, who took "F" days, Bro. Brainard of Wayne, taking Webber's night trick at "Z."

Bro. Derr Felt, "BU" Bay City Junction, has returned from his vacation in New York City and the East. The work has increased there considerably because of the creation of a new yard master's position.

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N. Y., C. & St. L. Ry.

Cleveland Division—

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting at B. of L. E. Hall, at Bellevue, December 28th, at 7:30 p. m. This is for the information of the members, as there will be no other notice sent out. All are requested to be present that possibly can do so. There was a fair attendance at last meeting, but those who live near Bellevue showed the little interest they had in their own welfare by their absence. Some of the members walked five miles to get a train to attend, while those near by did not make an effort to be on hand. We want at least one man from each office at the next meeting, and this can be done if the boys make an effort to be there.

CERT. 2.

Cleveland District—

Don't be surprised at the roar of cannon or any noises similar to a Comanche war whoop heard in the neighborhood of Madison. There is no danger, as it is only Bros. Wilson and Hammond rejoicing over the return of eight-hour tricks at Madison, and the appointment of Mr. Sherwood, agent. Any further disturbances from these quarters will be caused by the two brothers above mentioned trying to give the company their best service.

There are a couple of owls on this division who should get on the job and attend to business, or hand in their resignation and cut across the hills for the wild and woolly. Their positions would possibly be filled with men that would at least try and work, instead of carousing around and sleeping almost the entire time they are on duty. They are no credit to our craft, but a disgrace to grand old O. R. T. when they carry a card. If this hurts any one particularly, don't go gunning for your humble correspondent. A plain case requires plain talk.

We regret very much to report the wreck of Train No. 2, at Willoughby, recently, caused by persons unknown tampering with a switch. This is the most dastardly plan ever laid to wreck a train, and must have been done for revenge by some sore-head, or some lunatic. There is scarcely a conceivable punishment too severe to be meted out to such people as those guilty of such crime. It is miraculous that no one was killed. And we sincerely hope the guilty ones are caught and given their just dues.

We have lost some brothers and sisters on the division during the last six months. They are not entirely dead—just dead to the world. We weep not because of their departure, only for their folly. One, formerly a sister, was kind enough to inform certain members that she wanted no fraternal courtesies or favors shown her whatever. Don't worry, dear madam (no card, no favors); enough said.

Bro. Raynor is on third at "CD," Cleveland, formerly at Painsville. Mr. Bennett, of the L. S. & M. S., relieved Bro. Raynor.

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A third trick man has been put on at Woodland and Kingsville.

Bro. Wilson returned to Madison after a trip to South Dakota, inspecting a quarter section of land, which he was fortunate enough to secure in the Government land drawing of October 26th. Bro. Wilson must carry a rabbit foot.

Bro. Kist has returned to "NC," after a thirty-day vacation. Bro. Jump has returned to "NC," having recovered from the injuries he sustained some time previous.

Bro. E. A. Hill, agent, Kimball, has returned from a two weeks' hunting trip in the Adirondack Mountains. I think I smell bear meat cooking at Bro. Hills' house.

Mr. Daugherty, agent Avery, on vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Keinzle.

Bro. Smiley, agent at "MC," seems to enjoy riding in a fine automobile. I don't say he owns it.

Bro. Mayer informs me that the meeting at Bellevue November 23d was a great success. Understand tne boys were somewhat disappointed at not seeing the correspondent there. Had I gone, I would never have known I was so popular. Sorry I disappointed you, but from the amount of news I have received this month, I was under the impression that Bro. Hammond was the only one on the division that had any knowledge whatever of my existence.

Your humble correspondent has returned to duty, after a thirty-day forced vacation, which no doubt he deserved (we generally get all we deserve in that line). But there were others. I have about the same feeling as a Thanksgiving turkey, as I am about to lose my head, and by another month I hope to be doing other work, which will pay me enough each month to enable me to smoke a real Havana after I have paid my grocery and meat bill. If I forgot the coal man this time I will remember him in my prayers. Yours truly, with best wishes.

CERT. 183.

Fourth District—

I will send in such items of news as I have been able to secure.

"Doc" Brenner, of "SD," spent his two weeks' vacation in New York State and other eastern towns. Bro. Shoemaker, first at Stony Island, has also been on a short vacation.

Bro. Syvert, for two years on "SD" second, is with the Illinois Central at Park Row; relieved by J. W. Kelley, who after a few days' service, was relieved by F. W. Burns, "the cartoonist," who later resigned and went with the *Chicago Examiner;* relieved by Bro. C. R. Nichols, of Wanatah.

Bro. Bill Baldwin, former agent at Narlo, Ohio, was on Stony Island, second, for ten days during changes and then returned to the "Buckeye" State to accept the agency at Oakwood, Ohio.

Mr. Beidler, second at "SD," formerly at Stony Island, will be one of us soon.

Bro. S. A. Grace, Burnham, was relieved a few days recently by his brother Charley, formerly of Pullman Junction, who also carries a card.

Bro. D. L. Bunner bid in Hammond, relieving Mr. O. Kosankey, who bid in second, Argos.

Understand two of our former brothers will be with us soon again. The latchstring always hangs on the outside and good fellowship reigns within.

Bro. Schilo, from third district, now regular on third at "FD," relieving F. Dale, who went to South Wanatah and was relieved later by Bro. C. R. Nichols, regular on second by bid.

Mr. Dale went to Colby, Ohio. We trust that brothers on the third district will help him to remember his pledge to line up.

Bro. W. A. Hite, first "WA," and H. C. Wise, first at Knox, took a ten-day lay-off, trying their luck on Dakota land. Wise drew a quarter section and soon expects to be a full fledged farmer. Bro. Hite was not so lucky. He was relieved by Mr. Oheke from the L. E. & W. and Wise was relieved by E. J. Martin.

Bro. H. D. Wilcox, past three years assistant ticket agent at Hammond, has resigned and accepted a position with the C. I. & S. O.; E. W. Arnolds relieved him.

Our new worthy secretary, Bro. Crisenberry, at South Whitley, will be glad to give the brothers any information desired pertaining to the O. R. T.

CERT. 112.

Bro. C. O. Crisenbery is spending his vacation at Jackson, Mich., relieved by Mr. Hatfield, an old O. R. T. man who has not been in the service for some time. He will join the ranks again soon.

Bro. L. K. Johnston, agent Wheeler, on vacation December 1 to 14, relieved by Relief Agent Craig.

Let us have the news, boys, so we can have a better write-up next time. CERT. 15.

New York, Ontario & Western Ry.

Southern Division—

Our correspondents should wake up and send in some news once in awhile.

Don't forget your dues on January 1st and spend all your money for Xmas. Remember your union card should come first.

Brothers, get busy with the nons. We need them to help us out.

Have not heard anything about a new schedule yet this year.

Mr. Rogers, "FA," of 56 Beaver St., New York City, has gone to Arizona to get some relief from the lung trouble he is suffering with. H. L. Borland, of "GX," Neversink tower, has been assigned to the vacancy.

Bro. E. J. Secord, "ED," agent at Trout Brook, is taking a few days' vacation.

Bro. G. W. Smith, agent at Fish's Eddy, is off for a few days; relieved by H. A. Smith, who, I am sorry to say, is still a non.

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Bro. C. M. Ellison, "CM," has bid in second trick, "AV," Middletown, and Mr. Toohey, "WH," bid in Centreville, "HD," Cadosia, and Burnside tower, third trick, are up for bids; good jobs.

Bro. S. H. Davidson, who has been off several days with a bad cold, was relieved by one of our new men. A. F., CERT. 251.

C., M. & St. P. Ry.

Under the leadership of our new and highly respected local chairman, a strong effort is being made to try to keep in touch with each other as well as with the Order at large through the mediumship of THE TELEGRAPHER.

There was a meeting held at Prairie du Chien about the middle of September, but I have not been furnished with the details.

Our committee expect to accomplish much good for our division. Let each and every member do his individual duty and all will be well.

Bro. C. A. Howard, of "BR," who took ten days off the first part of October for a trip to South Dakota, visiting friends, was relieved by the writer, who in turn was relieved by his son, second trick man at "RT."

The remodeling of the depot at Wauzaka will certainly be appreciated by Bro. John Lawless, agent and first trick man there, as the improvement was greatly needed. DIV. COR.

Prairie du Chien and Mineral Point Division—

The P. D. C. & Min. Pt. Divisions are up and doing. The following have recently joined the ranks of the good old Order and are entitled to all its courtesies: Leo Thatcher, Arthur Hennessey, La Adair, J. E. Aylward and three other boys who were formerly with us. We are glad to call them brothers.

There are three or four young enterprising fellows who also will be with us shortly. They realize what it means to wear the button and the smile that won't come off. Three members have also been transferred: Bros. E. W. Tucker, Double Jay and M. E. Johnson. We welcome you all to Division No. 23.

The only way to get the nons and help the organization is to keep everlastingly at it. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Everybody is in the game and everybody is pulling the same oar.

Let us all saw wood and say nothing for awhile and when our general committee has finished all its business it will be well done and the boys will all be happy talking it over. Watch and wait.

Send in your notes and keep the old Pike warm.

Bro. Jerry Voss, of Mazo, was a welcome caller at the Capital City recently.

Bro. O'Leary has been handling third at Cross Plains temporarily.

Bro. O'Neil on a short visit to Milwaukee recently was especially interested in what he saw at the zoological gardens.

Bro. Gus Marten received the third trick at Cross Plains.

Bro. Clarence Connelly is trying to get a layoff to go hunting and would like some brother who is a good shot to go with him.

Did you ever hear tell of a train making faster time going up brick yard hill than down—if not ask Bro. O'Leary.

Bro. Millard has returned from a brief vacation.

Bro. Lane has been appointed third trick at Waukesha.

Bro. Leo Thatcher is now on third trick at Eagle.

Bro. Black was a Madison visitor recently.

Bro. Lathrop is now our correspondent-in-chief, and Bro. Doubleday, of Milton, east end, correspondent.

East End—

Business is good on the east end and lots of cars are moving to the branch via Milton. We have averaged nearly 150 cars a night for the last month.

The dispatchers have all returned from their vacations.

The second and third tricks at Waukesha are held by men who ought to do a little artistic work with a pen on some application blanks.

At Genessee Bro. J. G. Pronold works from 7:45 a. m. till 7:45 p. m.

Jno. Sykhust, Milton Junction, while on a recent trip out West, was relieved by a west end man named Leo Thatcher.

Bro. Holmes, second at Milton, has returned from his trip to the Seattle fair.

A relieving agent from the C. & M. named Bro. E. W. Tucker is now at North Prairie.

C. & C. B., in Iowa Division—

About 9:30 p. m., October 25th, train No. 71 was held up when coming out of Savanna yard by two bandits, who, poking their guns in the face of Engineer Johnson, compelled him and his fireman to hand over their watches and change. The robbers made a clean get-away, and left no clue.

The government inspector has been looking over the time slips of train men in Savanna, and Marion of late, and understand he got a few that had worked over the limit. Better be careful and not work longer than nine hours.

Bro. C. E. Oleson has been appointed to the six months' vacancy at Dedham; C. C. Lehman goes to Underwood nights; W. T. Downs, Weston nights and Bro. W. E. Rose, gets Martelle, six months. Applications are still pending for Elwood and Huxley, six months, Newhall nights and Keystone third trick.

All the stations on the east end now have a third man, except Morley. This seems to indicate that our general committee have done some good and we all should endeavor to catch a non or two to show them that we appreciate it, and also give good service to the company by an-

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swering calls promptly and keeping awake during our nine hours work.

We regret having to lose Mr. A. I. Rozum, our chief dispatcher at Perry for many years. We wish him success at whatever else he may undertake and extend the glad hand to G. H. Hill, our new chief, who started his telegraphic career on the east end.

Chief Dispatcher J. F. Anderson and Bro. R. Lee Taylor, day telegrapher at Marion, spent a delightful three weeks hunting on Isle Royal, Michigan, making the trip via St. Paul, Duluth and steamer on Lake Superior.

Bro. McConnoughy, of Lost Nation, is going into business for himself.

Bro. W. E. Rose, third at that point, recently transferred to third at Hale, is handling the agency at Green Island during the absence of Bro. M. E. Burns.

Bro. T. C. Peterman worked second trick at Perry during the temporary absence of Dispatcher Kindig.

Telegrapher Hodgson relieved Mr. Wilant on the combination at Clinton.

Bro. L. R. Carbee, of Marion yard, "JO" second, transferred to first.

Bro. P. H. Curran, of Portsmouth, off on account of illness; relieved by Bro. McCreary.

Bro. Knapp filled in third at Elwood until a regular man was appointed.

Bro. Bethurum is relieving Bro. Calkins, second, who drew the agency at Panama.

Uncle John Tile, accompanied by his better half and two children, took a week's vacation visiting friends and relatives at his old home at Parker, South Dakota; W. A. Porter relieved him on first Slater tower.

Bro. R. L. Kindig bid in second at Marion yard, vacated by Bro. L. M. Phelps, resigned and now in the railway mail service.

Bro. Jas. Keenan is working the split trick at "MF" and "JO."

Bro. Scott, an old timer, has been relieved by Telegrapher Hodgson at Delmar Junction for three weeks on account of a sprained wrist.

Bro. W. R. Knight, of Hale, is taking in the sights on his honeymoon at Los Angeles, Cal.; Bro. M. Warner relieving him on first; Telegrapher Coker second and Curtis Marchant third.

Bro. R. L. Carbee, second trick Marion yard, "JO," is back after a three weeks' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Anamosa and Des Moines, Iowa.

Bro. Carr, third Sabula, bid in second at Council Bluffs yard; Bro. C. G. Rowe relieving him.

Bro. G. C. Calkins of Lost Nation, appointed to the agency at Panama permanently.

Bro. A. B. Lake, days at Anamosa, is visiting friends and relatives at his old home in Ohio.

Two new men, Hegstrom and Burkle, working second and third respectively at Rockaway.

Bro. J. W. Hart, of Rockaway, goes to third at Lost Nation.

Sioux City, Bro. C. G. Rowe goes to third at Elwood.

Bro. Hall, of Elwood, called away suddenly on account of the sickness of his mother; relieved by Bro. Bright.

The third trick at Delmar Junction has been discontinued, making Bro. Steen do wirework in the afternoon.

Bro. J. Gallman, wire chief at Marion, is back after a two weeks' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

The brothers on the east end have liberally responded with news items and we hope those on the middle division and west end will follow their good example and send me their items by the 15th of each month.

Bro. L. V. Curran is working extra at Council Bluffs depot nights.

The third tricks at Delmar Junction, Hale, Elwood and Bagley have been discontinued.

Bro. P. A. Osborne and wife, of Cambridge, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Marion.

Bros. Rupp and Rood, of Slater, enjoyed a fine turkey on Thanksgiving at the hospitable home of Bro. and Mrs. A. A. Hottle.

Bro. Chas. Rupp, of Slater, is enjoying a visit with his brother Perry, of Illinois.

Bro. L. F. Kruse, of Van Horne, is taking his annual vacation. Bro. "Humpy" Oleson relieving him.

Bro. Track has been appointed to the extra agency at Strawberry Point, and will move there, in the near future.

We wish some one on the west end would send us news for THE TELEGRAPHER. Let's hear from some of you.

Bro. G. C. Calkins drew the Panama agency on bulletin, relieved at Olin by Mr. Wright, a new man.

Bro. Curtis Marchant and Mr. Cooker took turns working the night trick at Morley during the absence of Bro. Elsner at Lost Nation.

Bro. Parmenter got the first trick at Rockaway on bulletin and has become proficient in the bachelor's art.

Bro. P. H. Curran, of Portsmouth, off since September 4th on account of illness, relieved by Bro. W. T. Downs.

W. A. Porter, after relieving Bro. E. C. Rood at Slater tower, went to Herndon and relieved Bro. Gustafson, who is off on his vacation.

Mr. Cooker relieved Bro. L. A. Kell at Oxford Junction for a few days, who was off on account of the death of a relative.

Bro. Priddy is on first at east yard, Marion, and Bro. C. Marchant on second, until Bro. Bethurum takes charge.

Bro. J. N. Elsner was at Lost Nation agency until Bro. C. R. Rogers landed the job.

Bro. L. J. Miller, of Cambridge, first, while visiting friends and relatives at Staples, Minn., was relieved by Mr. Klabo, a new man.

Bro. A. J. Campbell, first at Marion yard, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Jas. Keenan, who was relieved by Bro. L. R. Carbee, on the split trick.

Bro. W. K. Hodgson, who got third at Sabula, is waiting to be relieved at Clinton.

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Bro. C. W. Hall, of Elwood, off on account of the death of his wife, is being relieved by Bro. B. E. McConoughey. We all deeply sympathize with Bro. Hall in his affliction.

The night office at Huxley has been discontinued and Bro. O. H. Huyck, the agent, has been appointed to the six months' agency at Collins; relieved by Bro. E. L. Nunn.

Bro. F. G. Zeiser, second at Browns, on his honeymoon; relieved by Bro. Bethurum.

JOHN TILE.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call to her eternal home the wife of our esteemed Bro. C. W. Hall, and

WHEREAS, We with our brother deeply mourn his sad loss; be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of Division No. 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Hall their heartfelt sympathy in this his sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, a copy to our esteemed brother, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

G. E. SOYSTER,
J. P. DOHERTY,
W. N. UPHAM,
H. S. DEMING,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

Kansas City Division—

WHEREAS, Death having removed from them, the beloved mother of Bros. H. E. and B. S. Williams; be it

Resolved, By Kansas City Division, O. R. T., that we extend to the bereaved brothers and the other members of the family our sympathy, believing the earthly loss is but a heavenly gain, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished both brothers, also a copy furnished for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER.

J. P. DOHERTY,
J. E. AESPACK,
J F. STEPHENSON,
Committee.

Third District—

The C. & M. division is being put in fine shape, both tracks are relaid with 100-pound steel, new ties supplied and tracks well surfaced. Roadmaster Dave Man will have nothing to do next year but watch his lawns improve.

The congestion along the division is clearing up some; cabbage and beets were the only commodities on the list. Bro. Thompson, of Somers, shipped 570 cars of cabbage from his station alone in two months.

Bro. John Miller, at Hebron tower, while on a 30-day vacation, was relieved by Bro. O'Shea.

Bro. Joe Binstock, third at Walworth, reports the onion venture a success.

Bro. G. P. McNamara, agent Russell, has returned from a two weeks' trip to South Dakota, shooting ducks. Bro. Nelson, third trick, Ranney, relieved him, and was relieved by Bro. Oskins.

Bro. J. S. Spoor, agent at Rondout for many years, has one year's leave of absence and with his family will remove to New York State and take charge of his farm. We are sorry to see him go, but wish him well.

Bro. E. S. Adams, agent Gray Lake, just returned from an extended trip over the new extension to Seattle and Tacoma; relieved by Bro. Carleton.

Bro. Lucas, agent Wadsworth, has moved his family there, not wishing to take any more chances on the Russell highway crossing with his motor car.

Bro. C. W. Bush, for many years agent at Franksville, has accepted a position with the Frank Pure Food Co. "Thus the mills of the gods grind slowly but justly." Franksville agency is still open.

Bro. Magner relieved Bro. G. C. Brown, second Bardwell, while on a trip to Green Bay.

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Iowa and Dakota Divisions—

When busy getting out our items of news I feel that I am doing something toward holding our noble Order together which may probably create a desire in the minds of the non-members to investigate it for themselves.

I hope every brother will do his utmost in lining up his station and making it solid, and if you have a minute and a penny to spare that you will buy a postal and write me a few items which happen around you.

Would it not be a good idea to call a general meeting at some point where it would be handy for the largest number of the boys to get to and from? If necessary have two of them, one for the east and one for the west end boys, as it is impossible for all to make the east end or all to make the west end.

This might create a longing for the "nons" to come across quicker than any other plan, and it would also give us a chance to see each other, get acquainted and get some definite view in mind.

I wish the brothers would write me of any plausible view they may have to increase our strength. We could then publish the acceptable plan in THE TELEGRAPHER and all pull hard for a general result.

Bro. Chamberlain, formerly on nights at Postville, is now braking on the way freight between Madison and Milwaukee. He first left the service to work in the machine shops at Milwaukee.

Mr. Barrett, second, Fort Atkinson, has quit and the place is being filled temporarily by Bro. A. A. Dwark. Mike Dunn, from Jackson Junction, relieving the latter nights.

Bro. Mueller, Emery, while on a two-months' trip, visiting Seattle and other coast points, was relieved by Mr. Beisson.

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Bro. W. N. Isham, Running Water, off for a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Mr. Driscoll, from Presho.

Bro. McCormick, at Tyndall, who was obliged to take a month off on account of his back giving out, was relieved by Bro. Beisson.

Bro. Griffin, Scotland, was relieved, while on a two weeks' vacation, by Bro. Thorpe, and the latter by the night man.

Men are as scarce as snakes in Ireland (my home). Couldn't get one for an 'atom.

I wish to thank the brothers on the east and west end for their items, and hope they will continue their kindly assistance.

Long pull, a steady pull, a pull altogether, and we win. CERT. 2248.

River Division—

Understand the electric automatic block signals have been authorized for the Short Line, but can hardly be installed before next spring.

Bro. Soyster, our worthy General Chairman, was a recent visitor in this vicinity.

Roy Lowen, formerly wire chief for the W. U. at Minneapolis, has been appointed Assistant Chief Operator in "C" Minneapolis relay office.

Bro. A. B. Enke, now in dispatcher's office at Minneapolis, was relieved on second at Wabasha by Bro. W. J. Maloney, of River Junction.

Bro. John Sainsbury relieved Bro. R. O. Staley, second, Red Wing, the latter getting second at Signal Tower on bulletin.

Bro. C. D. Gallivan, of "C" office, relieved Bro. F. A. Sanborn in dispatcher's office, recently, while the latter was away shooting ducks and then relieved Bro. Webster, I. & M. dispatcher's office, while on his honeymoon; Bro. A. M. Kehrer, Western Union, St. Paul, relieving Bro. Gallivan.

Bro. C. R. Latourelle, of St. Croix Crossing, will soon enter the Railway Mail Service. We wish him success in his new venture.

Bro. Tackaberry, agent Frontenac, while on his vacation to the Pacific Coast, was relieved by Bro. Martin. Mr. Lake relieving the latter on second, Frontenac.

Bro. Willard, a new man from the "Q", relieved Bro. Stegner, second trick, at Lake City, recently, the latter relieving Bro. Hanson, who went to Aberdeen to register for land, but failed to draw a number.

LaCrosse Division—

For some time past we have been either too late or too busy to get in our write-ups in time for publication.

The rush of business on this division for the last six months is still on the increase, and probably will be until after the holidays are past.

We haven't had a meeting for some time, but one will be held in the near future, so the brothers will have a chance to talk matters over and learn what is going on.

We are lined up in good shape and must try and bring those that are somewhat slack up-to-date, and keep things moving up to the old standard.

You will always find in any line of business slack ones, who do not appreciate a favor, no matter what it may be, and this is the case with some on this division.

In the past three years there has been several deaths where the brothers failed to keep up their insurance, thereby leaving their wives and families to look out for themselves. Two such cases happened in the year just passed. So brothers, be sure and attend to this, as it is a matter of only a few cents and a little time on your part.

Some of the brothers, I am told, expect to go to farming. Bro. Hagman, Bro. W. Williams and some few others tried their luck, so we will be assured of a job, providing they draw the lucky number. DIV. COR., CERT. 249.

C., M. & P. S. Ry.

Musselshell Division—

I think this will be the first write-up of the C. M. & P. S. Ry. that has ever appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER.

I am a springer on the road, but I think we should all get together, get the boys lined up and see if we cannot persuade the management to grant us a schedule. We cannot expect anything without asking for it, and we cannot ask for anything until we find out how we stand.

While there are a great many good Order men on the road, there are quite a few who have no cards.

What we want to do is to get the boys all lined up. Let every member try and secure a new one. There will then be so few nons left that the rest will volunteer. Do not be discouraged when you run up against some "hard shell," but keep after him and you will win in the end.

This being a new road, none of the organized brotherhoods have a schedule, but I have been informed that the management told a member of a certain brotherhood that they would meet a committee at any time after they were organized. If they will meet a committee of the brotherhoods, they will also meet a committee from the telegraphers if we are organized. This being the case, we should all get to work, and try to be among the first to have a committee up.

There will never be a more opportune time to send a committee up than now. All the roads are very short of telegraphers at present, and it should be an easy matter now to get a schedule. While we can not expect the best kind of schedule at the first attempt, still by keeping steadily at the work there is no reason why we should not be among the first to get one.

The conductors are getting up a schedule to ask for better working conditions and higher wages. A clause requires the operator, where freight is unloaded at night, to put it in the warehouse. The rule now, is that the train crew is to assist in this work. It is not an uncommon occurrence to unload twenty thousand pounds of way freight at some of the stations along the line.

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T. W. Wildemann, at Musselshell, is relieving Bro. A. L. Lewis, who is subbing for R. H. Fick, the agent, while visiting relatives at Cascade, Mont., and on an extended trip East.

P. A. Nelson, of Melstone, will enter the fistic arena this winter in the light heavyweight class, and make his headquarters at Los Angeles.

R. T. Wilson, of Melstone, has returned from the East, bringing his wife with him. He intends to leave the service next spring and work his claim.

B. T. Green has bought a paper at Melstone, and will run it in connection with second trick at that station.

Mr. Hayes is agent at Sumatra, his wife having relieved Bro. P. A. Nelson on second, when he departed for Seattle.

At Forsyth, the operator comes on duty at 8:00 a. m. and works 12 to 13 hours. Uncle Sam might step heavy with that big foot of his should he hear of this.

A. H. Harris is acting manager for the Continental Tel. Co., at Miles City.

If the brothers will kindly assist me we will try and have a write-up each month.

I desire to thank all the boys who have contributed to this write-up.

Merry Xmas to all.

SCOTTY, CERT. 245, DIV. 55.

International & Great Northern Ry.

The membership has lately been growing too indifferent in soliciting new members. By such indifference you make the enforcement just that much harder, as it means either stagnation or diminution numerically for us. In spite of this indifference, however, we have been gaining new members surprisingly fast; mostly due to Bro. Stanton's efforts as organizer. We hope to soon see our membership educated up to the point where it shall be able to keep a traveling organizer and grievance man, for furthering our interests, on the road continuously, the same as trainmen have. This will necessitate a more liberal financial assistance than at present.

Bro. T. B. Pedige, of Navasota, attended Houston carnival; relieved by Bro. Mattux, a recent arrival. Bro. B. C. Green, second, Trinity, another carnival visitor, relieved by Bro. Werner.

Bro. J. Valentine, Jr., agent at Phelps, also spent several days at the carnival.

A. J. Clarke, of "GN," Houston, is being relieved by Bro. R. R. Holland, during his absence at the carnival.

J. W. Seay, of Mumford, has been visiting near San Antonio, relieved by Bro. S. B. Werner, who has again returned to his first love.

Bro. Gayle, of Bryan, recently visited his father and mother at Magnolia.

Bro. L. M. Hewitt, at Bryan, tried dispatching on the "tin can," but has returned to his old position.

Bro. H. H. Young and wife, of Roans Prairie, who spent a very pleasant vacation seeing the quaint sights of Mexico, was relieved by Bro. C S. Slagele, of Calvert.

Bro. S. S. Hennington's wife, at Anderson, is visiting with relatives, and the lonesomeness of the brother is plainly noticeable.

Bro. C. V. Lansberry, first at Spring, off on account of sickness; relieved by J. T. Robinson, of Milano.

Bro. C. B. Halzman, of Willis, is relieving M. A. Johnson at Thorndale.

Bro. G. P. Bradberry, third at Sellers, is at Austin, owing to the serious illness of his grandmother.

Bro. J. P. Taylor gave up his Fort Worth Division seniority and successfully bid in third trick "RA," Palestine office.

Bro. G. M. Terry, of "M" Palestine, who has been sick for quite awhile has returned to work.

Bro. H. P. Williams, formerly on "the Orient" and later ticket agent at Hearne is now on second trick at Mart.

Bro. W. E. Gilliland, our assistant local chairman, on Gulf division, at Conroe, spent a few days in Fort Worth recently.

W. H. Wright, third Taylor, is contemplating entering the journalistic field, having found telegraphing too unprofitable, like many others. We wish him success in his new undertaking.

Our efficient local chairman, Bro. J. O. Eddington, of Tyler, has resigned and accepted a position with the Cotton Belt at Tyler in the accountant's office. The membership regrets extremely losing the services of the worthy brother, who has served them so faithfully, nobly and unselfishly and will be ever affectionately remembered for his great service in behalf of the cause. We all wish him great success in the new field he has chosen.

Bro. S. P. Dunlap, dispatcher's office at Mart, is now on third at Bryan.

Bro. L. H. Hungate, of Marquez, our local chairman, has been at Marlin several weeks on account of sickness and we all hope for his early recovery; Bro. D. D. Hungate is relieving him.

C. Murchison, of Crockett, after Bro. Stanton's return relieved Bro. E. L. Rhea, of Easterly, who has been spending a few days pleasantly among childhood scenes.

J. T. Robinson, of Milano, has been relieving Mrs. E. M. Devers at Troupe, while on a visit to Fort Worth.

C. Mitchell has been assigned to first at Valley Junction, and Bro. E. B. McLean to third.

We are exceedingly sorry to lose Bro. C. B. Cook, of Valley Junction, now at Groesbeck, with the H. & T. C.

Bro. J. S. Raines, of Taylor, visiting at San Antonio and other points; was relieved by I. Mathis.

Bro. L. E. Killen, of Goodwin, has been in the hospital for some time. We hope for his speedy recovery; he is being relieved by Mr. Merchison.

Bro. T. G. Mines, formerly of Artesia, whose grievance is awaiting complete adjustment, is temporarily at Bracken, now under bulletin, C. H

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Cable having bid in "DU," Austin, relieving G. M. Bynum there. Mr. Cable is still on the non list; securing all the benefits of our contract; too selfish to realize the necessity of an up-to-date.

Bro. Walter Tasch has returned from a vacation at San Antonio to his old trick at Marlin.

Bro. R. L. Belcher and W. I. Mathis are temporarily at Buda, during the fair, which has made business good down that way.

Bro. C. W. Sledge, first at Taylor, has been at "RA" Palestine a few days and was missed very much as it keeps a good man "going there somewhat" sometimes.

Bro. L. G. Doty, Round Rock, is attending court, Bro. R. D. Barnes relieving.

Bro. F. C. Avery, San Marcos, we understand, is clamoring for relief to take the rod and reel and hie for the streams around in that vicinity, but apparently is unable to get it on account of the shortage of men at present.

Laredo, third, made vacant by Bro. B. L. Livingston's resignation, has been bid in by Bro. M. Coleman, third Cotulla bid in by Bro. H. B. Hackley, just returned from the East. Bro. F. E. Finnie gets second at Cotulla.

J. B. Evans and A. P. Wilson, New Braunfels, have resigned and the positions under bulletin are being temporarily filled by J. H. Harper and Mr. Wilson.

Bro. J. M. Williams, of Venus, has found it impossible to furnish us with news this month on account of being so busy during the rush. He is always very prompt. Let's hope he will find more time next month.

Bro. C. B. Holzmann, of Willis, is relieving M. A. Johnson, who is still lingering on the non list.

Bro. B. L. Harris, of Calvert Junction, will be missed very much by the boys on the south end, he having successfully bid in one of the tricks at Italy, and was relieved by Bro. Werner.

Bro. Parker Pringle was assigned third at Marlin, his old home.

Bro. O. L. Miller, "GB" Mart, successfully bid in Highbank agency.

Bro. J. J. Thompson, cashier at Marlin, has been sight-seeing through Colorado, Montana and Wyoming.

Bro. C. A. Ault has resigned third at Conroe, and gone to Palestine; that position is again under bulletin.

CERT. 46.

Vandalia Ry.

East Subdivision—

With the newly-appointed efficient correspondents we should now have our regular write-ups. The division correspondents always appreciate all the news the brothers will send in, and I want to urge upon you the necessity of sending it as early each month as possible. We all like to read the news of our own division, therefore help to keep it up to a high standard.

At Reelsville recently Bro. C. J. Benefiel and Mr. Perkins had to work twelve hours on account of Mr. Pickett, third trick man, being sick.

Bro. Ransberg on a two weeks' vacation visiting home folks; was relieved by W. C. Brown, who later landed third at Eagles; Bro. R. L. Williams, second Eagles, bid in second at Funkhouser, Mr. Ruark having gone to Colorado Springs for his health.

Three more towers were reopened recently. Two on the west and one on the east end.

There seems to be a scarcity of telegraphers just now, and if any of the brothers know of a worthy brother out of work they might mention the fact that the old reliable Vandalia is seeking for just such.

Business with the Vandalia is on the increase. Trains running both ways are carrying more loads than empties. It is rumored that telegraphers' salaries in the East, on the Pan Handle, were increased 10 per cent on December 1st. Let's hope the prosperous tide will extend to the boys on the Vandalia also.

Will ask for the assistance of the brothers in order to have a good write-up next month.

CERT. 157.

West Subdivision—

G. F. Wells, of Highland, resigned; relieved by Bro. O. A. Gruenenfelder, second, Pierron, who was relieved by B. F. Kelley, extra; J. E. Pacette on third.

S. W. Valentine, Stubblefield, in California on vacation; relieved by R. K. Bayles.

Bro. E. E. Pierron has returned from Salt Lake with Bro. O. A. Pierron, who had a severe attack of typhoid.

Bro. H. Keeler, of Montrose, has accepted third at Vandalia.

Bro. H. C. Miller, of Collinsville, spent his vacation with home folks in Ohio; relieved by Bro. J. C. Shea, of Vandalia.

Bro. T. A. Heiling bid in first at Funkhouser, C. M. Kilby and R. K. Bayles working second and third there at present. R. L. Williams transferred from second to third, Amo.

A. P. Munie, while on a recent hunting trip, was relieved by B. F. Kelly, who later relieved A. G. Godwin, of Formosa, while he was off sick.

Bro. O. A. Gruenenfelder was relieved by G. Beck, extra, for a few days, at Highland, before returning to Pierron.

Bro. L. W. Myers, of the U. P., is now with us.

J. E. Stout, of Mulberry Grove, has recovered from injuries received by a barn falling on him, and his relief, J. E. Pacette, relieved Bro. Gruenenfelder at Highland, who returned to Pierron, B. F. Kelly going to "K" tower, Terre Haute.

There are still a number of the boys who want to get off, but the shortage of extra men causes them to wait until some future time.

While the dispatchers have been taking their annual vacations and going over the road, Dispatcher F. Cotton has been working a split trick.

Mr. Wells has been reinstated and placed at Griswold. The work-train office, "WN," between Dexter and Altamont, has been abolished, and M. H. Floyd gone to second at Griswold.

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Some of the old heads will remember what a treat it was at "QN," with night callers of black type. Hope the boys will not be bothered with them when old "QN" is reopened.

Don't forget your dues and assessments, as it will soon be the end of our semi-annual term, and get after that non that is working next door.

CERT. 276.

St. Louis Division, East End—

Amo seems to be a very attractive place from the way the boys bid on the trick there, Bro. R. R. Hodson, who is with us again, worked first there until relieved by F. R. Parker, who bid it in, J. Stewart bidding in second, being relieved at Coalesville by Bro. R. R. Hodson.

Bro. W. W. Stinson is now with the Houston & Texas at Corsicana, Tex.

Bro. V. Q. Benson, first at McKeen, with the Great Northern at Browning, Montana.

CERT. 115.

Middle Division—

H. A. Emrick, third at Casey, while visiting friends in Mangum, Okla., was relieved by W. C. Volrath, from Altamont.

Bro. C. V. Oliver, third at Homer, while visiting friends in Ohio was relieved by T. Wells, from Valparaiso.

Bro. H. Keeler, third Mt. Montrose, on a few days' vacation; relieved by R. S. Fogler.

C. A. Wilson, first at Schoyler, was off a few days; relieved by Bro. R. L. Williams.

J. B. Ray, second, Vevay Park, stopped fast mail No. 11, on account of being asleep. He was relieved by G. H. Eckert, from Harmony, who later went to Amo, Ind., on third; relieved by D. A. Emrick, from Casey, Ill.

Bro. J. W. McCullough, first, Vevay Park, will visit home folks near Indianapolis as soon as he can get relief.

J. T. Guyer, second, Oak Leaf, is a great sportsman, and spends most of his spare time gunning for quail.

St. Louis Division, West End—

Nos. 30 and 31, our new 24-hour New York trains, are making the time, and can make it in less. Have heard no complaint of any of our boys delaying them. That's good, boys, keep it up.

Bro. H. L. Hearn, second, "NI," Altamont, is visiting friends and relatives in the southern part of the State; relieved by J. W. Munday, third, who is being relieved by W. C. Volrath, extra.

C. E. Scholl, agent, "BN," Brownstown, is being relieved by Bro. T. Thomas, first, "BW," Brownstown tower, who is being relieved by B. F. Kelley, extra.

"FR," Funkhouser, has been reopened on account of more passenger trains being put on and heavy business. Bro. T. A. Lealing, of Pierron, bid in first trick, and Ray Williams is working third.

"AO," Amo, "QN" tower, and "HU," Griswold, are now on bulletin. These towers were all closed during the depression in business two years ago.

F. O. Berry, third, "H," Highland, spent Sunday recently at his home in St. Elmo.

PAN HANDLE PETE.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Central Division—

Brothers, this, my first attempt at a write-up, is owing to my being the successor of our worthy local chairman, Bro. V. C. Walker, one of the best on the whole system, who died on October 22. He was a proficient telegrapher, beloved by all, as evidenced from the large amount raised by his fellow-workers for a floral offering and funeral expenses, including $25 donated by General Chairman Bro. Holman.

Bro. Walker is survived by his wife and mother, two small children and three brothers.

Bro. Kelton, of Chester, Ark., a great friend of our deceased brother, rendered valuable assistance in making preparations for the funeral.

It is but simple justice, as Bro. Walker's successor, to add my testimony to his worth, even had I not been one of his closest friends. He certainly was a hard worker for the Order, consequently the Central Division is in pretty good shape.

Several new members have joined recently and we expect more additions in the very near future.

W. W. N.

Joplin Division—

Our General Committee is up for a revision of the schedule, and will, no doubt, make our hearts glad when things are settled. Here's for their good luck and success.

Boys, the first is fast drawing near. Let us try to have a new card by January 1st, 1910.

I notice quite a number of new men working on L. & S. Some of the brothers should advise them if they carry cards to give their division and certificate numbers, so they can be transferred. If they have no cards, get after them and see that they get them as soon as possible.

Archie opened as a night office, was bid in by Mr. Wilson, who is made of the good stuff.

There is a new night man at Pittsburg, who is also of the right material; Bro. Blum will, no doubt, do the necessary.

Pittsburg, days, is up for bid. Several have their eyes on this trick, but Bro. Kays, of Joplin, will likely be the lucky one.

D. K. Coleman, of Cornell, and W. O. Long, at Panama nights, now carry the goods in their hip-pockets.

Bro. R. S. Rader has bid in the agency at Harrisville.

Sedalia District—

Bro. Frank M. Curry, agent Independent, is coming to the front, having been appointed agent at Jefferson City, relieving Mr. J. B. Quinlan, who

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resigned to engage in the wholesale grocery business in Nevada, Mo.

Bro. R. M. Crockett, agent at Blackwater, is also climbing the ladder, having been appointed exclusive agent at California, Mo., succeeded by Bro. W. H. Hadwen, agent Strasburg, who was relieved by Bro. J. S. Ford, Sr.

Bro. L. A. Smith, of Wellington, visited Bro. Stubblefield, at Medford, a few days.

The recent assignments of brothers are as follows: L. M. Nance, agency at Little Blue, on bid; J. C. Needles, of Wooldridge, Waverly agency; C. R. Williams, agency at Naptonville, on bid; H. C. Harkins, third, Lake City, permanent; D. E. Smith, of Lexington, bid in Sweet Springs, days; C. S. Phillips, second at Myrick, on bid; S. S. Johnson, of Gasconade, third at Boonville; C. C. Brown, of Bonnots Mill, second at Gasconade; A. W. Williams, of Warrensburg, Lexington days; E. F. Moody, of New Haven, gets third at Washington, and Bro. Kendall agency at Wooldridge, on bid. W. L. W.

White River Division—

Bro. S. Reed, telegrapher in the superintendent's office at Aurora, Mo., has resigned, and has been relieved by W. S. Avery. While we are glad to have Mr. Avery with us, we regret very much to lose Bro. Reed, and he has our good wishes wherever he may go.

Bro. H. F. Klotz has returned to Crane, Mo., after working a few days in the superintendent's office at Aurora, Mo.

M. L. Thompson, Springfield, Mo., has accepted the position of cashier at that place.

Ed Plant, Norfolk, Ark., while on a ninety-day vacation, is being relieved by Bro. G. W. McVey.

Bro. E. B. McNeill, agent and telegrapher at Calico, Ark., bid in a similar position at Crane, Mo. CERT. 1183.

Eastern Division—

Bro. I. W. Davis, agent at Little Blue, Mo., dropped dead in his office on October 10 from an attack of heart disease.

CARD OF THANKS.

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo., Oct. 29, 1909.

W. L. Wilmarth, Holden, Mo.:

DEAR SIR—Please thank the O. R. T. for their beautiful floral offering sent in honor of my husband. Respectfully,

MRS. I. W. DAVIS.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry.

Arkansas Division—

Bro. Todd, of Wisner, on a vacation recently, was relieved by Bro. Duncan, of Winnsboro.

Bro. Brown, of Farmerville, relieved Agent E. D. Moberly at El Dorado, recently resigned. Bro. Brown was relieved at Farmerville by Bro. Graves, from the Y. & M. V. Bro. Graves' membership will be transferred to Division 31.

Bro. Myers, on the Valley Division several years ago, but who has been at Natchez, out of the service, went to Winnsboro and relieved Mr. Davis, who has gone back North. We are glad to know that Bro. Myers has kept his membership up all the time he was out of the service.

Bro. Moore, at Lawson (a thirty-five-dollar job), was paid telegrapher's salary during the time he handled orders for the work train in September. Every one would appreciate it if this job was made a regular fifty-five-dollar telegrapher job, and it would be a big help to the dispatchers.

Some changes were made in the dispatchers' force at Ferriday recently. Griffin has been doing the telegrapher's stunt there recently.

I hope my assistants will send me some notes for next month's write-up of the happenings in their territory. DIV. COR.

Hoxie District—

In a certain station on one of the trunk lines in Arkansas, there hangs a clock, the accuracy of which has seldom been questioned. One day recently, as usual, it was measuring off the time in regular beats, its pendulum swinging in full view. No other sound broke the monotony except the click of the ever-busy telegraph sounder.

A genteel-appearing personage, who had been looking steadily at the time-piece, thrust a portion of his bank account through the ticket window, and as the busy telegrapher proceeded to hand him his change and the pasteboard called for, suddenly "broke in" on the serenity of the occasion with the query: "Say, Mr. Agent, is your clock running?" The urbane official, turning and looking at the object of inquiry, quietly replied: "No, sir, it is right where it was placed five years ago." And the continued clatter of the instrument was the only sound that was heard as the questioner retreated to the station platform.

The McAlmont office has been closed and a new one opened at the north end of the double track, in charge of Bros. Woodson, Hendricks and Richardson.

Sister Flossie Davis has been appointed first trick operator in the "GR" Union Station, Little Rock, and Bro. Brandon holds second trick there.

Bro. A. N. Bevell, a member of the Pacific Express Co. committee, has returned after a month's vacation, part of which was spent in St. Louis. He was relieved by Mr. Null.

C. L. Elliott, while on a sixty-day vacation, spent in Texas and attending court at Little Rock, was relieved by R. C. Clark, of Dumas, Ark.

Miss N. E. Proctor was relieved as agent at Russell by Mr. Callahan, agent at Olyphant, and succeeded R. W. Anderson at Cabot. These are non-telegraph positions.

Bro. U. S. Goodwin, who resigned first trick at Argenta and went to Kansas, was relieved by Bro. Cunningham.

Bro. Woodson, first at Double Track Junction, spent his honeymoon in the West.

Bro. C. E. Beam, agent at Higginson, on a hunting trip in White River Bottoms, is being relieved by Bro. R. M. Harrison, third trick. Arthur Johnson, agent at Garner, is relieving the latter.

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Bro. M. E. Doyle, first at Newport, has left and was relieved by Local Chairman Nelson.

There is a new man on second trick at Newport.

R. L. Sullivan, of Alicia, resigned and was relieved by Bro. Whitlow.

Texarkana District—

A new office has been opened at the new gravel pit, just south of Malvern.

Pine Bluff District—

Bro. E. B. Wall, of Higgins, now at Pine Bluff yard, days, was relieved by Miss Stone.

P. A. Dulin, agent at Farrell, has gone to the Rock Island. SPORT.

St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Northern Division—

Mr. Graham has been an active worker on the north end recently, securing several new members. If every member would follow his example for a short time, the north end would soon be non-less. Mr. Graham deserves all of the commendation this humble eulogy implies.

The automatic block system has been put in operation as far as Pleasanton, and soon will be extended to Fulton. Then look out for a new night telegraph office.

The new telephone is doing a great deal of good just now, in the way of dispelling ennui.

Mr. Butler, of Pleasanton, who took a vacation several weeks ago to spend a few days at the home of his parents, was kidnapped and put to work on the 87 report at "FD."

Mr. Barrel is on second at Pleasanton, and Mr. Messick, from Fulton, took the third.

Mr. Greenup has returned to work as agent at La Cygne.

Mr. Peck has returned as agent at Rosedale.

Mr. Cox relieved Mr. Ham, agent, Paola, until Mr. Fetterman, from Girard, the regular relief arrived.

Mr. Young has returned to Hillsdale, after spending a few weeks looking over his Texas land.

Mr. Vaughn, who relieved Mr. Hutchins recently, has been sent down on the south end.

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Eastern Division—

Bro. Williams is on second; Bro. E. M. Fronabarger relieving on third, and Bro. M. M. Durham relieving Bro. McNew, the agent at Strafford.

Bro. J. L. Fry is on second, regular at Lebanon.

Bro. Barnett, agent, Sleeper, is off attending his father's funeral. Bro. O'Hallaron is off on vacation.

A new telegraph office has been opened in Springfield near the shops, with Sister Hogan and Bros. Moss and Duncan installed as telegraphers.

Bro. Pamplin is the new agent at Northview.

Bro. Ray Stevens has been assigned to third at Jerome.

Bro. E. Bradshaw has gone to Niangua; Bro. Shomate from Niangua to Marshfield, second.

Bro. Cox has been transferred from Nichols to "MS," Springfield.

Bro. Carney has returned to "SP," Springfield, second; Bro. J. A. Fry to Crocker, third.

Bro. Vaughan has resigned, and will soon leave the tower at Souther Junction.

Bro. C. A. Irvin, telegrapher at Clinton, is relieving the agent there for a few weeks.

Southwestern Division—

Bro. Vaughan has gone to the Northern, at Lacygne, while Bro. Cox relieves Bro. Greenup as agent; he rusticating through the West.

Bro. Heffner is now on third trick at Chandler.

Bro. Nelms, our old friend, is at Oklahoma City.

Bro. Mattson has been transferred to Tuttle as agent. Bro. Freeman, from Jones, to South yard, third.

Bros. Cleveland and Barnard, new arrivals, are at Lawton, on second and third, and Bro. Trevillion is cashier.

Bro. Gaither has been transferred from Jones to Pierce City, third.

Bros. Mullens and Harvey have been assigned to second and third, respectively, at Neosho.

Bro. Delaplane, of Afton, is off on a vacation.

Bro. Babb has been moved to second trick at White Oak.

Bro. Dean is at Catoosa again, after a thirty-day siege of typhoid in Springfield Hospital.

Bro. Zahn, at Catoosa, owes us the cigars. Some one ask him why?

Bro. R. C. Logan has gone to third at Dawson permanently.

Bro. VanLandingham has been transferred from Sapulpa to Dawson, and Bro. Malone, from Schulter, is now in "X," Sapulpa.

Bro. Schooler has gone from Stroud as relieving agent at Taneha temporarily.

Bro. Nowlin is at Bristow for a few days.

Bro. French has returned to Bristow again on third.

Red River Division—

Bro. Martin, of Mill Creek, is attending court; relieved by Bro. Brewer.

Bro. Rice is the new agent at Scullin. We are glad to have him with us.

Bro. J. J. Chapman, at Ada, desires the members to all drop him a line occasionally, giving such items as may come to their notice, to enable him to furnish the dope to the general correspondent monthly.

Bro. Harkins, in a pile driver accident, recently in Francis yard, considers himself lucky to get off with slightly bruised leg and ankle. He will soon go to Henryetta as station telegrapher.

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Third District—

McMullin opened as a telegraph office for a few nights closed again.

The telegraph force has been increased one man at both Holland and Joiner.

Bro. Davis has been transferred from Blythersville to "GM," Chaffe.

Bro. Jackson, at Holland, please explain?

Dispatcher Stubblefield was out on the road recently.

Dispatcher Wehling and family were in Cairo a few days ago.

Bro. Harris, at Sikeston, is the recipient of a new watch.

Kindly report any changes on Third District to Bro. Huckaby, at Sikeston, as early in the month as possible. CORRESPONDENT.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Chicago Division, East District—

The regular meeting of this division, held in Redmen's Hall, at Defiance, Ohio, on October 20th, had a very good crowd in attendance. Many interesting and important questions were discussed. Local Chairman Bro. Eiler gave a very good outline of what he would like to accomplish at Baltimore with the committee that convened there on November 1st.

We hope the brothers who failed to attend this meeting had good excuses, but that they do not belong to the class who seem to think it costs too much money to go to O. R. T. meetings. We would like to state right here for the benefit of such men, that our meetings are run under the sign "Free Show Tonight," and no charges for reserved seats. Should you become famished for want of something to eat, there are several brothers who will help out with coffee and hamburger.

At the meeting on November 17th, held at the same place, a number of interesting topics, including the reports of our committee and other important matters were discussed.

The office at Holgate, Ohio, has, with one exception become a full-fledged "ham factory." The writer has received information that "Prof." Shuman will soon take in two new students at fifty dollars each. "Prof." Hutto has one on his list now. We take great pleasure in stating that Bro. Magill, the second trick man at Holgate, is true blue. Bro. Magill is sandwiched between a pair of student teachers at that place, and has gained the respect of all the members on Chicago Division by putting up the fight he has. We wish to put these so-called "Professors" in the right light, so that good O. R. T. men will be careful with favors. A personal letter to each member would not be a bad idea.

Second No. 7 was wrecked about one mile west of Standley on October 26th. A refrigerator car loaded with oysters was badly damaged.

Local Chairman Bro. Eiler was over the road recently, and done some very good work. In fact, his success was better than looked for. Although he ran into some "Hardheads," the membership was increased considerably. Bro. Eiler is a faithful worker, and fills his position as local chairman very acceptably.

Bro. Heffelfinger, who visited his home at Concord recently was relieved by Bro. Bushelfoot List.

Bros. Manion and Whiting visited Niagara Falls and other Eastern points of interest while on vacation.

Bros. Cook and Miller took in the carnival at Defiance.

Several good positions were up for bid on November bulletin.

Bro. C. A. Donart relieved J. L. Gant, at "RA" yard office, several days, the fore part of November, and Bro. John W. Kelley relieved him several days about the middle of that month.

Local Chairmen Eiler and Webster returned from Baltimore on No. 7, November 8th, and called in to see the boys in "RX" office.

Bro. R. L. Phelger, third, "RA," removed from Chicago Junction on account of some mix-up with the night chief at New Castle; relieved by Bro. P. A. Calloway.

"RX" office is getting a new spring jack switch board and new center table.

Business seems to be picking up each day on the B. & O.

If the boys will send me some notes each month, will try and fill a space in the journal.

Bro. H. H. Joslin, manager, "RX" office, spent his fall vacation at Jennings, Mont., fishing and hunting, and incidentally attended the Seattle Exposition, accompanied by his wife. He was relieved by Bro J. H. Thompson; R. A. Mason taking Thompson's, and W. S. Gilbert, Mason's trick.

Bro. R. L. Phlegar, Wellsboro, bid in "RA" yard office; Bro. T. W. Gary landing Ayr's on bulletin. W. S. Gilbert, moved to Garrett, left the service.

Bro. P. A. Calloway, of New Haven Division, No. 29, filled in at "RX," while R. A. Mason was on vacation, and Bro. J. H. Thompson, while off on sick list.

If the brethren will send me their writeups by the 15th, will try to get in the east end items of the Chicago Division each month. Drop me a note at any time. CERTS. 1028 AND 1574.

Chicago Division West—

We hope the members who are delinquent will all have paid up by the time this appears, as it will soon be time to get another card. The system needs the money. Our committee has already submitted a revised schedule to the G. M. It takes more than expired cards to get raises in our salaries. So I trust the brothers who are in arrears will pay their back dues, and get square again, as we need all assistance possible.

The November meeting at Defiance was better represented from west of Garrett than from the East District.

Three of Professor Donohue's product have been employed, and are now serving thirty days

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each. The quantity of extra men on this division is good, but the quality is nit.

Bro. Chas. A. Donart, formerly general chairman of the G. R. & I. System, is working second at Kimmell, during the absence of Bro. Hontz.

Bro. C. E. Trainer, second, Concord, worked first trick at Kimmell, while Local Chairman Webster was in Washington, D. C., on committee work.

Bro. B. C. Briggs, manager at Garrett, off a few days recently, was relieved by Bro, Donart.

Bro. C. C. Otto, on second, Albion, until the position can be advertised, will probably bid this job in, and has seniority enough to make it.

Bro. Jesse Edson, after being laid up for more than two years, bid in second trick at Babcock, and moved his family there. We trust his health will steadily improve.

Bro. J. S. Davis has resigned the agency at Teegarden and bid in the second trick there.

Bro. M. R. McMillion secured the twelve-hour day trick at North Baltimore, Ohio, on November bulletin.

Bro. Tom Karr has been appointed agent at Babcock.

Bert Ritter, at Ripley, is now carrying an up-to-date card.

Jake Zimmerman, of the Postal, at Albion, is now working first at Millers. We are glad to welcome him to our district, but expect him to get a card soon.

Bro. W. S. Yeiser, who took a six months' leave to dispatch on the T. & C. Interurban, has tendered his resignation, and will remain with the latter.

R. M. Herrold has moved his household to Milford Junction, until he can land some regular job.

"WB."

New Castle Division—

By the time this appears in print the committee will likely have met the management, and we will know the result of their work, or at least what the verdict is. There is no reason why we should work for the same wages now as we did three years ago, when living expenses have increased 50 per cent in the same length of time. It seems to be up to us to boost ourselves, by pulling our rates of pay up nearly equal to that of a hod carrier, and if it comes to a show down we hope neither the members of the committee nor the men will be found wanting in that necessary quality of a stiff "backbone." We want to be fair and decent, but at the same time we want a square deal in return, and when we size up our pay checks, it does not look good at all. Let us hope that the company meets us more than half way in a square deal all around.

There ought to be plenty of good O. R. T. material among the new men on the road. So, brothers, get busy and boost.

It is now Bro. Gary at Boughtonville, making all the west end telegraph jobs O. R. T., with the exception of the new men at Easton, and the bunch at "OD" tower.

We are advised by our local chairman that the revised seniority list will be published January 1st, and after this list is received, changes on the division will be published monthly. Revised lists will be furnished old members and also new members when they join, and they can then keep a correct list at all times if they desire to do so. Lists will be furnished members only.

We are just about holding our own in membership, with but a very few delinquents. We occasionally meet a man who seems to be up against the real thing and he may think it a temporary hardship to join right away, but what if we all thought the same way. Then we have one or two on the road, who have enjoyed the advantages gained for them by our time and money, and the extent of their thanks is to "knock" because they do not get more for nothing. Some deal in meat saws and some have not the ambition to deal in anything but grouches. Such men are not entitled to much consideration.

The following are some of the recent changes on the division: C. G. Russell, from third to second, Niles Junction; Bro. Barrett, second Niles Junction, to second Lowellville; Bro. Hill, second "KN" tower, to third Nova; Bro. French, extra, to second Ohio Junction; Bro. Kelsey, extra, to second Haselton; O. J. Artz, extra, to third "FS" tower, and Bro. Tom Siering, extra, to second "KN" tower. We are glad to see Tom at home again.

Bro. C. R. Fisher, second "XN" tower, was called to New Castle on a court case, in which the train crew involved attempted to clear themselves at the expense of Bro. Fisher. After it was over the division operator asked the superintendent to compliment Bro. Fisher on his good judgment, which was done.

Bro. Schatz, second "TF" tower, was relieved by Mr. Krueger for a couple of days recently.

Bro. Greene, first trick Ravenna, is again on the sick list; relieved by Bro. French, afterwards called to second Ohio Junction, and relieved by Mr. W. S. Robinson.

Mr. Thomas, a new man, is working third Niles Junction, while it is being advertised.

Bro. Prinn, second Ohio Junction, having left the service, Bro. Davis was called from third to second, and Mr. Mearns to third, temporarily.

Bro. Jones, first Newton Falls, on two weeks' vacation recently; relieved by G. L. Artz, a new man, who will be with us as soon as he has had the experience.

Bro. T. C. Cahill, third Lowellville, relieved for a few weeks recently by Mr. Richards, new man.

Bro. Trussell, who was working side wire at New Castle, has been relieved by Mr. Kimball.

Mr. Sarff, third "NC" Junction, night side wire, relieved by Bro. C. J. Leahy.

C. J. Leahy and W. H. Shaw are among the new brothers who joined recently, and we have the promise of several others in the near future.

Mr. Gorham relieved Bro. Post, Boughtonville, second, while on his honeymoon trip through the South. Sure we smoke.

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Bro. Post, the newly married, has returned from his honeymoon to work.

Mr. Richards relieved Bro. Hill, third Nova, while he was in New Castle recently, and then went to "X" office, Easton, to try and improve the service there.

Bros. McConney and Hill, at Nova, have branched out in the moving picture business and are showing to a crowded house every Saturday night.

Easton both "X" and SK" offices were changed from one to three-trick jobs the first of the month and filled by Extra Operators Doyle, Barnes, Richards and Anderson. Later Bro. McCannon was assigned to third trick "SK," and Mr. Anderson was sent to Boughtonville in his place.

Mr. Gorham relieved Bro. Lane, first "MR" tower, several days during the hunting season. Understand there was one rabbit less.

Mr. Mohn, second "OD" tower, Lodi, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Mears.

Bro. Elson, second "MR" tower, attending a wedding in Cleveland and visiting relatives elsewhere, is being relieved by Mr. Gorham.

Bro. Purdy, first Akron Junction, while attending the session of general committee in Washington, was relieved by Bro. Ault, first "NX" tower, Cuyahoga Falls, Mr. Doyle relieving Bro. Ault, who was afterwards relieved by Bro. C. J. Leahy, who also relieved Bro. Gray on third at Akron Junction, while he was visiting his parents in New York State.

Bro. Schatz, second "TF" tower, Kent, relieved by Mr. Krueger for a few days, Bro. Schatz and wife visiting relatives in Pennsylvania.

O. J. Artz, third "FS" tower, taking a vacation of a few weeks; relieved by his brother, G. L. Artz, who also relieved Bro. Schrived on first trick for a few days.

C. G. Russell bid in second, Niles Junction, leaving third at same office.

W. J. Lackeye, agent at West Farmington during the summer, has left the service; relieved by Mr. McFarland, Mr. Hammon, the regular man, having been granted an extension of six months on his leave of absence.

Bro. Hennesy, second at Chardon, is camping on the trail of a couple of nons on the lake branch. Hope he will have good luck in lining them up.

Bro. Browning, agent at Chardon, while visiting his old home in Virginia, was relieved by Bro. Jordan.

Bro. Cecil having returned from a month's vacation, Bro. Hennesy, second, Chardon, was then relieved for thirty days; relieved by Mr. Michner, who relieved Bro. French when he came to Ravenna.

Mr. McFarland is at Cuyahoga Falls as clerk and operator, and hope he will soon be in line.

Mr. Gorman, a new man, who relieved Bro. Lane, first "MR" tower, while off at the Akron Fair, also relieved Bro. Van Wranken, of Nova, for a few days.

Bro. McCannon, third at Boughtonville, while visiting relatives in Pittsburg, was relieved by Mr. Walsh.

Bro. Burch, third "MN" tower, visiting friends in Parkersburg, W. Va.; relieved by Mr. Doyle, who was with the Southern Pacific in 1907.

The more items that are sent in the better the write-up. Everybody help. "UNCLE BIFF."

Pittsburg Division, P. & W. District—

The attendance at our regular meeting on October 21st was somewhat above the average. Local Chairmen Yeager and Safford were both present to receive suggestions for the proposed new agreement to be considered by our general committee which met at Washington, D. C., November 1st.

Bro. Yeager on his recent organizing trip over the line, met with considerable success.

Bro. G. W. Brown, from the B. & S., is on third at Frisco.

Bro. M. M. Fitzgerald is doing extra at Goehring and Bro. E. S. Wolcott at Callery.

Bro. Wagerman, agent at Clarion Junction, and Bro. S. O. Six, of Sharpsburg, have been taking a vacation.

Bro. Louie Schmidt, agent at Ribold, is breaking in his new Oliver typewriter writing letters to the nons.

Bro. C. B. King, first, Zeno, and Bros. W. J. Mellen, first, and C. E. Seybolt, second at Bryant, have all three transferred to this division.

Bro. C. D. Moorehead is on a trip through California.

Claude Harbison, son of our first trick dispatcher on Frisco second, is making good for a beginner.

Bro. C. J. Fisher, Elfinwild, has resigned and left for his parents' home at Pasadena, Cal.

Our November meeting was well attended. General Chairman Van Atta was with us and gave an outline of the work of the general committee to date.

Our committee is determined that in the general movement among railroad employes for increased wages, the telegraphers on the B. & O. System shall not be left out in the cold.

The membership is requested to support the committee in every way and to get all available outsiders into the organization at once.

There are a number of old-time nons on this division, who are apparently hopeless cases. While they cheerfully accept of all concessions and increases secured by the organization, they steadfastly refuse to line up with their fellow workers in their efforts for improved conditions and wages.

Local Chairman Yeager, who upon the adjournment of the general committee, took a trip through the Eastern cities, accompanied by his wife, has returned to work.

Among the assignments of the November bulletin we note the following: Bro. J. J. Lanning, first, Goehring; Bro. Loose, Frisco, and Bro. McGrath, first at Rock Point. This places these brothers back to their old jobs held before the reduction in force nearly two years ago.

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Among the new members admitted during the month we note E. J. Robison, second, Wildwood, and J. V. Healy, extra, Callery.

We are glad to see Bro. J. V. Young back on this end, he having bid in third, Willow Grove, Bro. Fitzpatrick going to Sharpsburg.

Bro. Engleman, of Elfinwild, has been on the sick list for several weeks.

Bro. Miller, of Gibsonia, is thinking of quitting agency work and taking a block job.

Bro. J. R. Davis, of Callery, is spending Thanksgiving with his parents at Boyds, Md.

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Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

The members on this district seem to be disappointed if they do not find this district represented in the journal each month, but it seems that very few of them are interested enough to assist your humble servant in compiling anything of interest. The two correspondents that were appointed to look after this work having laid down on the job entirely, and therefore the work falls back on "Bill," who has everything to look after. Now, brothers, it is not reasonable to think that there is only one man on this big district that can do this work, and attend to the numerous other duties required of him, and I would be more than pleased if some brother would volunteer to take this part as correspondent, which probably would please the majority of the members, as I am very poor at newspaper work.

The changes have been so numerous on this district since last month that I will not endeavor to mention them all.

Bro. Jarrett, Hickman Run, and Bro. J. H. Smith, Lavenia, have been off for some time, and I understand they are enjoying themselves. They are both good men and also steady, and will be back in the near future. They are both relieved by the fair sex, which I regret to say are not members, but have promised to join us as soon as they have arrived at the proper age (I mean one year as telegraphers). We have quite a number of the fair sex on the Pittsburg Division now. They are giving very satisfactory service, and we want them all in the O. R. T.

Bro. Will Carr, of West Alex, was down East recently, and contemplates leaving the B. & O. if he can secure a position on some Southern road, as his wife's health has been failing for some time, and he is trying to move to some climate which will benefit her. While we would not care to lose such a good man, we appreciate his condition and wish him success, and hope that his wife will fully recuperate.

Bro. J. W. Marsh, who secured third trick at Versailles on last bulletin, off sick for some time, has resumed duty, Bro. Morgan returning to his regular place at Robbins.

Brothers, before this appears in our journal our general committee should be called before the officials of this company to effect a settlement, regarding our present schedule, and should it be necessary I hope that each and every member will stand pat, and back the committee to the limit, if necessary.

I regret that the Pittsburg Division is not at present up to the average in membership, compared with the other divisions of the B. & O., but there are so many newcomers that it is almost impossible for your local chairman to keep track of them without the assistance of the members. So whenever a new man shows up at your office, please drop your local chairman a note and give name, and if members, certificate number and division to which he belongs, thereby assisting him materially. Without this information it is practically impossible for him to keep track of all of them.

BILL.

Wheeling Division—

Have you an up-to-date card in your pocket? If not, don't you think you should have?

Are you providing for a new card for the new year? Now is the time to make preparations for the new year. Don't wait until the present year has slipped by, before you become aware that you owe the organization that is keeping you a "V." Also remember the insurance department, which is keeping vigil over your old carcass, is due a premium for the next six months.

Are all the men working in your office up-to-date? If not, have you used your influence toward getting them in line? Is there a non in your office, or along the line that you know of? If so, have you talked the matter over with him? Are you doing all you can to further the interests of the Order? Did you attend the last meeting, or did you pigeonhole the notice and forget all about it; or did you fling it aside and say "I don't see any use of attending those meeting, I cannot see where they are a benefit to any one?"

Have you ever had a grievance, that you would like the Order to adjust for you? If so, did you refer it to your local chairman, or did you sulk it out and say the Order is no good? Are you perfectly satisfied with present conditions, as to salary, working rules, etc.?

Ain't you got a kick of any kind? I imagine I can hear you say "yes, I have a kick, I want more money, I want a pass, if not an annual, I want a trip pass when I ask for it. I want my tower scrubbed oftener, I want a yearly vacation with pay, I want Sundays off, I want my seniority rights. When I write the D. O. I want an answer."

Well, now, if you want all these things, why in "Sam hill" don't you get busy and help to keep the membership up to ninety-nine and nine-tenths per cent?

The Wheeling Division is in good shape, yet there is room for improvement, and I earnestly request each member to see to it that he has an up-to-date card, and to get busy with the newcomers and see that they are lined up promptly. When one shows up don't be afraid to mention the matter to him. If he is a member, get his certificate number and the number of the division

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to which he belongs, and report it to your local chairman. If he is a non, open up your persuasive powers and tie to him, also notify your local chairman, giving his name and post office address.

Local Chairman Bro. A. G. Youst covered the division, the latter part of October, in the interest of the Order, gathering information relative to present conditions. This data was furnished the general committee, which is to be used by them in their present negotiations with the company. No doubt, before this is printed your general committee will have met the company, and we hope will have succeeded in securing a new set of working rules with a nice increase in salary for each of us.

Have you all done all that is possible within your power to make these negotiations a success?

Bro. C. E. Miller, of Glover Gap, has taken a six months' furlough, and is going to a law school at Morgantown, while we would miss him on the wire, we wish him success in his new undertaking.

Bro. M. Jones, of Denver, W. Va., has left the service, and is now sojourning in California.

There are two new men at Valley Falls. Who are they, Bro. Linn?

Bro. C. H. Mitchell has been transferred to the Newark Division, and Bro. W. F. Evans to the Ohio River Division.

Bro. L. E. Wilson, of Glover Gap, is making frequent trips to Barrackville, "nuff sed."

Tunnel Siding will be reopened as soon as the interlocking can be put in order; a good opening for three good brothers.

Bro. J. L. O'Dea, of Littleton, seems to have considerable business at Glover Gap of late.

Bro. W. A. Yeater has been appointed agent at Denver, W. Va., vice A. M. Garrison transferred to Jacksonburg.

Bro. Harry Zimmerman, of Cameron tower, is back at the key after a flying visit through Kansas.

Bro. H. A. Schultz, of "FI" tower, has returned from North Dakota, whence he recently was looking after his land interests.

Bro. C. L. Allender is holding down second at "WR" tower temporarily. He expects to take his regular turn at Glover Gap, which he bid in on the last bulletin, soon.

Bro. E. E. Holliway is copying in the dispatcher's office during the present rush of business. He will supplant Bro. Allender when through copying.

Guess I had better ring off—remember the slogan "No card, no favors." DEXTER.

Ohio River Division—

Wake up, brothers, wake up! I understand the company is contemplating running the steam shovel over the division, and burying the whole bunch of us. And say, can you blame them? We are certainly a lot of "dead ones." Here we sit and whine, wondering why we don't get a vacation with pay, an annual pass or an increase. But do you think for a minute the company is going to come around and say "Well, boys, you have been real good this year, haven't made any noise to keep the baby awake, and we are going to reward you with an increase." Well, now if you have any such "brain storms" as that, you had better get you a new corn-cob pipe, for the one you are using is getting entirely too strong for your nerves. Or maybe you think your local chairman can go down to Ba'timore and say to the company we deserve so and so, and get it. Well, in that case you had better wake up, for they are all from Missouri, and he must show them.

Are you aware of the fact that the boys on the C. & O. got all they asked for? You bet they did. They went right down there and showed the company they needed what they asked for, and their requests were granted. Say! don't mention it, but just as soon as I get my board bill paid, so they won't pinch my "go-away-bag" when I start, I'm going down there to try and land something.

I wonder how many brothers on the division are trying to do something to get us a better agreement? Hands up! Well, I'm glad to see three hands go up. Only three. Now do you wonder that we do not get those things we ask for? Do you know that if you would work as hard for a better schedule, as you do to see your best girl, against her mother's wishes, we would be getting at least one hundred dollars per month. You lay awake nights wondering how you are going to see her tomorrow evening. Now, if you will do half this much, that is stay awake the next day and try to do something to get a new member, and take a little interest, we will be able to explain why we need more money and better working conditions. And then give the company good service. Don't sit and talk to some girl on the 'phone while the dispatcher knocks all the insulators off the poles for three miles calling you. Wake up, brothers. If you cannot do it any other way, try "pink pills for pale people."

I am going after the nons that I can reach, and I want you to do the same thing. Make them feel ashamed of themselves. The last non I went to see, I had him shedding tears in less than three minutes, and I'll have his application next pay day. He was broke when I called on him, for I went through his clothes, and know whereof I speak. Guess he spent his money buying new telephone transmitter he burned out talking to some girl. Now, I have no objection to you talking to the girls. They are very nice, But what I want to get through your "bean" is: we cannot get better working conditions unless you help.

This division is about ready for the undertaker, as far as you are concerned, and there you sit on the "west side" of your pants, too lazy to even attend the funeral.

The local chairman is going to call a meeting soon, and I want to see you there. Come and watch Bro. Frazee "throw a fit." Three cheers

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for the Ohio River Division, hip, hip, hurrah. Let us pray.

Bro. Moore, at Huntington, says he is all right as long as he can get his Limberger. If there is anything George does like it's Limberger.

Bro. Clark, at Cox's Landing, is still able to hold his job, but don't know how he will stand it when he has to work overtime nights. Bro. Clark is married now.

Bro. Ellison says he loves the B. & O., but, O! you N. & W. Cheer up, Ellison, they don't ship tobacco all the year at Glenwood.

I understand Bro. Rutherford is thinking of taking unto himself a wife. Luck to you, Paul, we will always remember your short stay here on earth.

Dispatcher Flesher says, O! you baby doll. Now, I wonder what he means?

We understand Bro. Hall leaves soon for old "Kaintuck." Bring us back some "moon-shine," Bart.

Well, you must excuse me for not giving you more news. I am so busy that at the end of trick I find it necessary to rest my weary bones.

SLIM, DIVISION BOOSTER.

C. & N. Division—

There will be a meeting of the membership soon, and each one that can possibly arrange to do so should be present. Your committee has prepared a working agreement covering the next period, and you will be made familiar with the articles applying to our division. Now, boys, be there all of you, and show by your presence that you are willing to help and support your officers in their efforts in our behalf. Our local chairman will be in attendance and will explain everything fully from the committee's standpoint.

As we are asking for many new articles to be inserted in the coming agreement, let us one and all do our whole duty while working our tricks. Be prompt in reporting trains, and do not, under any circumstance, sleep on duty. Prove to the company that you honestly earn the improved conditions asked for, and at the same time you will make matters easier to handle when your committee confront the management. Remember that complete organization is our main dependence, so do not neglect anything that will further that end. Keep the good we are doing ever before the non next to you, and you will soon find your persistence rewarded.

We are in the midst of the hunting season, and many are the reports of famous killings that we hear on the wire at night, when our brother nimrods compare notes.

Bro. Walter Norris, second, Central City, spent a few days in the fields training his dogs for the hunting season. Bro. H. L. Wolhert, a new arrival from the Hocking Valley, relieving.

Bro. Huffman, third, Central City, is visiting in Texas; Bro. Wolhert relieving.

Bro. James Holcomb, first, Summit, was off hunting; Bro. Pierson relieving.

Bro. Stephen Gaines, first, Black Lick, is still visiting in California.

C. S. Rowe secured second at Big Walnut on bid. He will very soon be entitled to the prefix, brother. CERT. 1698.

Cumberland Division, West End—

Business on the division is still on the boom, and it is beginning to look like old times.

The nons are still coming into the fold. Three new ones this month. Let the good work go on.

The office at Empire has been reopened, on account of the heavy traffic moving over the division at present. Bros. Luethke and Walters and a new man are holding down the three tricks until advertised.

Bro. Summers, of Grafton, caught the turn at the temporary office put in just east of that place, where improvements are being made on the right-of-way.

Local chairman Shaffer was absent ten days this month, on committee work at Washington.

Brothers, if there are any nons in your office, go after them and help the local chairman make the division solid. Remember that grand old O. R. T. slogan "No card, no favors," and see that it is enforced.

And another thing to remember, brothers, is that we have a very important proposition before us at the present time, and whether we win or lose all depends on the support you give your general committee; therefore, let everyone of you put his shoulder to the wheel and help push the matter to a successful conclusion. Get after the nons, and pay your dues promptly. Support your general committee when called upon to do so, and then you can well and truthfully say that you have done your part. DIV. COR.

Cleveland Division—

Mr. Barnes, Peninsula, off a few weeks on vacation; relieved by Mr. Brown.

Bro. Dan Brisler, third trick, Bridge 80, has taken indefinite leave of absence on account of poor health; Telegrapher Oleary relieving.

Bro. O. R. Baumgardner, second, Columbia, with his family, left for Tampa, Fla., November 19th, expects to be gone all winter. He may locate there; relieved by Bro. Sayers.

Mr. Shanks, Lorain, first trick, off a few days, visiting. This should read "Bro." Shanks, but it don't.

B. C. Fidler, third, Uhrichsville, is off sick. Mr. Heaton, "DO," was compelled to put in one night in Mr. Fidler's place, on account of a shortage of men.

Bro. Kilbow, third, Akron, Howard St., was off a couple of days, attending his sister's wedding.

Bro. Hoover, Sandyville, off on a vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Dewitt.

Bro. Hood, East Akron, is temporarily filling in at Botzum; H. M. Brown going to East Akron.

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Mr. Fitch, for last few years at Broadway, got tired of his job and left without notifying any one. Mr. Thompson, who relieved him, did likewise, and Mr. Betts is now on the job.

Our last meeting was very interesting. Quite a number of the boys turned out, and Local Chairman McCoy gave us a report of general committee affairs at Baltimore.

General Chairman Van Atta will be with us at our next meeting, and all the brothers should turn out and get a line on what is doing. "RED."

Connellsville Division—

If telegraphers continue to drop out of existence on this division, it will be necessary to have Sherlock Holmes to solve the mysterious exits.

After feeding a stray telegrapher, Bro. Barfoot, "RN" Connellsville, was rewarded by having his micograph stolen by the recipient of his charity.

Bro. J. W. Thornton, "D" Connellsville, made a hurried trip to his home in Virginia recently.

Bro. Kuhn, "D" Connellsville, is at present scouring the West in search of choice lands to be disposed of by the government.

Bro. Emerick, first at Foley, is in "D," Connellsville, superintendent's office.

A. G. Fry has severed his relations with the Connellsville division.

Bro. Knotter, of Brooks, has returned from a trip to the Dakotas.

Bro. S. M. De Huff and family visited relatives in Coatesville recently.

FOR RENT—One-room shanty, equipped for solitary and light housekeeping. Apply R. Marshall, Indian Creek, Pa. DIV COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered our ranks, removing our brother, Grover C. Davidson; and,

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Davidson our division has lost an esteemed and valuable member; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Pittsburg District Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family and relatives our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. YEAGER, JR.,
J. D. DUNBAR,
S. O. SIX,
Committee

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the O. R. T. members on Newark Division of B. & O. Division, No. 33, who so kindly sent beautiful floral offerings and for expressions of sympathy in our sad loss in the death of our little daughter, Mildred, on Nov. 2.

MR. AND MRS P. FERGUSON.

Barnesville, O., November 16, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call to eternal rest our esteeemed friend and worthy brother, T. Butler Howe; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Howe his family have lost a true and loving member and System Division, No. 33, a loyal member, who at all times tried to do his duty toward God and his fellow-men; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Newark System Division, No. 33, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy and consolation in this, their hour of sorrow, which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, spread upon the minutes of our division, and a copy furnished to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. A. FAUST,
F. D. HORN,
C. A. ANDERSON,
Committee.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Our notes for the October journal were given to a party to mail who put them in the railroad instead of the U. S. mail, and they did not reach the editor in time for publication.

Our committee will be before the management for revision of our schedule shortly, and we hope that an agreement satisfactory to all will be made.

Business is good with us again and we hope that it will stay so for some time, because we know if the company is doing lots of business we should share in the profits to the extent of five or ten dollars per month.

Boys, when a new man comes into your office to work, you should find out immediately if he belongs to the Order, and not wait until he is finally transferred to another position. Let's show these nons that we are alive to the fact that they are accepting without a blush the products from the seed sown by the O. R. T., and not costing them one cent.

Our general manager will probably not be able to meet our committee for two or three weeks yet.

There is a shortage of cars with the C. & E. I., also being experienced by other roads. Quite a number of box cars received lately from the north, however, distributed along the line, has relieved the situation somewhat.

Bro. Johnson, first at "BX" tower, on sick list recently, relieved by Mr. Ross, who later relieved Bro. Kaneen on second trick there.

Bro. G. W. Kruse, second at Woodland Junction, also on sick list, being relieved by Mr. Miller, who has not worked at the business for some time. We hope to see him with a new card before long. He is now relieving Bro. C. E. Honeter, third at Coaler, who has left the service.

Mr. Mack is taking Woodland Junction, second, until Bro. Kruse returns to work.

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Bro. Fitzhenry, first at Chicago Heights, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. Parrett.

Bro. McDonald was the successful bidder for third, "HJ" Chicago Heights, relieving Bro. Hall, who took third at Coaler.

Bro. Judy, Chicago Heights, is off on a ten days' vacation.

Bro. J. Vail, Henning, expects shortly to return to Jamaica, where he hailed from about two years ago.

Bro. Johnson, Sr., agent at Perrysville, is having considerable sickness in his family.

Bro. Huston, "NE" tower, and Bro. Curren, Hoopeston, have exchanged places, Bro. Huston bidding in second there, and Bro. Goodin from third at Coaler to second at Hoopeston; relieved by Bro. Hall.

Extra Goodin, from second "NE" tower to third at Coaler; relieved by Bro. Wolschlag.

J. M. Studer, agent at Steger, while on a trip to South Dakota, was relieved by Mr. Haggerty.

There is a very new man at Fairmount Junction, first trick.

Bro. Adams, from Dewey, visited Bro. Payne at Watseka while on his vacation.

Bro. Bahls has received Danville yard third regular.

Bros. Johnson and Kaneen, at "BX" tower, doubled while Bro. Thompson was at Hoopeston on sick relief recently, and Bros. Thompson and Kaneen doubled during Bro. Johnson's absence on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Bro. Johnson, first trick at "BX' tower, was called home Tuesday, October 19th, on account of his mother being seriously ill, but the chief called him back to work the next morning.

Extra Bolla is at "DA," Oaklawn shops.

O. L. Moore, agent at Rossville, resigned to travel for Washburn-Crosby Flour Co.; relieved by Hayes, from Grape Creek; now on bulletin.

Bro. C. W. Foudry, second at Coal Bluff, is now with the C. I. & S.; relieved by Extra Cooper.

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Chicago Division, Terre Haute District—

Bro. Barnes was the successful bidder for third trick at Jackson; relieved at Atherton by Mr. Brown, an ex-member, who promises to make good soon.

Mr. Miller, extra, third at Jackson, transferred to third at Woodland Junction; relieved by Bro. Barnes, permanently.

Mr. Hearst, from the Vandalia, on second at Atherton, relieving Mr. Scowell, discharged.

An extra set of dispatchers have been added to the force, and we have a fine set of men. Harry C. Griffith has accepted a position as yardmaster at Seifert, joint E. & T. H. and C. & E. I., succeeded by P. L. Reynolds, dispatcher at Brazil.

Bro. Bahls landed third trick at Danville yards.

Bro. Lawkins, Terre Haute, now on second at "DH" tower, Danville.

"VD" office, Chicago, which opened recently, has been closed, and all business for Chicago officials is now taken at "GO" office. DIV. COR.

Chicago Terminal Division—

Business is good around the "Windy City.'

Mr. Brown, of "GO," left for the Southwest, to accept a position some place as manager. Bro. Kelly is doing the early morning stunt until Mr. Townsley gets broke in.

Mr. Davenport, Mr. Hixon and Mr. Cowen, a fine bunch of fellows whom the Order can be proud of, will be with us soon; also Mr. Hansman, at "FO."

Bro. Harding is at "VD," the new office at 77th Street.

Yard Center is solid now, with Bro. Smoot on first, Bro. Willis second and Bro. Zimmer third.

Bro. Ingle, at Haney, did not return to the C. B. & Q., having been offered a concession to remain.

Mr. Maebor, agent at South Holland, has not been able as yet to get relief for his vacation.

Thornton Junction tower boys are doubling, Bro. Hock on first and Bro. Curwin second.

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Pere Marquette Ry.

Petoskey Division—

The report that the office at Thompsonville was a ham factory is erroneous. The two boys there are both lined up and good workers for the Order. The agent at Beulah, on the Ann Arbor, however, is said to be turning them out in grand style, and the railroad company is encouraging him with his "ham factory" business.

Bro. Bird, second at White Cloud, while on a thirty days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Harrison, of Bitely, and Mr. Cook relieved Bro. Harrison.

It looks as if we were all setting back and waiting for the other fellow to go ahead. Now, fellows, this is no way to do business. If we ever expect to get anything we have got to take hold, and the first thing is to get in all the nons, and then we will be ready to talk business to the management.

Mr. Miller, a new man, is working third at Petoskey.

Bro. Henderson has returned and has the clerk and operator's job at Bellaire.

Mr. Gillespie, agent at Bellaire, is with the Detroit and Charlevoix. Bro. Benton, who had the clerk's job there, is now the agent, having received it on bulletin.

Bro. Belding, agent at Interlochen, has resigned; relieved temporarily by Relief Agent Totten until Mr. Parker was checked in. CERT. 326.

Port Huron Division—

There has been nothing in THE TELEGRAPHER from this division for some time. Wake up, boys, and send in whatever news you can hear of, and make a better showing for our division. Also get busy with some of those nons and bring them into the fold.

Bro. M. Irwin, for several years agent at Yale, resigned recently and went West to the N. P. Co.,

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but has returned and is now with the L. S. & M. S. in Detroit.

Bro. C. E. Epley, second at Yale, landed the agency at Ruth, vice Bro. McLean, who is relieving on the second at Yale until the new agent arrives.

Mr. H. A. Williams, who has been out of the service a number of years, has landed second at Yale, but is filling the agency until C. L. Curtis, of Romulus, arrives.

The agent at Juniata landed the agency at Rose Center. CERT. 14,991.

Erie Ry.

Susquehanna Division—

Brothers, the beginning of the New Year is close at hand. Let us start in with a clean slate and keep it clean. Let us show the company that O. R. T. men strive to give good service, whatever else others may aim to do. Get the proper amount of rest when off duty and be in shape to attend strictly to business when you come on. Let us resolve to keep our names off the discipline list. Those on the list recently were all for offenses which they ought to be ashamed for committing. How good it would look if at the end of the year it could be said, that there was not an O. R. T. man's name on the discipline list. We can easily accomplish this if we try, so let's do our best. The desire of every O. R. T. man is to give good, clean service, but judging from what some of the others have been doing lately, their object must be to give the very worst service they can.

The Erie will soon put in use fifty of the largest locomotives in the world, with the possible exception of the three great pushers at Gulf Summit Hill, or one in use on the Santa Fe. They are of the powerful "H-21" consolidated type, equipped with Vanderbilt or Circular water tank. They are being built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia.

General Lorenzo Tarres, President of the State of Cancio, Mexico, accompanied by his wife and private secretary, passed over this division recently in his private car, No. 18, "Nauenales De-Mexico," which was attached to train No. 14.

The towers at "AQ," Adrian, Cameron and Addison have received fresh coats of paint, both inside and out. Addison is now red and green, the same as the stations are being painted.

The interlocking tower at Chemung has been given a general overhauling by a floating gang from New York.

The inspection train passed over the division recently, and the officers seemed to be making a thorough inspection of everything.

The clerical force in the yard offices along the line is being reduced.

Barton gravel pit and tower was closed on October 25th.

Boys, when you happen in Waverly, don't fail to drop in at Bro. Arthur Hill's lunch room, just a few doors up from the station. You will be sure to get a good, square meal and a hearty welcome, whether you buy a meal or not. We are glad to know that Bro. Hill is prospering in his new business, and we wish him continued success.

Bro. J. T. Conroy, resigned, is now on the D. L. & W.

J. H. Connors, Waverly, third, while visiting in Hornell a few days, was relieved by Bro. J. L. Wilson. Mr. Connors will carry an up-to-date beginning with the New Year.

Bro. Murphy, of "GJ" was off duty recently on account of the death of his sister. Bro. Murphy has the sympathy of the entire division.

Bro. Malloy, of "GJ," who fell from a tree some time ago and injured his back, has recovered and is on duty again.

Bro. Wayne, of "XU," on account of a bicycle accident, was relieved a few nights by Extra Telegrapher Young, who later relieved Bro. T. Ryan, of Big Flats, while acting as clerk of election.

Bro. H. M. King and Guy Owens have swapped tricks at "RX," for a few weeks.

Mr. Spencer, of "Q," while seriously ill, was relieved by Mr. Coonan, from "FD," and Mr. Popeck relieving Mr. Coonan.

Mr. Taylor, of "GY," who bid in second at "S," later bid in "KU," third; Telegraphers Pitt and Young did the extra work, while these changes were being made.

Bro. Monahan, of "XU," on a few days' vacation; relieved by Mr. Mulcahy.

Dispatcher Verian, second, east end, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Dickey.

Bro. Victor Hadley, of Adrian, took a trip West recently, accompanied by his mother.

We wish to thank Bros. Deering, of Wellsburg, and Coddington, of Painted Post, for their generous contributions to this write-up. Brothers, we hope you will continue the good work.

We have no items from the Tioga Division this month.

There will be only one more meeting held this year, and we hope for a good turnout. Date not yet decided on. DIV. COR.

Alleghany Division—

The writer, who has assumed the responsibilities of division correspondent, will endeavor to have the Alleghany Division represented each month, if the members will furnish all available items.

Let us get the Alleghany Division lined up solid Each member should be able to secure at least one convert, but do not stop at that, get as many as possible.

Talk O. R. T. to every non you meet, explain the benefits of organization, and keep after him until success crowns your efforts.

I have plenty of application blanks, which can be had by dropping me a card.

It is again nearly time to pay dues, and there are still several members on this division who are behind for the present term.

We must keep an eye on these delinquents, and not allow them to drop out of the fold.

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If any of you are interested drop the local chairman a card asking for a list of delinquents, and endeavor to induce them to pay up.

It is certain that we all must work together if we expect to accomplish anything. Merely paying dues will not bring in new members.

Brothers, don't dismiss this matter as soon as you have read this article, but get busy.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. Karl, and hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Daley, second, "FY" tower, has returned from the vacation he took for his health in the forests of Pennsylvania.

The following positions are advertised: Third, Friendship; second, "HR" tower, and second, Dayton.

Wishing every reader the compliments of the season. J. F. KARL.

Mahoning Division—

On account of the next meeting night coming on a national holiday, it was decided at the November meeting that we would not meet again until the regular meeting night in January, 1910.

F. J. Jones, first trick dispatcher, is in New York City. This moves Dispatcher T. C. Eddy up to first, E. Chadwick to Eddy's place, and Side Wire Man W. T. Williams running trains, third trick, in Chadwick's place.

W. E. Goodsell, second, Wilson Ave., resigned, and bid in by F. L. Cogsil, of Sharon.

W. W. Donanant, Brier Hill shop, off a few days, relieved by C. G. Perry.

C. W. Mitchell is working second trick at "YO," and Dorothy Dean third.

C. C. Fenstermaker, first trick at Garrettsville, while off a few days, was relieved by C. H. Fitch, second, and the latter by Harry Snyder, a Pennsylvania man.

W. W. Marshall, "RN," attended K. of P. Convention at Lisbon, Ohio.

R. G. Kistler, De Forest tower, off a few days; relieved by F. E. Brooks.

Second and third tricks at Sharpsville are advertised.

H. J. Perry, first, "NK," Youngstown, eloped recently with the division engineer's youngest daughter. DIV. COR.

Meadville Division—

The O. R. T. dance given in the Excelsior parlors, Youngstown, on November 18th, for the benefit of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, was a great success fraternally and financially. While the crowd was not as large as expected, every one there enjoyed an elegant time.

Your local chairman is pleased to announce the receipt of a number of applications from new members, and wishes to congratulate the brothers who are keeping after nons. We hope to increase the membership still more, by each brother doing his part and keeping after the non working beside him. If there is anything your local chairman can do to assist you, don't be backward in calling on him.

Don't forget the meetings which are held at Warren, Ohio, the third Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be December 18th, and we hope to have a good turnout, as some important business is to be transacted, and we want you to have a voice in the matter.

Bro. Brown, agent at Freedom, occupied his new depot on December 1st.

Bro. Noble, first trick, "FM" tower, who broke his collar bone some time ago, has so far improved that he expects to resume work in the near future.

Bro. Spencer, agent, Ravenna, has returned to first trick, which moves Bro. Mushrush up to second, and Bro. Milnes to third. The agency is now filled by A. G. Beach, transferred from Watts Flats.

Sisters Ethel Wilcox, second at "MK" tower, enjoyed a vacation the first two weeks in November, being relieved by Mr. Mosher, from Union City.

I regret that I did not receive more news items this month, but trust some of the brothers will get busy and send your local chairman some items before the 15th of December, so we can have a good write up in the January journal.

CERT. 88.

New York Division—

Well attended meetings were held at Park Riley, N. J. (N. J. and N. Y. Divisions), October 15th, and again on November 13th.

Bro. Romaine's hospitality is as wholesome and as hearty as his faith in and loyalty to the O. R. T.

A good crowd greeted Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson, Bro. Shields, of No. 44, and Bro. Lynn, of No. 26, at Jersey City, November 6th. We desire to express our hearty appreciation of these brothers for the trouble and inconvenience they suffered in order to attend this meeting, and to wish for them hearty good cheer. Come again.

Bro. Fitzpatrick desires to make grateful acknowledgment of the sympathy and friendship of the many friends and brothers on the occasion of the death of his daughter, and the beautiful floral offering.

The meetings at Jersey City are usually well attended by side line members, who cannot attend meetings at Paterson. Main line members can as easily go to Jersey City meetings as they can go to Paterson meetings.

This being true, why not concentrate our gatherings at Jersey City.

From many points of view, as well as that of economy, the meetings should be at Jersey City only.

The Ladies' Auxiliary department of the Order is growing much in favor in many parts of the country, but as yet nothing has been done here.

We should get our women folks interested in this department. Our well of intellectuals is not so full, neither have we such an overabundance of grace, tone and refinement that we can be indifferent to those who can and would add so much of

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those essentials to our social and business life and workaday world.

Moreover, it may be true as claimed, that the members of the auxiliary succeed in converting hard-shell non-members to our cause, but most of us know that nothing short of a club will drive a razorback hog away from a full trough.

Fraternally yours,

F. W. COLEMAN.

Wyoming Division -

Bro. C. Crane, "WA" tower, after working "AJ" third a few days, went to second "WN." Mr. Norris, "WN" has returned from his trip in Connecticut.

Billy Smith, third "WN" on first at "WA."

Bro. Avery, after working a few days at "WN" in November, returned to "CM."

Mr. Buckle "DO" office has taken up commercial work in New York.

J. F. McFarland, agent "AR," while on a hunting trip in the wilds of Wayne, was relieved by Jake Heiss.

Bro. York, second "GI" has resigned to take up commercial work.

L. S. Kizer, telegrapher at "DO" has been appointed agent at Gravity, vice Mr. Swingle, resigned.

Bro. D. E. Sherwood, while on sick list a few days, was relieved by Jake Heiss.

Bro. Adams, at "EY," sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. James Smith, who also was relieved by Bro. Cortright at "EY."

Mr. Games, third at "KO" transferred to third at "CM."

Paul Ware, wireless man, has resigned and gone to Philadelphia.

Bro. James Curran, while on a trip to New York recently, was relieved by Billy Smith.

N. J. & N. Y. R. R. Division—

We feel very grateful to Bro. Romaine, who helped to arrange for the open meeting at his home in Park Ridge, N. J., on October 15th, this being the first meeting the division has held in a long time. Arrangements have now been made to hold meetings more regularly in the future, but no permanent hall has been secured as yet.

The brothers have at last got busy along the line and landed quite a number of new members recently, with good prospects for several more. Let us all try to make the division solid or at least 95 per cent by January 1, 1910.

The owl trick at "DA" Oradell tower, owing to Bro. Kershaw leaving the service, is held by R. Romaine until bid in.

Bro. Kershaw is now with the C. B. & Q., at Eckerly, Colo.

Bros. Ritter and Weitman, "NF," Nanuet, while on a recent vacation took a trip to Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. N. Cotaggoe, agent, Carlstad, recently transferred to "HZ" Hackensack, vice Extra Agent Current, was relieved by P. Sellers.

The agency at Woodcliff Lake, transferred to Mr. Ireland, owing to Mr. Kelly leaving the service, is now open for bids.

Telegrapher and assistant agent, Radney, "SV" Spring Valley, returned from his recent vacation accompanied by a bride. With such added responsibilities, he should now come into the fold and be one of the big family.

Brothers, remember, "no cards, no favors."

CERT. 345.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Like some of the rest of you, we have been very busy in the grain business, and have not been able to send in a write-up for several months.

Bro. "Tim" Harrington, at Buchanan and Warman Pits during the past summer, has bid in the night shift at Edmonton.

Bro. Davidson is back at Borden after a two months' vacation spent in Ontario.

Bro. F. E. Fizell, of Atikokan, has the new agency at Kitscoty, which will be duly bulletined when a suitable station is erected to accommodate the agent.

Bro. H. G. McGill, relief agent, secured Bruno on bulletin and is now busy studying "Ways and Means of Handling the Mennonites." A very interesting book.

Bro. Willis, "FD" office, transferred to Humbolt days, Bro. Stephenson bidding in agency at Muenster.

Bro. Smith is now handling relay work and "CS" at No. Battleford.

Mr. Fullerton, from the C. N. R., is at "FD" nights. The Battleford brothers should see whether he has a card and is up to date.

Howell station temporarily opened, with Mr. McKinnon, of Maidstone, in command. Bro. Robison, of Wadena, while on vacation was relieved by Bro. Hinsberger.

Owing to the scarcity of operators, Bro. Harrop, of Fielding, has been unable to get relief, although rather indisposed.

Bro. Fallow, of Maymont, while on his wedding trip was relieved by Bro. Bill Prevost.

Third District—

By the time these notes appear in the journal dues for the coming six months should be paid up. We want every telegrapher on the division to be up to date, and any new men coming on with cards from other divisions should arrange to be transferred to Division No. 43 at once. We need the support of every telegrapher to carry on the good work.

Quite a large number of new stations have been opened on account of the wheat rush, which we hope may all be kept open permanently.

Bro. D. W. Hunt is very ill in Dauphin hospital with typhoid fever, but we all sincerely hope that he may have a speedy recovery. Bro. Neibel is now night operator at Dauphin. COR.

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Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

A certain agent located on this division at a heavy station, recently promoted, desired to make some changes in the salaries. The agency paid $60.00 and the telegraph position $50.00. He asked the superintendent to allow him the $110.00, and let him do all the work. The express pays about $30.00, thereby making the salary for the station a very neat one. This is one of the heaviest two-men jobs on this division, and untold trouble has been experienced in getting an agent to stick, as two men heretofore have had to work from twelve to eighteen hours per day.

This particular man does not, nor never has belonged to the Order. Had he, no such arrangement would have been thought of. The general committee have never been successful in getting a dollar for this station, and this young gentleman seems to have forgot that his action would go against him, and that station the next time the general committee meets. Every man on this division knows what particular station is referred to and also knows this non, who has been working from end to end on this division, drawing so many advantages from our schedule. This is how he repays us. Of course, we don't expect much better from a man who will sponge on us for several years, but his days are numbered, and he will soon see the handwriting on the wall.

It seems there are only two divisions on this line of road represented in the journal regularly, viz., Savannah and Chattanooga. The Macon and S. W. seem to be overworked. I like to have forgotten the old Cols Division. So seldom anything is ever seen from these divisions, it would look somewhat odd to see their names appear in print. Brothers, how can you expect your membership to keep interested when never a line appears in our journal. Very seldom a letter to the nons. If we are to keep up our standard we certainly must let the boys know we are watching them, and that their names will appear in print, if they don't keep right with the Order. It is no trouble for one man on each division to write a small piece monthly, and you don't know how much good will be accomplished thereby.

Members who allow their dues to lapse and become several months behind show a very poor policy. Some day they will get their reward in reduced salary.

Bro. C. G. Rogers, recuperated from several weeks' sickness contracted at Midville agency, has resigned and secured a more lucrative position with the A. B. & A. Ry., at Roanoke, Ala. He was relieved by F. W. Shumpert, telegrapher there.

Bro. E. M. Strickland, of Pooler, is now at Cordele with the A. B. & A. We were sorry to lose Bro. Strickland, as he was a staunch worker for the Order, but our loss is the A. B. & A.'s gain. He was relieved by Mr. E. H. Bevill.

A. J. H. Williams, of M. & A. Junction, third, is now with A. C. L.; relieved by Bro. J. H. Hodges, of Tennille, third, until filled by I. B. Bell, of Wadley, third, who was relieved by Bro. C. C. Carroll, of Meldrim, Bro. J. H. Hodges returning to Tennille, third.

Mr. McGowan, who had relieved Bro. Hodges on third, ordered to Savannah.

Bro. J. H. Wright, of Stillmore, while on sick list, was relieved by Mr. Blitch, from Nunez.

B. L. Briggs has been assigned Meldrim agency, vice Bro. D. W. Moland.

Bro. M. H. Smith Adrian as day telegrapher, vice J. D. Youmans.

Bro. W. T. Channel, from A. C. L. to Brewton agency, vice Bro. Smith, who goes to Adrian.

Bro. W. K. Horne, Waynesboro nights, to Meldrim, vice a "Mr." COR.

Chattanooga Division—

The beginning of the New Year is a good time to stop and give a moment's thought to the question, "Have each of us done our duty toward the Order during the year that is just passing?"

Every one should resolve to do our best, individually and by all working together make the next year the greatest in the history of the Order on this division.

Bro. Dunaway, of Chickamaugua, has returned from a three weeks' vacation.

Bro. Conyers, of Newman, has been obliged to lay off on account of having trouble with his eyes. Bro. Abrams is relieving him.

Boys, wake up and let us have a write-up each month from the Savannah and Chattanooga Divisions.

Don't forget, it's time for the new card.

CERT. 203.

Ann Arbor Ry.

The interlocker has been recently overhauled and electric signals installed. Bro. Herrich has been looking after these improvements for some time and they were very much needed.

The P. M. Ry. has installed a record case for Agent Herrich and all records on P. M. Ry. are up in yearly order, making it very handy for reference. We hope the A. A. Ry. will soon do likewise.

Improvements have been made on the station at Annpere to the extent of three or four hundred dollars. The building has been lathed, plastered and remodeled with fine dwelling rooms.

The trainmen are up for a new schedule. The telegraphers and agents should arrange to do the same thing, and all the roads go in as one association for better wages and hours. Some of our one-man stations put in 12 to 14 hours daily. Let us get after a minimum one that is right. Stop and reason, boys, when the trainmen want a good schedule they go after it, while we sit around and simply wish for one. The time it takes for a man to become an experienced telegrapher entitles us to get wages that will compare with other trades. Any man who can handle stations and wires, should draw not less than $60.00, and that is putting it easy. There are Western roads that have raised the telegraphers

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and agents $5.00 per month and were not even asked to do it.

Brothers, we have as nice a set of officials as any road could ask for. They are always very reasonable when conducting investigations, and I have never heard a trainman even say a word against the officials of this road.

Now, boys, use them as well as they use us, and in the future I am sure we will get more money and the best of treatment.

The dispatchers are very kind at all times and willing to help out by taking messages whenever they can. Let us look at these favors in the proper way, pull together and go after a minimum, and I am sure we can get it.

Chief Dispatcher J. S. Graghan has returned from his vacation and we are all glad to see Jim back again.

Bro. A. J. Herrick, agent, Annpere, with his wife and daughter, have returned from a two weeks' trip on the M. C. R. R.

Bro. Harry Thompson, on the owl stunt, is away on a ten-day vacation.

Business is good and the Ann Arbor is getting a lot of new box cars, gondolas and four new engines of the heaviest type. There has been quite a shortage of cars recently, but the old cars are being repaired, and these with the new equipment will soon reduce the shortage to a minimum.

This increase in business means more revenue for the company, therefore don't get stale, but keep up your dues and let us see if we can't have a little of this increased revenue added to our pay.

Let every man get his card up-to-date, and get every one in line.

Wake up, and let us hear from you. It's a cinch no one is going to add anything to your bank roll, unless you go after it.

Chief Dispatcher Graghan, while on three weeks' vacation, was relieved by third dispatcher, Lehy; Mr. Johnson, extra dispatcher, relieving the latter.

Bro. Berryman, first, Hallet, off a few days recently was relieved by Mr. Traphaggen, of Toledo, who also relieved Bro. J. W. McNamee, off several weeks, in search of a healthier cumate.

Bro. W. H. Terrel, of Pittsfield, got Byron on bid. Pittsfield bulletined and Buelah and Bannester agency and telegrapher's position at Annpere are also bulletined.

Bro. L. R. Taylor, Cadillac yards, first, has been transferred to "A" office, Toledo.

Bro. Smith, Cadillac, has gone West, in search of better conditions.

Bro. A. J. Herrick, Annpere, on couple weeks vacation recently relieved by Bro. Floyd Mattis, of Lakeland.

Give us a little news once in a while. Will be glad to hear from some one on the north end. G. E. L.

Why in the name of the great tooth-picks, don't we have a meeting some time, somewhere. The trainmen, engineers, firemen and shopmen, are going after the company for a raise and other changes in their schedule, and they don't need it any worse than we do. It don't cost them any more to live than it does us. Why cannot we get together, and do a little something for ourselves. I would like to have every brother, and others write Bro. Taylor, care the "AA" depot, Toledo, and give him a date when they would like a meeting. With all the trains running on Sunday, what is the matter with us having a good old time meeting, get a committee appointed, and frame up something. Bro. Taylor is a busy man, but I know that he will attend to it. Write him, and suggest a day. How about January 2d, the first Sunday in that month. Please advise him. Let each and every one get in an application for transportation early, and all get together and do something. Any one in favor of a better date let him know.

Bro. J. W. McNamee, third at Hallett, recently while attempting to board the P. M. local, to Alexis, and catch A. A. No. 1 missed his footing and fell under the wheels, getting his foot badly crushed, and necessitating the amputation of all his toes, with the exception of the large toe. Last reports were that he was getting along nicely. Bro. McNamee has had a run of very hard luck in the last year, and the members of the division extend to him their sympathy. Bro. Ide relieved Bro. McNamee, "Uncle Joe" is always on hand when badly needed.

Bro. Berryman at Hallett, has not succeeded in getting his sixty days leave of absence yet on account of the scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. Arnold, of Ithaca, has left the service. Not bulletined yet.

Bro. Taylor, our worthy chairman, seems to have his hands full at "A" office, Toledo.

Would like to have a few notes and suggestions from some of the men on the north end as I am unable to reach the boys there. Some of you please help out with a few items. It will make us all feel a lot better.

"UNCLE DUD," G. E. L. & G.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Fourth Division—

Bro. F. W. Aiken, general chairman, was over a part of the Fourth Division recently to see how the boys were getting along. We were all glad to see him. If all the members were as alive and wideawake as he is, we would soon have a strong division. We can be if we will work together and get all the nons in. There are not very many on this division and we ought to be able to line them up.

We now have a local chairman, Bro. C. L. Tucker, agent at Fort Garland, and we should all take more interest in matters pertaining to our interests and help things along. Let us show the others what we can do when we all try.

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Quite a number joined during the month of October on this division. Let's see if we can't do better and better every month.

Bro. Strawn, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Dolson, who resigned and went East on his return.

Bro. Richards, second at Durango, who resigned and went with the Colorado Southern at Loveland, Colo., was relieved by Mr. McDougal, who later went to the first division.

H. Moore, extra third trick dispatcher at Alamosa, has returned to Durango as telegrapher.

Mr. Lively, La Veta, has taken third at Chama, extra.

Mr. Means, agent at Chama, has resigned. Two operators are to be cut off there, making it a two-man job.

There is a new man at Silverton.

This is the first writeup from this division for some time. Let every member send in the news to the local chairman early each month so we can have a writeup in every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. CERT. 711.

Third and Fourth Districts—

Bro. Fridy got San Carlos first on bulletin.

Bro. Kennedy is back after a six weeks' layoff, spent in California, in Routt County, "deer hunting." He was relieved by Bro. Compton, from the Rio Grande Western.

Bro. Vaughan, night agent at Salt Creek, while on a short vacation to Canon City and Colorado Springs, was relieved by Bro. Barr, from the Frisco, who went to Canon City upon Bro. Vaughan's return.

Bro. Edson, at Graneros, while on an extended layoff, hunting, was relieved by Bro. Compton.

Bro. Happy, while over in Greenhorn country in search of the antlered birds, was relieved by J. T. Gardner, from the "Monon."

Bro. Johnson, while accompanying his wife as far as Colorado Springs on her way home, was also relieved by Gardner, who will soon be a brother.

After ninety days off, Bro. Bailey, of Huerfano, on ninety days' leave was relieved by Mr. Forsman, who is one of the kind that can't afford the necessary.

Bro. Whitney went to Castle Rock on bulletin. Bro. Kirk to third, Warfano.

Send your notes to THE TELEGRAPHER up to "RS" by the 15th of the month.

Let us help Bro. Roberts all we can by looking up the nons and the new men that should be transferred. "SHORTY."

Second Division—

Bro. Morris, agent, Tennessee Pass, has returned from an extended hunting trip and a visit with his folks in Illinois and his wife's folks in Nebraska.

Bro. Reedman, acting agent, Tennessee Pass, in the absence of Bro. Morris, has resigned and gone to his home at Columbia, Mo. He expects to take up telephone work, but will continue to have an up-to-date card.

Ex-Bro. A. Smith acted as agent after Bro. Leedon's departure until Bro. Morris returned. He will be with us again by the first of the New Year.

Bro. G. A. James, from Division No. 138, is working second, Tennessee Pass.

Bro. Griffin, from the N. P., is working third, Tennessee Pass.

Bro. F. Crossno, first trick, Minturn, was called to Lilbourn, Mo., recently on account of sickness of his brother's wife.

Bro. J. F. Jones landed second and Bro. J. L. Shy third trick at Minturn.

Bro. B. M. Howe, second trick at Minturn, landed the agency at Eagle.

Two more operators have been put on at Avon recently.

As Bro. "Q" is gone and I am taking his place, thanks to Bro. "FY" for helping me out with items during Bro. "Q's" absence. All the brothers try and send some news to Bro. "Q" at Tennessee Pass in time for the next TELEGRAPHER.

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Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

It has been a long time since we have had a write-up from this road. Herewith are a few items.

Bro. C. W. Smith, third, "JR" tower, secured Red Raven, on bid.

Bro. B. B. Gehr, first, Conneautville, while on short vacation, was relieved by H. K. Duffield, a new man.

Bro. C. W. Smith, first, "BO" while off a few days was relieved by Bro. J. H. Brooks.

Bro. O. D. Niesen, days, Albion yard, resigned; relieved by Mr. Miller.

Bro. M. C. Hahn, first, "NA" tower, Albion, while attending court as a witness for the company recently, was relieved by Bro. Brooks.

Bro. H. C. Herrick, agent, Cranesville, took in the sights at Pittsburg and Jefferson, Ohio, his old home, during his vacation.

Bro. C. G. Grove, first at "JN" was sight-seeing in Pittsburg a few days recently.

W. E. Wright, who has been farming in the West about a year, will soon return to Plata, as agent again.

Bro. W. H. Hall, third, "XG" tower, has accepted a position with the wireless at Erie, Pa., C. P. Hallinger, relieving.

Bro. J. McCochran, first, "XG" tower recently took a few days off.

Bro. S. D. Ames, third, State Line is back again after about a month of illness. We are all glad to see him out again; C. P. Hullinger relieved him.

W. B. Risley, our S. & T. has returned to "CH" from his annual vacation.

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Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento District—

The following assignments were made for positions, shown on bulletin No. 51: Bros. W. H. Gorton, third, Roseville; S. J. Billheimer, second, New Castle; E. F. Stewart, first, Blue Canon; D. Daley, second, Yuba Pass; P. B. Bell, third, Boca; R. W. Scruby, third, Verdi; H. E. Hyde, second, Marysville; C. C. Stroupe, third, Woodland; M. C. Gorton, agent, Yolo; R. H. Loban, agent, Williams; M. L. Shearin, agent, Colusa Junction and F. M. Thompson, clerk and telegrapher.

Bro. J. Fingland, while on his recent vacation trip through the northwest, was relieved by Bro. C. S. Greene, who on his return relieved Bro. G. W. Blair at Gridley for a short vacation.

Bro. H. J. Hendrick, agent, Maxwell, transferred to Western Division, for benefit of his wife's health; relieved by Mr. Shumaker, a new man on the division.

J. S. Quire has returned from Nome, to his old trick in Sacramento "H" office.

W. H. Todd, an old Sacramento division man, lately farming in Sutter county, has returned to railroad service.

Bro. E. L. Sharp, on his recent eastern trip, took in all the sights on the Atlantic coast.

Bro. B. D. Mullen, Sacramento, transferred to Roseville "YD" until permanent assignment is made.

Bro. Jas. O'Conner, Sacramento, was in San Francisco recently for a short vacation.

Bro. J. F. Neideffer is dispatching the mountain east, during the absence of Mr. Geiger.

Bro. F. F. Bush, extra at Marysville, was in San Francisco, recently, attending the Portola festival.

Bro. L. L. Brewer relieved Bro. Hyde, agent, Lincoln.

Bro. E. F. Stewart, the successful applicant for first, Blue Canon, is working temporarily at Truckee.

Bro. M. E. Jepson has recovered from his recent illness and returned to Verdi.

Bro. H. L. Bruce, Boca, on the sick list and Bros. Yaeger and Bigelow are doubling on account of there being no available man for relief.

Bro. T. C. Morebeck, Jr., lost all his household goods in a recent fire, at Summit, when about 2000 feet of shed and the depot were burned. The fire had gained such headway before the alarm was sounded that Bro. Morebeck and family barely escaped with their lives.

The following positions are shown on bulletin No. 52 and will be held open for seniority bids thirty days: First telegrapher, Elvas and Spruce; second telegrapher, Summit; third telegrapher, New Castle, Gold Run, Spruce, Summit and Verdi; agent, Truckee, Lincoln, Dunnigan, Folsom and Placerville.

Bro. H. Didlake is on second at Reno, Bro. C. S. Greene is expected to resume duty on first soon, and Bro. F. M. Roy, who has been in the hospital many months reports he will be able to work in a few weeks.

Bro. A. T. Johnston is at Verdi until filled by some regular man.

Bro. H. M. Baxter spent Thanksgiving and the holidays with relatives in Los Angeles; Bro. C. C. Stroupe relieved him.

Bro. T. C. Morebeck, Jr., agent, Summit, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Frank McCloud, of Capron.

Bro. J. F. Ford, second, Summit, has resigned to go in other business.

Bro. Harry E. Fender from an eastern road, on third, Summit, he says it snows some in his country, but not to such depth as at Summit.

Bro. A. V. Kellar, first, Spruce, has resigned and gone with a northern road.

Bro. C. W. Manuel, Yuba Pass, is visiting friends at the bay, relieved by Telegrapher Wilson.

Bro. A. Randall has been working extra at Emigrant Gap and Yuba Pass.

Bro. Paul Storey, who holds the record for traveling, having relieved ten or twelve men in the past six weeks, is now at Towle, relieving our local chairman.

Bro. J. F. Casey, first, Colfax, was called to San Francisco recently on account of the serious illness of his father.

Bro. J. A. Foster, Biggs, on an extended trip to San Francisco and other points, relieved by Bro. Starr, a new man.

Bro. F. N. Shumaker, who relieved Bro. Hendricks, agent, Maxwell, has been relieved by an eastern man.

The agent at Placerville, placed on the pension list; relieved by Bro. A. W. Stewart; Bro. W. B. Lewis, filling position of clerk and telegrapher.

Among the agents and telegraphers on the discipline list, may possibly be some members of the Order. This is against the policy of our organization. We desire to have all our members make a special effort to give first-class service to our employers, which will strengthen our Order and save the division officials time and trouble.

Our local chairman has just returned from a trip over the district, bringing in twelve applications. The few non-members still with us, all promise to come in "soon." DIV. COR.

San Joaquin Division—

Brothers: It is the desire of the local committee that we have a few notes of interest in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, covering the San Joaquin division.

Bro. E. W. Kinney, Caliente, will report Bakerfield to Sangus; Bro. James, Fresno to Bakerfield and branches; Bro. Sloán, Summerland Coast line and branches, Santa Barbara to Los Angeles. Now, if each member will co-operate by sending items of interest to any one of the above, we will have a page at least. Let's hear from you.

Business on this division seems to be on the increase, nearly equal to the fall of 1906 and 1907.

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The Santa Fe could not handle its business with the regular amount of motive power and borrowed several engines from the Salt Lake R. R.

The Santa Fe are using the S. P. main line, Bay Point to San Pablo, on account of the cave in, in San Pablo tunnel, 100 trains passed Valley Junction one day last week. The S. P. tracks will also be used Bakerfield to Los Angeles. This will open up 8 or 10 new jobs.

The Southern Pacific has commenced distributing the new 90-pound rail to be laid from Bakerfield to Mojane and the sidings are also being extended at several places, the contracting outfit is now at Limon, where twelve hundred feet more sidings is being built.

The company is still extending sidings, Ilmon, Bealville, Rowen, Cameron and Cable are the points being worked on now.

Roadmaster Lorentzen is hurrying the distribution of the new rails. It cannot be laid too soon. Broken rails are discovered almost daily, but through the vigilance of the employes there have been no accidents. This portion of the line is protected by the automatic block system.

Business is good on both Coast and Valley lines, but there seems to be no scarcity of men at present.

Local Chairman, Bro. J. E. Sloan, passed through on No. 107 recently and met all the boys on duty between Los Angeles and Fresno. He found the membership in good spirits and few nons on the division.

There are several offices where operators are being worked ten hours with one hour off for meal, this occurs generally to second trick men, which does not compare well with the other two men at eight hours, the reason given is that it is to avoid overtime and give the agent the benefit of the hours.

Our new bulletin is just out with a number of changes which it will not be necessary to give here, as each one interested gets a copy.

The division 90 per cent strong and the other 10 per cent have no valid reason other than they think the rest of the boys will carry them along and save them a dollar.

Mr. Creighton, at Selma, takes the benefits but never comes through. Position as day operator vacant here.

Mr. Dresser Kingsburg is going to quit to become president of the X. Y. Z. R. R. some day.

Mojane is still having its usual changes. No one seems to care to work there. If you have ever been there then it is unnecessary to give the reason for dissatistaction with the place.

Bro. Kriemkle, of C. M. St. P. is temporary agent at Malage and has bid in on the job.

Bro. L. M. Rothenburg has bid in Moorpark.

Bro. Geo. Leon is doing lots of biz at Fowler.

J. H. Sheridan, who resigned to accept a more lucrative position with the Santa Fe, at Fresno, has been succeeded by Mr. Clark, from the Oregon Short Line. We hope he will fill the place as successfully in all respects as "Jack," who had the "OK" of all within his jurisdiction.

Our friend, C. S. Green, C. C. to superintendent has resigned. Not in the history of the Southern Pacific will you find a man as popular and loved by all for his kindly consideration and courtesy to all, as "Father Green," as he is familiarly known, and the title amply fits the man. Night Chief Peckham succeeded "Father Green." Dispatcher Warner succeeded Mr. Peckham, Extra Dispatcher Bullock succeeded Mr. Warner, and G. N. Wilson extra dispatcher.

C. T. U. Bro. Adams has the new position of sixth man in "K," Bakersville.

Bealville, Marcel and Warren have been made three-men offices and Rosamond opened as a night office. Look out, brothers, don't sleep on duty. It resulted seriously to quite a few recently. The company will not accept any excuse.

Bro. C. B. Taylor, from the Vandalia Line, is relieving Bro. Sexton, of Tehachapi temporarily.

Bro. McLeash has resigned and returned to Nebraska.

Bro. Malakowitz resumed work at Keene.

Bro. and Sister Heck, at Edison, are still figuring when they can retire to that orange grove.

Bena has just been opened from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. with Bro. W. Compton transferred from third, Marcel, closed on account of a scarcity of telegraphers.

Caliente office since the fire is still located in a box car. Mr. Timmons, third trick there who left the service by request, was relieved by Bro. W. E. Blume.

Sister C. D. Ryan, assistant agent, is on leave of absence, visiting relatives with her daughter, Miss May, at Detroit, Mich.

Bealville force has been increased by a third man position filled by Mr. Downing, who will soon be a brother.

The wife of Bro. Malokowitz at Keene, who died recently, left him two little motherless girls. one only about a year old.

Bro. Northeimer just resumed duty after an extended tour through the East visiting relatives and friends.

Cameron has new faces and Bros. Moffett and Kerb have been assigned to Lancaster on last bulletin.

Warren now has a third man, position filled by Bro. Best.

Members on the extra list, who belong to other divisions, should send their names, Cert. number and division numbers to our local chairman. It don't cost anything to be transferred.

Bro. True, an "old time" Mo. Pac. telegrapher, is at "EX," Bakersfield.

Bro. O. W. Hall, Malaga, was relieved by Bro. Barron, and the latter by Bro. Meiser, a newcomer.

El Paso Division—

The last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER had the first write-up from this division that has appeared in a great while. Let's try and do better and send in a write-up every month.

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Now as we are almost solid, let's get after the few strays left.

The results of the last bulletin are as follows: Bro. Luce landed "WD," days; Bro. Taylor, "BN" nights, and Bro. Barnhart, the "RC" agency.

On bulletin this month, "1A" agency and third trick at "FA."

Bro. Barnhart has been acting agent at "FA," while Bro. Hubbard attended court at Houston. Mr. Boyd, a new man, relieved Bro. Barnhart.

Bro. Ash, third, "VN," has resigned and returned to Mississippi.

Bro. Bourling, third, "RK," has returned from his sixty days' vacation.

Bro. Ragin at "MY" has been off buying a farm in East Texas. Bro. Hare, who relieved him, later on relieved Bro. Duthy for sixty days.

The brother at "BN" nights was obliged to vacate his office "muey pronto" recently, owing to the unceremonious call of some very unwelcome guests, on account of the office door being wide open. When he returned and answered the furious calling of the dispatcher at "CB," that good natured gentleman inquired: "Whose dead in that office?" CEAT. 1641.

East Side Division—

Our local chairman reports applications coming in at a lively rate now, having received two in one day. Let the good work go on. It just takes a little coaxing to get some of the nons, so get busy on that non you are working with and never let up until he has made good. The local chairman cannot do it all. He must have the assistance of the membership in securing new members and transferring members from other divisions. When a member comes on the line get his certificate and division numbers and send to Bro. T. M. Boyd, local chairman, Oakland, Oregon. In this way you can help to build up Division No. 53.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is growing rapidly, and we believe it is a good move in the right direction. Now, brothers, invite your wives to join the L. A. They will be glad to have an up-to-date card, as they are dandies. Our local chairman will furnish you application blanks on request.

Some of the members have not remitted the special assessment of $2.00 for revising the schedule on the Atlantic system. This is something we should by all means be prompt in doing. Those who have not paid should send $2.00 to Bro. O. P. Bates, Orland, Calif., at once. Our brethren on the Atlantic system came to the front in assisting us to secure our last schedule and we should do the same by them.

It would be nice if all the brothers would take an interest in furnishing items for our write-up each month. Try and do this. Give us all the changes at your respective stations and any other items you may be able to furnish. Also drop your local chairman a card advising him of any new men coming on the division and whether members or not. This is the only way he has of learning of the new men and he will appreciate this effort on your part. See if you can't report having secured at least one new member by the next issue. Push, don't knock.

The depot at Creswell was robbed recently and I understand Bro. Land lost about $70.00 in cash. Harrisburg depot was also robbed twice during October, but did not learn whether Bro. Hearn lost any valuables.

Understand Sherwood and Newburg offices are being closed alternate Sundays. This makes it nice for the telegraphers there.

Bro. C. W. Bell, third, Medford, has been relieving the agent at Rosenbaum, while the latter visited in California. Bro. F. H. Newell is now holding first, having bid it in last bulletin.

Bro. Clarke, Forest Grove, bid in the agency at Yoncalla, and was checked in there recently, and Bro. Brown, of Forest Grove was the successful bidder for Myrtle Creek.

Agent Garfield, at Oswego, has resigned and the job is on last bulletin. Bro. C. E. Deakin is holding it down extra.

Bro. Scholes, is now at Independence.

Bro. F. H. Newell, first, Medford, has resigned and gone East. We wish the brother success in his new location.

Mr. Oswald, a new man is at West Fork.

Bro. W. Brown, our committeeman is now agent at Myrtle Creek.

Bro. J. R. Kelly, third, Oakland, taking press for a Medford paper, relieved by W. S. Fish. Success to Bro. Kelly, he is a mighty good worker for the cause.

Bro. I. N. Woods, agent, Dallas, has accepted the position as chief dispatcher, for the Salem Falls City and Western. We wish Bro. Woods success in his new position.

Bros. Scholes and Jennings were recently hustled to Dallas to relieve a couple of nons who were charged with partaking of an over-dose of firewater. It is to mourn?

G. F. King has been reinstated on first at Cottage Grove.

I wish to thank those who have assisted in securing these few items and earnestly beg of all of you to help me in this work in order that we may come in closer in touch with each other.

CORRESPONDENT.

Bro. Reynolds, who holds an up-to-date O. R. T. card, has been put in as operator at Medford, with hours 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. This greatly relieves the strain on the first and second tricks.

C. C. Crow, a new man, is working extra at Myrtle Creek.

G. F. King, Cottage Grove, recently reinstated in his old position on first trick operator, will take up his membership again shortly.

M. A. Henry, Colusa Junction, Cal., is on third at Cottage Grove, relieving Bro. J. J. Dillon, who has gone to Frisco.

Bro. Speer, Junction City, has been assigned to first trick at that place.

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Bro. L. Boyd, of Halsey, who has been confined to his bed with rheumatism for some six weeks past, is being relieved by Bro. Mansfield.

E. B. Pengra, chief dispatcher, Roseburg, while on a six weeks' trip through Washington and Idaho, was relieved by Olaf Alsson, first trick dispatcher.

Bro. F. W. Cantrell, of Drain, has returned from a pleasant visit to his old home in the East.

Bro. B. J. Simpson, agent, Clendale, while on a three weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Olson.

Bro. Kelly at Oakland recently returned from an outing at the seaside.

Oregon Division—

For months and months I have been watching for an item from the O. R. & N., but in vain. It seems to me something ought to be done here. This is the oldest road in Eastern Oregon, almost 30 years old, if I am not mistaken and still no schedule. We are paid $65, the minimum wages on the S. P. in Western Oregon, where living is much cheaper. The boys on the O. S. L., our eastern neighbor have a $75 minimum now. We have no seniority rights and every job is rated at $65 with a few exceptions, where only $60 is paid.

The officials cannot expect to hold good men unless they come up to the O. S. L. minimum, and would probably give us a square deal if properly approached. We cannot expect a raise however, unless we make our wishes known.

I wish some brother on this road would make a few suggestions through THE TELEGRAPHER. If we do not help ourselves, we do not deserve any better. Think it over.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Great Ruler of the universe in His divine wisdom, has taken to her rest the beloved wife of our esteemed Bro. C. Mallokowitz, of Keene, Cal., that we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to our bereaved brother and his little ones, our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

E. W. KINNEY,
C. C. DICKINSON,
J. E. SLOAN.
Committee.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Lake Superior Division—

Since Bro. Remey left for the South no one seems to have contributed any items from this division to THE TELEGRAPHER, and letters written to several of the boys asking for news from their respective districts have elicited no response. I wish some one would wake up and give me a hand.

On November 1st, Bro. Sam Johnson was called to St. Paul to attend a meeting of the Railroad Department of the American Federation of Labor. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary-Treasurer Bro. Richardson. Bro. Thos. VanLear, of the Machinists, was unanimously elected chairman, and our worthy general chairman, "Sam" Johnson, secretary of the department.

Bro. Richardson in a very interesting talk gave an outline of the aims and objects of the Railroad Department of the A. F. of L., pointing out the benefits to be derived by the different crafts getting closer together. He explained the causes that had led up to the formation of this department. He stated that so far nine system federations had been formed and three others were in process of formation.

Bro. Brown, chairman of the System Federation of the R. I. System; Bro. Howley, president of Switchmen; Bro. Vurpia, of the I. B. M. of W. E., and Thos. VanLear, representing the Machinists, all spoke very enthusiastically of the Federation, and vouched for the undivided support of their respective organizations. After a lot of other business was transacted which time and space prevents me from giving the details at present, the meeting was adjourned, subject to call of the chairman.

The readers of THE TELEGRAPHER have no doubt read what has been published heretofore in its columns relative to this department and also noted what Bro. I. N. Holmes had to say in his recent circular, so you should be familiar with the aims and objects of these system federations. If any of you wish for further information I am sure Bro. Perham, our President, will gladly furnish same on request.

I regret to announce the demise of our worthy, esteemed brother, T. H. Line, who passed away at Brainerd Hospital, on October 30th, after a lingering illness. The remains were sent to St. Paul, where they were met by a delegation of O. R. T. boys, including Sam Johnson, general chairman, Division No. 54; W. J. Liddam, general chairman, Division No. 76; G. W. Lewis, general chairman, Division No. 119; W. L. Albrecht, general chairman, Division No. 96; Bro. Beamer, president, Twin City Telegraphers' Club and a great many other brothers. The funeral was all arranged for by the O. R. T. boys, and a beautiful floral piece was contributed by Division No. 54.

The immediate needs of the bereaved widow were alleviated by a donation from the Terminal and N. P. office boys and a loan from Division No. 54. The family, owing to the lingering illness of Bro. Line, was left in a rather dependable condition. It is to be hoped that the worthy brothers of Division No. 54 will show that they are made of the right material, by sending what they can spare in the way of cash donations to Bro. Sam Johnson, Box 23, North Branch, Minn., who will gladly see that the same is forwarded promptly to the bereaved family.

A few changes have taken place in the first, second and third districts in the last few weeks.

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Mr. Boist was discharged from the service and Bro. F. W. Youngberg appointed agent at North Branch in his place.

D. O. Olson, agent, Moose Lake, left the service, and little Bro. Tommy Sebasta is agent there now.

Mr. Arnold, at Finleyson, "canned," I understand; don't know yet who landed the job.

Understand John Willig, second trick, Rush City, is coming over with the goods shortly.

C. L. Despard, at Motley, discharged, and Bro. Sam Johnson relieving until regular agent is appointed.

If you notice all those discharged were "nons" and some of them "trustys" of 1905.

Mr. Frank, third trick at Moose Lake, has sent for application blanks, and expect he will probably cross the divide in a few days. Likewise "little skinny" Joe O'Brien, at Pine City.

Bro. O'Sullivan relieved at Hinckley by Mr. Rager, has taken first at Ashland, Mr. Fiola goes to Central Ave., and Mr. Sparks to Iron River.

I would like to say sometning to the few "back sliders" on our division, but if I were to write it the way I feel the editor would probably be obliged to cut it out. However, I wish some worthy brothers would turn Bro. Holmes' circular of November 15th over to you and call your attention to the last half of it. It will do you no harm and may do you a deal of good. Bro. Holmes sent me a few extra copies and I am mailing them to some of you. I know and hope you will see to it, that you mend your ways.

DIV. COR.

Rocky Mountain Division, First District—

We are going to try and have our division represented in THE TELEGRAPHER hereafter. Wake up, boys, and send the division correspondent all the news you can as early as possible each month.

A very successful meeting was held at Garrison, October 22d, the first called for some time and it was well attended. The enthusiasm displayed should result in bringing out all the members of this division at future meetings. Several matters of importance, especially the bond question, were discussed and a very interesting talk was made on organized labor by Bro. E. R. Rowan.

The meeting at Garrison on November 22d was also well attended. Mr. W. C. Showalter, our worthy chief dispatcher is very kindly doing his part getting the boys to and from the meetings.

We are gratified to find our new assistant local chairman, Bro. E. R. Rowan, taking so much interest in conditions on this division. He seems to be the man we have so long needed. No doubt with the proper assistance from the brothers, he will do the division good work. We must see that he gets all the help possible from every one of us. Let every one speak an encouraging word to the nons, and each brother try and do his part to make a showing for Division No. 54. It will only take a few minutes of each member's time to help things along. Let every one of us show our local chairman that we are willing to help and it shouldn't take long to have our division solid from Hiland to Paradise. There is lots of work to be done on this division and lots of good material to work on, so don't be backward, boys, let's get things in a better condition. Several applications have been secured recently as the result of Bro. Rowan's good work.

Come on, boys, and line up, you will feel better carrying an up-to-date card.

The completing of the double track from Garrison to Missoula, has caused the closing of most al. the block stations. Boys at Garrison have been relieved of carrying running orders for extras, by a bulletin put in effect by Supt. M. M. Fawler. It looks funny not to see a stock of slow orders, a foot high on west end at G. R.

The force at Gaving having been reduced to three men and D. A. Friedell was transferred to "D" second, relieving J. E. Newbrough, who went to Clinton, third. The latter has been out of the service several years.

A. Balzhiser, third trick, is still in the hospital, but doing nicely.

H. L. Carl, at Big Bend, has resigned and returned to Ohio, and Big Bend has been closed.

Bro. W. W. Quinn is in the mechanical department at Missoula.

Mr. Bullis, first at Blossburg, bid in Lolo agency on last bulletin.

Bro. C. M. Shelver is now agent at Drummond.

Bro. E. R. Rowan, of Blackfoot, is doing his own cooking while his wife is visiting in Eastern Illinois.

Bro. E. F. Clough transferred from third trick "GR," to second; A. S. Leeper from first "GR," to third, Bro. L. M. Blankenship taking first at "GR."

Bro. Burns, of Bonita, is spending his vacation in Ohio. We hope he is having a pleasant time, and will see his pleasant smile at our next meeting.

Bro. Johanis, who has been relieving at Stuart, has returned to second, Drummond, relieving P. A. Friedell, who relieved B. of R. T. Bro. Armstrong on third, who had previously relieved A. E. Covey.

Mrs. C. P. Sheldon, Gold Creek, relieved by A. E. Covey, who relieved H. L. Sears, third at "GO," for a few days.

Bro. C. P. Seldon, being called to Tacoma, will not be able to attend our next meeting. His wife substitutes for him while away.

Bro. Hart, of Avon, was one of the guests at a social dance at Garrison recently.

Bro. Cooper and wife have returned to their regular tricks at Weed.

Bro. W. P. Larson, second, "JN," drew third, "MA," Missoula Yard, and was relieved by Bro. H. M. Burlingame, formerly agent at Larson, Mont. Burlingame, third at "JN," resigned on his way West, and was relieved by Mr. McDonald, who was bumped at "JN," by J. N. Mullin.

Bro. Covey relieved Bro. Bixby while out after deer. Relieving after a two weeks' unlucky tramp, he was obliged to eat bear meat, which he did seem to relish very much.

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Bro. Nisewanger relieved Bro. G. A. Brown while he tried his luck in the mountain brush.

Bro. Radite is holding down first at "QN" now.

Bro. R. D. Lee is still single and billing logs at old St. Regis.

Bro. Doc Gondy, at Donlan, bagged a nice doe when the season opened, having better luck than Bro. G. C. Nutter, third.

Bro. Force, Saltese, is being relieved by N. H. McDonald.

Bro. Crane is now located on the top of the mountain, at Lookcut.

Bro. W. D. Parks is agent at Arlee.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Bro. H. A. Desforges, whose address is Lock Box 5, Sentinel Butte, N. D., has been appointed division correspondent for the Yellowstone Division and will serve in that capacity until further notice. All members who are desirous of seeing the division represented each month in the journal will assist Bro. Desforges and myself by furnishing either of us any news items for this purpose. This division is large enough in miles and membership to afford a splendid write-up each month, with a little effort on the part of the members. It should be a division for all, not for one or two as it has been in the past. This month's write-up speaks well for our correspondent. Let us double his output next month by each assisting him a little.

M. A. SMOOT,
Local Chairman.

Yellowstone Division—

I was greatly disappointed in not seeing any writeup in the October number for this division, but sincerely hope we will make a better showing on this division in the future than ever before in work and strength.

I will do all in my power to represent this division each month, and all I ask is the kind assistance of each member to keep me posted on any changes made at your station, and any news items to reach me not later than the 18th of each month.

Let us all be up and doing, and see if we can not make this division better than ever before.

If there are any nons at your station, get after them hard. One thing we may feel proud of, nons are few on this division.

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to have some convenient place to hold a meeting, say about once a month?

I think it would be one of the finest things we ever done if you all would approve of the idea and help carry it out. I think Glendive would make the most convenient point for us all, as it is about the center point of the division.

Let us hear from some one else on this subject. I am sure we would all be more than pleased to see this done, as it would enable us all to get together and see where we stand.

Do not forget your semi-annual dues, and take out your new card, and keep the ball rolling.

Bro. Smoot has sent out a letter to one brother at each office, asking your assistance in getting his mailing list revised again. If you have not done so as yet, please give this your kind attention, and do so as soon as possible, so he may get this mailing list up to date before December 31st, and be able to start out the new year properly.

The following are a few changes I have received through the kind assistance of Bro. Peck and Bro. Smoot:

Bro. Arnold was transferred from the Lake Superior Division and is working late night trick in Glendive office.

Telegraphers Skoda, Victor and Settoon are in Glendive office, all having just recently re-entered the service after an absence of several months. They are all one-time members and have expressed a willingness to get lined up with the majority again soon.

Miss Heckman, second, Sanders, has returned from a few weeks' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Smith, who on her return went to Gladstone.

Miss Walseth, third, Sanders, on vacation recently; relieved by Mr. Sheffer, formerly with the W. U. at Miles City. He has gone to Sweet Briar, and we hope to see him with us before long.

Mr. Abernathy, of Pompeys Pillar, has gone to Lockwood and exchanged tricks with Miss Poole.

Bro. Roberts, third, Forsythe, has taken the night manager's job at Glendive, a new office just established there.

Bro. Kerlin, second, Forsythe, has taken the early morning trick since the additional man was put on. Mr. Robinson, a new man and former brother, has taken second trick there. We understand he will resign shortly and go to the C. G. W., somewhere in Illinois.

Mr. Roberts, of Mandan, went to Yates as agent; is a new station just opened up. Relieved by Bro. Farley, of Gladstone, third, the latter being relieved by Mr. Smith, second, Sanders.

Bro. Whitledge, second, Glen Allen, has resigned and gone East to his home; relieved by Bro. Clark, third, Hebron, he being relieved by Bro. Sheffer, a new man on this division.

Mr. Parker, third, Medora, has resigned and goes to Lewiston, Idaho, on a branch line, being relieved by Mr. A. S. Thomas, a new man on this division, and a one-time member, who will be lined up with the majority again soon.

I hope you will all be pleased with my work as division correspondent, and assure you I will do all I can to please you, if you will only give me your kind assistance.

If the brothers on the Third and Fourth Districts will keep watch for news items, there is no reason why we should not be represented each month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Many thanks to those who helped contribute this time.

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Pacific Division, First District—

This is probably the last time this section of the road will appear under this caption, as on November 1st all of the present First District of the Pacific Division passed under the jurisdiction

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of Supt. Fred E. Weymouth, of Seattle, Mr. Ohlson, night chief, Tacoma, taking charge as chief in Seattle. All the Pacific boys were glad to know this, as he is a good, square man.

The latest all-metallic circuit fones for blocking have been installed in place of the telegraph. While they are as good as fones can be, this method of communication will never be as sure for similar sounding letters and figures as the telegraph.

Understand the company is now engaged in stringing another wire, which will be used by the dispatchers in handling trains by telephone, in place of the telegraph. It will probably be some time before this new system will be installed.

It is reported that the telegraphers on the Montana Division of the Great Northern, where fones have been put in, have had a 15 per cent cut.

Thorp—Bro. K. M. Hudson, transferred; was relieved by Bro. L. C. Wyse, from Borup.

Bristol—Mr. C. J. O'Connell is now on first, vice J. A. Butchcoe, transferred; Bro. S. H. Brown on second, vice Bro. O. H. Littlepage, transferred. Bro. W. F. Kenney is back from the south end jungles on third, having been off the road altogether for some time.

Cle Elum—Bro. Reilly, second, resigned and went to the wireless at Olympia; relieved by Bro. S. M. Moore, from Easton.

Nelson's—Bro. J. Garriepy, second, resigned, putting Bro. F. C. Fischer on second and W. A. Dingledine on third.

Easton—W. Wilson goes to third at Martin; relieved by Bro. A. W. Handerson, Bro. K. M. Hudson, Martin to Thorp.

Stampede—Bro. W. Inthout, late of Canadian Pacific, resigned. They are now working twelve hours at this important point.

Borup—M. C. Bayler is back from his vacation; Bro. K. M. Hudson, third, has bid in Palmer Junction.

Weston—J. Bassett, third, while off a few days on account of being hurt by a hoop thrown from a train, was relieved by H. T. Bailey.

Lester—Agent Kirstetter transferred to Rochester. Mr. Peterson is filling the agency temporarily, Bro. E. G. Mathews taking first and C. E. Babcock third.

Humphrey—Bro. E. S. Curtiss while off recently was relieved by Bro T. C. Hampson.

Eagle Gorge—Bro. W. J. Parks is holding this position until it is filled permanently.

Palmer Junction—A. McCarty, who has left the service, was heretofore erroneously reported as up to date. Bro. and Sister Jones are doing twelve-hour stunts here.

Kanaskat—E. C. Amspoker while on vacation was relieved by W. Jolly.

Ravensdale—Bro. F. Wall and C. Gregory having left the service, Bro. O. H. Littlepage took second and Bro. G. J. Clayton third.

Kent—C. H. Girardot, from third to first at Kalama. Bro. T. C. Hampson is now working third and Sister Nellie G. Wiley takes first at Kent.

First Street—J. A. Butchcoe bid in first, vice Bro. Wright transferred. E. C. Amspoker took second, vice Bro. Frank L. Kruger, who bid in and was transferred to day job at Eagle Gorge. The boys at this end were mighty sorry to see Guy and Frank move, as they are both princes to work with.

Auburn—Bro. Fred Rockway while off on a short vacation, was relieved by Bro. Otto Rockway.

Puyallup—J. Gress while off recently relieved by B. F. Waldo, and Bro. Huffman, third, was relieved by Bro. C. J. Forsythe.

Prescott—Bro. Boruff and R. Welsh, who relieved him, have both resigned, and the third trick was assigned on bulletin to Bro. Sherwood, from South Tacoma.

"WR," Tacoma—A fifth man put on here and the position bid in by Bro. G. D. Wright, from First Street, Auburn.

Second District—

Work on the double track, Tacoma to Portland, is being rushed. A. B. C. block will not be introduced on south end, as no orders will be needed after the double track is in operation, except "run-lates," etc.

Woodland—Bro. W. F. Kenny, an old-timer, worked third here a few days recently. N. B. Roach is on second.

South Tacoma—Bro. Sherwood transferred to Prescott, third.

Yelm—Bro. Royse on short vacation, was relieved by Bro. G. W. Milton. Mr. Graham, a new man, is working the wire end.

Tenino—Bro. J. W. McKee has the agency here.

Wabash Junction—Bro. H. D. Patterson, second, Woodland, now joint agent O. & W. and N. P. here.

Chehalis—T. J. Mullen is taking a rest.

Napavine—Bro. J. W. Coughlin has resigned to engage in the real estate business. We wish "JO" good luck. Understand Bro. Fuller goes to South Bend days.

Sopenah—We welcome Bro. J. Narcotte back after quite a spell of typhoid.

Castle Rock—Bro. W. A. Dickinson is back from his vacation.

Kelso—Bro. N. K. Halsted is relieving Bro. John Ax, on second. DIST. COR.

Montana Division—

Bro. E. L. Burroughs, third at Hoppers, resigned and gone to the D. & R. G.; relieved by Telegrapher Balzhiser, who later resigned and was relieved by W. E. Travis (non), a new man.

On the return of Bro. C. U. Brown at Cardwell, Mr. Huntley returned to Springdale, relieving Bro. Guy McNabney, who went to Big Timber, Telegrapher Brown, at Springdale, taken out the service.

Bro. Joe Lund is assisting the night chief in the Livingston dispatcher's office.

L. A. Whaley, transferred from Laurel to Butte. His so-called up-to-date will not bear investigating.

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A new man named Godfrey was assigned third trick at Homestake.

Bro. A. B. Williams is now working the extra trick at Logan.

Bro. C. A. Guersney received P. P. Junction on bulletin; relieved at Townsend by Bro. M. B. McMullen, later transferred to third at Clasoil, being relieved by Telegrapher German, from Clow.

Bro. B. I. McDonald, from the C. & N. W., relieved Mr. Perkins at Townsend, who secured second at Rekap on bulletin.

Bro. J. A. Montague transferred from Clow to Mission; relieved by Mr. Hatton.

Bro. Wims, of Div. 14, is on first at "KD," Laurel, and Bro. Geo. Zepp on second, both recent arrivals.

Bro. Wright bid in second, Big Timber; relieved at Yegen by Bro. Marshall.

Bro. S. Barry was recently appointed night chief at "BG," Billings, Bro. Guyer holding a trick in "S" office there.

Bro. S. S. Figger, of Div. 55, is working second at G. N. Junction. "Hardup" Winters gave up the agency at that point and exchanged positions with Bro. Thompson, on third.

Several of the boys on the west end are increasing their larder with deer, which helps out a great deal when they are doing their own cooking.

Paul Bryan, the notorious non on the east end, was discharged for sleeping on duty at Laurel and drawing a gun on a conductor.

Brothers, just because the weather is getting near the zero mark, stay alive and work with the O. R. T. for your own interests. Read very carefully the circular dated November 15th, mailed by Bro. Holmes. Start the new year right with a clear conscience and an up-to-date card. Get transfers promptly, beat the other fellow in getting new members, assist your local chairman in every way possible, give the nons no rest, but use them like you would a white man, until you find them impossible, then use them like you would any common "dead beat." A man is indeed hard up when he really can not spare $10.00 per year for the necessary card in the Order that is continually striving to keep his wages up to the standard.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that the dispatchers are complaining very bitterly of the poor service the operators are giving them on the Montana Division. They claim they are compelled to call an unreasonable length of time for train reports and orders. Do you realize that this is one reason why fones are being installed on different roads? Show your appreciation of the shorter hours by giving first-class service at all times. CARPENTER.

Idaho Division—

Mr. MacNerney, second at Paradise, is on an extended visit in the East; relieved by Telegrapher Mason. There are now four tricks at Paradise, and W. J. Bronson, the new man, is the only brother in the office.

J. T. Snyder, second at Plains, has accepted a position on the O. R. & N. at Tekoa, Wash.; relieved by Mr. Bassett for ten days, who then resigned to enter other business, and was relieved by W. E. Floyd, a new man.

Bro. E. R. Hodgin, one of the best, third at Thompson Falls; relieved by E. W. Hartman, a new man, and transferred to Hope, third, has accepted a first trick on the G. N. at Odessa, Wash.

Bro. Hawley returned from an extended vacation, will take second again, and Bro. Poole will go back to third.

Bro. Frank Hartman and Mr. Green have each moved up a trick at Thompson Falls. We hope "EW" will follow the good example set by his brother Frank, and join us before long.

R. R. Clancy was relieved at Trout Creek by Wm. Hope.

Bro. Finkbone, just returned fom a six weeks' vacation with home folks near Columbus, Ohio, third at Heron.

Bro. Colwell, agent, Cabinet, enjoying a month's vacation; relieved by relief agent, M. H. Hancock. Bro. Chapel has been suspended, relieved by Bro. Finkbone.

Mr. Timmer, third, Noxon, and G. L. Updyke, third at Cabinet, have traded places.

Minn. Division—

Mr. Goodburn has resigned and the position filled by a new man from G. N.

Bro. Setterholm, on the sick list, is expected back soon.

Bro. Young, of Luce, has been off getting his farm in North Dakota located, where he expects to show us how to raise chickens next year.

Mr. Howe, New York Mills, on vacation; relieved by Mr. Robinson.

The members should all get busy now and line up those not up to date. See if we can not get the Minn. Division solid.

If there are any brothers who hold cards in other divisions working in the same office with you, or elsewhere, kindly notify me and I will arrange to have them transferred to Div. 54.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Relay Division—

Wanted—A strictly first-class division correspondent for the Relay Division; one who can compose an interesting write-up out of nothing, with the ability to gather items from the various offices without assistance; a mind reader preferred.

We would suggest that the ability to write in a dead language would be quite helpful, the deader the better—the language of an Egyptian mummy, for instance. Living words having proved unavailing to arouse the sleepers and bring forth a response, we think it possible that some ancient tongue may contain a musty word with a sting in it capable of eliciting a grunt at least.

To the possessor of the above qualifications a good opening is offered and, if to these he adds

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a taste for making speeches before a deaf and dumb asylum, we can promise him rare sport.

Candidates will apply to the division chairman.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. T. H. Line; in memory of our brother who has been taken away from us, and in sympathy with his bereaved wife, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 54, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Line, Division 54, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, loses a true and faithful member; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. J. O'SULLIVAN,
SAM JOHNSON,
I. N. HOLMES,
Committee.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Boys, remember the meetings are held every third Saturday of each month, at Navarre, at 7:30 p. m. Let's make it a point to meet next time and have it changed to a more convenient place to get to and from, and then meet. Don't wait for the other man to come first, come yourself. Having to bump the extra list, and being here and there, I hear lots of the boys complaining that the Order is doing no good, that our officials are not trying to get a new schedule, and that they want more money. How are we going to do these things, if you will not meet with us and help to get them? Think it over, come to the next meeting and let's talk it over, and arrange to do something.

Some changes were made in the general office at Canton, the first of November. A. P. Titus, assistantt superintendent, taking charge of the telegraph lines, abolishing the office of superintendent of telegraph; Mr. B. B. Baughman taking the position of first trick dispatcher on the Cleveland Division.

Brewster, "3," office has been moved to Sugar Creek, a point two miles west.

Second trick at Massillon was bid in by Bro. T. J. Horton, and third by Bro. L. D. Schulz, relieving Bros. G. D. Hill, on second, and T. E. Lucas, on third; Bro. Hill going to Sherrodsvsille for a few days, and Bro. T. E. Lucas going to Somerdale until bid in.

C. Satterfield is off for a few days; relieved by C. S. Hendricks, who will soon become a brother.

Justus days was bid in by Bro. G. W. Lucas, Bolivar, second, by D. K. Webster.

Bro. G. C. Schlegel, agent, Jewett, visiting relatives in northwest part of Ohio, being relieved by Bro. Guthrie, who was relieved by Bro. Hill.

Mr. Kessler, third, Pittsburg Junction, who expects soon to be a brother, while visiting relatives in Toledo, was relieved by Mr. Fitchet.

The dues for the current term, January 1st to June 30th, are due and now payable, and all members should get an up-to-card at once. Remit to Bro. C. R. Guthrie, general secretary and treasurer, Jewett, Ohio. Amount, $4.00.

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West End—

Business is rushing this fall, and the company was so short of power that it leased an engine from the Ann Arbor, to help handle the business.

Bro. Dennis, agent at Lodi, and agent Burton, at Oak Harbor, have traded positions.

Bros. W. W. Dunn, Piper and Ingram, former W. & L. E. boys, are very well pleasesd with Montana.

Bro. Reese bid in Huron Junction, third, on last bulletin.

Bro. L. L. Gebhardt has been transferred from Orrville depot to the message office at Norwalk shops; Bro. F. C. Hull, from first, Norwalk yard, to relief agency, and Mr. Taber, from Norwalk shops, to the trick vacated by Bro. Hull. Bro. E. A. Weirich was transferred, from Norwalk shops, to Orrville depot.

Bro. R. Van Nest, second trick, Norwalk yard, while off recently entertaining his brother from Michigan, also an operator, was relieved by R. Buchanan, who on Bro. Van Nest's return went to Pine Valley, second, and was later transferred to second, Orville Junction, which he won on bulletin.

Bro. H. R. Porterfield has returned from his Northwestern trip, and is now working extra again on this pike.

Bro. H. P. Smithhisler, second, Huron Junction, while off recently on account of sickness in his family, was relieved by Bro. H. R. Porterfield.

Bro. L. E. Brown, Norwalk depot, who visited the Bellevue Fair during his vacation, was relieved by E. L. Locke, who then went to Bellevue tower on his return and relieved Mr. Swanson, on third, for a short vacation.

Bro. F. F. Konrad, an old W. & L. E. boy, for several years with the Southern Pacific, at Donner, Cal., while on his wedding tour East, recently called on some of the boys on the west end, and received many congratulations.

We should have a write-up from this road in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, and hope our regular correspondent will wake up. CERT. 113.

Houston & Texas Central Ry.

We still have a few nons who may be induced to line up with the proper influence. Brother, suppose you try them. You may be the very man they have been waiting to ask them.

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Bro. W. A. Wilkin, from the G. H. & S. A., has accepted the agency at Alma. We are glad to welcome the brother.

Bro. O. G. Smith, agent, Richland, for several years, bid in second, Bremond, and has moved his family there. Bro. Walter Garland bidding in Richland.

Bro. W. H. Bowlby assigned to Midlothian, nights, before taking charge, relieved Bro. Jack Rader, at yards, Dallas, who was sick for a few days.

Charlie Daffan, first, Denison, resigned, and gone to San Antonio, relieved by Bro. L. E. Akers pending bulletin.

Bro. E. H. Wages says he is tired of doing the act of "traveling telegrapher" and filed on, has been assigned to Howe, days, permanently. He was at "UD," Dallas, during the fair.

We learn, with regret, that Bro. J. N. Kelly, of Hutchins, is very sick. We trust his condition is not as serious as first reported.

Bro. O. I. Robertson, third at McKinney, who was in the hospital awhile this month, has resumed his position.

Bro. J. J. LeFebure, of Waller, secured Kennedale, and has moved there.

Bros. F. M. Kelly, of Sherman, and C. W. Kelly, of Dallas, recently visited their brother, who is sick in the hospital at Houston.

Mr. "IQ," "FN" office, Ennis, has accepted the cashiership for the Santa Fe, at Lubbock, relieving Bro. R. M. Lea, resigned.

Division No. 57 is much in need of a correspondent, who will corerspond. So far we have made a complete failure trying to secure some one, who will assume the task. Don't all speak at once. CERT. 9.

Southern Ry.

Knoxville Division—

All Members: By instructions of the general charmain I made a trip recently over the Southern Division in the interest of organization, which was most successful, due to the fraternal spirit and co-operation of the members. I was treated with the utmost courtesy and hospitality, and I want to extend my thanks and appreciation therefor, especially to Bros. Corbett and Coward, of Morristown; Bro. Berlin, of Newline; Bro. Edwards, of Piney Flats; Bros. Fisher and Tucker, of Bluff City, and Bro. Vaughan, of Knoxville.

Compared to two and three years ago, I found the service improved a great deal, that all concerned are beginning to understand each other better, and just what organization means. This is evidenced by the fact that the men have organized to about 95 per cent, which has been a benefit both to the employer and the employes, and bettered the conditions of families as well as individuals. It has also infused a spirit of equity into the mutual relations of the employers and employed, which serves to keep before the eyes of both the precepts of duty. As a result a better class of men are now officiating with the organization on the Southern Ry.

I also noted the great change in the fraternal feeling and treatment of each other among the telegraphers generally, showing that the boys are seeing things in a different light, and realizing that a more brotherly spirit is necessary for their welfare.

The end of the division, between Morristown and Asheville, known as "Up the River," was where I found true friendship and brotherly spirit among the telegraphers. I met lots of big-hearted boys on the main line, and I give them all due credit, but it was "Up the River" that I felt at home, and where I was given a hearty welcome and co-operation. It was largely through the assistance of the jolly bunch at Marshall that I was able to bring back the goods, and old Bill Bailey don't wear that "Possum Grin" for nothing. Richards, Chandley, Bailey and West are a good bunch, and if you should happen to stop off there, with an up-to-date, you need not worry about the rest.

I had the honor of dining with Sister Stokeley, at Delrio, one evening on my trip, and had quite a treat.

The conductors and enginemen have done much to assist the telegraphers, by speaking to the non-member down the line in regard to his remaining out of the organization that represents his best interests, and I hope the telegraphers will do all they possibly can to help the engineers and conductors in every way.

The changed conditions heretofore noted means good for all concerned, and has brought about better service on the Southern Ry. This has been conceded by the management. This, however, is not to be wondered at, as many prominent men of the country admit that labor organizations are here to stay.

There are some yet, however, who seem to think that organizing means getting ready to blow up something. To show such skeptics what men of brains think about labor organizing, we quote herewith the sayings of some of our greatest public men on the subject:

Bishop Potter—"Organization, co-ordination, co-operation, are the right of every body of men whose aims are worthy, and must needs be the resource of those, who individually, are unable to persuade their fellow-men to recognize the justice of their claims and principles."

Cardinal Manning—"Labor is capital. Labor has the same right to protect itself, by trade unions, as any other form of capital might claim for itself."

Wendell Phillips—"I rejoice at every effort workmen make to organize. I hail the labor movement. It is the only hope for democracy. Organize and stand together. Let the nation hear a united demand from the laboring voice."

The late Senator Mark Hanna—"If we can by any method establish a relation of mutual trust between the laborer and the employer, we shall lay the foundation stone of a structure that will

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endure for all time. It is all wrong to suppose that the laboring element of this country is not ready and willing to join in this movement. I speak from experience. I have found the labor organizations ready and willing to go more than half way."

The late Potter Palmer—"For ten years I made a desperate fight against organized labor. It cost me more than a million dollars to learn that there is *no labor* so skilled, so intelligent, so faithful, as that which is governed by organization, whose officials are well balanced, level-headed men. I now employ *none but Union men*, and never have the least trouble, each believing that the one has no right to oppress the other."

President Taft, addressing the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, last December, said:

"Time was when everybody who employed labor was opposed to the labor union, when it was regarded as a menace. That time, I am glad to say, has largely passed away, and the man today who objects to the organization of labor, should be relegated to the last century. It has done marvels for labor and will, doubtless, do more. It will, I doubt, not avoid the reduction to a dead level of all workingmen."

I am glad to say that we now have a superintendent who is willing to co-operate with the organization, and since he came to this division everything is moving along to the betterment of the company and all concerned. We have a good set of dispatchers also, who are trying to help the division officials and treat the telegraphers right. This should be appreciated, and we should do all we can to help them make a good record.

If our members will come to realize the importance of giving good service at all time, ere long the Knoxville Division will have reached as high a standard as any road in the country. As a whole, however, I believe the men on the Southern are giving good service, and are as good employes generally as any road has, but if only two or three begin sleeping on duty, become careless in other ways, then it makes it harder on the good men who are trying to do right and help build up the service.

We know of a few on this division whose failings the dispatchers have been lenient enough to overlook, but they cannot expect a continuation of such leniency, and sooner or later retribution will follow such dereliction of duty. Therefore, brothers, and nons also, keep awake and attend to business. Let us all put forth every effort to give good service. Treat the dispatchers and officials with courtesy, and should you at any time want assistance, you can rest assured that you will get it. Conditions are not as they once were, and the Southern Ry. management is co-operating with the organization.

I hope that no man with an up-to-date card will ever be found guilty of giving poor service, but instead will strive to show to the officials that a union card is a recommendation, and a badge of honor.

Men who may consider they have neither position nor character to lose, will find they will have to change in this respect if they intend to remain very long on the Knoxville Division.

Let everybody now get down to business and make this the banner division of the Southern Ry.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. W. H. CORD.

Now, brothers, we have 95 per cent membership, and we must do everything we can to keep it that way.

By the time you read this, your general committee will be in session at Washington, D. C., and as they expect to bring back the goods, it is up to you to remain firm and support the committee.

The telegraphers on the C. & O. have just secured an increase of $15.00, put the telephones in the schedule and raised them $15.00 per month.

It is reported that several offices up the river have had students. Members of the organization caught teaching students are liable to have charges brought against them, and expulsion will be the result.

About nine out of every ten students taught in railroad offices get the telegrapher's job where they learn, and, besides, students are a dangerous element, being liable to get on the wires and interrupt business, or pull the board and cause a serious accident, and the telegrapher in charge of such an office will be blamed.

Furthermore, to have public sentiment, as well as 90 per cent of our fellow-workers and conductors and enginemen, down on us because of having a student hanging around, is enough to set any man to thinking.

Besides every "ham" you turn out helps to lower your salary, and injures you and your family to just that extent.

The telegraphers of other roads have seen what this student teaching leads up to, and have cut it out.

The Southern Ry. boys should get wise, too. While there is not near as much of it on the Southern as there was at one time, there is still more than is good for us.

Now, boys, you want to watch this student business. Report any member found teaching a student, in violation of his obligation, to the proper officers.

The excuse for having a student to help do the work, is a mighty poor one. If you cannot do the work alone, notify your general committee and ask for assistance. Several of our best men who left the service on account of too much work have in each case secured a better job.

There are plenty of instances on record where students have gone to the C. D., or superintendent, and made all kinds of charges against the man who taught them the business, and finally secure the positions held by their benefactors at less money than was paid for the place before.

There is no more need of the telegraphers on the Southern being afraid of the telephones, than

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the men on the C. & O. were. They have telephones and they are covered by contract. We can do the same, and then either telephone or telegraph as long as we get the salary. Don't get weak-kneed so soon.

Good men don't have to remain in undesirable positions long.

Bro. Miller, of Cleveland, has resigned and gone into the banking business at Norton, Va.

Bro. Johnson, of Bulls Gap, has resigned on account of too much work, and, I understand, will go in the mercantile business.

Bro. Wetmore has resigned and secured a good job out West. DIV. COR.

Between Morristown and Asheville—

Brothers, how does that 95 per cent strong look to you. This means, if we will stay 95 per cent strong, that our conditions are soon going to be bettered, and every telegrapher on the division benefited. We know this, because our good judgment teaches us that the only way to better our conditions is to organize and to stay organized.

Just look back three years ago, when we were working twelve hours a day and receiving $50.00 per month, and now we are receiving $52.50 per month, and only working eight hours a day. This is the result of organization.

The result of the work done by our Local Chairman, Bro. W. H. Cord, in organizing between Morristown and Asheville, is almost too great for me to try to explain. It certainly is wonderful to see how he has the boys lined up. When he left this end of the division he carried with him an application from almost every non between Morristown and Asheville.

We all know that Bro. Cord has worked hard to get the division to 95 per cent, so let's all go to work and not stop there, but try to get it solid. That is the way to show Bro. Cord that we appreciate his good service. Now, let us help him to make the Knoxville Division the banner division of the Southern.

Keep up-to-date, and always try to have your new card before your old one has expired.

I have been appointed local correspondent between Morristown and Asheville, and I hope every one of you will help me to give this end a good, newsy write up every month. If you hear of any changes along the line or anything else than will help, please mail it to my address, Marshall, N. C.

Bro. Bob. Driskill, second, Roe Junction, transferred to Afton, third, and Bro. Huntsman is working second, until bid in.

Bro. Roy Driskill, third, Roe Junction, bid in third trick at New Line, and Bro. Anderson is working third at Roe Junction until bid in.

Bro. Campbell is working a twelve hour trick at Newport, relieving Mr. Harmon.

Bro. Coffee is working first at Hot Springs, relieving Mr. Malgett.

G. A. Robinette, first at Rollins, recently treated the inside of his office to a fresh coat of paint, and himself to a nice new up-to-date card.

Bro. W. L. Richard, of Vance, bid in third at Bailey.

Bro. S. S. Chandley, first at Bailey, with a number of business men from Marshall, went quail hunting recently. Bro. Chandley being relieved by Extra D. D. Robinson.

Bro. W. E. Corbett, third at Alexander, while off attending his grandmother's funeral was relieved by Bro. A. S. Corbett.

Bro. C. D. Mater, Alexander, bid in the agency at Bulls Gap, being relieved as agent and first telegrapher by Bro. L. M. Plemons, second, from Craggy; Bro. O. C. Hawkins doing second, at Craggy, until bid in.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas.

J. J. BAILEY,
Local Correspondent.

Asheville Division—

We had a very nice meeting, at Salisbury, on Saturday night, October 23d.

There was quite a good crowd present, but we could have accommodated many more.

Mr. Powell, of the Section Master's organization, was with us and made us a good talk, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

We were very much pleased in having Miss Page, of High Point, with us, also.

It was quite a disappointment that so few of the boys from the Asheville Division were apparently unable to be present.

Another meeting was held, at Salisbury, on the fourth Saturday night, November 27th. The boys should make it a point to get their passes in time to attend these important meetings, as that is the place to become acquainted with each other, and learn how to better work together.

Bro. Huffman advises that, while out organizing, he found that many of the boys were showing greater activity in the work and beginning to realize that to be thoroughly organized, means better pay and annual passes.

All should get busy and help to show the nons that it is to their interest to join with us, and not let them put it off until after the first of the year, as some seem to want to do.

The extra men are getting all the work they can do at present.

Bro. Headrick, agent at Arden, got second at "WD" on bid, and Bro. Nettles, of Landrum, secured the position of agent and telegrapher at Arden on bid.

Landrun agency and telegraphers position, second trick at "UN" and "CO" are all open for bids.

There has been a third man put on at "MG," with R. E. Simon in charge.

Bro. Huffman, who has been out organizing for the past month, has returned to first at "J," relieving Bro. Hodden, who is now relieving Mr. Gilbert.

Bro. Garvin, of "S," has bid in second at "JU," getting back home.

Bro. Wagner, of "Q," has been off on a few days' bird shooting trip.

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Bro. Alexander has left "DX" to make his home at Charlotte. We are sorry to have him leave our division.

Bro. Frazier, of "JU," has bid in the agent-telegrapher job at Landrum.

As it is cold weather now, while staying by the fire, take enough interest in the Order to mail me all the news you can, not later than the 15th of each month. I will appreciate it very much, as it will enable me to represent our division properly in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Don't forget to attend the meetings, and get your cards for the new semi annual period as soon as possible.

I hope all the brothers and sisters will have a "Merry Xmas" and a "Happy New Year." Best wishes to all. "KD," CERT. 2258.

Atlantic Division, South End—

Bro. Allen, our local chairman, has had wonderful success organizing on the Atlantic Division. He is now canvassing the Selma Division with excellent results.

I notice the boys from the various divisions have considerable to say about good service to our employers. It will be very well for all of us to give this some thought, as we usually reap a harvest of the seed we have sown.

Help the dispatchers with the movement of trains in every way you can. Don't be afraid to do him a favor. You may want him to do you one tomorrow.

Another thing we must not forget to attend our meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month, at Flovilla, don't violate the laws, but get relief when you can. If there are any vacancies overlooked by the chief dispatcher, and not bulletined, call his attention to it or get Bro. Allen, our local chairman, to do so. As far as we know all vacancies are now being properly bulletined, and there is nothing now on bulletin.

Brothers, now is the time to keep busy and help Bro. Allen.

If we all do our part, he will soon be able to clean up the whole division. It is very encouraging to find those who were out, so ready to come in on the first visit of our organizer.

First trick at Macon passenger station was bid in by the first trick man at Macon yard office, and the second trick by Bro. Reeves.

"Pot Hill," first bid on by both Bro. L. C. Merritt and Mr. Knott, was secured by the latter, and Bro. Lawrence went to Macon yard office. This leaves a vacancy at "Cork," third, which has not been bulletined yet, but hope will be soon.

There are four or five extra telegraphers here now, all making good time.

Nos. 5 and 6, our tourist trains, were put on nearly a month earlier this season than heretofore, owing to the increase in business, and big freight trains are running thick and plentiful.

There is a reception under consideration for about New Year's, regarding which all will receive notice. We hope every member will try to make it a grand occasion.

Talk to your wives and sisters about the Ladies' Auxiliary, and have them join.

We will have a meeting on each fourth Sunday at Flovilla. The last one was called off for business reasons, which will be explained at next meeting.

Let's all take renewed courage with the new year.

Wishing all brothers and sisters a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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Charlotte Division, North End—

The regular meeting set for October 28th was called off to allow all who wished to attend the joint open meeting at Salisbury, on October 30th, for the Asheville, Danville and Charlotte Divisions. It was not convenient for the boys from this division to go, as they could not get back to work; Nos. 35 and 43 leaving there before the meeting was over.

At the called meeting for November 10th, in Charlotte, to attend to routine business, on account of the regular meetings being called off as stated above, there were some fifteen in attendance.

Our General Chairman, H. G. Alexander, has moved his family to Charlotte, N. C., from Drexel, N. C. We are glad to have him near us.

Bro. A. E. Woody, agent, Spartanburg Junction, was called to Lynchburg, Va., recently, account of sickness of relatives.

Bro. W. S. Long, third at Newells, has been made clerk to Chief Dispatcher W. L. King.

Bro. W. H. Hays spent a few days in Richmond, Va., this week, on a visit to his mother.

We are glad to have Bro. Abee, of "TS," nights, in the ranks. He is a live wire, and always has a smile for every one.

Bro. Culp is working third at Belmont, N. C., while Thompson is off on leave of absence for sixty days.

H. C. Hastings is filling in on third at North Charlotte, while H. E. Galloway is working in "TS" a few days. Mr. Hastings has engaged in other business about a year. He will be with us again shortly. We also have the promise of several other nons coming in soon. These men are with us in sentiment.

It will not be our practice to mention the names and movements of all the nons we know of in write-ups, but some may be mentioned at times probably. If they have no interest in us, we have none in them. We will, however, extend them the glad-hand of welcome if they will signify a willingness to join us. We have no criticism to make of them, only to say that they are rather to be pitied than censured, if they cannot be convinced of their error in being out of the Order. I feel that the time will soon come when they will see that they cannot stand alone; that organization is the only salvation for us at this time, and that the men outside the Order will soon find themselves very lonesome.

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The paper sent over the line recently in behalf of Bro. J. G. Pethel, who is sick in Asheville, N. C., was successful in securing about $46 50 in subscriptions, about $25.00 of which was paid in at our last meeting. I trust others who have subscribed to this fund will come up with the amount promptly, as Bro. Pethel is in need of money. Any one else wishing to give anything in this case can remit the same to Bro. W. A. League, No. 10 North Graham St., Charlotte, N. C., and the same will be turned over to Bro. Pethel promptly. Boys, this is a most worthy cause and every member should feel called upon to help as they can. When you have money in your pocket and think of spending it foolishly, stop and think of the brother, and think how much you would appreciate the same thoughtfulness if you were in his condition. For the information of any who do not know of Bro. Pethel's conditions, I will say: He has been confined to his bed practically for the last year, with that dreaded disease consumption; what little savings he had, has been wiped out, and he is now in need of help. His faithful wife is with him and shares in his want. The entire Southern System, No. 59, should help, as well as other members of the Order over the entire country.

Any one having any news items, or changes, please let me know. I cannot know everything that is going on over the division.

There have been about 800 members taken into the Order in the last six months, that sounds good and goes a long way towards making a solid front. So cheer up, boys, and nons take notice that it's time you were getting wiser.

Our committee expect to confer with the officials, about the first of the year, and there will be something coming to us in the near future, but it takes a solid rank to get anything worth while. So line up, nons, and help to get something for yourself and families. The company can not help but come across with what is reasonable when we present a solid front. B. F. DARST.

Danville Division—

My first impulse upon receipt of my journal, is to look for something from the division I work on, and the next most interesting thing, is to look up notes from other roads I have worked for. It is very disappointing to go clear through the fraternal department of the journal and not find a single note from any of them.

The regular correspondent can do very little, unless the membership gives him notes from their stations. Every change and all such news of interest should be sent to him every month. This, brothers, I believe, would create an interest and cause more of the brothers to attend the monthly meeting.

More interest must be shown among the members of the O. R. T. if we ever hope to get all the nons in the Order. It is as much our duty to be fraternal as it is to be organized. Enthusiasm will get the non much quicker than any other way. Let him see that there is more to the Order than paying dues. It is up to us to show them there is something fraternal in our Order. Our local chairman, on the road nearly a month organizing, reports that some of the members do not even know if the man right beside them are members or not.

Do you ever call up the man next to you and test him? A few nights after I started to work over here, wanting to get acquainted, I tried the man next to me. He said he knew what I meant, but could not reply, and said "wait a minute." Pretty soon he called and gave me the proper answer. This brother was obliged to go to his home and look up the wire test before he could answer. Then we had a long and friendly talk. It seemed like being home to know I was blocking with an O. R. T. member.

I do not favor our general committee going to Washington for a revision of our schedule under the present conditions we lack enthusiasm, and it is up to the membership to put forth every effort, so the committee will feel that it is backed by something more tangible than simply a lot of *paid* up dues members. They need more assistance now than ever before, and we must be up and doing, as the time is short.

Not long ago I heard a man telling of a little courtesy an agent had shown him once: This shows that a little kindness goes a long way. We should never be impatient with the patrons of the company. It is our duty to promote its interests, and we could not do it in a better way than to be courteous to its patrons. A large part of the company's business is controlled by the agent-telegrapher, and we should be mindful of this fact. It will reap its reward in a way that we know not of.

Be courteous to the public, fraternal to your brother members, loyal and just to your Order and to the company, and you will see the O. R. T. advance on your road.

Now, I hope there will be a general rush next month to see who can send the correspondent the best notes from this division; don't wait for the other brother, do it yourself and send them early.

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Memphis Division—

Since our Local Chairman, Bro. Wilson, returned from the recent meeting at Asheville, he seems to have such renewed faith in us that he has set the alarm in the hope of awakening some of the dreamers over here on this end of the pike. I feel safe in saying that it has been heard in every office on the division, and we are exceedingly glad to see so many awakened and ready to stand by their fellows. I was already converted, and only waiting for the invitation song, and now I am going to ask you all to join with Bro. Wilson in the chorus, and get after the nons good and strong. Write that one working at the next station, and if he don't send in his application, why write him again and if he positively refuses to answer, try to catch a chance and go over and

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see him. Now, brothers, the harvest is great, let's show our good faith by our works.

A good many of the boys have promised to join right away, and we hope they will be as good as their word, for it is their duty to come in and help get the line solid.

Ed. Smith, on a recent two months' vacation, has returned and promises to be with us soon.

We all miss our chief, Mr. Duncan, who left us recently, and hope his successor will make us as good a chief as his predecessor.

Mr. Gormley, former relief agent, is relieving A. T. Vaughan, on third, "DJ," Decatur Junction, who has accepted a position with Decatur Cotton Co.

L. Ennis, second, Tuscumbia, who accepted first trick in chief's office, Memphis, was relieved by Bro. M. J. Bryan, of third trick. Bro. R. P. Higginbotham took third "DS," Decatur, relieving Mr. Deramus.

If the boys on the west end will let Bro. Wilson have any news they can get by the 20th of the month, we would be glad to have it. Now, boys, don't lay down on this, for it is to your interest to get the boys lined up, and the sooner we can show up a high mark, the better it will be for us. Get after the nons, and show them where to head in. CERT. 2271.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God in his wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed brother Clifford K. Gane, of Fern Bank, Ala.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Southern Division No. 59, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend his wife and parents their heartfelt sympathy in this their great bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our next regular meeting, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. L. CLAY,
M. A. STRICKLAND,
J. B. BELK,
Committee.

Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

Cincinnati Division—

The meeting held at Williamstown on the evening of October 8, presided over by our local chairman, was a complete success, both from a business and social point of view. After matters of importance were considered and discussed, large, fat cigars and tempting fruits were in evidence, thanks to the hospitality and generosity of Bro. Boutwell. While there were not as many present as was hoped for, yet the representation of the north end of the division was very gratifying. We expect a much larger showing at our next meeting and predict that all members attending will be thoroughly benefited and entertained. Quite a number of the boys from the south end will undoubtedly be present if a proper effort is made.

Bro. C. H. McNeill, of Sadieville, has been appointed division correspondent, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Bro. Witt, and he requests that all who have items of interest will forward same to him not later that the 14th of each month, as these notes would have appeared in the November TELEGRAPHER had they reached St. Louis a little earlier. Without this help we will be unable to have a complete write-up.

In the matter of a paid-up membership, we have the banner division on the Q. & C. We feel a pardonable pride in knowing that the brothers and sisters of this division are wide awake and realize their obligation to their co-workers, which means enthusiasm and earnest endeavor. A little individual effort in getting a few more nons in line will crown our efforts with complete success.

Bro. E. H. Boutwell, our local chairman, is visiting relatives in Georgia, his native State.

Bro. G. W. Arnold, of Corinth, visited Norfolk, Va., and other Eastern cities on his honeymoon.

H. R. Arwood, Blanchet nights, has been taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, suffering from brain fever; relieved by J. H. Wayne.

Bro. G. L. Brewsaugh is now on second, McKinney, relieving Bro. H. L. Dumas.

Bro. M. J. McGuirk, McLean Avenue nights, while visiting relatives in Vermont, favored us with an instructive letter regarding conditions in the far northeast, which was read with much interest at our meeting in Williamstown on October 8.

Bro. M. W. Witt, third, Sadieville, has accepted the position of second trick dispatcher with the L. & A. R. R. at Richmond, Ky. We extend every good wish for his future welfare and prosperity. He was relieved temporarily by Sister Frances Threlkeld, it having been bid in by Bro. G. Glascox, second "SJ" tower.

We understand Tom Conway, second Lexington, will be married shortly, and that as a fitting complement will become a member of the O. R. T.

Bro. J. V. Hall, of Georgetown, is now dispatcher on the Lexington Street Ry.

Miss Julia Clark, first Lexington, while on a recent trip to Denver, was relieved by Bro. Pates, from the L. & N.

Sister Julia C. McGinnis, agent Rogers Gap, while visiting was relieved by Leo Harvey.

We are indebted to Bros. Brewsaugh, Sullivan and others for items and sincerely trust they will continue to lend their much-needed assistance in the future. DIV. COR.

A. G. S. Division—

I am glad to note the boys are taking more interest in the Order, and if this continues we will improve our conditions and have the A. G. S. up to the top notch. Our local chairman advises that there could be more ginger put into some of the boys yet, as to handling their positions. What we want to do is to try and handle the business that is required on our tricks so that there will not be

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any complaint whatever from the officials. When this is done you can expect something better coming your way. If your general committee convenes and know that you have been working your job strictly up to the rules of the company, they feel like asking the officials for something and the officials feel like giving something. On the other hand, if some of the boys have been falling down on their jobs, the general committee has a hard road to travel. Every man on the road knows what the rules are and you have no excuse for not carrying them out. So do business and earn what you are getting and about $10 more per month, and the general committee will try and get that ten spot for you.

Bros. Willison and Stone have been on the A. G. S. and am glad to announce that a large number of the non-members lined up. The scattered few still left have promised to get right in the near future. It takes money and trouble for a man to go over the line, and if every member on the road would make an organizer out of himself it would not be necessary to go to this extra expense of canvassing. Every member should find out who he has working with him, and if he is not up-to-date, see that he falls in line. If we all do this, it will be easy to keep one hundred per cent solid. We are now ninety-two per cent strong —better than the road has ever been. So all get to pushing and keep it this way while making an effort to get the other non-members.

On looking over the local chairman's report, I note that very few on the A. G. S. understand the contract we have, and these are the ones who always kick because they think the contract is being disregarded by all concerned. Any one can get a copy of the contract from the G. S. & T. After you have familiarized yourself with it, if you find you have a grievance, handle it as outlined in the contract. Don't sit around and knock. If you do your part the other will be attended to. You have to help yourself before you will be helped by the O. R. T., or any one else.

It would be advisable for some of the brothers, as well as the nons on the A. G. S., to familiarize themselves with their national nine-hour law, as I know one or two that are not making any attempt to live up to this law, and the company is not requiring them to violate it either. Some time a stranger is going to land in your town and when he introduces himself as a representative of Uncle Sam, you may be sorry before he gets through with you. If you have not got a copy of this law, Bro. H. B. Perham, St. Louis, will send you one by requesting it from him.

Bro. O. M. Cathey, Epes, Ala., has lined up with us again, and he says it is "No card, no favor" with him around that city. That is the kind of talk that sounds good to your Obedient. There are also about fifteen or twenty more on the A. G. S. that have lined up recently.

Understand our general committee will soon convene for a revision of contract and an increase, and I wish to impress on all of your minds the necessity of having the line solid beforehand. It is very important to the nons to be members before the general committee goes in, for it can not represent you or your position without you are a member, and you are liable to come a few dollars short on pay-day in comparison with the first trick or second trick man. Every member will be mailed an information blank before the general committee convenes, to be filled out, and if you fail to fill this out and send it to your local chairman, you will get your foot into it again. You can not be represented without you fill out this blank and send it in. I am merely educating you all on this line in time so there will be no fall-down on this important question.

Keep your eye on the nons, and as soon as one lands, light on him and feel of his pulse and if it is not right, shoot a little glycerine in it, and keep shooting it in until his pulse is right. I have asked several brothers how about the other fellow working here, and his reply will be, "I don't know whether he is up-to-date or not." That is awful. The first thing I consider my duty when a man comes to be broke in is to feel of his pulse and then I know how to put him next to the job.

It has been decided to name the social club, organized at Chattanooga on July 22, the "Look Out Telegraphers' Club." There will be a meeting called in the near future at Chattanooga, and all members on the C. N. O. & T. P., A. G. S., Knoxville, Atlanta and Memphis Divisions of the Southern Railway and C. of Ga. Ry. will be notified, and I hope that every member will attend these meetings, as there will be some very important questions up for discussion. Also bring along any nons who may wish to join. I believe we can prevail on our good brother, Dr. Henry, of Chattanooga, although a very busy man, to attend this meeting. There is going to be "big doings" throughout the country for the telegraphers within the next few months, and it is very important that all nons get in line.

It is almost impossible to write an interesting article without the help of the boys out on the line, so do your part and send me your news items by the 15th of the month. DIV. COR.

Chattanooga Division—

There have been several changes on the second district in the past month, and several offices opened that were closed during the panic of last year, which is a pretty good sign of returning prosperity.

Silerville, which has been closed for some time, has been reopened, and Sunbright, which was a one-man twelve-hour trick, is now a three-trick station.

Bro. H. L. Dumas, from second McKinney to second Eubank; relieved temporarily by Bro. G. L. Brewsaugh, extra.

W. H. Buck, an old-timer, who was here a few nights in October, worked at various points on this line some twenty-five years ago.

Bro. Shadoan, Tateville, bid in second, Moreland, vacated by Bro. Singleton, who bid in second, McKinney.

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Bro. Dumas, second, Eubank, on sick list a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Hovious, extra.

Bro. O. K. Holland, former ticket agent at Tuscaloosa, Ala., worked third at Moreland a few days.

Bro. Baird bid in third at Moreland, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. G. F. Dungan.

Bro. W. O. Bastion, agent at Science Hill, is off for a six months' vacation.

Bro. Holland worked a few days at Oakdale, relieving Bro. Mack Williams.

Bro. J. W. Bailey, Junction City, has returned after a six weeks' rest.

Telegrapher Bell worked first trick, Moreland, for a couple of days, relieving Bro. Compton, who was relieving Bro. Shewmaker, while attending court. Bro. Bell went to High Bridge from Moreland.

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Queen & Crescent Ry. (South.)

New Orleans Division—

Dad's boy wants to know why some of our brothers have allowed themselves to follow in the footsteps of the very few nons who remain with us? Brothers, you should stay awake and show the officials that union labor is superior to non-union labor in every respect. It is our duty to give them good service, and expect good pay in return. You all know that we need an increase in salary, so be sure and don't leave any room for the officials to complain to our committee which we expect to send up before long, that they are not receiving as good service as is expected for present pay, and turn their backs on us. This would be embarrassing, to say the least. It is ridiculous to imagine one sleeping on an eight-hour trick, delaying fast trains. Of course, we can't expect much from the non, for he has not enough interest in his future welfare to get in line and fight for his rights, but we earnestly ask each and every member to be on the alert. Some may be satisfied with present conditions, but I am not, for the great increased expense of living necessitates a $60.00 minimum; in fact, a $5.00 raise all around.

Have you an up to date? If not, why not?

Two of our agents are teaching the art to their helpers. Their hearts can not be in the right place or they would realize that it will only be a short time until their students will be holding down the stations they now occupy. Have you asked these professors to do what is right? Probably they have not been asked to join the Order. Go after the nons; they won't bite you.

We should feel ashamed when we turn from page to page in our journal and find no write-up from our line. Get busy, don't wait for some one to do your part. There is nothing helps a division more than a good write-up each month. Don't be discouraged; we are still alive.

We must get busy and land the few nons left on this line. It can be done by talking to them in the right way. They are all human, and if each one of us will get one, there will soon be none left. How about the men you are working with? Are they up to date? You should see that they show the right color before treating them as brothers. If you dish out favors there is then no inducements for them to join.

Brothers, we are not lacking for a good local chairman. All he needs is the support of the members. Remember he is only one, and can not do it all.

Perhaps some have forgotten where to remit their dues. Bro. J. C. Talley, Poplarville, Miss., is the man. Now, get right and be at peace with your Creator and all mankind.

We have good officials to work for, men of reason. They do not want to work ragged and half starved men. They require us to appear neat and orderly at all times. They seem willing and ready to do what is right, yet we rest contented with what we have, while the brothers on connecting lines are working hard to better their working conditions.

All of you who are near enough and can, should attend the monthly meetings held at Meridian and Laurel. See what the brothers on our sister roads are doing and be convinced.

Dad's boy thinks we need a regular correspondent, and asks Bro. Fields to appoint some one to represent us each month. We must get that long-needed determination in us, to go after a new and revised schedule to take effect on March 1, 1910.

Let Bro. Fields know that we are behind him and looking to him as one of our leaders. We must pull together.

Be on time at your work; don't creep in late and cause your fellow workman to work more than nine hours.

We toilers on the south end had a lively time last month handling L. & N. detoured trains, that line having used the N. O. & N. E.'s rails during the interruption of their line, caused by the disastrous storm that swept over several Southern States, destroying life and property. You may be next. Make hay while the sun shines.

The changes are as follows:

Bro. E. L. McConnell, Enterprise, gone to the S. P.; relieved by Mr. Carpenter, a student, owing to the present shortage of telegraphers.

Bro. Bostick has returned to "RD" from "SU," dispatcher's office, New Orleans; relieved by R. W. Collett, former manager "JC," Meridian shops.

J. W. Ford, first "MA," on short vacation; relieved by W. C. Strahan, wireless, Port Arthur, Texas.

Mr. Stallworth, third "JC," transferred to third at "H" terminal station, Meridian, relieving Telegrapher Mills, who has gone with the A. G. S. at Birmingham, Ala.

No card, no favors.

JUST DAD'S BOY, THAT'S ALL.

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Great Northern Ry.

Cascade Division—

It begins to look like winter on the hills now, considerable snow having fallen and the snow plows will soon be in operation.

The happenings at Merritt recently have been rather sensational. Bro. Lewis F. Lawton resigned and returned to his old home in the East; relieved by T. A. Haukins. H. H. Smith left without saying good-bye to anyone, but the local chairman notified the members on the Spokane Division to look out for him. Smith was relieved by Chas. S. Bly, late of the new Milwaukee line, who became affected with the same mania and disappeared the third day at daylight with an old pal that came through in the night. Our local chairman was careful to advise the members on the east end to also look out for them. Mr. Bly tried to get a member to let him have an old card to travel on, but he didn't get it. The same day Bly set sail. J. W. Kelley, late from the East, now stopping with relatives at Blaine, reported for work, remained long enough to get a square meal at the hotel, which he did not pay for, and without notice departed for the West after an unsuccessful attempt to pawn a revolver for transportation. The most important thing we wish to impress our readers with is that not one of these men were members of the Order, nor could they show that they ever had been.

Bro. W. S. Seward, located at Gold Bar, has been transferred to Division 70 from Division 54, where he served as local chairman for the past two years. Bro. Mann has appointed him a member of the local board of adjustment here.

J. W. Donnally, of Bellingham, has been suspended, owing to a difference with our mutual enemy, the bond company. We hope the matter will be straightened out favorably for him.

Bro. Fred Misner is relieving the agent at Bow.

H. P. Christenson, agent at Wooley, has returned from his vacation.

W. P. McIlughes relieved M. Krombeck at Drury, who went to Berne, relieving Bro. John Taber, resigned.

Bro. J. E. Bucklew, of Scenic, has returned from a thirty-day vacation to Oklahoma.

Bro. Ray A. Pake, agent at Scenic, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. E. W. Baker.

Bro. L. D. Anderson, second at Mosher, has traded tricks with C. E. Jackson, of Edmonds, third, making it much more convenient for both.

Bro. A. B. Van Valin, formerly of Mosher, is now located at Sky.

A third trick was opened at Chiwaukum, taken by Bro. Ross M. Donohoe, who was relieved at Index by Bro. A. O. Phillips.

Mrs. J. G. Vickers, second, Chiwaukum, who has been on the sick list, is again back at work.

Bros. Ross M. Donohoe, of Chiwaukum, and I. D. Phelps, of Mosher, have been sending some items in each month which shows that they have the interest of the Order at heart.

Excepting the local chairman who sends in items each month, there has been only one or two instances where any other member has furnished any news. We appreciate the interest that Bros. Donohoe and Phelps are showing and hope that they will keep it up; also that a few more members will pattern after them.

Please forward the items to H. F. Reagan, Box 77, Richmond Beach. COR.

Marcus Division—

There seems to be a fearful lack of interest on this division in matters that are of vital importance to all of us. How many have paid up for the next semi-annual term? How many have secured one new member in the last six months? If we each got one we would be very much stronger than we are now. How many of you get all the overtime that you earn?

It is impossible to do anything until we have a strong organization. That takes money and that means prompt payment of dues. Why the members and telegraphers generally can't realize this is certainly hard to understand.

One of these fine days the company officials will be coming along with the telephone and pay you telephone operators' wages. Then it will be too late to kick, except to kick yourselves because you did not line up and get in shape to prevent such a situation.

I don't mean to say we can keep them from installing telephones. That is their own business, but we can prevent them from cutting our wages if we present a solid front of organized telegraphers.

I hope you will wake up and get in the game. Use as much good judgment and common sense in looking out for yourself and your future welfare, as you do in handling your employer's business.

If you think I am right, mark this copy of your journal, send it to some non, and keep after him until you land him. If you think I am wrong, just sit still and idle and some day you will say that you had plenty warning.

Bro. H. S. Votaw, agent at Laurier, stayed so long in the East on his vacation that a Spokane barber took him for a tenderfoot when he landed in Spokane on his return. Bro. W. E. Ketchum, who relieved Bro. Votaw, is visiting his folks at Springdale during his vacation.

Mr. Christmas, at Valley nights, during the absence of Bro. Hoskin, is now at Oroville.

Bro. John Raitor, of Loon Lake, on vacation, is being relieved by J. S. Chinn.

Bro. I. Johnson is back at Marcus.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Spokane Division—

The Waterville Line was opened for traffic on November 1st. Mansfield and Douglas are the only two points at which agencies have been established.

W. R. Walker, of Wenatchee, is agent at Mansfield, and Bro. Knowlton, of Columbia River, at Douglas. A mixed train each way runs daily from Wenatchee to Mansfield. No telegraph instruments have been installed, and it is quite

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probable that none will be, as the phone built during construction period is being used.

J. J. Barnes, the G. Y. M. at "Z," although a great friend of the operators, delights in regaling them with visions of the future, when the phone will cause the extinction of the railroad operator. We have to excuse Joe, as most of his talk is "foney."

The men at some of the second and third district offices change oftener than the president's of the Central American Republics.

Bro. Combs, of Harrington, and S. C. Smith, of Lyons, are now working at Newport. The latter has been on the sick list for a few weeks, is back are beginning to feel a little uneasy about his sincerity.

Bro. Disparois, cashier at Wilson Creek, who has been on the sick list for a few weeks, is beak at work. Bro. Campbell, of the same place, was called to Edmonton recently by the serious illness of his mother.

Bro. A. W. Orvis took a rumble up into Canada recently, but decided to return, and is now working at Leonia.

Bro. A. A. Kott, of Newport, who recently left the system, is now with the S. I. Ry., at Eastport, Idaho.

Bro. Flood Smith, of the G. T. System, relieved Bro. Knowlton, at "CM."

Bro. C. L. Taylor relieved Mr. Clark, at Sand Point.

Thomas Constantine is working third at Cashmere.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Dakota Division

While we have not been heard from for some time, we are still alive and those of us who have our dues paid have a clear conscience, as we know we are not taking benefits which have been gained by the efforts and money of others, because we can produce credentials consisting of an "O. R. T." card upon which is inscribed in bold figures 1909.

Those of us who donated our mite each year to employ "talent" to secure the benefits we enjoy have a right to feel better than the grasping "nons" who have never made any effort to even help themselves, but are always ready to share in such benefits. They certainly cannot be considered true fellow-workmen.

Organizer R. W. Shipley has been making a successful tour over this division and the way he has been bringing the "nons" across is very gratifying indeed.

Our strength lies in unionism, therefore let us get busy and make this division 100 per cent strong.

We need a chairman to handle our grievances. Don't let us be backward in this work, but ask for our seniority rights the same as the men on other up-to-date roads are doing.

Read the journal and get posted as to what the members on other divisions have been granted on account of being thoroughly organized. Let us continue this fight and bring our working conditions up to the standard.

After Bro. Shipley has gone over this division, we should give him encouraging support and each of us stand solid behind our organization. This is necessary for our own welfare in the future.

Wishing all the members success, happiness and prosperity in every way, I remain, yours fraternally.

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Butte Division—

I am in receipt of a circular letter from Bro P. M. Abbott stating his address has been changed to Three Forks, Mont. I wish I had enough copies of this circular so I could place one in the hands of each foner and telegrapher on this division. You who have been stung with a nice little decrease of fifteen per could doubly appreciate it. I am not going to comment but very little on it for each of you well know that the reason you accepted that decrease was because you were not organized and could not help yourselves. Will you kindly take a pencil and figure how many cards that fifteen per reduction for one year would amount to. After you have done that try and figure what was the matter with your brains a year ago when we begged you to organize, warning you that this very thing would happen. "Nuff Sed." Get busy with the New Year. Don't let it get any worse.

There is very little changing around on this division, as the thermometer has registered below on several occasions, and the boys are sticking to the warm fire. I presume the membership of this division enjoy these short write-ups as none of them have volunteered to send in any items this month and others failed to respond to written request therefor.

M. P. Quigley has been relieved as agent at Billings, by J. S. Watson.

W. L. Press, former messenger, "PD" office, now working first, Judith Gap. J. A. Hoyser back on second and W. Maddox on third.

C. W. Lemon is back as agent, Cascade.

C. H. Porter, agent, Craig, on a short vacation, relieved by Relief Agent Warner.

W. L. Epperson returns to agency, Stockett, relieving W. R. Bell, who goes to Wolf Creek.

E. C. S.

Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

Ohio Division—

Although the notice was a little short and relief men scarce, our meeting at Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, brought out a good crowd of enthusiastic O. R. T. members. The meeting was opened by our worthy general chairman, Bro. V. B. Turner, who ably discussed the object of the meeting, after which he called for a general opinion of the members present. Quite a number took part in the discussion and much interest was manifested but each member seemed to follow practically along the same line as taken by Bro. Turner. The meeting closed after about three hours of fraternal co-operation. Now, brothers, you that do not attend the meetings do not realize the benefit to be attained. These meetings

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are held to educate and promote the welfare of the organization of railroad telegraphers and every member should attend that can possibly do so. Come out once and you will certainly not stay away again.

Every member of this division should take an active interest in the organization that has benefitted us so much. Business is very good now, the reports of the railroads each week showing larger increases in net earnings, than in 1907.

By thorough organization we should be able to ask for a revision of our schedule before many moons. Let us all get busy and line up all the nons before January 1st, 1910. Come over, boys, and help support the cause that has secured what you now have and can get more for you, if you will only do your part.

Quite a number of positions open and on bulletin now, but have not learned who have bid them in. November 15th, as follows: Cozaddale, third tricks; Stewart, third tricks, and Harpers opened as night office..

Cozaddale, agent, first trick bid in by Bro. W. W. Wires, formerly of this place, but recently operator at Loveland, Ohio.

Bro. C. D. Morrison bid in third trick at Stewart and he wears a smile that won't come off, only eight miles from home.

J. F. Witherspoon, first trick, "DA" tower, bid in first trick at Washington "CH." The ticket agency is tacked on to this and he will probably need a scoop shovel to handle the money—$4,000 or $5,000 monthly ticket sales.

E. E. Lyons, first trick, Blanchester, off several days on account of the death of one of his wife's relatives; relieved by Telegrapher Baker.

Bro. T. E. Fitch, off duty three weeks in November doing good work for a good cause—understand he met with great success. Three cheers for Bro. Fitch. Do it some more.

Bro. O. G. Harper, agent, Windsor, and son spent a day in Cincinnati shopping; relieved by Bro. Morrison.

We were glad to see old time brothers like C. F. Ogier, agent and first trick, Madeira and C. E. Toops, first trick, Wilmington, attend the meeting. Welcome brothers, come again.

H. G. Leever can now be called brother.

Bro. C. C. Hulbert, agent, Guysville, while on short vacation, was relieved by K. D. Figelstahler.

Bro. J. A. Malone, second, Athens, spent a month at home relieved by Mr. Shallenberger, of Wellston.

Bro. D. P. Watson, second, Belpre, while on a trip to Warren and other points in Indiana, was relieved by J. E. Givson.

Bro. W. J. Harris, third, Byers Junction, who was recently married there in his own home, spent his honeymoon at Cleveland, Buffalo and other eastern points.

Bro. P. Costello, agent and first trick at Belpre, and his wife recently visited their son Thomas P. Costello, formerly with the B. & O., now at Ottawa, Kas., and relatives at Lincoln, and other points in Kansas and Nebraska.

J. E. Gibson, of Chillicothe, was on second at Belpre while Bro. D. P. Watson relieved Bro. Costello, as agent and first trick man, during the latter's absence.

Bro. F. A. Grate, third, Pleasant Plain, while visiting relatives and friends at Zaleski, was relieved by Mr. Sheer, of Chillicothe.

E. E. Lyons, first, Blanchester, visited his mother at Greenfield, recently.

Bro. H. J. Mathews, second, "DA" tower, bid in third, Greenfield.

J. F. Witherspoon, first, "DA" tower, bid in first at Washington, "CH," vice Bro. Grassley.

L. C. Johnson bid in second, "DA" tower.

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Ohio Division, East End—

Bro. T. K. Maloney, Little Hocking, nights, was called home recently on account of the illness of his sister; relieved by Bro. O. Ray.

Bro. C. V. Hester, agent at Mineral, has accepted a position as salesman with the Carbondale Coal Co. Bro. J. P. Emish acting agent during his absence.

Bro. H. O. Shirley, agent, Canaanville, on a short trip; relieved by H. Cunningham from Little Hocking.

Bro. C. D. Morris recently spent a few days at his home near Coolville.

Stewart has been made a three trick office; Mr. Jengins working third until the position is bid in.

Bro. P. Costello has resumed work after a three weeks' vacation.

Mr. Watkins, third, Zaleski, off a few days; relieved by F. E. Dunffee.

Mr. Isler is working second at Marshfield, and Bro. J. P. Emish is doing the agent's stunt at Mineral.

We can now call L. J. Farrell brother.

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Illinois Division—

Our last meeting at Flora on Tuesday, November 9th, was not as well attended as it should have been, but nevertheless no one who was there had any cause to regret the sleep he lost, and those who were not there missed hearing some very interesting subjects discussed. We were favored by a very interesting address by our general chairman, Bro. E. C. Turner, also by our former general chairman, Bro. J. M. Peck.

There still remain a few nons on our division who need our attention, but I am glad to say that they are very scarce.

The following jobs have been open and bid in recently: third trick, Sumner, by Telegrapher Lavelle; third trick, O'Fallon, by Bro. C. D. Russell; third trick, Trenton, by Telegrapher Simms; second trick, Xenia, by Bro. W. L. Deabler; second trick, Clay City, by Bro. J. L. Moore; third trick, Clay City, by Telegrapher G. G. Moore; Furman, by Bro. B. H. Richards.

Bro. M. R. Taylor, agent, Xenia, relieved by Bro. W. L. Deabler, past few weeks on account of illness of his wife, who is now in a hospital at St. Louis.

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Bros. C. H. Drummond, first, O'Fallon and W. H. Helms, of third trick, Breese, have both resigned to try their fortunes in the wild and wooly West.

L. L. Sanders, first, Carlyle, has gotten in bad with the W. U. Co., in some manner and dismissed; relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. G. C. Hadley, of Furman, received second trick, Trenton, on bulletin.

Second trick, Iuka, is open now being filled by Bro. B. H. Richards.

Bro. C. E. Ansbrook, agent, Aviston, on a short vacation recently was relieved by Bro. H. B. Lingeman, first, Trenton, who was relieved later on by Bro. Ed Helms.

Bro. C. D. Russell has been relieved by F. F. Bruner, third, Lawrenceville tower, who got Lebanon on bulletin and third, Lawrenceville was bid in by Mr. Summers.

Bro. Webster, second, Olney, while on short vacation, was relieved by Bro. Russell.

Bro. L. Sefton, agent, Summerfield, who has taken a trip to the great West for several months, was relieved by Bro. A. J. Apple, second Breese temporarily. Bro. W. Helms, regular third, relieved him later on and he in turn was relieved by Mr. Richards, extra of Claremont.

C. E. Trent, second, Shattuck tower, on short vacation, was relieved temporarily by Bro. J. Moore, of Noble, and Bro. Moore was relieved by Bro. Drummond.

Bro. W. L. Deabler, second, Iuka, while on a two weeks' vacation was relieved by B. Richards.

R. C. Heuer, agent, Beckemeyer, on short vacation; relieved by Bro. H. B. Lingeman, first, Trenton, until relieved by Mr. Conner, of Wheatland.

Bro. Ed Helms, second, Trenton, resigned; relieved by Mr. Simms, of Summerfield.

Bro. M. R. Traylor, agent, Xenia, while on short vacation, was relieved by Bro. Deabler, second, Iuka until relieved by B. Richards.

Bro. C. D. Russell off a short time on account of a very sore hand; relieved by Mr. Spitler, third, Shattuck tower, while the latter was off on his vacation.

Fay Pritchett, brother of our second trick dispatcher, a former telegrapher for the past two years in the U. S. Navy, has returned to his home at Xenia, and intends to return to the telegraph service again. DIV. COR.

O. R. T. KNIGHTS.

You cannot find a better kind
  Of friends, where e're you go,
Than are the boys through Illinois;
  Along the B. & O.

A wealth of cheer for every tear
  From these, the friends I know,
Who work the key, with certainty,
  Along the B. & O.

It's good to see knights of the key
  Whose hearts do not outgrow
The harmony, that you can see
  Along the B. & O.

It's good to hear a word of cheer
  When sorrows come, and know
Your friends can feel, a mute appeal
  And sympathy bestow.

And so I raise my voice in praise,
  In rhymes I wish might grow
In every heart, before we part,
  I, and the B. & O.

CLYDE ADDISON WRIGHT,
CERT. 386, Carlyle, Ill.

Block District—

They say a word to the wise is sufficient, but judging from what we have said to some of the nons, to no avail, it is but natural to suppose that they are far from wise. On man said recently get the other nons in and I will follow. Let's make him prove it.

It will probably be pleasing to know that we have several less nons and several new members on the Block since our last write-up.

H. E. Kirk, a new man on the block will soon be in possession of an up-to-date.

V. B. Menefee, "GK," second, resigned, is working third at "RH," pending relief. Bro. Percival Dundon, takes "GK," second.

Bro. Murphy, third, "CK" is working third "NA" while Bro. Christopher is off sick. L. H. Birthisel is holding the fort at "CK."

While F. C. Fisher, second "NA" is on jury duty Bro. Christopher moves up to second and Bro. Murphy takes third.

Bro. Bedingham is working first "BH," while Mr. Flinn is relieving the agent at "KY." F. X. Huber, another new man, is working "BH."

Bro. Kelly did good work, and we wish some of the brothers would do as well.

CALAMITY HAP.

Indiana Division—

Local Chairman Bro. V. B. Turner, is in Cincinnati on O. R. T. business with our officials; relieved by Relief Agent Wedding, who has just returned from a trip in Iowa and Illinois.

Bro. A. A. Donovan is on the twelve-hour night trick at Vallonia.

Bro. Shortridge, Medora, says business is too flourishing to lay off at present and Bro. Reblin, at Fort Ritner, reports lots of work at his joint also.

E. E. McKay at Riverside, Ind., is going to get in line right away.

Bro. A. M. Mallot, Shoals, Ind., attended the meeting at Cincinnati, on November 5th.

We have two eight-hour trick jobs on this division now at Avon and Cannellsburg, Ind., some of the second and third trick men are allowing the dispatchers to call them for a long time. It seems that a man only working eight hours should be able to stay awake. What would he do if he was working twelve hours in some lonely place. Some of the trick operators are not getting around on time for duty, either. Now we had a hard time getting this eight-hour law and we ought to appreciate it.

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Some of the operators are in the habit of answering calls when some one is trying to get a message off in a hurry. You send the message and get no response then have to call and send it over again, causing great delay.

Let's get after the nons on our division and get them lined up in the near future.

L. V. WILLIAMS,
Assistant Correspondent.

C. C. & L. Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to call to the Great Beyond the beloved wife of our Bro. G. G. House, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in her death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted wife; and be it further

Resolved, We, your committee, on behalf of the members of C. C. & L. Division No. 75, O. R. T., tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing husband and family, and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our division, a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved brother.

G. W. JOHNSON,
H. H. ADAMS,
J. B. DAVIS,
Committee.

Muncie, Ind., November 9, 1909.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Madison Division--

By the time this appears in print we will have Christmas with us again. Could we have shared in the prosperity that this company has been enjoying for the last few months, we could have made it more pleasant to our families. Even a little larger check on December pay day would have been very acceptable to most of us, as we have been obliged to pay more and more for the necessities of life, without having had an increase in salary since November 1, 1906, and in fact many of us have had a reduction in salary of $2.50 to $12.00 per month during that time, so it is not to be wondered at that we are getting anxious for a new revised schedule.

It appears that a dividend of seven per cent on the common and eight on the preferred stock is first figured out, then out of what is left they pay just as little as possible to the employes, and the telegraphers certainly have been getting the small end. There are agents and operators doing three to four times as much work for the same or less pay as a few years ago and it cost them at least double as much to live.

The agents and operators are held up as an example of excellent service and politeness. They are receiving the praise of the traveling public wherever you go. They performed their duties so well last year that not one of the millions of passengers that were carried on this great system was killed, which should convince any one, that we have given the company the best there is in the line of service.

Our committee is not asking anything unreasonable of the company. That they will not get all they ask for, we are pretty sure, but what concessions they do get we are honestly entitled to and we want them. As "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance," so also is the benefits of a schedule.

When we get our new revised schedule, which we are in hopes will be before this appears in print (as our committee is in Chicago for what they think is a final conference with the management and signing a schedule), we want to say that those who attend our meetings are the ones that hear it discussed and explained and therefore are acquainted with what each section means and just what one is entitled to and they are then in a position to know if they are getting it or not. Each member is paying his good money for the purpose of benefiting himself, as well as his fellow telegraphers, and if he wants to know what his money has been spent for he should come to our meetings and give Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, a chance to tell him.

So many have asked for a seniority list, that at one of our meetings it was decided to have one printed. This will be done as soon as our chairman gets the news one from Mr. H. D. Schooff our C. T. D. and one will be mailed to each member, with the annual statement of the local secretary and treasury.

Those having any suggestions to make should let Bro. Schneider know, and any one wishing more than one should advise Bro. C. E. L. Hansen, local secretary and treasury, so he can make arrangements to supply them. It is also the wish of most of the members that any non may get one for the asking. We will also gladly supply them with application blanks.

More new members have been initiated the past year than any other one year. This has been accomplished through individual efforts, and we hope to get the few nons left and backsliders in the same manner. A complete list of these can be had anytime from the chairman or secretary and treasurer.

It appears that other divisions are taking a great interest in the Ladies' Auxiliary and we are glad to see it, as it is to our mutual benefit to have the ladies in our families take an interest in our welfare, and there promises to be meetings held in the near future, where we can all meet, get better acquainted and enjoy ourselves. Let each member get a member for the L. A. and we will have done something that we will never regret. Who will start the ball a-rolling?

The telegraph wires have been cut back again in all the offices on the East End and at Kleven-ville and Edmunds on the West End.

A coach is being used as depot at Lancaster, while the new depot is under construction.

The company is having serious trouble with its track just west of the Lake Mills station. Several places have sunk and over $50,000 has been expended the present summer with but little prospect of making a permanent good. The feasibility of building a new track running to the

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north of the lake and through the city of Lake Mills is now being considered.

Everything is about ready for the large new engines. The turntable and round house at Baraboo have been enlarged, the new 100 pound steel is all laid between Evansville and Janesville and steel on the northward track is being laid at Dane.

The work on the hill district around Sparta is being rushed to completion, the new concrete bridges are all in and the grading finished, making a great improvement and doing away with some of the grade.

Tower "E.A," a brand new one-story affair, is now located at the end of the south wye some distance east of the old location.

Material is going over the line for the new ten stall round house at Lancaster where a new turntable will be put in and a new depot built.

We have a few that have not paid their general dues for the last semi-annual period and also some who are in arrears with their local dues of $1.00. All have had two or more notices, and it is their interest as well as all the other members to pay all dues promptly which would give us just that much more time and money to spend on nons. Every notice costs money, and, we must remember, that with our large membership it means lots of time as well as money. If every one paid up when due then we would know just where we are at. As it is we have to treat any one in arrears, as a non as far as getting them in line. We know that conditions under which we have been working for a long time is far from what we like, still we must remember that we are vastly better off than before we had a schedule and there is no one who can deny that it was the O. R. T. that got us what we have, and it is through the O. R. T. that we will get more. Just because you and the man in the next station don't agree, and have your chewing matches is not a good excuse for dropping out. Have your personal scraps if you must, but show that you have at least brains enough to see that there is only one way to better your conditions and that is by the organization of your craft, and be man enough to bear at least your share of the expense which are your dues.

Leyden is a three-trick station now, with Bro. J. H. Doering first, C. R. White second and F. L. Main third. Fellows is also three-trick, W. F. Frusher first, S. E. Main second and John Helden third.

Bro. M. H. Keeffe, second, Evansville, has resigned to engage in other business; relieved by H. J. Starry, until bulletined.

H. R. Raetting, Soo Line, Loyal, Wis., is cashier vice Bro. A. E. Johnson, who is on a trip to Cuba.

Bro. L. M. Bunt, agent, Brooklyn, has returned after a couple of weeks' sickness and Bro. Edw. Welch, who relieved him is back on third, at Monona yard.

Bro. A. J. Warnock, agent, South Madison, has returned from his trip to Aberdeen, So. Dakota, where he registered for the land drawing.

Bro. A. L. Clark, who relieved him then relieved Bro. M. H. Schleck, agent, Wonewo, while he attended a stockholders' meeting that he is interested in at Philadelphia, Pa., and called on relatives and friends at Madison, his old home.

Bro. C. L. Wilcox, agent, Union Center, off recently on account of illness, was relieved by Bro. F. H. Main.

Bro. Carl Hummel, second, Lavalle, on vacation, relieved by Fone Operator McQueen, who has been acting agent at Woodman.

Bro. F. E. Hart, second, Mendot, off on account of sickness; relieved by P. C. Wolfe. Mat Biwersi, of Dane, relieved the latter on third.

Bro. G. W. Richardson, agent, Dane, has just returned from a visit to his son, at Salem, So. Dakota. Mr. Hendrickson was acting agent; relieved by Ted Thompson, on second.

Bro. C. Josi, agent, Klevenville, relieved Bro. Lynn, resigned at Galena. Bro. A. B. Steinhoff bidding it in on bulletin. The other positions were assigned as follows: W. F. Holden, Platteville, days. Bro. J. Bernett, Deerfield, second; Newman Wales, second trick.

Mr. H. D. Schooff, our chief dispatcher, has gone to California for several months with his daughter, who cannot stand the Wisconsin winters. Mrs. Schooff, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid, is now convalescent and will remain with her parents at Beloit during Mr. Schooff's absence.

Mr. A. R. Pelmar is now acting first; Mr. J. H. Hall second and Mr. M. E. Patterson, who was off duty for a couple of weeks on account of sickness; is acting third chief.

Mr. E. F. Boehm first, Mr. J. I. DeSautelle second, Mr. P. E. Wright third trick dispatchers, on the south end.

C. B. Adams, H. R. Kock and G. A. Cole, are on the north end and Dispatchers Payne and Bundick, both new men, on this division, are working the cross line.

Bro. J. H. Bucklin, Jr., has charge of Lake Mills, first trick, relieving Mr. Starry, who worked it extra.

Bro. C. L. Graves, agent, Cottage Grove, having a siege with the dentist, relieved by Bro. E. D. Williams.

Bro. A. Anderson, second, Monona yard, was also under the dentist's care, relieved by W. Whitman.

Bro. A. C. Matzek, second, Caledonia, on a short visit to Milwaukee, relieved by W. F. Briggs, formerly agent at Roscoe, and now conducting a general store at Caledonia.

Bro. P. W. Avery, agent, at Wyeville, has put in a lunch counter for the accommodation of the traveling public that may use the Necedah branch.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, will remain in Chicago with the committee and will remain there until the work is completed.

Bro. A. J. Warnock, agent, South Madison, is on a trip to Pierre, South Dakota, with his family.

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S. C. Potter, who has been away for several years is working second at South Baraboo "BY" office.

Bro. E. L. Canney is back at Elroy, third, and Bro. T. J. Tracy, on second, which he bid in on bulletin.

Bro. W. J. Doering bid in second, Kendalls, vice Bro. Tracy and Bro. E. D. Elkins, second, at Trempealeau, and is now in charge.

Bro. J. S. Lewis bid in and is now in charge of Beloit, second. Bro. Forsythe, extra, went to tower "DO."

Bro. L. G. Abts is on Evansville, third again, relieved at Lake Mills, by Mr. Starry, while the latter is on bulletin.

Bro. Collentine, second South Baraboo, is at Jefferson Junction, second.

W. S. Barnhart is on Afton, third, again, relieving Bro. Kreklow, who takes Sullivan, second, while on bulletin.

Tower "CY," Chase yard, closed as a telegraph office, and C. G. Porter is now on Waukesha, third, while on bulletin.

Bro. C. R. Fisher, agent, Oregon, taking in the sights in the Dakotas and visiting relatives at Spring Green, Wis., was relieved by Bro. Edw. Welch, who is now relieving Bro. L. M. Burt, agent, Brooklyn, while on sick list.

Bro. P. M. Keeffe is back at Madison, second, after his spell of sickness.

Bro. H. D. Adams took in the agents' meeting at Chicago.

Tower "DO" closed on account of sickness of the operator, was taken charge of the second night by Bro. Degnan, and his trick at tower "EA," 10 p. m. to 8 a. m. was closed.

Bro. F. L. Bonnell has resumed his duties as agent at Edmunds after visiting the exposition at Seattle, and his brother Chas., station agent with the N. P. Ry. in Washington.

The new well at Ipswich is a dandy, considerably better than the one at Montfort.

Bro. C. W. Evans, second, Sparta, on vacation, will probably become a benedict before he resumes work. A. F. Newman is relieving him.

Bro. J. Bennett, second, Summit, on sick list, relieved by A. K. Satterfield.

Third, at Summit, has been opened with J. H. Mueller in charge, while on bulletin.

The members of the "Hill Section" of the Railway Agents' Association and their wives had a pleasant meeting recently at the home of Bro. W. A. Browne, agent, Norwalk.

Bro. A. E. Johnson, cashier, Evansville, has resigned and is now on a trip to Florida; relieved by H. Raetig from Burlington, Wis.

Bro. D. A. Petterson bid in and is in charge of Helenville station. C. C. Hinners, cross line trick dispatching, and on quad in "B" office, is now telegraphing at Platteville, vice Petterson.

Bro. A. L. Clark is relieving Bro. Warnock, agent, South Madison, who is visiting his daughter at Merrillan.

Bro. J. F. Gannon, agent at Mendota, while on several weeks' vacation, went to Aberdeen South Dakota to register, and met Bro. Ed Klingelhofer, from Waunakee, who is operator there. He also met Frank Noonan, night chief at Huron, who was formerly in the Baraboo dispatchers' office. Bro. A. L. Clark was acting agent during Bro. Gannons' absence.

Bro. W. F. Westphal, former agent, Helenville, is now located with the Soo Line at Wishek, North Dakota. He is well satisfied and sends "73" to all the boys.

M. Biwersi is on third at Mendota and P. C. Wolfe is on second, vice Bro. Hart, who is off on account of sore eyes.

Earl Phinney is on second, Brooklyn, vice Reilley.

F. E. Warner, who has been taking in Chicago, Milwaukee and Jefferson, relieved by C. C. Hinners on the quad in "B" office, Baraboo. A. G. Elsner is on Hinner's tracer job and W. F. Holden is on the same job nights in the dispatcher's office.

Mr. Payne, a new man, is working second trick on cross line.

Hoping that we have our new schedule by Christmas, and that it is a good one, I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

DIV. COR.

Ashland Division—

No doubt every one is anxiously awaiting the outcome of the negotiations of our general committee now in session at Chicago. We understand that their labors will soon be at an end, and that there will be some nice increases for us as well as other valuable concessions. The telephone proposition which has worked havoc among our ranks on other divisions has been the main bone of contention and is the cause of the prolonged negotiations. We sincerely hope our committee will be able to effect a satisfactory settlement of this bug-bear.

Business on this division has been good all summer and fall with a noticeable shortage of operators at all times. Some of the boys are just commencing to get their vacations, requested last March. The ore business is still hanging on and the prospects are fine for a large business in pulp wood, lumber and logs this winter, which will at least keep all the boys in our line of business pretty much on the jump until the rush is over with.

No doubt most of you are aware by this time of the sad accident that befell Bro. N. J. Semmelhack, agent, Gogebic, Mich., while out hunting last month. He had shot a small bear, wounding it, and while trying to put on the finishing touches with the butt end of his rifle the gun exploded or rather went off, the bullet striking him on the hip, breaking some of the bones in the leg. Some members of the Chicago baseball team, on a fishing expedition, camped nearby heard the shots, went to investigate and found Nick badly wounded lying partly in a small lake shouting for help. They picked him up and carried him to their private car nearby. He was afterwards taken to St. Mary's hospital, Wausau, where he now is, and at last report was getting along very nicely,

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but it will be some time before he will be able to resume work. As natural to expect, time passes slowly to one in Nick's condition and he would be pleased to have some of the boys along the line write him a letter and give him some of the news of the division which you may rest assured he will be very grateful for. Therefore if you want to do another brother a good turn take a little time and write him a letter, if only a short one. We wish to assure Bro. Semmelhack that he has the sympathy of all the men on the division in his sad misfortune and we wish for him a quick recovery. Bro. Briggs is covering Bro. Semmelhack's position at present.

Our meeting at Antigo, November 19th, was quite well attended and from other points of view was very successful. Local Chairman Nelson reported on the progress of the committee in Chicago and other business was transacted.

From all indications business on the old Ashland division is going to be mighty good on the road this fall and winter with lots of work for everybody.

Bro. P. H. Rasmussen, second, Summit Lake, was promoted to agent at the same place, vice Mr. Carmany, resigned, to accept a position as operator and bill clerk, at Boyne City, Mich.

Bro. W. R. Jones, of Wittenberg, relieved Bro. J. S. Johnston, at Jeffris, during the latter's illness. We understand Bro. Johnston has quite fully recovered from the results of his operation at Antigo last month and are glad to see him back at work again.

Bros. Vic Johns and Jones were unable to accept the agency at Summit Lake, to which they fell heir to on bulletin, on account of there being no house to live in there.

Bro. P. L. Lethenstrum was awarded the agency at Tomahawk Lake, vice Bro. F. W. Atchison, who resigned to go west. Bro. Atchison was a good order man and we regret that he has left us.

We are pleased with the new traveling auditor assigned to the Ashland Division, Mr. R. C. Kerr. He is courteous and ever ready to point out our mistakes in a kindly way. This is encouraging instead of discouraging.

Bro. Edwards has returned from his vacation to Bear Creek agency, and Bro. J. W. Lacy, who relieved him, has received second trick, Tigerton, on bulletin. Bro. P. R. Carter, taking Pelican, second, temporarily, afterwards being awarded Watersmeet second on bid.

Bro. P. W. Brehmer, days, Kimberly, got second, Saxon on bid, vice Bro. W. H. Paull, resigned, to take a position on the D. S. S. & A. Ry. Mr. Corcoran, a new arrival, from the Wisconsin Central, relieving Bro. Brehmers.

F. G. Sockwell, New Jersey, relieved Bro. L. F. Nelson at Kaukauna, while he was in Chicago serving on the general committee.

Bro. L. E. Smith, third, Clintonville, got Antigo yard office days, on bulletin. Bro. H. A. Wilde went from days to nights at the same place on bulletin.

Bro. C. B. Fiker was awarded Pelican, second trick on bid.

Bro. F. C. Hines, second trick, Clintonville, has successfully passed the civil service examination and will soon take a position as mail clerk with the government. We certainly wish him success in his new field.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Quade is making good at the shoe business in Hortonville. Boys, if you want a new pair of shoes patronize Bro. Quade.

Bro. Vic Johns is at present working second at Monico Junction.

Bro J. S. Johnston, agent at Jeffris, who was suddenly stricken with appendicitis on October 13th and taken to an Antigo hospital on a special train, was operated upon successfully, and at last report was getting along nicely. We hope he will have a speedy recovery. Bro. W. R. Jones, of Crittenberg, relieved him. The company is to be commended for their kindness in furnishing the special service.

Bro. C. B. Fiker, second, Ironwood, while off on vacation, was relieved by J. C. Calhoun, formerly of the Lake Shore division, and recently from the St. Paul in Iowa. He has promised to join the Order soon.

Bro. F. W. Atchison, agent, Tomahawk Lake, while off on a vacation, was relieved by Bro. G. T. Tytherleigh, a new member.

Bro. R. B. Kluge, of Tigerton, got second at Hortonville.

We are indebted to Bro. Jones for most of the items in this write-up. DIV. COR.

Galena Division—

Have heard of several brothers recently who expect to leave the service soon. Better wait, boys, and see if we can't make the jobs worth sticking to. Men are scarce just now and it begins to look as if we were going to come into our just dues. It has been a long fight and a weary one, but victory is in sight. When hoboes are paid $2.00 for ten hours, a telegrapher should have respect enough for his profession not to work for less. It is up to you, brothers, don't kick and blame the officials. You are masters of your own fate, you are the ones to say whether you work for an insufficient wage or not.

Strengthen our organization by bringing in everybody eligible and let them know that we intend to stand by them to the last ditch.

Give your chairman the encouragement of your presence at the monthly meetings, or drop him a note saying why you could not show up. Let him know you can be depended upon. It's your troubles he is wrestling with and if you want to be remembered when the figures go down on the schedule, let him know you are alive. Then you won't have to come around kicking when it's too late.

The cost of living still soars and don't forget that every notch upwards is a reduction of your wages to that extent. Do you know that there has been an increase in the cost of the necessities of life since November 1st, 1908, of 10.5

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per cent? Can you not realize that that is equivalent to a reduction of your wages? How long can you stand it? When will you wake up? Even hay is $20.50 per ton but that's about the proper food for a jackass, who thinks the present situation is all right.

The trains on the Elgin and Belvidere Electric Line are handled by telephone.

The motorman ran by a meeting point recently, which resulted in a head-end collision at Huntley and a number of people were seriously injured.

This don't look as if the phones were of much account to move trains by even on the electric.

Get in early with your dues this year and don't forget your insurance for six months.

Bro. E. H. Webster is on committee work and we hope to see everybody out to the meetings when he returns to get the news.

Business is getting so heavy that everybody is working Sundays and thirteen hours per day.

Several brakemen who are operators have been working as telegraphers lately and drawing brakeman's pay. This looks like a good scheme. We better all get positions as brakemen and join the B. of R. T. That might help to put telegraphers' salaries up.

Bro. Fowler, of Creston, is looking for a good man to relieve him, so he can take that trip West.

The moving of the depot at East Elgin gives Bro. Casey a better view of trains.

Bro. W. M. Sheller is back at Union Grove after a month's vacation.

Bro. Buss, of Nachusa, is doing two men's work on one foot. The other foot got the ax.

Business continues to be too good and everybody working the limit.

There are several three-trick positions on the Peoria line now, Normandy and Radnor being the latest additions.

The new towers as the result of the completion of the cut-off are about ready to be put into service and should be bulletined soon.

Bro. W. Wilson received first trick at Rockford on bid and Bro. Bendixon received the Lake Geneva agency.

Bro. Wells, of West Chicago, has gone to "SJ" office, and Chas. Case, of Morrison, has also accepted an invitation to the general office.

H. Marcellus, for years at Clinton Bridge, is now on the Iowa Division, working second at passenger depot, Clinton.

Bro. Raymond on second, East Elgin, vice Bro. Starks.

The office at West Clinton has been abolished, Bro. Marcellus going to passenger depot and Fifth St., Bro. J. B. Agnew to Pit Junction, vice Bro. W. H. Steffy, from Pennsylvania Lines, resigned and gone to Colorado.

Bro. Starks relieves Bro. Wills at West Chicago, the latter going to "SJ" office.

P. J. Fay, second, Rockford, relieving Bro. Buss. Bro. Wilson has bid in this position

Mr. Haviland goes to Lombard, vice Mr. Manning, killed, and Malta is up for bid.

Bro. Rigby, Dundee, has returned from a month's vacation. YOUR COMRADE, CERT. 151.

Northern Iowa Division—

The Northern Iowa has held out a glad hand to the "boomer" recently. His comings have been few and his stay even shorter.

Why not get up some of the old-time enthusiam on this division and endeavor to hold a meeting?

Business has held up wonderfully well during the entire year and the Northern Iowa has cause to feel proud.

I wish to thank the brothers for their assistance and trust that the good work will go on.

Mr. Fisher, helper at Rolfe, is acting agent at Ledyard, leaving Bro. Davis playing a lone hand.

Bro. Lorimer, Ceylon, is leaving the service to engage in private business.

Bro. O. R. Herrold, Eldora, was a sightseer at Dakota City recently.

Bro. Lane, Lanruss, on six months' leave of absence. We are all looking for a temporary bulletin, while he holds down his Dakota homestead.

Bro. E. T. Harper is on a vacation at his home in Iowa Falls. Understand his prospects for a job as commercial traveler are looming in comparison to railroading.

Bro. Doherty gone to wire chief's job, Miles City, Mont., C. M. & St. P. Relieved by Mr. Burns, who advises us he has never yet been bound by permanent contract with any railroad company.

Chas. Yenor is doing the owl trick at Rutland, fresh from "Val."

Some of the boys are complaining that there have been no bulletins on some of the jobs. Think this is not an intentional oversight, as our worthy chief undoubtedly has troubles of his own, with shortage of help in his own office and the trouble experienced in filling the road jobs.

Bro. L. F. Woodard and wife, of Maurice, were off a few days last month. He wears a new emblem.

Bro. Jamison, Bancroft, goes to Shoshone, Wyo., agency when relieved.

Bro. L. G. Waggoner, formerly agent at Iowa Falls, more recently at Gt. Nor. Monroe, Wash., is at present in the lumber business in the latter place.

Bro. Gallimore, Lone Rock, is a new recruit to the "cause."

Dispatcher Sharon has forsaken bachelorhood, an Olgona lady being the lucky one. The boys extend congratulations. Mr. Strachan, who relieved him, has returned to Hawarden.

The trainmen's ball at Eagle Grove, Thanksgiving eve, was a well-attended and fine affair.

Another trick man has been added at Webster City, and Mr. Richards is drawing some deep breaths of relief.

Bro. Beman is relieving Bro. Price at Conrad, while the later is looking after his Colorado farm.

Bro. Smith, of Radcliffe, has been having a severe struggle with rheumatism recently and has been waiting to be relieved from duty.

Business is brisk nowadays and experienced men are scarce. A recent trip over a number of roads revealed this fact. Agents at many points have been held on duty as long as the law will permit.

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The promotion of Chief Whitney and Dispatcher Campbell merits the approbation of all the boys. We have a new dispatcher from the Alton.

Conductor Keiter and Engineer Bullis were severely injured in a wreck at Dakota City recently.

Joe Cowan, of E. Grove, spent his vacation in Nebraska on the farm. DIV. COR.

Wisconsin Division—

The new interlocking plant at Evanston, to be put in to service next spring, will take the place of the present "NI" tower, and, like the brothers there, be "up to date" in every respect, containing a Taylor machine with 105 working levers. The brothers at Central St. will feel highly elated over their new home.

The freight and passenger departments at Evanston are now entirely separate, and the new depot at Evanston completed. Mr. B. B. Dibley, freight agent there, has resumed work, and Train Auditor Kiltz, who was relieving him, has returned to North Chicago.

The new brick, milk bottling plant being built at Woodworth, Wis., by Mr. Renz, of Chicago, is now nearing completion, and besides adding to the business at that station will make quite an improvement to the town. Bro. Livizey will soon need a helper if the business keeps on increasing there.

Bro. Yates, agent, Pleasant Prairie, has had a big rush of business for the past two months, shipping out sugar beets, cabbage and powder.

Bro. Wightman, Evanston, after returning from his vacation was promoted to ticket agent, with an increase in salary, and an operator to assist him.

Bro. E. F. Radke relieved the agent at Glencoe, while on a short vacation.

Bro. J. W. Rhinesmith, agent, Highland Park, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Chas. Regan, of Capron, while on his vacation through South Dakota, was relieved by Mr. Lisle, who later went to Zion City.

Bro. Jacoby, of track elevation department, has taken second trick at "WC," 40th street.

There is a new man on third at Allis, from St. Paul.

The new night office at Rawson, on the new line, has been assigned to Bro. Dempsey.

Bro. Davis, agent, Fox River, while on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Manor.

Bro. Michaelis, first, Bain Junction, has resumed work, after an absence of six weeks in the East.

Bro. Bothlemy, agent, Bristol, is back to work, after a visit with his wife and family through Ohio and to the Niagara Falls.

There have been several changes in the train dispatcher's office of late. Now on the Milwaukee Division is G. A. Gardner, J. C. Barry and R. Koepp. Wisconsin Division is D. Belmont, D. B. McIntyre, Otto J. Swartz, Mr. Meredith and also Billy Kraemeron the Milwaukee split trick.

Telegrapher Lee is holding down the Evanston day job, until same is assigned by bulletin.

Bro. A. B. Curtis, of Central St., is going on a three weeks' vacation during the holidays, to Canada, to visit his parents.

Bro. Wightman, ticket agent at Evanston, has been transferred into the ticket office in the new station, and seems well pleased with it.

Bro. A. T. Newnham, first, Waukegan, was off on a three weeks' vacation, and before resuming his duties called on our Local Chairman Bro. Bitz, who at present is a very busy man.

Bro. J. N. Rhinesmith, agent at Highland Park, is on a leave of absence; relieved by J. B. Shaver, of Evanston.

Bro. J. L. Linville, of Hubbard Woods, made a business trip to Evanston, and called on our local secretary and treasurer recently.

Bro. C. A. Stevenson, third at Capron, is now in "ED" office, and Bro. J. O. Jones, of Division No. 32, is at present filling vacancy there.

Bro. Frank Johnson, agent at Argyle, is on a six months' leave of absence, in Oklahoma; relieved by Mr. Waldweiler, who will soon be with us.

While Bro. Roy Herrick is dispatching, at Desplaines, Bro. Coburn is working first, Harvard; Geo. Gaffney, second, and Geo. Graves, third.

Bro. Chas. Regan, second, Capron, was off a week, looking over the best farming land in Dakota; being relieved by Bro. Briggs, of Caledonia. Bro. Regan called on Bro. F. E. Warner, of Baraboo, recently.

Bro. Ableman, agent at Poplar Grove, has one of the latest models of autos, and is spending the evenings on the country roads with his family.

Bro. H. S. Bixby is now holding the agency at Capron, where he has moved his family; Paul Woodbury is agent at Shopiere.

G. E. Jones, second, Racine, was off a few days recently, on account of sickness.

Account of the few mix ups recently, our official, B. E. T., has been taking his naps in his office. We find he is just the man we need, and is Johnny on the spot in case of emergency.

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SHOPIERE, WIS.

BY CHAS. REGAN.

We have on our road a quaint village,
Shopiere—a nice little place,
The town is a mile from our station,
With a beautiful river and race.

The place it may look some forlorn,
But, indeed, has a picturesque mode,
I'm sure they regret the sensation,
They did not connect with our road.

The arch bridge now spanning the river,
Of the latest improvement I'm told,
And our swift moving trains o'er the current,
is a beautiful sight to behold.

Our roadbed and ballast are perfect,
With electric appliance and code,
So you'll find there is safety and comfort,
When you're on the North Western Road.

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Dakota Division—

Before this reaches the membership, our new schedule will, undoubtedly, have been put in effect. Bro. Paulsen has been called to Chicago for final adjustments. The committee has been treated in the usual courteous manner, and we have the railroad officials, both general and local, to thank.

Five resignations from this division this month. The boys should have waited to see what the new schedule has in store for us.

Mr. Hobart, Burchard, resigned, and was relieved by Bro. Diepolder, who arrived on one train, took in the situation and left on the next. The station is still closed.

Bro. E. A. Lawler, of Zell, has built himself a nice, new house, which he is now occupying. Some fellows would have used such an expense as an excuse for dropping out of the Order, but Bro. Lawler is financier enough to handle both.

Mr. Von Arx, Aberdeen, has gone to the coast; relieved by Bro. Moriarity. That station is a stiff proposition, but Dave will hold it down if anyone can.

Bro. O'Dell has resigned, and returned to his claim.

Bro. C. H. Watschke has accepted a position with a Pierre bank. Books cannot scare C. W., as he has handled too many of them while acting as relief agent on this division.

Bro. J. A. Frederickson, of Wessington, managed to get in a few days' hunt north of Hetland. Mr. Flynn relieved him.

Bro. T. C. Connelly, of Brookings, secured number 1986 in the land lottery.

Bro. Nohlgren, of Estelline, has secured a claim in Meade County, and will move out there in the spring.

Miss Abbie Hanson has been transferred from "VX," Redfield, to "DE," Devils Lake, N. D. Miss Gertrude Carlson relieving.

This write-up is an example of non-support. No notes were received from the membership, excepting the P. R. C. items.

P. R. C & N. W.—

The first heavy snow of the season came Saturday, November 13th, assuring us of an old-time Thanksgiving.

No. 516 hit a bunch of turkeys near one of the stations, and the agent and section men lived high for a few days.

Bro. Briggs has returned to work at Wall, after a month's vacation.

Shipments of live stock continue to come, and business was never better.

Bro. Dennis has been assisting at Midland recently, owing to the work being so heavy there that the regular force was unable to handle it.

H. A. STIMSON, *Cor.*

Nebraska and Wyoming Division, Eastern District—

When a new man is sent to a station, we should ascertain at once whether he is a member, and if not induce him to join. If the newcomers are members send their names, certificates and division numbers to Local Chairman, Bro. C. M. Wurzbacher, Tilden, Neb., as it is very important that he know where each member is located.

Bennington, on account of increased business, has been made a continuous telegraph office.

Business is increasing all along the line, and we are all having our hands full to keep it moving.

The following are among the recent changes:

Bro. Eustis, second, Arlington, gone to the Great Northern.

Mr. Gleason, formerly at Bennington and Wahoo, has the night office at Dale.

Bro. Farmer, Ceresco, on vacation recently, was relieved by Mr. Maynard, who has taken the position of cashier at Dallas, S. D.

Bro. Kline, Washington, on two weeks' vacation recently, was relieved by Wm. Maynard, from the G. I., Troy, Kan.

Bro. Nelson has resigned at Arlington; the work there being too heavy for one man, and the company refusing to furnish a helper.

Bro. L. Hales, back to work after being away six months, is relieving the agent at Tilden.

Bro. R. O. Anderson drew the agency at Ewing, and Bro. B. B. DeFrance at Henderson, both on bid.

Bro. J. W. Forney is now agent at Abie, and Bro. E. M. Nelson at Leigh.

Bro. Ralph Hales is now at Bassett, wrestling with the midnight locals.

A. K. Patterson, Inman, goes to Scribner, on second; Bro. J. W. Lacey, David City, to Creighton, and Bro. Schubert to Bonesteel, as day telegrapher.

Bro. DeFrance, who has been sick for some time, has resumed work again. CERT. 310.

Minnesota Division—

None of the boys responded to my call for items, and the supply for this write-up is very small. Now, boys, if you do not take enough interest in the journal to send me a few items each month, I quit. I am not in a position to get all the news. I have tried my best to get something in our journal each month, to let the other divisions know that we are on the map, even if we are dead. This is my last try at it alone. If at least three of the boys on this division do not send me any items for the next write-up, you can hire, elect, or appoint another division correspondent.

Thursday, November 18th, the pile driver, working on Plainview branch, backed into an open bridge, and spread the whole works all over the country. Took two or three days to clean it up. Air failing to work gave as cause.

Brakeman Anderson, who was badly hurt at Eyota early this month, is getting along nicely, and the doctors think he will come out whole, yet.

H. W. Brown, local chairman, on committee work at Chicago, relieved by J. B. Carpenter, second, Owatonna.

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J. C. Richards, a new man is acting agent at Havana.

H. Sorensen, second, Rochester, has a new Eng sewing machine.

H. A. Rice relieved A. P. Zepp, second, St Peter Junction, who relieved the agent at Meriden.

A. L. Taylor will resume work as agent at Essig shortly.

G. W. Ware, former agent at Havana, received third trick in despatcher's office by bulletin.

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Peninsula Division—

A. H. Cyr, Stager, has taken a position as telegrapher with the Great Northern, at West Duluth.

Bro. F. Merrick, is relieving Bro. E. Bandt at Norway, while the latter goes to the Florence agency, while Bro. Haberman is in Chicago on committee work.

Bro. W. Rolande, of West Gladstone, relieving Bro. Merrick, at Narenta. West Gladstone being closed in the meantime.

Bro. Otto Groeschel, agent, Stambaugh, has taken a position in a bank at Iron River.

Bro. Ramule was in Ishpeming recently, packing up his household goods; relieved by Bro. Crikelair, relief agent.

Mr. Hansen, telegrapher and cashier at Quinnesec, has left the service of the company.

Bro. Merrick went to Crystal Falls to relieve the operator there.

CERT. 2606.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed Bro. B. E. Crouch, and removed therefrom his devoted and affectionate wife; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret her untimely demise, realizing the aching heart of our brother, and that we, the General Committee of the Omaha Railway, extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our brother and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. J. LIDDANE.
L. D. MARQUETTE.
D. O. TENNEY.
Committee.

Nebraska Division—

The C., St. P. M. & O. portion of Nebraska is in the grip of ice and snow, consequently our business has fallen off slightly, which, however, may be only temporarily and we will no doubt soon be in line for our usual holiday rush, and the movement of our share of Nebraska's bumper corn crop, soon to be put on the market.

Owing to circumstances, much to be regretted, the responsibility for this column has been assumed for this issue by the writer only because of a high sense of duty, and while not up to date on all the changes that have occurred on the division of late, will jot down the few I have been able to pick up.

It is with a feeling of deepest regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. B. E. Crouch, wife of our local chairman, which occurred at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blessing, near Jackson, on Sunday evening, November 7th.

About two years ago the deceased became afflicted with tuberculosis, and regardless of all that loving hands could do the dread disease finally claimed her.

Mrs. Ida Blessing-Crouch was born and reared in Dakota County, and up until her marriage to Mr. Crouch in June, 1906, continually resided at her country home. She was a leading member of society in her neighborhood and an active member of the Salem Lutheran Church.

To Bro. Crouch, the grief stricken husband, who has been our local chairman for so long, we one and all extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Our committee went to St. Paul to meet the management the latter part of October for the purpose of securing a revision of the present schedule, and after presenting the proposed schedule was requested to await the adjustment of the C. & N. W. schedule, which is before that company's management in Chicago now. Our committee thereupon withdrew, and as soon as the Northwestern completes its schedule our men will get into the game again and labor diligently for an improvement of present conditions and a "raise." I appeal to all on this division who have not done their duty to the Order, and to their fellow laborers to line up at once. Give the committee your undivided support and remember that financial aid is all important. The Order is at a big expense keeping a committee to legislate for a schedule, so let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and push.

Scarcely a day passes but what there is a change of operators on the division somewhere on account of men laying off and quitting, and it appears to be a difficult matter at times for our chief dispatcher to supply the demand for men.

F. W. Germain, agent at Hartington, is taking a two months' vacation visiting California climes; relieved by his former operator, Hineman, who is being relieved by L. J. Hallisey.

Bro. C. A. Whitaker, of Winside, received Ponca on last bulletin, relieving S. A. Wassum, lately transferred to the exclusive agency at Tekamah. Bro. E. R. Poole relieved Bro. Whitaker at Winside, and later went to Thurston, while F. E. Ayers made a short visit up North.

Bro. E. W. Wilson has returned to Coleridge from his vacation in Western Nebraska, selecting a 640-acre homestead to comfort him in his old age.

DIV. COR.

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—

The general committee is still marking time. The progress is rather slow, but that is to be expected on account of the importance of the negotiations.

The heavy rush of business still continues on with no signs of letting up. While it has been

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the means of keeping us on the jump we are glad to see it.

The Ladies' Auxiliary continues to grow, but some of our very best and oldest members have failed to secure the applications of their wives, sisters, mothers or daughters. The Omaha has always been one of the best organized roads in the country. Now, let us not have it said that we failed to uphold our reputation when it came to organizing the Ladies' Auxiliary. Every wife of an O. R. T. man should have an up-to-date card as well as her husband, especially when the cost is so light that it entails no hardship—fifty cents initiation and ten cents per month. Ask your local chairman for application blanks and information regarding the Auxiliary.

Bro. Steiner, who was working second trick at East St. Paul, was relieved by Bro. Wilcox, from Woodville, while he attended the funeral of Mr. Cannon.

Bro. A. W. Hoffman, who has been working on the C., M. & St. P., has returned to the third trick at Millston.

The absence of personal news from the Eastern District is due to the fact that the items were not forthcoming from the members. The correspondent is anxious to give this district a good write-up each month, but is not gifted with second sight. Neither can he see around a corner and unless the members send him a little news monthly, he will be severely handicapped.

The following is the result of the October bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, E. J. Zahner; Clear Lake, agent, S. L. Shepard; Grand View, agent, M. G. Heard. DIV. COR.

M. & I. Division—

On the night of October 22d four young men, returning from the brewery at Shakopee, piled rocks, boards, poles, etc., on the Omaha tracks, near there, but the through freight at 11:55 ran into the obstruction at such a slow speed that the engine held the rails and the engineer was enabled to avoid very serious consequences. The sheriff was called and met the operator returning from the scene, who informed him of the boys names, and they were soon lodged in jail, where they now await trial.

August Ruge, recently appointed supervisor of bridges and buildings on the Nebraska Division, has been apppointed to fill the vacancy on the M. & I. Division, caused by the death of Mr. E. T. Welch.

We are pained to learn of the demise of Mrs. B. E. Crouch, wife of our local chairman on the Nebraska Division, which occurred the 14th inst. Mrs. Crouch put up a brave fight against that awful disease, consumption. Bro. Crouch has the sincere sympathy of the entire division.

The Omaha general committee are awaiting the outcome of the efforts of the C. & N. W. general committee at Chicago. As soon as the committee secures a set of rules, our boys will return and finish up negotiations.

Former Bro. J. D. Everett is relieving at Westbrook, until the regular assigned man, Bro. C. T. Shier, takes up the position.

Telephoner W. E. Eastin, at Stone, has been transferred to the night telephoner position at Nichols. Bro. A. W. Lundberg, from the Wisconsin Division, has been installed at Stone. Bro. Lundberg's people reside at Mankato.

Some of the boys thought they had been held up this last pay day, until they awoke to the fact that the benefit association was now in vogue.

Bro. C. A. Hendricks, of Le Sueur, took a trip to the Cities, presumably to see the tall buildings.

According to a late report Bro. A. R. Day has quit the road and "vamoosed" for other parts.

Bro. Lapachek, of Worthington, took in the sights at the Cities during his three or four days' vacation.

Understand Bro. Brooks took a trip East to get his wife. Boarding is not what it is cracked up to be.

Bro. Laurie, of Madelia, visited at Brainery, Minn., a few days; relieved by Bro. S. F. Weihn, who later resigned and went out on the Milwaukee, where he first hailed from.

Albert Erickson, a new man, relieved Bro. Hyde, at Bingham Lake, while Bro. Hyde relieved Bro. Backer. Later when Bro. Backer resumed work, Mr. Erickson relieved Mr. Sykora, at Sibley.

P. M. Olson relieved Bro. Tenney during part of the latter's absence, later going back to the Wisconsin Division.

Bro. Wagner, Garden City, has been enjoying a few days' vacation, visiting on the Sioux Falls line; relieved by G. W. Owens, of Elmore, who in turn was relieved by Bro. A. R. Day.

Bro. G. O. Miles, of Doon, is reported to have quit the Omaha. Bro. R. A. Westbrook, of Sioux City shops, is relieving, pending the November bulletin. Bro. J. H. Johnson is relieving at the shops.

W. C. Warner and wife, of Mountain Lake, visited at Seney, Iowa, a couple of days the middle of the month.

The assignments for the October bulletin were as follows:

St. James, first telegrapher, J. B. Head; fourth telegrapher, R. L. Hart; fifth telegrapher, no application.

Sioux Falls, day telegrapher, C. N. Williams.
Luverne, day telegrapher, L. L. Frisby.
Henderson, night telegrapher, R. C. Harrington.
Belle Plaine, third telegrapher, F. B. Sudmeyer.
Westbrook, agent-telegrapher, C. L. Brown.
Beaver Creek, agent-telegrapher, C. F. Chellew.
Nicols, agent-telegrapher, no assignment.

CERT. 1589.

Wisconsin Division, Northern District—

The large number of new members secured by Bro. Marquette recently shows that we have the right kind of a local chairman, one who has the welfare of the Order at heart, especially in his own district.

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In addition to the good list he has secured there are quite a number more who will make good this coming pay day. He is sure an up-to-date hustler, and duly appreciates the assistance the members gave him. With our membership up to the present high standard, we might expect a few concessions with just a little bit of backing from the brothers.

The following are the new members secured during October: H. A. Larson, Lampson; J. E. Gibson, August, Wis.; J. H. Mulvaney, Eleva, Wis.; D. F. McGregor, Fall Creek, Wis.; L. J. Corcoran, Elk Mound, Wis.; Carl Whitaker, Chetek, Wis.; C. D. Beale, Superior, East End, Wis.; J. H. Keane, Stanton, Wis.; Henry Patterson, Barronette; C. E. Wright, Fall Creek, Wis.; A. G. Searing, Ashland Junction, Wis.; Selmer Myron, Valley Junction, Wis.; Wm. F. Maddox, Black River Falls, Wis.; B. W. Summers, Omaha.

The following is the result of October bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, E. J. Bahner; Clear Lake, agent telegrapher, S. L. Shepard; Grand View, agent telegrapher, M. G. Hoard.

The Omaha general committee who have been in session at St. Paul, adjourned temporarily, awaiting the C. & N. W. general committee to finish with the officials in Chicago. Before this comes to you they probably will have secured a new schedule. If we wish better working conditions it is up to us to make good.

Here are a few things Order men should always observe:

Don't neglect to answer your calls promptly when the dispatcher is calling.

Don't let a train be delayed at your station, because the dispatcher is busy, or you are selling a ticket. Wires first.

Don't let the the dispatcher call you for an "OS."

Don't let empty cars not wanted remain at your station. We get our checks from loaded ones.

Brothers, there does not seem to be the interest shown in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. that there ought to be. There are over 200 members on the C. & N. W. to Division 76, and only a very few on the Omaha. It hardly seems possible that we should let the C. & N. W. set the pace for us.

Every lady who reads the O. R. T. journal should read the Auxiliary items and get in touch with the other ladies. It will surprise you, brothers, to know how much good it will do you to have your wife or sister with an up-to-date card.

It is the intention of the Wisconsin Division to hold several meetings during the coming year, and these meetings will be much more beneficial if we have lady members with us. The initiation fee is only 50 cents and dues are 10 cents a month. Application blanks may be secured from Mrs. W. J. Liddane, St. Paul, or Mrs. L. D. Marquette, Shell Lake. Let's try and see if we can not close the year with twenty-five new applications.

We are still wondering if these nons who have been staving us off will accept the benefits of the new schedule. They are every bit as anxious as we are, brothers, to get increases and better working conditions, but when you speak to them about assisting us to get these concessions they are always ready to give you excuses.

Business is picking up fast. We understand September and October were the biggest months the Omaha has ever had, which is "going some."

E. R. Swanson, resigned to go dispatching for the Soo Line.

J. T. Hamlin, formerly train dispatcher on the Grand Trunk Pacific, is working second at Spooner, relieving Bro. Goodwin, who went to Eau Claire, third at "MS."

Bro. O. P. Ruid, Rice Lake, while on a trip West, was relieved by Bro. Hoard, from Draper.

Bro. Biggar, third at Bloomer, on short vacation; relieved by Bro. A. B. Crowell, from the main line, who later went to Minong.

Bro. A. B. Clock, agent at Sarona, has returned from a ten days' vacation, bringing back a bride.

Bro. P. S. Peterson, of Cameron, has been relieved on first at Altoona, by Bro. W. Campbell, of New Richmond, who later resigned and went to the Northern Pacific.

G. E. Anderson is working side wire at Eau Claire.

Bro. Steiner, Cumberland, is relieving Bro. Goss, second, East St. Paul, who is relieving General Chairman Liddane. Bro. Steiner was relieved by Bro. Devine.

Bro. Hansche, agent at Clayton, has resigned after twenty-four years of service. He was relieved by Bro. Norman. George is a good fellow and we will miss him.

Bro. O. Shaughnessy drew second at Rice on bulletin, where Bro. Kanar has been working temporarily.

The new members secured this month were: F. F. Thimmesch, Clear Lake; Wm. F. Witt, Baldwin.

I wish to thank the brothers who sent me in news items and hope they will continue the good work and others follow their good example. Send your items in as early as possible.

DIV. COR.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Southern Division--

The scribe wishes to thank the brother who holds Certificate No. 109, for the notes he so kindly sent in. If more of the brothers would only do this, we would have a fairly decent write up, but it is as he says, "How is the scribe going to know what is going on at the other end, unless some one lets him know." That's the point. If you cannot spare the time to write it up yourself, jot down all the little notes that comes to your notice and send them to your correspondent, on or before the 15th of each month, so that he may have time to fix them up and get them to Bro. Quick, as soon as possible, before the 28th.

Wake up and get after the nons nearest to you, or in the office where you are working. Quite a

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lot of new fellows are coming on this pike lately without the "Pink Pasteboard."

No card, no favors, you know.

Remember the new rules and get all the boys into line, as we expect the committee to take up the overtime question the next time they go in.

The game shipping season is keping the boys pretty busy.

Bro. P. K. Holmes, agent, Milo, on a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Stewart, assistant agent.

Bro. Reynolds, of "NO," made a flying trip to Dover recently.

Bro. Walsh has left B., "NJ," first trick.

G. V. Thompson, former telegrapher and time-keeper, promoted to the position of chief clerk in Superintendent Hallett's office, vice A. W. Dodge, transferred to the position of general yard master at Northern Maine Junction.

Bro. Kearney, telegrapher and relief dispatcher in "DA" and "WB," has been time-keeper in Superintendent Hallett's office for a few days; relieved by Bro. Robertson.

Bro. and General Secretary and Treasurer Crozier is enjoying a vacation and a hunting trip at this writing. Hope you get some "Doc."

Bro. McGown recently bid in Sangerville.

Mr. F. A. Farnham, agent, Shirley, has returned after a five months' absence on account of his health. Bro. Reynolds, who relieved him, has returned to Brownville.

Bros. Lissen and Reynolds had a very enjoyable fishing trip recently, but it isn't safe to give the number caught.

Bro. Stewart, assistant agent at Milo, and wife, on a short vacation, a week of which was spent in Boston; relieved by Mr. Arnold.

Bro. Lunt, agent, South La Grange, on a couple of weeks' vacation recently; relieved by Relief Agent and Operator Webster.

Mr. Mosher, freight clerk, Brownville, is keeping time in Superintendent Hallett's office; Mr. Clapman relieving.

Bro. Curtis, "WB," Bangor, took a trip over his dispatching district recently.

Bro. Wilson, second, West Seboris, relieved Bro. G. H. Holmes, Sandy Point, while on vacation recently, and Mr. Spencer, third at West Seboris, relieved Bro. Robbins, at Grindstone, for two weeks. CERT. 90.

Texas Pacific Ry.

T. C. Division—

The receipt of some items from Certs. 273 and 206, of the Ft. Worth District, is very encouraging, still I regret that many of the boys along the line are still called "Mr." instead of "Bro.'

It's a great pity we can not get in a few applications from that portion of the Texas and Pacific. We have plenty of blanks on hand, brothers. Better send for some and get down to business.

I landed a good, gamey non recently, who tells me he has found a pleasant way of turning away quite a squad of prospective students, even while he remained out of the ark. This encourages me to believe that he will prove a profitable addition to our ranks. It was while off on a vacation several months ago, traveling over the country, that the need of a card occurred to him very forcibly.

The T. C. is doing a fine business, and everybody seems to be staying at home. I know of but one extra man on the line, Bro. Cravens, at "DE," is the busiest man on the pike, but he seems to be handling the business to the satisfaction of the company and its patrons. Both he and his efficient "OG" are brothers, and if some of the non's who are afraid of their shadows will take a look, they will see that men with cards are in no danger whatever, provided they are competent to fill the positions where they are placed. CERT. 47.

Ft. Worth District —

Business is extra good just now, lots of cattle moving out of Mexico. Let us try and have a write-up every month from this district, and don't everybody wait on the other.

Bro. Lassater has returned from his trip home, taking the day job, at Merkel; Bro. Paylor taking the last shift.

Extra Operator Hemdricks went to Colorado to relieve Bro. Ralph for a few days.

Extra Operator Hill is working third at Colorado, while Runyan is doing the stunt at Bigspring.

Extra Operator Lindsay, at Kent, is relieving Agent Finly, on account of sickness.

Telegrapher Mason returned to his old trick, when second at Roscoe was reopened, and Operator Rollins landed it.

Gus. Collins was let out a few days ago, Hamilton taking second, and Bro. Bird landed third at Sweetwater.

Bro. Montgomery, "FD" El Paso, returned a few days ago and Mr. McCullor, who relieved him, went to Toyah on third.

Dispatcher Taylor went to Ft. Worth to relieve the dispatchers there while they are taking their leaves.

Bro. Allen, Eskota, is laying off taking in the fair, Bro. Leach, is doing the second and Extra McCurry working third.

Bro. Stewart, second, Abilene, went to Allamore as agent.

By the time this is in print we can call J. C. Hill, third at "RH" brother.

OLD TIMER.

Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va.

Brothers, we are certainly astonished to note how little interest is being taken in the welfare of the Order by the members of our division. I search every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER in vain for items from this road.

Let us wake up, we have slept long enough, and have lost several members by being so idle.

Let us make up our minds that we will have a write-up every month and also have meetings occasionally and discuss matters for our interest. I feel confident by so doing we can awaken our members to the sense of their duty.

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Business seems to be increasing every day, but salaries are still in the same old notch.

Bro. King, of Adrian is now employed as a mail clerk on the B. & O. We wish him success in his new occupation.

We are glad to be able to call Charlie Carpenter of "CA," R. S. Shinn of "CO" and Mr. Robinson of "C" brothers.

G. Norris of "SA" who has been out of the O. R. T. for the last 18 months, has come in again.

Bro. Norris of Dago, who has been doing relief since August 1st, has returned to his regular position at Saco. During that time he relieved the following agents: D. F. Hissam, Ottea, Bro. Moles, Bomer and Bro. Arthur, of Dundon, all three on vacation. The latter with his wife visited Washington, D. C. Bro. White, of Porter, was relieved by Bro. Norris while sick with the fever.

H. E. Woodley, of "GY," on vacation during October, was relieved by Mr. Rodgers, who later went to Coalton, as agent, but has now retired from the service.

H. Morris, from the A. C. L., is at Falling Rock.

If the brothers will forward G. Morris, at Lago, W. Va., the local news each month he will give us a write-up.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry.

Middle Division—

I have been disappointed so many times not seeing anything in our journal from this division, that I resolved to write something myself.

How about another meeting on this division? Our last meeting at East Salamanca was not very well represented from this and the Pittsburg divisions. Bro. C. L. Bloom, third, Falls Creek, being the only representative from the south end of this division. It is quite a distance for the brothers from the south end but it seems as though more from the north end could attend without losing any time.

Will the members who are nearest the nons, on this division please try and show them where they stand and get them into the fold? This thing of getting something for nothing, is all very well in the eyes of the nons, but to us members it looks like a very cheap way of doing business. How can we expect to secure a new schedule with the line up of nons we now have? You nons stop and think who it was that reduced your hours from twelve to eight and raised your wages at least $10.00 per month during the past few years and then ask yourselves if you can afford to set back and let us brothers and sisters pay your share towards bettering conditions in the future.

We have a full fledged "Ham factory" on our division. The professor (?) is a non holding a $50.00 job who ought to get some one to teach him how to telegraph before he tries to cut throats as well as his own by trying to teach telegraphy. If $50.00 per month is too much money for him, he should resign and go on the section, but not try to cut the rest of us down, when we can't make both ends meet on $60.00.

Telegrapher Downs bid in Newton second, made vacant by our local chairman, Bro. McGraw, taking the agency at Carman.

Telegrapher Rebenack, bid in J. & B. Junction third, made vacant by Bro. Hassler bidding in second at Falls Creek, that office being reopened for three tricks, owing to the Franklin & Clearfield division of the L. S. & M. S. Ry. using our

Bro. Williams bid in second J. & B. Junction, tracks at that point.
made vacant by Bro. E. McCarty going to DuBois yard first.

Bro. Simmons, our G. S. & T. first Du Bois yard promoted to car distributer in dispatcher's office.

Bro. Mohan, second, Clarion Junction, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Koenen regular third trick man, who in turn was relieved by Telegrapher Deegan.

Bro. Keys, acting as relief agent at Lanes Mills, is back at the old stand, second at "WI" tower.

Telegrapher Tellar, is working third trick at "WI" tower until bid in.

Bro. Jacox, agent, Carnan, bid in agency Lanes Mills, vacated by Mr. McCarty taking dispatcher's trick on Indiana branch.

Bro. M. P. Burke, first Falls Creek, recently made a flying trip to Pittsburg, relieved by Telegrapher Hannon.

Our genial third trick dispatcher, P. J. Swift, off few days, relieved by extra dispatcher, Turner, who in turn was relieved by Bro. E. McCarty, of Du Bois yard office. Telegrapher Hannon relieving Bro. McCarty.

We wish to congratulate Bro. J. L. Boyle on his new card.

Bro. Maines, third, Newton, taken sick night of 21st, relieved by Telegrapher Ives from Howard, who in turn was relieved by Miss Kenny. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Boyle and Telegrapher Dawson are doing extra on Pittsburg division.

Bro. Brand, third, Howard, while off attending his grandfather's funeral at Dayton, N. Y., was relieved by Miss Kenny. You have our sympathy, Bro. Brand.

Office at Dent reopened twelve hours, recently, Bro. Sweeney bidding it in.

Bro. Maines is at third Newton.

Telegrapher Croker, third, Riverside Junction, is off a few days, relieved by Telegrapher Hannon, a new man in our midst.

Telegrapher Ives, on second at Howard, while Bro. Hutchins is doing second trick at Bradford, waiting for first to be advertised. Will some one kindly say why this has not been done as per rules.

We are under obligations to Sister McGregor, second trick at Bingham, for a large share of our news items.

Any news items will be gratefully received by

"JACK."

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Pittsburg Division—

Bro. Smith, agent at Rockton, who was suspended indefinitely some time ago, is again on the old job, thanks to the O. R. T. We were mighty glad to see him back in the harness and hope he will look after those second and third trick men and bring them into the fold. Mr. Smith, on second, has joined the "Benedicts." Would like to see him make out an O. R. T. application now.

Bro. McGraw, local chairman, Middle Division, has been appointed agent at Carman.

Bro. Marsh, second Craigsville, has been appointed agent at Savan.

Bro. Bauer bid in C. & M. Jct., first. Bro. G. H. Miller is filling the agency at "DC" tower, first, and Bro. Lamison bid in "DC" tower third.

Mr. Flick bid in Punxsutawney first, going from first at "RK," and Bro. Vail goes back to second at Punxsutawney.

Bro. J. M. Campbell has been transferred from Craigsville third to Dayton second.

Bro. Sheeres has been transferred from Rockton second to first at Millikens.

Clearfield third, "DC" first, "DA" third, "NZ" third and Rockton second are all up for bid.

Bro. W. A. Smith, relief agent of the Pittsburg Division, relieved Bro. Anderson at Sykes while he visited relatives in Michigan.

Bro. C. A. Campbell, while at Harrisburg in the interests of the road recently, was relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Shields, third Punxsutawney, took in the recent world's series baseball games at Pittsburg.

Bros. Shields and Lamison recently attended an opera in Punxsutawney and were so affected by the "weeping widow" that they asked for "rain checks when they went out after the first act.

We understand the "NX" office at Punxsutawney is to be moved shortly to the south yard.

Extra Telegrapher Kline bid in the agency at Valier, temporarily.

Bro. Heimbach, of Indiana, recently took his vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Donohue.

Relief Agent Bro. W. A. Smith is still busy relieving agents who have not had their vacations.

Bro. McCardel has bid in "DC' tower first, and Mr. Bowers, second, relieving Mr. McLeod, of the Middle Division.

Mr. Boyle, of the Middle Division, is working at "XO" tower second. It is reported that this tower is to be moved to Elk River Junction.

Bro. T. A. Laird, of "QN," is off on a three weeks' vacation.

Bro. Eastman, of "VN," bid in "XO" tower first and Mr. Young, of "NZ," bid in second.

Bro. Burrell, of "US," took his vacation the second week in November, and Bro. Brown, of "BR," the fourth week; relieved by Bro. W. A. Smith.

C. P. Haig will soon be with us.

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Rochester Division—

The meeting held at Salamanca on October 23 was in every way a success, although the attendance was not as large as it might have been had all attended whom we believe could have done so just as well as not. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p. m. by Bro. O'Brien, who read the report Bro. Childs had submitted of his trip to the Atlanta convention. He also read several papers and reports from Bro. Perham and the I. C. commission, some of the latter requiring answers to queries, which were voted upon.

There was a general discussion lasting several hours, regarding future movements of the general committee. A general good time was had, the discussions being entertaining as well as instructive. It was decided, owing to the favorable train service, to hold meetings more frequently and make an effort to have a better attendance. Of course, there are many whose duties will not allow them to be away, but there are also many who can find no excuse whatever for non-attendance, and we hope to have a good crowd at future meetings.

Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

The regular November meeting of this division was put off on account of the social which was held at Gilman on November 20.

There was no business transacted at this meeting. Bro. Morrison read several letters from various brethren, expressing their regrets at not being able to be present on account of office duties, including letters from Bros. R. L. Shannon, C. A. Mulhall, G. E. Chance, and Cansce, whose interesting letter was well received. We were exceedingly sorry the brother could not be with us and deliver the good speech which we certainly would have heard had he been present.

The following program was rendered: Piano solo, Miss Helen Finnegan; reading, Miss Bertha Barr; cornet solo, Bro. Poe; Vocal solo, Miss Marie Cailey; piano solo, Miss Irene Bash; vocal solo, Miss Josie Bash; instrumental selection, Miss Opal Cailey; instrumental selection, Miss Gertrude Finnegan; cornet solo, Bro. Poe; instrumental selection, Bro. Searl; vocal solo, Miss Opal Cailey.

The ladies taking part in the entertainment were the daughters of Bros. Bash, Cailey, Finnegan and Barr, and each of the young ladies deserve special credit for the talent displayed. Miss Helen Finnegan rendered a very difficult classical, piano solo, displaying remarkable talent and proficiency as a pianist.

Little Miss Barr delighted the audience with her selection entitled "The Station Agent and His Trouble." Little Miss Josie Bash and Marie Cailey, 10 years of age, captivated their hearers by the cute little gestures and expressions in rendering their parts. You should hear these little artists at our next banquet. Miss Gertrude Finnegan's work on the violin was exceptionally good for one of her tender years. The young lady is certainly an artist in this line.

Miss Opal Cailey sang a most pleasing solo entitled "Sing Me to Sleep." She has a charming voice and gives promise of becoming a great singer.

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Miss Irene Bash, aged 12, rendered a very charming piano solo which greatly pleased her audience, and proved her to be an exceedingly clever pianist.

Bro. Poe and Searl held the audience spell bound as they always do when called upon for a musical selection.

At the conclusion of the program, First Vice-President Bro. John Newman was introduced and gave us a very interesting and instructive talk. All were sorry that his remarks had to be limited to thirty minutes, in order to repair to the dining room at the Gilman Hotel, to dispose of a large number of oysters awaiting us there. This pleasant task completed just in time for the brothers to take No. 21 for the south. Those remaining returned to the hall and enjoyed several more musical numbers and got better acquainted.

Every one seemed much pleased with the success of the meeting, especially the ladies, and it will probably become an annual affair on the Chicago division.

Supt. H. Battlsfore kindly arranged several extra stops for trains Nos. 17 and 2 for which we are very thankful. THE CHAIRMAN.

Chicago Division—

We are sorry the general committee met with no better success at Chicago, however we are very thankful for what it has secured for us in times past. While we think we have one of the best schedules now in existence, and feel that the officials have in most cases treated us with a great deal of kindness for which we should all show our appreciation by faithful work and close application to duty, we still feel there are still some things that could be better, and not be asking too much of our company. Let us each and all endeavor to show our employers that we are worthy of all we ask for, and hope that the time is not far distant when the telegraphers, agents and towermen of the Illinois Central will be the best paid and the best treated by our company of any corporation in existence.

Bro. Poe, third, Gilman, bid in Harpster agency on bulletin, being succeeded there by a man from the Wabash, who says he will be with us teeth and toe nails as soon as he knows where he will locate and get his family with him. Chicago division extends the hand of welcome to all good men who express themselves as good O. R. T. timber.

Bro. Harris, of Dorans, bid in Ridgeville agency on bulletin.

Bro. Chas. Gammon, third, Kinmudy tower, was the successful applicant for Dorns station, made vacant by Bro. Harris' promotion.

O. E. Connor, night telegrapher at Kinmundy, is now entitled to the fraternal courtesies of the Order.

A. Overlin is now on second at Odin, relieving Bro. Widemier, who is relieving Bro. Sharp, third, Effingham, who is off three weeks on account of sickness. T. E. Mulberger, Arcola tower, bid in the vacancy of Kinmundy tower. The boys at Odin say there is no end to the W. U. business, since the oil strike there.

Bro. C. E. McCarten, Tonti, has returned from his vacation spent at East St. Louis and Alma.

R. R. McCarty, third, Kinmundy tower, will be with us as soon as he is eligible.

Bro. J. A. Cross, at Arcola, a new man to our midst, from the Big 4, is welcomed.

J. F. C.

Freeport Division—

It has been some time since I have taken the time to write any news for our journal, and I see there are other worthy scribes besides myself.

I will have to depend on the brothers to give me some notes, as it is rather hard to keep in touch with all of the changes that are taking place along the line.

The meeting held in Freeport, November 19th, was one of the best attended for some time. Bro. Jno. Newman was present and gave the boys an interesting address.

These are the kind of meetings we should have, to put vigor into the members. Bros. Kelly and Newman explained the work that had already been accomplished by the committee during its sojourn in Chicago, and the attitude of the company, and the boys on this division voted 100 per cent strong to support the committee.

The Montgomery-Sears-Roebuck agent at Bowes had a farmer from the vicinity of Bowes flag No. 1 for a passenger for Dyersville some time last month. He also has a new system of billing his freight on 30 reports.

Business is certainly on the boom now, away above the normal, traffic being so heavy that there are not enough engines available to move it.

Haldane, recently opened nights, has been bid in by Bro. Boudts, of Alworth.

Bro. Rice is working first trick in dispatcher's office, relieving Sam Davis, who is breaking in as dispatcher.

Bro. W. R. Keister, East Junction, third, and Bro. Bennett, third, West Junction, while in South Dakota looking over some farms, were both relieved in turn by Bro. C. D. Lapham.

Bro. R. Toombs, nights, "HU," Freeport, has accepted a position wtih the O. S. L. in Idaho. Bro. Geo. Cox was the successful applicant for this position for thirty days or more on bulletin. Bro. John Funk, who filled Bro. Cox's position for a few weeks, was relieved by Bro. C. D. Lapham, who later went to switching in Freeport yard.

Bro. Chas. Ayers, first trick, Rockford, has gone to Sioux City as ticket agent. We all wish him the best of success. He was relieved by Bro. E. E. Harrington, while position was on bulletin. Bro. Jno. Funk relieved the latter on third at Rockford until relieved by Mr. Olson. Bro. Jno. Hayes, who has been filling Bro. Funk's place at Coleman, went to Burlington, second, on his return.

Bro. Harry Granger, "HU," Freeport, is now on extra list, relieved by Bro. Sam Davis, extra in "HU," formerly second at LaSalle, who received Bro. Granger's position on bulletin.

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Bro. Jno. Funk, who received second LaSalle on a thirty day or more bulletin, was relieved by Bro. B. C. Barber.

Bros. Keister, Hunsicker and Kempf have invested in Texas land. Bro. Hunsicker is looking over the land on his honeymoon. We hope the boys succeeded in getting a good thing, when they bought the land.

Bro. Keister was the successful applicant for first, Rockford, in place of Bro. Ayers.

Bro. Harry Granger, first at West Junction, in place of Bro. Hunsicker, and then relieved Bro. Owens on second, Dixon, and Bro. Scherbert, on Amboy third, a few weeks.

Dispatchers Hill and Davis went to the Dakotas to register on the land drawing there during last month, relieved by Bro. Madden.

Bro. Wm. Rice, formerly at Minonk, nights, relieved Bro. Steele at C. G. W. crossing on third, while the former was on vacation in the vicinity of St. Louis.

Bro. M. J. Madden, acting dispatcher recently, is back on first in "HU." He was relieved while on vacation by Bro. Wm. Rice.

Bro. B. E. Melloan enjoyed a thirty-day vacation at his home in Kentucky, relieved by Bro. B. C. Boldts of Alworth, nights, who was relieved by Bro. Devane, and he in turn by Mr. Olson, a new man.

Bro. Walter Kelly was relieved on Minonk, third, while attending to business of the Order, by Bro. Haggerdy, formerly at Cloverdale, a few years ago.

Bro. Blough, of Polo, off a few days on account of the death of his father, was relieved by Mr. Devaney. DIV. COR.

Louisiana Division—

Things on the good old I. C. are warming up as never before. Our general committee has been in session with the management for over a month with not much success, and the differences have been submitted to the membership in the way of a vote, and from present indications the vote is almost unanimous to sustain the committee.

Our regular monthly meeting at Hammond, on November 21st, was a jim-dandy. All records were broken in the way of enthusiasm and attendance; over 40 being present. There were several cases of "near heart failures" when Bros. Servat, Gouldman, Wilson and Crawley, from Macomb, showed up, all four asking questions at once.

Bro. Rehorst, presided, Bro. Miller acted as secretary. Bro. Wunch, first vice chief; Bro. Cram, second vice chief; Bro. T. S. Akers, past chief; Bro. Turner, Marshall and Bro. Hayes doorman.

Several important communications were read, then Local Chairman Miller explained how the schedule negotiations stood, and the boys unanimously voted to stand pat.

Under the head "For the good of the Order," boys succeeded in getting a good thing, when they Williams, Holt, Fitzgerald and others made some interesting remarks.

Our Local Chairman, Bro. Miller, while covering the Yazoo district recently, on local freight, was badly shaken up, and was laid up several days with a bruised side and hip. The hog head put on the emergency brakes, throwing him about 15 feet. For the first time, the Old Man has "cold feet"—on freight trains only, though.

Bro. W. H. Serrett, "MR," third, Jackson, Miss., has resigned and accepted a position as repeater chief for the Cumberland Tel. Co., with more money, shorter hours and no Sunday work. Cig. was relieved by Bro. C. T. Stepp, until the position is filled permanently.

We regret to lose Bro. W. J. Thompson as night manager at "MO," Macomb, who has gone with the Postal at New Orleans. "GD" was relieved by Bro. W. R. Gothard.

Bro. H. G. Hungate has improved sufficiently to return to the agency at Tickfaw, La., relieving Bro. W. P. Ely, who goes to Gallman, Miss., relieving Bro. L. C. Ramsey, who has left the service.

Bro. J. C. McGowen, first at Asylum, Miss., has a very fine line of game cocks and challenges the world for a battle. His favorite bird is called the "Dead Shot." If it was not for the dead shot's and J. K. V., "Jess" would not care whether he lived or not.

Bro. W. P. Jordan, the second trick, Yazoo City, has gone back to the agency at Bentonia, Miss.

Bro. J. W. Ecker, "JE," first, Yazoo City, is acting agent, relieving Bro. Baker at Anding, Miss., on account of sickness in his family.

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Mississippi Division—

There is plenty of work over here now and the third trick dispatchers frequently have to ring quite often for some of the boys before they will answer. Watch out, boys, this won't last always. Inability to raise offices may have been one of the causes for installing the phones, and the company may eventually get girls in your places who will no doubt answer promptly, at least at the beginning, and work cheaper. A word to the wise is sufficient.

T. H. Polson and Sebe Hurt, both formerly of this division, are now running a "ham factory" in Kilmichael. Both these professors (?) have in the past been supposedly great O. R. T. men, partaking freely of the fruits of the Order and both carried cards, but they have fallen into the paths of the unrighteous and are trying to do that which will undo all the good they ever may have done for themselves or their former brothers. The brothers should bear this in mind and remember them when handing out favors.

There have been several changes recently and most of the extra men are getting all they can do.

Miss Gertrude White, relieved a few days on first, Coffeeville, recently, while Bro. Kirkwood was off sick.

Bro. Bull made a flying trip over the division this month, and the boys were glad to greet him.

Bro. J. M. Colson was relieved at "CD" by Bro. Dunlap, while he went on his wedding trip. Bro. C. N. Lee, second, "NE," relieved Bro. Dunlap in the dispatcher's office.

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Fred Allen got third at Davis on bid. Sallis agency is vacant.

I hope we will see some items in the journal every month hereafter, for we all enjoy seeing something from the boys on this division.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. CERT. 1658.

Tennessee Division—

The Jackson district is now 99 per cent strong due mainly to the watchfulness of Bro. L. E. Allen, our local chairman, who believes in thorough organization.

Some of the members on this division are a little slow in paying their dues. They should correct such dilatory tactics and pay up at once. Remember that our committee in Chicago holding conferences with the management need money to carry on such negotiations. Keep in line, brothers, and the committee will do the rest.

Our worthy Bro. O. L. Buffalow, telegrapher and assistant ticket agent at Martin, who so ably represented us as correspondent in "Sunny Tennessee," has left the service to take up a course of medicine. As he is a bright young fellow, we predict great things for him in his newly chosen profession.

There are several positions on the division now on bulletin and the following are among the recent changes: Bro. W. H. White, promoted to assistant ticket agent and second trick, Fulton, Ky.; Bro. E. Gonder, first trick, Dobbs, Tenn.; Bro. J. W. Piggott, third "JC" Jackson, temporarily; Bro. C. B. Simonton, acting agent, Millington, Tenn.; Bro. J. C. Morris, first, Covington, Tenn., temporarily; Bro. W. B. Carr, night, manager "FW," temporarily; Bro. C. Shander, third, Gibbon, Tenn.; Bro R. T. Hamilton, telegrapher, Newburn, Tenn., and Bro. B. W. Aiken, second, Morton, Tenn.

Bro. G. Jackson, Covington, while on his vacation was relieved by Sister Neal.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has deemed it best to take from their midst Fred, the beloved brother of Bro. Jundegliet, be it therefore

Resolved, By the membership of Chicago Terminal Division, No. 93, that we extend to the brother and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and also to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

PETER J. HEALEY,
JAMES CLEARY.
J. R. ESLER.

Chicago, Ill., November 25, 1909.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Eastern Division—

Brothers, let's try and keep our local chairman better posted of the changes at stations, and the names of any nons we may know, so he can bring them into our ranks.

Let every brother consider himself as an organizer and try to line up his partner or neighbor. We can't expect the nons to join unless we ask them and show them it is for their good to do so. If we all do this, we will soon be solid on this division.

We should all try and give the company the best service possible, and show them we are working for their interests as well as our own; and when we go before the management for a new schedule again, it will be all the easier for us to get what we want in the way of better working conditions.

There are still a few nons on this division, who I hope the boys will get after good and strong.

I desire to thank the brothers who sent in the items for this write-up. Kindly forward me all the news as early as possible each month.

Don't forget to pay your dues December pay day and get a new card.

The following stations on this division were advertised on November: Winston, Rice, Stillman Valley, Aurora, Almoral, Stockton, Kent and Bolton.

Bro. Markham was the successful applicant for Rice, after a lengthened vacation.

Dispatcher Dixson made a trip over the division on a gasoline car and instructed the boys how the new management wished the block to be handled.

Bro. I. L. Hesner, the successful applicant for second, Pearl City, was relieved at Aurora, by Mr. Berryman, a new man.

Bro. J. C. Henderson, on second, Pearl City, while being bulletined secured second trick at Fair Grounds.

Mr. Grimes bid in first, Sycamore, Bro. Hansen, second, and Bro. Mason, third.

Bro. Keown bid in second at Richardson; Bro Graham, third at Stanley, and Bro. Melican, third at Graf.

Bro. C. E. Kyle, of Bolton, has returned from a recent trip through California.

Bro. J. P. Downie has gone to the W. U. at Chicago.

L. E. Kelley has been appointed agent at Fox, Ill.

Hereafter send all the news you can to Bro. J. P. Willey, at Wilkinson postoffice, Clare, Ill., as he has been appointed division correspondent.

A new office has been opened at Fox.

Bro. M. O. Green, Winston, resigned, relieved by Bro. J. J. Murphy.

Bro. A. Hamilton, "J" office, Myrtle, has resigned, relieved by W. T. Byrnes.

Mr. Scott was the successful applicant for the agency at Esmond, relieving Bro. Jackson, resigned. We were sorry to have Bro. Jackson leave.

Bro. N. C. Fulkerson, Wilkinson, third, has secured a position on the Rock Island, relieved by T. F. Howe.

O. N. Jordan, agent, has resigned.

Bro. T. E. Penticoff, South Freeport, who recently went dispatching at Rockford, for the C.

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M. G. Ry., has returned, and we are all glad to have him back again.

Mr. Barron, second, Almoral, relieved by Mr. Stock, who was sent to Budd and later left the service.

Bro. A. G. Hamilton, third, Oneida, resigned, to accept a position with the Illinois Central, relieved by W. T. Byrnes, new man.

Bro. Rustler relieved Mr. Lytle, on second at Thorpe. The latter is going to study law.

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Northwest Division—

Bro. E. C. Hodges, who has been general secretary and treasurer of this system for some time, has been compelled to resign and Bro. C. E. Norris of Inver Grove was elected his successor. Since moving to Belmond Bro. Hodges found the duties of that agency demanded too much time and attention to allow him to properly handle the secretaryship. He has been an earnest worker as local chairman of the Fort Dodge division, and on the general committee, and the system regrets his leaving the offices he has so faithfully held. We have faith in our new secretary and with the right assistance from all he will surely satisfy us. Very few of us realize the importance of the office of general secretary-treasury and of the time and attention it demands. Without the prompt assistance of the members the office becomes a burden to the holder, and vice versa, without the existence of this office (and a good man to hold it) interest in the union lags and fraternal and brotherly love becomes a thing of the past. Lend the secretary your assistance in every way; keep him advised as to all changes and transfers, and most important of all, answer his correspondence promptly and in full. If this is done, the secretary is enabled to keep an accurate line up of the division and can, thereby, answer your questions more promptly. Keep the grand secretary-treasurer posted on all matters pertaining to the Order within his jurisdiction.

Your division correspondent has been so awfully busy with the usual fall rush of business that he could not give the write-up the attention it should have this month, but with the assistance of a few of the boys we secured a few items.

Bro. C. E. Norris, local chairman, attended the Federation meeting at St. Paul and also looked after other fraternal matters.

Did you receive a letter from Local Chairman C. E. Norris regarding the proposed bond company? If so, do not lay it aside, but keep it right handy where you can easily see it until payday and then remit Bro. L. W. Quick ten dollars or more and help push to a successful finish one of the most important enterprises and of more vital importance to its members, than the O. R. T. has ever undertaken.

Bro. Dowell, agent at Rich Valley, who was suddenly called away by the serious illness of his mother, was relieved by C. E. Porter, a new man.

Bro. Frank Briggs, agent at Empire, has returned from his vacation spent in Michigan.

Chief Dispatcher Page, while on a recent tour of inspection, was relieved by Trick Dispatcher Aye.

Bro. J. E. Jenny, first, South St. Paul, has accepted a position in the general superintendent's office at Chicago.

Bro. F. M. Markham, after the return of the agent at Alta Vista, went to Simpson.

Bro. Cook, Nerstrand, has accepted a position on the C., M. & St. P. Ry. Mr. Simmons, from Hayfield, relieved him.

Mr Herr, Randolph, was transferred to South St. Paul and later to Red Wing thence to South Concord, third; and Mr. Spence from "X" office to third South St. Paul.

Mr. Armstrong, who held the State Street yard office job for some time, has left the service; relieved by Bro. Brown, an old familiar acquaintance.

Bro. Frank Norris, second at Inver Grove, handled the agency there while his brother, C. E. Norris was away on fraternal work.

Mr. Potter has returned to New Hampton nights after working a few days at Elkton, where he was relieved by Bro. Cheny.

Bro. J. E. Leiser, of Riceville, bid in the agency at Renova.

Mr. W. H. Herr, after working a few weeks at West Concord, went to Hayfield.

General Chairman Albrecht was off for a few days on business for the Order.

Mr. Spence has resigned third at South St. Paul to engage in other business; relieved by E. J. Dunn, a new man on the road, a few days, and then went to Dennison; relieved at South St. Paul by F. L. James, a new man.

Eden has been opened up nights with D. Collins in the chair.

Bro. O. A. Artz is at Skyburg since that office was opened up nights.

Bro. L. G. Meek is back at Skyburg after some time spent on his claim.

Bro. F. R. Mills, agent Vlasaty, sent in a nice lot of items, and others on the division should follow his example.

R. H. Adams, who drew Westgate on bulletin, did not like the place and Bro. B. A. Mills, Renova, took it. Mr. Potter, of New Hampton, brother of Bro. E. C. Potter, took Renova, nights, and R. H. Adams the agency.

Bro. Seguer, Dodge Center, has left the service and Bro. Plath, of the same place, has returned from his trip to Montana.

Mr. Allen, second at Hayfield, who resigned to go switching, was relieved by Mr. Brenwell.

Bro. Frost, agent at Elkton, resigned; relieved by E. C. Porter. DIV. COR.

Southwest Division—

Brothers, it is time to pay your dues and every one should be prompt.

Bro. E. C. Norris, our new G. S. & T., is located at Inver Grove, Minn. In future remit your dues and new applications to him.

A little missionary work should be done along the line, at Dearborn, St. Joseph Freight Office, Savannah, Conception, Ravenwood, Sheridan,

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Maloy, Arispe, Lorimer, Barney, Peru and Conger, between now and the first of the year. Let's get busy.

Jobs are being bulletined to perfection now, thanks to our worthy chief dispatcher.

On bulletin No. 52 the following appointments have been made: Athelstan agency, W. E. Iles; Afton Junction agency, J. V. Goin; Ravenwood agency, G. J. Jones; Reinbeck third trick, G. I. Mauck; Gladbrook first trick, L. G. Nuzum; Baxter night operator, J. A. Small; Valeria third trick, W. J. Conkling; Peru second, C. A. Scarborough; Blockton second, G. T. Scott; Savannah second, W. L. Prewitt; Shops first, E. L. Reed; Kansas City city office, H. H. Hilfinger.

Applications will be received for the following vacancies until December 1, 1909: Gladbrook second trick, Peru, third trick, Diagonal third trick, Rea second trick, Savannah first trick, Shops third trick.

The night men should give No. 2 and 3 wires a little better attention. Failure to answer promptly ties up the whole wire and causes many needless delays.

A wye has been put in at Parnell and a motor-train put on, known as Nos. 11 and 12 on the time card, making one round trip per day between Parnell and St. Joseph, leaving Parnell at 7:00 a. m. and returning at 7:00 p. m. This is a great help to the patrons of the road between these two points.

The telegraph office at Shepard has been closed.

Sister C. A. Van Sandt, of Leavenworth, called to Savannah recently on account of sickness, was relieved by J. E. Brewer, of U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Our worthy sister, Jessie Smith, second trick at Rea, Mo., has left the service, being relieved by Bro. W. A. Hall.

Bro. E. E. Pumphrey is in the Des Moines dispatcher's office as clerk for our worthy chief dispatcher.

Bro. G. T. Scott, second, and M. G. Smith, third, are again at their posts, Mr. Nixdorf going to South Des Moines.

Bro. H. E. Boyce is relieving Bro. Gibbon at Maloy while on his annual vacation.

Bro. R. V. Redlingshafer, third at South Des Moines, was relieved by Mr. Nixdorf, of the U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., while on a short vacation.

Bro. I. H. Latimor is now on second trick at Leavenworth. G. V. Keefauver, after a business trip to New Sharon, Iowa, and LaHarpe, Ill., went to Conception, vacated by Mr. Mason.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, first at Knowlton, is at Jacksonville, Mo., with the Rock Island.

Wm. Lyons, third at Savannah, taken out of the service, was relieved by Bro. C. A. Lind, the steam shovel man.

Bro. E. J. Stumm, third at Marshalltown, on a short vacation, being relieved by D. Monroe, an old-time dispatcher.

Bro. H. L. Coggins, third at Parnell, who was struck by No. 61 on October 31, is recovering slowly and expects to be back at his post some time next month. Mr. Patton is doing the extra work at third.

J. J. Stephens, second at Parnell, left the service; relieved by Bro. McCollough.

Personal letters, even to the brothers and sisters on the Southwest Division, fail to elicit the news as they should. Bros. Scott, of Blockton; Thatcher, of Cummings; M. F. Falkner, of Parnell, and Coleman, of Kansas City, alone responded. Many thanks to the four brothers who show interest enough to send in the news.

Don't forget that new card. "No card, no favors."

SANDY.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Fifth Division—

We seem to have been too busy handling cotton, etc., to send in write-up from the Fifth Division in some time.

Everything is moving along "fine as silk," with everybody hard at work.

Bro. J. H. Cantrell landed Hagan agency. He is a good man, and merits any promotion that may come his way. Understand Mr. Griffin intends locating in Oklahoma. Alex Cobb relieved Bro. Cantrell at Ella Belle.

Bro. Z. B. Littlejohn, of Ocilla, recently attended court in Savannah. He and Bro. Smith are entertaining the "Reubs" of that vicinity with a motion picture theater.

A new office has been opened at Kimbrough on account of the G. F. & A. connecting with our line at that point.

The G. & F. Ry. has recently completed its line to Madison, Fla. This will no doubt greatly augment freight traffic over the Fifth Division, as the road traverses a rich and productive territory.

It is expected that our next meeting will be held in Cordele, and no doubt a good crowd will be present.

Get after the few remaining nons; that is, all that are desirable, and let's present a solid line-up at the beginning of the new year.

CERT. 147.

Ulster & Delaware Ry.

Our general chairman, Bro. C. M. Sanford, has resigned his position at Hobart and is going South for the winter. We are all sorry to see him go and wish to acknowledge our appreciation of what he has already done for us, and also wish him the best of luck. Bro. P. D. Leming has been appointed acting general chairman in Bro. Sanford's stead.

Bro. John Garrett, third, Grand Hotel station, is with the N. Y. N. H. & H. on second at Branchville, Conn. Bro. Morgan is off a few days, relieved by Bro. H. Van Burgen, who has just returned from a short vacation.

Bro. James G. Fassett has resigned third, Oneonta, to go with the B. & M. Bro. Todd is working first.

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Bro. Edward A. Hilborn, second, Wellsbridge, N. Y., is working first at Phoenicia. Bro. Leming on second.

Bro. Dougherty is working second, "KC" tower, North Yard, Kingston, for the West Shore.

There are several nons over here yet who would like to hear about the O. R. T. Boys, get after them; don't be afraid to tell them what you know.

P. D. L., DIV. COR.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

F. R. Patkin, from the Wabash, is now at Thomaston, second trick.

Bro. Sinclair has taken the agency at Ponborn; relieved by Bro. Waffuna.

Bro. Drivel on vacation December 1st; relieved by Mr. Fruar, of Hoton freight office.

Our new time card shows many changes. Every one should get acquainted with it thoroughly.

Bro. McMaster, of Negoume, is going West.

Second trick at Negoume has been bulletined and secured by Bro. Ford.

There seems to be a scarcity of telegraphers at present, judging by the hard time we have to get relief.

I'm very thankful to the boys for a note once in a while and will endeavor to give a write-up every month if they will only furnish us the news as early as possible.

Mr. Street is working at Kearsarge, relieving Mr. Goloy, who is now in dispatcher's office at Calumet. Mr. Cardinal is temporary agent at Kenton while regular agent, Crull, is in the woods. E. T. Curtis is relieving Mr. Cardinal on the night trick.

Bro. Gerke, of Ewen, shot a cub bear and is having the hide made into a rug.

There are quite a few new operators on this road, but it's hard to get a line on them. A little help in this respect from the boys is always appreciated.

Mr. Gouthier is working days at Marquette yard; relieved at Eagle Mills by Mr. Street.

Mr. Asp, of Bangor, visited friends in Iron Mountain recently.

Bro. Mallay is back working days at Iron River after being on the sick list for a time.

Passenger business is so heavy nights that it required two conductors on No. 7 to Duluth recently.

Mr. Phillips, of Chicago, has been relieving the operator at Lake Linden. He is an old Order man, who has been working for the wireless people.

Bro. Mohr, of Hoton Yard, has succeeded in getting a few notes from Mineral Range.

J. C. Hansen, of Moss, has resigned to accept a position on G. N. Ry.

One train has been taken off on South Range, and the passenger train has to do local work.

Bro. Heintz, at Kearsarge, has resigned and accepted a position with the united wireless at Alpena, Mich.; relieved by Mr. Street.

Bro. Allen, formerly of Calumet Yard, is now with the G. N. Ry. at Shelby, Mont.

I am indebted to Bro. Oleson for a good bunch of notes and if every one would do as well we could have a good write-up every month.

Mr. Dygart, at one time a member of the Order, formerly relief agent, is now permanent agent at Ahmuk.

J. G. Adams, agent at Gay, has had a two weeks' vacation.

Chas. Cohen, of Mohawk, has joined the Order.

J. S. Keller, of the dispatcher's office at Calumet, has gone to the Missouri Central.

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Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.

Des Moines Valley Division—

The meeting at Oskaloosa, on October 9th, was quite well attended, thanks to the brothers that did attend, but there was room for many more.

These meetings are a great benefit in many ways, and a better attendance will make them better and the members stronger.

A joint meeting is contemplated being held at Oskaloosa in the near future, with Bro. Newman or Bro. Brown present, and it is our desire that every member who possibly can arrange to come should be there. The date will be announced later.

Brothers, if there is anything that is not being lived up to, in our schedule, you should take it up with your local chairman, and have the matter straightened out. It is our duty to see that the schedule is lived up to.

Should the discussion in regard to Sunday rest not be closed, by the time this is in print, we would like you to read and study an article on the subject by the Rev. McFarren, of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Some of the telegraphers on this division seem to be somewhat lax in answering calls promptly.

There should be an immediate improvement in this part of the service. Some of you, probably, do not realize what it means to a dispatcher to sit and call from ten to twenty minutes. Do the right thing by them, and you will get your reward!

Mr. Needles, third at Evans, absolutely refuses to become an O. R. T.

Those still behind on special assessment should remit at once. We must support our committee.

Sister Hanley, second, Evans, is on a vacation; relieved by a Mr. Pentagast.

Bro. Monk, Harvey, Iowa, goes to Keokuk, Iowa, as cashier.

Second and third at Ottumwa are reported vacant, but there is no bulletin out yet.

Brothers, if you have any steamboat tickets in sight, Bro. Gibson, Oskaloosa, can fix you out in every way.

Bro. Stanly, at Douds, is having a difficult time in getting relief.

Bro. Baling, agent, Oskaloosa, reports a big increase in both freight and ticket earnings recently.

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We hope some good lady on the Des Moines Valley Division will start the Ladies' Auxiliary booming here. There are plenty of good housewives who will do the Order credit in this territory. I personally know of several who will join, if only some one will start the ball rolling.

Roy Plaisted, our genial rate chief at the Oskaloosa freight house, is a busy man, on account of heavy freight business, but he always wears a pleasant smile.

Bro. Cross, agent at Evans, spent a very pleasant Saturday evening and Sunday, recently, with friends at Ottumwa.

I hope you will all send me any news items you can, by the 10th or 15th of the month. This will help in having a good write-up every month.

BRUNO THE BOOSTER.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts—

We have added some good ones to our membership list this month, mostly from the west end, who will make good, active members. This is what we are looking for. Each and every one of us must do all we can to secure new members. We would like to see everything solid by the 1st of the year.

We are glad to welcome Bro. W. E. Mayhan, who had his membership transferred to No. 126, "AO" office, which he is holding, is one of the most important offices on the line.

Let every one who hears of anything new happening along the line report to the division correspondent at once. This helps to make a good write-up, and makes the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts look good to all of us.

It seems to be a very hard matter to hear from the assistants on the east end. Come on, boys, and get in the game, your help will be appreciated very much by the acting division correspondent. The boys have done very well recently on the west end, but it seems almost impossible to hear what is going on down east. Bro. Waits was at one time the assistant correspondent, but he may be taking a vacation.

Bro. J. H. Powers, of the C. & A., is relieving Bro. Wallingsford, at Cameron Junction, who is on vacation.

Gov. Hughes, nights, Harvard, has resigned, and accepted a position with some wholesale fruit house. We are very sorry to have Bro. Hughes leave us, and wish him good luck.

Bro. Rouch, agent, Unionville, is on a big hunt; relieved by Bro. H. S. Fulmer.

Mr. Dean bid in Numa agency, leaving Floris open for bids. The boy from Clio is relieving until it is assigned by bulletin.

Mr. Benner, who relieved, temporarily, at Rushville, Bro. R. E. Freman being on the sick list, has been succeeded by H. H. Potter.

Bro. J. M. Boose made a business trip to St. Joseph a few days ago.

Sister Blanche Pierce is at Harvard, nights, her regular position before she left for the West.

Bro. G. L. Girdner went on one of his usual trips to Mercer recently.

Bro. Schrieber, formerly with the R. I., is now located in Des Moines.

Sister Fox, who recently crossed the matrimonial threshold, still holds her position at Clio.

T. B. Sawyer is working for I. M., in Oklahoma.

Bro. H. F. Harrah returned, after a three weeks' vacation in the West, to his old stand at Donovan.

Bro J. M. Boose, acting agent at Keenmor, is back on second trick.

J. F. Manley discharged from Winthrop; Mr. Pilcher "resigned," and Mr. Cousins is now on the job.

Mr. Whalen spent a week in Chicago. Agent Stiff, at De Kalb, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. Dean. Seems as if Stiff and Whalen enjoy the "Non Air" line.

Mr. Benner is at "SY," St. Joseph, on relief.

Bro. H. A. Johnson is off for a few days.

Bro. Lowe, of Altamont, is improving, and will soon be able to return to work.

DIV. COR., G. C. W.

Arkansas Division—

Local Chairman Hugg was over the division recently, in the interest of the Order. He is very much pleased on account of having two such good working assistants as Bro. Lucking and Bro. Nagle; the outlook bids fair in their territory.

Our local chairman made a flying trip to Bernice recently, and was hospitably entertained at Bro. McCaleb's home.

It is too bad the boys could not all respond to his invitation to the recent reception given by him at the Harris Hotel. Those who did not come missed a nice oyster dinner with refreshments.

We are very glad to see the boys becoming more interested in the cause. They seem to have taken on a new life recently. But we want to call your attention to the fact that some of you are not answering your calls promptly. There is no excuse for this. The telegrapher takes preference over all other work, as the instructions are not to let anything else interfere with answering calls. You are telegraphers and not agents. If you will be prompt in answering calls, then the officials will have nothing to harp over when we ask for our rights.

Our general committee will be in Chicago soon, to ask for what we should have, and as this division is coming to the front we should attend to our duties promptly.

The new passenger and freight offices at Ruston are almost completed, and all the boys are wearing smiles around "RO."

The new scales at Fordyce will soon be completed.

Fordyce was opened, nights, recently, but closed again; business dropped off on account of a scarcity of cars. Bunn has been reopened as a night office, with Bro. Lucking back as owl. C. N. M. and C. E. H. are at "OA," and "FD" has been assigned the same hours as before.

When business drops, there are reductions; when business rises, there is no increase in help.

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Well, we will work hard and take that vacation next year.

When you hear a man knock on unionism, he is either a capitalist or a man that would be one by using his brothers for stepping stones to reach that line.

Non-union men should not be allowed the salary paid union men. Learn to demand the union label.

Boys, you should get wise as to who are the "non airs" on the line. Three at Tinsman, all the bunch at El Dovol, but one, and we have a scab and a knocker there, too, a non at Harrell, one at Jonesboro and at Quitman. Some of the active members are after them, but you should help.

Bro. Campfield, agent at Dodson, La., and a cheerful worker in the Order, had some difficulty with one of the citizens there, who is now in the hands of the officers, and was stabbed three times, but is reported to be improving.

Bro. L. M. Perrine has been relieving the agent at Hermitage temporarily. Bro. McQuiddy has returned from his vacation.

Bro. L. J. Reynals, who was relieved at "RS" by L. D. Pewrefoy, has gone to Texas. We were sorry to see him leave.

Bro. J. W. White, of Dubach, has also gone to Texas. Bro. W. D. O'Farrell, from the V. S. & P., at Ruston, relieved him.

Bro. W. L. Jones, agent, Wyan, while on a sixty-day vacation, was relieved by Bro. Lloyd S. Jones, and Bro. Stratford relieved Bro. Jones at Randolph.

Bro. N. C. Knight, now at Colion agency, was relieved at Quitman by E. C. McFarren.

Bro. N. C. Cagle has resigned as agent at Crossett, and gone to Warren for W. & O. We lose a good brother in his departure.

CERT. 1865.

Oklahoma Division—

Through a misunderstanding, this division was not represented in the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. But we expect to have a write-up regularly in the future.

Several of the brothers attended the meeting in El Reno on October 23d. The meeting was called to order at the Southern Hotel, at 9:30 p. m., and immediately resolved itself in to informal discussion, cigars having been duly lighted. Several matters of interest were brought up. Among other things, we were given an insight into how the telephone *does not* displace the telegrapher, by one of the brothers, who has seen the process of dispatching trains by telephone in operation. Some merriment was provoked by the introduction of a grievance by a certain non-member on the division, who doesn't understand that "no card" means "no favors." The local chairman reported several new members secured during his recent trip over the division. At a late hour the meeting adjourned.

"NO" relay office is awakening to the error of its way. Three applications were secured there this month, and several more reported coming next month. That office will soon be solid.

Bro. Terhune reports that Ft. Worth Division is solid now. Let us see that none of the nons get away.

Some of the brothers on the Oklahoma Division want commission both ways on Western Union business, and we hope to get this in our new agreement with the company.

Mr. Whitchurch has returned to his old job. Mr. Porter is away on a leave of absence. Bro. Harrison has returned to work, after his recruiting trip over the division.

A. N. Wooldridge is in the real estate business at Chickasha. Mrs. Wooldridge is with the Postal at Chickasha.

A. J. Clymans has relieved Bro. O'Shea at Hennessey.

Bro. Martin, at Alex, has been trying for two weeks to get relief for a few days.

Bro. Cavin, resigned at Lawton, relieved by W. M. Humphrys.

J. H. Hill was transferred to Carnegie.

Bro. P. A. Warner, from the G. & S. I., is clerking in El Reno freight depot.

H. N. Roberts, agent, Addington, has gone to Shawnee, being relieved by Telegrapher Roher.

Mrs. Susie Pack is at Marlow. "RO" has been doing the relief work for a few weeks.

Bro. Lyons went to Junction City recently on business.

It is almost time for our dues. Don't let us have any delinquents this time.

Don't forget to pay up. CERT. 428.

Colorado Division—

It seems that this division has almost fell off the earth, as far as making any showing in the magazine, but I will try to send in a few notes that other divisions may know that we are still here.

There has been a good many changes on this division of late, and it will be hard to get things down as they really are.

The manual block has been put in between Phillipsburg and Limon, and is a success so far.

Bro. M. P. Brophy, Port Huron, Mich., is on nights at Clayton. Bro. W. C. Conners being off the last of August and first of September, on account of the sickness of his daughter at Warrensburg, Mo.

Bro. McGee has second at Rexford, relieving Bro. Howard, gone to San Francisco.

Mr. Biglow took Bro. Miller's place at Rexford, and the latter took for a warmer clime.

Bro. C. E. Hendrix, from the D. & R. G., is on second.

Bro. L. E. Downey, from the M. P., relieved Mr. Siler, discharged, and gone to Santa Fe.

Bro. Rathbun, of Seldon, on sick list recently, relieved by Mr. Hulen, third at Seldon, who was relieved by Mr. Hudson, who was later relieved by another non, with a fancy name of some kind.

Mr. Stroud, second at Seldon, was relieved by Bro. Rose, of Division No. 14.

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Boys, let's all get after the nons, and see if we cannot thin 'em out a little, including the two backsliders at Colby.

Bros. Galloway and Rollin are on second and third at Stuttgart, doing the cooking stunt, in a box car.

Bro. Hienze is on second at Prairie View, and F. A. Brown on third, there. We can call the latter brother, shortly.

Bro. G. R. Smith was relieved on third, for a short time, by Mr. Neville, a new man.

J. W. Birkbeck, third trick dispatcher, has taken a trick on some road at Danville, Ky. We were all sorry to see J. W. B. go, and wish him the best of luck.

We should have a division correspondent, and let the boys send in notes to him every month, so we could be represented every month.

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Louisiana Division -

Our general committee is in Chicago asking for our rights. We hope we will come out winners.

Some of the boys are not answering their calls as they should and the dispatchers are getting mighty tired of it. We expect our members to attend faithfully to all of their duties. Remember five to twenty years ago what our salary was each month and now.

The Louisiana Division is coming to the front and we want the boys to stick. Eight of them took out cards last month and we hope to land the others soon.

We are glad Bro. McFerren, at Quitman, and Bro. Simpson, at Mamon, are again with us.

Boys, learn to demand the union label. Unionism is the only hope for our country.

Bro. C. N. Moffet was transferred to Crossett from Leola.

W. S. Steelman has been installed agent at Peiper.

Bro. W. J. Knight is off again on vacation.

Bro. C. J. Johnson, from the Cotton Belt, is now at Calion.

Mr. Wheeler, nights at Dubach, is on the "hike" again.

Bro. Davis, from the K. C.'s, is now at Dubach, La. Boys, treat these new O. R. T. men nicely and let's try to keep 'em.

Bro. L. J. Renolds, formerly third trick at Ruston, is now car clerk for the Southern at Beaumont, Tex.

The boys at Ruston are moving into their new freight depot, which is quite an attraction.

Understand the agency at Warren is filled by a Missourian from Sedalia. Boys, get your bidding caps on. Think Louisiana Division should be able to fill all vacancies.

Bro. Coyle is back to his old stand at Warren.

Boys, come on with your dues for the semi-annual card, ending June 30th, 1910. Let's get it for New Year.

I want every member on the Louisiana Division to mail me some news as early each month as possible, so we can have a write-up monthly second to none. CERT. 2243.

Minnesota Division-

Bro. Staley went over this division recently and had the good fortune to line up the boys to about 92 per cent strong. All are well pleased with Bro. Bill's work, and stand ready to back him for all there is in the game.

You nons left get in line; you look small now.

A supposed Bro. J. F. Davis, who went by the name of Reese and several other aliases, worked on this division at Manly, Iowa, last winter and succeeded in breaking up another brother's family and breaking up a once happy home. Brothers, keep your eyes open for this floating monster.

Two nons going by name of J. C. Simmons and A. J. Burt, claiming to hail from Alabama, applied to local chairman, Bro. Staley, who got them employment and transportation to call on the chief dispatcher, but they never appeared. Look out for them.

Bro. C. J. Filer, second, Cedar Falls, has resigned and went at another vocation.

DIV. COR.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Eastern Division—

If present indications count for anything then it is a foregone conclusion that the O. R. T. will be represented by over 90 per cent of the operators on these lines by January 1, 1910. Several of the boys at Erie have assured us of a few new members shortly.

Another piece of main track has been put in between Madison and Saybrook.

The dispatchers are anxiously awaiting the completion of the four tracks. It appears quite difficult for a big train to get any distance in the west end, being obliged to duck the limiteds.

The writer had the pleasure of visiting our second vice president, Bro. T. M. Pierson, while on consultation with the several committees in this vicinity recently. Bro. Pierson is certainly a jovial entertainer and sends his best "73" to all the boys. Our only regret is we could not have him attend one of our meetings while here, but his visit had not been contemplated.

Bro. Clancy attended a little banquet at Buffalo last week, given by Mr. Vanschonhoven, the supper being the forfeit for his unfortunate wager on the Detroit ball team. Bro. J. Madill, T. Harrington, W. Highland and J. J. Trawley were guests of honor.

Telegrapher Treat, B. & O. tower, was suspended for not relieving a "31" order. This should be a lesson to our boys.

Bro. G. N. Gross, third, P. & E. tower, received first honors for the excellent showing his apple crop made in Erie, Pa., recently.

Bro. J. C. Brown, the artist telegrapher, of Westfield tower, was very popular during "Old Home week."

Bro. A. W. Diffenbach, first, Westfield, has just recovered from a severe attack of la grippe, Bro. Welsh relieving.

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Bro. C. M. Smith secured Erie depot, second, after his return from the "sights" of Westfield, "Old Home week."

Bro. H. J. Leamey, first, Erie Yard, is quite conspicuous in insurance circles around Erie town.

Bro. Jack Frawley, first, North East, has resumed work after a short illness.

Bro. Starr, of Dunkirk, resumed work recently after a sudden attack of sickness.

CERT. 472.

Michigan Division—

Business is certainly good in all departments. On account of the mild season so far, freights are still hauling summer tonnage, but when cold weather sets in and trains are cut down to winter tonnage, the operating department will certainly have its hands full. Prospects are good for the biggest business in the road's history.

The switchmen, road men and engine men are all after more money and it's a cinch they will get it, too, as they are about 98 per cent strong. We might do the same thing if we didn't have so many spongers among us. They always have a lot of excuses for staying out of the Order, but they never refuse to accept any of the benefits secured through the work of the good old O. R. T.

Mr. Ritter, of "RT" office, Elkhart, off duty for several months on account of his eyesight; relieved by Mr. Foltz.

Mr. Pancake, who resigned about a year ago to enter the telephone field, is again back at "WG" tower. Hope he will again enter the fold.

"BC" office closed for the past two years between the hours of 5 p. m. and 7 a. m., has been opened up again. Mr. Lindsey, from the "HV," has the 7 p. m. to 5 a. m. trick.

Manager Ziesel, of "RX" office, has returned from a five weeks' vacation stay in Chicago, where he had an operation performed. Mr. McMillan relieved him, and Bro. Hostick relieved the latter.

Have you noticed the frequent write-ups the Eastern Division has? Why can't we do as well? Who is our regular correspondent?

CERT. 334.

Franklin Division—

Business is so good on this division that no one seems to have time to write anything for THE TELEGRAPHER. Perhaps the boys are all busy thinking about the telephone question. Brothers, don't worry, when they get busy and want to do business they have to call on the "good old stand-by," Morse code.

The telephones on the Franklin & Clearfield Road went up in the air recently, and train orders and messages had to be handled by the Penna Ry. boys, via Oil City and Rose, thence via phones on the new road as far as they worked.

A new office has been opened up at Polk Junction.

Raymilton, Pa., has been made a two-trick office, with Bro. Hons, from the Penna., as second.

Sandy Lake, Pa., is also a two-trick office now, with Mr. C. E. Vogan, as second. This will relieve the brother agents of considerable work.

The Penna. freight train and the Lake Shore local recently tried to pass on the same track, with the usual result. One man was seriously hurt, but is recovering. Understand the accident happened through one of the conductors failing to register at Oil City.

Some of the brothers are making it pretty hard for our dispatchers by not answering their office calls promptly. We should give the best of attention to our calls, making it better for ourselves as well as all the others concerned.

Our schedule on this division don't seem to be up to snuff. We should have beter pay, annual passes and vacations with pay, the same as most of the other roads have.

Let each brother lend a helping hand, and make the division solid O. R. T. and then perhaps we could have our chairman and committee do something for us in this line.

Turkey is only 27 cents per pound in Pittsburg. Those who have the price can buy turkey for Christmas, and those who have not can buy a post card with a picture of one on it.

Will some of the brothers please send Bro. Smith, at Stoneboro, Pa., a few notes and lend him a helping hand in securing the nons. You can have blanks for the asking.

JUST ARRIVED.

Western Division—

Our October meeting was held on the evening of the 9th, at Chesterton, Ind., in order to save the long trip for the brothers on the west end of the division. While the attendance was not what we had expected, the enthusiasm shown by those present made up for the absent ones. Speeches were delivered by several of the old timers and the meeting adjourned early enough to allow the brothers to catch the trains for home.

Bro. Lovett, of 101st St., was present at the meeting and met a few friends thereafter.

On the night of October 13th an unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the ticket office at Indiana Harbor, but Bro. Frazier succeeded in capturing the "stick-up man," causing his arrest and imprisonment. One of the brother's ears was badly torn and he received a cut two inches long across his face, but he is still on the job.

Bro. Frazier is on third at South Chicago, Bro. Poole, third, Indiana Harbor, relieving.

President Brown's special passed over the division en route to Chicago, October 14th.

Passenger traffic has been unusually heavy of late.

Bro. J. T. Bachman, of Laporte tower, took in the sights at South Bend recently.

Bro. J. C. Dawson, of Laporte passenger station, is taking considerable interest in the mayoralty election.

Bro. Ensign, of Dune Park, is now up to date, and Mr. Minner, of Pine, says he will soon be with us.

Bro. Corpe, second, "BR," while on a trip recently through the Western States, was relieved by Bro. Pool.

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Bro. Plumbeck took a few days off recently.

Among the changes since our last write-up are the following:

Bro. Lowe, South Bend passenger station, resigned and was relieved by Bro. Steele, of Mishawaka, second. Bro. Pillman, who temporarily relieved Bro. Lowe and Bro. Steele, has since resigned and gone to the B. & O. We wish him the best of success.

Bro. O'Hern, Pine tower, who resigned to accept a position on police force at South Chicago, has re entered the service and is now at Jeff.

Bro. Walley, Pine tower, resigned; relieved by Bro. Hoops, third trick, and Bro. Paulin relieved Bro. Murphy on second trick, Pine.

Bro. Kyle, second, South Chicago, has left the service; relieved by Mr. McKinley, taking second trick.

Bro. Hoover relieved Mr. Shultz at 101st St., and Bro. Snyder, at Jeff, who took second at 101st St, was relieved by Bro. Fountain.

Bro. W. L. Parker, agent at Burdick, has resigned, and was relieved by Bro. Irwin, of Chesterton.

Relief Agent Preston has accepted cashiership at Gary. JACK, Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from the home of Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Thomas their only son; be it hereby

Resolved, That L. S. & M. S. Division, No. 129, extend to the bereaved parents our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their trouble and bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. C. PLUMBECK,
H. SABIN,
E. D. GRAHAM,
Committee.

Chesterton, October 9th, 1909.

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Chesterton, October 9th, 1909.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Ry.

Aurora, Chicago Division—

Quite a number attended the meeting at Hotel Arthur, Aurora, Ill., November 20th. Among those present who made addresses were C. L. Lamb, chairman, Red Oak, Iowa; W. A. Henry, Fairfield, Iowa; G. Dal. Jones, Wm. F. McDonald and Organizer Downey, of Chicago.

We believe all could attend our division meetings held regularly at Aurora. We have among our speakers the brightest and most able men, who have seen service and are devoting all their time to the Order, and settling all difficulties with fairness and justice to employer and employes. Any telegrapher, telephoner, agent and levermen are welcome at these meetings.

In checking over the delinquent list of the Aurora-Chicago Divisions we find very few behind in dues. If you are one of these, will you not make every effort possible toward making this the banner sub-division, in securing the greatest number of new members, and reducing the number of delinquents. Your hearty co-operation is desired along these lines.

We would be pleased to receive applications at any time from non-members, or those whose cards have expired. Let us make Aurora-Chicago Divisions solid. Remember the telephone operators are accorded the same rights as telegraphers, and are under the same protection. You can make application to Bro. E. F. Todd, local chairman, or any of his assistants.

There is plenty of business on the C. & I. Several stock runs east every night with long drags of empty stock cars going west, and dead freight in between.

Night telephone offices have been opened at Chana and Daggetts recently, employing three men at each of these stations.

Extra Gang No. 19 has been working between Princeton and Arlington the past five weeks, laying new 90-pound steel in the South Main track, and also installing a new cross-over switch at Zearing.

Trains Nos. 14 and 19, taken off nearly a year ago, have been reinstated again.

A telephone has been installed at the east end of the west-bound passing track at Princeton, for the convenience of trainmen and others.

Since time card No. 38 went into effect, telegraphers at Center Point, Knox, Sadlers and County Line, have had several hours added to their tricks. Center Point is now eleven and one-half hours, the longest trick between Clyde and Galesburg.

The depots along the C. & I. have been improved with a coat of paint, both inside and out.

Miss Rose Scharnhorst has been awarded second, and Miss Olson, third, on bulletin, at Griggs.

Bro. L. C. and Sister Russell have returned from their vacation to Downer's Grove tower, third, and Berwyn, third, respectively.

Frank Brower, second, Downer's Grove tower, has returned from a very pleasant vacation, on which his wife accompanied him.

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Bro. H. Kaut, day operator and ticket clerk, Downer's Grove depot, and Bro. L. C. Russell, attended the meeting.

'Phoner Lyms is at Mendota, formerly at Western Springs and "W" block.

Miss Lillian Horsemann, "W" block, second, has returned to work after a two weeks' vacation. The company has placed new semaphores and electric boards there.

Miss Minnie Rosser, 'phoner at "X" block, has been changed from second to third trick.

Dispatcher Patelsky is handling first, Mendota to Galesburg, while Dispatcher E. T. Mahoney is taking his vacation.

Claude McConchie, third, Oneida, while in Chicago last month, was relieved by E. H. Huston.

Third Trick Bro. E. N. Swanstrom, of Buda, during his vacation registered in the land drawing at Aberdeen, S. D., and drew a claim. He was relieved by E. H. Houston, and later relieved J. A. Nuckley, first, Mendota, while off getting married.

J. E. Cardwell, County Line block office, is on the sick list.

Relief Operator C. N. Anderson has left the service.

Mr. Snow relieved Mr. Sherrick during the time he was off, being transferred to "MS," Mendota, on Sherrick's return.

Another man has been put on at Hinckley, three men being on duty there now.

O. B. Vaage, who recently bid in third, "MO," Mendota, is now working third "telephone" trick at Bristol tower.

Mr. Huff has returned to his father's farm in Kentucky. Huff is the graduate of a "Telegraph School."

The night telegraph office at Kings is now open, with an operator on duty from 12 m. to 8 a. m. This will help greatly in the movement of trains on this important piece of track.

Bro. J. F. Duck, of Oregon, made a trip to Aurora recently.

Telegrapher Cook, second trick, Hinckley, recently on short vacation, was relieved by a new man from C. G. W. Ry.

Mr. Battershall, from Riverside, is working second at Oregon.

Bro. W. J. Dingman, first, Oregon, on a recent vacation taking in the "Alaska Yukon Exposition," was relieved by Bro. L. P. Wilcox, of Chicago, who resigned on Bro. Dingman's return.

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Galesburg Division—

Mention of our meeting for November will be made in January number.

It is hoped another meeting can be held in the near future, and a still larger attendance be there. Organize, get acquainted and live—not just exist—and be a friend and neighbor.

Bro. Hotkins, of Abingdon to Macomb, third trick regular in near future.

Bro. G. E. Long, of "S" office, Quincy, off last month suffering with stomach trouble, relieved by Bro. Guyer.

Bro. Meara to Peoria yard, relieving Bro. Campbell. Bro. L. E. Tilney taking Bro. Meara's place at Yates City.

Bro. Tilney was relieved at Pottstown, by Miss E. B. Harriman, formerly of the Southern Pacific.

J. L. Straub, "S" office, Quincy, while on his wedding tour, was relieved by Bro. G. E. Long, who was relieved by Bro. Guyer.

Please look at first part of Galesburg items in November issue, and read again about promotion, ability, etc., taking preference to seniority. Bro. Malone says, "Take special notice of this, and before you have a grievance in this line, just look back and see if your record and work is right up to snuff; if so then let me hear from you."

Bro. Harland, second, Peoria yards, has accepted a like position with the C. & N. W., with much better salary and a more agreeable place to work. Bro. Harland is one of our best members, always up-to-date and a first-class telegrapher. He was relieved by Bro. Campbell, from "GT," Galesburg Relay.

Bro. Wilking, extra, at Canton, to extra at Augusta. His ability is far too great to tarry a great while at a small "OS" position.

L. C. Wadell, one of Valparaiso's not-yet graduates, is employed as station agent, ticket clerk, baggage master, 'phoner and yard master at Fiatt, at $46.00 per. This is the result of six months' eager efforts, and $240.00 in clear "calatril." "Pirty gud investment, haw."

Mr. Jolley, from first, Graham, to second, "YD," Galesburg, relieving Bro. Irwin, who resigned to go South.

Mr. Norton, a new man, is in Galesburg relay office, from the I. C., at Dubuque, Ia.

Mr. Fling, suspended from Augusta, has been placed in service again, and landed day stunt at Aledo. We hope he will be able to see his way back into the O. R. T. again, now.

Mr. Fuller, our chief dispatcher, was in Peoria the latter part of the month.

Mr. Bowen, extra, "YD," Galesburg yards, off hunting; relieved by Bro. J. O. Guyer.

Bro. D. C. Root, assistant local chairman, called on Bro. Malone at the yard office, Galesburg, recently.

F. M. Paugh, now in "G" office, Omaha, formerly third, "YD," Galesburg.

Mr. Knight relieved Brd. R. F. Brothers, second, Saluda, the latter relieving agent at Douglas, while attending court in Peoria, and then went to third trick at Abingdon, which he landed on bulletin.

Bro. Lamb, our general chairman, was in Galesburg, on November 10th, with Bro. Malone, straightening up some grievances.

Bro. Allen, Seminary Street block, Galesburg, to Santa Fe block office, Galesburg yards, temporarily, relieved by Mr. Pretess, a disabled brakeman.

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Mr. Rambow, Santa Fe Crossing, laid off indefinitely.

Bro. Sample, second, Graham tower, visiting relatives in Missouri, with his wife, was relieved by Mr. Knight. E. G. A.

Hannibal Division—

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and while some of us may have felt that we really had nothing to be thankful for, we will find by looking around us that there are many things to be grateful for to the living God.

The sooner some of the telegraphers on this division realize that they have not been hired to sleep on duty, the better it will be for them and the rest of us. We are paid to work eight or nine hours, and if we cannot stay awake that long and attend to business we had better resign.

Prospects on this division are very encouraging, and I think we have been doing very well in securing new members. If the brothers will keep up, by the 15th of January, we will have added quite a few nons to our Order, and have clear sailing in a short time. Let each one do what he can during the coming year to bring in the few nons still with us.

We should also have the company's interest at heart, look carefully after the business and assist the officials in every way we can. This will show them that we are worthy of their confidence, and there will then be no just cause for complaint.

Superintendent Willsie is sending out a report of discipline administered to the employes during the month. This gives all a chance to see what little items the officials consider poor service, and all should work faithfully and avoid their record being sent out to the public for inspection.

Fast Train No. 1 was considerably delayed at several stations recently, on account of the operators being asleep, and failed to block properly. Although the boys are working on the eight-hour basis, some of them are getting very careless. This shows poor judgment on the part of the telegraphers who fought so hard for the eight-hour system.

Second vice-president's special passed over the division, from Francis to St. Louis, Sunday, November 14th, returning to headquarters in Chicago, after several months' of inspecting through the Western cities.

Business is picking up right along. There has not as yet been any car shortage, as the officials are working hard and keeping after cars to avoid it.

A washout at Aurora Ave., north of St. Louis, recently caused considerable trouble for our officials, and quite a delay to trains.

Dispatching trains by telephone will probably be inaugurated shortly; material therefor being unloaded at each station recently.

An inspection special was run over the division Sunday, November 14th, inspecting the bridges.

R. L. Ledford, one of our best conductors, was recently appointed assistant trainmaster of the St. Joseph Division, relieving Mr. Lewellen, who relieved former Trainmaster Worden.

R. M. Ogilvie, former trainmaster of this division, recently appointed assistant superintendent of the Brookfield Division, has resigned to accept the general superintendency of the Western Pacific at Elko, Nevada.

Chief Dispatcher Lowrie has resumed duty after a short vacation, hunting in the Moody Bottoms. He was relieved by A. H. Sargent, first trick dispatcher.

T. L. Donahoe relieved Bro. Parks, at Orchard farm; Bro. Parks going to Foley as agent, relieving Bro. J. R. Dempsey, relief agent, who resumed second at Peruque. Later on Donohue was dismissed, and relieved by R. E. Cramer.

Telephone Operator Painter landed first at Hannibal freight yards, relieving W. H. Blackshaw, who is now stenographer in Chief Dispatcher Lowrie's office. Painter was relieved on third by J. W. Stout, from Ashburn.

Bro. R. H. Hicks is on second, Alexandria, being relieved at Moody by I. A. Feaster, extra, from "X" office.

Bro. C. Maynard, agent, Ashburn, spent Sunday with his home folks in Illinois recently. He secured an application during November, and has the promise of several more the first of the year.

Bro. H. Parks, third, of Orchard Farm, has taken the agency at Foley; vice Bro. W. J. Mears, gone to Martinsburg as agent.

Bro. R. Dempsey has gone to Moody as second trick telegrapher, permanently.

Bro. Fred Vance, of Seeburger, off on account of sickness, relieved by J. R. West, of Buell.

Bro. F. H. Brinkman, Ethlyn, was called home to LaGrange, by the serious illness of his mother.

B. P. Boyer, first, Clarksville, has returned from a ten days' vacation, spent with home folks at Granger, Mo.

Frank Miner, first at Old Monroe, has resumed duty after a short layoff, relieving Mr. Ocheltree, who took the Fort Madison agency. W. J. Benjamin is acting as agent at Bellflower, temporarily. Bro. C. L. Blincoe, third, Peruque, has accepted a similar position at Hawk Point. Bro. E. J. Heather, agent, Peruque, has landed the Bellflower agency on bulletin.

R. E. Ainge, agent, West Alton, has resumed second trick at Saverton for some time.

A. W. Ogilvie has landed second at Louisiana, permanently.

R. D. McQuann, Reading, first, dismissed recently.

The boys should all send items of interest to the local chairman not later than the 15th of each month, so he can get them in for publication in time. If every one would send only one item, we could have a good write-up for our division in every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Let all get busy and not depend entirely on the local chairman, as it is impossible for him to catch all the news.

We wish you all a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

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St. Joseph Division—

As we have not been represented for such a long time, it will probably be a surprise to many members to see a write-up this month. Bro. Morgan, of Forbes, who formerly acted as local correspondent, has too much other work to attend to, so you will please send your "dope" to Bro. C. E. Rosling, at Napier, who will see that the matter gets in to THE TELEGRAPHER in plenty of time in the future.

Prof. (?) Scott, of the Semi-Telegraphic Institute at Watson, has run out of material, severed his connections with the concern and gone to Rockport as agent. It took several days for Extra Agent Pierce to straighten out the various reports and accounts, owing to the condition in which Mr. Scott had left them. Understand Mr. Scott is going to work in a bank at Watson shortly. They must be doing a thriving business there to need the services of a messenger boy.

Bro. J. A. Hayward has been transferred from Payne, second, to Nodaway, third; relieved by Bro. H. F. Johnson.

Bro. F. C. Hogue, days at Tarkio, resigned to go West; relieved by Bro. H. E. Millen, from Curzons, third, who was relieved by Henry Sprekelmeyer.

Bro. V. A. Solleder, third, Bigelow, while off a few days with a mashed finger, was relieved by Bro. H. F. Johnson, who later on relieved F. L. Stewart, at Forrest City, who was called away on account of the death of a relative.

Bro. C. E. Rosling, Napier, third, on ten days' vacation visiting relatives in Illinois; was relieved by J. H. Collins, who was missing one night, and Messrs. Scott and Shaw had to work twelve-hour tricks until Bro. Rosling's return.

H. M. Williams, Florence Yards, third, to "C" office, was relieved by Bro. P. H. Gibbons, "FY," second.

O. H. Schwandt, "FY," second, called to El Reno, Okla.; relieved by Bro. Bivin, of Iatan.

Bro. L. C. Mathis, agent at Nishna, on a ten days' vacation; relieved by R. S. Dew, a new man.

Bro. W. E. Atherton, Hamburg, second, on a trip through Oklahoma; relieved by Bro. Don McBride, from the Creston Division.

Bro. Dobyns, Corning, second, off hunting ducks. Think he could use the gun to good advantage at Corning if that is what it takes to get members.

S. M. Clark, agent at Langdon, on a pleasure trip through Ohio, Bro. T. L. Lipps working as agent and G. H. Payne on second trick.

C. H. Martin, wire chief at St. Joe, transferred to Galesburg, E. M. Lusk, of Chicago, taking his place.

J. E. Bell, third trick dispatcher on the north end, made a trip over the line recently, presumably looking for ducks, as a change of diet from the "ham" handed out to him each night.

Bro. A. W. South, Northboro, to "CA" office, Clarinda. Bro. Winslow, Jr., from Ford City, got Northboro on bulletin.

Mr. Haman, who relieved Bro. Potter for a short vacation, resigned, and was relieved by Bro. H. F. Johnson, who went to Payne on Bro. Potter's return.

Bro. W. E. Lee, McPaul, second, to Island Park, second.

Bro. J. S. Clanton, agent at Percival, to Armour, first, on bulletin. Bro. L. J. Millen to Percival, as agent.

Mr. White, Nodaway, third, left the service; relieved by Bro. G. L. Campbell, from the Big Four.

Bro. D. E. Whitmore, Forbes, third, got Nodaway, second, and Bro. E. M. Fisher, Nodaway, second, got Nodaway, third, on bulletin.

Bro. G. U. Grant, first at Block 31, has left the service and gone to the K. C. S.

Bro. "Bill" Allen, Parkville, second, who took a short vacation, visiting home folks in Illinois recently, relieved by Mr. Spaulding, got first on his return, Mr. Spaulding getting third, relieved by Mr. Gillis, from the Hannibal Division. Mr. Sthrol is working as agent while S. V. Dooley is taking a vacation.

Bro. Snyder, Albany, to Block 31, second, on bulletin.

Five new positions opened up: Block 4, second and third, East Leavenworth, third, and Buxton, first and second.

With the new time table in effect November 28th, the Bigelow branch trains that have been laying up at Bigelow, will be run through to Napier, making the present good business a little heavy. Work has been going on the last month on the new round house there, and in bettering the water service. Napier will soon need more telegraphers.

Mr. H. M. Shaw, Napier, second, has left the service.

Brothers, all sit up and take notice, for we are going to try and have a meeting next month and each month thereafter. CERT. 1033.

La Crosse Division—

There was no news in THE TELEGRAPHER from this end of the "Q" last month because the boys were all too busy to send in a few items to the division correspondent. It is next to impossible to have good write-ups every month if the boys along the line don't help us out with a few notes. So I wish some of you would get busy and drop me a few lines each month and let us know what is going on along the line.

Bro. David Rupp, of East Winona, sent in a few items. In the rush they became misplaced, but we wish to thank him just the same and hope he will try it again.

As we look along the line and see a number of the boys who have received a benefit in wages, etc., we often wonder how they can stand in their own light and say the Order has done them no good. The cost will hardly average 25 cents a week and there are very few who are unable to give that much to help the work along. Others say I have been paying in for years and have not received any personal benefit. Boys, look back a few years and answer truthfully, have you, or

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have you not received a benefit in some way. Who was behind the nine-hour law?

Some of our brothers who are behind in dues have those who are paid up working in the same office with them. Why don't you try and have them do the right thing and have a solid lay out. Don't let a little petty jealousy stand in the way. If we all fell down and let our dues go unpaid who would take up your fight?

Bro. M. A. Dederick, of Victory, has been doing the extra agent's stunt for the past month, relieving Agent Rollins at Stockholm and Agent Lane at Trempealeau. These are the two men who always give the excuse, when asked to do the right thing, that they are going to leave the service and it wouldn't be much use to join for a short time. Still they are working and receiving the benefits. I asked a non recently why he didn't make good, and he said he didn't see why he should join, when members of the Order were going to drop out on account of our taking the telephoners in with us. I don't see why that should be any objection when it makes the Order all the stronger to have them in. If you don't like the schedule, kick to the right party. Don't tell your troubles to everybody you see. It not only hurts yourself and keeps the Order from getting new members in lots of cases, but it also injures your chance of getting a better schedule next time. We still have one of the greatest knockers against the Order working on the south end of this division. It seems to be impossible to make this man understand what is good for him. It seems that an infant ought to have more gray matter than this man is blessed with.

It looks as if some one has been giving ex-Bro. Hartman a string of hot air for belonging to the Order, causing him to drop out. I hope he will soon realize his mistake and be with us again for good.

The following jobs are now on the bulletin: Third trick, McCartney; third at De Soto; second trick at Oakland and Curry; first and third at South Junction; second at Grand Crossing Yard.

On account of a shortage of operators, Losey has been closed from 11 p. m. to 8 a. m., and we have had the pleasure of hearing the "Misses" working the third trick at Fountain City for a week or so.

Bro. C. E. Dyer, second trick at Grand Crossing, received second trick at Prairie du Chien on bulletin, Bro. Linder going back to his old place at Hanover.

Bro. Clarence Lindrud, who spent the summer on his claim in Canada, has returned and accepted the position of telegrapher at Oakland, but being unable to pass the medical examination he was taken out of service.

Mr. Sperry, Oakland, third, is acting agent at Hager; relieved by Mr. Benson, a new man.

One of the numerous "baggage smashers" acting as helpers at Fountain City, is on first at Lytle.

Bro. Kemp transferred from second to first trick at Curry. Mr. Mouring on second.

J. P. Groff, East Dubuque, secured the agency at East Winona. This puts Bro. Griffin back on third at Fountain City.

Bro. Slaats, first, Blanding, has taken second at McCartney, his old home; Mr. Hass, a new man, relieving.

Mr. Sullivan, third, Rutledge, resigned to go into other business. Relieved by S. C. Kitchen, who was at Galena Junction some three years ago.

Mr. Buss, helper at Potosi, relieved Mr. Hammond on third there, who left for parts unknown.

W. B. Potts, first at Grand Crossing Yard, has been promoted as night chief at La Crosse. We are all glad to hear of this promotion.

Bro. J. C. Byrne received second at Grand Crossing on bulletin.

Bro. M. A. Griffin, third trick Fountain City, bid in the agency at Nelson.

Mr. Smith, of Dubuque, is at home sick.

Bro. P. F. Faber, of Galena Junction, was a visitor at Dubuque recently.

CERT. 1371.

Wymore Division.

This division is in good shape now, the boys seem to be sitting up and taking notice of what is for their own interest and are getting in line in nice shape. We now have but two delinquents on the division, with good prospects of getting them lined up before Christmas.

The Wymore Division has always been in the front ranks and we are glad to see the boys intend to keep it there.

We have a number of new applications to show we are not dead and the majority of the members have paid up their dues for the present term, although a few still straggle along in arrears.

Above all, we have the glorious (?) knocker in our midst the same as all other divisions. Did you ever notice the tactics employed by the knocker? How he will buttonhole the willing listener and proceed to convince him that the O. R. T. never benefited its members in the least, in spite of the fact that every member and every non on this division is enjoying an increase of from $5.00 to $20.00 per month secured through the efforts of the O. R. T.? And this same knocker occasionally finds a convert who allows the wool to be pulled over his eyes, when, by using a small amount of horse sense he could readily figure there are no grounds for a kick, but there are reasons why all should stay with the ship and keep their dues paid up, thereby helping along a good cause.

We also have the nons who should be brought into line. What are you doing to secure their applications? Now that the weather has cooled off let us make a joint effort to land every one of them.

Telegrapher Chance says he used to carry a card, but the Order never done him any good. Wonder how he figures the $19.00 per month increase he is drawing, secured by the O. R. T., during the past five years? Some people are born near-sighted, while others shirk the truth to keep from paying dues.

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The boys will all be sorry to learn that L. E. Taylor, superintendent's chief clerk, has resigned and removed to Portland, Ore.

Bro. Redline, agent at Peru, has resigned. We wish him the best of success wherever he casts his lot.

W. B. Beck, agent at Liberty, recently on a short vacation; was relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Bro. Henderson, agent at Fortescue, on a three weeks' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Dempsey.

Telegrapher McGuire, resigned, and Bro. T. M. Mann, who secured third at Rulo on bulletin, went to third at Sterling temporarily, and later on relieved Bro. Hathaway at Hebron for a short vacation. Later on McGuire went to Fortescue nights.

Bro. Roscoe Zink was recently called to Sterling by the death of his father. Mr. Mann was transferred to Table Rock temporarily, and Bro. Bert Borland relieved at Sterling until his return.

Bro. Gum, second, Table Rock, while on vacation, recently, was relieved by Mr. Parsons.

Bro. Milburn, from the R. I., on third at Rulo.

Mr. Blodgett, a new man from Kentucky, is at Salem nights. The boys on the east end should line him up.

Bro. Holman, "SN," Wymore, has been visiting relatives in Illinois.

Mr. D. G. Knowles, wire chief at Wymore, relieved while on vacation by E. F. Rowe.

Bro. P. C. Jones, agent at Morrow, while on sick list, relieved by Mr. Brown, from Washington.

D. E. Lloyd, agent at Western, recently on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Zettle.

Telegrapher Propst, recently transferred from Chester to second at Tecumseh.

H. R. Atkinson, formerly a member, was killed at Sutton recently while performing his duties as freight brakeman.

D. A. Skyrme, Concordia, C. C. Shelley, Firth, and T. M. Mann, Fortescue, are three of the latest to file their applications.

Third trick man has been put on at Nebraska City, and former Bro. C. D. Hohaus is doing one of the stunts. We trust he will get into the ranks again.

Bro. L. G. Antrim, agent at Armour, visited his relatives in Lincoln recently.

Bro. L. Hockett, Falls City, has been transferred to "SN," Wymore, and Bro. Jack Dempsey to second, Falls City, on bulletin.

Bro. Grimes, at Brownville, pending appointment of permanent agent. Bro. Lewis transferred to Peru agency.

Mr. Atkins, of Edgar, is on vacation, relieved by Mr. Royce, from DeWitt.

Bro. Hicks, agent at DeWeese, has been enjoying a vacation recently.

Bro. Lovejoy, agent at Swanton, recently on vacation; was relieved by Extra Agent Stewart.

Bro. R. E. Jones transferred from agency at Verdon to Brownville.

Bro. Will Hitchcock has resigned the agency at Lawrence to engage in the real estate business with his father at Sterling. Will was a hustler for the Order and we very much dislike to lose him, but understand he will still carry a card.

Bro. Zettle, who went to Johnson to relieve Bro. Jessup, was taken seriously ill and relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Bro. Joe Litty, agent at Kesterson, has gone to braking; relieved by Mr. Hayes, a phoner.

Bro. Graves, of "SN," Wymore, was absent a few days recently on account of the death of a relative.

M. D. Allen, agent at Ohiowa, has returned from his vacation in Colorado.

Bro. J. A. Bollman, Creston Division, is at Firth temporarily, while Mr. Korner is on his vacation.

Mr. Heskett, agent at Firth, recently on vacation, was relieved by Bro. H. S. Grimes.

Let us all try to round up some of the younger ones. Trust you boys will come across with some news for next month not later than the 20th.

No cards, no favors.

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Yeay."

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to His eternal home the father of our worthy Bro. Roscoe C. Zink; be it therefore

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Zink and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent THE TELEGRAPHER and a copy to our esteemed Bro. Zink.

W. F. HITCHCOCK,
C. R. SHANDY,
W. F. DENTON.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish through THE TELEGRAPHER to extend thanks to the members of Division No. 130, who furnished the beautiful floral offering on the death of our father.

R. C. ZINK,
L. R. ZINK,
C. E. ZINK,
V. ZINK, JR.

Alliance Division—

General Chairman Bro. Lamb on a trip over this division recently, and says we are coming to the front. It is certainly encouraging to have a general chairman who knows how to mix with the members of the system.

I would like to hear from some of the brothers on the Deadwood line. I have been unable to get any information from that territory. If the boys will answer the letters written them up there, I think by January 1, 1910, we will have the "phoners" with us.

We will try from now on to have a write-up every month, but it is a hard matter to do it all alone. So the more we hear from the brothers, the better the write-up.

Bro. Shields, advises me that all of the men at Alliance, with the exception perhaps of one

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or two, are anxious to get a card, and are talking of renting a hall at that place and having regular meetings. I will ascertain the dates of the meetings so that that any member along the line may be able to attend. Bro. Shields is a hard worker, and has done much good for the Order among his fellow-workers in Alliance and out on the line. It will be one of the best things that ever happened to have a local lodge for the members of this division.

Several of the boys along here are very much behind with their dues, and we hope they will get up to date at once. You will all feel better if you keep your dues paid up, and it will save us considerable time and money in keeping up the division. You must remember that your M. B. D. dues are to be paid six months in advance, the same as your O. R. T. dues.

A jolly bunch of telegraphers, members and non members, were entertained at the residence of Mr. C. C. Waite, Tuesday evening, November 9th. A Dutch lunch having been served, interesting games were played by the respective devotees. The "OS" quartet, Shields, Waite, Mefka and Maxwell, however, were the star attraction. Everybody present had a most enjoyable time.

There is a certain brakeman on this division, who cuts in instruments where there is no night operator, and takes orders for trains. Boys, please look out and prevent this if possible. There are enough telegraphers in the United States to furnish this division all the night men needed.

Bro. C. F. Cheadle, on vacation, is being relieved by Mr. Wilson.

Bro. F. Doolittle, agent, Dunning, at his own request, transferred to third trick at Anselmo, was relieved by I. G. Wright, from the Alliance relay office.

Mr. Somerville, from Litchfield, third, to Seneca, third, has been transferred to Crawford, relieving Mr. Davis, who is visiting friends in the vicinity of Broken Bow.

Roy Lowe, assistant ticket agent, Deadwood, is visiting friends and relatives at Broken Bow and vicinity.

Roy Haner, agent at Nemo, will be with us shortly as a 'phoner.

Mr. Riggs is now at Whitman, holding one of the tricks landed by some one there.

Extra Agent McKinnie is working second at Seneca.

S. R. Cheadle, second trick at Anselmo, is now at Hecla, nights; relieved by Bro. Adams.

Bro. W. E. Herncall, extra agent, is relieving Bro. Fountain, at Whitman, on account of the illness of Bro. Fountain's father.

Art Athey has been transferred from Orella, nights, to third at Halsey.

Bro. A. F. Pinkley has returned from a pleasant trip to Galveston, Houston, Kansas City, Wichita and Denver.

H. L. Brown, while on vacation, was relieved by Sid Parkeson.

C. F. Triplett is cashier at Crawford temporarily.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Sheridan Division

We cannot understand why any sane man can argue that organization is not best for any profession, when you compare the wages of today with what wages were a few years ago. If it had not been for the O. R. T., the telegraphers today would be cleaning and putting up switch lights, working sixteen to twenty hours without a let up and several other things as undesirable. Better get wise now, join your organization and help secure better wages and perfect conditions.

Some of you nons will know what "No cards, no favors" means when you get out to hunt a job, which any telegrapher is liable to have to do some time. Better get up-to-date and be on the safe side. There's where you belong anyway. It's your first duty.

We have as nice a set of dispatchers as can be found, and we should show our appreciation by attending to business. Don't sleep on duty, answer your calls promptly and give them the best information attainable in regard to trains, etc., so they can handle their work without delay. They will surely appreciate it. There has been several let out in the past month or two for sleeping, getting drunk also, and leaving their places of duty without permission. So it's best to obtain permission, and you will be on the safe side.

No. 43, of October 31st, run into a bunch of cattle near Minturn, killing twenty-one head. Fortunately, the train was not delayed. Section men from Gillette and Rozet cleared the track.

There was a freight wreck on the Alliance Division on the night of November 2d, derailing several cars, but, fortunately, none of the train crew was injured.

Work trains are busy distributing telegraph poles. Looks like there is going to be something doing in the way of improvement of telephone line.

A new time card went into effect November 1st. The changes are very slight on the main line. A couple more trains were put on the branches.

There were twenty-five positions advertised on the last bulletin.

We have the promise of several applications this month. Make those fellers live up to their promises.

There are several new men in the Sheridan relay offices, and all seem very sociable.

Wire Chief Chester, of Sheridan relay offices, and Mr. Knowles, of the McCook relay offices, had a hunting trip through the Big Horn Mountains the first part of November.

Bro. Wallace has resigned and expects to leave for the sunny South.

E. R. Youell, third Arvada, upon returning from leave of absence, was sent to Clifton to work third trick.

Sister Claire Shaughenessy, first trick Rozet, while in Sheridan recently, was relieved by Fred. D. Swet.

Bro. Hinman, third, Newcastle, taken suddenly ill, and Bro. Richardson and Mr. Faulkner had to double on account no extra men available.

Bro. Butler, second, Gillette, is now working for the U. P., at Bostler, Wyo.

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Bro. McPherson, agent, Upton, has returned from leave of absence, and his relief, Mr. Fagan, is back on second, relieving Mr. Kelly, who has gone East.

Bro. J. E. Scobee, Arvada, is now working for the K. C. S., at Heavener, Okla.

Mr. Morse, Kendrick, days, resigned, and relieved by F. C. Connor, from Detroit.

O. A. Roode, first, Verona, on a thirty-day leave of absence.

Bro. R. P. Peck, second, Hardin, resigned, and will devote his time to his homestead at old Ft. Custer.

Bro. J. N. Herbert, Ulm, third, resigned, relieved by Mr. Manley, from the Rock Island.

Mr. Fuller, third, Clearmont, resigned, relieved by Mr. Thurmond, from the South.

Bro. Haywood, agent, Parkham, on vacation, being relieved by Bro. Arnold, second trick man at that point.

Mr. Therman, third, Clearmont, has left the service, relieved by Bro. Reinhart.

Mrs. Ronan, third at Rozet, is relieving Bro. Reinhart, on third at Hardin.

J. W. Bryant relieved Mr. Wallace, resigned, at Osage.

Bro. Edge, second, Ulm, left the service, relieved by F. C. Connor, third, Ulm, and Bro. Spurgin relieved Mr. Connor.

Mr. Chapman, third, Verona, transferred to third Oriva relieving Bro. Thomas.

Send all the notes you can obtain to either Bro. Brummell, Rozet, or Bro. Meehan, Ulm, who will see that they reach the proper party.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Omaha Division—

Bro. Holt made a fifteen-day trip over the Omaha Division recently, landing a few nons. He had good luck, securing an even dozen. There was a few of them left, who claimed to be broke and would come in next pay day, so we will see how many of them keep their word. Bro. Holt was relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Adams, who later on relieved Bro. Weaver, at Plainview, a few days.

With the help of all the members, the Omaha Division can now be made solid and kept that way. Every member should keep after his neighbor, as the nons are not very thick at present, and we have only two delinquent members on the division.

Freight traffic is very heavy on this division this month, and every member should do his best to show the officials that he appreciates the position he holds. The better service we give the easier it will be to do business, when we are trying to revise the schedule. There is no one barred now from belonging in the relay offices, and all the telegraphers have permission to bid for positions. Any one wishing a relay position should file their application with the wire chief of that office.

Mr. Fauble, traveling auditor, passed over the division recently, checking up the typewriters. The company are contemplating buying them all in.

Bro. Adams relieved Bro. Walthier, at Lyons, while he attended court a few days.

Mr. Baker, at Page, cannot see any benefit in joining the Order. But he is always looking for any old thing the Order can secure that will benefit him.

Mr. Carson, who relieved Bro. McKee, at Yutan, while the latter was on a trip to Texas and New Mexico, relieved Bro. Snethin, at Dakota City, for a short vacation, and then went to Royal to relieve the agent there for thirty days.

Bro. J. G. Marsh, Jackson, Neb., is acting as assistant local chairman. Bro. Marsh will be pleased to have any of the boys send him a few items for the journal. Now, let all the brothers send in a few notes, so that we may get them started by the 10th of the month. Last month we lost out entirely by being a little late. Please do not let this happen again, as we want to have something in THE TELEGRAPHER every month, so every one will know that the Omaha Division is coming to the front. "MC."

Brookfield Division—

Bulletin No. 50, issued from the chief dispatcher's office on November 9th, was addressed to "all operators." Who is responsible for this kind of work? If some of the agents were not so tight with stationery, etc., there would be no necessity for such complaints.

Bulletin Nos. 51 and 52 are quite important and we should give them our attention.

Following positions are open on bulletin: first, Laclede; second, Anabel; second, Lundall Ave.; third, Kearney, and agency, Chandler.

Bro. G. R. Crandall, of Laclede, has gone to the Frisco. Bro. Crandall was a very willing worker in the interest of our Order and we will miss him very much.

Bro. E. M. Wood has bid in second trick at Meadville.

Bro. Will Hackensmith is relieving Wm. McCue at Chandler, on short vacation.

The general manager's special has been down the way quite frequently of late.

Bro. Teich has returned to Bingham tower.

Bro. Pickett is back at Randolph, second and Bro. K. G. Williams is at Cameron, extra.

Mr. Brant, Brookfield, bid in third at Kearney.

Owing to a misunderstanding Bro. Middleton, who secured first trick at Hamilton, was removed from the service, but we hope to see the matter adjusted soon as possible.

Bro. R. E. Leake has just returned from a vacation in the West, visiting his brother in Plainville, Kans., while away.

Bro. E. M. Wood bid in the agency at Chandler. Wm. McCue has resumed duty on second and Bro. Hackensmith is at Turney.

Bro. Rawell is taking a few days' vacation, relieved by W. J. Allen. CERT. 1503.

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Sterling Division

Almost every day we hear of some telegrapher leaving his chosen occupation to try something more lucrative and he generally succeeds.

The fact is, our wages don't compare with the increased cost of products from the farm, garden and factory, which we are compelled of necessities to purchase.

Our wages are far too low and we should assist in the adjustment of this wage question by lining up the Sterling division with a solid membership. Let us each appoint ourselves a committee of one and get busy.

Brothers, Don't those of you who have not paid your dues for the current term realize that a large portion of the increase in pay, secured in our last schedule went to the Sterling division? Now, why not show us how you appreciate our efforts.

Bro. M. F. Bodenstab, agent at Wallace, the only station on "the Highline that was not in card line," has been appointed assistant local chairman for that branch and will no doubt do some good work over there.

Bro. D. R. McCallum, of Custis, gave us a few lines of news and promises renewed efforts on his part in keeping the boys on the Highline up to date.

Bro. Feary, at Mitchell, is still assistant local chairman on the Guernsey branch, and we are expecting him to send in several applications shortly.

The new members and transfers this month helps out this division. Several promises on file, we hope will soon be fulfilled.

Bro. C. L. Lamb spent a few days on the division this month and has left a feeling of confidence among the brothers.

A night man has recently been put on at Letan, between Alliance and Angora.

A new office was opened recently at Marlow, with Bro. Laxton of Chicago division No. 91 in charge.

Bro. O. E. Hunter after a few weeks' vacation is again in the harness, as cashier at Scott's Bluff.

E. W. Swanson, from Illinois, is agent at Bridgeport, while Mr. Mitz is acting as cashier.

Bro. E. A. Broughton, at Venango, is now in the live stock business on a small scale, a colt being expressed to his station recently, the charges being more than the value of the animal. Better show it on your "46" report for disposition.

Bro. A. B. DelaLoyd, of Sterling, is at Sheridan, Wyo. He was a great help to the Order when he was with us and we know he will help out on Bro. Meehan's division.

Bro. E. A. Broughton, Venango, while attending court recently, was relieved by Bro. Bodenstab.

Bro. Fleming, agent, Angora, is still trying to get relieved, to make another trip to Kansas.

Ex-Bro. J. S. Enlow and family are off to Indiana for a long vacation.

J. T. MADDOX.

McCook Division—

On account of the death of our former local chairman, the McCook division has not been written up in the journal for some time. If the members will send in some items by the 10th or 15th of each month we will try and have a good write-up from this division in every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. There should be more interest shown and remember that:

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Makes the mighty ocean,
And the beautiful land."

Every member of the division should write the local chairman, Bro. C. M. Osborne, Wray, Colo., and give him all the news he can hear of.

When you hear a new man on the line, or one comes to your station to work, quietly investigate and see if he is up to date. If he is not, do all you can to get him to join and show him that he is welcome among us. This may be the means of keeping a good man on this division, and we want all the good men we can get.

To any that are yet behind in their dues we say: "Don't give up the O. R. T." Let us make that our motto and ere the year 1910 passes we may be able to try for a new schedule.

Some say they are in hard luck, and others "we are getting no benefit from the Order." Ask them how they got the nine-hour day. "Thanks to Bro. Murphy." Don't forget to look out for the company's interest, and show the officials that it pays to keep union men. Then when the committee goes up to renew the schedule there will be no cause for complaint on this score. Try to get the business. Be courteous with the traveling public, and answer pleasantly all inquiries regarding rates and routes.

On account of the increase in business several new positions have been created and if the company could get the men several more would probably be opened up. The cry is for more cars, and more telegraphers from all over the country.

We hope in the future to see all positions advertised in accordance with the schedule, better than has been the case recently. Any members who knows of a violation of the schedule will not be doing his duty if he fails to notify the local chairman.

Don't tell your troubles to outsiders, but tell them to your brother officials who are elected, or appointed for this purpose. Neither the general nor the local chairman can do any thing, unless you do your part. Be steadfast and always ready to stand up for our rights, and we will come out victorious.

I have been wondering since I have about finished reading through our valued journal, for November, how many members took notice of the letter from Erie Ry. "Susquehanna division," signed division correspondent. I trust that every member of the McCook division read this and gave it much thought. How long would it take us to get on top if every union man would simply refuse to buy non-union goods? There is no use

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for me to discuss it as this brother has fully explained it. I trust that it will impress you and all who read it to demand the label.

I believe another good idea for us to put into practice, is when we have finished reading the journal, to send it to some non member. He might appreciate it more than you think. I know that it would impress him with the fact that we are interested in him, and it might cause him to file his application. Just try this and see.

We held a meeting at Wray, Colo., as per bulletin, on November 6th, and those who were not there don't know what they missed. While we did not have an enormous crowd, we had enough to make all present enjoy it. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Bro. Lamb spoke first in order to take No. 6 for home. We did not like to give him up so soon, but he was anxious to get home as he had been away for almost two weeks. He gave us an hour's instructions and interesting talk, which was appreciated by every one present.

Bro. R. O. Young, agent at Wiggins, Colo., carried off the honor of being the one to come the farthest to attend the meeting.

After Bro. Lamb left, there was very little speech-making, as we all talked at once and had a good time in general.

Bro. Floyd Stayner, of Akron, stated that they were not being fairly dealt with there as they are furnished only a twenty-five dollar helper, while Wray has a forty-four dollar man.

I done my best to have our helper, Mr. Will Diss on hand, in order to show the style of helper we had, and to convince them that he is worth all he gets. But he was nowhere to be found, and we thought he must have hid for fear we would turn the goat loose on him.

Bro. C. R. Hunt, of Akron, reported that they are covered up with work, and suggests that the matter be taken up with a view of getting more help during the rush. I am in favor of this, and think it is a shame to have to dig in the way some of us do.

I will endeavor to give the most important news possible in the way of changes and would be glad to have you call my attention to any mistakes I make.

Bro. F. A. Bullock is relieving agent at Pinneo.

Agent Colfer is on vacation to Kansas City; E. W. Robinson is relieving Bro. Overman on second trick for a short time, and D. A. Kyler on third.

H. Marley was assigned to Roggen on bulletin, Mr. Twmey, a new man on second and O. B. Landau on third.

Mr. Price, second, Keensburg, on vacation, relieved by J. R. Eskew from the I. C.

J. M. Williams from the Erie relieved P. M. Irwin at Barr.

Bro. A. V. Anderson, extra agent is helping out at Akron during the rush.

H. E. Pate, agent, Yuma, Colo., has resigned and accepted a position in the Bank of Yuma.

Mr. Hamilton, third man put on at Yuma recently on account of heavy business.

Third man, a newcomer and a non, put on at Eckley recently and second trick filled by Bro. W. C. Argenbright from the East.

Bro. H. C. Byers has returned from his trip to California.

Bro. H. R. Weyle, nights, Trenton, went to Holdrege, Neb., recently to be married.

Bro. M. A. Mountain transferred from Parks, Neb., agency, to Trarer, Kan., was relieved by Miss E. R. Holiday, of Brush, Colo.

Bro. and Sister Harding agent and second trick telegrapher respectively, at Haigler, Neb., while on a thirty-day vacation were relieved by L. McCluntock, and Bro. J. O. Premer.

Bro. G. P. B. Towle has been assigned to the agency at Keensburg Colo. H. L. Huston transferred, from Yuma, Colo., nights, to the agency at Otis, Colo., C. C. Adams, from the G. S. and F., is doing the owl trick at Otis at present, H. E. Pate, agent, Yuma, Colo., is attending court, in behalf of the company, relieved by the night man; and H. L. Ruston, agent at Otis, Colo., is also attending court, being relieved by O. B. Landow.

Bro. C. Keershaw from New York, is doing the owl stunt at Eckley, Colo., and Bro. R. A. Gibbson from the Big 4 at Derby, Colo., while Mr. Hodge of the W. U. is working second "FH," Denver.

The boys at the latter point who are enjoying an increase in wages should see that the O. R. T. gets its share of the increase.

Bro. H. C. Byers, Lafayette, Colo., who was successfully operated on at the Denver hospital recently for appendicitis, will shortly take a 30-day vacation on a trip to California.

I hope the entire membership will lend all the support they can to the meetings we are holding, as I think there is great good to be derived therefrom. I hope to make these meetings regular, and will announce them ahead in the journal, as soon as I can get them going.

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Ottumwa Division—

Bro. Shields handed in his resignation as local chairman on this division on account of having too much to do at his station. We appreciate his services in the past and are sorry to lose him as our local chairman. I shall serve you to the best of my ability and trust that I shall have your hearty co-operation.

Ten new applicants have filled out the papers which will be completed on pay day.

The non-members are getting scarcer every day and we should do everything honorable in our power to get the rest of them in. But, remember, that occasionally a man comes along who is not deserving to be called brother. This kind we don't want at all if their habits are such as to be a detriment to us. It will not do, however, for us to relax in our interest and think that the Order has served its purpose because non-members are getting scarce. Whenever you do that you can put on your yoke and overalls.

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Let us avoid the conditions that exist today on some roads caused by relaxing of interest in the Order where they are almost down and out.

Vacancies on this division will be bulletined on the first, tenth and twentieth of each month. When positions are placed on bulletin, do not apply for them unless you really want them, and when you ask for them make up your mind to stand out for your rights, if you are entitled to such places over the men that are given them. Do not complain if you do not do this.

I am sorry that I am unable to give you any news this month, but I have been very busy getting things lined up for this work. I shall try and find some good brother that will act as correspondent. Please send all the news to me as early as possible and I will see that it reaches the correspondent.

By the time that this appears in print you will have received your notice of dues from Bro. Henry and you will also have received your pay, and if you have not already done so remit at once. Let us flood his office December pay day with our remittances.

C. A. WALTER.

Beardstown Division—

F. H. Berry, second, East Alton, has resigned to go with the Standard Oil Co., at Wood River.

Bro. C. K. Knapp and father, went to Browning recently on a hunting expedition.

Mr. Ballard, agent, West Roodhouse, who took in the sights with President Taft down the Mississippi river, was relieved by Bro. C. K. Hanks.

W. E. Hale, first, Winchester, on a vacation to Colorado, relieved by Bro. W. E. Cline, second, A. D. Hale taking second.

Medora nights, has been closed. Bro. C. K. Hanks, taking first trick at Hagener; relieving Riley, who took third at yard office, Bowman from yards, took second, Bro. Stehmann, third, relieving E. M. Mosier, who went to third at East Alton.

A. D. Hale Winchester has resigned to go into the commission business.

CORRESPONDENT.

Q. O. & K. C. Division—

Bro. Griffith, of Trimble, and Bro. Husted, of Nashua, took in the sights at Kansas City, during the fall festivities.

Telegrapher Baker, from "HE" office, Kansas City, transferred to Milen as extra dispatcher, was relieved by Gene Alexander, from Novinger.

N. C. Griffith, Milan, has been off on thirty days' vacation.

D. O. Goggin, at Novinger, will renew his membership in the Order in the near future.

Miss Bates, agent, at Santa Rosa, has been transferred to Avondale.

H. H. Tittle, dispatcher, Milan, after starting on his vacation was called back on account of R. K. Alexander, C. D. & T. M. being taken sick.

Will appreciate it if the brothers will send me some more news.

R.

Creston Division—

Bro. G. M. Skinner, third at Malvern, transferred to same trick, Hastings, relieved by Bro. E. R. Songer, of the C. & E. I.

S. T. Spencer, second, Malvern, transferred to the Bedford agency; Bro. G. C. Alfrey, third, Emerson, secured Malvern, third on bulletin.

C. E. Gerard, second, Brooks, resigned, relieved by Mr. Beck, of Chicago.

Bro. C. E. Adkins, second, Nodaway, was off recently with an attack of the grippe.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

First Division, Richmond District—

The changes on this end of the pike are now all being properly bulletined, our very efficient local chairman being right on to his job all the time. The men appreciate these bulletins as evidenced by the number of applications filled for each place, and the manner in which they insist on their rights being observed. There is nothing that makes a schedule hold good, like both sides living up to it. There will be better feeling among the employes, they will perform their duties better, and the company will gain much in good service, whenever the district officials show they want to do the right thing by the telegraphers.

The new phones will be in operation shortly and we will try to give an impartial view of the situation in the January issue, for the benefit of the men on the other districts of the system. If they are a good thing, we want all to know it, if they are not, then we are equally anxious that you should know all about it, from our standpoint.

J. M. Young, the W. U. scab, has left the A. C. L., and gone to the C. & O. They are welcome to all such. He will get what's coming to him now.

Bro. W. H. Taylor, of Division No. 33, is working temporarily at "CY" tower, Clopton, relieving Bro. Jenks, who went to third at Collier, while Bro. Meadows is off sick.

Bro. Taylor held Centralia until it was bid in by M. M. Rice.

Bro. J. C. Grigg goes from "B" tower to Dunlop, Bro. West going to Reams as agent, vice Bro. Halligan, removed.

Bro. J. K. McCotter, bid in third nights at "B" tower and is studying law on the side. This is an example of what any eight or nine-hour man can do for self improvement.

The hours at "XN," Petersburg, have been changed, so Bro. Cooper goes on duty at 12 midnight and is off at 10:00 a. m. They certainly do put it to some of us on this hour proposition.

A new office, opened at Richmond, north end of bridge, known as "JR" Tower, paying $65.00 per month, has been bulletined, and from the number of applicants, must be considered a pretty good position.

I am glad to see the men taking so much interest in the filling of vacancies. It shows they are not all asleep. I hope they will take equally as much interest in seeing that the nons are provided with application blanks and that they don't pigeon-hole them but use them as they should be.

D. C.

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First Division, Richmond District, North—

The regular joint monthly meeting of the S. A. L. and N. & W. held in Petersburg on Saturday night, October 23d, was well attended and very enthusiastic.

Bro. J. H. Williams, of the A. C. L. presided as chief; Bro. T. G. Smoak, of the A C. L, first vice; Bro. G. A. Duncan, of N. & W., second vice, and Bro. C. B. Lane, of N. & W. (local chairman Norfolk Division), past chief telegrapher, and Bro. L. E. Cooper, of A. C. L. (local chairman Richmond District), secretary.

After the regular routine work was completed, some interesting talks were made by Bros. Lane, Cooper and Williams. The telephone and the Automatic Block Signal system was pretty thoroughly discussed giving the members a better idea as to the operation, efficiency or inefficiency of these methods of handling trains than they had before coming to the meeting. Refreshments were served and thoroughly enjoyed.

It was arranged to hold the regular divisior meeting of the N. & W. system the third Saturday night in January at Petersburg and it is the desire of the A. C. L. officers that every man on the system who can possibly attend this meeting do so. We believe every member can learn a great deal from the N. & W. in regard to their method of doing business.

On account of the rain, some of our A. C. L. brothers failed to show up. We hope they will not let the rain keep them away next time. Get it into your head that we can't get along without you and be on hand each time. These meeting are becoming more interesting each month and Bro. Williams regrets very much that he can't be with us each month, but will certainly come as often as possible.

It may be of interest to the members on the extreme south end of the system to know that the A. C. L. is installing the telephone on this division for the operation of trains. The instruments have not been put in, but we understand that the method of calling any office is that of "the Gill Selector," something like a large "buzz," which by means of a switch in the dispatcher's office, he can call any particular office on a line without the call being heard in any other office. If possible, a full description of all the apparatus used will be given in next month's issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Neither the dispatchers or the telegraphers on this district are very enthusiastic over the use of the telephone. It is understood that the superintendent and the chief dispatcher, who recently returned from a trip West, to inspect some of the lines who are using it believing it can be made practical on the A. C. L., are very much so. So if the officials decide it is an improvement over the telegraph, we should be prepared to handle the business that way.

We are looking for "the cards" from Bros. McCotter and Tignor. They make such frequent trips to Petersburg and get so interested in "the company" they are with, that they even forget to attend the meetings.

Changes have been made as follows: Agency at Reams now on bulletin, understand Mr. Halligan lost out. There are several applicants for the place, but expect Bro. G. J. Lanier will succeed in landing it as he is the oldest applicant, and is there temporarily.

Bro. L. Clemmer, of Dunlop, has been off recently afflicted with partial paralysis of the muscles of the face. We hope to see him entirely recovered ere long.

Bro. J. K. McCotter, Centralia, bid in third "B" tower, Manchester.

Bro. D. L. McCoy has been transferred from Jarrat to Battleboro.

S. J. Meadows, has returned and is again located at Collier.

T. M. Terry, transferred from Collier to Emporia and A. K. Terry from Collier to Petersburg tower, exchanging tricks with Bro. Nelms, who could no longer stand breathing the same atmosphere with the "professor" Beazley.

ACTING D. C.

First Division, Columbia District—

The reason that the Columbia district items have been so conspicuous by their absence from the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER is because no one has furnished any. One of the brothers who has written me about this, has promised to furnish items every month hereafter, and as he is in a position to know of all the changes, we may expect to be heard from pretty often in the future.

C. E. Eaves, second at Robbins, bid in third at Denmark; F Sturgeon being promoted to the agency, vice F. V. James resigned. One more "sympathizer" gone from the road.

J. R. Schipman, first at Florence "WG" and another great promiser has resigned and is succeeded by Bro. C. W. Futch, from Robbins, who was relieved there by R. C. Tennell. H. M. McKnight is on the other trick at Robbins. The brothers should see that all these nons are given the proper invitations.

Bro. D. E. Wilson is now at Florence, "FN," coming there from Bennettsville.

Bro. J. F. Ezzell, from the Wilmington district, is clerk-telegrapher at Mayesville.

The Hartsville agency was bulletined. Conductor McLeod, was appointed instead of either of the applicants for the place. Some complaint has been made that the seniority rule was not observed, but from what can be learned none of the applicants could have held the position if they had been appointed. Conductor McLeod was formerly agent at Manchester, Va., before going on the road in the train service, and the writer first met him in an O. R. T. meeting. We expect to see him in the meetings again.

DAN.

First Division, Norfolk District—

The Norfolk district must be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER every month during the year 1910, and we want each member on the district to appoint himself a committee of one to see that the local chairman is given every item of interest, be-

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fore the 15th of each month. Now don't decide because this is addressed to every member, that some of the others will attend to it and you can just let it go as it has been going.

I understand we have gotten rid of T. B Capps, one of our scabs, and I hope we get rid of the other. We can also get rid of the nons on the district, by converting them into members. Don't call them hard names, but show them the advantages of membership in the O. R. T. If at first you can't make them see just as you do, don't get mad, or give up. Remember you were once a non and did not see as you do now Perhaps you were easier to convince than some of the nons you have talked to, showing that you were quicker to see a good thing than they are. If they begin to make excuses, just accept them all and then try again. Some of our very best members were hard to make see the point.

I want to see 100 per cent of the men in the telegraph service with up-to-date cards by March 1st, and this can be done if every member will do his duty. This means me, it means you and it means the other fellow. Now I am going to try to do my duty, you do yours and remind the other fellow.

The following are among the recent changes:

Bro. W. L. Bailey, appointed agent at Port Norfolk, relieving Mr. Rainey, leaving the relief agency on bulletin. Bro. J. K. Cobb has been succeeded at Jamesville by G. S. Williams.

Bro. C. H. Roberson, of Palmyra, failed to deliver a train order and was dismissed, but on account of his previous good record has been offered extra work Bro. Roberson is a first-class agent and we regret very much that he should have had this misfortune. D. C.

First Division, Wilmington District—

We can't afford to let the last month in the year pass without the Wilmington district being heard from. With this issue of the journal, nearly all the records for the year 1909 will have been made. Some will be almost perfect, some very imperfect. Many mistakes have been made, some unavoidable, others that could have been avoided. Let the mistakes of 1909 be stepping stones in the year 1910 leading us on to a more glorious future.

The very wisest man makes mistakes, the difference between the wise man and the fool is that the wise man only makes the same mistake once. The greatest successes are oftimes built upon apparent failures. We can make the year 1910 a most memorable one if we all make up our minds to do so. Are you willing to try? I am not only willing, but am going to try. Join me, get your next neighbor to join you, put your shoulder to the wheel, or put your hand on the switch and turn on the power. Any old way, so you move and make things move with you. Be in earnest yourself, and impress your earnestness upon your neighbor the non. Get a set of blanks, make a personal canvass, talk nice to him, show him the advantages, and don't predict dire misfortune if he does not join. Just promise him the friendship and brotherly love if he does join, with the further assurance that everything that can be done by a willing set of officers will be done for him.

Castle Hayne agency has been bulletined, with two applications for it. Appointments not yet made.

Bro. L. M. Ausley, first at Chadburn, goes to Fremont as clerk-operator.

Don't forget, we must make this district hum during 1910. We are counting on your help.

D. C.

First Division, Fayetteville District—

Note the changes in the name of our district, which was made this month. We now have another superintendent, and there are no tears being shed over the change. We understand our new superintendent, Mr. C. L. Porter, is a very fine gentleman and if the men on the district will show him they want to do the right thing he will stick to them. We hope this is the beginning of better times on this district. Let's all get down to work in real earnest. We have been sitting still too long. It is time for all of us to get a move on. Let it come, now.

Where have the bulletins been going, we have not seen one for some time although there have been a number of changes recently. One we note with regret is that the scab from the Norfolk district, T. B. Capps, got second, at Selma. Just keep an eye on him. We are sorry to see such as he succeed Mr. McCullough.

R. D. Marshall, is the new man at Elrod, third, Bros. Jones and Lamm will see that he has the proper invitation extended him.

With the advent of the new trains, 83 and 86, several new offices were opened, or will be opened as soon as men can be had to fill them. Aycocks nights is now open, 12 hour trick. Mr. Watson formerly in the train service is located at that point.

Understand Micro, nights; Wade and Hamer, will be opened up later. Several of the 12-hour men will only have to work nine hours then.

It certainly takes a long time to make some of the changes on the district after assignments are made. We refer just at present to the appointment of Bro. Raford of Hamer to the Four Oaks agency.

There is something loose somewhere. Hope now that the change in superintendent's has been made that there will be a big improvement in several ways. Mr. Porter has the reputation of doing things promptly. We welcome such a man over here. D. C.

Second Division, Charleston District—

I have been commissioned to perform some service for the organization this month and I feel I am unable to do the subject justice or to make even a creditable showing as I am so unfamiliar with the work on the district. I am expected to write something from the Charleston district. I will have to ask the indulgence of my friends (the members) on this district and if they can

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survive this first attack, perhaps I will have enough courage to come back again.

It seems to me that a great many things need doing on the district. Are all the members asleep? If what is heard of the O. R. T. is any criterion, then I am very much afraid the average member on the Charleston district is about as wide awake as the famous Rip Van Winkle about the 15th year of his after-dinner nap.

The trouble seems to be that because our local chairman was promoted to a heavy position and cannot do as much personal work as he formerly did, the members are just letting things drift instead of stepping in and helping him out. One man can't do it all, even when he is at a small station, and when his work is so heavy that he can't handle it, then something has got to go undone.

We have had a well organized district in the past, we must have one now. What have you done toward keeping up the interest? Have you done your part? If you have, then you are in a position to criticise, if not, you are neglecting your plain duty.

Remember, it takes work of the individual variety to carry any organization to its highest efficiency. Are you helping your share? If not, get busy today. January 1st, 1910, should find every member on the Charleston district with his name on the honor roll for securing at least one application. Get the habit, you are helping yourself and helping the other fellow at the same time.

South Carolina has always been proud of her record in almost everything, the late State dispensary excepted; and as the old State has been to the front in many a cause we hope that no lack of material on the A. C. L. is causing us to lag behind now. However, I don't think this is the cause, but only that each one is waiting for the other fellow to do or say something. Some of our illustrious forefathers made a record for themselves and we should try to follow their example.

I did not start out, however, to write a history of S. C., or to exploit the heroic deeds of its great men, but hearing nothing from the Charleston or Columbia districts recently, the only two having much territory in that State, I want to awaken a patriotic desire on the part of the members to see that the organization therein should equal if not excel, that of any other State in the union. Of course, the organization does not recognize State or National lines, but if I can get the members on this district (wholly within the State with the possible exception of one office), interested enough to get busy, I will feel repaid for calling on their State pride. Loyalty is born in every Southern gentleman and I hope every member in South Carolina answers thereto. I therefore want each one to look around and try to locate a non, and when he has found one, that he will not rest until he has made a member of him.

With a little exertion we can again make this one of the best organized districts on the system. Will you not get busy and help to make it so?

Bro. B. F. Hardy, formerly agent at Eutawville, is now attending the medical college in Charleston. Bro. Hardy is one of possibly a dozen telegraphers from A. C. L. who have attended this college, some of whom are still in attendance while others have graduated. We wish them all success.

The only position bulletined recently was Jacksonboro, paying $50.00 per month. SANDY.

Second Division, Savannah District—

We have got to get an extra hustle on us, if we expect our local chairman to make a good showing when the committee meets. Why is it necessary to make a good showing? First, because the other local chairmen say they are going to make a good one. Second, because if there is one weak place on the system, the company will find it out. Just because a false report was made at one time saying there were very few members on this district (the report said not over 25 per cent when there was 80 per cent) that is no reason why we should not have more than 80 per cent this time and not be afraid to show our colors to the whole world if necessary.

By the time this reaches you the snow birds will have begun to flock our way. There will be a good many of them with up-to-date cards, others with cards about to expire, others will be nons. It is the duty of each member to secure the names of the new man coming near him, ascertain if he is a member and if so, if he is up-to-date. If he is his name and division number should be sent to the local chairman and to Bro. Williams, G. S. & T.

If not a member, his name should also be sent to the L. C. and G. S. & T., and in addition, the member should interest himself at once and see if he can't do some business in the organizing line. Provide yourself with the information that should be given every non such as the rates to join in the various months of the year, what the cost of insurance is, and many other things that every member should have on the tip of his tongue, ready to talk O. R. T. whenever he gets a chance.

Bro. Illa Smith, our local chairman, was suspended sometime this month for leaving his station on Sunday to go after his dinner, a train passing while away. Understand Bro. Smith asked the dispatcher for permission and was refused. If this is correct, Bro. Smith used poor judgment and should have remained on duty. A direct violation of instructions like this will be pretty sure to cause the violator trouble and the worst of it is that in a case of this kind there is so little that can be done for him.

Bro. E. L. Dover, Callahan, is now on the Y. & M. V., at Cleveland, Miss.

Bro. J. L. Culp, New Yard, Jacksonville, is now with the Southern, at North Charlotte, N. C.

Bros. J. F. Cleveland and L. B. Harkins, Fleming, are now at Howe, Okla.

We note a number of changes in and around the Jax terminals.

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Bro. A. F. Crosby, of Moncrief, is away, being relieved by A. J. H. Williams, from the Central of Georgia, with blanks ready to send in.

Mr. C. A. Stewart, New Yard second, will also soon be one of us.

R. M. Selvidge, Jax, "YN" from Lakeland district, carried a card for sometime. The Jax brothers will call on him in person and see if they can't get something.

Bro. E. L. Porter is now agent at Wallthourville.

Don't forget, we must have the application of each non now on the district. We must have the application of each one who comes and the transfer of each member of another division who comes to us during the year 1910. If you are a member it is your duty to help in this work. You promised you would do it. We are looking for you to do it now.

GEORGIA CRACKER.

Second Division, Montgomery District

Four new members were received on this district during the month, which is not a bad showing, although we still have not all the nons.

It seems to take a long time to teach the men on this district that they are no longer under the iron rule of some of the former officials, who had every man who could be intimidated in constant fear of dismissal if he even looked at an O. R. T. card.

Such things are no longer tolerated by the management of the A. C. L., yet it takes a long time for our weak kneed friends to learn this.

Suppose you did get discharged for owning up that you were an up to date member of the O. R. T., do you think you would have to be taken to the poor house next day? Well hardly, not if you have anything less than a bad case of hook worm disease, commonly called laziness.

I honestly believe it would be a good thing if half the men on this district were discharged. It would make men out of some of the most cowardly fellows I have come in contact with in many a day.

I am sorry so few of them will see this, as the fellows I refer to would hardly dare admit they read THE TELEGRAPHER. They are afraid some one would tell on them if they were caught reading what they seem to think is treasonable literature. Yet both the railroad and express officials read THE TELEGRAPHER and certainly are no worse off for doing so.

Our local chairman is wide awake and issuing more bulletins than we have seen for sometime.

Just as soon as we can wake up the members to their own interest, we will have a much better organized district.

We will have a committee in Wilmington in a short while after this appears in THE TELEGRAPHER. Let every member show this committee that we are right behind them. Let us also show the company that the men who carry up to date cards in the O. R. T. are the men that can be counted on to do the very best work every time.

We have the year, 1910 before us. Let's leave behind the mistakes and failures of the year 1909, and all pull together for a solid district, as soon as it can possibly be worked up.

One member can't do the work, two can't, but the united effort of the membership can, and will work wonders. It is up to us.

We cannot understand why any eligible employe who cares for his own welfare and success, should fail to associate himself with an organization that has done, and will do so much for him as the O. R. T.

As long as you remain outside of our ranks, you continue to share with us the benefits you have done nothing to secure.

Telegraphers are getting scarce over here now as two have been discharged recently.

It will soon be time to remit for that 1910 card, don't forget it boys, and when the New Year comes, let it find each and every one of us with up to date cards so that we will have no delinquents when our committee meets.

Let every man on the division, especially the members of the O. R. T., endeavor to give the company the best of service, answer the dispatcher promptly and try to avoid delays to trains as much as possible. Show the officials that the union man is the best man.

Some of the changes that have been made are as follows: Bro. C. C. Carter, from Grady, to Newton, Ala., as agent; Bro. S. E Jones, from Bainbridge to the relief agency, succeeding Bro. D. L. Brantley.

Bro. L. Barwick, resigned and succeeded at Pine Park agency by Bro. A. C. Mullins, one of this month's recruits.

The Ashford agency and the day telegraph position at Alaga have been bulletined.

Bro. Dean, Tennille, nights, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Johnson.

Bro. Barfield, "X" Montgomery and Mr. Lawson nights, Dothan, have changed positions.

Bro. Clark Bainbridge relieved a few days by Bro. Brantley on account of serious illness of his little boy. Very glad to say J. C. Jr., is himself again.

Bro. Carter, Grady nights, has been transferred to Newton, nights, and Bro. Evans from Newton nights to Grady. Bro. Carter bid this in when on bulletin.

Mrs. Lolly, Midland City, relieved a few days by Telegrapher Mullins.

Bro. M. A. McFadden, Alaga, was successful bidder on Ashford. Bro. Johnson working there until bid in.

Bro. Brantley relief agent, has been discharged, and J. C. Thames, assigned to the place temporarily and until position bid in by Mr. Jones, Bainbridge third, and Bro. J. C. Thames bid in the latter.

Bro. Bailey, Pinckard, relieved by Bro. Johnson a few days.

Mr. Millins has been appointed agent at Pine park.

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Second Division, Waycross District—

We can't boast of quite as many applications as usual this month, but we are there with a few any way. We extend to these new brothers the right hand of fellowship. Brothers, show them we are glad to have them with us, and what it means to be members of this grand old Order. Make them feel that they are really brothers, in name and in fact. This is the way to build up the organization. Stick to each other, and let the world know that the members of the O. R. T. will stand by each other as long as the brothers of any other organization will stand by their members. Once get this thoroughly implanted in the minds and hearts of our members and nothing can keep us from being as strong as any labor union under the sun.

We want our brothers to talk to the few delinquents on this district and ask them to get up-to-date cards. Ask them if they expect the committee, which is going to Wilmington shortly, can do as good work as they could if all the members on the "old reliable" district had up-to-date cards.

The general committee points with pride to the hustling membership of this district. Let's all get right in behind them. Ask Bro. Sasser who they are, and help him to get them all straight again.

Bro. J. Q. Wise, our agent, indicted for scrapping with a few hoosiers and giving them a little more than they expected, was acquitted by the Waycross court. Perhaps this will teach that crowd around Ruskin that they can't come into an agent's office and run things to suit themselves.

Bro. C. Bradford has given up the clerkship in the freight house at Valdosta and gone back to second trick.

Bro. O'Neal was promoted to the cashier job at Boston, the clerk-telegrapher position there being bid in by Bro. J. L. Murray.

Acree agency was bid in by Bro. W. W. Rudd, from Live Oak.

Bro. R. D. Reid, from Pinemount, goes to Suwanee agency. We are very sorry to lose Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Richardson, from Camilla. They are going to the "Land of Flowers," to eat oranges catch fish, etc. We wish them much success in any line they may follow. The Camilla agency is now on bulletin. It will take a first-class man to hold it down, as Bro. Richardson and his wife have done.

Bro. G. B. Garwood, of Quitman ticket agency, has been quite sick, but is now improving.

Bro. G. L. Youmans, of Willacoochee, has been away some time on account of sickness in his family D. C.

Third Division, Lakeland District—

We are sending in the items of interest happening in this neck of the woods recently for the benefit of our brothers, who will soon be encountering the snow and ice, while we will be basking in the bright Southern sunshine and the brighter smiles of the "sweetest flowers that grow."

The tourists will soon be turning their eyes southward. The first few downy flakes in the northern air is a boon to the boarding house keeper of Florida, and a thorn in the flesh to every poor railroad agent, as the average tourist thinks he owns the earth until he runs up against us. Then he finds there is just one little bit of humanity that can hold his own. It only takes a very short while for a gentleman to apologize for a mistake and he can then get what he wants.

Our committee will soon meet in Wilmington and Bro. Williams has asked every member to get busy and see if he can't do something toward getting the district solidly organized. We all know enough of the nons to go to work on. When they are all in, we could ask for the names of a few on the other districts.

Just one member can do a great deal of good when he is really in earnest, and if all the members on this district would get to work it would soon be solid from one end to the other within two months. We must not sit down and wait for others to do the work.

Ask yourself the following questions:

Have I ever secured an application from a non?

Have I used every argument I possibly could and failed to land the application?

Do I always wear my button conspicuously and never let an opportunity slip to say something good for my organization?

Do I notify my local chairman of each new man I hear of as soon as he comes on the district?

Can I spare enough time each day to write five letters to the nons I know?

Do I know any nons on the district, whom I have never asked to join?

Do I know why the non working the trick next to mine at my own station does not carry a card?

Do I call every non a scab, or do I try to show him that it is his interest as well as our own that he should become a member?

When you can answer each of these questions to your own satisfaction, and you are really a union man, the Lakeland district will have many more members than it has today.

Let's try and be able to answer each of these questions right, before January, 1, 1910.

Owing to the rush season, we have our hands full and its a hard matter to attend to the correspondence and all. Boys, help our local chairman out by dropping him a card when there is a change made at your station. He will appreciate it very much.

There is not enough O. R. T. talk down this way, entirely too many Mr.'s and not enough brothers. Boys, get busy, ask your relief if he has a card. Call up that non next to you and don't let him rest until he promises to come in, and then keep after him till he fulfills his promise. Then give him the glad hand and let him know that his investments has been a good, as well as a wise one.

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Don't be content with a card in your pocket, expect wonders and miracles from the Order, and then growl because you don't get them. The Order is what you make it: Say, "What if every member were a member like me" and then see if you don't sit up and take notice; then acknowledge that it is your own fault if you don't get what you want.

Take it from a business standpoint—When you join the Order you become a stockholder, your dividends are your revised schedules and better working conditions, and if you allow a non to work without any attempt to bring him in, then you are a very poor business man, for you are giving him part of your profits.

Now, all ready, pull together, and let's make the Lakeland district the banner district for the year 1910.

Here are the changes that has taken place, to best of my knowledge having to get them up without any help.

Bro. E. C. McMahan, transferred to Gainesville district, third trick, Ocala.

We are sorry to hear of Bro. D. W. Griders' illness, he is now in Waycross hospital, hope he will soon recover.

Bro. Grider relieved by his clerk, H. D. Houdlett, while Chas. Frank, extra, relieves Houdlett.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. Manning's wife at Clark. Bro. Manning is on leave of absence relieved by Bro. J. L. Stewart, while Bro. W. R. Burnett relieves Bro. Stewart at Dunnellon.

We can now welcome O. P. Tucker and S. V. Andres as brothers, and they and every other member secure an application by the first of the year.

S. E. McCutcheon bid in Dade City, vice Bro. J. W. Hogan, successful bidder on Mt. Myers agency. J. H. Land, acting agent, to Ft. Myers agency, vice Mr. J. H. Hoffman, resigned to enter other business. Bro. Hogan relieving J. H. Land, granted leave of absence. Mr. Stevens relieved S. E. McCutcheon, clerk telegrapher, Ft. Myers, not yet bulletined.

Bro. O. P. Tucker bid in second, Trilby, vice Bro. Mansel Long, resigned.

S. E. McCutcheon, clerk telegrapher, has been transferred from Ft. Myers to Dade City agency.

Bro. S. V. Anders goes to Wauchula as clerk-telegrapher, relieving Mr. Murrell, who relieves R. H. Selvidge, at Inverness, the latter going to "YN," Jacksonville.

Bro. Brantley will be looking to see whether these changes have been bulletined or not.

Bro. O. P. Tucker is on sick list, relieved by L. M. Murrell, extra.

R. M. Selvidge, Inverness, transferred to "YN" office, Jacksonville; relieved by L. M. Murrell, extra. Glad "S" has bettered himself, though he was not O. R. T. He was a member of Dispatcher's Order.

Bro. S. V. Anders, extra, to Wauchula, clerk-operator's position, recently established on account of orange and perishable movement. This position not yet bulletined.

Bro. F. M. McCutcheon, Homosassa, and Bro. C. L. Crenshaw, of "KD," Lakeland, have recently taken unto themselves a "wifee." Now, get busy, boys, and put your wives next to the Ladies' Auxiliary, which is doing some nice work. Bros. McCutcheon and Crenshaw were relieved by Bro. J. L. Stewart.

J. W. Griffis, Martel, on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. O. P. Tucker.

Bro. R. R. Jones, second, Dunnellon, and Bro. E. C. McMahan, extra, were recently suspended for fifteen days each; relieved by Bros. S. V. Anders and O. P. Tucker. W. D. Oates, first, Dunnellon, says he reported the brothers for a technical violation of the rules, because he being a non, they wouldn't associate with him. I am advised by the local chairman that we have not yet received his application, although promised most faithfully, and now he says he will join when he gets good and ready. Our worthy local chairman has done his part most valiantly, and so have others who have come into contact with him. Stringent measures should be used toward a non like that.

Bro. B. W. Holladay, first, Trilby, recently called to his home in South Carolina, on account of his father's death; relieved by L. M. Murrell, extra.

Bro. R. R. Jones on sick list; relieved by Bro. S. V. Anders, extra.

The orange and perishable season is now in full blast; road full of trains at all time. Brothers, give your attention to your key and let them recognize the O. R. T. boys as their best men.

The O. R. T. is like a mule,
Kicking for every good, with all its might;
The non reminds me of a jackass,
Kicking against everything, even a new schedule;
Afraid he'll get fired if he kicks for the right,
And cannot be convinced that he is wrong, even at the last. D. C. & "JO."

Third Division, Jacksonville District—

Some of the other districts on the system are way ahead of us in the matter of having a write-up in each month's TELEGRAPHER. What has become of our correspondent who was appointed by Bro. Tedder while he was local chairman? Did he consider he no longer had a job after Bro. Young took charge?

While Bro. Young has only been local chairman for a short while, he has shown that he is capable of holding the place down in good shape, and issues the bulletins very promptly.

Some new places have recently been opened on this district: Fuller's agency opened with Bro. Harold Henschen in charge, Beresford opened with Bro. B. C. Hartley in charge.

Bro. A. W. Smith, of Plant City, has been appointed regular relief agent, with headquarters at Sanford.

Some of the places that have been bulletined this month are as follows:

Seville, second trick, Carters agency, and Pierson agency, which pays only $37.00 per month

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This is the place the first general committee on the A. C. L. found paying the handsome salary of $11.00 per month. Just think of a telegraph office paying less than the average negro messenger boy gets.

Have not yet learned who has been appointed to the above vacancies, but expect to have the information for next month's TELEGRAPHER, or get our regular correspondent busy again. He did so well when he first commenced that we cannot afford to let him off now.

Now is the time for each member to go to work to get the district in fine shape for Bro. Young, before he has to meet with the committee in Wilmington. Who will be the first member to secure an application? GATER.

Third Division, Gainesville District—

It will probably be only a short time, when telephones will be installed on this district, as they are now being used on the north end. Let's show the management, by our prompt telegraph service, that 'phones are not necessary on this pike. Night men keep awake, and all operators answer calls promptly, and endeavor to give the best service possible.

L. B. Collins is on new third trick at Lake Butler. Fourteen new men have been put on this district since trains Nos. 37 and 38 were inaugurated on November 15th.

Brothers, get busy and keep your local chairman, Bro. J. B. Mixson, Jr., informed of any changes or new men employed.

G. H. Hayes has returned to duty as ticket agent at Paltaka, relieving J. H. Wade, relief man, who is at Leesburg freight agency, on bulletin. Bro. W. M. Robinson, formerly agent at that point, has left the service.

East Lake, Fla., was opened as a temporary freight, passenger and telegraph station, on November 8th, and W. D. Harnage installed as agent.

Orange Lake, Santa Fe and Leesburg freight agencies on bulletin. There has been some warm bidding for the latter position; considered one of the best on line.

R. B. Hester, now holding down Santa Fe, Fla., temporarily, vice Bro. J. L. Johnson. This agency is now on bulletin. D. C.

C. C. C. & St. L. Ry.

Cinti-Sandy Divisions—

AN APPEAL.

Brothers of the Cinti-Sandy Divisions:

A feeling has developed in the past few months among some of the members of this division, in which they seem to think that the Order is now on such a solid footing that further work is unnecessary. Brothers, this is a feeling which is dangerous and has been the means of landing more than one organization on the rocks of disaster. Remember, the work of organization is never completed as long as there are old men going and new men coming on the line. The influx of new men for the past four or five months on the Cincinnati-Sandusky Divisions has been quite numerous, and they are not receiving the attention they should from our members. Without the help and co-operation of each individual member of the division, the work of keeping the membership up to where it belongs is being seriously retarded, and this help and co-operation was never more needed than it is right now. It is up to you, brothers, to get after these non-members, put forth your efforts and secure their applications. Individual effort will be the means of accomplishing more towards this end than your local chairman will be able to do in years, and, remember, that one of the least obligations you can pay to the organization is that of paying dues. Now, brothers, get into action and help make your division the best of the system by securing at least one new member and thus helping to better your own condition as well as assisting your local chairman. This you can do with very little trouble and exertion on your part, and I am confident that the results will be successful in materially increasing the membership. I trust every member will strive to help me through. Thanking you, I am,

Fraternally yours,

A. A. BRIGHT.

Cinti-Sandy Divisions—

The following officers were elected at the Springfield meeting, in September, to serve under the ritual form: Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Billingslea; first vice-chief, Bro. Hickman; second vice-chief, Bro. Gardner; past chief, Bro. L. D. Stabler; treasurer, Bro. Schaepe; secretary, Bro Stewart; marshal, Bro. Weber; sentinel, Bro. Audridge. Business of a secret nature was transacted and it was decided to have an oyster supper in connection with the next meeting.

The regular October meeting, held on the 19th at Springfield, was the banner one for this division, thirty-two members being present; also three D. T. & I. boys, whom we hope to see again.

The newly-elected officers were installed and then they proceeded to initiate two candidates, the ritual system seeming to please all, especially the "second degree."

The other business of the evening followed, and it was decided to hold the meetings alternately at Dayton and Springfield, commencing with the November meeting. The oyster supper decided upon at the previous meeting followed, with trimmings, and the brothers who missed this part of the ceremony are to be pitied. These lunches will be more frequent in the future. Come out, brothers, without a special invitation. They are your meetings as much as anyone's and it's your duty to attend. If you attend once you will not need to be urged again.

Bro. W. H. Keever has returned to Osborn from Michigan, where he had gone for relief from a severe attack of hay fever.

Bro. Stewart bid in third, West End; Bro. Lyons, Springfield Depot; Bro. Lary, Plattsburg; Bro. Schaepe, first, and Bro. Hickman second. Osborn, and Bro. Carter bid in second at Tiffin.

Bro. Evans relieved Bro. Birthisel, Lockland, to attend a Mason's convention at Cleveland.

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Bro. Rodgers, of "YK," has improved, and been taken to his home in Jackson Center, Ohio.

We are sorry to report that we have two nons who have so far lost all sense of honor as to enter the student business. Prof. Bozarth, of the Springfield School of Telegraphy, who relieved Bro. Dickenson for a few nights at Catawba recently, advertises himself as an experienced railway and commercial operator and train dispatcher. There must not be much profit in the "school biz," if "the Prof." is forced to take an "OS" job now and then. But still the free lunches are a thing of the past in Springfield and "the Prof." has to have a sandwich now and then to live on.

There are still a few nons on the Columbus end. Three at "MI," three at "WA," and two at "RJ." Bro. Ed Davis, who is always there with the goods, will soon no doubt get busy.

Former Bro. Tannehill is off training his horse for the Grand Circuit races. "Tan" is somewhat of a horseman.

We can say one good thing for these nons however, when the road was polled by the trainmaster, they all stood by the committee, with the exception of one man at "RJ."

Send Bro. Hickman, of Brooks, who had his leg broken at the Truy Fair, some good up-to-date magazines to read, at 1118 Broadway, Piqua, Ohio. We feel sure he will appreciate this in his long stay in bed. The brother has the sympathy of all.

The "ham factory," with Prof. David Kehoe in charge, is still in evidence at Avenue. Wonder what kind of stall he gives the train men now.

The company has some fine new "monkey motion" engines running east from Columbus on the passenger trains, that are some class, as they walk the trains out of the depot.

Business on the Columbus Branch is good now. We are all glad to see this and hope to see this reflected in the next schedule, which should be printed before this write-up appears.

Mr. Chester resigned at Kyles, relieved by Bro. C. M. Stabler, and Mr. Dalton resigned at Monroe relieved by Mr. McGrail.

Our "goat" is in swell condition now. Would like to have some of the brothers from "DR" or "RU" attend the meetings and see him perform.

Bro. Edwards, first, Ivorydale, has returned from his vacation. He thinks we should be allowed a vacation the same as other railroad clerks. We hope to see this in the next agreement.

S. F. Smade, Columbus, worked third at Brooks while Bro. Slagle was absent. He is an old O. R. T. man who has been out of the business for several years, and will soon be with us again.

Bro. Slagle has returned from his wedding tour to Niagara Falls and other places of interest in the East to his new home at Plattsburg.

Bro. C. B. Lary has removed his family to Plattsburg from Marysville.

Mr. Kimball worked third at Brooks during the absence of Bro. Hickman.

Brothers, many thanks for your assistance in this write-up. We hope the brothers from the Sandy end and the Delaware Branch will make an effort to send in some items for the next issue.

The father of our three Stabler brothers has recovered slightly from the stroke of paralysis he suffered some months ago.

Bro. Beatel, of "WM," Middletown, is installed in his new home and may count himself lucky, as few of the telegraphers are fortunate enough to possess one.

Mr. Sautter, of Ivorydale, is serving fifteen days; relieved by Bro. Hoefer, of Cincinnati.

While Bro. Birthisel, of Lockland, was off sick, Bros. Patmore and Stickney were forced to double, as no relief was to be had.

Bro. Lange, of Edgemont, was forced to leave the tower the other morning for a few hours on account of the distillery just opposite burning. Lange left in such a hurry he forgot Bro. Sheering's "mill," but the firemen saved the tower.

The November meeting was held at Dayton to accommodate the west enders so they could get home, or get more rest. It is hoped the brothers will turn out in sufficient numbers to these meetings to justify this change, as the meetings at Springfield have been fairly well attended.

Various tricks at Gen Echo, Bellefontaine, Lippincotts, Urbana and other points were bulletined for the benefit of the brothers as well as the nons. Wonder if the latter realize that they never saw a bulletin until the O. R. T. was recognized. Who ever thought of bidding for a job in the good old days when we were totally ignorant of all vacancies, except when some conductor or brakeman brought the news to your cabin or tower. And still "the O. R. T. never did anyone any good." No, not much to some who will not see.

Glen Echo has been opened with Connors, Franklin and Burns in charge until the bids are in.

At Lippincotts, Kearns, Gallagher and Locke are in charge. Kearns was relieved at Urbana by Healy.

Bro. Dykes, agent at West Liberty, has been relieved of telegraphing. Bro. McCune goes to first trick and Prof. Bozarth on the second. He is the late "professor" of the Springfield school. His "star" work will no doubt cause his graduates to shine in the telegraphic world. Jack Devore seems to be able to handle the immense (?) class alone, while his partner is hustling in the "cold" railway business for a little coin on the side. He deserves a cold reception.

Bro. R. M. Carter has landed second at Tiffin.

Bellefontaine opened on the Sandy Division with Bros. Judy and Johnson and Mr. Smith, all of the Indianapolis Division, until bids are in.

Bros. Callahan and Wilkins, at Kenton, each advanced a trick since Bro. Carter left there. Bro. McMahon is on third trick.

Bro. Vogel, from Grants, to second at Wharton, relieved by Mr. Russell. Mr. Gilmore, from Toledo, is on third at Wharton.

Bro. Ryder, of Carey, is taking a few days off; relieved by Bro. Garnes, of the Hocking.

Harry Hendricks, who left last spring, has entered the service again at Urbana extra. He had the papers made out last spring and we want to see them signed up soon.

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There are many new men on the Sandy end, and the brothers up that way should see that they are lined up soon. Show them what we stand for and that will surely show them what they owe to themselves, their families and their profession.

Sorry our chief, Mr. Withrow, is still on sick list, and hope for his speedy recovery.

J. M. Scanlan, of Clyde, has left the service and secured a good position in the baggage department. "CR."

Peoria Division, First District—

The new time table, in effect November 8th, made a change on the second and third districts, Nos. 11 and 16 now running daily. This means no more Sunday rest there.

Business is exceedingly good, nine chain-gang crews running, besides the locals. We feel assured the ghost won't fail us for a while, even though the New York Stock Exchange swallowed up such a large gob.

The "hard-shells" are the same old fellows, with no better excuses than before, "no money," "going to quit the biz soon," "took a trip to the mountains and came back broke," "hogs all died with congestion or over-eating," and "it's going to cost like Sam Hill to live this winter."

Bro. Lamb, transferred to Arcanum, was relieved as agent at Losantville by Bro. M. W. Van Sickle.

Bro. Lund has returned to first, New Castle, after four weeks' vacation, who was relieved on second trick, Shirley, by E. Bassett.

Bro. Greer, second, New Castle, has gone to second at Veedersburg on second district.

Agent Spence goes to Troy as agent, relieved by Mr. Kessler, from Troy.

You all who are not "hibernating" get busy and give your division correspondent some dope early each month, and help the game along. If you don't know who he is, wake up and inquire.

CASTLE GNU.

Peoria Division, Second and Third Districts—

We have a good bunch of "owls" over here and they don't make a great lot of hay; in fact, making hay is work, and work is the prime cause of the waste of energy, and you see that none of us believe in wasting it, not even your humble servant, but I believe that he would walk from here to Danville if some good worthy telegrapher would say it was his turn to buy an up-to-date billing.

"Vat iss that Jim Addler's first name?" He owes us and we vas going to guarantee (garnishee) him if he dondt pay up. There's several of you fellows who are acquaintances of mine, who have lost their first names, and I guess we will have to resort to the law and get the whole bunch guaranteed. Now, all you fellows who wants to be guaranteed just drop into my office, produce the coin and I will issue to you a B. of L. which will be a guarantee that you will receive regular billing within a few days, and that it will not be necessary for you to be marked "no bill" or to be running on a "DH" slip. Come on, boys!

Had a letter from Bro. Thad Wash Deakin the other day, written on the banks of the Mackinaw, where he is in camp fishing, and in this letter Thad gives me one of his experiences trying to land one of the only fish in the Mackinaw River. He had been there about ninety days fishing every day, when, on the last day, a native from up the river near a town called Payday, said: "Thad Wash, what you-all fishin' for?" And Thad, being a kind of a loose-jawed sort of a fellow, said. "Why, man, I've been round here all this time fishin' for your application for an up-to-date card in the O. R. T. But every consarned nibble I got had "S. O. D. (same old dodge) hooked to it, and that don't even buy bait." Stay in camp, "WN," perhaps some day you will get a bite with something more substantial attached to it.

I see every once in a while dope in the journal, taken from the good book, in order to bring out a point of argument. And as it appears to be no sin, I will do likewise, and refer you to the second Paul to Timothy, in which he advises Tim that it will be well for him to take a little wine for his stomach's sake. Now, I would not and do not advance the suggestion that you should do this. For man is weak, and in most cases might not resist the temptation of taking more than was good for his stomach's sake. But I would suggest that the words be taken into consideration and enable us to get some other suggestion from them, than that which a drinking man might get and revert it, so that it would act as a tonic to those who have the wobbles to their legs, and learn them to stand steady on their pins and become a credit to the organization, and it would assist those who are unable to see the benefits derived from organization, and will help to lift us from the depths of the slough, of almost degradation, low wages, poor living and lots of work. Get busy with your think boxes and see if you can figure out where one man all by his lonely, has ever accomplished anything in the way of bettering the condition of mankind. You will find that he never did and never will. Now that "suggestion of the wine" for Tim was to strengthen him, and if we get together this one act alone will have the same stimulating effect upon us, as the wine upon Timothy and will build us up as the wine builded him, and I can see no reason why we can not profit by this same admonition. So let's all get tight on this wine called enthusiasm, and get into line and there will be no excuse for weak knees on the "large figure."

You all want to come through with the dope if you want to get your name in the paper.

What will tomorrow bring? We hope it will bring that oft heard spoken of "full dinner pail," and the much-longed-for increase.

It begins to take on a polished up-to-date look on this end once more, for I can hear a noise like, "We are solid," along the line.

We had a hard time to get in all the information blanks, for it is quite a lot of trouble for us

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to make them twice and in some cases three times and this "goldinged committee" jist a-botherin' us fellers to death all of the time.

We have a few spots that are not to the credit of our efforts, and it is a question as to how they are to be removed without creating too much of a sore. We have used almost all brands of dope, such as 8, 9 and 10 o'clock washing powder, pummy stone, wonderful soap grandpa's and grandma's included, and we still have those spots —spots where no cards are to be found.

Bro. "to be," "A," of second at "WA," went down in the jungles to kill some time and a few ducks not very long ago and he hasn't spoken since, but says he is going to speak on the big day, and by the time this comes out in print he will have had a small square of pasteboard with his name upon it.

Ex-Bro. Byers, formerly of Troy, is now on second at "HY," making the combination at that point Ross, Byers and Coughlin, all good timber to work on, and if we can get a local at Danville we certainly will work on them if they will give us that opportunity.

Bro. Richner, of "HY," has joined the ranks of the U. and I., at Urbana, Ill., and is now stuffing his knowledge box with some thinks which at first glance appear to be above the capacity of the average "OP," Maby.

"JO" O'Conner doing the pump stunt regular between "BG" and "RM," says he is going to be regularly billed within the next few days.

Bro. Slauter, second at "UR," laid off a few days to move mother over on the job to keep him straight. Bro. Smith, first at "CF," relieved him and then went to "MS" for a few nights, while Telegrapher Long relieved Bro. Deakin, who is off a few days.

It rains most all of the time at "DE," Mayview, because Bro. Rains is the whole rain there; and unless grandma makes too much noise for him he expects to hibernate there.

The poor and easy has something to be proud of, and that is a load of O. R. Tism which was first billed out in the year of 1888 and has been up to date ever since. You will not find many with the record of "SM" WINGIET.

Indianapolis Division—

Meetings will be held each month, from now on, at Muncie, Ind., in Room No. 11, Anthony Building, just one-half square south of the Court House, on Walnut Street. Instead of sending out notices each month these meetings will be, from now on, advertised in back of THE TELEGRAPHER. Watch for this.

Everybody come. Bro. Sellers, a very good pianist, will entertain us with some of his best music.

The following have joined our ranks in the last month: W. W. Baker, F. G. Shultz, J. W. Sellers and J. S. Dyer. Keep up the good work, boys, we will soon have them all.

Bro. Martz, third at McCords, while visiting relatives at Rosewood, Ohio, was relieved by Telegrapher O'Melia, who worked just two days, when he filled out the papers. This means good work on some one's part.

First trick, Mix, and second at "MU," Muncie, are on the bulletin.

Russia office is now open. Bro. Shultz, first; Telegrapher Coffield, second, and Bro. Baker, third These offices have not been bulletined yet.

Muncie depot is now working three tricks. Bro. Sellers on third there for the present.

New towers are to be built in the near future at Russia and Dawn, and one between Farmland and Winchester.

Bro. Hatcher, second at Gretna, off a few days recently, visiting friends at Farmland, was relieved by Telegrapher Johnson.

Bro. B. A. Olvey, first at "SC," Selma, has returned to work.

Bro. Hutsell, third at "CJ," Muncie, is off for thirty days. He will study photography for the next few days.

Bro. B. A. Olvey, first at "SC," Selma, off on account of sickness recently, was relieved by Telegrapher Long.

Telegrapher Burkett is on the Sheepskin Division, working first at Bellefontaine.

Bro. Ehle, first at Gridley, has returned after a week's layoff.

Bro. Sellers relieved Bro. Braunn, third at "YO," Yorktown, for a few days. Bro. Slagle working second at Chesterfield.

Bro. Ritter, second at Farmland, was relieved by Bro. Sellers, while he went to Richmond and brought his wife back.

O. L. Rickey worked first at Mix several days recently.

Bro. DeBoben has been assigned third at "MU," Muncie. Bro. Shultz returning home. Bro. Kindall is working second at "MU," Muncie, till assignment is made. STUBBY.

Cleveland Division—

We have some members on this pike that can shout good and loud for the O. R. T., and tell you what a blessing it has been for the railroad telegraphers, but they seem to let their union spirit go no further. Remember, boys, there are other unions whose members are depending on us to help the cause along, and the easiest way to do so is by demanding the union label on all your purchases. If your merchants don't keep union goods, try the next man and you will soon succeed in finding what you wish. Besides the union made articles cost no more than the other brand, and you help others while you are helping yourselves. Now, the next time I see a member with a big package of non-union tobacco in his possession he is going to hear something. Also insist on your wife and family demanding the labeled goods when making their purchases, and if we all do so, there will be a better demand for union labor and eventually we will all enjoy union wages.

There were twenty-two members initiated into the Order in one month recently throughout the system, but the members on this division was not

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up to the mark it should have been, and would have made a still poorer showing if one of the workers had not come to the assistance of the local chairman. By a little effort on the part of each one, we could make a good showing on this division. Let us all get busy.

Since the inspection of Mr. Buchanan, we are glad to say, he found the boys true to the cause, which will be of great benefit in securing our new schedule.

Owing to the scarcity of good telegraphers, our chief has been unable to fill vacancies bulletined more than a month ago. Can you blame the old scouts for not wanting to work here, when neighboring roads pay more, and have more pleasant surroundings? We can have the same, if each member would work for the betterment of this cause on the material we still have here out in the cold.

The opening of East Linndale is being delayed, on account of a lack of telegraphers to fill the vacancies. That looks good for the craft, as it has been an awfully long time since there was a scarcity of brass pounders.

A new interlocking electric plant is being put up at the Belt Line Crossing, West Linndale, but we have not learned whether Belt Line or Big Four will control it.

The resigning of M. F. Hayes, C. T. D., caused a vacancy in the dispatcher's office, which was filled by J. R. Kelly; Mr. Shae taking first, Ed. Kelly, second, and Mr. Smith, third tricks.

The agents at Ridgeway and Mt. Victory have been supplied with clerks.

Mr. Dye, the "Ham" professor at Shiloh, has "Dyed" from our midst, Mr. Kyle doing the owl stunt there at present.

Mr. Dutton, of Longville, off a few days on account of sickness in his family, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Nelson.

Bro. Gallaher, Ridgeway, while attending the convention, at Pittsburg, was relieved by Mr. Snell.

East Linndale will be open soon, and an extra operator put on at Rushsylvania, according to bulletin.

Second and third tricks at Linndale will be open for bids soon, and we hope some good brothers will land them.

Bro. Martin bid in second at Berea; Bro. Buckles, second at "F;" Bro. McCartney, third at Shiloh; Bro. Bogan, third at Vernon; Mr. Walker, first at Rushsylvania; Mr. Moyer, second at Burton St. DIV. COR.

St. Louis Division East of Mattoon—

New coal docks are being erected at Delmar, Ind. When they are placed in service, the freight trains east, out of Terre Haute, are to handle 3,500 tons. We pity the B. of L. F. boys, who are in line to stoke these huge engines.

Brothers, there are several newcomers on the division, don't forget to ask them about that card, which means so much to us.

It is reported that Chief Goodwin is very short of men at present.

Bro. G. C. Stokes got first trick, "AW," on bulletin.

Bro. Sawyer, first at "JB," has left the service.

Bro. C. C. Connett, second at Green Castle, is spending his vacation in Colorado.

Bro. J. F. Gross, at Reno, while on a short vacation, was relieved by Bro. Byrd, extra.

DIV. COR.

St. Louis Division West of Mattoon—

"OE" office, nights, and "CP" and "ND" offices, on Short Line, have been opened recently.

Dispatcher Smith is filling the C. T. D. chair, while C. A. Bray is off for thirty days. Dispatcher Pickering on second.

Mr. Hamilton is on extra message wire in "DI" office, Mattoon.

Bro. Roberts has returned to Pana.

Bro. Sullivan, Irving, third, while off getting married, was relieved by Bro. W. R. Phillips, recently of E. & T. H.

Bro. Hunkins is very sick with diphtheria.

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Cairo Division, North—

The following positions are on bulletin: "DN," second; "WG," second; "OD," first, second and third; Wetzel, second and third; "GV," first and third; "NE," second.

Our general chairman, Bro. Edw. Whalen, of Terre Haute, did some good work going over the division recently; while here succeeded in landing three nons in one office, and making it solid.

Bro. A. W. Rogers, from "GV," is holding down the car distributor's job at Lyons.

Bro. Bishop, first "RS," visited Bro. Goodner, third copier at Lyons recently.

Mr. Goodner, from Ridgefarm, visited with Bro. Bishop at "RS" recently.

N. Summerville, third at Wetzel, resigned because he couldn't get a place to board.

Boys, this is the first write-up we have for quite a while. Now get busy and when any changes, etc., take place at your stations let me know, and we will try and have a write-up every month. Please send items to me on or before the 15th of every month, addressed J. S. Bishop, Lock Box 31, Chrisman, Ill. "SHUG," CERT. 710.

Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.

No one has endeavored to represent us in THE TELEGRAPHER since our correspondent, at Tomball, left.

I think the road now stands about 90 per cent strong.

Bro. Rogers, Malone, resigned; relieved by Bro. W. J. Rochelle, agent, Richards; C. L. McKitham, a beginner, holding the latter, until regularly assigned to Bro. R. L. Leinweber, agent, Shiro, who was relieved there by W. O. Robertson, of the Santa Fe.

L. L. Lowry, nights, at Shilo, was relieved by Bro. O. E. Carroll, who relieved Bro. W. H.

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Lunsford, of Iola agency, while he attended court in Ft. Worth.

On December 1st, the telegraph office at Corsicana was moved from the freight office to the passenger station. The telegraphers are now required to sell tickets, necessitating an additional operator.

J. F. J. Elliott, nights, Normaugee, resigned, and gone to the Santa Fe, was relieved by C. J. Jones, of Kirwin, nights.

Geo. Branch, who has been braking, has also been telegraphing at M. P. 153 a few days.

G. W. Thorpe, agent, Normaugee, was relieved, for a few days' vacation, by Bro G. O. Hunt, who also relieved Bro. C. H. Crockett for a few days at Zulch.

Some of the boys are taking up farming. Bro. W. H. Lunsford, agent, Iola, will plant a few acres of truck the coming season, and Bro. C. H. Crockett, of Zulch, has been elected Secretary of "The Zulch Truck Growers' Association."

CERT. 22.

Fort Worth & Denver City Ry.

For special reasons I will not give the names of the brothers for awhile. Although we are not ashamed to stand up for O. R. Tism.

We have several nons and delinquents on our division at present, and hope that every brother will talk to his side man and any other they can, and speak an encouraging word and show them there is something to our organization.

O. R. Tism is what we make it. And when we have a brother sick or in need, let's help him and tell other brothers and our local chairman, and if we cannot do anything but write him a sympathetic letter it helps that much, and let him know that he is not being overlooked.

Let's always have our arms extended to a brother, and help him in everyway possible.

There is lots of ways we can lend a helping hand, and do good toward our brothers.

Another thing, let us all give the company the best of service, and always be on hand when needed. This goes a long ways toward being a good operator, and then we will never have the name of being a drone.

Let us get organized, and get solid O. R. T. on our division.

I hope to have a better write-up next month, and will be glad to get a word from every brother each month. CERT. 16.

Grand Trunk Western Ry.

We are in pretty good shape for a solid line-up. The majority of the men are now up-to-date, and new members are coming in every week. It only remains for the present members to stick, and do a little work towards gathering in the few remaining nons on each district. They are not so numerous as they were a year ago, in fact, we are 30 per cent stronger, and in shape to go after the much-needed and long-looked for schedule, but we must not drop out, nor wait two or three months before paying our dues for the next six months.

If it were policy to do so, I could give a line-up that would surprise some of you, but until we secure a schedule and a good foot-hold, I will not do so.

Now, brothers, if you have any desire to secure living wages, now is the time to show your grit. Pay your dues at once, and if you can help the officers of this division, by securing new members, do so, and do it quick.

The local chairman and secretary and treasurer are not charging the division one cent for their services, and they are doing a whole lot of hard work.

Don't you think its time to help them out a little, instead of giving them additional work, writing you to pay up?

Don't expect them to write each member every week and advise him how things are going. Just jump in and help them out, but first pay up.

Everything is coming our way at present, and we expect to see the line solid before the end of this year.

All other roads have schedules and good wages. Why should the men on the Grand Trunk be behind the times and work for $40 and $50 per month, some not getting even $40?

No wonder they are not able to join the Order. They cannot buy a Sunday suit of clothes, and keep up the grocery and butcher bills.

Now that we are in good shape, let us remain so, and get the rest to come in.

We must have a schedule at once, and we can get it, if the present members will be wise enough to stick.

Pay up at once.

Brothers, the time has come when we must get busy. If any of you hear of any changes or anything interesting to the boys, please report it to some correspondent on your division. Let it be forwarded to the general secretary and treasurer, until such time as we can get a suitable correspondent, who will handle this matter. In another month we expect to be under way, and by the first of the year we should be able to do this properly.

If every member would take upon himself the responsibility of securing just one new member, we would be as solid as the Michigan Central is today.

Every man on this particular line is working for the betterment of conditions, not only for himself, but for the company as well, and we sincerely hope we will be able to do likewise in the near future.

Solid organization will bring this about. Don't leave it for some other brother to do, but do it yourself.

We have several very enthusiastic members on this line who are doing all in their power to round up the nons, get in touch with them and aid them all you can. Brothers, get together and talk it over. We should be proud of being men

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bers in good standing, with no students at the far end of our desks.

We all realize that we must have a better wage schedule soon, as the rate of living expenses are increasing, if we continue to follow our chosen profession.

We have a few boys that feel as though they cannot lend us any assistance until after we have secured a schedule and taken it to their homes, but we are thankful that these kind are scarce. Boys, we must get after them. They are well known, and a rousing fusilade from all sides will bring them.

Let's try it for thirty days, at least, and we will be surprised how our efforts will be rewarded.

Main Line brothers, this is for you more than for the side lines, but the side line brothers should center their point of attack upon the nons on this division, and not let up until he crosses over. Then notify your local general secretary and treasurer, and you will be given a present.

Bro. Brandon, our worthy organizer, has done excellent work, and has placed a schedule within our grasp. The right kind of a spirit manifested by the brothers will make it doubly safe.

Bros. Bonner, of Butternut, and Kidd, of Greenville, have resigned. Now, brothers, get after their successors, and then go after the man at "SY," who promised to join November pay day.

All news will be welcomed from Western Division members, even though but a line or two. Send it on before the 15th of each month, in order to give ample time for its transmission to St. Louis in plenty of time before the 28th.

Everybody take an active part and help make the Grand Trunk Western Division, No. 148, a shining light among the brightest.

CERT. No. 1, AND BILL.

Missouri & North Arkansas Ry.

As there are a number of O. R. T. boys on the M. & N. A., we will ask for a little space in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Roudo, Aubrey, Moro, Wheatley and Higdon boys are solid, and several others along the line carry up-to-dates.

All the boys are in favor of lining-up, except, perhaps, some "weak-kneed guy" here and there, who thinks some of the officials might object, and who is afraid to ask for and stand up for his rights for fear of losing his job, and be unable to get another.

The man who is most in demand, these days, is the one who does his work well, and insists on being treated right. Such men always have places waiting for them.

The M. & N. A. is growing, and its business is improving and the system is being organized into good, working shape.

Let us all get busy now, and help all we can, never lose an opportunity to help the company in getting business. Let us help to make it one of the best roads in the country.

And, don't forget, while we are helping the company to help ourselves by organizing and adding a new division to the O. R. T. Have a schedule and then every man will know his duty, and the whole business will move like "clock work."

One of the highest officials on the road told the writer that he had been superintendent, where the telegraphers were organized, and that his dealings with them had always been pleasant.

Our officials are sensible men. They know that it is only a matter of time until they will have to use union men, because a good man will naturally go to some other road which pays union wages, as soon as he understands the business sufficiently.

If every O. R. T. telegrapher on the M. & N. A. will make it his business to get one man into the fold, we will soon be solid.

Don't put it off. Today is the day of salvation, tomorrow may bring an "Arkansas cyclone,"

Get busy, brother. This means you. Do something. Do it now.

I want every member on the M. & N. A. to send me something for a write-up in the next issue, and continue to do so.

If you cannot do anything else, you can send the name of that non, at the next station, to Bro. L. W. Quick, and ask him to send the number of THE TELEGRAPHER to "Mr. Non-Air," which contains this article.

Don't forget to help get business for the company, that's the way to make the officials able to pay you more salary, and make them respect union labor. The business is what they want, and if they see you helping to get it, they will consider you worth more than the man who has to be pushed out of his chair to wait on the patrons of the company.

Wake up, be a "live wire," be a "booster," boost the M. & N. A., boost the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, boost every thing that's good, and you'll be a happy man.

CERT. 6670, GRAND DIVISION.

Florida East Coast Ry.

Several nons have promised, time after time, that they would join next pay day. Of course, it's not compulsory for telegraphers who are eligible to join the O. R. T., but, "Mr. Non," did you send a committee up to Washington to fight for the nine-hour law? If not, who was it had that grand old man up there representing you nons, as well as good O. R. T. boys? We are willing to meet you more than half way, and we challenge you to put up any argument against the O. R. T. you wish.

Accept our personal invitation to come to our meeting room and thresh the matter out. You may bring along your judge to decide the debate, whether a member of the Order or not. We will leave that part to your good judgment. You know where and when our meetings are held. Just turn back in THE TELEGRAPHER where it says "Division Directory." When you find that look

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for Division No. 134. There you will find the desired information. Then on the meeting evening, take a train to Jacksonville. You will be welcomed by a number of good, loyal brothers. Should you be unable to attend our meetings, just drop us a card. Some of the good brothers will pay you a visit. Stop your knocking; you cannot cut wood with a hammer, and don't be yellow. We will lend you the price, if that is your excuse. Why not join, and then have your wife join the Ladies' Auxiliary. You should get into the game and help to fight for liberty, which will mean that wages will go up instead of down.

On account of the washout south of Homestead, on the Key West Extension, train service had to be discontinued for some time.

There has been quite a scarcity of telegraphers recently. The dispatcher at Miami was wanting one for the Keys, and one to relieve the agent at Long Key.

Bro. J. M. Law, agent, Eau Gallie, on a hunting trip recently, was relieved by Bro. J. L. St. Clair, and killed his first deer while on the trip. Bro. Collatte relieved Bro. St. Clair on second trick.

Bro. R. S. Snell has been transferred from third trick at Eau Gallie to the agency at Bunnell.

Bro. Horne, second trick, West Palm Beach, relieved Agent Scott, at Lemon City, for a few days, and Mr. Larsen took second trick.

Bro. Tompson, from the south end, has been checked in as agent at City Point.

Bro. A. B. Whilden made a business trip to the ancient St. Augustine recently.

First Trick Dispatcher R. E. Reed, of St. Augustine, spent several days in Savannah recently.

Now, boys, get busy and let's do something for the Order, and try to get every new member we can by the time they put on the winter schedule. You know that we are going to have lots of new men down here this winter, and when the up-to-date man comes to our line we can meet him half-way with a big, broad smile.

SINGLE SHOT.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Amboy Division—

The crop of pumpkins, harvested by the boss, at Bay Head, about six years ago, is now being used on this pike. Let us wish for good returns.

Mr. A. R. Crammer, agent at Riverton, is on his vacation; relieved by Bro. Troutman, first, who is being relieved by Chas. Armstrong.

Mr. Strawbridge and several other telegraphers resigned recently.

Bro. Lockwood, of "HA," on leave of absence; relieved by Mr. Buckalew.

Bro. M. Haines, second at "KI," spent his relief day at Wildwood, and Bro. West, first trick, is spending his vacation at Vincentown, gunning; relieved by H. Bradly.

Bro. Cerney is still working the relief trick; G. A. Brahler the last trick at Riverside, and Bro. Sam Osmond the third at "BV."

Ed. Liming, second at "H," is off on account of sickness.

Two new tricks have just been opened, third at "KI," and "BV." Q. Z.

Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God in His infinite wisdom deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. J. H. Hire, who was Secretary of our Club; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Members of The Twin City Telegraphers' Club, that we extend to the wife and family our heartfelt sympathy; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Club, a copy be sent to the wife, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. D. BEAMER,
D. J. GALVIN,
R. B. FOULKES,
Committee.



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GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Aug. 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On $ 300 00 (Series A)	**$2.40 per year**
On 500 00 (Series B)	**3.60 per year**
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	**7.20 per year**

BENEFITS PAID DURING NOVEMBER, 1909.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert. No.	Series.	Amt.
893	Chas. W. Dawson	Accidentally Poisoned	8	8316	C	$1,000 00
954	Miss Verna Mills	Typhoid Fever	94	18052	C	1,000 00
956	Frank E. Signor	Paresis and Exhaustion	110	10280	C	1,000 00
957	James C. Trimble	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	52	7266	B	500 00
958	Hampton C. Jones	Acute Tonsilitis	125	11470	A	300 00
959	Thos. W. Morten	Typhoid Fever	130	16069	C	1,000 00
961	Frank O Brown	Typhoid Fever	33	17856	C	1,000 00
962	Wm. H. Baker	Cerebral Hemorrhage	33	9362	A	300 00
963	Wm. F. Smith	Cerebral Tumor	Grand	11483	C	1,000 00
966	L. R. Brown	Typhoid Fever	108	21078	B	500 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to October 31, 1909	$819,393 65
Received on Asessment Account November, 1909	1,264 97
	$820,658 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to October 31, 1909	$570,181 47
Death Claims paid in November	7,600 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,214 30
Assessments transferred to dues	205 13
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, November 30, 1909	241,457 72
	$820,658 62

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. LaFever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month at 10 a. m. in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts., (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. G. J. Bruhns, Local Chairman, Chelsea, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets third Saturday evening in February, April, June, August, October and December at Rochester, N. Y.; January, March, May, July, September, and November at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on third Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. J. W. Martenis, Local Chairman, Vilas, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Ass't Local Chairman, in charge of Station Depart-

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ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div.—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9—LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; F. K. Ament, S. & T., Box 205, Malvern, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N. 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher, at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacker, Local Chairman, Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. District meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m. in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberger, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.; J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex.; I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex.; L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Thursday each month at 8 p. m., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. N. Pickerill, Chief Tel., Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

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No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1600 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1600 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m., thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office, Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly on the second Monday evening of each month, 8 p. m., in Hotel Caswell, northeast corner of Baltimore and Hanover sts., Baltimore, Md.; D. J. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman, Eastern District of the Baltimore Division. C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO" General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman; M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio, G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; W. J. Smith, S. & T., South Swansea, Mass.,

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

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No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. B. C. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. W. Aiken, Gen'l Chairman, Cotopaxi, Colo., A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2015 Routt ave., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. A. A. Kolb, Chief Tel., 570 Duquesne ave., Swissvale, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. C. E. Baltzer, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Navarre, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58—WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport. Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 309 W. 7th st., Charlotte, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAPMBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets

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4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis, st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Three Forks, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road. St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S. W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss.; J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., Shriver, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Decatur, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; E. C. Kahlbaugh, Acting G. S. & T., 415 Franklin st., Hanover, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden

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No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J.; N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m. and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S & T., Carbondale, Pa.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; B. T. Hambright, Gen'l S. & T., Roanoke, Tex.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Snawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 4831 Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18th South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Tempe, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Englehart, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. E. A. Johnson, Chief Tel., R. F. D. 1, Gage, N. Y.; D. R. Dunning, S. & T., 103 Smith st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mening, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T.; El Paso, Ill.

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No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.

No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. P. D. Leming, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Phoenicia, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.

No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.

No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.

No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov., and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept. and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 222 Ash st., Marysville, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.

No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and of place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edwards, N. Y.

No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets second Friday each month. Members will be notified each month as to time and place of meeting. C. H. Boschen, Gen'l Chairman, Ashland, Va.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, Chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., fourth Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.

No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.

No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman, Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.

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No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bilodeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C. 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on second Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets third Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Bldg., Olean, N. Y.; D. F. Cashman, Chief Tel., Machias Junction, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 4144a Maffitt ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets, at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman. Indianapolis Division meets at Room No. 11, second floor, Anthony Bldg., Muncie, Ind., on 3d Tuesday of each month. E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkham, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; I. A. Schlosser, 111 N. Lynn st., Urbana, Ill., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; B. T. McConchie, Local Chairman, Marshall, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. E. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. V. W. Hobbs, Gen'l Chairman, Mattawamkeag, Maine; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Shiner, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapida and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.

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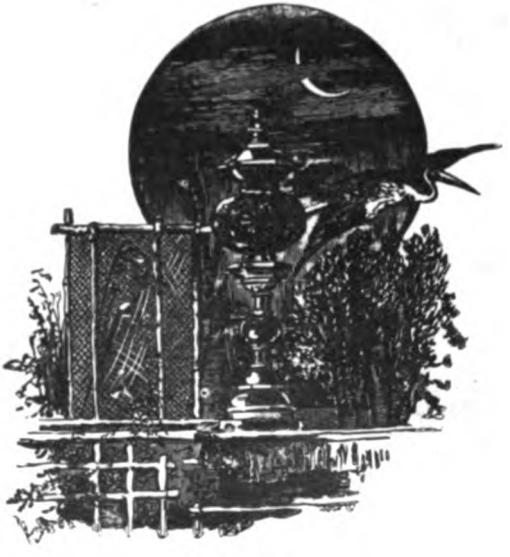
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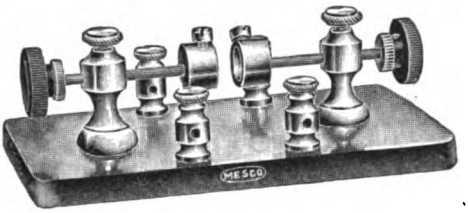


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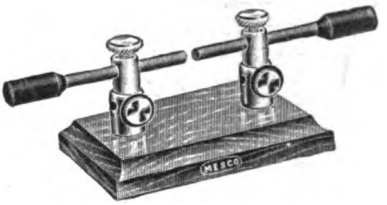
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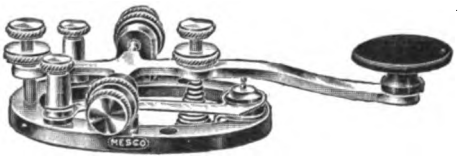
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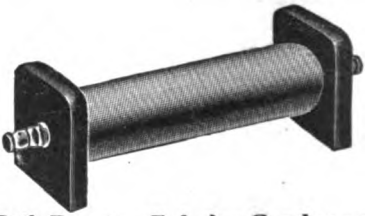
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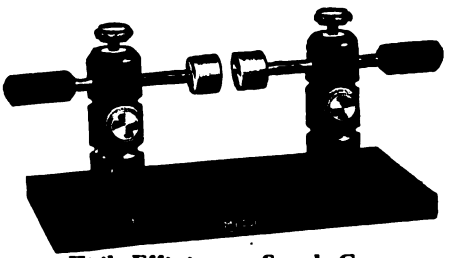
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